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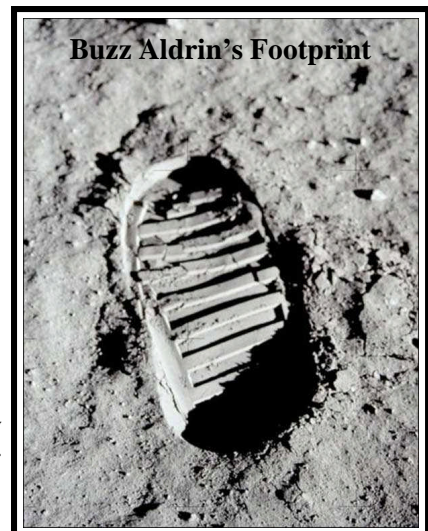
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**May 23 - 30, 2010**  
**RUAEA Convention**  
**Orlando, Florida**

*Are You Ready to ...  
Share the Magic of  
Orlando!*



**DID YOU KNOW** - That the **Rosen Centre Hotel** is environmentally friendly "because it is the right thing to do", says owner, Harris Rosen. Guests may never notice, but those who do, applaud their efforts to be socially responsible citizens concerned about our environment.

**DID YOU KNOW** - That **Gatorland** has a new showcase of reptiles called the "**Mile of Monsters**" which features 10 of the park's most notorious alligators and crocodiles. And there is a bounty for a gator trapper to bring in **Florida's longest alligator alive**. Currently, the biggest on record is 14 feet, 5/8 inches. "**Chester**", who lives at Gatorland is "nearly" 14 feet!

**DID YOU KNOW** - That there were only 12 men to walk on the moon and that the last was **Gene Cernan** in 1972? Only 12 ... Didn't you think there were more? Just one of the many facts you will learn on your **Kennedy Space Center Tour**!

**DID YOU KNOW** - That the peak season for cruisin' the Caribbean runs from April thru the end of July, so our May 30<sup>th</sup> 4-night and 7-night cruise offerings are a great deal! Call the **Carnival Cruise Lines** rep Javier Carrillo at 800-819-3902 ext 85024 to reserve your cabin today!

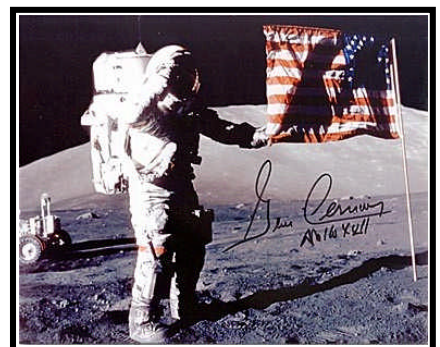
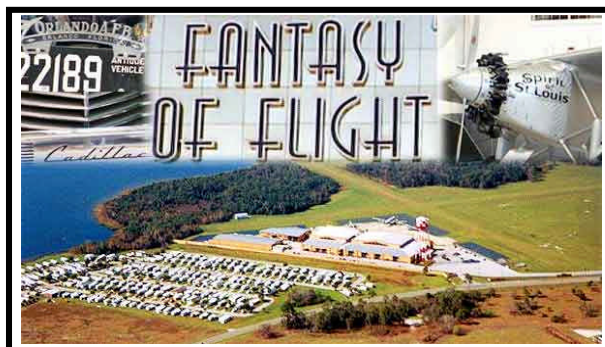
**DID YOU KNOW** - That **Fantasy of Flight** was built by lifelong pilot and airplane collector, Kermit Weeks, on 1000 acres of cow pasture he bought in 1987 with family oil money. Weeks was the subject of a PBS program called "**The Wizard of Orlampa**" and his private collection of vintage aircraft is the world's largest. And, speaking of wizards, Universal Studios' "**Wizards World of Harry Potter**" will be open by convention time!

**DID YOU KNOW** - That for those of you interested in bringing your children and grand-children to the 2010 RUAEA Convention, details and modifications to the registration form are located in the **GENERAL NEWS** section of this newsletter. Also, up to two children staying in a room with two paying adults at the Rosen Centre Hotel stay for free! **If you are planning to bring children, contact the Rosen Centre Hotel for more information, 1-800-204-7234.**

**DID YOU KNOW** - That you can get info for **DisneyWorld**, [www.Disneyworld.com](http://www.Disneyworld.com), **Universal**, [www.universalorlando.com](http://www.universalorlando.com) and **SeaWorld**, [www.worldsofdiscovery.com](http://www.worldsofdiscovery.com), and easily arrange your own visits with help from the Rosen's Concierge Desk in the hotel lobby.

**SEE YOU IN ORLANDO!**

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Other Convention News

Many of you may be planning to bring your children and grandchildren with you to the convention. If you plan to have them attend any of the dinners and/or tours, they must be registered as part of the convention and pay the registration fee. Please see below to fill out your registration form correctly. Thank You!

- **Dinner Information:** Guests age 12 and under may choose the children's dinner for \$24.00 each. This dinner includes: Chicken Fingers with Ranch Dressing for Dipping, Carrot sticks, and French fries. Salad and dessert will be the same as the adult meals. Chocolate or white milk is included.
- **Tour Information:** Tours for children will be indicated as follows: ("C" being the child designator)
  - ✓ Tour # 1C & # 10C: Fantasy of Flight (ages 5 – 12), \$40.00
  - ✓ Tour # 2C, # 7C & # 11C: Gatorland (ages 3 – 12), \$36.00
  - ✓ Tour # 5C: Kennedy Space Center (ages 3 – 11), \$83.00
  - ✓ Tour # 6C & # 8C: Airboat Adventure (ages 3 – 11), \$62.00
  - ✓ Tours # 3, #4 & # 9: St. Augustine and Winter Park are not discounted for children, so please indicate the total registering for these tours, adults and children, on the C-13 page.

- 1) On the C-12 page, under "**A. Registration Fee**", show the **total number** (including children) On the next line: Tropical Theme - Friendship Dinner. Indicate the number of child meals needed.  
EXAMPLE: 1C @\$24.00 = \$24.00, or 2C @\$24.00 = \$48.00. Do the same for the **Black & White Theme – RUAEA Banquet** to indicate the number of child meals needed.

- 2) Attach a separate sheet of paper listing child information and/or any additional guest information:

**Last Name:**                      **First Name:**                      **Name Tag:**                      **Age (if child)**

On this same sheet, below the name information, list the tour selections for children. Use the tour information as shown above.

EXAMPLE:

- ✓ Tour #2C, Tues May 25<sup>th</sup>, Gatorland, \$36.00, 1child = \$36.00
- ✓ Tour #8C, Fri May 28<sup>th</sup>, Airboat, \$62.00, 2 children = \$124.00

## Preparing for Four-Month JFK Runway Closure



With Runway 13R-31L at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York closed for the next four months, New York Metro General Manager Tom McCabe and his team have been preparing for months to minimize the effects of the closure on United's customers in - and beyond - New York.

*"We have been working very closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey during the past eight months, doing simulations and planning to prepare for the closure,"* says Tom. *"John Schneider's Operations Analysis team and Tim Stull's Air*

*Traffic Planning group have worked to add block time to flights to allow for the shutdown. They will continue to monitor the schedule and make adjustments as needed."*

*"The Port Authority has done a great job communicating the closure to the flying public",* Tom says, but in addition, JFK customer service representatives (CSRs) working in the station's Planning Center will be actively involved on a daily basis in planning departure times with the FAA during the closure. Global Services CSRs have been communicating to GS customers for months to prepare them for the temporary shutdown.

The runway is more than 40 years old, and, at 14,572 feet, is one of the longest in the country, serving as a backup landing spot for NASA's Space Shuttle. Re-coring the runway with 18-inch concrete instead of asphalt and widening it from 150 to 200 feet will allow it to handle the larger aircraft JFK sees on a routine basis, such as the A380 and the soon-to-come B747-800. It is the second most-used runway in the United States, serving about 48 million passengers a year.

*"All carriers at JFK will be affected, as will all at Newark and La Guardia, because all three airports share the most congested air corridor in the world,"* Tom says. JetBlue, JFK's largest carrier, as well as American and Delta, have much larger operations at JFK and have delayed to varying degrees their yearly expansions of

their winter schedules to spring and summer levels.

*“The Port Authority has launched a highly innovative service management tool that we’ve put into use at JFK concurrent with the launch of this runway work,” Tim says. “The tool is integrated with the FAA’s radar system and allows us much better surface management, a key priority for the Next Gen air traffic control task force.”*

Throughout the rest of this year, airport authorities and the FAA are planning additional airfield work at each of United’s hubs, with varying degrees of impact expected. Washington Dulles began rebuilding the second half of runway 1C/19C recently, and work will continue through May 30<sup>th</sup>. There will also be some refurbishment to taxi lanes and taxiways. United expects minimal impact unless weather is below visual minimums. Some ramp congestion may occur on taxi lane D when work begins in May.

In other hubs:

- ✓ At O’Hare, work on runways 32L and 10C/28C could impact international taxi outs; the expected impact is minimal.
- ✓ At Denver, 45 days of work will go into refurbishing runway 7/25; there will be two weeks of work on runway 16R/34L; there will also be some terminal and gate work. Minimal runway impact and some gate congestion are expected.
- ✓ In San Francisco, work will begin on a runway overlay on 01R, and additional paving and overlay will occur on taxiways, as well as ramp concrete replacement. Minimal runway impact is expected, but there may be increased complexity and congestion on taxiways. To mitigate that, ATC plans to smooth out departure rushes by using ground delay programs on the arrival banks.
- ✓ At Los Angeles, the airport’s billion-dollar international terminal project will expand cross-airport taxiways and relocate high-speed taxiways on north runways.

### **United Rises to Top A :14 Ranking for 2009**

The U.S. Department of Transportation officially released its results for 2009 and, as expected, United was number one in on-time Arrival :14 (A :14) among America’s five largest global carriers, topping American Airlines, US Airways, Delta (including its Northwest subsidiary) and Continental Airlines for the best A :14 performance for domestic scheduled flights in 2009.

*“It’s a victory for all of us and a remarkable turnaround from bottom-tier performance in 2008,” says United President John Tague. “It’s also a win for our customers, who know that they can count on us getting them to their destinations on-time.”*

United finished 2009 with an A :14 annual performance of 81 percent, just ahead of second-place carrier US Airways. It surged ahead in December, when, despite a number of major weather events, United finished first at 77.3 percent, two full points ahead of US Airways.

The company began sharing the news with our customers on [united.com](http://united.com) and through Mileage Plus communications recently.

At every station across the system, United employees focused on running a good airline and rose to the challenge of improving its work across the board in 2009.

Throughout the year, United achieved several on-time milestones that demonstrated to its customers United’s commitment to being the best at getting them on-time to their destination.

In November, the company achieved the best monthly on-time performance result (92.6 percent) since the DOT began tracking on-time performance in 1987.

In September, United saw the highest monthly load factor ever recorded for that month (82.1 percent), as well as the highest September A :14 performance (87.7) since 2004.

In June, a month known for high load factors and challenging weather, United also scored its highest June A :14 results (73.3 percent) since 2004 -- a 13-point jump from June 2008.

At hubs and stations across the system, United’s teams focused on getting a good start each day, exceeding STAR departure goals and setting a great tone for daily operations worldwide. Dozens of stations met or exceeded their quarterly and monthly STAR reliability goals throughout the year -- including 46 in November alone. This contributed to a 12 point improvement in its Departure :00 rate in 2009 from the previous year.

United’s customers received the same No. 1 on-time arrival performance on its United Express partner carriers in 2009. Their flying on behalf of United had a combined A :14 performance of 80.3 percent, the best among the regional airlines flying for America’s five largest global carriers.





*"I want to thank all of our employees for their commitment to finding ways to deliver great service to our guests," says Scott Dolan, SVP-Airport Operations, Cargo and United Express. "We proved to everyone that we can improve the things we control, and we made strides in the right direction in 2009."*

*"Being No. 1 in A :14 is the result of setting the right schedule, successfully managing through irregular operations and having everyone focused on getting each and every flight out on time," says Joe Kolshak, SVP-Operations. "We're all very proud of our work, but the key is to keep the momentum going and consistently give our passengers reasons to keep coming back."*

### **United to Begin First-Ever Service to Africa**



United announced the schedule for its first-ever nonstop service to Africa - once-daily service from Washington, D.C., to Ghana's capital city of Accra, starting June 20. To celebrate the new service, United is also offering special fares for travel between June 20 and August 29, 2010.

The flights to and from Accra provide convenient connections at Washington Dulles to more than 70 cities in North America. *"With this addition of service to Accra, we now offer customers nonstop service to points on six continents,"* says Mark Schwab, SVP-Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs. *"We also look forward to offering service to Lagos -- subject to approval by Nigerian officials -- which will also enable our customers to travel between Lagos and Washington more quickly and conveniently."*

Departing Washington Dulles at 10:10 p.m. on June 20, United's first Ghana-bound flight (UA 990), operated with a B767 aircraft, will arrive at Kotoka International Airport in Accra the next day at 12:40 p.m. While the return, U.S.-bound flight (UA 991) will depart Accra at 11 p.m. June 21, arriving in Washington, D.C., the next day at 6:25 a.m. Flight schedules are subject to change.

### **UA 634 Crew Recognized for Commitment to Safety**

**United Flight 634 Makes Emergency Landing** - *"Always with a safety mindset."* These are the words United operates by every day - in the air and on the ground. On Jan. 10, 2010, those words were a call to action for the crew of UA Flight 634.

Pictured: John Tague, center, with the Flight 634 crew and Newark station employees.

On that Sunday, Flight 634 from Chicago to Newark declared an emergency landing after discovering there was a deployment issue with its landing gear. Within minutes of the emergency landing, all customers were safely evacuated from the plane with no major injuries reported. The crew, along with some of their colleagues on the ground at Newark, was recognized by company executives and union leaders for their commitment to safety yesterday at a luncheon at United's Headquarters in Chicago. At the luncheon, United Airlines President John Tague addressed the group. *"Safety is ingrained in all of us who are part of this airline, and we demonstrate it every day as we go about our respective roles."*

*"While we all share that commitment, it comes down to the actions of the people who are called upon to respond in events like this. Your professionalism and skill resulted in the best possible outcome, and we thank each of you for making us proud."*

For Captain Dale Nordhausen and First Officer John Eskuri, it was their training that got them on the ground safely. *"I've had landing gear troubles before, but never an emergency landing,"* says John. *"This is what they train us for."*

*"It was a gut check moment,"* shares Dale. *"But we had a job to do so we focused on the task at hand."* *"We really didn't have time to let any fear set in,"* said Purser Rita Blackwell.

*"We heard that second call from the captain, 'prepare for an emergency landing,' and before we could give it a second thought, our training kicked in and we got to work."*

Rita and her team of Flight Attendants, Wendy Cullen and Karen Rink, said that the actions they took as a team with the passengers happened naturally - that *"the training just took over."*

*"Everyone was looking to us for reassurance that everything was okay,"* Wendy shares. *"We actually made our way around the cabin and spoke one-on-one with the passengers. There was a strong sense of calm."*



And while each of the flight attendants on board that day admitted that they had experienced much during their years of flying, this was the first emergency landing for all three. Reflecting upon what was running through her head at the time, Karen shares, *"I had a job to do, and I worked with my team to get it done. In a situation like that, your inner peace just takes over."*

On the ground, the emergency response training of our team in Newark came in just as handy. *"My training and operations experience definitely helped,"* shares Newark Supervisor Eileen Balam, who worked with Airport Operations Supervisor Mike Hanley to notify the necessary parties that day. *"Once I knew everyone was safe, the stress went away and I just did what I had to do."* According to New York Metro General Manager Tom McCabe and Newark General Manager Deborah Traynor, her emergency response was *"textbook perfect."*

Her colleague, Customer Service Supervisor Yudelka Nunez was not on duty that day, but went straight in when she heard the news. *"When I saw the news on TV I grabbed my bag and went straight in and asked 'where do you need me?'"* She was sent to the Red Carpet Club to talk to the passengers who had been escorted by bus from the plane. She shares that while some were visibly shaken, they all sang the praises of the crew. *"They were all just so thankful,"* she shares.

In addition to John Tague, honoring employees at the event were Scott Dolan, SVP-Airport Operations; Joe Kolshak, SVP-Operations; Alex Marren, SVP-Onboard Service; Howard Attarian, VP-Flight Operations; Michael Quiello, VP-Corporate Safety and Glenn Tilton, UAL Corp. Chairman, President and CEO, as well as Wendy Morse, chairman-United Master Executive Council of ALPA, and Jeff Heisey, secretary and treasurer-United Master Executive Council of AFA.

As the luncheon came to a close, John concluded, *"We've had many proud moments in our airline. The job that this team did on January 10 added another chapter."*

### **Boeing and United Airlines Finalize 787 Order** **United to expand international service with fuel-efficient Dreamliner**



United recently finalized its order for 25 Boeing 787-8 jet liners. The agreement includes the opportunity to purchase another 50 Dreamliners. *"Boeing and United share an 80-year partnership,"* said Jim Albaugh, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes. *"United, which launched the Boeing 777, now begins a new chapter with the 787 Dreamliner, the most technologically advanced commercial jetliner ever built."*

*"Our Boeing 787 order represents a substantial investment in our future and will enhance the significant progress we are making in improving the global competitiveness of our company while providing the opportunity to open new profitable markets and serve a broader range of international destinations,"* said John Tague, United President.

United expects to take delivery of the 787s at the same time it begins to retire the Boeing 747s and 767s operating on international routes.

The 787 Dreamliner, currently in flight test, will provide United with greater fuel efficiency, allowing the company to add new nonstop point-to-point city pairs and additional frequencies that passengers prefer.

The 787 also promises a more comfortable flying experience for passengers. Its innovations include a new interior environment with improvements in air filtration, higher cabin pressurization resulting in reduced physical fatigue, larger windows, more stowage space, improved lighting and other passenger-preferred conveniences. The technologically advanced 787 will also provide United with up to 45 percent more cargo revenue capacity.

Including United, 57 customers around the world have ordered 876 Dreamliners, making the 787 the fastest-selling new commercial jetliner in history.

### **Let's Go Green!**

Throw away the Change of Address and Family Information Forms. Soon, you will be able to make all those changes plus gather additional benefits information online at [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com).

To eliminate paperwork and speed up the processing of any personal changes that affect your benefits and travel privileges, you will be able to make your changes online at [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com). Don't worry if you don't have access to a computer, you can still call



and speak to a representative at the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday.

Changes to dependents and travel eligibles are subject to United's eligibility requirements and random audits. Audits are performed to ensure that the changes are allowed and comply with company policy. When making changes, you should make sure that you have supporting documentation for any changes that are made.

For your convenience, representatives from the United Benefits Service Center will be attending the RUAEA convention to provide live demonstrations of [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com) and answer questions you may have. Please be sure to locate their booth and look at your new website.

In addition to the new website, enhancements to the billing process for United Retiree Medical coverage will be announced soon. Watch your mail for additional information!

Mia Glass  
Benefits Program Manager

### **United Airlines To Sell Former World HQ**



United Airlines is looking to sell and then leaseback the space at its former world headquarters facility in Chicago. Jones Lang LaSalle is marketing the 66-acre, one-million-square-foot property. There is no price tag set on the deal since the property could be utilized by a variety of different user types, including manufacturing, medical and educational.

*"This unique mission-critical facility not only offers stable income over the next three years, it also offers potential investors an exceptional infill redevelopment opportunity,"* says JLL managing director Jim Postweiler. *"Its proximity to O'Hare airport, the world's second busiest passenger airport, makes it an ideal fit for an international-minded investor, as well as those interested in a wide variety of redevelopment scenarios from data center, industrial, office, medical or even educational opportunities."*

The campus includes four office buildings and an underground data center. Amenities include a pond, walking trails, tennis courts, a pool and recently renovated cafeteria. Additionally, there are 12 acres of land in the western part of the property that are primed for development.

United Airlines plans to lease the space back for at least three years while the company transitions to new facilities, according to JLL. However, United will not occupy the entire facility. The company will take the entire data center as well as one of the office buildings. Potential lease rates on the deal were not disclosed. JLL's Postweiler will work with colleagues David Matthews, Dan McGillicuddy and John Roberson on the deal.

### **Dues Rate Change Effective June 1, 2010**

Effective June 1, 2010, the discounted multi year Dues Options will no longer be available.

The effective rate will be as follows:

	<b><u>Membership Dues</u></b>
Regular Member	\$25.00
Resident of Canada/Mexico	\$45 US Currency
Resident of Other Foreign Countries	\$50 US Currency drawn on a US Bank or paid with an American Express Check

Regular Foreign Members may receive the Newsletter by the web for the same rate as Domestic Members.

Both web and paper are available for an additional \$5.00 per year. Note: This option is not available to Life Members. RUAEA dues are payable 12 calendar months from the date dues were last received.

Retirees, widows and widowers should submit the applicable fee when applying for membership for the first time. Life Membership is no longer available. Life Memberships do not pass on to the surviving spouse.

Widows and widowers of Life Members can become Regular Members.

If you are submitting for the first time, applications can be obtained by contacting the Denver Office by mail: RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207, by phone: (303) 780-5022 or by email: [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net). You may also download the application from our web site at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).



## Ask the Doctor – Prostate Disease A Dilemma Wrapped inside an Enigma



**Dr. Reidner**

Formerly, a medical condition considered hush-hush and not discussed in public, prostate disorders now command media attention almost every day in written media and described in TV commercials. What has changed? Why the hype about this body organ?

For more years than I can remember, lung cancer was the undisputed Number 1 cause of cancer in adult males in the USA. Within the past 5 – 10 years, however, prostate cancer has replaced lung cancer as Number 1. This, of course, reflects the significant number of men who have stopped smoking. Hooray! Hooray!

The problem with prostate disease is very complex. One part of the dilemma is that the prostate organ gradually enlarges with advancing age causing the familiar BPH – benign prostatic hypertrophy. This presents a difficult situation for patient and doctor alike. When does this enlargement indicate cancer? What can we do about this enlargement? If we do find cancer, should we treat it or just watch it? What treatment should we use?

All of these questions provoke debates that can confuse rather than clarify the situation for a patient. In this short article, I cannot begin to give you concrete answers or suggestions. I can try to give some guidance only. Bear with me

Because of its location at the base of bladder, the gland occupies a crucial location that can cause problems. It can become infected causing pain, blood in the urine, painful urination, frequency, etc. It can gradually enlarge, as I mentioned, and can cause pain, hesitation, inability to empty the bladder completely, repetitive urination during the night, embarrassment, etc. It can become cancerous and cause ALL of the same symptoms. This is the great enigma. What is going on when a patient presents with a few, some, or all of these symptoms?

A good physical examination, a urine analysis, and blood tests can help the physician decide on a course of treatment. Usually, when a patient presents with symptoms, the physician can proceed to confirm a diagnosis. The BIG question is what to do about a screening examination for prostate disease. We are all familiar with the very well advertised screening examinations: mammograms and Pap smears, among others for both sexes. Although there is a very good prostate test available – namely, the PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test, it DOES NOT enjoy the same definitive result that many of the other screening tests have. As a matter of fact, some authorities state the PSA is NOT a screening test at all. Remember this; the PSA is the test of choice to follow a patient with KNOWN prostate cancer who has had treatment. The PSA test allows the physician to easily follow the patient in the post-treatment period. What remains a point of contention is the role of the PSA test as a screening test.

While I was the Regional Flight Surgeon at Los Angeles, we routinely tested all males in our pilot and management population who were age 50 and older at the time of their annual medical examination. We know that prostate cancer is a disease of men that most often occurs after the age of 50. What is a normal PSA, what is an abnormal PSA, what is a borderline PSA? This is the problem. I believe it is more important to follow the TREND in the PSA result, NOT the absolute value found each time. In other words, how does the result compare with results from the past? The more rapid the result increases, the more the result indicates cancer, in my opinion.

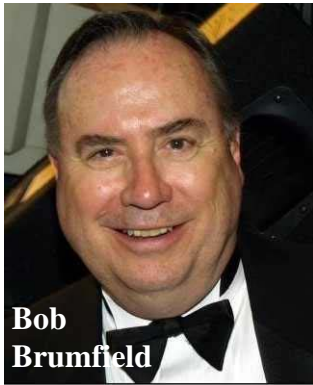
At LAXMD, we were vigilant about a TREND in PSA; i.e. did the result double or triple in one or two years? If so, we recommended further evaluation. Here is where I am in disagreement with many public health and preventive medicine specialists. Because there is great emphasis in today's society to DECREASE health care costs, my recommendation would result in further prostate testing – repeat blood tests, a trans urethral sonogram (TUS), biopsy, etc. These additional tests are not cheap. Thus, many of my colleagues argue the PSA test ultimately raises health care costs unnecessarily. Further, we haven't even discussed treatment. Treatment raises costs much, much more. Again, many of my colleagues argue the best course of action in most cases is watchful waiting and repeat blood tests at regular intervals rather than doing definitive treatment.

This watchful waiting approach has some merit. Prostate cancer is a slow-growing cancer in most cases. During my medical training, we often heard from senior staff physicians, a man is more likely to die WITH prostate cancer rather than FROM prostate cancer. For men over the age of 70, watchful waiting is probably the best course of action. However, for men in their 50s and 60s, and even in their 40s, such "waiting" may be an unacceptable alternative. I have no definitive recommendations for these patients. Should you have treatment, what kind of treatment, what are the complications, what are the long-term side effects? All these questions have complicated and multiple answers.

The bottom line is this, in my opinion: For the individual male patient who learns that he has an elevated PSA or an enlarged prostate or both at the time of a medical examination has a major problem. Unlike women with abnormal mammograms or Pap tests, there are no easy algorithms to follow. Each step beyond the initial testing phase is debatable. Each step may or may not receive approval from your insurance carrier. Each step has both good and bad outcomes. So, get yourself educated, discuss each step with family and your physician, ask questions and don't be satisfied until you are comfortable with the answer, and get a second opinion.

Now, I think you can appreciate why I believe prostate disease is a dilemma wrapped inside of an enigma. Until next time, fly safe and stay well.

### **Travel tips by Bob**



We have been getting calls concerning emergency travel for retirees. Some feel there is none and some know there is emergency travel but don't know where to find the rules. So, I felt it was a good time to talk about it.

Emergency travel is available for retirees but is limited to the retiree, spouse or domestic partner as explained in the following paragraph:

**Emergency Travel on United** ~ You and your spouse or qualified domestic partner are eligible for free emergency roundtrip transportation (BP-3 positive space) when either of you becomes ill while traveling. Contact Aero Medical at 1-800-825-6331 to request emergency travel. Other dependents are not eligible for emergency transportation. Your spouse or qualified domestic partner will also be provided with roundtrip emergency transportation (BP-3 positive space) to accompany your remains to where you wish to rest after your death. He or she should contact Aero Medical at 1-800-825-6331 for a shipment of human remains and emergency travel request.

After your death, your surviving spouse or qualified domestic partner is no longer eligible for emergency transportation.

**Eligible Travel Dependents** ~ Another item that has recently come up is the rules for Eligible Travel Dependents. If you are a retired employee with retiree travel privileges, the following individuals are also eligible:

- ☒ Your spouse or qualified domestic partner;
- ☒ Your financially dependent unmarried children, stepchildren and approved "other" dependents under the age of 25;
- ☒ Your approved disabled children regardless of age; and
- ☒ Your parents
- ☒ If you are the surviving spouse/surviving domestic partner with travel privileges, the following individuals are also eligible:
- ☒ Your eligible financially dependent unmarried children, stepchildren and approved "other" dependents under the age of 25; and
- ☒ Your approved disabled children regardless of age. In order for your dependents to be eligible for travel privileges, they must have been listed and showing as an eligible dependent on the employee's/retiree's travel privileges prior to the death of the employee/retiree. These privileges continue indefinitely unless you remarry/reregister at which time travel privileges for you and any dependent children will end.

There are special eligibility rules for domestic partners, disabled children and "other" dependents. For details about dependent eligibility, please call the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188.

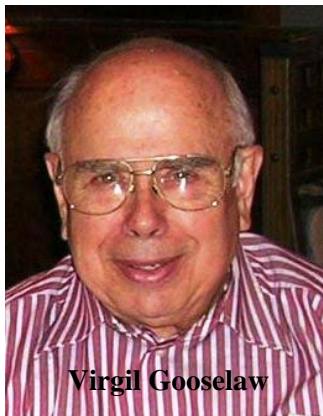
These rules and others that is applicable for retiree's are located in SkyNet at <http://united.intranet.ual.com> Click on the "Travel" tab and scroll down to the "Travel Privilege Summary" box and then click on "Retiree". I strongly recommend that you become familiar with SkyNet because it is full of information that applies to retirees and their families. If you have problems getting into SkyNet or you don't have a computer, possibly your children, grand children or a kind neighbor will be willing to be of assistance to you.

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## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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### **Attention All Golfers**

***The 2010 UARGC Golf Invitational will  
be held in Mesquite, NV from  
May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>.***

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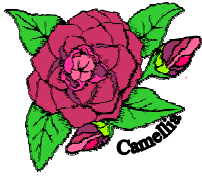
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**Please Note that Registration  
Cut off is May 1.**

# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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March's meeting was held at the Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama. If you are a history buff, you might be interested in knowing that this is the oldest restaurant in the state of Alabama. The food and service was outstanding. We had such a good time that we're going back to the same location for the month of April.

Our Vice President **Bobby Cox** and our Treasurer **Joe Singleton** conducted our cash drawing. Our President **Herb Wilbanks** donated an antique United Airlines tote bag for a raffle. **Rebecca Paulk** was the lucky winner of our cash drawing which she donated back to the chapter. **Jesslyn Arnold** won the tote bag.

Two of our members are still having health issues. Our thoughts go out to **Gary Young**, he is back home and doing better. Our thoughts also go out to **Edna Mann Aronson** who had her scheduled surgery on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, but had to return to the St. Vincent's hospital in Birmingham for another issue. **Donna Gooch** visited with Edna on behalf of the chapter.

**Hank Thompson** sent an email stating he could not attend our March meeting, but would definitely be at the April meeting. He's at a family reunion in Colorado.

President **Herb Wilbanks** shared some of his memorabilia with us, including a Chester Parsley sketch of a Capitol Airlines plane and employee. Herb noted that **Jim Sheets** was the model for the sketch. Herb has a really nice collection.

Vice President **Bobby Cox** reminded everyone of the upcoming convention in Orlando, Herb, **Ed Morin** and **John Case** plan to attend. Herb and his wife Carol will represent the "Sweet Home Alabama" chapter. Carol has offered to "stand in for secretary" since **Judy Slover** will be unable to attend. Bobby also updated us on news of United Airlines.

We had 5 birthdays in February: **Beverly Yeager** (2/13), **Ken Yeager** (2/22), **Hank Thompson** (2/14), **Joe Singleton** (2/16) and **Bill Preston** (2/17).

Some members talked about their military service before coming to work for United. A special thank goes out to all of our members who served our country. On a military note, several of our members attended a retirement ceremony at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery for LTC Kevin Thrasher, **Jim Thrasher's** son. Jim was the United Sales Representative in BHM before he passed away.

## ARIZONA

### PHOENIX AZURES

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Well if the flowers are starting to bloom, can spring be far away? Yep! We have had one of the longest, coldest, winters since we moved here to PHX. That's almost 11 years. Susie and I just returned from LAS and Primm, Nevada, we had to wear coats each day. We saw the "Jersey Boys" at the Venetian and it was a great show. It was so cold in LAS, the gondola's rides were shut down.

**Marge & Gene Hinnners** are back from Napa and they saw areas that had lots and lots of snow and others where mudslides could have been a problem. They came back through Quartzite and were amazed at all the rain we were getting here in the desert.

Our breakfast meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> had 18 in attendance. We welcomed back **Millie & Mel Hofer**. Mel had been in the hospital for 24 days. He looks great and we wish him good health. **Kay Heinig** was back and we sure missed her.

**Marlene Bechtold** had foot surgery. She was at the breakfast and is still unable to walk without help. Our pre-valentine's day luncheon was at Portofino's Italian Restaurant. We had 29 in attendance. The food was great and everyone appeared to be having a good time. We had two guests: **Peggy & Nelson McRoberts**. Nelson worked in Chicago maintenance. Our February 16<sup>th</sup> breakfast had 13 attendees.

We know that **Dave Barry** is an excellent Wii bowler, but now that he had had his cataracts taken care of, he will be even better.

Any UA retiree whether you are pilots, flight attendants or ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast, please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

*"We are only young once. That is all society can stand" ~ "Bob Bowen"*

#### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

**March 16** and also the Races at Turf Paradise.

**March 18** - All AZ retirees luncheon in Casa Grande

**March 30**

**April 13**



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Easter has officially arrived, and our thoughts are of spring flowers on the desert landscape and beautiful weather here in the Phoenix area. This is the time to be out and about, enjoying ourselves. Hopefully, our members will join us at our annual picnic we have planned for Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We encourage any employee or retiree of United Airlines, who is of retirement age of 55 or over, to join our chapter. If you have any questions, please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

Our Luncheon, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Rosati's had 38 members in attendance. As a result of having Rev. **Al Young** speak to us regarding the work at the Sky Harbor Interfaith Chaplaincy, it was decided to send a donation box around at this luncheon to benefit the work being done there.

The election of officers was held, with everyone from the previous year being retained. The officers are: President, **Jim Brigante**; Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**; Secretary, **Liz Tollefsen**; and Treasurer, **Jim Zarek**. Congratulations!

**Bob Hallden** reported on a recent RUAEA Board meeting he attended. They have been in contact with Carnival Cruise Lines, who are offering two post convention cruises. One is a 7-night Caribbean - Tampa round-trip on the Carnival Legend, leaving May 30<sup>th</sup>, and the other a 4-night Bahamas - Port Canaveral round-trip on the Carnival Sensation, also leaving May 30<sup>th</sup> after the Convention in Orlando, Florida. If you are interested in adding a cruise after the Convention, please book your Carnival reservation yourself with **Javier Carrillo**, 1-800-819-3902, ext. 85024. Please call ASAP as cabins will fill up fast. More information is in the March RUAEA Newsletter.

It was proposed that we send a monthly newsletter to our members who do not belong to RUAEA. This was investigated and those members will now receive a copy of our monthly newsletter via e-mail.

A social event at the Casino Arizona was held February 23, with a dinner buffet, followed by a show. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

The official ballot for officers running for RUAEA National Election for 2010 is near the back page of the March RUAEA Newsletter. Be sure to vote by mailing the paper ballot or voting online at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). The



deadline is May 1, 2010. Our own **Bob Hallden** is running for Vice President Conventions. He would appreciate your support.

At our February 26<sup>th</sup> Breakfast, we had 25 in attendance with a couple of guests. **Donna Pedone's** sister, **Sharlet Silita**, from Marquette, Michigan and a friend of the Zareks, **Laura**, from Chicago joined us. The November Luncheon, which has been held at the Culinary School at Scottsdale Community College, was discussed with the decision to go to a different place, called Buster's.

Plans for the All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande on March 18<sup>th</sup> are coming together nicely, as reported by **Rita Zarek**. More information will be in the next newsletter.

**Bob Hallden** reported that as of December 2009, there are 8,115 people who are members of RUAEA. However, only about 5-6% attend the Conventions. Cathay Pacific, Dragonair and Turkish Airlines are now offering enhanced travel privileges to United Employees.

Our annual picnic will be held on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Crescent Run Adult Community building at 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. More details will be announced later.

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

April Wedding Anniversaries are: **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** (4/7/84) and **Judy & Steve Stricker** (4/23).  
Congratulations to both couples!

#### Calendar:

**Apr. 8** - Picnic at the Crescent Run Adult Community Building in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett & Ron Paluch**.

**April 23** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Snowdall** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**May 28** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa

**June 25** - Breakfast at Crackers

**July 23** - Breakfast at Crackers

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Spring is just around the corner and with its arrival, our warm weather will be returning to the old pueblo. Once you get acclimated to the warmer temps, you have trouble adjusting to the 60 degree temps that we have been experiencing over the last few months. But we would not be living here if we did not like the hot weather.

And while we're on the subject of weather, we did have a wonderful day on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February when 39 Roadrunners assembled at the home of **Jim & Gail Rudolf** for a great luncheon. Assisting Jim & Gail were **Grieg & Marie Pederson**. Several of us made ourselves comfortable on the patio with our Bloody Marys prior to the serving of the excellent food that had been prepared. This is the third year that the Rudolfs have opened up their home for our gathering and as in the past, it was a great success. A big thank you to the hosts for the effort they put in to make this luncheon enjoyable.

We'd all like to welcome our new members to the chapter, **Chris & Sharon Swenson** and **Dale & Carol Glidwell**.

The All Arizona luncheon will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> and we will meet at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande at 11:00 am. Our speaker for the event will be Dave Mooney, CEO of the Alliant Credit Union. The theme for this event will be Hawaiian, so dress appropriately.

We are now getting closer to our national convention being held in Orlando this year. The convention will run from May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup> ending with our banquet on Saturday night. The **Robertsons** and the **Starrs** have checked out the Rosen Center hotel and found it to be exceptional. We are looking forward to this event, seeing friends we may not have seen for awhile. So we hope to see you all in Orlando.

Calendar:

**March 18** - All Arizona luncheon at the Holliday Inn in Casa Grande

**April 15** - Amber Restaurant

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Our president, **Marcia Stanger**, opened the meeting that was held on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chumash Casino. The hosts were **Bob & Esther Bartlett** who also provided very nice table treats. The Casino has a buffet that is quite famous for their selection of food that was enjoyed by everyone.

There were 20 of us attending the luncheon. **Bob Wagner** brought **Ed Wilke** who retired from LAXMM in 2002 and now resides in Knoxville, TN. There was quite a reunion of **Bob Wagner**, **Bill Noyes**, **Ed Wilke**, and **Darrell Martin**, all from LAX. **Isabelle Stanger** was our guest, who comes with her son, **Bob Stanger**, whenever she is in town. It was also good to see **Kathy Shutleff**, who has been doing a lot of traveling, mainly by boat, that she and her husband own. Since her husband Bill has just retired, they will be making plans to move to the state of Washington and live on their boat. This will be quite a move from Southern California.

We missed some of our regulars this time. **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** were out of town. **John & Barbara Stilwell** missed the date after **Mike Zoldak** reminded John of our meeting.

**Joan & Peter Schaefer** were absent for a good cause. Joan tried out for the "Wheel of Fortune" when there were try-outs in our area. She was accepted to appear on the show after being interviewed several times. On the day of our meeting, she was on her way down to L.A. for taping. The show is to be shown toward the end of April. It is still possible that she could be eliminated, but she seemed positive that she would make the show. We hope to find out more about it at our next meeting in April.

**Nina Powers** filled me in on her trip to Nepal & India. There was only one glitch in her trip due to a missed flight, but she was able to make other arrangements and catch up with her tour group. She did say that the southern part of India was the best part of the country to see.

**Bob Wagner** read a letter of appreciation from the "Toys for Tots" that our chapter helped to support during the Christmas season. The final count was 4300 toys that were distributed to 2200 children. It warmed our hearts to know that our chapter had a small part in this worthy cause.

Here is something that retirees are aware of. *We like to be called Seniors since the term comes with a 10% discount.*

Calendar:

**April 21** - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**

**June 16** - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

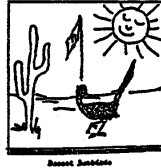
**August 18** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**October 20** - Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

**December 15** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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*Submitted by Elaine Aggson*

Desert Sunbirds enjoyed a festive Valentine luncheon at the Miracle Springs Hotel in Desert Hot Springs. Hostesses **Maureen Williams** and **Mary Frank** did their usual fine job of Valentine decorations complete with centerpieces which were awarded to a lucky winner at each table.

We welcomed two brand new Sunbirds, **Robb Bohart** and **Brad Zittle**. Another new member, **Carole Pacquin** was unable to attend but we hope to see a lot of her in the future. Guests were **Wanda Grimshaw**, **Kirk Storm** and **Rod Burke**. A special guest was Yvonne Parks, Mayor of Desert Hot Springs who spoke about the special projects underway in Desert Hot Springs.

**Sandy Sereno** shared with us her story of a visit to a gold buyer with a few pieces of old jewelry. She came away about \$2000 richer. She added to her good fortune when she won the 50/50 at the meeting. On the sick list were **Marilyn Foley** and **Dee Wright** recovering from cancer surgery and **Liz Clapper** who was hospitalized with intestinal problems. It was good to see **Magic Mike Bailardo** who has missed several meetings. He has been super busy doing hypnosis shows in the San Diego school district. He is now taking a vacation from show biz and is off on a 14 day cruise from Singapore to Hong Kong.



## THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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President **Ken Norton** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Old Spaghetti in Roseville. There were 64 members present. The luncheon was hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. This luncheon was the annual Past Presidents Luncheon. Those past presidents honored and guests of the luncheon were: **Bob Hallden**, **Ronnie King**, **Ken Norton**, **Ron Bertacini**, **Harold Esola**, **Colleen Esola**, **Bob Fulkerson**, and **Francis Domaratius**. Several of the past presidents were unable to attend. They were: **Jim Wagner**, **Bob Pennington**, **Al Kaiser**, **Jim Meek**, **Forest Sinclair** and **Jean Turley Sinclair**.

**Alice McPeak** announced that a host was needed for the April meeting. She would be glad to provide a list of restaurants who have served us previously to anyone willing to host April.

There are several anniversaries in February. Among them are: **Glenn & Alice McPeak**, 60 years, **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram**, 55 years, and **Dick & Velma Carrol**, 52 years. **Roy Rushton** is celebrating his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We all sang Happy Celebration, led by **Bob Eggert** for the entire group of celebrants.

Treasurer **Judie King** reported the account balance. She encouraged everyone to send their dues for this year. Her address is; 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949.

**Angie Dellinger**, our sunshine person, reported sending a card to **Bob Ladue**. A sympathy card was sent to **Ron Bertacini**, who lost his mother.

**Ron Bertacini** reported that he, **John Zoboli** and **Bob Hallden** went to Florida to attend the RUAEA board meeting. The hotel, where the convention is to be held, is very nice, modern, spacious, and conveniently located. There is a lot to do in the area. There is a trolley that costs 25 cents for seniors that goes to the mall and other attractions. We discussed having a possible future cruise convention or a cruise-land combination. Ballots to vote for the RUAEA board of officers were passed out and information on obtaining them on-line from RUAEA was given.

**Jack Raynor** requested that everyone present verify their membership information. The new roster will be coming out in March. There is a book of photos from years past of Gold Diggers for anyone who wishes to look at it.

The raffle was conducted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak**.



Calendar:

**March 31** – Meeting at the Sizzler in Auburn, hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**.

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Forty eight members and guests attended our February luncheon which was held at Quail Inn in Oakmont on February 11<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Judy DeFord** and **Mary Hill**. **Ron Huhn**, **Nick Van Kruining** and **Richard Southon** assisted.

President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order. **Maddy McKinnis** introduced our guests: **Larry & Carol Davis**, **Glyn & Jan Rowley**, former UALers and guests of **Don & Norma Davis**. **Joan Moglia**, guest of **Judy DeFord**; **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagan**; **Cor & Nely Kemp**, guests of **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**; **Nancy Ryan**, guest of **Diana Quinn** - Nancy is Dianas' daughter.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** reported that our General Account and Charity Fund are all doing well. The January minutes were approved.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced birthdays of **Howard Dickinson**, **Larry Wilson**, **Don Davis**, **Diana Quinn**, **Ron Huhn**, **Norm Burnett**, **Madalyn Schmidt** and **Tim Staples**. The winner was **Don Davis**. The anniversaries celebrated were **Frank & Dorothy Ochoa** (32 years), **Lou & Sheila Legnetto** (36 years) and **Brandon & Pat Maus** (53 years). Verda sent Get Well cards to **Madalyn Schmidt** and to the **Langkuschs**.

It was good to see **Matty Matchinegg** at lunch.

The menu at the Quail Inn was discussed in regards to paying \$5.00 more if we request a Vegetarian selection, everyone seemed to agree that the choices in the buffet were sufficient and it wouldn't be necessary.

Joanne reminded us of the Charity Box and the suggestions for our donations.

Our Autobiography for the month of February is **Matt Stilman**. In 1951 or 1952, there was a blizzard in Colorado, Matt was an Electrical Contractor and decided that was the last winter he would spend in Colorado. He saw United Airlines had an ad for electricians. He applied and they sent him a ticket to SFO to have an interview. The interview was held at the Maintenance Base, Matt had to return to Colorado to complete some unfinished jobs, he then returned to SFO and was hired on August 11, 1952. United was shorthanded in Plane Overhaul, so that is where he started, Matt had never worked on an airplane before. He spent 3 months there, before going to Engineering. When he left Engineering, he went to the Terminal with Plant Maintenance and Ground Equipment for 2 years. Matt then went to EXO for 9 years as an Inspector in facilities. Matt came back to SFO for some time before going to LAX as Manager of Facilities. Then off to SEA, where he retired in October 1978. Matt enjoyed all his years with United.

Calendar:

**April 8** - Quail Inn, hosted by **Barney & Clair Hagan**

**May 13** - To Be Announced, hosted by **Joan Sheehan**

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The news at LAX this month has been about the changes in the off-airport parking lots - both public and employee/retiree. Lot E (formerly combined E & B) officially became Employee Lot E. It's the one located between La Cienega and Aviation on 111<sup>th</sup> Street, next to the Proud Bird Restaurant. The other employee lots (D North & D South) are closed. The cost of Lot E is now \$30 for one month plus 5 days into following month. Parking tags must be purchased in advance at the "New South Parking" office located in Terminal Garage #2

(7:30am - 5:00 pm, Mon-Fri.) Changes - improvements - in this lot include new and better lighting, better fencing, increased security and shorter shuttle times.

*Shuttle schedule will be an E-North Shuttle serving Term. 1-4 + Bradley Intl., and E-South serving Term. 5-8, with drop-offs and pickups on upper level only at "Employee Bus Zone" signs. Both shuttles will circle the entire area of Lot E, so park wherever you can find a spot but be careful to board the E-South shuttle for UA. Travel time to T. 7 is about 15 minutes, depending on traffic. They'll run every 7 to 10 minutes, 24 hrs a day. Check it out at [www.lawa.org/LAX](http://www.lawa.org/LAX) for details and a map.*

A few ReLAXers have had some set-backs of late, but are reported to be on the mend. **Olga Jean Barnes** has had too many trips to the hospital but I've heard that one of her main problems has been diagnosed. Her blood count was not up to par, but a new array of pills is helping; and reporter Donna says she's hoping the progress continues so she can go to Orlando. That would be terrific! **Hal Zinger** had to visit the hospital to have some stints inserted. Reporter Ray tells that Hal is home now and doing much better. His job as treasurer for the union retirees club has been capably taken over by **Peggy Ginocchio**.

**Dee Wright** over there in the desert, is doing well after his surgery for lung cancer. Hope to see you at the April luncheon?

Our sad news is never welcome, but quite necessary. Right after last month's report was sent to DEN, **Ann Daley** passed away after quite a long battle against Parkinson's disease. She and **John** have been mainstays of ReLAXers, and good friends of so many members for many years. We will miss her so very much. I am sure many will want to send notes to **John Daley** & family, at 27117 Whitestone Rd., Palos Verdes CA 90275.

**John Kennebeck** who has been ill for some time passed away on Tue 3/2. Another of our favorite people who will be missed by all. Condolences can be sent to **Cathy Kennebeck** 23 Seaview Dr. North, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

I heard from **Ava Rodgers** that **Bill Weed** (retired from LAXCS). She said she'd lost track of him when he went into a nursing home. It took her awhile to track down information, but finally found out from one of Bill's former neighbors, that he died in Nov. 2009. He was buried in Missouri next to his mom.

**Shirley Roberts'** (LAXHH, RR, LGBRR) husband, **Norm Charnetski** passed away on Feb 13. Cards/notes can be sent to Shirley at 9747 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240.

**Important Business News:** Our regional director, **Howard Lackey**, is no longer our representative as, per the by-laws, his term is over. He can serve again, but not two terms, consecutively (I think that's how it goes), so we're out of a director for the whole area. *Anyone out there -- not just L.A. area -- who might be interested?* Call Howard at (310) 823-1075 or email him at [sfo2exo2lax@peoplepc.com](mailto:sfo2exo2lax@peoplepc.com) for details about the job and the perks associated with it.

**Meeting Schedule Changes:** As reported last month, the April meeting was moved a week later because of being so close to Easter. June will be moved a week later, also. This will enable those going on the post-convention cruise time to get home for the meeting. See Calendar below.

As I'm about to send this off, I have a nagging feeling I've missed something but don't have the time to search through my notes again, so forgive me, please, if I've dropped a news-worthy item and feel free to bug me about it.

#### Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111<sup>th</sup> and Aviation at LAX.

**April 8 - Change - NOT APRIL FOOLS DAY AFTER ALL.** Same time (11am), same place (Proud Bird), same good company, same stand-in-line-at-buffet menu - see ya there.

**May 23 -30** - Convention. See ya in Orlando!

**June 10** - Luncheon at the Proud Bird (was originally scheduled for June 3)

**August 5** - Famous steak fry at El Segundo Park (far as we know right now).

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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**PLEASE PASS THIS ON:** UAL does NOT notify our chapter when a retiree has passed on ... this is the responsibility of a family member or close friend of the family. This misconception held by many is the reason we cannot report these losses **promptly** when they occur. Our Membership Secretary, **Barbara Underhill** ([jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com)) is diligent about seeking out these statistics but some are just beyond her capability. Our chapter has a memorial donation set up for all up-to-date members which we would like to send to the charity of the family's choice. We cannot do this without prompt notification and is also why we occasionally must report those retiree members who have "gone ahead" many months later.

Our organization has been hit hard with 6 passings. These very special UAL retirees are now in a better world, out of our sight but not out of our minds. In July 2009, we lost **Louise Appy** and **Phyllis Patterson**; in August 2009, **Don Kruse**, and in December 2009, **Dorothy Knowles** and **Gertrude Blank**. In February 2010, we lost **Tom Frei**. If you'd like to send condolences, for Appy, write her son, Robert Fahey, 1409 Walnut Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. For Patterson, write her daughter Leslie Cutler, 951 Seena Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024. For Kruse, write his wife Joan Clout-Kruse, 969 G Edgewater Boulevard, #326, Foster City, CA 94404. For Knowles, write her husband Jack, 36521 Cabrillo Drive, Fremont, CA 94536. For Blank, write her daughter Sandra Piazza, 22445 Cupertino Road, Cupertino, CA 95014-1043. For Tom Frei, write beloved spouse Magda Frei at 1146 Fernwood Drive, Millbrae, CA 94030.

None of us is irreplaceable. But it is when you find yourself medically incapable of carrying out your day-to-day activities that you really find out who your friends are, right? Accordingly, I would like to publicly thank new retiree member and our newest "Sunshine Lady" **Jacque Ahern** ([ahernj22@yahoo.com](mailto:ahernj22@yahoo.com)) for sending out "get well" cards, Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** ([dtaiet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtaiet@sbcglobal.net)) for making it possible for me to continue writing these columns, and Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** ([jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com)) for keeping me current about those of us who have gone on to meet the angels.

Unbelievably conscientious Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reports she has sent out over 100 "invitation-to-join" cards, following up many with encouraging telephone calls. She certainly qualifies for a Gold Medal, don't you think? Incidentally, our newest member is recently widowed **Joan Clout-Kruse**, wife of **Jack Kruse**. Please make her feel especially welcome.

Are we ever prepared! Our able Treasurer **Art Barrett** has already made reservations for our annual September 2010 picnic in Menlo Park. That's Monday, September 27. Mark your calendars. Way to go, **Art**!

President **Ralph Trullinger** reported on a "**Jury Duty Scam**" warning he received from the **FBI**. You may receive a telephone call saying you didn't show up for Jury Duty and will then be asked for your Social Security number. Don't give it to them!

Another scam was reported to us by Treasurer **Art Barrett** who recently received a letter from the **San Mateo, CA Police Department**. Thieves will place a "skimmer" on certain ATM machines so they can copy your debit card information. Some banks will replace your unfortunate loss of money; some won't! Note: When you use your debit card, save all of your receipts to guard against getting caught in this situation.

Our **Mainliner Club** Liaison **Jerome Underhill** informed us of their "Day At The Races" outing at Golden Gate Fields to be held on April 24. (No Mainliner Club bingo games have been scheduled as yet.) Email **Underhill** for further details at [jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com) or write **Underhill** at 106 Cabrillo Way, San Bruno, CA 94066.

Our fantastic International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is already planning for the future, 2011 that is! How does this sound: a 14-day cruise from London, England to Stockholm, Sweden with 3 days in beautiful St. Petersburg, Russia? Exact date and pricing are presently not available but do contact **Dahlberg** if you are interested in this newest greatest adventure. Email: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865. Bon voyage, ye former landlubbers!

Mentally preparing for travel? As well as stopping your mail delivery, notifying your local police department regarding the length of your stay and the name(s) of who may be coming in to feed your family pet, do you contact your bank and your credit card companies? They are quite appreciative when you do. Also, if you're considering leaving the country, go online to the State Department (<http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/tips/registration>); give them your destination, date of departure and when



you'll be home again. Better safe than sorry. Also, start carrying your passport whenever you fly. You just never know which country you might have to pass through en route passage home.

Quotes from our favorite cartoon character **Maxine**: (1) "Household hint: stop dusting and you can use your coffee table as a message board." (2) "Why adopt a highway? I already drive like I own the road." (3) "I get my summer glow from a bottle. It says 'Zinfandel'." (Did you know that a **man** really originates these cartoons? I think that's dangerous!)

Personally Speaking: In last month's issue, I spoke of installing safety "grab" bars **before** you need them. Lately I've added 2 additional safety features. (1) My brain finally kicked in and informed me that because my **right** shoulder and arm will be out of commission for a while, the "inside-shower" grab bar on my **right** side will be of no use when rising up from a shower chair. Paying attention to where the water pipes are located, a friend recently installed a second "inside-shower" grab bar across the **middle** wall of my shower, allowing easy access with **either** hand. (2) This same dear friend mounted an inexpensive telephone (extension) on the wall just above my bed headboard. Voila! No more sleepily staggering out of bed to reach the telephone mounted on the far bedroom wall. You might (?) keep this in mind if you're familiar with the old Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared".

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (except September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, followed by lunch and entertainment, William 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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The exciting Jeff Scales (son of **Ben & Cheri**) visited to give us an update regarding Safeway's Security attempts to prevent Theft and Scams. Safeway's Western Union Store is not exempt. With thieves targeting "unsuspecting" clients; and we learned that the high \$ items are a quick snatch. The bags that we so proudly use to avoid plastic and paper waste make it difficult for Safeway to spot the evil doers.

**Joan Dahl** started the SFO/SJC Southbay Ladies Quarterly Luncheon with the first being held in Feb.2009 at Loon Wah. We celebrated our Fifth Quarterly event at **Rosemarie Reichard**'s home on 2/2010 with **Jean Marcolina & Karen Devlin** Co-Hosting. Just imagine the fun had with several gaggles of girls. No report, because what we do at the party stays at the party. Come join us for the May Luncheon to be hosted by our X-Secretary **Cherie Scales** and our good friend **Ella Sousa**.

**Jack & Jean Jenkins** brought their brother-in-law and long time friend visiting from Washington D.C. to our Mardi Gras themed breakfast on the 12<sup>th</sup>. President Dave arrived early to decorate our room while his helpers set out heart chocolates, little boxes of candy; lots of beads and of course we all added to the festivities by bringing our personal stash of jewelry. Special thanks to **Marion Gavert; Ella Sousa** and all those who helped enhance the festivities.

Health issues from LaDonna's Sunshine Report were minimal for the first couple of weeks with a slight veer for the **Frishes** as **Jerry** made a wrong turn and gave **Alice**'s chair a little too hard a nudge. He would not go to emergency until the Football Game was over and once there, discovered no broken bones. **Update**: Jerry did have a slight fracture and now has his arm in a cast. **Anna Howze** is still coping with an upset stomach so her desperately needed knee replacement surgery scheduled for 2/25 has been postponed. **Dwayne Howze** is in recovery from effects of the ongoing skin cancer removal procedure recently performed. **Marion Gavert** explained that she is having electrical problems relating to her Heart and the Left Bundle which hopefully will be able to support the Right Bundle, so that she will need only minimal surgery that is scheduled for 2/19/10. **Update for Marion**: the less invasive surgery was performed and she is at home recovering.

**Bob Bradley** is building strength and recovering from a Blood Infection at Solace Care Home.

**Jim Shelton**'s wife **Alice** lost her battle with cancer on 2/12/10. Jim, our prayers and thoughts are with you. We have positive progress for the **Kristens**: **Elaine**'s medicine has been changed and she is doing much better,

**Vic** is off Hospice. **Garver Sandy** (grounded and will be receiving Home Care). Some of the positive thoughts and prayers did reach their destination in a timely manner. Thank you, Thank you!

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 and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**March 23 - Spring Luncheon;** Michaels at Shoreline in Mt. View. Hosted by **Joan Dahl**, (408) 996-2161 & **Nancy & Dave Walb**, (408) 966-8171. **All are welcome!**

**June 15 - Summer Picnic** at Vasona hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso**. \$21.00 per person - (408) 264-8580.

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Our chapter did not have a luncheon meeting in January but we did on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see everyone and get together again as we always look forward to seeing good friends; they are like family. The February luncheon was held at Thomi's Cafe and Bakery in Jackson and was hosted by **Don & Joann Nesja**. This was our first time at Thomi's, we all looked forward to going to a new place and this one was wonderful; good food and an excellent dessert. Thank you, Don & Joann for selecting a new and outstanding location.

We had 52 members and guests at the luncheon. **John Zoboli** and his wife **Pat** made the trip from Reno and joined our group. John was the guest speaker and gave us quite a bit of information about the RUAEA Convention, United Airlines and things happening in the airline industry. As you all know, the Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida in May and every issue of the RUAEA Newsletter has information about the Convention.

I am sorry to report that we lost two of our members; **Jane Silvers** and **Dennis Dergen**. We also have many members on the sick/injured list: **Charlene Wood**, **Larry Brinsfield**, **Pat Minks**, **Max Fountain**, **Burt Kent** and **Sophie Feaster**. We are sending get well wishes to each of you on the sick list. I am sure that they would appreciate phone calls, cards, and e-mails.

Spring is around the corner as is Daylight Savings Time. The longer daylight hours will give us more time to enjoy the outdoors, gardening and barbequing. Take time to smell the spring flowers and the beautiful days ahead. Also St. Patrick's Day and the green beer! And a Happy Easter to everyone. So much is going on and we have to live each day to the fullest and enjoy life.

At the end of our luncheon and meeting, a raffle was held and there were many prizes of bottles of wine which were provided by the **Nesjas**.

The San Joaquiners Chapter meets on the second Thursday of every month. At this time, the locations of the meetings are not known, but if you have any questions, please contact our president, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, at (209) 984-5672. If you live in our area or are visiting, we would be happy to have you all join us.

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Our March meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 23 members and guests. **Diane Griego's** sister-in-law, **Renie Pedregon**, came as a guest from Albuquerque. We were greeted again by a surprise of St. Patrick's pin and souvenir (thanks to a Leprechaun named **Carol Parks!**)

**Georgia Bouska** was the winner of our 50/50 and **Shirley House** won the pie.

Just a reminder, that our annual picnic is coming up on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the same location (Pleasant Hill Park on Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill).

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. No need for reservations. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

Calendar:

**April 12** - Meeting

**May 10** – Meeting

**June 14** - Annual Picnic

**July** - No meeting

**August 9** - Meeting

**September 13** - Meeting

**October 2** - Our Day at the Races

**October 11** - Meeting

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A great time was had by all at our first meeting in 2010. We met January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Redding and 23 of us enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon set up by our existing Vice President **Richard Skelly**.

Our President, **Merritt Odor**, welcomed the new secretary, **Sharon Simonton** and our new Treasurer, **Vanessa Pratt**. Merritt and Richard will continue in their roles until we elect a volunteer to serve in their positions.

We welcomed **John Zoboli** who gave some great information on the convention. He also shared information about some new ZED fares, and the new TSA rules.

Congratulations to **Vanessa Pratt**, our 50-50 Raffle winner and also to **Jim Stuart** our first \$15.00 Gift Certificate winner.

**Jim & Delores Bunton** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the month of January. **Jim & Caroline Geiger** took a wonderful motor home trip to Death Valley and beyond.

Merritt noted that we are always looking for entertainment and speakers for our meetings.

We meet every other month rotating our lunch location between Chico, Red Bluff and Redding. If you live in our area, please join us for some great lunches, good friendship and lively information.

Calendar:

**March 25** – Meeting/Luncheon will be held at the Cowgirl Café, 200 S. Main St. Red Bluff beginning at 11:30 AM. See you there.

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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March 6<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day in the Mile High city, for our monthly Mile Highers breakfast. There were 83 in attendance.

We had lots of guests. **Elaine Fluegel** brought, Rev **Jeff Williams, Keith & Joshua Christian**. **Ed Eson** brought **Harvey Collin**. We had several first timers: **Eileen Sumerlin, James A. Porter, IV**, and **Ed Dawes**. Come on back! **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** brought their daughter **Dianne Adkins** and granddaughter **Rachel**. Our Alliant Credit Union lady, **Stella Mendoza**, gave a very good report on the Alliant Credit Union and its up coming 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

It was good to see **Joe & Nancy Bain**. **Thom Rowland** just returned home from a long motor trip to Florida. Glad to see you folks.

**Tom Goodyear** reported that **Dick Klein, Vicy Young**, and **Les Pergande** passed away. **Patty Mathies** is out of a coma and in rehab at Triumph Rehab Center, 700 Potomac Aurora, CO 80011. It was good to have **Paul Miller** in attendance. Paul broke his leg a few months ago. After spending a lot of time in rehab, he is back home and able to get out; but is still wheelchair bound. Paul's son, Bill, brought him. **Phyllis Jack** had a hip replacement and is doing very well at home.

Tom gave a short report on United's new home at the Wills Tower in Chicago.

**Virgil Gooselaw** reported on the coming RUAEA Convention in Orlando, FL. He mentioned that children and grandchildren are welcome to come to the Convention. There are discounted prices for the children and they can stay at the Rosen Centre Hotel with the parents or grandparents free. The room rate is \$99.00 per night, which is a bargain for a hotel like the Rosen in Orlando, FL. There will be more information in the April Newsletter.

Many thanks to the lucky winners, who returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter. Watch your newsletter for our up coming date and information for the summer indoor picnic.

See you at next month's breakfast at United's Flight Training Center.

#### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

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We had a great lunch meeting on Feb. 22, 2010 at The Village Inn. **Del Hall**, CAKOZ must be feeling better as he was heading for the meeting but was stopped by a recent snow event. Mr. & Mrs. **Richard Franco** DENSW, COSOZ and baby will be returning to China again this spring. The news of **Patty Mathies** COSOZ, DENOO is all good. She is out of a coma and in rehab at Triumph Rehab Center, 700 Potomac, Aurora, CO 80011. Cards and letters are encouraged. Separated COSOZ employee **Jeff Clark** is now flying for Cargolux instead of Aloha Airlines. They fly the 747-400F and recently purchased the 747-8F. **Jane Lopez** COSOZ made a ladies weekend trip to LAS and had an easy trip.

Our good friend **Stan Glaiser**, OAKSS, OAKOZ, SFOSS passed away March 1, 2010, donations may be made to Hind's Hospice, P.O. Box 763, Merced, CA 95341.

Our meetings are held Mondays at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.



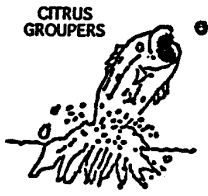
Calendar:

**March 22** – Regular lunch meeting

**April 26** – Regular lunch meeting

**May 24** – Regular lunch meeting

**FLORIDA**



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25 Citrus Groupers met for their monthly meeting in February, we welcomed two new members, **Sally & Fred Fahy**.

President **Jerry Bell** reminded those in attendance to update their information for the Citrus Groupers member information book.

Annual dues are due for 2010, \$2.50 for single and \$5.00 per couple. **Charles Wirth**, our Treasurer gave his report. We have \$457.47 in our treasury as of January 2010.

There was a discussion regarding first class seats being offered to Mileage Plus travelers which would mean Stand-bys would more often be in Coach. Most retirees aren't happy about this, but we'll hope for the best.

**Jerry Bell** talked about the RUAEA Convention in Orlando May 23-30. If there is enough interest, we may charter transportation for a day trip to the Convention.

We had two winners for the 50/50, congratulations.

February Birthdays: **Joan Brandonisio, Charles Cochran, Al Warner**. February Wedding Anniversary: **Joan & Louis Brandonisio, Edith & Jack Hellerman, Anita & Karl Joanni**.

*People travel to learn; most of them before they start, should learn to travel - H.W. Shaw*

Calendar:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)

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We opened our meeting with Pledge of Allegiance to our great flag and Prez **Dick Coughlin** gave the Benediction. Nineteen members braved the cold to attend. It was Bike Week so we shared the road with numerous bikers.

Birthdays for March were **Bobbie Rieck, Jane Kress, Judy Goudy** and **Jim Myer**. Jim was the lucky one in attendance to blow out our calorie free cake and get sung to. Celebrating their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was **Marion & Rick Johnson**. Company anniversaries: **Marion Johnson** (41 years) and **Penny Logan** (26 years).

Prez **Dick Coughlin** gave us information concerning UAL and the RUAEA Convention, and then entertained us with St. Patrick's Day jokes. Congrats to **Herb Gardner** for winning the 50/50.

It was great seeing **Bud Gammill** attend after his recent, successful hip operation. We hope it continues well for you, Bud. **Lillian Moddle** once again is filling in for our secretary **Bobbie Rieck**, while she continues to recover from her hip surgery. She's home and doing well. Hope to see you returning to us soon, Bobbie.

After **Penny Logan** gave our treasury report, we decided to give donations to our local charities: Volusia/Flagler Hospice and Family Renew.

We meet every first Thursday of the month and welcome any UAL retirees to join us.

Calendar:

**April 1** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**May 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**June 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the meeting to a packed house again – 52 members and guests lunched in our private room at the Golden Corral! We all wondered if someone visiting from “up north” maybe left a door open? We have had only three days where the temps reached 70 degree this whole year. Brrr! We welcomed back **Orlin & Bonnie Taylor** – “She sure is taking good care of you, Orlin ... better keep her”! The girls brought **Maureen Sterinsky** as their guest! Maureen retired from MCOCS a few (?) years ago and was visiting from New Smyrna. She promised to come again!

**Paul Brown**, our Florida Region Director, has solicited quite a few convention volunteers for us from other Florida chapters! Chairmen **Tom Cannata**, Airport Greeters, the dynamic duo of **Ken Michels** and **Ernie Vosges**, Registration & Hospitality, and **Jim & Nan Multeri**, 50/50 Raffles, are filling up their daily sheets. Think about signing up to be a VOLUNTEER ... and then call us! You’re sure to have a ball! We will certainly welcome everyone! Many hands will make it easy ... and fun!

March Birthdays included **Corky Peterson** (3/3), **Don Ulman** (3/10), **Ken Michels** (3/27), **Bobbie Gay** (3/28) and **Bo Bohannan** (3/30). Happy Anniversary wishes go out to **Richard & Gloria Armistead**, 57 years on 3/7, **Al & Lois Fields**, 45 years on 3/17, and **Ken & Shelby Michels** on 3/20. Congrats to you all!

Calendar:

**Luncheon time has been changed to the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road.

**April 7** – Luncheon

**May 5** – Luncheon

**June 1** – Luncheon

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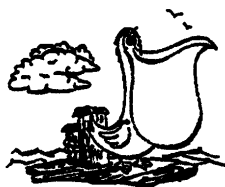
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Our March 5 meeting was held at our usual place, the beautiful Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club House in North Fort Myers. Lunch was served to twenty-four persons. We had 20 members in attendance plus four guests. Guests were **Lynda & Ed Bragg** from Ft. Myers and **Carlton & Judy Hibbert** who are wintering in Naples this year.

Immediately following lunch, **Jerry Pryde** gave a quick commentary on his and **Sandy**’s recent vacation in New Zealand and Australia. They had a wonderful three weeks there. Jerry then introduced our speaker for the day, **Lynda Bragg**, who presented a program on Erma Bombeck. It was both informative and entertaining. Erma and Lynda both called Dayton, OH their home for many years. Next, President **Bill Burg** conducted the monthly 50/50 raffle. The monetary prize went to **Lynda Bragg**, much to her surprise. Other excited winners

were **Maxine Brown, Ron Schultz, Ray Winterhalter, Ron Olson, Sandy Pryde, Bee McCarthy, Phyllis Allen** (2 times), **Ed Bragg, Wanda Schmoyer, and Carlton Hibbert.**

Next month's meeting will be held on April 9, a week later than usual due to the Easter holiday. A picnic is scheduled for the first Friday of May.

If any **United Airlines** employees or retirees are in the area, please call and join us for lunch on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are a social group and would be glad to have you join us for a luncheon meeting.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> 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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There were a good number of us that met at Ruby Tuesday's on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed visitors **Paul Ferguson** and **Judy Stanley**, **Bill & Ilene Maxwell**, and **Art Singleton**. Paul and **Jim Goodson** were in pilot training together for Capital Air Lines at DCA in 1956. Bill (**Pat Bell**'s brother) & Ilene have been with us several times as well as Art. Bill is a UAL retiree & worked with **Ed Wiehe** at Fort Wayne, IN. Ed was Bill's best man.

Birthday wishes this month to **Suzan Goodson & Fay Pillows**; and Anniversary wishes to **Bill & Inge Phillips**.

**Gretchen Burlin**'s name was drawn for the \$20.00 attendance prize, Gretchen was unable to attend, so for February luncheon, the amount will increase to \$25.00. You have to be present to win if your name is drawn. The names are from the e-mail list and include those who are attending or have attended our luncheons.

Door prizes were won by: **Pat Kelly, Ilene Maxwell, Vivian Rucker, Ginger Hyde**, and "Lucky" **Bob Parker**. 50/50 winners were **Pat Bell, Vivian Rucker, and Ilene Maxwell**.



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President **Barbara Riecss** opened the meeting on March 1, with 20 members attending. **Terri Breslin** gave a report for the Sunshine Committee. She sent a card to **Marijke Newman**, who is still in the hospital. A brain scan has shown there is no brain damage. She will have a lengthy stay in rehab, when she is transferred. **Beverly Alderdice** noted that **John Ventos, Gabrielle Epifanio**'s grandfather has health problems, which may lead to surgery. Gabrielle is diabetic and visits our meetings often. Our chapter takes donations for Child Diabetes.

**Jim Hottel** reported on trip that he & **Pat** took to Nashville, TN. The 1<sup>st</sup> trip of the day to Chicago needed to be repaired. Once the aircraft was repaired, they left for Chicago, 8 hours late, arrived just in time to see the TPA trip cancelled, so they took a flight to Washington Dulles then on to TPA, arrived in TPA at 00:30.

**O. C. Brown** went to Denver for his daughters 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. No problems either way, great trip.

**Barbara Riecss** flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico to visit her new great grandchild. Her daughter, who is a pilot for D.E.A., had many photos to show and told of her recent trip to Afghanistan. She had a great trip.

Barbara encouraged everyone to become a member of RUAEA. She read a letter she received from the President of RUAEA, **Ron Robertson**, concerning the convention and a meeting which will be held at the convention for the Presidents of all the chapters.

**Paul Brown**, Florida Region Director, gave a detailed report of the convention to be held May 23 - May 30 at Orlando. Help is needed in several areas at the convention. A worksheet is available for volunteers. He advised there are 3 Rosen Hotels. The convention will be held at The Rosen Centre Hotel, located on International Drive. He also mentioned there will be 2 cruises available after the convention. Barbara will be calling members to help with the convention.

WHQHR is advising everyone purchasing ZED tickets on another carrier to not list as stand-by on United. There was a discussion to how to purchase Southwest tickets, passenger must have a letter from United Benefits Service Center, and Southwest takes cash only. Other carriers, ZED tickets can be purchased in advance by phone at United's office in Detroit or at any United ticket counter.

**Bob Lindstorm** gave us a report of the new aircraft United is purchasing and **Jon Wilkinson** had details of the aircraft. Bob also gave us information on the new United seasonal routes. Bob had information concerning upgrades by K1 mileage members and job out sourcing.

**Jon Wilkinson** secured our usual location for the October 4<sup>th</sup> picnic, at Anderson Park, Shelter #4.

#### Calendar:

**April 5** – Picnic at Anderson Park – 11:00AM (*please note new time*)

**May 3** – Tiffany's Restaurant 10:30 am

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Well, it's cooler than normal in Florida these days but yours truly loves the change over the constant heat! Some of the other members have voiced their preference and most of the Northerners like the cool weather as well. Unfortunately, not good for the tourists but it sure beats snow and ice.

We had 12 members and one guest brought to us by **Diane Brodis**. Her name was **Arlene Glazer** hailing from Great Neck, Long Island, New York, she was making her rounds visiting long lost friends from the West to the East Coast of Florida. Unfortunately, Arlene will be returning to New York too soon and will have to weather really cold weather when she returns to New York. Arlene enjoyed her visit with Diane and also our crazy group and promises to hopefully visit us again when she comes to Florida. We enjoyed you Arlene, Diane really has a bundle of nice friends and always keeps in contact with everyone.

In May, **Diane & Paul Liebisch**, **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Janice & Al Popek** will be going to Germany to see "The Passion Play", which as I understand, is only done every 10 years. The group was lucky enough to secure the tickets months ago and is looking forward to seeing it; and I understand, it's wonderful!

**Al & Janice Popek** just returned from a three day cruise that they won as part of an advertising commercial that incidentally was not supposed to be on Florida TV. Would you believe, it was totally free, and was given to the first 500 people to respond to this TV ad. What luck! The ship went to Nassau, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale and carries 1300 passengers, and is run by The Caribbean Cruise Line, the ship's name is Bahama Celebration. Effective March 17, the cruise will stop going to Nassau and go to Freeport for two days and spend one night at sea leaving from the Palm Beach Port (Riviera Beach).

Are you aware that BP3 passes can be issued for illness when travelling on a trip but are not available for death cases?

I have to comment that after our last meeting at Mulligans, President Al left his meat tenderizer and block of wood he uses to bang the meeting to attention on the table in the dining room. The waitress brought it to him before our meeting started and of course she made a joke about the wooden items! The waiters and waitresses who take care of us know all our drink orders, would you believe! They certainly give us good service, and they enjoy us as much as we enjoy them.



**Wally Armstrong** who heads the top of our Senior Citizen age group celebrated a birthday on March 22 and **Judy & Artie Frage** just celebrated 47 years of marriage on March 1. Although they were really joined on February 29, they only get to celebrate that actual marriage date during leap year! Just newlyweds!

Our April 16 trip to The Isles Casino at Pompano Beach and Race Track was finalized. We will not have a central meeting place to start since we are doing car pooling and it is too dangerous to follow cars on the FL Turnpike or I-95, so we decided to meet in the entrance lobby of the Casino at 11AM. If you know where the Casino is located, come join us, especially you, **Luster Smith**, we miss you.

**Celina & Constantinos Xifaras** have not been able to join us for a few months since Celina has been under the weather, so Celina, we want you to know we all send our Best Wishes to you and hope to see you soon. We think of you often and this time we wanted you to know.

Well this concludes this lengthy Newsletter, until the next time, remember you are always welcome and you will enjoy our group, we have fun, wonderful conversation, and the food is especially good,

The literature and brochures I received from RUAEA were distributed to those present and mailed to members who could not make the meeting. Since **Ron & Diane Brodis** were making a trip up to New York again this month (Ron's younger brother passed away suddenly), she offered to take quite a few and pass them out at the airports. Our condolences to Ron & Diane, his mother and family. Very sad indeed since his brother was only 56 years young.

Remember live, love and laugh.

*On the lighter side ~ The Blonde Painter*

*A blonde, wanting to earn some extra money, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do?*

*"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch," he said. "How much will you charge me?"*

*The blonde quickly responded, "How about \$50?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and everything she would need was in the garage.*

*The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes all the way around the house?"*

*He responded, "That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" The wife replied, "You're right, I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes we've been getting via e-mail lately."*

*A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.*

*"You're finished already?" the husband asked.*

*"Yes, the blonde replied, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."*

*Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her. "And by the way," the blonde added, "it's not a Porsche, it's a Lexus."*

#### Calendar:

**April 6** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**April 16** - The Isles at Pompano Beach and Race Track - meet at 11AM in lobby

**May 4** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**June 1** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

### GEORGIA



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Twenty eight flyers and three guests showed up at the I-hop Restaurant for lunch on March 3. Our guests were **Tina Meyers** and **Melissa Lane**, **Lyle & Joanna Meyers'** daughters, and **Tom Thibaudeau**, **Kim Schmidt's** co- worker and friend who is in visiting from Kentucky. We had a great turnout and the sun finally showed its face, which made for a pretty nice day. Still much better than the huge amounts of snow and cold that they have been experiencing in the Northern part of the country.

It was good to see **Richard & Diayne Thompson** back after a long absence. They have been taking care of close family. Also **Marge & Don Shelley** who have been on the road quite a bit tending to close friends and family. Don & Marge will be having their Annual Picnic at their home in Locust Grove on Saturday, April 17, 2010, starting about 1:00pm. Those who have attended in the past will be sure not to miss this event. All United employees, active, retired, former employees, or service vendors connected with United are all welcome. Drinks, plates, napkins and utensils will be provided. Every one should bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert, and folding chairs would be appreciated. There will be lots of good food, friendship, and camaraderie, every one renewing old acquaintances. Don & Marge's address is 115 Corley's Lane, Locust Grove, GA 30248, (678) 432-0019. Mark it on your calendar.

**Fred Cron** ran the 50/50 with assistance from **Bill Bowling**. **Tina Myers** drew the winning ticket held by **Mary Lou Sullivan**. **Bill Elk** held a business meeting and we honored **Ray Owen** for his time, labor, and personal resourcefulness building shelving at the Promise Place for the storage of donations they receive. We gave a big hand to **Diayne Thompson** for the great job she does on the Newsletter.

**Mary Brodersen** gave a presentation, gave out applications and answered questions on the upcoming convention in Orlando, FL. We should have a good turnout from ATL this year. Let's not forget to vote for RUAEA Officers this year. For those eligible members, you can vote on line, print the ballot out and send it USPS, or we have forms at the luncheon for your convenience.

Chapter dues are due at the end of March. **Bill Elk** reported about United's purchase order for new aircraft from Boeing Co. to be delivered by 2016. There were some feedback on United's current practices for flying non rev first class and how it's affecting our travel. **Kim Schmidt** was asked to update our members on the current health care bill that congress is trying to push through against most of our wishes; there was a lot of discussion on this issue.

**Ron Gunny** is reported to be recovering from two aneurism surgeries in the last couple months. The first one went very well but the last one was a little rougher and will take a little more time to recuperate. **Bill Elk** had surgery the middle of February and is doing very well. **Diayne Thompson** had a bad fall in January but appears to be walking much better now. We all wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

#### Calendar:

**April 7** - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

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While we had a low turnout in January, we were blaming it on the holidays and the high turnout at the Christmas celebration at the Avalon. But the fifteen inches of snow and the blizzard winds of February knocked the attendance at the Northside breakfast down to thirteen. It is interesting that the thirteen are the core of the sixty to ninety plus group. Who says that the young beat all?

The Southside group fared a little better with the weather. Dry roads and low winds. The 40-minute drive for us through the forest preserves was a delight to observe. Every branch of tree and bush was tipped with an inch of snow. A real Currier & Ives picture!

Due to a note falling to the bottom of my purse, I missed informing that we had two new retirees join us for breakfast: **Virginia Kondraros**, retired from WHQCR in 2002 and **Betty Nakariki** from WHQAK in 1994. My apologies and hope you will keep coming.

Also on the back of this note there was info of someone and son traveling to Munich in October. Unfortunately, there was no name on the note. I'm hoping the writer will identify him/herself so I can write about the whole trip.

We usually have good news to share - anniversaries, trips, Skyliners participating in local events. This month, we need to extend good wishes to our comrades who are among the sick and injured. So get out your cards and spread the cheer.

**Ken Bergsma** now home after surgery, sporting the latest fashion in slings to keep his arm in place instead of around **Muriel**. His home address is 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60051.

I have also been advised that **Kathy Vita** has had surgery and is presently at the Moorings for rehab. Her address is 1747 Crystal Lane, # 308, Mt Prospect, IL 60056.

**Marilyn Holden** has been hospitalized for tests. I'm sure a card to 149 Chatsworth Circle, Schaumburg, IL 60194 would brighten her day.

**Marge Daily** recently had a successful eye surgery this month, so she will be all smiles. Her address is 456 Millers Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

I was told that **Ceil Yates** is now home from rehab and feels well again. Her home address is 318 Colfax St., Palatine, IL 60067.

**Carlyle Brandt** had knee surgery this February and is now enjoying home therapy five times a week. He would probably enjoy a (funny) card to match his grand sense of humor at 9534 S. Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

We all missed **Ernie Codilis** at our Southside March breakfast. His wife **Lydia** advised he had surgery as a follow up of his previous one. He could use some get wells to buoy his spirits at 6950 S. Hilldale Rd., Countryside, IL 60525.

Loved the answering messages for phone recorders by **M. Jane Kerr** on page 21 of the March RUAEA. They're all so clever I can't make a decision.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**April 27 & May 25**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**April 14 & May 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

**March 29** - Spring Luncheon at Victoria in the Park, 1700 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL, at 11:00 A.M., (847-437-0255)

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



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There is no April luncheon scheduled. The next luncheon will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> which is the week before the RUAEA Convention in Orlando (May 23 – 30).

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

Calendar:

**March 17** - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

**April** – No Luncheon scheduled

**May 19** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.)

**May 23 - 30** – RUAEA Convention in Orlando, FL.

**July 21** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

## INDIANA

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Home again after a month spent at “The Villages”, FL, during one of the coldest winters they have had. I did have a wonderful time visiting with relatives and didn’t have to shovel any snow. However, officially, Florida has now become one of the last states of the 50 to receive a measurable snowfall; it happened in the panhandle area. Only Hawaii has not received snow, and I’m not 100% certain that a mountain there doesn’t have snow on it, so much for trivia. Unfortunately, my timing wasn’t as great as I had hope, and I missed attending the RUAEA meetings at both “The Villages” and in the Fort Myers area (I arrived too late and left FMY too soon), maybe next year.

Checking with Indy Racers members for the latest info, **Elly & Ralph Barnett** departed on a Hawaiian Island cruise, originating from Los Angeles last week. They haven’t returned yet to give us the details of surely a wonderful trip. **Gail & Warren Allen** are still warming in their winter retreat in Texas. They should be coming back to Indiana in about a month. **Cheri & Ron Innis** are making plans for their “anniversary/Cheri’s birthday” visit to the Chattanooga, TN area, a trip they have taken several times before and find very rewarding and relaxing. The committee is still putting together letters of invitation to area retirees to meet with us for an evening out in May.

Our deepest condolences to **Dimple Rihel** on the loss of her aunt and uncle.

In thumbing through my Indy Racers’ informational book, I came across the phone number of **Mike Quilter**’s daughter, Tracey, and gave her a call. From information supplied by her, Mike began his career with United in 1967. Initially in Indiana, Mike was responsible for getting the IMC location (maintenance base) on line in the early 90’s. Many know Mike, also, as the coordinator of the children’s “fantasy” flights United had in Indy. Sadly Mike suffered a stroke in 2004 from which he has never fully recovered and has relocated to California, closer to another daughter. Tracey says he would certainly enjoy receiving cards at: Golden Cove Retreat, 8501 Oakcreek Coveaway, Orangevale, CA 95662.

Happy April birthdays to: **Mike Matlak** and **Ralph (Bud) Barnett**.

### Calendar:

**April 12** - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**May 10** - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor’Easters didn’t hold a March meeting, so little news; however, April is our chapter’s fifteenth anniversary.

We have a new member, **Thomas Dagle** recently retired from BOSMM and **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** are enjoying a week of winter respite in Naples FL.

The rain, snow and wind storm that hit New England in mid February felled a tree and sent it thru the roof or our Pres. **Carleen Eddy**’s home. No family injuries though. Here in NH, that wind sounded like a freight train coming thru. **Mercedes Hersom** was without power for five days. It knocked down several of my trees



and thousands around the state, closing many roads and pulling down power lines. I was without electricity and Internet for three days. Thanks to my generator, I did have heat, water pump, microwave, fridge and a few lights. Good thing I had gasoline on hand, because stores and gas stations had no juice either. We take a lot of our conveniences for granted, until we lose them!

Although now full time Florida residents, **Paul & Mary Ward** have renewed their membership with the Nor'Easters. They've made an addition to their FL home and invite all their Northern friends to come visit.

April's birthdays: **Bill Betters, Tom Blackwood, Fed Casey, Peter Fusco, Don Latter** and **Helmet Umbley**.

April's anniversaries: **Les & Gail Brown** - 42 years, **Thomas & Carol Dagle** - 37, **Frank & Janet DeStefano** - 42, **Ray & Wander Forster** - 49, **Mark & Theresa Hutchings** - 36, **Bob & Jean Lincoln** - 43, **Richard & Carol Mangino** - 40, **Gina & Salvatore Marotta** - 40, **Andy & Carol Montalto** - 33 and **Kenneth & Jacqueline Washburn** - 50.

*If pro is the opposite of con, then what is the opposite of progress? Congress!*

Calendar:

**April 13** - The Ship Restaurant, Route 1 S, Lynnfield, MA

## MICHIGAN

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13 Escapees gathered at the New Peking in Garden City March 4, hosted by **Maxine Raymond**. We welcomed for the first time ever **May Kay Edoff** and **Rose Tobin** whom we have not seen for several years. Everyone received caramel chocolate covered Easter eggs as our host could not find any Irish treat, but they were wrapped in green so she felt they worked for a St. Patty's Day delicacy as well. Makes sense to me. Our conversations got interesting when it turned to our grandchildren and their questions about adulthood and how we should answer them. **Gloria Alexander** is watching her grandkids for three days, ages 11, 9 and one younger and asked us all to pray for her, especially as the 11 year old is starting to notice girls.

Love and Prayers to **Maxine Raymond** who will be undergoing surgery on her hand this month and will be sporting a cast for at least 2 weeks @ 6342 Buckingham Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101, to **Dollie Sellers**, now in rehab after hip replacement @ 35118 N. Bay Circle, Harrison Twp., MI 48045, and **Bud Beebe, Audrey's** hubby, @ 24740 East River Dr., Grosse Ile, MI 48138.

Lastly, our prayers to **Pat Kline**, who lost her hubby **Bob** on February 7. Bob came home to celebrate "Super Bowl" with his friends but Jesus took him to his eternal home while he was sleeping. Send sympathies to Pat @ 4602 S. Cinnamon Field Circle, St. George, UT 84790. Pat plans to return to MI, hopefully by summer, to be with family and friends.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

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After a mid-February snowstorm which had dumped up to a foot of snow in some areas, 34 intrepid Northern Lites came for lunch & visiting. The day was sunny & beautiful and the streets were, happily, well-plowed & already dry. Gotta love our faithful & hard-working road crews!

We were happy to see some members who had been absent for awhile ~ **Fred & Rita Stang, Earl Budahn, Wes & Bette Briest, Bud & Jo Ayers** and their friends, honorary members **Tom & Judy Cafilisch**. We were ALL blown away to see **Tom Krieger** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row! Now, if we could just get his wife, **Bev**, to retire.

Members who had traveled recently were the **Storlies, Delvaux, Ayers** and **Cafilischs**. **Nel Brawner** is going to Peru again in March. One of the travelers related an anecdote about leaving a bag on the curb at the airport when they left to return home. They were surprised and concerned when they got home and it was missing, but greatly relieved when they got a call from UAL that the bag was intact and hadn't been blown up by the Bomb Squad.

**Lee & Diane Storlie's** granddaughter, Brooklyn, is the goalie on her hockey team & the Storlies are mighty proud of her. Her team recently was the champions in a tournament.

Our RUAEA Regional Director, **Jim Simon**, gave us an update on the preparations for the convention. His recent attendance at the Board meeting in Orlando gave him an opportunity to sample the delights of the Rosen Center Hotel & also the food that will be presented at the banquets. He assured us that if we choose to attend, we won't be disappointed. The tours selected for the membership are interesting & different. If anyone wants to visit Disney World or Epcot Center, they can do it on their own. He also mentioned that the March newsletter has the ballot for the RUAEA elections.

**Dave Wiley** wanted to remind us that he & his wife, **Janet**, are hosting the summer picnic at their place. Everyone is looking forward to it & we're all very grateful that we won't have to do the annual search for a location & someone willing to host it this year!

Recently, **Glenda Morton** and part of her family decided that they all wanted to cross something off their "Bucket Lists". So they all piled into their vehicle and set out for Florida to watch the last launch of the Shuttle "Endeavor" at the Kennedy Space Center. They arrived at Disneyworld after battling snow and ice storms en route, sunbathed for awhile, and then had a lovely dinner. Afterward, they headed over to the Space Center and wandered around for awhile, found a spot to view the launch and huddled together in their heavy coats until 0438 when the launch was scrubbed until the day-after-tomorrow morning. Ouch!

Everyone was disappointed, as they'd taken off work and driven all that way to see it. One of her sons decided to stay over and watch again if Glenda could also stay. Hey. She's retired, right? They all drove to Atlanta where the others boarded a flight back home and she & her son, Jeff, drove back to Florida. After another night bundled up waiting, the Shuttle was finally launched at 0418 and they had the excitement of seeing the sky as bright as day and hearing the astronauts speaking during the flight.

Then back on the road, dealing with snow and general exhaustion. She said that the stop in Illinois overnight was beautiful ~ they hadn't slept in a bed for four nights! More snow and yucky weather en route to Rochester, MN where her son lives. Of the 105 hours they'd been gone, 65 of them had been in the car. Although she's grateful for that amazing adventure, she's not ready to make another road trip very soon.

I got a note from **Andy & Norma Holen** from their digs in Arizona. They're very active in Habitat for Humanity, not only in AZ & MN but also **Norma's** involvement in a project of Habitat's in Africa. All told, they've helped complete 10 homes in those different locations. Andy's comment ~ "*They have some professional help to keep us all in line*". The group in AZ presented them with an award for their participation.

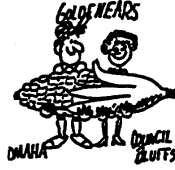
### Calendar:

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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We had 34 who attended our luncheon at Venice Inn. Thanks to **Clair & Barb Soseman** for hosting and also for that great fudge. Those we hadn't seen for quite a while were **Joyce Torchia**, **Andy Vassios** and **Sid Schneider**. We also had a guest, **Larry Lanphier**, who worked on the Ramp here in Omaha. Nick said he talked to **Del Fry** who lives in Denver and said Del's wife was suffering from Alzheimer's.

**Peggy Casebeer** had surgery on her hand on February 8 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. She has to keep her hand straight up in the air for healing purposes for a month – very tough thing to do. I talked to her and she was in quite a bit of pain. She also had her carpal tunnel fixed the same day. Best to you, Peggy, for a quick and full recovery.

I received an e-mail from **Hilde Schwan** giving us some good news. **Dick** had the petscan and the news was great. The tumor is now the size of a ball point pen tip. How wonderful. The best to you both.

**Sandy Bender** had breast surgery on February 3, and this is an update from **Ken** on her condition. *"Her surgery was 5 hours and the surgeon was quite sure it was cancer contained in the left breast. He also found a tumor in the lymph node under her left arm. He removed the tumor and now they are waiting the pathology report and then they will know if any treatment will be necessary. She came home from the hospital on February 5. He said she is in good spirits and keeping him on the run."* Our prayers are with Sandy for a complete recovery.

**Jim Schreiber** fell on January 17 and broke his hip. After an MRI, the doctors were very pleased that he would not require surgery. It seemed it was more of a fracture than a break which was high above the femur bone and would heal on its own. He was in Papillion Manor for rehab for six weeks.

I received a letter from **Louise Mitchell** reminiscing about some of the people she worked with when she joined United in 1945. Most of the ones she mentioned were in my column *"Do you Remember"* as they are/were members of our retirement chapter. Here are some you might remember: **Art Bertacini**; **Agnes Drudick**; **Charley Sluder**; **Ray Snitker**; **Don Truscott**; **Ginny Stimson**; **Lou Kelley**; and **Larry Dutson**.

### Calendar:

**April 6** - Old Country Buffet

**May 4** -Horseman's Park, **Lorraine & Elaine**

**June 1** - Cooper Farm, **Cary & Toddy Manson**

## NEVADA



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Our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at noon with 33 members in attendance. We were served a delicious lunch by the Arizona Charlie's staff.

**Michael Vasko** (702) 898-0561 gave us info that United has a life insurance policy that if we had contributory life coverage, after your retirement, you were covered under the IAM Mechanics agreement.

*Mechanic's Agreement ~ If you were employed by UAL from July 3, 1945 to July 13, 2003, under the I.A.M. Mechanic Agreement, you are covered for life insurance. Provided you have had contributory life coverage for the last five years prior to your retirement. Sixteen groups from Lead Mechanic to Utilities as stated in I.A.M. Mechanic Agreement, Schedule A are eligible.*

*These are the amounts you or your spouse collect in case the passing of the retired employee or his or her spouse.*

<i><b>Retired Date</b></i>	<i><b>Retiree Death Benefit</b></i>	<i><b>Spouse Death Benefit</b></i>
<i>Before 1/1/1992</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>After 1/2/1992</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>After 7/1/2002</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>

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- Check your records after you call the above number in case the claim is denied: Pay stubs, Employee Benefits Statement, or Benefits at Retirement.

UAL Benefits Service Center has sent out misinformation to retirees denying insurance claims:

- Untrue 1 - You have no Live Coverage – by letter (spouse).
- Untrue 2 - Retiree has no Life Insurance – by letter.
- Untrue 3 - Retiree has no Life Insurance due to Bankruptcy-taped.
- Untrue - 4. Retiree coalition negotiated to terminate retiree life – letter.

The terminology used by the Company referred to insurance as of December 31, 2005.

#### Calendar:

**April 13** – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM. Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200. Luncheon is \$ 19.00 per person.

**June 8** – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM

**August 10** – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM

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On February 8, 24 attendees, including one guest **Glenn Reid (Larry & Donna Reid's son)** attended our luncheon meeting at Austin's.

**Kathy** reported that the 2010 dues are coming in. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can send them to **Kathy Robinson**. There has been a slight increase in dues this year - \$8P/P. Again, unlike RUAEA, our dues on a Jan. – Dec. calendar cycle.

Convention News, see RUAEA newsletter for details:

- Wed night is Beach Party; Thurs night is Karaoke and Fri/Sat nights are banquet nights.
- Hotel is situated among restaurants & shops with a huge outlet mall at the end of the trolley line.
- Tours include: Gatorland, Kennedy Space Center including lunch with an astronaut, St. Augustine, Alligator Airboat Adventure, etc.

Reservations have been made for **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for our Sand Harbor picnic**. It is now separated from Hot August Nights, which should make it easier for our out of town guests.

**Mary Withers** won the 50/50; **Joe Robinson, Duncan Scaife, Barbara Leusing** and **Elizabeth Brown** all won "mystery" gifts.

February birthdays were celebrated by: **Bob Dringenberg, Donna Reid, Ethel Meeks** and **Bill Perkins**.

We are sad to report the passing of another member – **Vic Swanson**. He was a friendly addition to our group and we will miss him. **Duncan Thompson** has relocated to Texas and we wish him well in his new home.

Thanks also to **Bill Perkins** for providing the individual-sized homemade heart-shaped red velvet cakes – what a special treat!



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The Gardenstaters held their regular meeting on February 24. Our Vice President **John Deily** opened the meeting with a Flag Salute. Thankfully, there were no deaths to report. Only 30 people showed up for our meeting.

**Marty Etler** read the minutes from the last meeting and **John Murphy** gave the financial Report. John talked about our upcoming Dinner Show on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hunteerton Hills Playhouse. Just a reminder that everyone should be there by 11:00 AM.

**Joe Jaken** has reached his 91 years. Happy Birthday Joe!

#### Calendar:

**March 31** – Next meeting.

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Coming out of the cold, damp day into a delightful sunny room at Milleridge made everyone feel happy and comfortable. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. President **Jimmy Richardson** asked us to remain standing as we remembered deceased members, those suffering health issues and those who we might have known or worked with and who have passed from our midst, to remain in our prayers.

**Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** just came back from a Caribbean cruise. A little rough weather going out in Florida, but rest of trip was relaxing and enjoyable. **Barbara & Lawrence Modafferi** celebrated 40 years of marriage, 3/7/70 and **Gail & Harvey Block** 41 years of marriage, 3/31/69, congratulations. All our members so far are in good health. Best News Ever! ZED fares were mentioned and Jimmy is going to look further into this matter.

Jimmy asked our group of 47 members about Obama's Health Care ... choices were to remain silent, I don't know, No or Yes ... Overwhelming response said "NO". As always, everyone enjoyed our V.P. **Charlie Kaczinski**'s delightful commentaries. He always lifts everyone's spirits. We all went home happy and wishing all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

#### Calendar:

**April 7** – Noon - Milleridge Inn

**May 5** – Noon - Milleridge Inn

**June 2** – Noon - Milleridge Inn

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Our get-together today was an absolutely beautiful, sunny, crisp winter day as we returned to the Old Oak Church. There were 70 attendees this month, and we all spent some time talking and getting together. A sincere "thank you" to **Carol Hacker** and **Sharon Garrah** for getting this all organized. Grace was said by **Arlene Taylor**. Our lunch was enjoyed by all and the hot soup and/or chili were a great topper for a cold day.

One of the highlights of our meetings is the 50/50 raffle which was won by **Judy Spooner** and **Arlene Taylor**. (Could it be that Arlene's prayers were answered?) Just Kidding! Congratulations to our winners!

Sadly, we have lost another of our members. **Lou Gaudio** (CLECG) passed away on February 19<sup>th</sup>. There are also a number of members who have had some serious bouts with illness, accidents, etc. Please remember them in your prayers: **Harrison Guenther, Ron Badowski, John Mullen, Emily Robinson**.

As you are aware, we would really like to have more of UAL retirees join us and if you happen to run into any of them, please invite them. After working together for years and years, it is fun to see everyone. And since we used to have great Mainliner Club parties, the spouses of employees got to know each other also. Speaking of new members, we are so glad to welcome **Ray & Christine Hutton, Bernie Kazimer, and Ed & Shirley McCarthy** to join us!

President **Dolly Taucher** introduced our guest speaker, Mr. **Jim Simon** who is the RUAEA Midwest Regional Director. He gave us information on the Convention in Orlando May 23-30 which sounds great. He opened the floor to questions and explained some of the changes that will be coming up and will probably affect us if we are traveling. Our health insurance also came up for discussion. The next Convention in 2012 is open for a vote if we would like to have it on a Cruise Ship. There will be a survey sent out and they would appreciate our participation. Don't forget that Jim is running for re-election and would appreciate our votes (May 1<sup>st</sup>).

Last, but not least, we celebrated March birthdays of **Carol Hacker, Frank Osborn, Bill Gatesman, Sharon Gatesman** and **Sharon Novak**. Wishing all of you a very Happy March Birthday!

### Calendar:

**April 7** - Flair Restaurant & Cafe, 12841 State Road, Pre-paid - Open at 12 noon - Lunch 12:30p.m.

**May 5** - Bucci's Italian Restaurant, Pre-paid - Open at 12 noon - Lunch 12:30p.m.

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The highlight of our February luncheon was being able to celebrate with **Mac Heywood** his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday with ice cream and cake. Mac is a joy to talk with and has a fantastic memory. **I would like to know if there is another chapter in our organization who has a member older than Mac.** He and his wife **Naomi** have missed few meetings in the past year and only recently started having someone drive them. (Thank you **Bob & Dee Boelter**.)

A member of Life Flight Network, Mike McHugh was our speaker. There was a slide show and he distributed information on how to join the network. If you missed the meeting and were interested in obtaining materials about Life Flight contact **Charlie Stemper**. There was also a Valentine's Day exchange of cards. Winners of the drawings this month were: Door Prize - **Bruce DeFord**, Birthday - **Mac Heywood**; Anniversary

- **Janice & Joe Mortensen** celebrating 55 years of marriage and 50/50 - **Barbara Heidegger**. It felt good to win!

It was nice to see **Rance Ishibashi** at the meeting. He looks great and is awaiting further treatment. **Louise Robillard** had rotator cup surgery last month. I saw her this week and she looks good and is perky as ever, but said it is painful, especially the physical therapy. She had a few choice words to say about her therapist. **Merle Pitman** went into the hospital on March 1<sup>st</sup>; however, he is recovering at home and hopes to make it to a meeting very soon.

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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

**April 14** - Social

**May 12** - Social

**June 9** - Social



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**Ric & Gidget Walcha** hosted the March 5 OUR Club luncheon in the Evergreen Room of Taprock Northwest Grill in Grants Pass. There were 23 gathered around tables that were decked out with festive St. Patrick's Day decorations and candy cups. Ric & Gidget definitely know the way to many of our hearts! The **Walchas** also arranged for speakers from the Rogue Valley Humane Society, a no-kill animal shelter that OUR Club has been privileged to support in recent years. It was interesting and heartwarming to hear more about the good work RVHS performs.

It was also great to see **Peggy Wilson's** friend, Bob, adroitly sporting a brand new hip only a few weeks out of the hospital. **Jane Frincke** reported on **Marge Calkins** who recently underwent surgery and is now home recovering. **Wayne Widrig** provided a web site for checking on the condition and progress of his friend (and OUR Club member) **Jackie Mark**. Following open heart surgery and a serious allergic reaction, Jackie was transferred to a rehabilitation facility in California. It seems to me that a quintessential use of information technology is establishing a site for sharing updates on family or friends who are receiving medical treatment at a distance.

The March luncheon also served as a quarterly business meeting for OUR Club. With president **Neal Appleton** at the helm, the chapter's business was taken care of in good and enjoyable order. **Neal & Sonnia Appleton** were the winners of the 50/50 drawing and generously donated the proceeds to the Rogue Valley Humane Society.

Calendar:

**April 2** – **Harry & Barbara Horne**, TBA

**May 7** – **Laurie Jordan**, TBA

**June 4** - **Wayne Widrig**, TBA

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Our first meeting in 2010 was held March 8. We were happy to welcome 3 new members, **Ray Daily**, **Bob Dowd** and **Everett Bell**. There was much discussion and lots of laughter as we discussed the “Good Old Days”. Ray, Bob and Everett were eager to learn about the people we used to work with. It was nice to see them again after so many years.

The applications we received from RUAEA appeared just in time to give to the new attendees.

President **Joe Brad** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the blessing before lunch. This month we brought items to be sent to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. There were many bags lined up to be sent overseas. We have a very generous group. Items that were suggested included Crossword puzzles, books, phone cards, non-perishable food and snacks (that would stand up to the over 100 degree heat), writing paper, pencils, pens and other things the troops might enjoy receiving.

**Ralph Baker** said he is getting his voice back again. I hope he is well enough for the upcoming singing we have planned for this year’s Christmas Party.

**Marge Egges** won the 50/50 and **Ralph Baker** won the free lunch. It was good to see **Ben Messer** and **Jim Fanto** out to the meeting. We noticed that **Lew Meyer** was without his cast, I guess he has completely healed.

Our speaker was Tom Reeves. He showed slides and spoke on Nature in the Delaware Valley. He was very knowledgeable about local species of trees, flowers, birds, insects, snakes, caterpillars, moss, spiders, foxes, skunks, chipmunks, moths, butterflies and much, much more. He discussed migration patterns and identified several local birds, trees and plants that are not indigenous to this area. One interesting fact he pointed out that those species that have eyes in the front are predators, eyes on the side are not. Humans, having eyes in the front, are predators. Cows and chickens are not. His presentation was very well done and held everyone’s attention.

*Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Updates from **Frank Egges*** - Flight 93 Memorial is maintained by donors from United Airlines retirees and the Independence. Donation of over \$9,000 have been received so far, we trust that we will reach the \$10,000 in the near future.

An audit is being conducted and when it is completed, we will advise the final results. More than 100 schools and churches have visited the Chapel since 2002. 60,000 maps and brochures are distributed annually, half of them at the Chapel. 100,000 wooden tokens have been distributed by the Chapel.

We are proud to be a part of this great Memorial. Thanks again to the United Retirees and the Independence for their contributions

Frank is still accepting donations to the flight 93 Memorial Fund, so please make your check payable to “CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL” and mail it to: Frank Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address are on your check.

### Calendar:

**April 12** - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn





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Happy Easter to All! Hopefully, the snow is gone for the year, although as I write this, I can still see the icicles dripping oh so slowly.

Our Spring Luncheon will be covered next month as we will have met on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Golden Girls are also meeting in March. Our "Official Tour Guide" **Lee Snuffer** has promised a fun filled day at the Rivers Casino; she even went so far as to say the "Luck of the Irish" will shine upon us. Bring lotsa money Gals.

The executive board will meet after the March luncheon to discuss plans for our next luncheon and the annual picnic which will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need for a volunteer to fill in as Secretary.

**Treatie Karwoski** attended the RUAEA board meeting in MCO and because of the airport delays and closings, got to spend some extra time with **Anita "Pineapple Princess"** and **Pete Pawlack**. Treatie will update us on the meeting and the upcoming convention at our luncheon.

A reminder - If you haven't voted for the RUAEA officers, please do so. You have until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Karen Moliterno** who was scheduled for eye surgery in March. Get well wishes can be sent to Karen at 1308 Summit Dr., Oakmont, PA 15139.

Also, we wish the best of luck and a speedy recovery to **Doris Abbas** who underwent extensive back surgery on March 4<sup>th</sup>. I am sure **Mitch** is taking good care of her. Cards may be sent to her at 540 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA 16301.

Welcome back to **Dave & Gwen Detwiler** who spent several months in Naples (FL that is).

Don't forget all of you Pit transplants, the annual picnic is Jul 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Our bi-monthly breakfast in February caught us by surprise. Somehow, the month just flew by. If **Betty Shipe** hadn't called us the evening before, we would have missed breakfast.

Our big topic of conversation was the recent snow we got. Everyone had stories about when we all lived up north and had lots of snow. The difference here is that the counties just don't have the equipment to handle a large snowfall. We were snowed in for four days with just 6" of snow (we live on back mountain roads.) Talking to people who were born and raised in the area, they tell us that this has been the worst winter that they can remember. However, the weather is looking much better. We're up to the usual 60 degrees that we should have at this time of year. Time to pull the barbeque grill back out!

Everyone is looking forward to our May trip out to the Cumberland Playhouse and to Summer weather.

### **Calendar:**

**April 15** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 274 off I40 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**May 20** - Hosted by **Robbie & Joe Corbin** - (931) 456-2790 - Lunch at 12:30 (CT) at Beef & Barrel in Crossville followed by the play "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel" at the Cumberland Play House at 2:30 (CT). Call and reserve a ticket today!

**June 17** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

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On **March 2, 2010**, 28 chapter members met at a new location: *Robertino's* restaurant at 1385 S. 500 W., Bountiful. A good time was had by all. We welcomed a number of members who had fairly recently retired from SLCRS & SFOSW: **Brent Anderson, Lori Brady, Patrick & Elizabeth Byrne, Laraine Jordan, Monte Giles, Frank Giles, Frank Kern**. At the same time, we missed a few of our regulars: **Tony Brown, Bill Ottman, and Kay Nelson**.

A luncheon highlight was the "thank-you" appreciation gift presented to **Frank Murdock**. It was meant to convey recognition by "The Salt Lakers" chapter members for his many years of service to the group. The SLC chapter was formed in 1984 by four retirees: **George McDonald; Gordon Tuckett; Fran Manson (Jerry Manson's widow); and Frank Murdock**. Over the many years, these get-togethers have proven themselves to be a pleasant source of high-spirited stories about our company for retirees & former employees, many of whom have passed on by now.

It might be of interest to our members to know that we can now purchase many items, incl. luggage, toys, & clothing, from the **DEN Mainliner Club** ([www.DenverMainliner.com](http://www.DenverMainliner.com)).

Most of us have watched the Canadian Olympic Games in Vancouver, and all of us will, therefore, be proud to learn that our **United airport employees**, as well as their passengers, enthusiastically welcomed the returning **U.S. Olympic Teams & individual athletes** at ORD's Gate B14 by waving white signs emblazoned with 'Welcome Home' messages. It included the **U.S. Women's Hockey Team members** who won the **silver medal**. For a long time now, **United Air Lines** has been designated the "Official Olympic Games Airline"!

### Calendar:

**April 6** - Coffee Time 10:00am – Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

**May 4** - Lunch 2pm - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

**June 1** - Lunch 2pm - Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful.

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Fifty-seven of us met at Fairwood Country Club February 9<sup>th</sup> for our luncheon meeting. It was hosted by **Mary & John Luke**. We welcomed guests who attended: **Bud Gudmondson**, guest of **Bob Howard** and **Bob Howlett**, guest of **Lois Anderson**. Also, member **Bill Gordius** was attending his first meeting.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** introduced our chapter past (and present) presidents for recognition. Those in attendance were **Norm Strange, John Reed, Ed Rousso, Evalena Hatcher** and **John Haferbecker**. They received a nice round of applause for their many contributions.

**Ken Storey** told about a cruise that he and **Judy** took recently. It went from Los Angeles to Ft. Lauderdale by way of the Panama Canal and they enjoyed several ports of call. Ken said they ran into a strong windstorm off the coast of Mexico that left the decks covered in salt from the seawater blowing over the ship's exterior.

**Bob Brumfield** pointed out to the group that Group Health now covers shingles shots. He also discussed United's new policy of providing free domestic upgrades to Mileage Plus members who have reached the higher levels. This will make it extremely difficult for retirees and active employees to fly first class and business class.

We took a quiz on U.S. presidents, since it was Presidents' Month, and everyone did well. One piece of trivia we learned was that seven presidents were born in log cabins, and a follow-up question that was asked is who was the first president to be born in a hospital? The answer is at the end of this column and may surprise you.

The door prize winners were **Tom Lucas, Ed Rousso, Mary Weseman, Doris Spence, Ted Parks, Sidney Reed, Evalena Hatcher, John Luke, Lois Anderson, Herald Bowman, Richard Devereux, Edna Paulson, Helen Stanger, Noreen Krawczyk, Jackie Stenger** and **Paul Burton**. **Dolores Steger** won the 50/50.

Members celebrating April birthdays are **Gay Liesse, Gary Maxwell, Betty Paul, Edna Paulson** and **Doris Spence**.

**Cris LeGassey** and **Sue Crane** have announced that the two SEARR reunions this year will be held May 15 and October 2 at the Kona Kitchen in Seattle.

**Rita Reynolds**, past chapter president and founder of the Seattle Travel Desk, suffered an unfortunate fall in February while trying to catch her new little dog who escaped from her car. The dog is okay, but Rita injured her hip in the fall, requiring surgery and subsequent rehabilitation and physical therapy. We all wish Rita the very best in her recovery, and Rita wishes to thank those who sent her cards and letters following her accident.

Answer to who was the first president born in a hospital? Jimmy Carter, October 1, 1924.

#### Calendar:

**April 13** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**May 11** – Luncheon Meeting, Doubletree Guest Suites, Tukwila, WA

**June** – no meeting

**July** – no meeting

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Our monthly get together was held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Hills Restaurant in downtown Spokane. There were 21 in attendance including a total of 7 new faces. **Charles & Janelle Brennan** and **David & Laura Takken** were among them. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the meal.

**Myrtle Stoop** will host the March event at Conley's on East Sprague. She will be getting in touch as to date and time.

Spokane weather is spring like compared to last year's ninety eight inches of snow that we thought would never go away.

I want to thank the Spokane Retirees for their donation to Hospice of Spokane in memory of Lance. It meant a lot to me.

Take care and God Bless.

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Our plans are in place for volunteering at the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Lincoln, NE, July 16-24, 2010. We will volunteer as a group for the Cessna Airlift. We will meet and greet athletes as they arrive and depart Lincoln on hundreds of private aircraft. These flights are operated by hundreds of flight personnel who donate their time to make this operation such an overwhelming success.

We also will host a reception for parents of participating athletes at the Games in Lincoln as we have done for all national and international Special Olympics games since 1987. We remain extremely proud of our participation in this event. This reception was an inspiration conceived and organized by our members that became a meaningful platform for parents of athletes to communicate with **Eunice Kennedy Shriver** and one another. We thank our committee headed by **Barbara Allenby Sinnott** (OAK) for organizing our group for this event. If you are interested in joining our volunteer efforts please contact **Rosalie Betchart** (PDX), our Volunteer Chair for the event at [swissrose@msn.com](mailto:swissrose@msn.com).

The plans are coming together nicely for our biennial convention "Grand Ole Convention" September 22-26 in Nashville under the leadership of **Mary K. Doherty Dana** (OCC) and **Gail Shannon Walker** (DEN) and their committee. We always look forward to this time together to renew our enthusiasm and dedication our organization and to one another.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

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

### **Malcolm "Wally" Swanson, 10474 Whitefish Hill Rd., Rapid River, MI 49878**

Obviously I am late in my dues, but it will be coming. You have to understand, life gets busy and the most important thing at this age is to keep vertical versus horizontal. We keep working every day and do some fairly amazing things for our age.

I have deep feelings towards UAL and all the friends and people I have met at ORD-SFO-DEN. It is like many people I know have become a family, so when I read the newsletter it is so much of a pleasure just to see what is going on with the United family. There are lots of people I have known through United Airlines. It was a good life.

We moved from Denver to the U.P. of Michigan. No one knows where this is at and we are not going to tell! I like to hear through the newsletter what is happening within the company. Many years of service can't help but bring us together and think about our past which was definitely difficult at times but also wonderful. I think the people of United were the best of the best.

**Wesley Briest, 4147 Beaver Dam Rd., Eagan, MN 55122-2114**

Thanks to all the good folks that keep our RUAEA news bulletin in print as each month passes. We look forward to it and we both enjoy reading it.

All the news items are very interesting to my wife, Bette and I.

I have been retired 26 years after working for 33 years with UAL. I started in SFOMM where nearly all knew me as "Tiny", because of my size.

We have a son and a daughter. They and their mates have given us five grandchildren. They are all nearly old enough to vote and have a driver's license. I will be 90 years old this summer.

To those who may remember us, maybe our paths will cross as I say "Hello" to all.

P.S. If you should like snow, come by and I will give you a shovel full.

**Duane Buckmaster, 17 Morningview Circle, Lake Oswego, OR 97035**

It is time to check in again. Things are great out here in the golden west. It is gorgeous country and nice weather, if you don't mind the rain (Ex-Chicagoans appreciate that you don't have to shovel it.)

Sharon has her doctorate in Human and Organizational Systems, (I call her Dr. Bunkie). She is a very busy consultant, helping organizations to shape up and do it right. She is much in demand, doing well at supporting me.

I try to make myself more than a toad by volunteering in two ways. One is to work in the psychiatric dept of local Vets Admin Hospital. The other is working at a local college as tutor for students in English as a second language. I have worked with émigré's from around the world, Viet Nam, Russia, and Korea, to name a few. They are interesting folks who have taught me a lot more than I've taught them.

I am still an avid fly fisherman, but no longer brave or foolhardy enough, to wade the really wild river stretches. This activity restores the soul as trout seldom live in ugly places.

In May I will spend a few days at Yamsi Ranch which is a working ranch out in Klamath Lake country. In earlier visits I have been able to help put up hay. My background as Iowa farm boy qualifies me for that job. The headwaters of Williamson River meander through its grassy meadows, with mountains all around. The river is pristine with frisky trout. The deer and antelope do actually roam there and Golden eagles cruise around keeping an eye on things.

I have finished writing my life story (so far). After rereading, I find it a bit dull because I have omitted some of the naughty bits, so am attaching a few vignettes; among them "The day I lost my —" (oops, sorry about that RUAEA censors). This may need to be the R rated version. If anyone wants to read it, I can be bribed, with cash only

Our new family addition is great grandson, Julian Amir O'Donnell, days old and doesn't want to open his eyes. He thinks it's awfully bright out here and is a bit resentful about being here. It is cold, noisy, and fussy, compared to where he came from. He has a sister Zari, who is a sweetie. There is no such thing as a non cute little girl, I dote. Julian's mom is from Iran, but she has Mexican as well as Iranian forbears. Tina (mom) is an anthropologist who has worked at the Smithsonian. Julian is our fourth great grand child. My granddaughter, Kim who lives with Brit husband in Berlin has two little boys, multi-lingual. Kim has Masters Degree from Oxford and works as a translator of scientific papers, English, French, and German. She also is not bad at Russian; results of youthful indiscretion while a student at CCNY. His name was Igor (I'm not making this up.)

I have rambled on long enough.

Greetings to all and keep smiling.

**Harold (Hal) Dryden 91 W Clover St., Woodland, CA 95695**

Well here it is time for sending a check for annual dues. At age 94 and retired for all of 32 years and with my bride of 62 years I am counting my blessings for having made it this far even with some health problems that seem to be par for the course. I see very few familiar names in the newsletter these days but I trust that four of

my UAL friends are still on the planet with me. Those would be **Guy Ackley, Syd Greenstreet, Al Wait** and **Ray McGovern** all of which we worked together at San Francisco. Anyone who might want to contact me can use my e-mail address [drydenhl@wavecable.com](mailto:drydenhl@wavecable.com) Any correspondence will be welcomed.

**Carol Faust, 2400 Mallow Ct., #Z2, Schaumburg, IL 60194**

We sold our house and moved into a condo. We hope to spend more time in Colorado.

Bob and I were in Peru last November. We were on a tour to Machu Picchu and did a little pre-tour jaunt to the Amazon rain forest. We were hiking through the jungle on the way back to the hotel when I slipped on some mud and broke my left hip. I never knew mud could be so hard.

After being carried in a hammock (no stretchers in the jungle), it was a 3-hour boat ride up the Amazon to a hospital in Iquitos, where I stayed to 4 days, and then flew by air ambulance to a hospital in Lima, where I laid for another 4 days before hip replacement surgery. It was quite the ordeal; Peru is not the best place in the world to break anything. Luckily we had purchased trip insurance or we might still be there.

I want to say thanks to all our United friends for all the cards and phone calls. They were greatly appreciated. Physical therapy is getting me almost back to normal, and they assure me I will be able to climb another mountain this summer.

And thanks to the continued great job you do on the newsletter.

**James Lundy, 16 Brookebury Drive Apt.1-A, Reisterstown, MD 21136**

We enjoy the newsletter.

We moved to Maryland in October of last year; to be near our son and grandson.

I celebrated my 86<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

My wife and I celebrated our 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December. We are both in fairly good health.

In August of last year, I attended a get together with the people I worked with in the 60's. In July of 1969, I transferred to MIACS where I retired in March 1984.

**Lou Mullen, Ballygoley Riverstown, Dundalk, Ireland**

I hope I am directing this letter to the appropriate address. I am thrilled to receive my first issue of your wonderful Newsletter donated by a friend. You may be surprised to hear from Ireland but I worked for UAL in the late 50s and through the mid 60s when I left to join Aer Lingus in SFO. I had emigrated to the US in 1954. Having joined UTD I met my wonderful wife who worked in SFORR, Bonnie Gail Silva. What wonderful times those were. I always said and still believe that we worked for the finest Company in the world.

I hope that many of the beautiful people who became my friends are still alive and well.

Bonnie and I retired to this lovely part of Ireland 18 years ago and have a wonderful life. As you know St. Patrick's Day is coming fast, and we wish to send a true Irish Blessing to all of your members. May you all be healthy and happy as you go through the days, may all your friends be loyal, and may God keep all sorrow and pain away from your door.

Thank you all for the happy days and years which I spent as a UAL employee!

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

Fifteen years of retirement and I finally got the first red reminder. Too many things have been happening around here.

We are taking care of two teen age grandsons. My daughter has been in and out of the hospital for about three months, diagnosed with leukemia. There have been lots of chemo plus all the side effects of it. The chemo seems to be helping but there is a possibility of a bone marrow transplant.

We stay real busy and can't find any time to relax or travel. We hope we can get to the convention in May; that is a great bunch of people in Orlando. We had the pleasure of attending one of their monthly lunches last year and were welcomed like family. Thank you "Real McCoys".

**Submitted by Lana Runvan 3N170 Lakewood Dr., West Chicago, IL 60185**

Subject: Bike ride across America by retired UAL pilot

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, David Runyan, retired UAL pilot from West Chicago, IL began a 3100 mile bike ride across the southern United States from San Diego, CA to St. Augustine, FL. He was accompanied by Mike Terrones of Linden, IA also biking. The men's wives will be following in a support vehicle pulling a trailer full of spare bikes and parts.

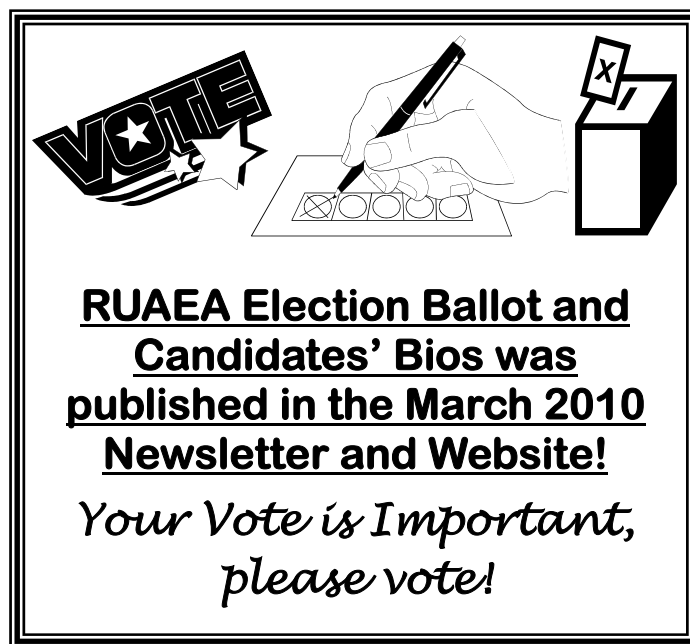
Years ago, while a co-pilot on the 727, Dave flew with a captain who had biked across the country. The seed was planted and grew into a desire to find time to train so that he could make a similar trip. As he mulled



the possibility over he wanted to ride the bike but he wanted the effort to result in something worthwhile beyond his own accomplishment. Dave and his family are involved in “Camps Farthest Out”, an interdenominational Christian group that sponsors camps and retreats for lay people around the world. He decided that he would bike the trip as a fundraiser for three sister organizations, CFO North America, CFO International, and the United Prayer Tower, a ministry of prayer around the world. He and Mike and their families attend a CFO Camp in Minnesota every summer.

Dave & Mike are now underway! Follow their progress at [www.pedal4peace.org](http://www.pedal4peace.org) Dave says, “I am now The Hidden Peddler!” Follow my view of the ride! <http://pedal4peace.blogspot.com>

Dave's cell phone # is 630-995-6914



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