



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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Time is getting short. The deadline for registering for the 2011 convention is almost upon us. It's time to decide which tours you will take and your entrée choices at the banquets. There are so many options to make. I know it is difficult to decide, but we all must make our decisions and get the forms sent in. You have only until the last week of April, to get your registration in to **Nancy Hooper**.

Before I forget, I must apologize to all the former Capital people. I misspelled Capital in the last announcement. It is my fault for not checking more closely. I hope you will forgive me and come to Portland anyway.

I have received some interesting e-mails in response to my announcements. I look forward to meeting each of the people who have written to me. I also look forward to meeting people from Continental. I know that some may not be happy about the merger, but it is a fact of life and we all must make the best of it. Let's try to get together and form a new United Family. Many of us are old enough to remember when we were part of that family and how we enjoyed it. Let's create a new family that works well together toward a new unity. We can have a great reunion.

Here are some things that you should remember to bring with you to Portland: A rain coat or slicker (yup, it sometimes rains here), comfortable shoes for walking (I am sure there will be some walking on every tour), a big appetite (the food in the two restaurants at the Marriott and at other places in Portland will tempt you ... not to mention the two banquets), your fondest memories of your years in the airline industry (try to forget the memories that aren't so fond), the names of the people with whom you want to reconnect (a task that is easier said than done for most of us), a happy smile and a hearty laugh. If we all work at it, we will have a great time in May.

Remember, all forms and checks must be in **Nancy Hooper's** hands by April 29<sup>th</sup>. We don't want you to miss out, so please get those forms in now. See you in May.

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*Deadline is  
approaching!  
Registration form  
must be received  
by April 29, 2011*



# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

As I write you this month, again there will probably be important news released by the time you get this Newsletter. The new Pass Travel Policy should have been released before the end of March. Most if not all of the new policy will not become effective until January 2012. As soon as the new policy is made public, you will see it on SkyNet and we will post it on our website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Checking our website frequently is a great way to keep up with new happenings. You also might be surprised with some of the links we have available to you. Again, if you do not have a computer, get a friend who does or check out what you can do at your local library.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, your Board of Directors had their Winter Meeting in Portland at the convention hotel. The Marriott Waterfront is a very nice and accommodating facility. We look forward to another great convention. Your Board of Directors approved the submission of a By-laws change that will

allow anyone who has worked for Continental Airlines and is of retirement age to be eligible to join RUAEA. This will be voted on by the members at convention.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, there was a Retiree Leadership Luncheon Meeting held at what us “old-timers” knew as EXO. The luncheon meeting was brought about by the company and had representatives from the major retiree organizations from both United and Continental. A recap of that meeting follows.

I know everyone is eager to know about the much advertised February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The event was hosted by Donna Towle VP-Human Resources, Employee Relations along with a couple from her staff, Mary Luzader and Penny Thomas. The attendees were: Ron Jersey and Phyllis Cleveland from RUPA, Mickey Manfre and Don Popovich from ARECA, Gary Humphries and Bill Chambers from Golden Eagles, Barbara Vincent and Christel Ilg from Clipped Wings, Judi Jagger and Ann Wall from the Golden Penguins, Georgia Neilsen from RAFA, Jackie Monilaw of the Chicago Mainliner Club and Hank Gosselin, Ed Tolle and myself representing RUAEA.

**It was a very positive meeting** as we all got to know each other and shared background information. Donna is a very dynamic and energized person, she started her career with Continental as a customer service agent at LGA. Getting these groups together is a way of improving communications to the retiree community. Donna has a very positive attitude and comes across as a dedicated team player. All are quite interested in attending our Portland Convention and some have already made arrangements. There is strong interest from the leaders to get our organizations closer together. I believe that we will have an opportunity to work on this when we get together in Portland.

Of course, you all want to know what if anything was said about pass travel. Donna let us know that a final decision has not been made but they are getting close and all employees and retirees will be affected. She shared that it will not be the Continental plan, nor will it be the United plan, but a compromise of the two. It should be announced within the next few weeks. Some parts of the new plan could become effective right away but most of the new plan would not become effective until the first of the year.

We have let it be known that the leadership of the four major organizations, RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA and Golden Eagles are in agreement that our constituents want to see as much of the UA policy retained as possible and that boarding priority should be based on date of hire for all employees, retirees and their eligibles.

The merger process is moving along and the company appears to be on target to have the single operating certificate by year end.

Prior to the luncheon meeting, we were treated to a tour of the Operations Control Center. This is a very large room filled with teams monitoring all aspects of the daily operations. Most individuals had three to four screens in front of them to keep track of all flights around the world. All the areas of the daily operations were covered: maintenance by equipment type, dispatch, weather, crew scheduling (pilots and flight attendants), customer service, etc. In a word “awesome!”

It was proposed that there will be future meetings to see how the company can assist the retirees as the new company moves forward and in some cases how the retirees can assist the company. All in all it was a worthwhile and positive experience.

**Ron Bertacini**  
**President – RUAEA**

### **Recommended Amendments to RUAEA By-Laws**



The RUAEA Board of Directors recommends the following amendments to the By-Laws in accordance with Article XIII - Amendment of These By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT OF THESE BY-LAWS**

Amendments to these By-laws shall be passed by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to submission to the membership at the Annual Meeting, and must be publicized in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote is required. An amendment may be proposed by a member upon presentation to the President by January 1 in any year.

The applicable proposed amendments are either **bold underlined** (new) or ***bold italic*** (deletion). A brief explanation, in **bold underlined italics**, of the amendment/s follows each section.

#### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Section 1 - Regular Members**

All former employees of United Airlines **and/or Continental Airlines** who have reached retirement age are eligible to become members of RUAEA. Spouses of retirees may become a regular member. All may do so by making application and paying the required dues. Widows or widowers of deceased Regular Members will become Regular Members until the deceased retired employees' membership expires. At this time Regular Membership may be continued by paying required dues. Widows or widowers of Life Members may become Regular Members by paying the required dues. In addition, a spouse of a deceased retired employee, who was not a Regular or Life Member may become a Regular Member by paying the required dues. A spouse of a deceased employee, who at the time of death was eligible for retirement, may also become a Regular Member by paying required dues. Spouses who become Regular Members may continue membership if they remarry. Regular Members may vote and hold National office in the Association. Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Amend to allow former Continental employees to be members of RUAEA**

#### **ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

##### **Section 12 - Membership/Support Manager (Appointed)**

Membership/Support Manager will be responsible to the Executive Vice President for RUAEA membership activities, automation support and Website functions. **Act as RUAEA Registered Agent to the State of Colorado.** Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board.

**Amend to allow the Membership/Support Manager, located in the Denver Office to act as RUAEA Registered Agent to the State of Colorado.**

##### **Section 13 - Newsletter Manager (Appointed)**

Newsletter Manager will report to the Executive Vice President for all Newsletter management functions, including publishing and distribution. *Act as RUAEA Registered Agent to the State of Colorado.* **In the absence of a Newsletter Editor (Section 10 Newsletter Editor) the Newsletter Manager will be responsible for all editorial functions.** Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board

**Amend to remove the Registered Agent responsibility from the Newsletter Manager. Amend to make the Newsletter Manager responsible for all editorial functions.**

#### **ARTICLE VIII - TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter until their successors are installed. In an effort to maintain experience and continuity, no more than five (5) Regional Directors will be elected in any single year. With the concurrence of the Nominating Committee, officers and directors may run



for **continual terms**. *a second term, but in no case may anyone serve more than two consecutive terms in a single position.* Officers and directors may be nominated, elected and serve in another office even though their current term has not expired. Upon election to another office, his/her office shall be declared vacant.

**Amend to remove term limits of office for Officers and Directors.**

**Larger fleet opens utilization options**



**UNITED**

The new UA's large fleet of 707 mainline aircrafts is providing more options for matching the right airplane to a particular route on our expanded network. For instance, starting February 17, United is be operating the Houston-Lima (IAH-LIM) route with a UA B767-300 instead of a smaller CO B757-200. The B767-300 can capitalize on cargo opportunities on the route, while also better meeting passenger demand with 29 percent more seats. In turn, the B757 gets assigned to missions more suited to its capabilities.

In the coming months, United will be redeploying more aircraft throughout the system, and the EWR and IAD hubs in particular will see these changes occurring on some trans-Atlantic routes. United's reservations systems will soon be reflecting the following changes in aircraft equipment, for operations effective on the date shown:

Effective June 9, IAD will add a second daily round trip frequency to the IAD-CDG market operated with CO B757 equipment.

- Effective June 10, the EWR-ZRH round trip will transition from a CO B767-200 to a UA B767-300.
- Effective September 1, the IAD-AMS roundtrip will transition from a UA B777 to a CO B757.
- Effective September 29, the original IAD-CDG round trip will transition from a UA B777 to a CO B757.
- Effective September 29, the EWR-BRU round trip will transition from a CO B767-400 to a UA B777.

*"These changes don't affect the total amount of flying we perform," said Planning SVP Greg Hart. "We're taking a fresh look at our existing network and fleet, and better aligning each aircraft type with the mission it is performing."*

**Fuel Council takes efficiency actions**



United's Fuel Council met in February to review plans to reduce fuel consumption further. For example, the Boeing 777 Performance Improvement Package project makes subtle changes to the aircraft, such as installing smaller vortex generators on the wing, that can reduce fuel burn by one percent, or approximately 5 million gallons annually, once installed. The company has approved funding to install this package on UA's 52 B777 aircraft; CO previously modified 22 B777s and shared the benefit of its experience with the UA team.

A fuel-efficient fleet is United's best hedge against rising fuel prices. United also signed a contract with the International Air Transport Association to conduct a fuel efficiency gap analysis of both UA and CO in April so that the company can see how its performance measures up against the industry's.

*"We need to look closely at opportunities to reduce our consumption safely, and our combined Fuel Efficiency Council is doing just that," said Operations Planning-Fuel Efficiency Managing Director Joel Booth. "Our two airlines burn about \$20,000 of fuel every minute on average, so we're looking at ways to reduce auxiliary power unit burn, lighten aircraft loads and fly routes more efficiently."*

**UA brings "kid rock" to the Oscars**



On February 25, 64 10-year-olds from Staten Island, N.Y., flew from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) to LAX for the chance of a lifetime: performing at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Academy Awards.

As the official airline of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, UA was proud to fly the chorus from Public School 22 and help make the weekend special for

these talented children. They received a celebrity welcome from Good Morning America, which featured the chorus' departure from JFK on its morning program. In Los Angeles, the Academy featured the children's journey on UA during its pre-show program on Sunday evening.

### **UA and CO finish top tier in 2010 A :14**



For the second consecutive year, UA finished first in on-time performance for U.S. domestic scheduled flights among America's five largest global carriers.

UA finished 2010 with 85.2 percent of flights arriving within 14 minutes of the scheduled arrival time, according to data published Thursday by the U.S Department of Transportation in the Air Travel Consumer Report. CO finished third among network carriers with 81.4 percent of flights arriving within 14 minutes of scheduled arrive time.

*"We outperformed our network peers by having good daily operating plans and co-workers who did a great job executing those plans throughout the year," EVP and Chief Operations Officer Pete McDonald said. "Together, we are top tier in delivering on-time performance. In 2011, we'll continue our commitment to providing our customers reliable service to destinations around the world."*

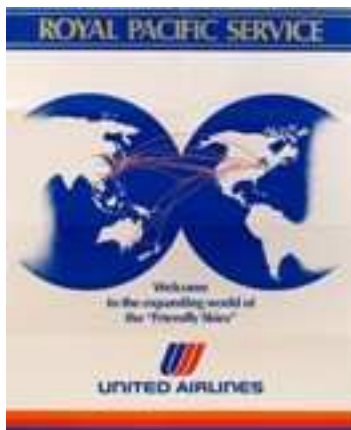
### **CO flight attendants ratify contract**



CO flight attendants represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) on February 25<sup>th</sup>, ratified their collective bargaining agreement with the company. The agreement covers about 9,300 CO flight attendants located throughout the United States.

*"Our flight attendants provide great service to our customers as a critical part of our team, and it is to their credit that we have a new contract in place that rewards them for their hard work,"* said Inflight Service VP Sam Risoli.

### **SFO celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Royal Pacific" launch**



Customer Service at SFO's International Terminal on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, commemorated the silver anniversary of UA's "Royal Pacific Service" with lobby decorations and a reception for co-workers.

United started its first-ever flights from SFO across the Pacific on Feb. 11, 1986, using routes acquired from Pan Am. On that day, United had nearly as many flights – three, to NRT, Hong Kong (HKG) and Osaka (KIX) – as it did SFO-based customer service representatives fluent in Cantonese and Japanese – four.

Those new routes were among those that brought UA's Asian destinations to 13. Just three years earlier, UA launched its first-ever Pacific service, from Seattle (SEA) to NRT and to HKG.

Even though the Royal Pacific Service name is long gone, United is today the leading U.S. airline across the Pacific from SFO and flies to Asia from six hubs, and each has numerous multilingual agents.

### **First 747 in new livery made debut**



Co-workers at SFO and Seoul (ICN), South Korea, had the chance to see the largest aircraft in UA fleet painted in its new livery. United's first Boeing 747 to sport the new United livery returned to revenue service Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, after spending some time in the spotlight for customers, co-workers, passers-by and the media at the SFO International Terminal.

The plane (nose number 8427) left United's paint vendor in Amarillo, Texas, and was ferried to SFO. It will operate as Flight 893. While the plane was at the SFO gate, there was a media tour on the ramp. While there were no ceremonies planned, customers and co-workers got a good look from inside the terminal.

With this 747 completed and 22 more on the way (one of the fleet of 24 is in the Star Alliance livery), United now has at least one plane of each mainline fleet type painted in the new livery. You can get regular updates on Flying Together > Integration Information Center > [New United Livery](#).

### **Tuskegee Airmen visit ORD**



Co-workers at ORD met a living part of aviation history on February 16<sup>th</sup>, as members of the Tuskegee Airmen paid a visit to speak with co-workers and customers in celebration of Black History Month.

Milton Williams and Dr. Welton Taylor, original members of the group, joined new members Ken Rapier and Duane Hayden. The airmen took time to share a video on the history of the Tuskegee Airmen, as well as discuss the importance of the group's continuing efforts to promote aviation careers in the African-American community. Co-workers who attended the event were able to tell the airmen in person how their roles in shaping history inspired new generations to pursue their own dreams in aviation.

*"The airmen's visit today showed the living connection between African-American history and the industry that they changed forever,"* said Human Resources VP Doug Rose. *"It is truly amazing the direct impact these airmen had on our co-workers."*

### **United launches new service from EWR, IAD and IAH**



United launched new nonstop service to and from its EWR, IAD and IAH hubs mid February. The new services will bring more customers from other markets into United's hubs, and provide them with access to points all around the company's global network.

United launched daily nonstop flights between IAH and Reno (RNO). CO will operate the service with a B737 aircraft. Launch events occurred in both IAH and RNO and featured Olympic gold medalist Jonny Moseley.

On Feb. 18, United launched service between EWR and Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands (PLS). CO will operate the service four times a week, using B737 aircraft.

On Feb. 19, United began service between IAD and Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands (GCM). UA will operate the service on Saturdays, using Airbus 320 aircraft.

In addition to the route launches, the company announced a second nonstop service between EWR and Lisbon (LIS), beginning in May 2011. CO will operate the service three times a week on a seasonal basis with B757 aircraft.

### **Ask The Doctor - The Most Dangerous Drug of Abuse In the World Today (Part II)**



**Dr. Reid**

From what we know about the drug Alcohol in my last article, the next step would be how to identify those people who abuse the drug. At first look, this may seem to be an easy task. Don't be so sure about that.

You may say immediately that the obvious people who are alcoholics are the homeless, the beggars on the street, those people we see at freeway/bypass highways/interstate exits holding signs asking for help. It may be surprising for you to know, but those unfortunate people are just a small tip of a very big iceberg. Let me explain.

Alcoholics can be men, women, senior citizens, hippies, yuppies, boomers, doctors, dentists, lawyers, pilots, mechanics, CEOs, teachers, bus drivers, policemen, firemen,



soccer moms, stay at home moms, clergymen, politicians, actors, athletes, AND retirees.

Shocked? You shouldn't be. What I am saying is that since the only requirement to be an alcoholic is to drink alcohol, any of the above people are at risk. If the prevalence of alcoholism is about 10%, that means about one out of every eleven people on the list could be alcoholic if they drink. Think about that and then realize how many alcoholics there must be. Notice I didn't say recovering alcoholics. I just said alcoholics. Unfortunately, there are many, many more untreated alcoholics than recovering ones. These statements deserve more explanation.

The list of possible alcoholics is not inclusive at all. Any one of you can add other vocations to that list, probably avocations as well. The point is that most alcoholics are functioning normally in society and are expert at hiding their addiction. The scary thing about that is we come in contact with "normal" people daily who may be a functioning alcoholic. And we don't know it because they do their jobs so well and have always done superior work for you and others. Practicing alcoholics are good at what their vocation or avocation is. Their vocations suffer only at the very end. Remember that.

Accept the idea that there are lots and lots of functioning alcoholics in society who are intelligent, creative, successful, and assertive. Most of them are high achievers. If that is true, then what can possibly cause these people to give up all their accomplishments for a killer drug like alcohol? Why do that? Simplistically, it's complicated.

Alcoholism is a complex of genetic, physical, psychological, environmental, and societal influences. Any one, some, or all of these factors will eventually bring the alcoholic to destruction. Full explanations of the interaction of these factors are very academic, but suffice to say that each of them is extremely important in the evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, and long-term sobriety of the recovering alcoholic.

The alcoholic is functional because they are clever, scheming, manipulative, and smart. They connive, lie, blame, accuse, you name it. All to protect their drinking and the source of their salvation – alcohol. They sacrifice everything to hang on to their salvation. They need a dependable source of income so they preserve their vocation at all costs. After all, they have to buy their alcohol with something, right? But, at what price.

The alcoholic will sacrifice their position in society, their friendships, their faith, their health, and even their families. All of these important parts of everyone's lives have lost their importance for the alcoholic. All of them. The only remaining part is the job. The job remains because it represents the last source of income needed to buy alcohol. It also represents the last vestige of respect they have.

Given the extent that disease of alcoholism permeates individuals in all phases of our lives, what can we do to identify, evaluate, treat, and rehabilitate these individuals and restore them to normalcy in every phase of their lives? That will be the subject of a future article.

Till then, fly safe and stay well.

Dr. Daner Reider

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (Note: *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by one day for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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### Flight 93 Memorial

Donations may be made by writing a check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to

Chairman:

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If you are interested in attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Flight 93 Memorial on 9/11/2011 in Shanksville, PA. Please refer to The Independents Chapter Report in this issue for more details.

## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



#### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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What a great meeting our Gulf Coast RUAEA Chapter had on Tuesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:30 AM at the Pensacola Naval Air Museum's Cubi Bar Café! We had 17 members present with 5 guests.

After our delicious lunch, President **Bob Schwartz** called our meeting to order at 1:20 PM. He asked our guests to tell a little about themselves. Guests were: **Judy Hebl**, a retired Flight Attendant, who lives in Milwaukee, WI. Judy and her husband are down on the coast on vacation and she decided it would be fun to visit our chapter which she had read about in the RUAEA newsletter! We all enjoyed meeting her and encouraged her to plan to come back next year when they return to our area again. **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** brought their 11 year old twins, **Jake** and **Eddie**. They are delightful young boys and we were all very anxious to meet them after we had heard so much about them. They were very excited to be able to explore the museum after lunch without their parents! **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** brought dear friends, **Mike & Elaine Austin**, who are full-time RVers. Mike is a private pilot so he really enjoyed talking with all the pilots in our group. They were anxious to see the museum also since they had never been to it.

Bob welcomed **Park & Billie Learned** back to our group. **Park** has been ill, so we were all very excited that he was well enough to come to this meeting. We have missed them!



**Tommy & Sande Zander**, who live in New Orleans, sent an email to Bob regarding the merger meeting held in Chicago between people from both airlines. We are looking forward to what the decision will be on the pass policy. The Zanders spend every summer in Pensacola, FL at their condo in Perdido Key and plan to join our group while here. We can hardly wait to meet them. A discussion followed regarding flying now with the changes. **Bill & Ann Delavan** are going to CA soon and will fly Continental. They will give us a report next month. **Billie Learned** flew Continental in Dec. from Pensacola to Orlando using the ZED fare and said it was very easy to arrange. **Barbara Serra**, sister of **Harold Stofko**, used a Buddy Pass to fly to D.C. recently for a friend's funeral and said it went well. We hope the new Pass Policy will be good for UAL retirees!

Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** read the minutes and also an email from **Diane Hutto** in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. **Diane** had a very bad broken leg in Dec. and is still in a wheelchair. Recovery will take approximately 6 months. We all signed a card to send to her and hope she will be able to join our group when she is better. Treasurer **Barbara Serra** gave the financial report. Raffle tickets were sold and **Harold Stofko** won. In his very generous way, he donated his winnings back to our Chapter. Thank you Harold!

Bob told our group about a program for our Service Men and Women. It is called "Adopt A Hero". You can receive a name from any branch of service you like and then send them cards and packages.

Several members said they would be gone for next month's meeting so we will meet one week later on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

At this point, everyone who had brought some of their United memorabilia explained their items. It was very interesting. We hope to continue doing this each month.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM and as always, several members stayed to visit the museum.

#### Calendar:

**March 29** – 11:30 AM – Cubi Bar Café's West Pac Room in the Pensacola National Air Museum. (**Please note change of date for this meeting only**). We meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at this location.

### ARIZONA

#### PHOENIX AZURES

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March is turning out to be a more typical winter month in Arizona with lots of sunny but cool days. We had our February 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Dillon's restaurant. We expected only 35 people but when 43 showed up, we overflowed our meeting room and had to upgrade 8 people to the first class eating area. It was a great showing for our monthly meeting. Visitors include **Bruce & Jackie Roush's** daughter **Sally**, **Jean Kerman's** friend **Tom** and **Tim Everhart's** brother **Bob**. It was great to see **Joan Sheffield** out and about. She is feeling much better.

**Evie Callahan** is still having problems with her blood counts. She continues to have weekly transfusions and it is very hard on her. Please keep her in your prayers.

It is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of our dear friend **Geri Hostetter**. Geri became ill on December 20<sup>th</sup> and was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that had metastasized to her brain. She passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It has been very hard on **Eldon** and his family. Eldon will be in Iowa with his family for a few weeks, returning to Sun City in March. There are no plans for a memorial service. Anyone wishing to make a contribution in Geri's name may do so to: The Salvation Army Sun Cities, Attn. Kathy Kirschbaum, P. O. Box 1161, Sun City AZ 85372. Any bequeaths should be noted as a memorial to **Geri Hostetter**. Cards may be sent to Eldon at his home address, 17285 N. Del Web Blvd., Sun City AZ, 85373.

**March 17, 2011** is the date for the All Arizona RUEA luncheon in Casa Grand. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in City Center, Casa Grand at 11:00AM.

Any UA or CO retiree whether you are pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, are welcome 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.

Calendar:

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

**March 29**

**April 12**

**Apr 26**

**May 10**

**May 24**

**April 9** – Luncheon, 11:00AM at BJ's Restaurant – Northern Avenue and the 101.



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Spring has arrived! The desert landscape is blooming and the weather is sunny and warm. It's nice to be in Arizona this time of the year. We would love to have any visitors join any of our activities. Make plans to join us and check our friendly and fun group! We are open to any one who has worked for United Airlines at any time, and is of retirement age (55). 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 by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

Our February Luncheon was held at Rosati's in Chandler. We had 41 people there all enjoying the food from the Italian menu and visiting with each other. We had two guests of **Donna Pedone**; her sister **Christal Pascoe Silta** and her niece, **Sharlet Silta**. Other guests were **Marti Murphy** and **Doris Goveis**. Thanks for coming. Come again soon! Thanks to the Pedones who organized this luncheon.

The present officers were re-elected. They are: President, **Jim Brigante**; Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**; Secretary, **Liz Tollefsen**, and Treasurer, **Rita Zarek**.

**Jim Brigante** announced at the meeting that Continental and US Airways have both joined Alliant Credit Union. A special Re-United's evening out dinner and show at Barleen's Arizona Opry has been planned for Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, with dinner starting at 6:30PM. Reservations were to be made by March 17<sup>th</sup> to **Jim Brigante**. It should be a fun evening. Jim encouraged anyone to sponsor some activity over the summer. **Peg Snowdall** reminded everyone to collect items for the Fantasy Flight such as blankets, socks, gloves, bears, etc. Also, both paper back and hard cover books are needed for a book sale at the airport to benefit the children. We expect the book sale to be sometime in October.

We were sorry to hear **Geri Hostetter** died on February 15 due to Lung Cancer. Our condolences to her husband, **Eldon**, and family. Geri was a member of Re-United's as well as the Azures.

Our February 25<sup>th</sup> Breakfast had 27 people attending. **Jim Brigante** mentioned several activities coming up in March. The All-Arizona Luncheon is on March 17, our Breakfast on March 25 and the Barleen's Dinner Show on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2011 RUAEA Official Ballot is now available from the RUAEA website. It is also in the March RUAEA Newsletter near the back of the newsletter. Our Arizona Region Director, **Michael Richards**, is on the ballot. Ballots must be received by the Audit Committee by April 30, 2011!

It was reported that **Arnie & Betty Schaetzke** have moved to Seattle, Washington. Our Re-United group has 41 people so far that will be attending the All-Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande, AZ. If anyone is interested in attending the Cubs/White Sox Spring training game on March 24<sup>th</sup>, please contact **Ron Paluch** for tickets.

We were notified by Larry Page, from the Alliant Credit Union that Alliant now has a branch office located at the US Airways HQ building at 111 Rio Salado in Tempe and that 10 parking spaces owned by Monte's Restaurant will be for the exclusive use of our members. The 10 spaces are right next to the entrance to the branch. For those living in the PHX area, there is now a live office you can go to and there is now ample parking. This should be very helpful for those wanting to conduct business at the Alliant Credit Union here in Arizona.

Reminder of the RUAEA Convention in Portland on May 22 – 29, 2011. All retirees of United and Continental are invited. Be sure and check in the back of the February issue of the RUAEA Newsletter for information to register for the convention and tours. You can also find information on the home page of the

RUAEA website, [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). The Convention is being held at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. Registration deadline is April 29, 2011. This should be a great convention. We hope many will attend.

Our Re-United's annual dues are \$5.00 each. This money should be given to **Rita Zarek**, our treasurer. You can mail the dues to Rita at 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. RUAEA membership dues are \$25.00 for one year. This can be mailed to Retired United Airlines Employees Association, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 89207. Be sure and include your file number in all correspondence. They put out a wonderful newsletter. It helps keep us informed on what is happening with United Airlines and Continental Airlines.

Don't forget our annual picnic on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Crescent Run Adult Community building in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. More information will be forth coming via e-mail.

Birthdays in April are: **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Ron Paluch** (4/1), **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), **Chuck Strohmaier** (4/16), and **Orland Baldwin** (4/20). Happy Birthday to all! Wedding Anniversaries are: **Oscar & Olga Aguilar** (4/7), **Don & Jan Eiken** (4/20), and **Steve & Judy Stricker** (4/23). Have a wonderful anniversary!

#### Calendar:

**April 7** – Picnic hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** at Crescent Run in Mesa

**April 22** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue), starting at 9:00AM. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by April 20, if you are planning on attending. Her number is (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**May 27** – Breakfast at Crackers

**June 24** – Breakfast at Crackers

**July 22** – Breakfast at Crackers

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter.

Our February luncheon meeting at the Lone Spur Café was attended by 13 members. As we had no official business to discuss nor news from our members, we had plenty of time for friendly sociable chatter and banter which we are pretty good at!

Another big snowfall to the tune of 12 inches graced our fair town, but posed no problems for our chapter get-together. As the old saying goes, "here today, gone tomorrow" speaks for our snowfalls which are generally short lived and as per our weather channel, the usual prediction is "plentiful sunshine."

Our next luncheon meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lone Spur Cafe which is a real rootin' tootin' western motif restaurant, directly across the street from our historic town square and our equally historic Whiskey Row, where you will see some real (?) cowboys.

Hope to see you all in April.

#### Calendar:

**April 19** - Luncheon at the Lone Spur - 11:00 am - see you there!



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After going through some unseasonably warm weather this year, we finally received some of the white stuff. The snow birds are well aware of this kind of winter which is why they come here so as to get away from the cold and snow. It's quite a sight just to see the snow on all of the cacti and roof tops. It's been a few years since we last witnessed this kind of winter weather. And the timing was not too good either as the weather interfered



with the PGA Accenture golf tournament and the Rodeo that always takes place in late February. Hopefully, March will get us back to our normal warm weather.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 31 Roadrunners met and had lunch at “My Big Fat Greek Restaurant” near the Foothills Mall. **Clyde & Henny Satterfield** hosted the event which proved to be a very satisfying luncheon. We also welcomed a new member to our chapter, **Lea Klopff**. Lea worked as a flight attendant at LAXCS before retiring to Green Valley, AZ. We are all glad to have you aboard “LEA” and hope to see you at many more luncheons in the future.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Shirley Robertson** and **Jim Rudolph**; Ron Robertson talked about the merger, keeping us updated on the latest happenings.

**Lu & Hank Dykhuis** will be well on their way to the Hawaiian Islands and then on to the South Pacific Islands by the time this chapter report is published. It will be a 30 day round trip from San Diego. Wow! No cooking or house work for a whole month. Have fun guys!

March 17<sup>th</sup> will be the all Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn at Casa Grande. We hope to see a lot of our friends there on St. Patrick’s Day. Keep in mind the national RUAEA convention to be held in Portland, Oregon this year, the week before Memorial Day.

#### Calendar:

**March 17** – All Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande

**April 21** – Meeting at the home of **Gail & Jim Rudolph** in Saddlebrook

**May** – RUAEA National Convention in Portland, Oregon

### CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter met at the Chumash Casino on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> for their delicious lunch and great service. There were 20 of us attending. President **Marcia Stanger** opened the meeting by greeting everyone. **Esther & Bob Bartlett** were the hosts and provided very nice table treats with the Valentine theme. **Bob Wagner** read a letter of thanks from the Toys for Tots regarding our donation and support for their organization at their Christmas drive. Bob showed us a tee-shirt from the Toys for Tots with their logo on the front and all the contributors’ names on the back. The Central Coasters were one of them. They gave out approximately 4800 toys to over 2200 children. This is a monumental job done by volunteers and **Bob Wagner** is a very big part of it.

I shared the results of the pass survey that was posted online. The main result of the survey was the overall satisfaction for the current travel program. The result of 69,000 participants was 79% satisfied and 21% dissatisfied.

It was good to have **Isabelle Stanger** with us again. **Bob** said she will be celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday very soon. **Marcia Stanger** is getting along very well after her knee surgery. She can’t wait to start playing golf again.

It looks like **John & Barbara Stilwell** and **Bob & Marcia Stanger** will be attending the Convention in PDX. Several of us are still thinking about going. **Bob Wagner** reminded us that at the 1995 Convention in PDX, he and **Bill & Dana Noyes** discussed the fact that there was no Chapter between SFO and LAX. After a lot of research, the Central Coasters chapter was formed. I learned several months ago that **Betty Rupp**’s husband **Paul** was hired on at Capital in 1945 at DCA. While searching the internet, I found a picture taken at ATL from 1956 with a DC4 and Viscount parked on the ramp. Those Capital colors brought back memories and I showed it to Betty. She can still remember her husband working on those types of planes and it was good reminiscing with her about the good-old-days.

Treasurer **Dana Noyes** made copies of our roster for this year. She does a great job keeping us up to date on changes plus keeping us financially sound.

On another website, I found an order form to buy Anniversary pins. It still bothers me that when I reached my 30<sup>th</sup> year, management decided to do away with that year’s pin and created the retirement pin instead. Now

if I wanted to order a 30<sup>th</sup> pin, it would cost \$28.50. A retirement pin costs \$52.70. I still think the 30<sup>th</sup> year pin looks better.

Calendar:

**April 13** - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer**

**June 15** - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

**August 17** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**October 19** - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

**December 14** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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The Brazen Raisins' March meeting was hosted by **Dick & Hazel Hayes**; Hazel decorated the tables beautifully in a St. Patrick's Day theme with "pots o' gold", green hats, shamrocks and green beads. President **Dick Hayes** opened the meeting wearing his "lucky" green hat with a welcoming "Irish" brogue.

President Hayes again reminded us of the RUAEA Convention in Portland in May and reported that 70,000 retirees had taken the UAL Pass Survey.

We were surprised and pleased when **Susan Long**, our youngest member, showed up and announced that she had triple bypass heart surgery 2½ weeks earlier, she looked "fit as a fiddle".

**Jim & Virginia Van Patten** appeared again, and, this time, renewed their membership and paid dues. We hope they will continue attending meetings.

Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** is out of the hospital and back home again, recuperating from her recent fall. **Don Nessling** was asked his age, 89. Wow! In addition, his seniority date was 1941.

Jokes were provided by the two Dicks – Hayes and Shryock, an Irish quiz was conducted by Dick and Hazel - **Elida Rivas** won a green shamrock necklace.

**DESERT SUNBIRDS**

Palm Springs Area

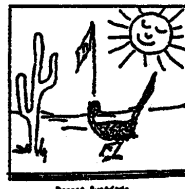
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The Desert Sunbirds' February Luncheon, hosted by **Mary Frank** and **Maureen Williams**, was held at the Mission Lakes Country Club in Desert Hot Springs. There were 32 members and guests in attendance.

Guests included **Richard** (ORDMM - Retired) & **Denise Wood**, guests of **Fred Kellerhals**. At my table, I met **Siv Adams**, a Clipped Wings member, whose guest was **Sheila O'Brien**, a retired PAA Flight Attendant. Delightful company!

I'm pleased to report that those members who made our "sick" list last month are doing fine. **Betty Rodgers**, after her trip to the ER, and the diagnosis of atrial fibrillation, says she is "better than ever". **Jim & Liz Clapper** are also on the mend, recovering from pneumonia (**Jim**), and flu (**Liz**). All three attended the luncheon.

**Barb Azbill** reported to the group briefly on her trip to ... Egypt. She arrived there about the same time as the "uprising". She did get to see some of the sights - Pyramids, the Sphinx (what's the plural of Sphinx ... Sphinxes?), and the catacombs of Alexandria. Her 4-day cruise on the Nile was cancelled, as was her continuing trip to Italy. Barb said that the Police were "everywhere", and some of the demonstrations and clashes with the Police were "uncomfortably close". She flew home on Qatar - full fare.

**Maureen Williams** invited a guest speaker to the luncheon: Rick Daniels, the City Manager of Desert Hot Springs, who spoke briefly of his job and main priority for the city - Public Safety.

The birthday lunch winner was **Gay Traber**. **Sandy Sereno** won the 50-50. Maureen and Mary also had 7 “door prizes”, which they put together themselves. Those were won by **Betty Rodgers, Dee Whately, Richard Wood, John Schultz, Chuck Lamas, Al Pennington, and Melinda Lerg.**

*The World According to Student Bloopers:*

- ☺ *The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.*
- ☺ *The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, once asked, “Am I my brother's son?” God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.*

Calendar:

**April 13** – Meeting, hosted by **Maureen & John Schultz**

**SACRAMENTO  
GOLD  
DIGGERS**



**SACRAMENTO  
GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on February 23 at Max's Restaurant in Auburn. This was our yearly Past Presidents Luncheon. This event was hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**. **Ken Norton**, our Past President opened the meeting. He introduced several of our Past Presidents in attendance: 2010 – **Ken Norton**, 2009 – **Francis Domaratius**, 2008 - **Bob Fulkerson**, 2006-2007 – **Harold & Colleen Esola**, 2004 – **Ron Bertacini**, 2002 – **Ken Norton**, 2000 – **Ron King**, 1995 – **Jim Meeks**.

Ken also read a letter from **Bob Reed** who was President in 1999; **Bob Hallden** who was President in 1994; and **Jim Wayne** who was President in 1996.

The Nortons will be taking a trip to Norway on September 7<sup>th</sup>. If anyone else is interested, let him know.

We had 53 Gold Diggers and no guests. Chapter President **Charles Szekretar** welcomed those attending and thanked the Nortons for hosting.

*Officer's Reports:*

VP **Orville Harshbarger** said we still have openings for September and October for hosting a luncheon.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for February: Those 50 years and over: **Glenn & Alice McPeak** (61 years); **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (56 years) and **Dick & Velma Carrol** (53 years); **Bob Eggert** led us in the Celebration Song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance. Also she reminded us again that our dues are due now, \$10.00/year.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** said most of us are healthy. She noticed that **Irv Wolfram** is back and **Jean Rushton** is doing well.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said she wanted everyone to look at the pictures and albums that were brought today. She spent many hours taking pictures and putting the albums together. **Velma Stough** also brought a very old album with many pictures of our long-ago friends.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** reminded us that dues are due by the end of March or you won't be in our 2011 directory.

Northern California & Nevada Director **John Zoboli** talked on many subjects. He talked a little about our pass travel survey; 2011 convention in Portland, OR and reminded us that we don't have to belong to RUAEA to go to convention, just be over 55; Members of all retiree groups will be invited to the convention; talked about the tours and the pre-tour and post-tours on Holland America through the inland passage; he attended RUAEA Board Meeting in Portland, OR on February 1-3 and saw the hotel and facilities; also reminded us of the picnic at Sand Harbor on August 8<sup>th</sup> in Lake Tahoe; beware of rumors going around about the merger.



RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** talked about the much advertised February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting representing RUPA, ARECA, Golden Eagles, Clipped Wings, Golden Penguins, RAFA plus **Hank Gosselin, Ed Tolle** and, of course, **Ron**. It was a very positive meeting. Getting these groups together is a way of improving communications to the retiree community. He talked about pass travel. Don't know the final decision yet. The merger process is moving along and the company appears to be on target to have the single operating certificate by year end. It was proposed that there will be future meetings to see how the company can assist the retirees as the new company moves forward and in some cases how the retirees can assist the company.

Calendar:

**March 30** - Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak**

**April 27** - China Buffet, Citrus Heights, hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

**May 25** - No meeting because of Convention

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The March meeting was called to order by President **John Somplack**. It was held at the Casa Ramos restaurant in Placerville, hosted by **Bernice & Paul Ambrose**.

Treasurer's report – we have money (I couldn't hear the dollar amount in our treasury).

V.P. – nothing to report.

Secretary – Sending the monthly newsletter by email seems to be popular with the membership. Only a few people have requested USPS mail. Anyone having difficulty opening attachments should contact me and I will use a different format or send by "snail" mail.

Anyone looking for a location to host a luncheon could try the Placerville Brewery. They are normally closed on Tuesdays but I spoke with the owners (Steve & Niki) and they would be willing to open for a private group of our size. I have eaten there many times and the food is always very good.

Sunshine – Marge sent a card to **Irv Wolfram**.

Guests/New Member – **P. Perez**.

Anyone wanting a name badge, please see **Ann Czapkay**.

No anniversaries in March. However, an oversight was brought to my attention. June 26<sup>th</sup> of last year, **Dan & Peggy Bonettii** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> (half a century) anniversary. Congratulations!

**John Zoboli** talked on recent RUAEA items.

The 2011 RUAEA convention will be held in Portland, OR on May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Info is available on the RUAEA website. John has stayed at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront hotel and reports that it is very nice and located in downtown Portland.

The Sand Harbor picnic is set for August 8<sup>th</sup>. See John for details and sign-up sheets.

**Ron Bertacini** also spoke on some pertinent RUAEA items. He attended a meeting at "Old EXO" which was attended by several UA & CO retiree groups, UA Human Resources and Employee Relations. He reported that the pass travel has not been decided yet. However, it will be neither the UA plan nor the CO plan. It should be announced in the next few weeks.

Thanks to **Bernice & Paul Ambrose** for hosting this month's luncheon. Also, thanks to all who brought items for our raffle: **Joe & Linda Lima; Ann & Dick Czapkay; Ron Bertacini; Marge & Jack Raynor; Cynthia Blazius; Mary Buschman; Mr. Stuchell; Fitzpatrick; Stroud; Tom & Suzanne Kenny** and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram**.

Calendar:

**April 5** - Luncheon at the Red Hawk Casino hosted by the **D'Amicos** and the **Stuchells**.



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### **RETIREES**

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Our Valentine Day luncheon was held on February 10, with 46 members and 2 guests attending. It turned out to be a beautiful clear day at the Quail Inn at Oakmont. The view of the golf course was very special.

President **Joanne Huhn** opened the meeting by thanking the Quail Inn for a wonderful buffet. They always do a great job and make everything look so festive. The food is very good too. Joanne thanked our hostesses **Maddy McKinnis** and **Mary Hill**, who had a lot of help from **Charlie Anderson**, **Ron Huhn**, **Oscar Chambers** and **Nick Van Kruining**.

Vice President **Barney Hagen**, part of the “*walking wounded*”, announced our guests. Barney had a mishap; he cut a tendon in his thumb and is sporting a very large cast. Barney says it is just a little cumbersome. Our guests this day were **Amanda Donohoe**, guest of **Wayne & Zepha O’Kelly** and **Fred McCauley**, guest of **Lou & Sheila Legnetto**.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** gave us our financial report. It is looking pretty good this month.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced birthdays for the month of February. They were **Larry Wilson**, **Don Davis**, **Andy Citara**, **Ron Huhn**, **Norm Burnett**, **Madalynn Schmidt**, **Tim Staples** and **Diana Quinn**. The winner of the Birthday Lunch was **Norm Burnett**. We had two anniversaries this month: **Lou & Sheila Legnetto** are married 37 years and **Brandon & Pat Maus** are married 54 years. We sang congratulations to all.

**Verda** sent a card to **Patrick Cadden** who had been down with a bout of pneumonia. Patrick was with us at lunch, feeling much better. He was back to his old self again, which was good to see. Good news, **Sherry Quock**, who frequently joins her mom, **Diana Quinn** at our luncheons has had a little girl. She has two little boys, so there were a lot of “ah’s”.

**Verda** also announced that she has reserved our spot in beautiful Armstrong Woods for our August picnic. The picnic area is so beautiful; hopefully, everyone will attend this year. **Verda** advised us the cost is the same as last year’s; however, the entrance fee has increased to \$8.00. The first 10 cars are still free. It is really best to car pool, if possible.

**George & Lois Schwind** just returned from a trip to Maui. That warm tropical climate sounds good right about now. They were flying Alaska Airlines and during the flight, the flight attendant asked Lois how long they had been married. Lois said “61 years.” The flight attendant presented her with a beautiful fresh orchid lei because they were married the longest on the flight. So nice of Alaska Airlines!

Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** attended the RUAEA meeting held in PDX, where the 2011 Convention will be held. There was a lot of talk about the survey. There will be a big meeting at World HDQ later this month with many groups attending. We should be hearing something very soon. Roger also commented on the upcoming convention. Hopefully, there will be a much larger turnout than the last few conventions that lost money.

Joanne advised that we have many “Thank You” letters from our Christmas Charity donations. All the organizations were very appreciative. The letters are available for everyone to see.

We still need hosts for September and October. Please contact **Barney Hagen** if you can volunteer.

Our raffle was fun with many bottles of wine, boxes of chocolate and very pretty “mums”.

#### Calendar:

**April 14** - Quail Inn, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**

**May 12** - Rancho Nicasio, hosted by **Joan Sheahan** and **Ann Sullivan**

## **Re-LAX-ers**

Los Angeles

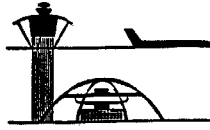
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Thanks for all the cards, emails and calls – I’m downright overwhelmed! I am finally perking up - doing condo biz by phone, taking 30+ minute walks per day (with caregiver and O<sub>2</sub> tank), down to 6 hour vs. 24 hour caregivers. Under orders from docs, friends, relatives and the mailman - taking it easier. – so I retired from my 25 year USO career and am on an open dated leave from a simple, fun volunteer job here. I would be bored except for the huge pile of donated mystery novels that should keep me reading for a year.

Some of you will remember **Jim** (retired pilot) & **Nan Day** from either working with him or enjoying their company on a number of our ReLAXers trips. I received a note from Nan about the passing of Jim. He died of leukemia on February 2 at age 91. They had moved in Nov. '10 to a new senior facility in Northridge, then Jim had to be moved to an assisted living facility. She tells that a caregiver called her at about midnight of the date of their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary to tell her that he had “gone to sleep”. *At that moment*, an airplane flew overhead! I know Nan will be pleased to hear from old friends at her new address at 9222 Corbin Ave., #239, Northridge, CA 91324 / (818) 701-1864.

Last week, I was visited by a retiree from the other Leisure World - now called “Laguna Woods”, **Mike Farkus**. I have been getting parking tags for Mike and exchanging calls or emails, but had not met him – he’s retired from LAXEG. He decided he wanted to see what this L.W. looks like (we’re smaller) and to says thanks for doing the parking tag deal for years. He arrived (with a nice bouquet of red tulips - thanks!) at the time my caregiver and I go for the walk. We walked about 40” and he gave me a run-down on the fascinating career he had with UAL. It’s too lengthy to write here so I have asked him for a career history for future issues.

I received an email on February 23 about the passing of **Ruby Cordes**, widow of retired flight Engr. **Howard Cordes**. There is no information that I could find as to the exact date of her death. Fortunately, our ReLAXers records have kept her mailing address, which I hope is current for sending condolences to the Cordes family: 9161 Joyzelle Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92841.

Sadly, another death of a ReLAXers member, **Isabelle Gilchrist**, who passed away on March 1 at age 67 after a long battle with cancer. Cards or notes may be sent to: The family of Isabelle Gilchrist, 13141 Tripoli Av., Sylmar, CA 91342.

I don’t see in going through past issues that we mention **Beverly McAlister**'s surgery last fall for a herniated disc. The surgery and recovery were bad enough, but the orders to not drive for two months must have been the hardest to take! Hopefully, she has fully recovered. The latest address I have for her is 5224 Verdun Av., LA, CA 90043 / (310) 294-8140 / [BeverlyMcAlister@msn.com](mailto:BeverlyMcAlister@msn.com) - in case you want to check up on her to make sure she’s driving carefully!

That’s the best I can do this month - thanks again, everyone for the many cards, emails and phone calls - I really appreciate everyone’s concern.

## **Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of February, April, June?, August, October, December. All at the Proud Bird, as far as we know now:

**April 7** –Luncheon, Proud Bird

**June 2** – Luncheon (may change due to Convention dates)

**May 22 - 29** - Convention in PDX





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We opened our March meeting with another good turnout. I was unable to attend so I turned the news gathering over to **Debbie Taylor** and **Betty Tomaino**. As you will discover, there are a few things happening.

**Grek Krok** is going into the hospital for an aortic valve replacement on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. I just talked to him on the phone and he is getting ready to go to the hospital and looking forward to having it over with. Our prayers are with Greg.

**Helen & Bob Grissom**'s son, David, joined our group for breakfast. It is always fun to see members with their families. **John Cunningham** is having surgery on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, we hope for a successful surgery and speedy recovery. He and **Sandy** are up in Carmel at their timeshare preparing for the big day.

The Spring Fling Luncheon is set for the 13<sup>th</sup> of April at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will be having a 50/50 Raffle and some door prizes. It should be fun for all who attend. Please RSVP, it is a must if you plan to attend. The restaurant can only accommodate forty persons, so get your payment in so you will be included. Space is limited. The price of the luncheon is \$13.00, checks to be mailed to **Debbie Taylor**, 9674 Quailcreek Lane, Spring Valley, CA 91977-2858. All checks are to be made out to RESANS. My address is above and you may send payment to me also. Invitations will be out in the mail shortly.

We will also be collecting the dues for next year. You may include the \$7.00 in with the price of luncheon or you may pay at the door.

Big thanks to Debbie and Betty for helping me out this month with the newsletter. I missed seeing everyone. It's tough being a retired working girl.

### **Calendar:**

**April 7** - Monthly breakfast at 10:00AM, Pt. Loma Café.

**April 13** - Spring Fling luncheon at 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Our San Francisco Bay Area weather is still crazy, sunny and hot one day, then windy and rainy the next. But we are finding a little encouragement with the knowledge that **Spring** is finally just around the corner and will be making a grand entrance on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. My daffodils have already been blooming for the past few weeks ... a little eager perhaps but they do make a pretty showing in my front and back yards. I guess I shouldn't get too cocky: April Fools Day lies in wait just 12 days later!

Our chapter will be belatedly celebrating the Chinese New Year with a catered Chinese luncheon to follow our March 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. The entertainer for the afternoon will be **John Siracusa** who will present us with a "*Tribute To The Classics*". (And "yes", after this, we go back to bringing our own sandwiches for lunch.)

Among our current and notable birthday celebrants was **Milt Cavalli**, tightly holding onto 98 years of a wonderful life. And how fortunate he is to have his sweet wife, **Marie**, always beside him. Congratulations, Dear Milt. Two additional recent celebrants are **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** with a much to be admired 63 years of marriage. Double congrats to you both!

We've lost another dear member, **Joe Fabiny**, at the age of 91, who left this mortal sphere on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Born in Rock Springs, Wyoming, **Joe** served in the US Army in France during WWII. He then began a 34 year career as an airline mechanic with UA, finally transferring to SFO. His California address was: 21 Powell Street, San Mateo, CA 94401. He leaves behind his son **Joe**, daughter-in-law **Patricia** and 2 grandchildren. Our sympathies to the family.

Former Board member **Mildred Reed** is now settling down in Fremont, CA to be near her daughter and grandchildren. To send a card to this lovely lady: Aegis Living, Room 223, 3850 Walnut Avenue, Fremont, CA 94538. To telephone: (650) 766-5214.

For those of you who cannot locate your name in the soon to come out 2011 Membership Listing, do you think perhaps it is because you haven't paid your dues? "Don't blame the messenger!"

With the annual RUAEA Convention coming up in Portland, Oregon on May 22 - 29, it was time to send in my Convention reservation, and also, reserve my bed at the Portland Marriott Downtown Hotel. I remember a few Conventions ago, some of our attendees had to stay at another (nearby) hotel due to the overflow of UAL retirees and an "underflow" of rooms set aside for us. Do make your reservations now! Actually, for us Californians, Portland, Oregon is certainly a closer Convention location for us, health and finances permitting.

Thanks to the latest information from Mainliner Club Representative **Jerome Underhill**, there is a March 18-20 Reno Bus Trip available, just one week before our next General Meeting. If you feel lucky and can call **Bob Chavez** at (650) 634-4158 ASAP, you just might be able to get a seat on this fun-filled trip. Also coming up is "A Day At The Races" on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Golden Gate Fields. Pricing includes admission, private tables, valet parking, and a very nice buffet lunch. Telephone the **Mainliner** Club Office, (650) 634-4158 or **Bob**, (650) 799-7577 between 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Three absolutely fabulous adventures are what Local/International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is presently offering:

- 1) In just 6 months, September 9-20, 2011, you are invited to attend her "Norway Coastal Voyage". This will be on a beautiful still-working mail ship making stops at 34 ports along the Norwegian coastline. The ship is a vital link between cities, towns and hamlets, carrying regular passengers, vacationers and freight. The scenery is guaranteed to be spectacular: fjords, glaciers wildlife, and with hopes of seeing the famous Northern Lights!
- 2) Long talked about and now available (thank you **Ginger**!) is a Chicago-to-Los Angeles luxury motor coach trip along the well known "Route 66". This will be a 13-day tour, October 1-13 with 12 full breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Get a look at this lineup: Orientation tour of Chicago, Springfield (President Lincoln's tomb), Meranec Caverns, Branson (2 nights), Tulsa, Clinton, Albuquerque ((International Hot Air Balloon Festival), Sky City (Acoma Pueblo), Petrified Forest National Park, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon National Park, Las Vegas and Los Angeles.
- 3) And still another deluxe motor coach is prepared to take you on a "Sunrise to Sunset California Coastal Journey" from May 9-12, 2011, i.e. 3 nights and 4 full days. You will be visiting Monterey for whale watching and a "behind the scenes" look at the Monterey Aquarium, San Simeon/Hearst Castle, a stop to view elephant seals, Morrow Bay, the Danish town of Solvang, Chumash Casino, ride on a land- and-sea amphibious vehicle, Santa Barbara, and the Coast Starlight train from Santa Barbara to San Jose. (Most of the meals along the way are covered.) For either or all of these tours, telephone **Ginger** as soon as possible 650-224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Do you know that you can get a **free** Credit Report if you have a Credit Union account?

**Personally Speaking:** Being widowed and not being the UAL employee, thus ineligible for interline privileges, ZED fares and companion passes, I have just become aware of the UA **20 per cent travel discount**, positive space that I am eligible for. I didn't want to risk flying "Standby" in May trying to get to the Portland RUAEA Convention amidst revenue passengers. A regular ticket, round trip, SFO to PDX, would have been \$328. This way, with taxes included, I will be paying \$288.60.

If you're interested: Go into Skynet ([Skynet.ual.com](http://Skynet.ual.com)) to pull down information about the "Discount 20 Program". This brings you to the "Flying Together" page. Top right corner, click onto "Skynet" again. Still on the right side under "Travel", click onto "Employer Discount 20". You will now see the "Discount 20 Program" page which you may print out for further instructions. I opted **not** to get my ticket and discount online but rather to telephone United Reservations: 1-800-825-5478. They were very patient and took me the rest of the way. Also, you will have to give them your PIN, which I couldn't find or remember. So I telephoned 1-847-700-5800 and asked for a "pin reset" number. Easily done) and I printed out my E-ticket as it arrived via my email address. (Incidentally, I previously checked out pricing by several other airlines. UA came out cheaper by \$1.00 and ... "first and second bag fees are waived"!

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting, promptly at 11:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (not in September or December or if a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on a holiday). William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

### SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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Our South Bay chapter enjoyed a wonderful Valentine themed breakfast thanks to the following: **Dave & Joanne Saso** for candies and the lovely decorations that adorned the room, sweets and cupcake treats by **Marion Gaevert**, candy treats from **Ben & Cheri Scales**, and **Jean & Jack Jenkins**. Our President **Alex Klaus** presented each of the ladies with a red carnation. It was a very special morning.

**Jean & Lou Marcolina** donated some red, white and blue tablecloths that we look forward to using at our annual Flag Day picnic in June at Lake Vasona Park. This is always a great event hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**. Friends and family are encouraged to attend.

We welcomed new members: **Vernon & Marie Snyder** and also **Roger Casterline** to our meeting. Roger brings us updates on the latest United/RUAEA news.

Laughter is great medicine and one of the thoughts for the month is *“If you laugh a lot, when you get older, your wrinkles will be in the right places”*.

We meet **every** Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast and a short meeting at Holders’ Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home Depot on De Anza Blvd. Please come join us.

#### Calendar:

**April 13** - Spring Lunch at ARYA Restaurant with a raffle and entertainment by the Bay Area Showcase Chorus, hosted by **Marion Gaevert**

**June 14** - Summer picnic at Lake Vasona, hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**

### SAN JOAQUINERS

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SAN JOAQUINERS

The San Joaquiners Chapter met on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> for their first luncheon meeting of 2011. The luncheon was held at the Pizza Factory in Valley Springs, hosted by **Don & Dixie Powlesland** and there were 35 people in attendance.

Jack and I were not at the meeting as we were travelling in the southwest with our RV group in search of warmer weather. Since I was not at the meeting, I really don’t have much input for the Newsletter but I just want to let you all know our Chapter is alive and well.

**Don Nesja** held his first meeting as President of the Chapter and I heard he did a great job. Don opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then lunch was served. After the raffle was held, he said he would be back next month! That’s great! We will be meeting at Thomi’s Restaurant in Jackson.

Our Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of every month in various locations. Please join us. If you have any questions, please call our President **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672.



East Bay Diablos

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Our February meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> with 28 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to **Emma Lou Olson** for the Valentine's Day candy.

**Roger Casterline**, Regional Director/Western Division attended to give us a recap of the recent Board of Directors' meeting, the travel survey and information on the PDX convention. We have invited CO retirees as well as other retiree groups such as RUPA and Clipped Wings. Roger's guest was **Brandon Maus** of the Redwood Empire chapter of RUAEA.

**Gus & Sonia Mahler** paid us a surprise visit from Southern California. It was so good to see them again.

**Howard** mentioned that we have lost three of our members since the last meeting, **Warren Bartlett**, **Adeline Lee** and **Manny Kessler**.

A lively discussion was held regarding the possibility of moving our meetings/luncheon to another location in the interests of lowering the cost of lunch. We have been advised of an increase at our current location. We will discuss this in more detail at our March meeting.

**Barbara Cunningham** won the 50/50 and **Judy Tiu** won the Marie Callender's pie.

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

### Calendar:

**April 11**

**May 9**

**June 13** - Annual Picnic

## CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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Rain, snow, and sleet have hit the Northern California area with vengeance! Paradise, California has had the most snow in 20 years! Our January meeting was postponed to February 4<sup>th</sup> and what a delightful buffet luncheon/meeting we had. The Holiday Inn in Redding is truly one of the favorite places to go as we had 33 retirees enjoy the great meal. President **Merritt Odor** introduced RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** and his lovely wife **Barbara**.

**Merritt** asked for any birthdays or anniversaries. **Sharon Simonton**, **Billie Jorgensen**, **Merritt Odor** and **John Delany** were our January birthdays. **Kay Neidlinger** was our February birthday and **Katie & John Innocenti** celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Merritt** read a letter from the Fight 93 Chapel thanking us for our donation. So far, the memorial has received \$11,000 in donations. Our group was very happy to donate to this wonderful cause.

It was great to have Ron at the meeting to give us some insight on the pass travel survey and other interesting news about the merger. He is continuing to have discussions with the new Human Resource person concerning RUAEA's issues. He advised us there is no longer a Travel Advisory Committee.

The Employee Relief fund will now include all retirees from Continental and United.

Ron spoke about the convention in Portland, he commented that the Marriott Hotel is beautiful and Portland members are setting up many tours and interesting places to see.

Our member profile this month is **Charlotte Puryear** ~ Charlotte's first job was at Mare Island Supply Dept. in California as a typist clerk in October of 1941. Her husband went to work for United Airlines at the

San Francisco Maintenance Base. Due to advice from her doctor not to commute, Charlotte moved to San Francisco to be with her husband. She then went to work at Hammond Aircraft in a defense job and then worked at other jobs with Western Pipe, Standard Oil and Union Oil. Her husband came home from Air Transport Command and Charlotte quit working until Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1949 when she joined the United family. She started at SFOGA, located at the Maintenance Base, where she worked until she retired Feb 1, 1983. She worked as a file clerk, accounting clerk, accountant, and then became a timekeeper in payroll. She also helped cover the cashier cage.

Since retirement, Charlotte moved to Paradise and now enjoys the people at Feather Canyon Retirement Home. She just celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and is still doing lots of accounting work for family and friends. "Anyone needs help, call Charlotte".

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **Don Arndt** and the winner of the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate was **Charlotte Puryear**. The next meeting/luncheon will be held on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> in Red Bluff. Please RSVP to Sharon through E-Mail or phone so we can get a good head count for the restaurant.

#### Calendar:

**March 31** - Thursday at Countryside Café, 638 Washington St. Red Bluff beginning at 11:30 A.M. See you there!

### COLORADO

#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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Saturday, March 5, was a warm and sunny day in Denver, CO and the Denver Mile Highers Chapter had their monthly breakfast at the United Airlines Flight Training Center. There were 55 in attendance!

We were pleased to have a first timer, **Donna Ryckert**. Come on back, Donna! **Dianne Adkins** brought her mother **Martha Gooselaw** and **Jack Green** brought his son **Jim Green**.

We had some special guests, **Mickey & Gaby Manfre**. Mickey is the National President of Continental's retiree group (ARECA). Mickey attended The Retiree Leadership Luncheon on February 17 in Chicago and he gave us a good accounting of the meeting. He explained that there have been no changes in benefits for United and Continental retirees, yet. The meeting was really designed to introduce the different retiree organizations from both airlines to the Human Resources Department and each other to become familiar. It was not to settle the pass travel issue as some expected. He didn't know when the new travel pass policy would be published, but felt it would probably be at least a few more months. His view was that the meeting was productive and seemed to open the door for positive dialog.

We also had two special guests from the Alliant Credit Union, Loan Officers **Stella Mendoza** and **Tom Brunz**. Stella explained how important it is to have beneficiary information in proper order before you or your spouse dies. Moral of the story, take time to check and make sure it's in order as it will save a lot of problems when you pass on. Tom spoke about taking advantage of the programs Alliant has to offer; if you are interested, contact him at Alliant. And, Alliant Credit Union had 3 door prizes! The lucky winners were, **Donna Ryckert**, **Harvey Collin**, and **Dolores Cooreman**.

**Tom Goodyear** reported on some folks who have passed on. **John Fultz** recently lost his wife **Mida**. You can send sympathy cards to his address 25945 East Kettler Road, Aurora, CO 80016. **Bill Sprague** passed away February 20, he was a Shift Manager in the Denver Control Center. Send cards to his wife **Betsy**, her address is 1053 Georgin Place, Bartlett, IL 60103. **Harvey Goolsby** passed away on March 2. Before retirement, Harvey was the Manager of Flight Technical information (DENTK). Cards can be sent to his family at 19709 Flora Place, Aurora, CO 80013. **Bobby Ogden**, a MM foreman in Denver in the late 60's passed away February 25 in Portland, OR. And, **Bud Moran** passed away February 24. Bud was **Joan Moran's** husband, Joan worked in DENTK.

Tom also reported that **Lois Dick** was hospitalized for a week in February and is now home recuperating. And that **Myrt Ireson** is home after recent surgery; her address is 618 South Franklin, Denver, CO 80209.



The 50/50 drawing went well and winners **Bill Brehmer, Charlie Hassler, O. J. Keip** and **Gil Rohde** returned their winnings to the chapter. Thanks folks!

The Spring Luncheon has been planned and will be on April 27, 2011. Thanks to **Laura Coats** and **Nancy Goodyear**.

*Location ~ Palace Chinese Restaurant, just West of Monaco at 6265 E. Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80222. Parking lots are on the side and in back of the restaurant. Social hour 11:00AM - 12:00 noon. Cost \$18 P/P including Tax and Tip. Cash Bar.*

*Appetizer: Spring Roll, Soup: Beef w/ egg white, Entrée: Choice of one - Broccoli Beef, Sweet & sour Chicken, Pork Chow Mein and Happy Family\* (\* Happy Family has vegetables and several different meats and seafood.)*

*Send your check to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St. Denver, CO 80211-1354 By April 20<sup>th</sup>. Make checks out to "RUAEA Denver Chapter"*

Please don't forget the aluminum cans, the last trip to the recycler we received \$50.00 for the Chapter Treasury.

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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**April 27** - Spring Luncheon

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We had no lunch meeting on Feb 28, 2011. Discussions are ongoing with ARECA, the Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines showed some interest in joint meetings. **Mable Rainer** and **Bob Astley**, current lead agent at COS Continental are in contact with CAL employees for an April meeting. There is a CAL Chapter in Colorado Springs, one of only a few.

United is holding interviews for a General Manager at Colorado Springs. Currently, SkyWest operates 22 flights a day with an under wing and over wing contract. Continental operates four flights a day with SkyWest handling all functions. There are no real United flights yet! Rumor has it that we will de-hub Denver. That could be good news for the COS Station for more flights in bigger planes. CAL is buying more 737's and maybe some old ones can come out of the desert?

March 2011 is our chapter's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and March 3, 2011 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight 585. A service was held at the kiosk in Widefield, CO.

Our meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. Please RSVP.

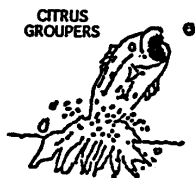
Calendar:

**April 25** – Regular lunch meeting

**May 23** – Regular lunch meeting

**June 27** – Regular lunch meeting

## FLORIDA



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President **Mandy Ocampo** led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance with 16 members in attendance. Mandy then discussed the temporary travel plans for CO and UA for retirees. Because of the holidays, no RUAEA meeting was held in November and December. Reminder - the meeting date has been changed to the **last** Thursday of each month, starting with January, 2011.

Day trips were discussed again but no interest has been proposed at this time.

Dues were collected and were due this month for the year 2011, the amount is \$5.00. No Treasurer's report until all dues are compiled.

January Birthdays - **Carol Christensen, Terri Davis, Don Dulen, Dale Fernandes, Virginia Lawhon, Rosel Dickinson, Debbie Ocampo** and **Elaine Cantillo**.

January Wedding Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. **Dave Anderson**.

If we missed anybody, we're sorry. We need everyone in the area to show up to the meetings and sign the attendance sheet so that we can computerize the list with name, address, phone number, and e-mail addresses.

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Our luncheon meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance as **Ernie Vosges** presented the flag. Forty-two members and guests were in attendance - which doesn't sound like a lot, but that room was "humming"! I think it may have been all the new and returning folks we got to chat with! In addition to the "regulars" which include: **Angel & Julia Montalvo, Jim Mummah, Dick & Cathy Benson, Joe & Bark Fitak, Betty Davidson, Ernie Vosges, Charlie Ringer, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Ted & Char LeGrand, Ken & Shelby Michels, Gene Hall, Al & Lois Fields, Tom Cannata, Don Ulman, Linda Agnello, Joe Segarra, Cliff Hill & Jerry, Patti Clark, Diane Lewis, David & Lisa Leighty, Lou Gaydos** and his son, **Anthony, Mack Chandler**, and yours truly, **Elaine**.

Big welcome to these guests: Past President of our chapter, **Robbie** (MCOCS) & **Joe Corbin** visiting from TN, **Jorge Cisneros** (MCOCG), and **Ann** (MCOCS) & **Scott Strehlow, Joe** (MCOCS) & **Marie Buffomante** - guests and now new members, **John** (CLEMM) & **Jean Hughes** - new members, and **John** (MCOMM) & **Gay Crawford** - returning members. Welcome one and all!

Plans for the April 5<sup>th</sup> Picnic which will be held at Cypress Grove Park was finalized. Five members agreed to bring desserts. Everyone else attending is asked to bring a small dish to share. As usual, burgers & dogs will be provided along with soft drinks, paper products, ketchup, mustard, lettuce, tomato and onion. So, fix your favorite dish and meet us at the park. We will be setting up from 11am on and the eatin' will commence at High Noon! So, come and sit a spell, chat a bit and enjoy a bite! **Cypress Grove is on Holden between OBT and Orange Ave—closer to Orange.**

Birthday Good Wishes to **Ken Michels** (3/27) and **Don Ulman** (3/10). Our Anniversary Loving Couples included **Al & Lois Fields**, 46 years on March 17<sup>th</sup>; **Ken & Shelby Michels**, 12 years on March 20<sup>th</sup>; and **John & Gay Crawford**, 48 years on February. 4<sup>th</sup>! Goodness, that totals 104 years - What's your secret? Congratulations!

Prayers and Get Well wishes for **Sharon Ringer**, who had knee replacement surgery and is now home: 14002 Mastwood Way, Orlando, FL 32832.

Calendar:

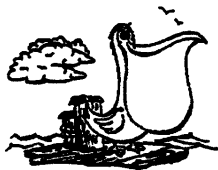
**First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.** Luncheon meeting at the **Golden Corral**, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

**April 5** - Picnic

**May 3**

**June 7**

**July 5**



### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its monthly meeting on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. President **Bill Burg** welcomed all. In attendance were 16 members and 1 guest: **Charles Eskridge** from Chicago, brother of new member **Ramona Marshall**. As usual, a delicious lunch was served.

The program for the afternoon was given by two members of the American Hibiscus Society - our very own Pelican Drop-Ins members **Wanda Schmoyer** and **Nancy Kopp**. Wanda has 180 hibiscus plants and Nancy has approximately 35 plants in her yard ... so they really know how to produce healthy plants with beautiful blooms and how to hybridize new plants. Our luncheon tables were decked out in the most gorgeous blooms from infinite hibiscus varieties. Each has been awarded many blue and gold ribbons for hibiscus they grew and entered in area flower shows. They shared many tips for growing these beautiful flowers. Among those tips they said "*to fertilize weekly ... weakly*" and not to use hibiscus for a hedge (as many Southern communities do) because it takes 90 days for a bloom to set and hedges get trimmed too often. It was a very informative and enjoyable program.

President **Bill Burg** then conducted the 50/50 raffle that was won by **Sandy Pryde**. Other raffle winners were **Marge Burg**, **Mel Volz**, **Paul Olson**, **Maxine Brown**, **Tom McNabb**, **Ingrid Olson**, **Wanda Schmoyer**, **Nancy Kopp**, and **Bill Burg**.

**Bill Burg** shared information he had received on the Feb. 17 leadership meeting hosted by the Vice Pres.- Human Resources and staff with reps from both former UAL and CO groups. The new "pass travel issue" decision is expected to be announced by the end of the first quarter 2011. We retirees anxiously await that decision.

The next luncheon meeting will be on **April 1** at Sabal Springs. Please join our group if you're visiting in the SW Florida area - Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples.

#### **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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The meeting was called to order by President **Barbara Riecse** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jim Hottell** gave an update on the Spring Picnic to be held April 4<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Park. Meeting at 11 and lunch will

be served at noon. Everyone should bring their own drinks. Reservations will be accepted up until Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 20 members and 2 visitors (**Ed & Joan Huffnagle**).

Travel - The **Lindstroms** had visitors from Chicago that could not get into or out of TPA. They rented a car to get from and to MCO after standing by most of the day at TPA. **Ken & Deborah Wilson** flew to SAN and boarded Azamara Cruise Line for a 16 day trip with stops in Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, through the Panama Canal, Columbia then ending up in MIA. The food was the best that we have had on a cruise ship. All in all, it was a great trip. **Barbara Riecss** traveled to RDU via IAD and returned via ORD due to poor connections via IAD. **Bill Linehan** flew to CLT on US Air with no problems. Nothing yet on the new pass procedure.

Sunshine Committee had nothing to report.

#### Calendar:

**April 4** - Picnic at Anderson Park - 11:00AM

**May 2** - Paul's Seafood, Tarpon Springs - 11AM



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A lively group of 15 greeted me when I walked into our meeting/luncheon room with a round of applause. They had all been there patiently waiting for me and I wasn't that late, arrived at exactly 12:35PM. Everyone had to take a 5 minute hold pattern for me, AAAAAHHHHH! What a group! Good thing it doesn't snow here!

Al started off the meeting promptly and much discussion was regarding the upcoming pass policy. He read most parts of an email he received regarding the latest meeting and mentioned that some of CO retirees are planning to attend the convention in PDX. He is still trying to locate some in this area to join us.

**Paul & Diane Liebisch** and **Barbara Dodenhoff** were stuck in Germany. They were flying to LAS along with our German friend Thomas from Berlin but the flight had a mechanical problem so they decided to take the train to FRA, I believe, so they can get back to the US. Diane, Paul and Thomas are going to Las Vegas to see their daughter and Barbara will leave LAS to go to New York to visit her niece. Ah retired life! Our German friend Thomas will probably be at our April meeting. After a short stay in LAS, the group will come back to Florida. Home sweet home!

**Diane & Ron Brodis** and **Millie Rossi** were not able to attend since Millie hitches a ride with Diane & Ron and they were attending a neighbor's funeral during our meeting. **Celina** is still under the weather so she and **Constantinos Xifaras** were absent. We don't know what happened to **Bill Nehls**. **Chris Taylor** finally made it to a meeting and announced she is going to be a great grandmother in April but what really blows her away is that her son is the grandfather. Congratulations to everyone!

We are hopeful that **Paul Brown** will attend our April meeting. He is having surgery on his elbow and we want to wish him a successful surgery.

**Frank Wise** has healed very well since his eye surgeries and now has 20/20 vision, he does not need to wear glasses anymore and is as happy as can be, you can't blame him. His eyes tear somewhat but the Dr. says that will go away shortly.

We also missed **Edgar & Victoria Snyder**, but **Sharon Kolibab** made the meeting alone since **Tom** had to go back up to New Jersey, he will return in about a month. While he was here, he put in a patio and some other additions to their home, what a guy, quite handy to say the least.

**Mary Kay Wetherington** was missing from our group, hope all is well. I want to extend an apology to **Jerry Zadar** for omitting his name. Please forgive me.

**Bob Langevin** was in his usual rare funny mode, he paid the balance of \$3.00 on his dues so he is now an official member. Yeah, welcome to the chapter, Bob. Of course, he had to throw in a little verse, "*If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans*". Unfortunately, he had to leave the meeting early because of another appointment, but he will be back, here is another one, "*Start off slow then taper off, don't peak*".

The 50/50 seems to be stuck on the **Frage** family, last month **Judy** won and today **Artie** won, is something going on here? The progressive was won by **Mike Carragher**, he won it last month also, taking the bundle, ha,

to New York and the St. Patrick's Day parade, remember they are going to be dressed as Leprechauns. I reminded them to try to take pictures, we shall see.

**Judy & Artie Frage** celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today and **Bobbie Vitel** was looking terrific and is gaining weight, something I have no problem doing at this stage of my life, but for her it is a necessity.

We all had a wonderful lunch as usual and our waiter announced that he will become a Daddy for the first time and the baby is due on October 28. He was absolutely beaming with joy.

We still don't know what has happened to **Luster Smith**, if anyone reading this and knows her; please tell her to call or drop me a note. Thanks.

**Bob Langevin** celebrates a birthday on March 16; **Wally Armstrong** celebrates a birthday March 22. Happy Birthday to both!

*On the Lighter Side:*

- ☺ *Ditzy friend to another: "I failed the driving test, I entered the traffic circle and the sign said "30", so I drove 30 times around". The other one says sympathetically, "You probably counted wrong".*
  - ☺ *We keep hearing that men don't respond to subtle hints ~ The power mower was broken and wouldn't run so the lady kept hinting to her husband that he should get it fixed. Somehow the message never sank in, and the grass kept getting taller. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When her husband arrived home one day he found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. He watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. He was gone only a few moments. When he came out again, he handed her a toothbrush. "When you finish cutting the grass" he said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalks". The doctors say he will probably walk again, but he will always limp.*
  - ☺ *Live like it's Heaven on Earth.*
  - ☺ *May there always be work for your hands to do.*
  - ☺ *May your purse always hold a coin or two.*
  - ☺ *May the sun always shine on your windowpane.*
  - ☺ *May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.*
  - ☺ *May the hand of a friend always be near you.*
  - ☺ *May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*
- Live, laugh and love, the clock is ticking, it's later than you think. Don't wait until tomorrow, do it today.*

#### Calendar:

**April 5** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

**May 3** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

**June 7** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

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Thirty eight Flyers and three guests were in attendance Wednesday, March 2, at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Melisa Lane** and **Tina Myers**, daughters of **Lyle & Joanna Myers**, **Tina Myers** was back from being on sick call. Glad to see her out and about once again. Also in attendance were **Colleen Austin**, **Don & Mary Lou Sullivan's** daughter. It was really good to see **Jim & Joyce Blair** who came all the way over from Wedowee, AL. Also present was **Bob & Diane Balas**. We were glad to see Bob taking some time off from the barber shop to attend. Glad to see **Tom Wheeler** took some time off from his travels to attend. **Kim Schmidt** also stopped by to say hello but got called out on a service call while there.

Some of our members are still actively working. **Gene Barber** took some time off from his travels to attend. **Fred Cron** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sam Mace** said the blessing before lunch. **Fred Cron**, our 50/50 director assisted by **Bogie Wallace**, conducted the 50/50, and Nicki, one of our servers drew the winning number held by **Sam Mace**, who graciously donated his winnings to The Promise Place. Every one



seems to like the food and the service at the Broadway Diner as there are over 200 items on the menu, which makes for a pleasurable dining experience.

**Bill Elk** held a brief business meeting and discussions were fielded by members about the pass survey and the constantly rising cost of fuel. **Richard Thompson** made a copy of the Let's Fly Together survey results for any one who was interested in looking it over. **Bruce Brodersen** said a few words and fielded some questions on the recent meeting held by United Human Resources officials with retirees. **Pat Gunny, Ron Gunny's** wife remains on our sick call list. Ron says it will be a long recovery process. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat from all the Flyers.

Calendar:

**April 6** – Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:30PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828. Note Time Change to 2:30 (at request of restaurant until June)

**April 16** - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at **Don & Marge Shelley's** home in Locust Grove, GA. All United people are welcome, local or out of town, locals bring a covered dish, or dessert, and a chair. Plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided.

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For today being a rain/snow day, we did have ten members attending the luncheon at JB's Restaurant in Meridian, ID: **Ned Yundt, Joe & Joan Varady, Denny Snyder, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, Carol Adams** and her mother **Frances**, and **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**.

Rick announced **Marilyn Taylor** is recovering from a fall, **Marlene Croghan** is out of the hospital and at home recovering from pneumonia. We hope they will be feeling great shortly. **Joe & Joan Varady** were in Park City, Utah, with family and enjoying the grandchildren. **Shirley & Rick Dempsey** are back from a family reunion on a Western Caribbean cruise. **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff** are off to California for a couple of days. **Ned Yundt** announced she was still breathing and looking forward to her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 20!

On a sad note, we lost our long time friend **Lillian (Lil) Jolly**. She was the first UAL Woman Reservation Supervisor. Lil would have been 94 on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lil's family.

Calendar:

**April 4** – Meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian, 1:30PM

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Because of the bad weather in February, I did not expect too many Northsiders to show up for the breakfast, but they surprised me with a good crowd. However, because they were just recovering, we had very little news. **Paula Mangino** spoke of her holiday of four days in Honolulu and a seven day cruise around the islands. A great time, but she advises the optional tours cost as much as the cruise with a balcony. **Darlene Marsiglia** advised she helped move her youngest son Brian, a new attorney, now working in the Probate Division of the Colorado State Court. It was a great trip there to assist him in the move.

**Rich Surma** advised us he had cancer surgery in the middle of February. He is now home after rehab and would be receiving cards at his home at 10 Grow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1404.

**Irene Miller** would like her friends to know she is out of Alexies Hospital and is now in rehab at Sunrise in Schaumburg. Her phone is (847) 885-2362.

The Southside also surprised me in that the weather was much better, and there were only fourteen hungry souls. I'll have to let you know later the names of the two people that won the huge \$20 lottery.

In January, **Mary & Carlyle Brandt** took a sixteen day trip to Fountain Hills, AZ and enjoyed the company, the sunshine, mountain views, and the beautiful location of their daughter's condo. She took them for their first look of the Grand Canyon, after which they took a two and a half hour ride on the Grand Canyon Railway from William, AZ. They were especially appreciative of our employees who helped with wheelchairs, baggage, security, and the curbside service both at O'Hare and Phoenix, Carlyle especially, after several knee surgeries.

In 2009, our RUAEA undertook an extensive effort to sign up new retirees by offering a complimentary membership to those who lived in Illinois. This increased the membership from 522 to 604 members. Our late President, **Bob Jacobson**, also offered a free one year membership in Skyliners. His effort was taken up by 413 retirees for a total now of 1228.

During Nov., Dec. and Jan., our Skyliners contributed over \$500 to defray the mailing expense of the printing and mailing of our annual Christmas Party. Listed are the contributors: **Marlene Anderson, Chester Aszklar, Elizabeth Ashton, Caroline Avramovic, Ron Baker, John Bennett, Muriel Bergsma, Jim Bicknase, Joseph Boberek, Eugene Burda, Esther Broderson, Phyllis Capuzelo, Dee Carlson, Irene Carrol, Helen Cauwels, Marilyn Chaplin, Walter Chornomaz, Francis Cinardi, Ann Coble, Florance Constance, Norma Damm, Richard Del Boccio, John Doughty, Betty Doran, Darlene Feske, Pedro Franco, John Gage, Irene Groeschell, LaVonne Halach, Al Mack, Barbara Hanson, Betty Hopkins, the late Bob Jacobson, Rita Jay, Ted Jung, Lynn Kalweit, Lorraine Karpen, Mary Keenan, Alice Kinzle, Al LaRoche, Charlie Lewis, Lorraine Lecaue, Carol Liltz, Ken Lucht, Frank Mancini, Terri Martin, Chuck Matheson, Carol Mayday, Al McGarrity, Rudi Meskele, Ed Meyer, Virginia Monaco, Martha Moore, Lowell Neal, James Noble, Gonzalo Ortiz, Jack Oleson, Norman Pearson, Ruth Opitz, Hertha Orszula, Gary Peck, Ann Pepper, Carole Petzold, Georgia Phillips, Bill Poerstel, Gilbert Romero, Marlene Rosenberg, Patricia Savage, Ellen Shofner, Jim Sommerfeld, Marlene Stanek, Candy Stec, Jean Shelton, Stephanie Simpson, Tony Stefanos, Tom Strobel, Mary Szabo, Mary Szczech, Ken Thiede, Ed Tolle, Bernadette Tomaszek, Cathy Vita, Sophie Vlazny, Hal Weary, Norm Wilkinson, Grace Witt and Anna Wosniak.**

We have received the great news about the Loonies Spring Meet from May 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Dearborn Michigan. Lodging is at the Double Tree Hotel at the rate of \$89 per night with breakfast at their Grille restaurant. The tours have not been set up yet, but they have always been interesting. If you are interested, write to **Marie Cook** and **Joan Petry**, 9588 West Parkway, Redford, MI 48239-1331 or phone (313) 534-0065. Everyone is always welcome but I must warn you, once you join the Loonies you are always a Loonie.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**March 29 & April 26**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café & Backereaia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**April 13**)

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There is no April luncheon scheduled. The next luncheon will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> which is the week before the RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon the week of May 22-28, 2011.

I hope that some of our regular members will be attending the Convention which should be another fun and information filled week.

#### **Calendar:**

**April** – No luncheon scheduled

**May 18** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

**May 22-28** – RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon

**July 20** – Next scheduled luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

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“It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood”! The sun is shining, no rain (or flooding) and **no snow**. It’s time to get busy clearing those weeds and flowerbeds, if you haven’t already begun. I go against the planting directions of my spring bloomers and refrigerate my daffodils and tulips, then stick them in the ground early in March. I’ve lost some but many have survived my tactics. Somehow, I’m not motivated to plant in the fall, at that time I’m looking for a fleece “blanky”, the TV remote and cup of hot coffee.

Indy Racers had a great turnout at our February meeting with 20 members and guests, again bringing new and/or returning faces. **Chris Johnston** was Indy Racers’ first president. Work took him out of the area, but we’re happy he has returned and joins us again. **Tony Ureanovic**, retired from Continental, also joined us last month. We encouraged him to invite other retirees from Continental, but he said he wasn’t aware of other employees who had retired lately.

**Hannelore Brabo** reported that **Ray** was hospitalized last week with pneumonia. When I talked to her recently, she also was having respiratory problems. Hopefully, they will both recover quickly. They did enjoy a visit from their son Michael and his family for about several days in February. With typical winter weather and meeting cancellations, it seems a long time since we’ve seen them at our meetings.

**Dimple Rihel** and I enjoyed an evening with **Cheri & Ron Innis**. When we get together, we have a simple solution for solving the country’s problems and world issues. And, we don’t get paid millions for our opinions, dang! Cheri had a rough winter. In December, she had back surgery; she fell in February; then suffered through the flu, followed by a bout of pneumonia. Wow! But she is back to her usual vibrant self with plans to travel to Phoenix next week. And speaking of Dimple, she just returned from a week’s visit to Tampa, FL and a stay with her son.

Word has it that **Gail & Warren Allen** will be back in Indianapolis area by the first part of April. Gail says the sunbirds in McAllen, TX are already heading home and activities in the park were slowing down.

**Eli & Bud Barnett** left in late February for a two-week Caribbean cruise and will miss our March meeting, I’m certain they won’t mind. We’ll expect a full report when they return. **Mary Chandler**, our globe traveler, has left for her spring jaunt to Hawaii. Since she has retired from yet another job, at Kroger, she will be traveling even more often.

Many of our members are planning to attend an Irish mystery-dinner play later this month, a fundraiser for Camp Riley for Youth with Disabilities sponsored by Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. The food fare is to be Italian with a \$500 prize for the first to solve the mystery. Should be a fun night. We often try to find activities to do as a group. Unfortunately, we still don't do enough.

Happy April birthday to **Mike Matlak** and **Ralph (Bud) Barnett**. Enjoy lots of cake.

Finally, a note, and I'm only spreading the word as requested, about the June 15<sup>th</sup> Capital Airlines 50 Year Reunion in Cleveland. Eligibility: Any person who worked for Capital Airlines in Cleveland in any capacity prior to the merger in June 1961. For additional information, contact reunion committee members: **Jack** or **Kay Preston**, email address- [kayjack3@windstream.net](mailto:kayjack3@windstream.net), (440) 236-5660; **Mary Lou Mack**, (440) 235-3278 or **Nancy Carter**, (440) 235-6453. Hope to see you there.

#### Calendar:

**April 12** – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 1:30 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**May 10** – IHOP Restaurant

**June** – Picnic (No Meeting)

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a March meeting, so little news, except what chapter members provided. I know **Paul Ward** was hospitalized due to edema. I haven't been able to contact him or **Mary**, so no info as to how Paul is doing. I got to talk with **Charlie Staula** and **Josephine Pizzano**. They both have had on and off again medical problems, but are feeling fine now. Both only drive short distances, which is why we haven't seen them at meetings lately. They are, however, looking forward to attending luncheons whenever they can. I received an email from **Ray & Wonda Forster**. Ray hasn't gotten out lately and wishes he could attend luncheons. Ray asked to say "Hi" to all his fellow retirees.

**George "The Greek" Mavreles** gave **Fred Casey** a slip of a fig tree in Nov 2009. It produced twenty figs in the spring of 2010, the first fresh figs Fred ever ate. He said as of February 2011, it has doubled in size. I'm hoping to be lucky enough to get one from the next harvest. **Ed Aldorisio** will have prostate surgery on April 4. We'll be praying for you Ed. I spoke to **Ray Ouellette** up in Twin Mountains, NH. He advised this is the all time snowiest season ever up there. It's been a life adjustment and he advises he's almost stir crazy, as getting out with so much snow has been hard.

**Liz & Joe Palmer's** daughter **Megan**, who lives in CO, will be coming home to ME for her wedding in July. **Kirsten**, another daughter and husband, were teachers in Ningbo, China for two years, and are now teaching in Subic Bay, Philippines. Liz & Joe flew to China twice to visit and will soon be flying to the Philippines, thanks to United's retirement benefits.

I flew to Lahue, Kauai to skip some of winter. Because of the free mileage plus upgrades, it's almost impossible to get a first class seat across the country. In fact, there were some thirty mileage plus people stand by for just two first class seats. However, in and out of Hawaii, with less business people, I got first both ways. The same happened to my wife **Dayle**, who flew round trip on different days. Lucky me, I got ten extra days in paradise. Needless to say, with my new, very dark tan and wearing a beard, the TSA gave me the works! Now that I'm home, no one will see this wonderful tan under my layers of clothing. On my return home, with winter snows still in full swing, everyone asked, "Why did you come back?"

April will mark the Nor'Easters sixteenth anniversary. Currently, we have 83 retirees plus spouses. Our chapter's numbers have diminished considerably. Over the years, we lost 47 retirees who moved away or just quit for a number of reasons. Also, 23 members moved on to the Friendly Skies, 5 this year alone.

I missed listing March's birthdays and anniversaries because I forgot to take my flash drive with my laptop while vacationing. So, here's two month worth:

March Birthdays: **Bob Austin, Dorothy Barry, Lee Lyon, Mary Beth McDermet, Bill Shailor and Jimmy Yip.** April Birthdays: **Bill Betters, Tom Blackwood, Anthony Bosco, Fred Casey, Peter Fusco, Don Latter and Helmut Umbley.**

March Anniversaries: **Frederic & Rita Casey** (56 years), **Marcia & David Kilpatrick** (17 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (54 years) and **Lew & Sylvia Shakley** (48 years). April Anniversaries: **Les & Gail Brown** (44 years), **Thomas & Carol Dagle** (38 years), **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (43 years), **Ray & Wanda Forster** (51 years), **Mark & Theresa Hutchings** (37 years), **Bob & Jean Lincoln** (44 years), **Andy & Carol Montalto** (34 years) and **Kenneth & Jacqueline Washburn** (51 years).

*You know your getting old when you feel like the morning after and you didn't have the night before!*

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Just in case anyone noticed beside **Francis & Veronica**, the Escapee report was missing last month. Just because our host, **Marcie Vance**, wanted to change our date to the second Thursday, which was past the deadline, so this correspondent took the day off and that's my story. So better late than never, 21 Escapees gathered at Richard's in Livonia on February 10. Even Marie did not make this meeting and thanks to **Gwen & Rick Schwendenmann** for taking over for me. I am truly sorry I missed this meet, especially since we had several of our new Escapees that attended, plus a few that have been MIA for years.

March 3, 22 Escapees gathered at the New Peking in Garden City hosted by **Maxine Raymond**. We welcomed a couple of our newest retirees, **Judith Pearson** and **Nancy Woolen**. We were also delighted to welcome **Rhea Jaguszewski's** hubby, **Tom**, or as we all know him; **Tom Jay**. Tom has never come before and hopefully, he will become a regular like his Rhea.

Sister, Joan, was in the hospital for the third time last month. I hope that I will be picking her up today, Mar 7. She has lost all vision in her right eye do to a disease called Giant Cell Arteritis. She now is having problems with her good eye so we are very concerned. She is on high daily dosages of steroids that are wreaking havoc with her blood sugar and blood pressure, as she is also diabetic. Also our love and prayers to **Connie Covington** @ 24439 Filmore Bldg. 16, Apt. 190, Taylor, MI 48180, whose Mom left for her eternal rewards February 4<sup>th</sup>. Also keep in your prayers **Tom Morelli** @ 5692 Glen View Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464, who is undergoing chemo for lung cancer. Tom is our newest Escapee and many I am sure remember him as has worked in FWA, SFO, CLE, FNT, ATL, ORD and FAT. I am sure Tom would love to hear from anyone who knew him.

### Calendar:

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

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On what was hopefully the last of a long string of brittle-cold days, 30 Lites showed up for lunch and visiting. It was particularly good to see **Wes & Bette Briest** on such a cold day. We Midwesterners are a stubborn, hardy bunch.



**Jo Ayres** was asked to update the group on the status of her friends' baby boy, Brody, who has had a struggle since his birth. She reported that he's doing as well as can be expected being only 3 months of age and having undergone several surgeries. He has 14 different medications and a feeding port, but his parents have been able to take him home. Jo passed around a picture of the valiant little guy and his courageous parents.

The **Ayres** and **Cafilichs** travelled to Laughlin, Oatman and Lake Havasu recently. **Jo & Tom** described the trip and sights they saw. Gambling is not a big part of Jo's idea of entertainment, so playing with \$10 is a big deal. When she won \$16, she grabbed it and ran, while the lady next to her played on, eventually winning over \$122,000!

During the January meeting, **Sonja Gunderson** suggested the chapter make a "longevity" payment to the Chapter officers for their service. No action was taken at that time, but at this meeting, a \$10 per person award was voted to be taken from the treasury and given to each of the officers. Since **Mary Brennan** was lying on a beach at Kona at the time and **Ethel Johnson** was also not present, their awards will be presented to them at the next meeting they show up for.

**Lee** brought up the fact that the Pass Travel Survey was complete with over 70,000 employees and retirees of both companies having participated, and that the results have been given to the Hay Group to interpret and catalog the answers. Determination of a new integrated policy is promised by spring.

Recycling of aluminum cans had been proposed at the January meeting, since it seems to work well for the Denver chapter. Lee talked to **Tom Goodyear**, President of the Mile Highers and was told that the cans are collected monthly and taken to a recycling center where they're paid about \$.50 per pound. Discussion about the logistics of doing it here ensued. It was finally determined that since many people in the group already recycle on a regular basis and the payback for the amount of aluminum we'd probably collect wouldn't be enough to make it viable.

Rental car experiences were discussed and general consensus was that it pays to be very cautious about dings and dents not listed on the paperwork before leaving the rental lot. The incidence of a "no-smoking" policy by many agencies seems to be increasing and is greatly appreciated by everyone. No one has had any denials of rental due to age.

**Lee & Diane Storlie** had an opportunity to visit with **Bob Holen** (**Andy's** son) whose wife, **Carrie**, has been battling cancer. Bobby recently took her out of the care of the doctors she'd been seeing and arranged to have her evaluated at the Mayo Clinic. He and Carrie are very impressed with the care she received there, and are hopeful that her situation can be turned around.

**Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** have made plans for three more bus trips during the April-June period. They so enjoyed the "mystery trip" they took last fall, that they've signed up for several 4-8 day trips, including another "mystery" trip. Sonja received some good-natured razzing about finally being gone for three meetings so that others could have a chance of winning the 50-50.

For those of you who have joined the Northwoods Loonies at some of their events, we're saddened to report the death of **Bob Jacobson** who was a member from the Chicago area and also the news that **Marge Daily**, who usually attended with Bob, has suffered a stroke and is in a nursing facility. The Chicago chapters are feeling their loss & we send our condolences.

We've heard from **Frank Ehr** that his little spitfire wife, **Blanca**, is recovering from a 4-stent heart attack. Along with some other health issues, she sure didn't need that complication. Please add her to your list of people to remember in your prayers.

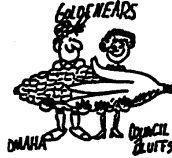
A reminder to all that the Northwoods Loonies will be having their spring meeting in Detroit in May and that all are invited to attend. Keep an eye out for their chapter news ~ if you worked for UAL, you can be a Loonie, too!

Lunch at 11:15AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494.

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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Our luncheon was cancelled for February due to ice, snow, wind and very cold temperatures. Poor **Mel**, she tried to host one of our luncheons before and we were cancelled due to weather.

**Keith & Jan Cornish** have enjoyed being in Florida since the last of December but are now back home and glad to be here. At least, they missed most of the snow and cold weather.

In December, I noticed a movie being shown on cable "*Christmas in Connecticut*" and one of the stars was Sydney Greenstreet. Since this isn't a real popular name, I wondered if it was our own retiree, Sydney. I wrote him a note and he was kind enough to call and let me know it wasn't him, but it was his uncle. This movie is a classic – next Christmas, watch for it.

We are happy to welcome new members, **David & Lodine Christiansen**. Their address is 5402 Mary St., Omaha, NE 68152. Also, **Ed & Sharon DeLong**, 11573 Garfield Way, Thornton, CO 80233.

Word was received that **Mary Wilbur**, widow of **Wes Wilbur**, passed away February 17. Services were held February 21 in Grimes, Iowa. Our sympathy to Mary's family.

**Melvina Brazys** called and said she has moved to Fremont. Her new address is 650 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Apt 130, Fremont, NE 68025-2507 – Phone 402-753-6152.

I enjoy reading some of the older newsletters and find them very interesting. For instance, I ran across a little news about **Bob Glover**. His birthday is April 13 and he will be 89. In March of '02, Bob had the beginning of Alzheimer's, in March of '03 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's, in April of '05, he entered the Veteran's Home where he is today. I talked to **Dorothy** and she said he is happy and doing well.

Did you know that the Omaha Goldenears was 30 years old last year?

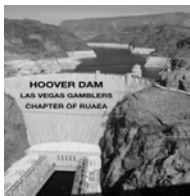
### Calendar:

**April 5** - Gerda's, hosted by **Mel Harrison** – Try again!

**May 3** - Old Country Buffet

**June 7** - Picnic – Cooper Farm

## NEVADA



### LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Our meeting started at 12:00 with a sit down served lunch, after that, we started with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

We talked about donating some money to Saint Jude's and a check of \$150.00 was hand delivered at their location in Boulder City.

Health & Welfare: **Michael Vasko** had knee surgery and has a tough time getting around as therapy is not working. **Anthony Tricoli** also had knee arthroscopic surgery and is doing fine.

**George's** wife, **Lois Fox**, had a fairly serious heart attack and experienced some problems moving, Lois is currently in therapy at the South West Medical Center at Harmon, their e-mail address is [testsfox8102@yahoo.com](mailto:testsfox8102@yahoo.com) if you want to contact them. She was at our meeting this past February after along time of absence for health reasons.

Menu for the April Luncheon is: Cobi beef, (new item offered by our restaurant hostess) white rice, salad, vegetable and strawberry short cake.

If you are in the Vegas area on a meeting day, please contact our treasurer **Winnie Stone** at (702) 361-5839, you are all invited to attend, the cost is \$19.00 per person.

Calendar:

**April 12** – Luncheon at 11:30 am, Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200.

**June 14** – Luncheon at 11:30 am.

**August 9** – Luncheon at 11:30 am.

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There were 19 attendees at our February meeting at the Black Bear. **Kathy** reported that the 2011 dues are coming in. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can send them to **Kathy Robinson**. Unlike RUAEA, our dues on a Jan. – Dec. calendar cycle.

Reservations have been made for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> for our Sand Harbor picnic. Clipped Wings have been invited and have agreed to provide dessert for all. Our cost remained the same this year because we do the picnic on a weekday. **Barbara Leusing** is the Picnic Chair this year. Invitations will go out in June this year. The cost is \$5 pp or \$7 pp the day of the picnic.

**John Zoboli** won the 50/50 and **Larry Reid** won the "mystery" gift.

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

We are sad to report the passing of another member – **Louise Smith**. She was one of the original members of Sierra Roundup.

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

**NEW JERSEY**

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Vice President **John Deily** opened the meeting on February 23, 2011 with a flag salute.

No meeting was held in January because of snow, what else. A moment of silence was held for our deceased members and family, **Walter Golubieski, Robert Markowski, George Catrabone, Lynn Muccilli, Dan O'Leary's** wife **Ann** and **Earl Runkle's** sister.

**Marty Etler** welcomed back **Jack Regneye, Joan Emm, Lorraine Sharkey** and **R. C. Smith**. We were so happy to see them all come out.

**John Murphy** gave a Treasurer's report and **Violet Etler** read the minutes of the December meeting. John also mentioned our upcoming show at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is an edition of Branson-Style Country Variety Show. It is a little different that what we usually see. The March 15<sup>th</sup> show was cancelled.

50/50 was won by **Joan Emm**, a nice welcome back gift and the Door Prize was a gift certificate for the Red Lobster won by **Gordon Keister**.

Calendar:

**March 30** - Meeting

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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Beautiful weather today, just a little windy, brought out most of the regulars to our luncheon. 50 members and 1 guest were in attendance today. President Jimmy Richardson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in silent prayer for our recently deceased fellow workers and those unable to attend the meeting due to one reason or another. Hopefully, we will not see any of the white stuff (snow) again.

**Carsen Baker** was a guest of **Yvonne Guella**. **Rex Zubris**, former mechanic with United, surprised us with an appearance. It was great to see him and reminisce about the Good Ol' days. **Jimmy & Lorraine McFadden** are back from Puerto Rico and they said the weather was too hot. It was good to see our former secretary **Rose Schneider** at our meeting. She has had some health issues, but it was great to see her up and around again.

**Ed Ellis** was added to the Area Directors list for the area code 516 group. **Ron Weick** and **Elliot Olenick** are still battling health issues; please keep them in your prayers. Late word, as I began putting this report together, was that **Ron Marcisak**, retired JFKGQ/PV Manager, has passed away.

Birthdays for March are: **Joyce O'Donnell**, **Sungsoon Modugno**, **Lawrence Modafferi**, **Diane Pozzi**, **John Butera**, **Jean Zito**, **Roy Portelli**, **John Green**, **Pat Hannon**, **Caroline Manelski**, **Gladys Esen**, **Marian Cardacino**, **Lenny Pascale**, **Harold Malesardi**, **Julie Schneider**, **Dee Talochino**, **Mabel Bittar**, **Ed Ellis**, **Ann Maertz**, **Susan Fleming**, and **Anthony Manfre**. March Anniversaries are **Gladys & Ulfert Esen** (19 yrs) and **Gail & Harvey Block** (42 yrs).

Because of his wit and humor and reports about United, President Jimmy has dubbed **Charlie Kaczinski** the "*Hedda Hopper*" of the group.

Hope everyone will have a Happy St Patrick's Day.

#### Calendar:

**April 6** – Noon, Milleridge Inn

**May 4** – Noon, Milleridge Inn

**June 1** – Noon, Milleridge Inn

**July 6** - 1100am- Belmont Raceway

## NORTHWOODS

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES



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Planning is finally starting to get together for the Loonies semi-annual affair, May 10 – 13. If you have not received your first letter with all the info on our hotel, contact me at the above address and I will send you all the booking information. I know I have lost one new address from one of the CHI Chapter's member, who called me last October to put her on the Loonies' list. My computer crashed shortly after she called and I had not backed-up the last entries. **Mary Szabo** had given her my contact. CRS has struck again, as neither Mary, nor Norman or Connie or Marie can remember the name. I am so glad I am not alone. Also anyone else that would like to join us, I am just an email or phone call away.

We will be staying at the Double Tree in Dearborn and have some great Tours still in the planning. Since my first encounter with the Loonies in 1998, I only missed one time in the year 2000, when my daughter planned her wedding in Scotland and had not checked with Mom before making her plans. This is a most caring group and all you need to do is attend a meeting and you become a Loonie. I believe they live up to one of

**Marlin Lade**'s sayings that I always loved, "*I have never met a stranger*" and I guarantee that the Northwood Loonies have no strangers either.

Wednesday, we are planning a "Henry Ford Day" including his mansion, museum, village, factory tour and possible auto hall of fame. This is a must as we are the motor city. Thursday is still in the planning. Possibly a River Boat Tour and maybe a visit to Greek Town or Windsor. We are just a short trip over or under the water to Canada, that would be over the bridge or under the waterway. Be sure to bring a passport for this.

Love and prayers to **Margaret Daily** @ 546 West Millers Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016, who suffered a stroke and is in a nursing home. She is not doing very well, her nephew told me and said "*Aunt Marge really loved the Loonies*" and we will certainly miss her. She suffered her stroke shortly after her good friend, **Bob Jacobson** passed in Dec 2010 whom will also be missed.

## OHIO

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Our meeting this month was out in Litchfield, Ohio at The Old Schoolhouse. It was a gorgeous sunny day to take a ride, and we had not been to this place for sometime. I think most of us were looking forward to seeing Tim and his staff because the food has always been really good, and the staff there is really helpful.

We send out a big "Thank You" to **Vince & Norma Malena** for making the arrangements for our luncheon. Unfortunately, they were unable to join us as they were not back from Florida. We had 60 members in attendance this month and hope to see more as each month goes by. **Dave Placko** led us in a prayer before our meal.

President **Dolly Taucher** took a few moments to go over our agenda for 2011. All newsletters for the time period up to June 2011 should be in your hands. Please take a moment to look it over as it is full of information you may need. As Dolly mentioned, Northfield has changed their cost structure and made it cost prohibitive for our group. We will touch base with them again for next year and see if they may change their structure again. Please let us know if you have a change of address, phone number or E-mail.

We did sign a number of cards going out to some of our members who were unable to be with us. Among them, **Pat Hendy** who hoped to be with us, but is still dealing with back problems; **Tom Sturgeon** is waiting for one more medical test and is hoping he will be "doctor free". It was great to see **Perry McKnight** with us again. We heard from **Don Parks** in PA, he enjoyed the last picnic, enjoys the website, and hopes to make it here for the picnic this year.

Happy birthday to all who celebrate in March. **Frank Osbourne** and **Gerry Springer** were serenaded by all. Not too many anniversaries for the month of March, but we do want to acknowledge our hosts this month **Vince & Norma Malena**. Congratulations to one and all!

Fifty-Fifty Time! We again had two jackpots. The first was won by **Shirley McArthy** and the second by **George Kuretz**. Try Again Next Month!

FYI: RUAEA. Convention 2011 – Portland, Oregon, May 22 – 29

\* *It's not what I look like - it's how others see me.*

### Calendar:

**April 6** - N. Olmsted Party Center, prepaid and hosted by **Nancy Carter & Mary Lou Mack**

**May 4** - Bucci's Restaurant – Berea, prepaid and hosted by **Barb Vauls & Carol Siefried**

**June 6** - Flair Restaurant, Prepaid, hosted by **John & Carrie Kerchel**



## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Was it the ice cream social that brought 88 smiling members to our February meeting? It was great to see so many happy faces. **Kathy Russell** brought Valentine's candy and cards for the tables and **Dee Boelter** supplied the decorated table numbers.

The following were topics discussed at the meeting and will be brought to a vote in March: Continue Plane Talk, Photographer at every meeting, Invocation at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings. Also mentioned is the Port of Portland charging for parking at Air Freight, so if you plan on coming to the airport to list or check flights, please call first to find out the procedure on where to park.

The winners of the prizes for February were: Door Prize - **Marilyn Woods**, Men's Birthday - **Bob Bauer**, Women's Birthday - **Elaine Hoek**, Anniversary - **Charlie & Donna Stemper**, 50/50 - **Bill Shaw**. FYI, winners receive a free lunch.

Welcome to rejoining members **Fred Dixon** (PDXMM), **Dick Wahlberg** (PDXOO) and **Fred VonPegert** (PDXCS). Our new members are **Leanna Cook** (PDXMK), **Francis & Shirley Koller** (PDXHH), **Charles Morton** (SFOCS) and **Barbara O'Hare** (PDXSS). Visitors were **Jerry & Gloria Bean** (PDXCS) and **Nancy Nolan**, an active UAL Flight Attendant who came with her father **Ed Nolan**.

**Veulah Lorts** has resigned as secretary of the Dew-er's. We must thank **Paul** for persuading **Kathy Russell** (his "better" half) to take over the position. **Nadine Holten** will fill Kathy's position on the Board of Directors. This was done under the By-laws of our chapter and a majority vote of the Board.

**Dennis Cline**, **Dennis Scheuerell** and **Bob Edwards** worked to clean up, trim and remove bushes from the Memorial Garden at PDX Air Freight in February. The only thing remaining to finish the project is to spread bark dust. Thank you!

**Jane Futrell** and **Mary Nolan** are recovering from surgery. I am sorry to report **Joe Mortensen** suffered a stroke in February. He is undergoing physical therapy six days a week in the rehabilitation center at SW Vancouver Medical Center.

A full military funeral was held at Willamette National Cemetery for **Bobby Ogden** (a Marine) who died on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Bobby worked in Portland as a Maintenance Foreman but also spent time in California, Washington and Colorado. Many will remember Bobby for working on the DC-8F airlift during the Viet Nam war. Our condolences go out to his wife **Pat**, daughters **Rebecca** and **Jill** and extended family.

**Frances Rauschkolb**, a member for several years, died on March 2. Frances has not been attending meetings for some time but should be remembered by many. Her husband was a UAL Captain, retiring from Denver in 1982. Frances is survived by four sons. Another son died in Viet Nam and she had been active in working with people who had lost family in the war. Condolences go out to her family members.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 9** - Easter Luncheon

## OUR CLUB

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Oh, good grief, it seems you just can't get rid of me. There were no takers for the open position of OUR Club chapter correspondent for the RUAEA National newsletter, so I'm back again. While I may not submit a report every single month, I'll be writing frequently enough to let our fellow RUAEA members know that we're still here in Southern Oregon.

Recent luncheon meetings were held on January 7, 2011 at The Vine in Grants Pass. **Linda Althouse** hosted and 21 members attended. We were delighted to see **Mary Crees** who was looking forward to celebrating her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. **Neal & Sonnia Appleton** hosted on February 4 at Si Casa Flores in Grants Pass with 20 members there.

The March 3 luncheon and quarterly business meeting was held at The Bistro in Grants Pass with **Marge Calkins** hosting. Acting president **Neal Appleton** appealed to the members for a volunteer to serve as secretary for the remainder of 2011. **Sue Osborn's** gracious offer was gladly accepted. **Doe Pope** held the lucky winning 50/50 ticket.

It is with heavy heart that we report that **Carol Bango** passed away in January. Carol, a retired juvenile probation officer, was an outgoing, full-of-life person and is far too soon gone at 67. She and husband, **Joe**, have been OUR Club members since 2005. She will be missed by all who had the joy of knowing her.

With strong spirit and heart, **Alberta Randall's** colors are once again flying after parathyroid neck surgery in December. Our many well wishes were rewarded. **Jackie Mark** recently had another brush with the hospital but we're happy to report she is back looking as beautiful as ever. Another member, who will remain unnamed because I don't have his permission to publish, has successfully negotiated a hip replacement, and we wish him a fast and smooth recovery.

### Calendar:

**April 1 - Jim & Elaine Ellis**, Hunan Gardens, Grants Pass

**May 6 - Jim & Jane Frincke**, TBA

**June 3 - Harry & Barbara Horne**, TBA

## PENNSYLVANIA



### THE INDEPENDENTS

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The snow has melted, for now!

All interested persons are invited to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flight 93, 911 memorial program on 9/11/2011 in Shanksville, PA. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn in Somerset, PA. Phone 1-814-443-4646 Ext. 124. The hotel is about 20 miles from Shanksville. The dates are September 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. A two night minimum is required. The rates are \$129.99 and \$141.69 a night, reserve by August 27. Any questions, email [al\\_kath\\_edwards@yahoo.com](mailto:al_kath_edwards@yahoo.com) or [feggles@verizon.net](mailto:feggles@verizon.net). If coming by air, please fly into Pittsburgh.

16 shoe boxes were taken to the Veterans Hosp in Coatesville by **Dick Ems**. He is a faithful volunteer at Coatesville, and we thank him for his service.

Cards were sent to **Jim Fanto**, **Marge Eggles**, **Bill Carmen** and **Ben Hain**. They are all ill at the present.

#### Calendar:

**March 14** - 12:30 at the airport Ramada Inn, \$12 for Luncheon. **Bill Jones** will present a program on the wolves of Yellowstone National Park. Please bring items to mail to active military members in the Middle East. Give your service persons address to our President **Joe Bradley**. No perishable or breakable items, needed items are phone cards, socks, cards, silly string, paperback books, puzzle books, writing pads, foot powder and use your own judgment!

**April 11** - 12:30 at the airport Ramada Inn, \$12.00 for the luncheon. The program will be a "Sears Kit Home" lecture by **Barbara Goodman**. Do you know anyone who has one?

**May 9** - Same time and place. Program TBA

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Happy Easter to all, let's hope the snow is gone for the year. The Pit-Stoppers will have their spring luncheon on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Clark's in Moon Twp. Also on that day, **Vera Burns**, mother of **Sandi Burns**, former PITTR and PITSS, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Way to go Vera!

**Cathy Matteson** will host our May luncheon at the River's Casino on May 5<sup>th</sup> - keep the date open - maybe someone will "break the bank".

Our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** underwent cataract surgery recently and is almost back to 100%. Yours truly went through the same last month - guess it's part of the "golden years". Ha ha!

Our former president **Ken Wolfe** had recent bypass surgery and is recouping at home. I know Ken would love to hear from his many system wide friends, c/o 1461 Dormont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15220, (412) 341-5738.

I'm so sorry to report the passing of **Jayne Kroeck**, wife of former PITSS **Lou Kroeck**. Jayne & Lou were part of the original founders of our local group. Our condolences go out to the Kroeck family.

For you "outa towners", the annual picnic will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter certainly helps to keep old friends in touch. It certainly was nice to hear from former PITTR Supervisor **Dennis Kelly** who stayed in touch via the newsletter.

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On March 1, 19 chapter members met over luncheon at *Robintino's* restaurant in Bountiful, UT. We were glad to greet **Kay Nelson** (widow of **Byron "Bud" Nelson**) & we hope she'll find time to visit with us more often. **Bill Berg** had just undergone knee replacement, for which he lost some weight - and he looked great. It is hoped the operation will soon be forgotten and he will do his usual handsprings. **Art Scott & Carol Finney** came; so did **Shirley Scown** & son **Mike**, **Doug Peterson**; and **Pete & Jackie Loyola**. **Mike McCauley** was also present. We missed **Tony Brown**; **Lorraine Olson**; **Hank & Mary Bons**; **Lila Maughan**; **Betty Davis**, and a few other regulars. We trust all is well with them.

Chapter President **Clair Anderson** suggested that we contact SLC's Continental employees and invite them to join our chapter in order that they, too, enjoy the congeniality so common among us "airline gypsies." If any of our local members know the names/tel. # of our new company colleagues, please have them get in touch with **Clair Anderson**, **Frank Christenson**, **Kip Lufkin**, or this correspondent so that we can follow up on the lead. Thanks.

**Keith & Nancy Tronier** were glad to learn that former SLC coworker **Maria Apperson** (now residing in HOU) is doing well. Nancy wanted, and received, Maria's tel. # to call her sometime.

Calendar:

**April 5** – Coffee & Donuts - 10 A.M., Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

**May 3** - Luncheon, 2PM – Totem's, 538 S. Redwood Rd., SLC

**June 7** - Luncheon - 2PM, Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful/UT

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



**Frank McAnulty**, new president of the Emerald City Slickers, conducted his first chapter meeting February 8, with a little help from the sidelines. He's a quick study and will have no trouble keeping us on the straight and narrow. **Rita Reynolds** stepped aboard as our new secretary – she's used to working with **Frank**, but it has been 21 years since she last took shorthand from him! Thanks for joining the slate of officers, both of you! Much to the dismay of Mrs. (Fran) **McAnulty**, **Frank** wore an ancient United Airlines sweatshirt to the February meeting, and many others wanted to know where they, too, could acquire one!

Attendees signed a clever "job well done" card for retiring President **John Haferbecker**. Created by **Rita Reynolds**, that amazing card drew **John** to its side, no matter who was trying to hide it while it was being passed around for signatures! The card included a thank you gift from the chapter.

**Rosie Bittner** and **Katherine McKinnon** were welcomed as new chapter members.

There were plenty of red shirts in evidence at the February meeting, as members observed Valentine's Day. Because February also is Presidents' Month, vice president **Phyllis Bowman** recognized past presidents of the chapter with "gold" medals adorned with each recipient's year(s) of service. Those honored were **John Reed** (1985), **Rita Reynolds** (1993), **Evalena Hatcher** (2000), **John Haferbecker** (2007-2010), and **Frank McAnulty** (2011- ). **Phyllis** had to climb up on a chair to reach super-tall **Frank**!

**Bob Brumfield** reminded us that the Travel Desk, located on the second floor of the UAL Cargo Building, is open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location now features new computers and printers, and travelers can print out their itineraries.

**Richard Devereux** concluded our two-month silent auction for beverages left from the summer picnic. Successful bidders (for multiple items in a couple cases) were **Evalena Hatcher**, **Carol Soffel**, and **Dolores Steger**. **Evalena** was the lucky buyer to have her name drawn for a "freebie."

In an effort to better acquaint Emerald City Slickers with each other, door prizes were arranged on a front table with winners required to make the long, harrowing trip from their seats to the front of the room to be introduced to other attendees. Their reward was being able to select their own prizes. The lucky winners were **Phil Andersen**, **Lois Anderson**, **Vivian Anderson**, **Bill Gordius**, **Marion Hafterson**, **Edna Harris**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Phyllis Lindblad**, **Frank McAnulty**, **Katherine McKinnon**, **Ginger Phelan**, **Sidney Reed** (for wife **Edna**), **Ken Wagner**, and **Ken Walters**. You're right – we had a large number of prizes donated in February. **Anita Malco** took home the 50/50 prize. The other half, as is our February custom, was donated to the Travel Desk.

Couples observing April wedding anniversaries include **Hubert & Anita Malco** (59 years) and **Ed & Charlotte Rousso** (29 years). Birthdays are being celebrated in April by **Gay Liesse**, **Gary Maxwell**, **Betty Paul**, **Edna Paulson**, and **Doris Spence**. Felicitations to all!

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to **Evalena Hatcher**, who lost her younger brother to a cerebral hemorrhage. **Evalena** was preparing to fly to Houston.

We also sadly report the death of retired UAL Captain **Ray Dapp** (SEAFO), whose wife, **Jackie** passed away just a few months ago. They had lived in Federal Way, WA.

Also fondly remembered locally is Captain **Jim Hannah** of Anacortes, WA, who started flying at an early age and joined UAL in 1955. He often claimed to be the luckiest man alive to have worked at a job he'd have

paid to perform. **Jim** was chief pilot at the Seattle base for many years and completed his career by flying DC-10 routes to Hong Kong and Singapore.

**Mychal & Maryum Boiser**, have been honored by the Washington Restaurant Association for their charitable contributions. Both worked at SEARR but were too young for retirement when the department was disbanded. Kona Kai Coffee Company of Kent, owned and operated by **Mychal** and **Maryum**, was one of three Washington restaurants recognized for excellence in community service. The downtown coffee house was a state winner of the “2011 Restaurant Neighbor Award” and now is in the running for a national honor. Kona Kai provides job training and employment in the coffee, hospitality, and food service industry to homeless and disadvantaged individuals. They donate space and staff volunteers, as well as marketing the program for fund-raising events. June 3 is the date for a night of jazz to benefit Kona Kai’s non-profit organization, Halo Network Foundation. To be held at the ShoWare Center in Kent, WA, this event provides an opportunity for Puget Sound retirees to support a worthy cause.

Each year, survivors from Seattle Res (SEARR) host reunions for former employees of their unit. Organized by **Sue Crane** and **Cris LeGassey**, dates for your 2011 calendar are both Saturdays – May 21 and October 1. Mark your calendar, if you once had a job at Res, and plan to renew old friendships at Kona Kitchen in Seattle.

Calendar:

**April 12** – Luncheon Meeting - Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**May 10** - Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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Greetings from the Nation’s Capital!

The Dulles Loungers continue to draw a good crowd at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia (not far from Dulles International Airport). We meet on the second Wednesday of each month so come and join us.

Recalling the event on December 8, 2010 when two Marines joined us for lunch and the collection of “Toys for Tots”. Our 50/50 cash prize that day was \$45 and the winner was **Ralph Baggett** (IADCS) who promptly turned it over to “Toys for Tots”. Ralph was one of 10 children, 2 girls and 8 boys, and all the boys served in the Marine Corps. The family lived in Paducah, Kentucky and Ralph’s mother was once nominated for “Mother of the Year”!

Ralph served in the Marine Corps from 1959-1963 and most of his duty was served in Paris. He remembers meeting many celebrities in Paris, Brigitte Bardot, Sofia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida, Glen Ford, President and Mrs. Johnson, to name a few.

Our Dulles Loungers member **Nancy Pater** braved the icy weather in Europe over Christmas and visited her niece in Frankfurt. The bad weather prevented Nancy from visiting Vienna so she enjoyed the famous Christmas markets in Frankfurt, drank champagne and ate rich foods! Christmas Eve is a big event in Frankfurt with all the Cathedral Bells ringing out at midnight, visitors and locals in high spirits! The hot mulled wine and tasty snacks are available from vendors around the square. A wonderful place to spend Christmas Eve!

Calendar:

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**Barbara Fisk Vincent** and **Christel Hasenbring ILG** were honored to represent Clipped Wings® at the Retiree Leadership Luncheon at United Airlines Operations Center in February. We had the pleasure of meeting the representatives of all the CAL and UAL retiree groups. This was definitely a positive step to the future of United and Continental Airlines (The New United). The host of the meeting, **Donna Towle** (WHQHR), presented some great ideas for all of us to join forces and go forward together.

We were especially happy to meet the representatives of the Golden Penguins, Retired Flight Attendants of Continental Airlines, President **Ann Wall** and member **Judi Jagger**.

The leaders of the New United seem to be sensitive to all the issues. Working together was emphasized in the "2011 Go Forward Plan" to make the new United a great place to work. What a wonderful idea. At the end of the meeting, Donna reminded us that "Nothing is going away - It is a new beginning." Let us all keep that thought.

Our supply of Clipped Wing® scarves is almost gone. If you would like to purchase a scarf, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). The cost for one scarf is \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping. The profit helps support Special Olympics.

If you would be interested in joining Clipped Wings, please go to our website, [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). I will also be very happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). We look forward to having you join us.

Wishing all of you a "Happy Spring" and a "Happy Easter" from all of us in Clipped Wings®.

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# LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

Hi members,  
I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

## **WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Nancy Adams, Robert Barmore, Charles Baseline, Amelia Briones, Carol Cersosimo, Robert Frye, Edward Galles, Janet Guild, Rolland Howard, Elizabeth Illingworth, Georgia Johnson, Robert Koester, Donna Lynn, Katherine McClure, Chris Miller, George Miyasaki, Donald Osborn, Cas Paprocki, Alexandra Pontarelli, Alex Raymond, Ruth Reiner, Russell Reisenleiter, Jan Smithberg

## **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

### **Carol Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108-8022**

Greetings and a Happy, Healthy New Year to All! Sorry this is late. I have been laid low for the past 2 weeks with diverticulitis, but am feeling much better now. I can't believe another year has gone by so fast. We celebrated my 75<sup>th</sup> last year by going back to my favorite place in the world, Kona. We had dinner with two old buddies, bartenders of course. We hadn't been back for quite a while and found lots of changes. There are way too many stoplights and big box stores; and unfortunately many closed businesses. We started going there in the mid 60's when it was just a sleepy fishing village, oh well, that's progress I guess!

Thanks again for all you do. Sure hope we can keep our travel privileges status quo, but we'll just have to keep our fingers crossed.

### **Tom Kalfa, 16705 Jeanette Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703-1203**

The newsletter always puts me in a nostalgic frame of mind. It is like a monthly mini-reunion with all of the wonderful people who were the heart, soul, and smile of what we will always remember as "The Friendly Skies".

### **Wallace Wong, 345 West 58<sup>th</sup> St., #6-T, New York, NY 10019**

Greetings from the Big Apple, hope this note finds the RUAEA Staff in the best of health and spirits, Happy New Year!

Congratulations and Thanks for doing a great job keeping us updated on the United/Continental merger and the emerging Pass policy for retired United employees.

Also congratulations to the volunteers, who operate the Portland and Seattle travel desks, they are doing an exceedingly effective job!

As I reflect on my 35+ years of service with United Airlines, I can't help but recall the people, events,

drama, changes, and challenges, which was a rewarding experience for me. I will always remember and value the friendships, which evolved during my work at the United Airlines Maintenance Operations Center in San Francisco

In my retirement years and currently, I am involved in the theatrical business such as Theatre, Film, Cabaret, and Television.

**El Ailshie, 9255 N. Magnolia, Santee, CA 92071**

Thanks for all your efforts in keeping us up to date on everything. We so appreciate it.

This has been a trying year for us. El had a stroke last March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is doing quite well but suffers short term memory loss. Because of this, we moved back to the San Diego area to be closer to family. We are still getting used to everything.

We have reconnected with the ReSans group and that has been a plus. Things are looking up.

Take care and have a good year.

**Elinor Cruzan, 286 Day Dreamer Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88005**

It looks like it is time to cancel the RUAEA newsletter.

Will is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Alzheimer's and has lost interest in reading. Neither of us knows any names mentioned in the publication. Well, maybe a few from the Denver Mile Highers.

We are a UAL family! My father, **Lester E. Davis** joined NAT in 1927, working with **Curtis Barkes** for 25 years. My grandfather, **R. J. Davis** was a night watchman at the Midway Airport. I joined the company at the age of 17 in 1943. My last job was at EXO, a 7 year stint.

I will miss the RUAEA but because Will has lost interest, we will just say "Goodbye".

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

Thank all of you for the time and work you put into keeping all us retirees from all around the world informed as to what is going on. I am not computerized, so I appreciate getting the news, even by "Snail Mail". Ha!

Holy Moly! I should have signed up as a Life Member. Think of the dues I could have saved since 1981. Oh well, it has been wonderful to keep getting the Newsletter every month regardless.

Even though we haven't flown on UAL for years, as we usually drive to Florida or Pennsylvania every year. I did get on a plane May 17, 2010 though. I was one of 99 WWII veterans that had the privilege of being selected from Oklahoma to visit our Memorial in Washington DC at no cost.

We were part of the Honor Flights Organization that takes veterans to see our beautiful Memorial on the Mall in Washington. What a send off Oklahoma City gave us! Each of us and a spouse were put up in a hotel the evening before. We had a wonderful reception; program and each of us were introduced. Then at 5AM, we boarded three buses for the Will Rogers Airport where we boarded a beautiful Boeing 737-800. It is operated by Miami Air International, a charter Airline.

It was all one class with 170 passengers, plus the crew. On our 3 hour flight to BWI, we had a movie and a full breakfast. The same on the return flight which was on the same night, a movie and a full dinner

We each had a "Guardian" that stayed with us if we needed any help. Beside us 99 vets, there were 63 Guardians who paid \$500 each, plus 8 TV and News people. I asked the pilot if they were really from Miami. He said "yes". I told him that I had worked in Miami for some 20 years, with United. He said, "*We sure miss you.*"

In August, we *drove* to Detroit, MI. and attended the "Thunder Over Michigan Air Show", after which we drove on to Pennsylvania to visit my old growing up area and relatives, near Meadville, PA.

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By Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret.

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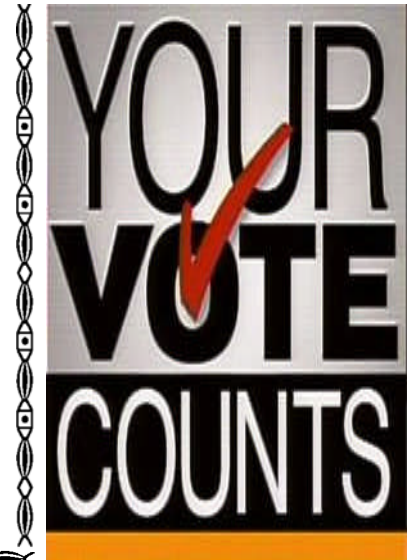
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