



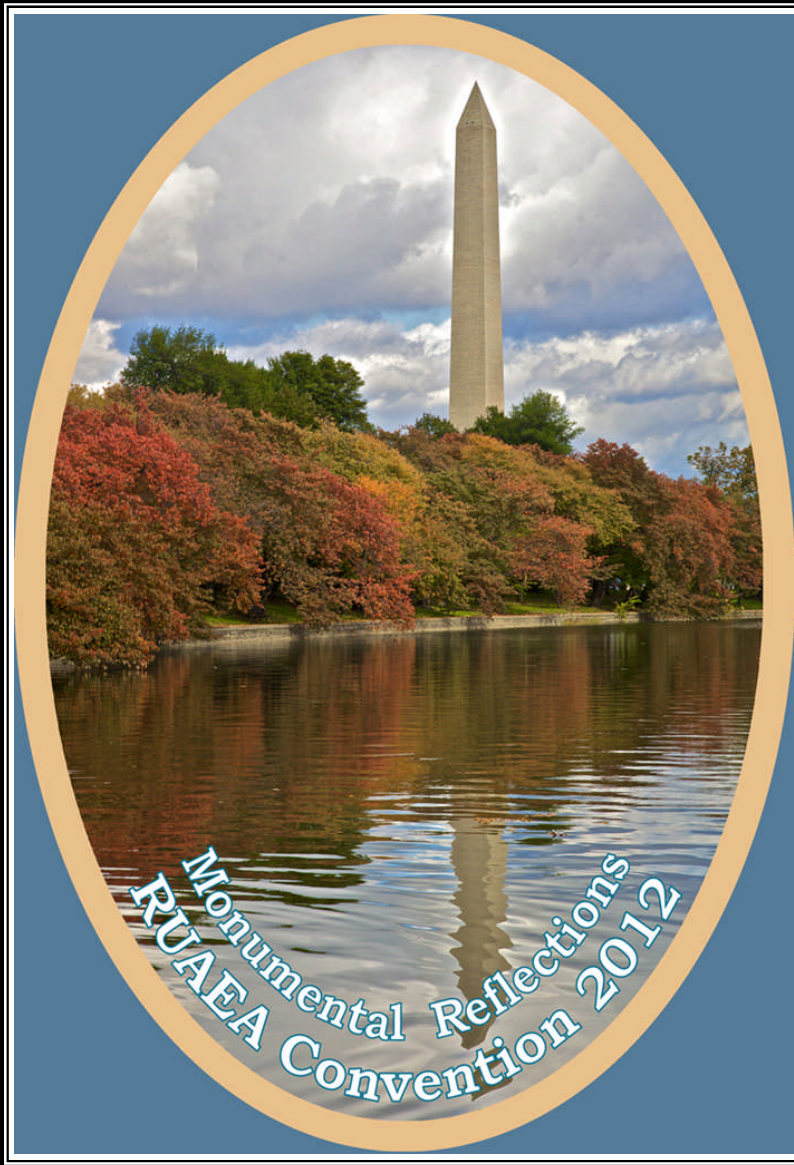
# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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## *RUEA 2012 Convention, October 3 - 7 Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA*

What do you think of when you think of Washington, DC? Did you say “Red, White and Blue”? Did you say “Uncle Sam”? Exactly! That is why The Dulles Loungers are so happy to know that you are considering coming here in the fall for the 2012 RUEA Convention. We are planning to show you that there is a lot more to this area than the national colors, the White House, politics and cherry blossoms. Note our Logo “Monumental Reflections”. The Washington Monument is one of our most famous landmarks, but it is just one of dozens commemorating significant events and people in our history. Please notice also the fall colors in our logo. Fall is one of our most enchanting seasons. The leaves will be beautiful, the air crisp and fresh, and yet the temperature will be comfortable and inviting. Fashion is important in this area and you will see the latest and the best in sweaters and boots. And because tourism is important, comfort is also honored with jeans, jogging outfits and comfy shoes. People watching is always a fun sport, so as long as you have a smile on your face, no fashion arrests will be made. We have finalized most of the tours which we plan to sponsor; Mount Vernon, the National Cathedral, Annapolis, and a Civil War tour will be at the top of the list. Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, has been beautifully restored and has

undergone many recent improvements. A new museum along with an exciting movie provide a remarkable experience. The National Cathedral is exquisite. It is a place of peace, beauty, art and history. To get away from the bustle of the city, we invite you to experience Annapolis, MD. It is renowned as our sailing capital and is the home of the United States Naval Academy. The seafood here is among the best you will find. If you go home without eating a **real** Maryland crab cake, shame on you! Finally, there will be an unforgettable tour of some of the many historic Civil War battlefields which have been preserved in our area.

DC, Maryland, Virginia, whether it's “inside the beltway” or “outside the beltway,” we are here and looking forward to welcoming you. We promise to show you a good time and new and different views of our area. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail our committee at [2012was@gmail.com](mailto:2012was@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in October.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



**Ron Bertacini**

The new United was fully integrated on March 3, 2012. The last Continental Airlines CO1267 flight left Phoenix at 11:59 p.m. on March 2, 2012 and arrived in Cleveland the next morning March 3<sup>rd</sup> as UA1267. That date also brought into effect the new pass policy. Information about the new policy can be found on the company website *[Flying Together-Travel](#)*. Once in the *[Travel](#)* section, there are several subjects to check. Web-list has been replaced with employeeRes. Information about employeeRes can also be found in the *[Travel](#)* section of *[Flying Together](#)*. In addition, 1-800-UAL-LIST has been replaced with 1-866-FLY-EPAS (1-866-359-3727).

Last month, we reported that the three Travel Desks would be closing by the end of March. The company has requested that we keep those desks open for at least 90 days. We will do that to the best of our abilities. Volunteers in SEA have had training with the SHARES system and hopefully will be able to assist pass travelers. We are trying to arrange training for the other two sites. In the interim, volunteers will try to assist as best they can.

This is a big election year. No I am not talking about the political elections but the RUAEA elections. The five officer positions as well as five of the ten area director positions are open. If you are at all interested in getting more involved, please contact our Past President **Ron Robertson** (see notice). This is a great opportunity to not only get involved but to help out your fellow retirees. Not only do we need people to step into some of the National offices but this also applies to the local level. Many chapters are fortunate that different members will take an active roll in keeping those chapters going. Others are less fortunate in that the same people have been responsible for years on end. See if you can't help them out.

We want to thank our membership for their support through these trying times. We also look forward to your continued support. With that in mind, see if you can't get your friends and associates that are not members to join us. Also, if you know Continental retirees in your area, encourage them to join us as well. For them it does not have to be either their organization or ours because they can be in both. The advantage of being a member is our Newsletter with good information about the company and retiree issues along with our website. Numbers will make a difference in the future.

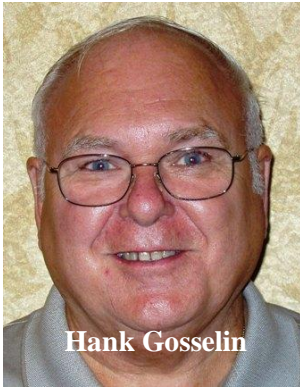
As mentioned last month, there is a lot of stuff floating around the internet. Some good, some not so good and some down-right misleading. We at RUAEA are doing our best to communicate valid and accurate information to all retirees via our Newsletter and on a timelier basis with our website. Yes, again you need a computer or at least a friend to help you with a computer. It is the future whether we like it or not. **RUAEA's official website is [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)**. This is the place for verified news.

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

## Letter From The Executive VP

I recently wrote an article regarding cost reduction within RUAEA. In response, some members requested we do not discontinue the Newsletter, also not to reduce its content. A dues increase was mentioned and your Board did not think it was an appropriate time to raise the dues. Looking at cost reductions, your elected officers have implemented the following:

- Reduced the length of the annual convention to four days from seven.
- Your officers and Board have reduced what they can the expenses for the Convention.
  - ✓ 2 nights lodging in lieu of 3
  - ✓ 1 banquet meal in lieu of 2
  - ✓ Eliminated spousal expenses



Hank Gosselin

- Kept the mileage expense at .50 per mile in lieu of Federal Guidelines

So at this point, the Newsletter will continue monthly, although the Newsletter Manager will continue to seek cost saving measures. The Dues will remain the same at this point. The website will remain functional. The web is the most cost effective way we can get timely information to our members. As you know, the new company would prefer to communicate in this type of venue. I encourage all of you to consider the web as your first choice over the hardcopy Newsletter!

We will continue to have an annual convention. We are in the process of obtaining a site for 2013.

We will continue to be proactive with the new company for all retirees. We will support grassroots efforts of United.

In closing, RUAEA is alive, and United is the Airline. Please encourage all retirees, both UAL and Continental, to join RUAEA. Also invite those who may have been employed by a company owned by UAL or Continental.

Meanwhile be inspired by our accomplishments at RUAEA. Join – Volunteer – Participate

**Hank Gosselin – Executive VP RUAEA**

### Candidates Sought for 2012 RUAEA ELECTION



RUAEA members will vote this year for the following officers, President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Vice President of Conventions and Treasurer.

Regional Directors to be chosen are Southern California, Northern California/Nevada, Western, Florida, Midwest.

Interested candidates should contact **Ron Robertson** at [ronandshirley@msn.com](mailto:ronandshirley@msn.com) or (520) 818 – 3020.

*Be Inspired – Volunteer - Participate*

### Pass Travel What To Expect at PSS



In the interim, UAL will call a retiree for boarding based on his or her board year, which reflects his or her active years of service, giving priority to retirees with the longest tenure with the company.

To determine your board year, subtract your years of active service from the current year. Your board year will increase each year. For example, if you retired with 10 years of service, your board year in 2012 is 2002 and your board year in 2013 will be 2003. A 2002 “board year” retiree will board prior to a 2003 “board year” retiree. **Within any “board year,” retirees will board based on check-in time.**

### EmployeeRES update



Co-workers and retirees who are planning to pass travel should make sure they have a listing on employeeRes before going to the airport. If you made a listing prior to Saturday March 3, the listing is migrating to employeeRes and should be visible under “My Travel Plans.” The employee travel center is manually processing some PNRs that co-workers created that did not properly migrate to employeeRES. If you are traveling immediately and your listing does not appear under My Travel Plans, please create a new booking prior to going to the airport. Keep in mind that ticketing may take a little longer than usual during this transition. If you are not traveling immediately, please be patient; United expects to clear

up most of the migrated PNRs soon. If you experience a problem creating a booking and are traveling within the next 72 hours, please send a detailed message, including itinerary and employee number to the Employee Travel Center team at [etc@united.com](mailto:etc@united.com).



### **Register your enrolled friends for pass travel in All About Me**



With the rollout of the new pass travel program on March 3, co-workers and retirees may now manage their enrolled friends through All About Me on Flying Together. United will add enrolled friends who are registered between now and March 31 to the travel profiles of co-workers and retirees on March 3 or within 72 hours after co-workers enter them into the system, whichever is later.

Like other elements of the new travel program, United designed the enrolled friend component to provide co-workers with flexibility, so that they can select options that are right for them. Retirees may choose up to two enrolled friends in addition to a spouse/domestic partner. Co-workers and retirees who already registered an enrolled friend for 2012 do not have to make changes unless they wish to select someone else as their enrolled friend or register a second one. Enrolled friends who employees and retirees register at this time will receive pass travel privileges from March 3 through the remainder of 2012.

For more information on the enrolled friend program, including questions and answers, visit the Travel page on Flying Together. To register enrolled friends, log into All About Me and select the “Pass Riders” link under HR Applications on the left side of the screen.

### **Post-PSS performance: Getting better all the time**



United completed the transition to a single passenger service system (PSS) early Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, leaders cited months of preparation and co-workers’ Working Together spirit as key factors in the company’s performance over the weekend.

While Information Technology (IT), Network Operations Center (NOC), Airport Operations, Reservations and other teams continue to work through a decreasing number of issues and resolve glitches, United’s metrics continued to improve steadily.

Sunday’s 99.3 percent mainline completion rate was higher than during the immediate pre-PSS period, noted EVP and Chief Operations Officer Pete McDonald. United’s on-time departure and arrival metrics for Saturday were below goal by about the same degree as if severe weather had affected a few hubs. By Sunday, United recovered to nearly goal in most categories. Sunday’s domestic A:14 was better than on the same Sunday last year. Delays have generally been “*short and manageable*,” Pete said.

At a number of airports, co-workers also dealt with delays caused by aircraft weight and balance issues. United’s call centers faced much higher volumes and customers had longer wait times than usual. The company continues to advise customers that if not traveling within 72 hours, they should use united.com rather than calling.

### **New cargo facility opens at ORD**

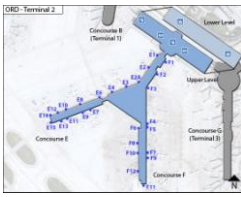


United Cargo on February 20 began working out of its new state-of-the-art 250,000-square-foot facility at ORD, the first facility built specifically for the combined cargo operations of the merged United.

The building is more efficient than the former UA cargo building at ORD. It has three positions to accommodate widebody freighter aircraft, and United is adding a fourth position by the end of this year. On the land side, there are 53 dock doors. In between, United has the most efficient fixtures and equipment, including an automated mail system that can sort 3,000 packages per hour to as many as 68 flights at one time.

The new facility is environmentally friendly from top (one of the largest vegetative roofs in North America) to bottom (permeable pavers that reduce storm-water pollution). The facility features high-efficiency lighting, plumbing and temperature control systems and United reused or recycled many of the fixtures and components. United also purchased as many locally produced building materials as possible.

## Upgrades coming to Terminal 2 at ORD



As United continues to look for ways to accommodate more customers and aircraft types and provide new amenities for travelers, the company will be investing in Terminal 2 at ORD.

The upgrades United begins this year will include 10 new passenger loading bridges for regional flights, which will allow its customers to board directly onto aircraft rather than using stairs. There also will be a new United Club lounge that will be triple the size of the current Terminal 2 club.

## United announced new ORD-SRQ service



United announced that effective November 4, it will launch daily nonstop service between ORD and SRQ (Sarasota, Fla.) using a Boeing 737-800. This new route complements United's existing service between ORD and eight other cities in Florida. It will give travelers from the Sarasota-Bradenton area convenient connections to United's global network from its ORD hub. Many customers from Chicago and the Midwest own second homes in the Sarasota area.

United offers ORD customers more than 600 nonstop flights each day to more than 150 destinations worldwide, dozens more flight and destination options than any other airline.

## Ask The Doctor - The Most Dangerous Drug In The World – Part V



**Dr. Reid**

Up to this point, this series of articles has identified the alcoholic, intervened to get the alcoholic treatment, and described the various forms of treatment. Although all of that information is important, the remaining piece of the process is by far the most difficult. All the prior information is only the preamble to greatest challenge of all. The alcoholic must now live in the world he/she came from. He/she must apply everything learned in treatment and rehabilitation each day for the rest of their lives. That is **real** test for clean and sober living.

During the evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation phase of the process, the alcoholic has received all the necessary psychological and physical information to live a clean and sober life. That requires the alcoholic to return to the exact environment they left. The same people. The same temptations. The same availability of alcohol. There is no more cocoon of the treatment facility or the ready availability of counselors and therapists. The

alcoholic is now in the real world with all the good and bad it has to offer. The alcoholic will have to be strong and compulsive in order to maintain sobriety.

In my opinion, the newly recovered alcoholic needs a refuge and a contact in the real world to serve as a guide and reinforcement of the recovery process. The contact is the alcoholic's sponsor and the organization (refuge) is the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). The combination of AA meetings and a sponsor will give the alcoholic the best chance of continuing sobriety. The organization of AA started in 1935 when two alcoholics, Dr. Bob and Bill W. found that they could stay sober by talking with each other about their feelings and drinking urges. They soon found that this ongoing verbal exchange kept them sober day by day. The ultimate result was the organization we know today as AA, with chapters in almost every city and town of the USA and in many cities around the world. In fact, there are probably AA meetings every day of the week and almost every hour of the day in most of the larger cities of the country. In the LA area alone there are probably 400 meetings a week.

The only requirement for admission to AA is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues. There are no officers. This is not a religion or sect. Members may make a donation to cover refreshments such as coffee for the meetings. The key to the meetings is that members may speak their minds about their feelings and concerns about their lives without fear of reprisal from the other members. The only obligation is total and complete anonymity while in the meeting. What is said during a meeting stays in the meeting. Furthermore, members only introduce themselves with their first name to other members. This precedent of total anonymity is

paramount to the success of AA over the past 75 years. Total membership is unknown but is probably in the millions worldwide.

The contact I mentioned is known as a sponsor. This person is also a recovering alcoholic with several years of sobriety who can offer advice and be a sounding board for the newcomer. This person should be of the same sex and approximately the same age. This person is not a priest, not a doctor, not a spouse or significant other. This person tells the newly recovering alcoholic what he/she **needs** to hear not what they **want** to hear. This person always keeps the conversations confidential and listens. The sponsor does not order, direct, or compel the new alcoholic to say or do anything. The sponsor only reminds the alcoholic that the disease is incurable, patient, and relentless. There is no such thing as **cured**. No such thing.

I will say that the concept of a sponsor and AA is not the only method of lifetime recovery that exists. However, I am of the opinion that the AA approach has been the most successful and most enduring recovery program that has stood the test of time and has reached the entire world. It is my suggestion to the newly recovered alcoholic if he/she is to achieve a clean and sober life.

In closing may I remind you that the impact of alcohol in this country is astounding. A recent article in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine/November 2011 reported the following statistics: in 2006, excessive drinking cost \$223.5 Billion – 72% from lost productivity, 11% from healthcare costs, 9% from criminal justice costs, and 7.5% other. Additional costs included \$170.0 Billion for binge drinking, underage drinking \$27 Billion, and drinking during pregnancy \$5.2 Billion. On a per capita basis, the economic impact of excessive drinking in the US is about \$746 per person. Never forget those numbers. Never forget the number of lives lost or permanently injured, the number of families permanently damaged, the number of days of absenteeism at work.

That is why I say that the most dangerous drug in the world is ALCOHOL.

Stay well. Fly safe. Until next time.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles**



The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel was celebrated on March 11, 2012. Bishop Mascherino invited me, my wife, **Marge & Joe Bradley**, President of the Independents and his wife, **Gail** to attend the event. I will give a report in the next newsletter.

I am happy to report that Bishop Mascherino is doing much better. When I spoke with him, he spoke clearer and with more strength and clarity. However, the process of creating a corporation of the chapel continues, in order that the chapel will not go to the state in the event something happens to Bishop Mascherino.

There has been a change in the Board since I last reported. The board now consists of Bishop Alphonse T. Mascherino, President ~ Chuck Charrie, Vice President ~ Bruce Miller, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer ~ Bishop Mascherino and Frank Eggles.

Another change is that the property we previously mentioned purchasing has been cancelled. An announcement will be made on March 11<sup>th</sup> regarding the new plans.

Please continue your support and your donations to the Chapel as they are needed now, more than ever. To donate to the Memorial, make check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: **Frank J. Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307 Newtown Square, PA 19070. Thank you.

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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Our Florida/Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter met on Thursday, February 16, at 11:30 A.M. in our favorite meeting place, which is the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 16 members present. We welcomed a new member and new friend at this meeting. **Judy Hebl**, who visited us last year while she and her husband were down from Milwaukee, WI for Winter Break, decided after visiting us in January this year, she would like to join our group. She and her husband will be down for 3 months this year so we are thrilled that she will be able to attend three of our meetings. We keep telling her they should move down to our area and they could enjoy our wonderful weather year-round. Members in attendance were: **Bill & Ann Delavan, Honey Dimitriadis, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Judy Hebl, Rick & Carol Herrick, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko, and Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey.**

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 1:00 PM after lunch. Bob asked **Judy Hebl** to tell us more about her and her husband. We look forward to him joining us next month. Minutes and Financial Reports were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, and **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President. The winners were **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz!** We were so shocked as this was the first time we had ever won. Miracles do happen!

**Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary, told us she had talked with **Billie Learned** on the way to the meeting and **Park** had just gotten out of the hospital the night before and is doing better. **Park Learned** had an emergency appendectomy the end of January; he then had complications and had to return to the hospital for a few days. We are all so glad he is doing better. **Billie** said that **Park** was upset when he could not attend our meeting



today. We do miss them and anyone else in our group so much when they are absent. We truly have become like family to each other. What a **great** group we have!

**Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** brought the newly designed name tags she had completed. She is still waiting on info and a picture from several members. They look great.

At our next meeting we will borrow a large screen TV from the museum and **Annie** will explain all the new policies regarding listing, etc. She will also try to answer all the questions everyone has. We are so lucky to have her in our group to give us personal instructions on this new info.

**Ed Southworth** is part of United Pilots for Justice and they are talking to PBGC. Anyone wanting more info can email Ed.

**Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** had some surgery on her forehead in January and we are so happy that everything turned out well and she was looking great at our meeting.

Our March meeting date will be changed due to Spring Break that conflicts for some of our members. We will meet Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Cubi Bar Restaurant.

Our April meeting date will be Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and May's meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning a Spring trip down to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call and come join us for our meeting. Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month (most months) and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

#### Calendar:

**April 19** - Meeting

**May 17** - Meeting

#### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Special thanks **again** to **Carol Wilbanks** for writing the February newsletter article!

Crowd was slim: **Joe Duncan, Bill Preston, Edna Aronson, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Jesslyn Arnold, Bobby Cox** (**Jean** was sick), **Joe Jones, Donna Gooch, Gay Fowler** and **Ann Simmons**.

After the meal, members talked about recollections of **Dick Golden**, one of the former station managers at BHM. Someone said it was good to be able to laugh about things that happened in the past that did not seem funny at the time.

We were so glad **Bill Preston** was able to join us today. His son, Doug, passed away last week. He said he knew it would be good for him to get out and visit with friends. **Ann Simmons** is getting ready to sell her home of 50 years and may move to an independent living apartment. She says she is finding some interesting things in her basement after living there so long. **Carol Wilbanks** is also getting ready to sell the house she inherited from her mother.

We discussed the tornadoes that occurred January 23. One of the hardest hit neighborhoods is across the street from the house Carol inherited. Thankfully, there was no damage to it or to any other member's homes. **Joe Duncan** lives only 2 blocks from the business district in Center Point that was heavily damaged. There have been several thousand volunteers working many hours to help with debris removal, feeding the victims, and many other ways. Carol volunteered in the neighborhood close to her house. She said it was very hard work (too hard for an old lady) and emotionally difficult.

Since our treasurer was absent, we did not have a 50/50 drawing today. Herb announced that we need to elect new officers since the current folks have held office for 3 years, except for our secretary who has served 2 years. Discussion followed about who to nominate. No progress was made.

It was decided by those present to meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> at The Bright Star in Bessemer at 11:30 am. **Edna Aronson** will make the arrangements.

A special thanks to all of our "regular" retiree members, spouses and friends for continuing to make "Sweet Home Alabama" a great group of former colleagues and friends. If you live in Alabama, and you are not a part of our group, please consider joining us. Contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or [judyslover@mindspring.com](mailto:judyslover@mindspring.com).

March Birthdays: **Zoe Glass** (3/13), **Gay Gwin Fowler** (3/24), **Edna Mann Aronson** (3/28).



Calendar:

**April 9** - Meeting - 11:30AM – TBA

**ARIZONA**



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Happy Spring to the Southwest! The buds are already on the citrus trees ... the cactus are partially in bloom and the desert is again waking from our “short” winter season.

Our February luncheon on the 11<sup>th</sup> was a real success with 48 members attending at Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West. Also, on the venue, was our annual “white elephant” sale which is a lot of fun and a real money maker for the chapter for subsequent contributions to the “fantasy flight” and other charities.

We did not plan a luncheon in March due to other activities i.e. All-Arizona luncheon on March 15 and an outing planned at the Peoria ballpark on March 19, the Chicago Cubs vs. the Seattle Mariners. 8 members signed up to cheer their teams. We’ll report later on our great day at the ballpark!

A potluck luncheon is planned for April at the Liltz’s home in Goodyear, AZ, probably on the 21<sup>st</sup> which is the third Saturday. Since Easter Sunday is April 8 and the Liltz’s trek back home from the Chicago area might prove more difficult and timely due to our new pass policy and the usual “spring break” traffic, Carol requested delaying the luncheon one week. As usual, we will email the information to our members later in March.

We have heard some sad news about our long-time member and friend, **Don Bergstrom**, who had emergency surgery on Friday, March 1 due to a rupture in his colon. At this writing, (3/6) he still is in ICU recovering from the surgery and an induced coma to help healing. He is a very sick man and our thoughts and prayers are with Don, Anne and their family for Don’s speedy and complete recovery. Cards can be sent to their home: 20003 N. 124<sup>th</sup> Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Calendar:

Coco’s breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

**April 3** – 0800 Breakfast

**April 17** – 0800 Breakfast

**April 21** - Potluck luncheon at **Vic & Carol Liltz**’s home (details to members)

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Happy Easter to everyone! What a beautiful time of the year to be in Arizona. We hope you will join us for our annual picnic this month as well as our monthly breakfast. We would love to have any visitors in the area come check us out. We are a fun and friendly group. We are open to any one that has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and of retirement age of 55 or more. Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@lostshadow.com](mailto:jbrigante@lostshadow.com), or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). They will be happy to answer any of your questions.

We had 44 people at our February 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Mount Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ. The All-Arizona luncheon hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners at the Robson Ranch in Eloy, AZ on March 15<sup>th</sup> was discussed. We hope to have a good turn-out from our chapter. The Travel Desks at Seattle, Portland, and Chicago will be closing down after March 31. These three Travel Desks were staffed with retired volunteers to assist pass travelers without computer access. With the change from Apollo to Shares, the company has decided

that it will not provide the equipment and training to keep these desks in operation. After the luncheon, **Natasha Schmidt**, arranged for a tour of the Pinal County Historical Museum, which was very interesting and worthwhile visiting. Thanks **Natasha** for the good job you did, in spite of being on crutches due to hip surgery.

One of our past members, **Julia Sapelak**, passed away March 8<sup>th</sup> in Michigan. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Condolences can be sent to Mr. & Mrs. **Thomas Sapelak**, 140 W. Auburn Trail, Brighton, Michigan 48114-5000.

Our February 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at Crackers had 28 members present. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, passed out medical and pass information. It was reported that the Seaside in Hawaii is in the process of being sold. The All-Arizona luncheon on March 15 at the Robson Ranch is coming up. Next year, our chapter, will be in charge of the luncheon, which we will hold at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, as we did before. The Membership Directories will be printed shortly, please advise **Rita Zarek** of any changes or corrections that need to be done.

We will report on the All Arizona Luncheon at the Robson Ranch hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners next month.

Our annual picnic at Crescent Run in Mesa will be held on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. Crescent Run is located at 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa. If you need directions, please contact **Shirley** or **Ron** at (480) 354-7610. The cost of the picnic is \$5 for members and \$17 for non-members. The food will be barbeque beef, chicken, and Italian sausage with peppers. We will again enjoy the great music of **David Grimes** of Mesa. The picnic starts at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. Reservations are due by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Plan on paying for the picnic when you arrive. This is always a fun picnic, with plenty of food available.

Don't forget, membership dues for **RUAEA** are \$25 per year. This is in addition to our own chapter dues of \$5 for each member. The **RUAEA** Newsletter is very informative on company news as well as reading all the chapter reports on people you may have previously worked with. Send your membership dues of \$25 to Retired United Airlines Employees Association, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207. Be sure to include your file number on all correspondence.

The following members have birthdays in April: **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Ron Paluch** (4/1), **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), **Chuck Strohmaier** (4/16), **Orland Baldwin** (4/20), and **Duri Arquisch** (4/27). Have a wonderful Birthday! We have three wedding anniversaries this month. They are **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** (4/7/84), **Jan & Don Eiken** (4/20/57), and **Judy & Steve Stricker** (4/23). Congratulations to all!

#### Calendar:

**April 12** - Picnic at Crescent Run, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m, with lunch at noon. Hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. Contact them at (480) 354-7610 with your reservations, or by e-mail at [ripal96@yahoo.com](mailto:ripal96@yahoo.com).

**April 27** - Breakfast at Crackers, 13258 N. Greenfield Rd. in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by Wednesday, April 25, with your reservations at 480-396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**May 25** - Breakfast at Crackers

**June 22** - Breakfast at Crackers.



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Greetings from the Tall Pines Chapter! Our February meeting had a great turnout considering the small size of our group - 18 members were present. Possibly the hint of spring is bringing us all out in larger numbers. No business this time - just a lot of socializing.

Our next get-together will be at the Lone Spur Cafe on April 17th at 11:00am in beautiful downtown Prescott.

#### Calendar:

**April 17** – Luncheon the Lone Spur Cafe - 11:00am. Hope to see you there!

## TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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February was a busy month for the Tucson area as the tourists and residents alike were treated to many events that took place. Just a couple of the attractions were the WGC Accenture golf tournament that was held at the Ritz Carlton golf course at Dove Mountain in Marana and the annual rodeo that took place in Tucson with the non motorized parade consisting of horse-drawn wagons of years gone by and marching bands from local high schools.

Somehow we managed to fit the Roadrunner luncheon into the events taking place and had a turnout of 26 members and two guests. We met at the Thunder Canyon Brewery in the Foothill's Mall shopping center which always provides for an excellent menu with good food. Plus it has an isolated area where we can carry on a meeting. **Lyn & Roger Callihan** hosted this event. **John Bennatts** talked about the upcoming all Arizona Luncheon to be held at the Robson Ranch Resort in Eloy on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, which the Roadrunners will host this year. He also said that the CEO and other members of the Alliant credit union would be in attendance and give talks and answer questions from members in attendance. He also indicated that there would be some surprises in store.

Among the 28 attendees were two guests of **Bill & Bonnie Royle, Willa Jane & Dave Thompson**. They traveled to the Tucson area not only to visit the Royles but I believe to get away from the Pennsylvania winter weather. **Willa Jane** is a cousin of Bonnie.

**Dora Starr's** foot surgery was successful and she is now on one of those knee scooters and doing well according to **Gordy**. We hope to see her at the March luncheon in Eloy. **Shirley Robertson** is back after her foot surgery and wearing shoes again. Also, **Merrit McGlothlin** is recovering from a surgical procedure that took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February and he is doing fine. I guess the old saying is true that time will heal all wounds.

**Pat & Rich Dilallo** conducted the 50/25/25 drawings and there were three winners. **Lu Dykhuis, Jim Hafterson** and **Shirley Robertson** were the lucky ones.

### Calendar:

**March 15** – All Arizona Luncheon at Robson Ranch, Eloy, AZ

**April 19** - **Jim & Gail Rudolph's** home

## CALIFORNIA

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Our February meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the River Grill in Alisal, CA. We were treated by our hosts, President **Esther & Bob Bartlett**, with framed photographs of our members, which also served as seating locations. Esther did a beautiful job of taking the pictures at various times and then putting them in decorative frames. She also had table treats for the 22 of us to enjoy.

During our meeting, we had the 50/50 drawing that was won by **Barbara Chappell** and **Jack Cunningham**. As an additional prize, Esther made a flowery silk scarf that was won by **Marilyn Rybar**. Esther is a very talented artist who was able to put her painted flowers on the scarf that impressed all of us.

**Marcia Stanger**, our treasurer, reminded everyone that the \$5 dues for the year was due.

**John Stilwell** told us that the new pass restriction will be coming up and we need to register as soon as possible. John also told us that he was given tickets to see the AT&T golf tournament in MRY by his son who



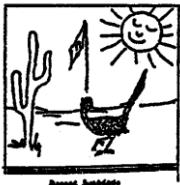
was able to get them. **Bob Stanger** is already working on getting more tickets for next year using John's connection. Since this tournament is tightly controlled, John was able to get in because he had his dogs with him and this must have meant something since he had no trouble getting in. He told the guards that he was only going to walk his dogs.

**Jack Cunningham** couldn't resist the fact that he and his bride have been married for 60 years and he just reached 90 years old. We were glad that they were able to attend the meeting since they were supposed to be on a cruise. They both got sick and had to cancel.

On a good news and sad news report: The sad news is that **Dana & Bill Noyes** will be moving to a facility near STL. This all came about two weeks before our meeting and their sons will be helping them pack up and move by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dana & Bill were one of the original members, along with **Bob Wagner** and the **Cunninghams**, who began our chapter in 1996. Dana has been the treasurer all that time until this year. The good news is that they will be near relatives and they will be looking for a place to stay. Also the cost of living around STL is a lot cheaper than what they could get here in CA. Needless to say they will be missed. They will be attending their last meeting with us in April and at that time we should be getting an update on their move.

Calendar:

**April 18** – Next meeting



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Forty four Desert Sunbirds attended our February Luncheon at the Elephant Bar in Palm Desert. Hosted by **Mary Frank**, we had many choices, including Cobb Salad, Chicken Medallions Marsala, and a Philly Cheese-Steak Sandwich.

Guests this month: **Gay Traber** brought her brother, **Bob Little**; **Siv Adams'** guest was **Winnie Sher**. We also welcomed two new members; **Anna Crisci** (NYCSS), and **Rosemarie Palmieri** (EWRCS).

Troubling news: **Dee Wright**, long-time member of the Desert Sunbirds, was injured when he backed out of his garage into another car. He suffered a broken vertebra, and had difficulty breathing and talking. This happened on February 16<sup>th</sup>. He was put in a medically induced coma, and scheduled for a tracheotomy and a head MRI. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, he was moved to a Re-hab Center in Ontario. As of this date, per his nurses, Dee is doing OK. He is being fed with a feeding tube, and his vital signs are good. Thanks to **Hal Klobe**, Re-Lax-ers President, for keeping us up to date.

Golfers: If you are interested in playing in the upcoming UAL Golf Tournament (formerly called the "Patterson", contact **Dede Utzinger**, [word2go@aol.com](mailto:word2go@aol.com). The Tournament is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>, at Recreation Park, in Long Beach.

**Gay Traber** was the "Birthday" winner, and naturally, **Bob Little**, Gay's brother, won the 50-50. There were other prizes as well. There were two (2 free lunches at the Elephant Bar) winners, **Patti Sica** and **Scoobie Wolfe**. In addition, **Mary Frank** provided "party favors" for the raffle. The winners were: **Dee Whately**, **Siv Adams**, **Melinda Lerg**, **Sandy Sereno**, **Maureen Schultz**, **Mike Bailardo**, and **Ken Hawley**.

Calendar:

**April 11** – Hosted by **Shirley & Ben Schiewe**

**May 9** – Hosted by **Carole Paquin & Dee Whately**

## GOLD DIGGERS

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## SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on February 29, 2012 at Cattlemens in Roseville. This was hosted by our Past President, **Charles Szekretar**. This was our yearly Past Presidents Luncheon. We had 57 Gold Diggers attending and one guest, **Robert D. Jaramillo**, guest of **Al Kaiser**. Our Chapter President, **Terry Greenacre**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Szekretars for hosting.

The Past Presidents that attended the luncheon were introduced:

- ★ **Al Kaiser** (1981) - (our Founding Father)
- ★ **Bob Halden** - 1994
- ★ **Ken Norton** - 2002
- ★ **Forester Sinclair** - 2003
- ★ **Ron Bertacini** - 2004
- ★ **Harold & Colleen Esola** – 2005 & 2006
- ★ **Jean Sinclair** - 2007
- ★ **Bob Fulkerson** - 2008
- ★ **Francis Domaratius** - 2009
- ★ **Ken Norton** - 2010
- ★ **Charles Szekretar** - 2011

Some little facts about our past presidents: This is the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of Gold Diggers. We have had 29 past presidents; 13 of those have passed on; that leaves 16 left and 5 of those couldn't attend.

Officer's Reports:

President **Terry Greenacre** said that they usually don't attend conventions but are thinking about going to the convention in Washington D.C. in the fall.

V.P. **Orville Harshbarger** mentioned that there are two openings left, July and October for hosting a luncheon.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for January: Those 50 years and over: **Glenn & Alice McPeak** (62 years); **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (57 years); **Dick & Velma Carrol** (54 years). **Harold Esola** lead us in the anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** wasn't with us today so **Forester Sinclair** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** wasn't with us today so **Terry Greenacre** gave the report. She sent a sympathy card to **Jack Fechter** for the death of his sister; also sent a get well card to **Hank Wiksted** who had knee surgery.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said she was thrilled that she took another 11 pictures of members today.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** said to pay your dues or your name will not be printed in the new roster.

RUAEA President **Ron Berticini** talked about our new travel pass policy which becomes effective March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most of the information is on Flying Together. Although not posted yet, we have been advised that surviving spouses will have passes on United and United Express. You can begin enrolling your two enrolled friends.

Hopefully, everyone has settled their healthcare issues. Some data was not originally transferred to the new company. The deadline to certify dependents has been extended to March 28. Also Ron reminded us that this is an election year. All officers and 5 directors are up for election.

## Calendar:

**March 28** - Mimi's Café in Lincoln hosted by **Sherrill & Syd Morgan** and **Angie & Frank Dellinger**

**April 25** - Sierra View County Club in Roseville, hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

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Our February luncheon was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at The Quail Inn in Oakmont. **George & Lois Schwind** hosted 35 members and guests to a delicious Buffet lunch.

After an enjoyable social hour, President Barney welcomed everyone and thanked George & Lois for hosting and **Marji & Matty Matchinegg** for helping with check in and the sale of raffle tickets.

VP George introduced our guests: **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen** and **Pam Olson**, guest of **Edie Olson**. George also announced that we still need hosts for June at The Quail Inn, September at LaGare and October back at The Quail Inn. Please sign up.

Barney said the website to confirm dependents is still not up but advised everyone with dependents (spouses) to keep checking the "All About Me" in the top left corner of the page.

Per **Jan Blackburn**, all HR issues (active and retired) are being handled by an outside company Aon Hewitt. As I was writing this, I googled the company and here is their tag line: "Aon Hewitt is your solutions expert in *human resources*, consulting services, benefits administrations & business process outsourcing." Unfortunately, that has not been Jan's experiences with them.

Barney was contacted by **Terry Stewart** who is interested in joining but works on Thursdays. It was suggested that we might want to consider having Continental's retirees join us. **Judy Ford** found a National Group and that would be a good place to start to see if they have a local group.

**Larry Stewart** has contacts with many contractors in different fields, if you need help call Larry on his cell at (707) 477-6799. **Joanne Huhn** read several thank you letters from the recipients of the various Christmas gifts. Jan reported the total balance as of 1/12/12 was \$618.94 of which \$434.73 is in the general account. We only have \$184.21 in the Charity Fund so don't forget to donate today.

Verda reported we had 8 birthdays this month: **Larry Wilson, Don Davis, Andy Citara, Norm Burnett, Madalynn Schmidt, Tim Staples, Diane Quinn** and **Ron Huhn** who won the free lunch. **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** celebrated their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and **Brandon & Pat Maus** celebrated 55 years.

Verda spoke with Norm and he is in good spirits despite being on daily radiation. Pat is now in rehab in Petaluma after having one leg amputated below the knee. Cards can be sent c/o: Petaluma Post Acute Rehab, 1115 B Street, Petaluma, CA 94954.

As always, the Raffle was fun with lots of wine, candy and flowers given away.

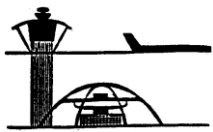
There were many questions and lots of confusion about the pass policy after March 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Friday, Barney sent an email with a few answers that I will recap here for those of you who do not have a computer.

The following emails were sent from "ETC" [etc@united.com](mailto:etc@united.com), Human Resources, Employee Travel Center on February 2, 2012. *Companion passes for retirees will expire on March 31, 2012 and travel has to be booked by February 29, 2012. When the New United switches to the new passenger service system, those old passes are incompatible with the new system, but if they are booked before the switch they can still be used. As far as a date for the enrolled friend program, the registration date will be announced soon.*

*Keep watching the Flying Together website and the United Daily emails for more information and rules on the new program as they are released.*

*With the new pass program, the UAL list number will be replaced with United ePass Line 1-866-359-3727. On the Flying Together website / Travel we will in the very near future have step-by-step instructions for listing for flights in employeeRES.*





### Re-LAX-ers

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Our last Re-LAX-er luncheon was a really fun event! Our gal about town, **Ester Horompoly** spread the word that we were having a very informative meeting regarding new UA/CO procedures. Our V.P. and local Director, **Howard Lackey** was assisted by **Sharon Record** and together we had lots of information discussed that really helped us understand the new rules and how to deal with them. Our grateful thanks to Howard, Sharon and Ester for helping so many retirees who were totally in the dark. As a result of this meeting; we hope to have new members join the Re-LAX-ers and RUAEA as well. Ester's efforts brought 14 friends from the flight kitchen and they were taking notes as fast as possible.

Our frequent travelers; **Barbara & Peter Schuster** are flyin' high again! Peter traveled to Germany with his two brothers to attend a family funeral of an aunt. Upon returning, he packed up Barbara and drove for a winter visit to Oregon. They loved it; not too much snow and beautiful scenery. Their next trip was a really fun bus trip to Laughlin on a Mainliner organized event!

We just had a wonderful catch-up call with **Maureen Williams**. Just recently, she'd had some problems with conflicting medicines and was feeling poorly. The Dr. corrected the problem and she is on the mend with help from close family. We haven't seen her in LA for a while and she said to give everyone her best wishes. She now lives at: 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240.

Another friend not heard from in a while is **Jeannie Alarcon**. Our funny friend has finally retired from her job at Disneyland. She stays at home to assist her husband in recovery from some serious illnesses and he is recovering well. They are enjoying their new home in Yorba Linda and she said to say Hi to everyone, she will try to stay in touch. New address is 4068 Jeffery Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

Our very dear friend, **Dee Wright** has been in a very serious accident. He has a broken neck and 4 broken ribs and is now in ICU at the Kindered Rehab acute care center in Ontario. We send our love and prayers for a safe recovery, to his home at 76670 Palm Tree Ave, Palm Desert. CA 92211.

Our wonderful correspondent **Barbara Smith** has stepped down from the job and asked me to continue for her. Since her stroke, her right hand was affected and the typing has become tougher and tougher. So, thanks for all the great reports Barbara, and we'll stay in touch.

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This was a very good month. Our breakfast had an all time high attendance of thirty. We saw several who hadn't been to the breakfast for quite some time. It was so good to see everyone again. We wished **Al Soderberg** a Happy Birthday, although he was home with Bronchitis, he probably heard the wishes all the way to his home in Pt. Loma.

**Tom & Marion Sturgeon** were with us from Cleveland, Ohio and it was good to see them. Tom had health issues last year and they were unable to come to San Diego, so it was good to see him looking so well. We all know it is the California sunshine and our happy smiling faces.

**Iris Hastie** and **Liz Kamoo** were with us after a long period of absence.

Four new members were welcomed into our group, **Jack Christy**, **Linda Smith**, **Anna Ongsioco** and **Joe Supnet**.

The Spring Fling was announced and we will be meeting at Stockdale's Alabama Style, Southern Cuisine restaurant owned by **Carol Stockdale**, former employee at SANCS and her husband **Karyes**. The lunch will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

We put a strong emphasis on the importance of membership both in RUAEA and RESANS as our numbers and unity are very important at this time of transition.

That's all the news for this month. Looking forward to an even larger group of attendees next month.

Calendar:

**April 5** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226-0255

**April 18** - Spring Fling lunch at Stockdales, 6523 University Ave., San Diego, CA 92115



**GOLDEN GATERS**

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Spring is springing on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The many varieties of daffodils and primroses are showing their pretty faces here in the Bay Area and also, some of our roses ... all very encouraging!

Have you purchased your Chinese New Years (Year of the Dragon) celebratory lunch on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> after our General Meeting? \$5 for members, \$7 for guests. Cut-off date is Thursday, March 22. Call an Auditor **now** to reserve a ticket. "Walk-ins" will be placed at the end of the line and are not guaranteed a meal.

Keep in mind not to miss our Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! And we're still in business!

Happily announced was the 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Ella Mae & Bob Donovan**, and 63 years of wedded bliss for **Ann & Jack Gardner**. Many happy returns, folks! What's your secret?

Unfortunately, some of us can stay for a while and some must go. We were only recently made aware that member **Clement Quon** had left us for a better place during May of 2011. If you would care to send a belated expression of sympathy to Clement's spouse, Mrs. **Muriel Quon**, her address is: 808 Constitution Drive, Foster City, CA 94404.

Despite hospital visits, many unexpected, some of us are still here. Our chapter President **Ralph Trullinger** has returned home, healthy, after a recent pacemaker "installation". Can't keep a good man down!

We were honored to have Western Division Director **Roger Casterline** pay us a visit and able to answer a few questions from our membership. Thank you, Roger.

One of the advantages of belonging to your local retiree chapter, as well as to our national RUAEA, is the information we are privy to regarding potentially harmful emails we seniors often receive. At one of our chapter meetings, we were made aware of several scams that I did not see printed in any newspaper. Being forewarned is forearmed, right?

Please note:

- (1) We are all aware that we should never give anyone our social security number over the telephone. But did you know that very sophisticated stationery is being printed with various bank logos, looking quite authentic and asking for your private information?
- (2) Thanks to a RUAEA member from another chapter, some credit cards show a symbol with 3 arched lines, one over the other. No matter what the bank says, this means their security can be breached. I checked my credit cards ... they're OK. So I purchased an "aluminum wallet (\$10 at Bed, Bath & Beyond) in which to securely keep my credit cards, drivers license, etc. On the TV news recently, it was suggested that you can also use plain kitchen foil to wrap around your cards. This may be a nuisance but it's better than allowing thieves to access your personal information just by standing next to you. Just like the Boy Scouts credo, "Be Prepared".
- (3) There is also an online Pay Pal spoof going around. Be careful what you write.
- (4) As vacation time rolls around, be alert and possibly suspicious of the safe in your hotel room. Some "faulty" default passwords allow safes to be opened by just dialing all 0000's. If you have placed valuable items in your room safe, check this out before you leave for the day or evening.

Calendar:

SFO-Bay Area retiree meetings begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. We'll meet you with a "Friendly Door Greeter". (Don't want to be hugged? Tell him or her promptly.) We meet at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Bring a retiree friend or friends so that they can see what a good time we have and what current information we can

offer them. Lost? Telephone (650) 286-3380. Mail may be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Happy Easter! Spring has hopefully sprung by the time you read this month's newsletter. The South Bay retirees will be enjoying their Spring lunch at the Faultline Brewery in Sunnyvale on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>. **Cheri & Ben Scales** and **Jean & Jack Jenkins** will be our hosts and they promise an afternoon of exciting activities, delicious food and magician Doug Jones. We'll begin at 11 a.m. and hope you'll plan to join us.

We're always happy to have new members join our chapter, **Ken & Rita Wahl** have recently joined our group.

Special happy anniversary wishes to **Dwayne & Anna Howze** for their 50<sup>th</sup> and **Anna & Keith Olthof** for their 51<sup>st</sup>.

**Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and **Karen & Bob Devlin** enjoyed a cruise to Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas on the M.S. Oosterdam. They sighted many dolphins and whales, but fortunately no banditos.

**Alex & Margie Klaus** traveled to Virginia and to the Gulf in Florida. They survived the "no see em" bugs and alligators in the south.

**George Sousa** read a thank you note from the Salvation Army for donations received from our chapter for their Christmas food drive. We were able to donate nine bags of food items.

Our future day trip will be to the Moffett Air Museum and the Computer Museum in Mountain View. **George Sousa** and **Dave Saso** will be leading this event on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will also be stopping for lunch at Mario's in Mountain View. A future day trip to the Monterey Aquarium is scheduled for the Fall. Keep checking for more details and information.

Our Sunshine Lady **La Donna Eggert** has been under-the-weather so **Marion Swanson** has been reporting for her. Unfortunately, **Dwayne & Anna Howze**, **Gerry Frisch**, **Garver & Wilma Sandy** have also been sidelined. We hope you will all be feeling better soon.

Don't forget to put our annual June picnic at Vasona Park on your calendar. It will be on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**.

We meet **every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino**, across from the Home Depot. The meetings start at **8 a.m** for breakfast and a short meeting led by our President **Sam Cramb**.

### **Calendar:**

**April 18** - Spring Lunch at Faultline Brewery, Sunnyvale, 11:00 am

**May 9** - Day trip to Moffett Air Museum and Computer Museum in Mountain View. Lunch at Mario's Italian Restaurant

**June 14** - Annual Picnic at Vasona in Los Gatos.



### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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Our February luncheon/meeting was held at the Pizza Factory in Valley Springs. We had salad and several different kinds of pizza and lots of it. The luncheon was hosted by **Don & Dixie Powlesland** and there were 29 people in attendance. This was our first luncheon since Christmas and it was wonderful to see many friends, we talked about the good times we all had over the holiday season.

We had a short meeting and the new pass travel program was discussed. We also talked about recertifying our medical coverage and there seems to be a lot of confusion over what needs to be done by retirees. The



Company is putting everything on the internet on the "Flying Together" website and it is up to all of us to log on and stay informed about the changes and the deadlines. So many changes are taking place so we all need to stay informed on the internet and assist friends and other members who do not have a computer.

**Don Nesja** reminded everyone that we still need someone to host our March luncheon. All the other months in 2012 have been accounted for and we were on the verge of not having a meeting in March. But then **Bob & Sandy Brooks** volunteered to host our March luncheon at The Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. Thanks so much to both of you for stepping up and helping out as you always do.

A few days ago, I received our first notice about the Tenth Annual Maintenance Get-Together which will be held again at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada on August 22 and August 23. More information will be in the RUAEA Newsletter at a later date but please mark your calendars and join us for a great time in Minden with friends and co-workers.

Our chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. If you would like any information, please contact our president **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.



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Our February meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 28 attendees. It was good to see returnees **Ken Price** and **Russ Kennedy**. **Carol Parks** and **Emma Lou Olson** once again made it a festive occasion with Valentine's Day decorations, favors and candies.

We had an in-depth discussion of the many changes occurring in the coming months.

**Hoagy Harguth** won the 50/50 and the free lunch at Sizzler was won by the **Nancy Boyle** and **Mary Untiedt**.

Our book exchange continues to be a great success. Don't forget to bring in any cards for **Emma Lou Olson**.

We agreed to continue our donations to a charity. We will accept any recommendations at our next meeting. Our Treasurer, **Rich Bouska**, reported that we are solvent and should be in good financial shape for our annual Picnic on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many different Departments represented.

#### Calendar:

**March 12**

**April 9**

**May 14**

**June 11**

**July - No meeting**

**August 13**

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Saturday March 3, the Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center Cafeteria. We had a great turn out with 70 retirees and friends in attendance. This may have broken a record!

First timers were **Michael McGunis, Ed & Carol Criss, Lloyd & Vera Johnson, Richard Convee, Frank Kokie, Hector Medina, Lee Edwards, Eugene Coletti**, all from UAL. From CO we had **Carol Danielson, Ellen Rilly** and as always, good to have **Don LeFurge, Mickey & Gaby Manfre** join us again. Come back and see us next month.

**Tom Goodyear** sadly reported the following retirees and spouses had passed away: **Pat Jahde** on February 19, **Tony Lopez** on February 22, and the late **Earl Darling's** wife, **Lorina Darling** on January 13.

Tom also reported **Del Frey** was still in the hospital. If you want to send him a card, his address is 8122 S. Biloxi Ct., Aurora, CO 80016 and **Ken Larson** was in the hospital with lung problems, his address is 38028 Fawn Meadows Trail, Elizabeth, CO 80107. **Harry Crandell** had colon surgery; his address is 7446 West Cedar Cir, Lakewood CO 80226. **Pam Palea** is now in a rehab, she is at Life Center. Pam cannot speak, cannot walk, and had a feeding tube inserted. If you want to send a card, her address is 11773 East Pacific Pl, Aurora, CO 80014.

**Tom Goodyear** and **Virgil Gooselaw** talked about the new Pass Policy and literature was handed out on the policy. They emphasized that there remained many unknowns and as time passes more information will be forthcoming. Items of significance will be posted on the RUAEA web site Home Page at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Check on it frequently, as new items are being posted as soon as they can be verified. Also there will be information in the Newsletter as it becomes available.

**Tom Eskelson** from H&R Block explained some of the new tax laws as they relate to retirees. And our friend, **Stella Mendoza**, from the Alliant Credit Union was with us. Stella is a Loan Officer with the credit union and has been a great help to us. We are always happy to have visitors, come on back!

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Ron Cannon** (won twice), **Jack Green, O J Keip, Gil Rohde, and Cas Spokas**. Thanks folks!

Don't forget the Spring Luncheon on April 18 at the Palace Chinese Restaurant 6265 East Evans Ave Denver Co 80222. \*\*There is additional Parking in the rear\*\*. Social Hour is 11:30 to 12:30 with a cash bar. The cost for the luncheon is \$18.00 which includes tax and tip. To start with an Appetizer of Spring Roll & Crabmeat Cheese Wonton will be served along with Beef Soup w/egg white. Entrees: Orange beef, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Pork Chow Mein and Happy Family which has vegetables and several different meats and sea foods. Mail your check to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone (303) 477-2918. Make checks out to the RUAEA Denver Chapter. Please include any guest's names on your check and mail by April 13.

#### 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!



### PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

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We met at TVI and had a great attendance. First timer **Richard Utzke**, ORDFO and regulars **Eve King**, DENSU and **Paula Bayer**, COSOZ attended our luncheon. Conversation centered about Health Insurance and Pass Policy changes starting in March 3, 2012. The following displaced COSOZ CSR's have moved again! **Shonda Nofzinger** transferred from COSOZ to COS Skywest then to BILOZ and now to DENCS, **Kathy Zelenok** transferred from COSOZ to COS Skywest then to PITOZ and now to DENCS. **Betty Day** from COSOZ to COS Skywest and now to DENCS. As the dust settles after March 3<sup>rd</sup> we had some surprises! Please contact all the retirees you know to make sure they certify their insurance and enroll all dependents, parents and friends on the website! Many are unaware without internet!

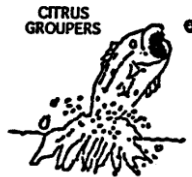
*March 3rd is 21 years since the loss of flight 585 and I cannot forget! It was on my watch!*

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

### FLORIDA

#### VILLAGE CITRUS GROUPEERS

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The February meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance with 30 members in attendance. Charles Wirth gave the Treasures report. We have a balance of \$382.00 in the treasury. Paul Brown, Regional Director of RUAEA gave a report regarding the other seven retiree chapters that are active in Florida about their interest in the conference we are hosting here in the Villages FL February 22,23, and 24 2012. He said they seemed very positive and would be looking forward to the conference. He informed them more information would follow as it became finalized. The conference will be called **Florida Retirees Uniting**.

Our president **Don Nellans** invited **Christy Kitt**, director of sales from the Waterfront Inn in the Villages Florida. She gave information regarding the facility. She was hoping we would consider them to help with the lodging and further the plans to make this conference enjoyable.

We welcome **Curt Thomas**, who is a new member to the Citrus Groupers, he retired from Denver CO. Welcome Curt, it's nice to have you aboard.

**Eileen Cochran** won the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations!

February Anniversaries ~ Mr. & Mrs. **Jack Hellerman**.

#### Calendar:

**March 22** - 11:30 to 1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy 42, on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions or questions answered may contact our President **Don Nellans** at [nellansdon@aol.com](mailto:nellansdon@aol.com), (352) 861-8486.



### SAND“DABS”

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On a beautiful sunny day here in FL, it was a surprise to see all the redecorating that has taken place in the Red Lobster since last month. The room we were in had wonderful large lighted scenes of New England by the water and other nautical items, how nice! As Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting, there was another surprise. More people showed up than expected and another table and chairs had to be added. There were 17 present which included a friend of **Penny Logan**, **Amy Brant**. **Bob Clinedinst** was back with us again. **Nancy & Frank Thomas** send their love from CA and that they miss us a lot.

**Steve Moddle** was at Daytona Airport to welcome in the B-29 which will be on display for the public from Friday-Sunday 9:00-5:00, March 2-4. This B-29 is the only one in the world still flying. We learned that **Emily Veracka** had a trip to Puerto Rico with her family, her son-in-law's birthplace. She said they were given the grand tour, and how beautiful this island is. We even learned about an Arnold Palmer drink from **Bill Lowry**: Half lemonade, half iced tea, no booze.

Birthday celebrants present were **Bobbie Rieck** and **Jim Meyer**. **Rick & Marion Johnson** are celebrating their 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Company Anniversary: **Marion Johnson** (43 years), **Penny Logan** (28 years). The 50/50 was won by **Herb Gardner** and second drawing was won by Prez Dick for a bottle of wine for St. Patrick's Day. Treas. **Penny Logan** reports our treasury is growing again. Prez. Dick reported he delivered the money and items collected for the Anderson Cancer Center.

**Herb Gardner** handed out brochures about the Balloon Fest taking place in New Smyrna Beach March 23-25. Over 30 hot air balloons will be showing. There will be rides available on them as well as rides in airplanes and helicopter, family entertainment, Red-tail P-51 honoring Tuskegee Airmen and other military planes to view. Food vendors and kiddie rides will make this a wonderful family activity to enjoy.

After lunch, Prez Dick dedicated the rest of the meeting to pages and pages of information regarding benefits for travel passes, insurance, traveling friends, new passwords, etc. etc. All very confusing at times. Those who do not do computer well are advised to check in with the Benefits Office to get insurance straightened out. The joke was: somebody has to go on a trip before next meeting to let us know how it went and how to get all the kinks worked out. Good luck.

*Thought for today ~ It isn't important how many birthdays you have, but rather how well you adjust to them.*

### Calendar:

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

**April 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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

### THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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Just 41 members and guests gathered for lunch today at the Golden Corral, but we sure were a loud and lively group! Must have been those guests—Ho! **Jack & Jayne Regan**, our guest snow-birds and **Lisa Langan**, daughter of **Joe & Barb Fitak**, were welcomed back by all of us. After opening our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, we were led in prayer for all our missing members by **Stan Halterman**. First on our list was Pres. **Rich Llewellyn**, who was in surgery as our meeting began and, thank God, was out of surgery and in recovery as the meeting progressed. Also in our prayers this afternoon for healing, comfort and peace: **Ken Michels** on the death of his son, Jerry; **Ernie Vosges**, whose son is still in serious condition; **Lou Gaydos**; **Jim Weeks** on the death of his mom-in-law; and finally, MCOCG retiree **Phil Cook**, who resides in Naples is in very poor health. On a happier note, we welcomed back **Linda Agnello**, recovering from back surgery and lookin' so good!

Final planning was completed for our April 3<sup>rd</sup> Picnic at Cypress Grove Park on Holden Avenue. The crowd will start arriving around 11am and we will enjoy those “cooked to perfection” burgers and dogs promptly at 1200 Noon. Please plan to join us. Just bring your favorite dish to share and meet us there! You’ll be so glad you did!

Our Regional Director, **Paul Brown**, reminded us to mark our calendars for two important upcoming events. First, the October 3 – 7, 2012 RUEEA Convention being held in DC, will be a streamlined version of conventions past, but still loaded with fun and friends and lots of information on the new United. Second, the All Florida Chapters Get-Together to be held in The Villages, February 23-25, 2013. Mark the dates and attend these great meetings.

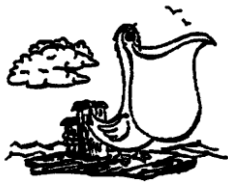
Happy Birthday Wishes to our March members: Men - **Don Ulman** (10<sup>th</sup>) and **Bo Bohannon** (30<sup>th</sup>)! And very special St. Paddy’s Day Anniversary Wishes to **Al & Lois Fields**, celebrating 47 years and **Jim & Nan Multeri**, celebrating 40 years! Yeah!

Calendar:

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

**April 3** - Picnic

**May 1**



**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**  
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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. Attending were 15 members and 3 guests. Guests were **Joan Gilkison**’s two sisters, **Judy Kelley** and **Betsy O’Neill** and **Ramona Marshall**’s daughter, **Pam Marshall**.

Following lunch, we enjoyed a presentation by Matt Andres, registrar, and Neil (?), assistant curator from the Edison-Ford Winter Estates in Ft. Myers. The Edison-Ford Winter Estates is presently the tenth most visited home site in the U.S. Thomas Edison purchased 13 acres of land 2 miles outside of Ft. Myers in 1845 for \$2,750. He set up the Edison Botanic Research Co. in 1927 and built a laboratory in 1928 on the property, so he could find a source of national rubber from a plant that could grow in the US. Edison, Ford, and Firestone were aware that the supply of rubber in the US during WWI could be cut off and there would be major costs to their industries. In 1886, he and Mina, his second wife, built a home on the property and would stay for 2 months at a time at their Florida home. Edison’s last month in the lab was June 1931. He returned to his home in New Jersey and died in October at age 84. The rubber research was continued by his brother-in-law until a decision by Ford, Firestone, and Mina Edison dissolved the corporation in 1936 because rubber production was not a commercial success. In 1947, Mina deeded the property to the City of Ft. Myers. Today, the Winter Estates is run by a 501.3© nonprofit corporation with 60 employees and 250 volunteers. A \$900,000 major restoration of the homes and laboratory on the property was completed in 2010. Great presentation!

**Ed Clarke** reported what he knew about EEOC cases to date. Anyone having any documentation related to promised retirement benefits was asked to share that information with the law firm in Orlando.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was won by **Darlene Novak**. Other winners were **Mel Volz**, **Ed Clarke**, **Judy Kelley**, **Sandy Pryde**, **Tony Novak**, **Betsy O’Neill**, **Linda Volz**, **Ramona Marshall**, **Jerry Pryde**, **Marge Burg**. Raffle items were donated by **Mel Volz**, **Ed Clarke**, and **Marge Burg**.

Two former members were recently deceased: **Nancy Dainus** and **Buzz Sawyer**.

Our next meeting will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join the Pelican Drop-Ins if you’re visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples area. We would welcome you.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month

Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October - May)



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

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March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 10:40 by President **Barbara Riecse** with 22 members and no guests. **Joan & Ed Hufnagel** joined us again this month from the Denver Chapter.

There were no anniversaries this month. Birthdays are **Jon Wilkinson** (3/10) and **Beverly Alderdice** (3/22).

The minutes were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved after correction as to the time of the meeting that was written in error.

The Treasurers report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved, subject to audit.

Travel - **Mary Judd** flew to Dulles round trip on United. No other travel was reported.

**Barbara Riecse** suggested that we might look at various places for our annual Christmas luncheon for something different. She had a group that used Beacon Woods and thought it was just as good and price might be approximately the same. We have been going to Spartan Manor for many years.

**Barbara Riecse** reported on a trip to the Villages. She spoke with **Paul Brown** and he stated they were planning a social weekend for February 23, 24 and 25, 2013. The hotel would be The Waterfront Hotel and the cost will be \$110.00 a night. There would be various social functions with information to come later and a dinner to be held on Saturday night and breakfast to be held on Sunday morning.

Barbara also reported that the convention would be in Washington D.C. in October. Dates would be October 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 7<sup>th</sup>. **Bob Lindstrom** suggested to also consider alternative transportation from Florida such as Amtrak and the Auto Train.

**Mary Martin** reminded everyone that dues were due by June and the dues are \$10.00 per person. She suggested we mail them to her anytime before June.

**Jim & Pat Hottel** reported on the picnic and all was ready for the April date. We need 4 dozen cupcakes and four people have signed up to bring them. **Beverly Alderdice** will bring the tablecloths. Be sure to call Jim or Pat if you have any changes regarding the picnic. The meeting will be at 11:00 and the lunch will start at noon. The food will be provided by Pit Boss. You have a choice of BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork.

**Terri Breslin** reported on the Sunshine Committee. She has sent cards to **Janis Kratofil** as her husband **Dave Kratofil** passed away on February 16<sup>th</sup>. She also sent a get well card to **Bob Noe** as he broke his nose and had a concussion. Terri also mentioned that she will be sending a get well card to **Jan Lindstrom** who is suffering from Pneumonia.

**Jon Wilkinson** gave us the latest report on United. He told us the new routes and the changes in retirees' passes as well as companion and buddy passes. He explained the years of service called Board service years for boarding. He used his year as an example.

**Bob Lindstrom** explained about the first full day of operation with United and Continental merged together.

**Barbara Riecse** informed us that she is participating in a dance and song show called "Black Sugar" at Summertree. The dates are March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

### **Calendar:**

**April 2** - 10:30, Picnic at Anderson Park

**May 7** - 10:30AM, IHOP Restaurant



## **TREASURE COAST**

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With 25 members and 1 guest who was also our guest speaker, we had lots of conversation and an exciting meeting to say the least. **Edward Dechant** who hails from Fort Lauderdale was introduced into our meeting by **Jim Morehead**. Ed, which he prefers to be called, is married to **Ona**, a retired UAL employee and pilot having worked in YNG on the ramp. As you know, they wore many hats; Ed became a pilot based at JFK. Ed began his life with United Airlines in 1965 and retired in 2001. His main energies are now in French Barge Boats, the company he owns; he also has rental apartments and homes in LHR and PAR. He had such a wonderful time; he joined our group and included his wife who was unable to attend today. If you need information on the rentals they can be found with these addresses: [LondonApartmentVacation.com](http://LondonApartmentVacation.com) or [ParisApartmentVacation.com](http://ParisApartmentVacation.com). You will hear about the Barge Boat Trips shortly.

Our Picnic is solidified for May 1 commencing at 12 Noon at Dubois Park in Jupiter, an invitation and full description of the Park will be sent out to all the members as soon as I can get it together. **Frank Wise** gave the contract to our President **Al Popek** today at the meeting, all chapter members will be advised what dish or dessert they should bring so we don't have ten people bringing potato salad, you know the drill.

**Al Popek, Jim Morehead, Ed Dechant** and **Diane Brodis** along with an insert here and there by **Vicky Snyder** talked about pass travel and several other topics of interest.

The 50/50 was won by **Janice Popek** and the Progressive was won by **Mari Hirjak**. Since Mari was not in attendance, the money is kept and added to the next drawing.

We also missed **Jack & Glenda Boisseau, Michael & Maureen Carragher** who are in New York getting ready for the St Patrick Day Parade, **Sharon & Tom Kolibab, Sharon Kirk, Bob Langevin, Arnold & Doris Lakso, Constantinos Xifaras, and Bobbie Vitel**. Hope everyone is well and we knew **Bob Langevin** was at another meeting and probably **Sharon & Tom Kolibab** are knee deep in reconstruction in their kitchen.

**Sharon Kirk, Barbara Dodenhoff, Artie & Judy Frage** and **Paul & Diane Liebisch** just returned from their 30 day Australia and China Cruise. They had a wonderful trip to say the least but it was a long trip as **Judy Frage** said to me.

Happy Birthday to **Bob Langevin** (3/16), **Jim Morehead** (3/27). We all wish you Happy Birthday!

Well! As usual, the group had a wonderful day of good food and conversation and until our next meeting, stay well. If you want to join us at the Picnic, get in touch with us.

### Calendar:

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

**May 1** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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

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There is no April luncheon scheduled. The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The coming week end of May 19<sup>th</sup> is the International meeting of the NATO G-8 Summit in Chicago which will be a most interesting event to follow as the whole world will be watching.

Calendar:

**April** – No Luncheon scheduled

**May 16** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

**June** – No Luncheon scheduled

**ILLINOIS**

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We received several requests last month for addresses so consolation cards may be sent. **Don Potter** at 2541 Benap Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49505. **Jim Somerfield** at 616 E. Sherwood Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193. Jim added to his woes that besides losing his wife, he has just had heart surgery, but we were advised that the surgery was successful and he is doing well.

One of our sweetest ladies, **Helen Collins** passed away January 9<sup>th</sup>. Helen made a bequest of her body to medical science. A memorial mass will occur at a later date.

We were also advised that **Florence Constance** passed and her funeral was at St. Symparosa. She was an avid traveler and very active in charities.

We had two new additions to our Northside breakfast, **Arlene Manachuk**, who retired 1/16/12 from Computer Operations, and **Marsha Sealock-Weber** from IT Service Management and Operations. Both served forty plus years.

**Bob & Pat Kalicki** and their great-grandson Brandon, all of fourteen months old in for the weekend, gave the Northside a ball, needless to say.

Start making your plans for the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates, Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:20 P.M. game time, Wrigley Field Lower Grandstand. Ticket price is \$16.00 (ticket limit, six tickets per household). Make check payable to Chicago Skyliners and mail check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: **Helen Cauwels**, 909 E. Kenilworth #421, Palatine, IL 60074-6834, (847) 358-8634. Please write your file number in the note field of your check. Transportation is on your own, but for your information, a Pace Wrigley Field Express Bus is available from Schaumburg or Lombard, \$4 each way, per person (exact fare required). A Pace Wrigley Field Express Bus flyer is available at your request.

The May 2012 meeting of the Loonies will occur May 8-11. See the Northwoods Loonies chapter report for more information.

Calendar:

**Southside Brunch** - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn (**March 27** and **April 30**).

**Northsiders Breakfast** - Ritzy's Café & Backerieia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**April 11** and **May 9**).

**Food Depository** - First Tuesday

## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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Indy Racers celebrated Valentine's Day together with a chocolate cake featuring the Indy Racer logo. Enjoying the special dessert at their February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting are Corresponding Secretary **Wanda Bryce**, **Charles Theiss**, **Chris Johnston** and last year's Indy Racer Treasurer **Eli Barnett** (*pictured*).

We were happy to welcome **Dennis Hall** and his wife **Melanie**, who also was employed by United, to the group. We hope to see them often at future meetings.

During our luncheon, we learned that **Ralph (Bud) Barnett** and his wife, **Eli**, would be heading to the Caribbean for a two-week cruise in March. **Mary Chandler** was planning another

vacation; she will be cruising through the Panama Canal before joining us for our April meeting.

Indy Racer Treasurer **Cheri Innis** is recuperating from surgery. We look forward to seeing her at the next Indy Racer luncheon.

Happy Birthday to Indy Racer President **Mike Matlak** (4/8) and **Ralph (Bud) Barnett** (4/21).

### Calendar:

**April 10** – IHOP, 10143 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.), Avon. Meeting Room is available from 1:30 p.m. for lunch, conversation and card playing. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

**May 8** – IHOP, 10143 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.), Avon. Meeting Room is available from 1:30 p.m. for lunch, conversation and card playing. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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No meeting - no meeting news. Limited info from fellow members: **Elaine Vanderwal** fell last December fracturing a wrist. She has had a plate inserted and attending twice weekly rehab. She says she's coping though.

On our leap year day, the Northeast finally got snow, not seen since the freak blizzard last October. Boston and south was spared, but the rest of us got a foot or more of the long awaited stuff. **Ray Ouellette**, living in mountainous northern NH says there has been more of the stuff than needed. Good for skiers and the business! However, we need snow now to keep our woods green during the summer months. And, northern New England is forested. Also, March is anything can happen month, so - who knows! Early spring or long winter? By the time you read this, we'll know.

April marks the seventeenth year of the Nor'Easters existence. Yours truly has been secretary for thirteen of those years. Our treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal** has ten. Our Pres and VP, **Carleen Eddy** and **Lewis Shakley** each have eight. Needless to say, we're always looking for new volunteers, new minds with new ideas.

A reminder to chapter and all RUAEA members, if you change your E address or phone numbers, please advise your secretaries!

April's birthdays ~ **Bill Betters, Tom Blackwood, Anthony Bosco, Fred Casey, Peter Fusco, Don Latter** and **Helmut Umbley**.

April's anniversaries ~ **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (44 years), **Mark & Theresa Hutchings** (38), **Bob & Jean Lincoln** (45), **Andy & Carol Montalto** (35) and **Kenneth and Jacqueline Washburn** (52).

Calendar:

**April 17** – Jevellie's Restaurant, East Boston MA

## MICHIGAN

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11 Escapees gathered at Leonardo's Italian Grill in Romulus on Mar. 1, hosted by **Nancy Woolen**. Due to a nasty virus, this correspondent did not make this meet, making it the first time in almost 12 years, an almost perfect attendance. Also missing were our most faithful; **Gwen & Rick Schwendenmann** and sister, **Joan**. It seems that **Marie** kindly shared her virus with Gwen when she came over to help with our local NL. However, I do believe that **Rick** may have been partly guilty, as he had not been feeling good for the week prior.

Our Love and Prayers this month for a speedy recovery to sister, **Joan** (125 School, Clawson, MI 48017), who is having cataract surgery March 7, also, to **Julie** and **Fred Felix** (P.O. Box 2688, Taos, NM 87571-2688). **Fred** had right knee replacement January 23 and **Julie** is scheduled for hip replacement April 3.

Congrats to **Carol Shaffner** who just welcomed a new grandbaby girl into the family and to **Brendon & Marlene Heaney** who are expecting twins, a girl and a boy.

Calendar:

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

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For an early February day, the weather was surprisingly mild. Last year, we were suffering under brittle subzero cold so the high 40's this time was quite pleasant. Amazingly so, actually! We understand that this kind of talk to some folks is just so much gibberish, but it's one of those things we Minnesotans & other mid-westerners appreciate.

The question of the continuance of the Retiree Travel Desks in SEA, PDX & Chicago was discussed at some length. **Mary Brennan** had spoken with the SEA desk when she listed herself and **Jim** for their winter trip to Hawaii & was told that although there'd been nothing communicated to them by UAL management, one day a computer had been brought in and installed. Our good friend **Carol Faust**, former Midwest regional director, volunteers at the Chicago Travel Desk & said that they'd heard nothing at all either way, so were under the assumption that they'd be closing down when the old system shuts down. We're pleased that RUAEA & RUPA are intending to fund the desks through the end of March to answer any questions retirees may have.

One of our honorary members, **Tom Cafilisch**, noted that the meaning of the word "politics" is explained by going to the roots of the word. "Poli" comes from the Greek word "poly" which means "many" & "tics" comes from the English word "ticks", meaning "blood-sucking parasites". Now it all makes sense!



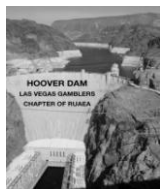
And our *other* honorary member, **Judy Cafilisch**, was on such a lucky streak that we all advised her to hit the casino on the way home. She won both the Birthday roll-off & one of the 50/50 raffle drawings!

Our president, **Lee Storlie**, visited with one of the active MSP ramp employees recently. He's very cleverly taking advantage of his travel benefits & seniority-bidding for vacation & work shift. He's managed to arrange his time off from loading & unloading planes so that he can fly to DEN to work on the Colorado oil rigs & make some extra money. Smart man! Who knows whether there will be any Social Security or Medicare left by the time he retires?

We're saddened to learn of the death of **Jeannie Gunderson**, the daughter of our friend & colleague **Al Gunderson**. She had attended our December meeting, a lovely young woman facing some scary health issues. It seems impossible that she's gone. Condolences to **Al** & his family may be sent to 309 West Spring St., Roberts, WI 55023.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. 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.

## NEVADA



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#### *Submitted by Eleanor Vasko:*

What lovely Valentine's Day (February 14<sup>th</sup>) luncheon, almost everyone wore red. Really set a lively mood, a good time was had by all. 32 people were in attendance. We had the Pledge of Allegiance, lunch, 50/50 drawing raffle prizes. I donated 3 jars of my fantastic apricot jam.

The **Takeuchis** were in Hawaii & had to miss the meeting. **Baldor** was sick with the flu, get well soon.

I just received word that **Dora Coleman**, cell (702) 266-7783, has been moved to an assisted living facility in Maryland. Condolences also to Dora on the loss of her granddaughter to diabetes.

Winnie will have eye surgery in March.

Our new treasurer **Christine Earl** will take over as soon as all the transfer papers are signed. **Bruce Dunkle** took many pictures that will go in the (Las Vegas Gamblers) Family Album.

On a sad note: Wife of **George Fox** retired out of SFOPD, **Lois Fox** passed away on 3/2/2012 after battling with many illnesses and ultimately succumbed to cancer. She will be missed by us all.

For the April sit down Lunch menu: Salad w/tomatoes, basil & mozzarella cheese; Shrimp carbonara w/ angel hair pasta; Sautéed zucchini; Rainbow sherbet.

Just an item to our membership, in June our chapter marks its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Make suggestions for this commemoration.

#### Calendar:

**April 10** – 11:30AM Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200.

**August 14** - 11:30AM Meeting



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There were 15 people at our February 13 meeting at Jack's. 2012 Dues once again remain the same - \$5.00 per person. They are now due and payable. Please make your check payable to Sierra Roundup and mail to

**Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Please renew so you can continue to receive our newsletter.

We are in the process of updating address and birthday information. If a form has been sent to you, please complete and return to **Pat Zoboli** or **Kathy Robinson**, along with your dues.

We are searching for a new location for our Christmas luncheon. Please submit any suggestions to John or Pat. The 50/50 was won by **Jim Meeks**. **Inez Compton** won the gift donated by **Donna Reid**.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** (2/10) and **Bill Perkins** (2/23/).

Calendar:

**April 9**

**May 14**

## NEW JERSEY

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**John Deily** opened the meeting with a flag salute. **John Murphy** gave our financial report, and as usual, we are still OK. **Marty Etler** read the minutes of the January meeting, and urged those of our members who are not with RUAEA, to join as soon as possible.

The 50/50 was won by **Freddy Landspurg** and the door prize was won by **Frank Warzocha**.

Calendar:

**March 28** – 12PM at Snuffy's Restaurant

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS

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Our February meeting coincided with the New York Giants' victory parade, so we gathered around the TV over the bar at San Martin to watch "our sports heroes" be honored. We reminisced that four years ago we did the same thing.

**Jeanne Leo** was accompanied by her niece, **Nancy Leo Kenney** from upstate NY. We were joined by **Carol Blanton**, a former secretary in the Sales department. We enjoyed catching up with her and hearing about her four granddaughters, the oldest being 23 years old twins. That fact threw many of us for a loop-and back again!

We received some interesting updates from **Tony Vasheo**, a furloughed flight attendant based in JFK. He reported that negotiations for a new contract are ongoing until the February 28<sup>th</sup> AFA meeting. There are four groups involved within flight attendants and ground personnel between UA and CO. The feeling is that mediation may take up to four years.

The situation with boarding priority is still being worked out regarding years of service and check-in time. **Ernestine Manzo** is off to Israel on a pilgrimage tour. She'll give us a report at our next meeting.

Our president, **Marge Segal**, related the story of starting our chapter in 1991, along with **Jeanne Leo** and the late, great **Karl Galda**. They wanted the name to reflect NYC, hence, the name GUYS AND DOLLS. She also emphasized the importance of the monthly Newsletter with its detailed columns on the information regarding the merger.

Dues will be collected at the next meeting is in April.

Calendar:

**April 3** - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.



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Due to a death in her family, our recording Secretary, **Cassie Manelski** is in SFO Bay Area. The New York Metros send their condolences to the Manelski & Epling families on the loss of Cecilia.

Our new President, **Ed Pozzi** led the 44 members & guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to start this month's meeting. The guests were **Alice O'Hagan & Donna Feingold**, members of New York City's "Guys & Dolls". Both are retired flight attendants. **Charlie Kaczinski** brought guest **Bernie Venore**, a friend from the Huntington area. It's always good to see new faces at our meetings!

**Dale Deuber & Rose Schneider** took a ride to visit **Mabel Bittar** in Brooklyn. Mabel is in a local nursing home overlooking New York Harbor & the "Statue of Liberty". A beautiful sight from Mabel's dining room. The three of us had a pleasant afternoon just talking girl talk.

**Yvonne Guella** advised me that her niece, **Nadine Cordes** and **Carson Baker**, both Metro members, took a cruise from Florida this past February. Both enjoy the needed rest.

Once again, it was great seeing some ole faces at this month's meeting, **John & Laura Muller, Bobby Lee**, to name a few, along with **Nunzio & Emma Milazzo** and **Lee Ricci**. **Desmond Brennan** came with his bagpipes to entertain the Metros with some Irish tunes for St. Patrick's Day.

**Henry Jaswinski** called this morning to inquire about **Rocky Mongelli** who is in a nursing home in Woodbury, N.Y. Rocky's phone number is (516) 692-3464. He would be happy to hear from his old United co-workers & retirees.

Both **Ed Pozzi & Jim Richardson** talked about quite a few members not having computers and didn't realize they have to call benefits to upgrade themselves & their families with United. All other years, it was just carried over from year to year. Because of the merger with Continental, we have to call to update our records. 1-800-651-1007 or 1-800-255-5801. Don't forget to get a **password**.

Calendar:

**April 4** – 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

**May 2** – 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

**June 6** - 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

**NORTHWOODS**

**NORTHWOODS LOONIES**



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The May meeting of the Loonies will be held May 8-11. The site will be the Terrace Inn. Twenty-five rooms have been reserved ~ Only five are on the first floor and there is no elevator. Those using walkers, wheelchairs, and canes should advise the hotel soon to reserve those rooms. There are a few rooms that can accommodate other needs, so contact the hotel shortly. Hotel information: Terrace Inn, 1549 Glendale Avenue - Bay View, Petoskey, MI 49770, phone (231) 347-2410 or 1 800 530-9808.

We are planning pizza for dinner on Tuesday night at the hotel so no extra driving will be necessary. The Thursday night banquet will be at the hotel, with four entrées available. They will be plank fish, chicken, pasta, and beef, and one more. Be prepared to specify your choice when first checking in at registration so the hotel chef can arrange for the proper quantities. Breakfast will be served every day as part of the room rate.

The room package will be discounted to \$69.00 per night although a few rooms are available at a higher rate if ordered. Liquor service in the public areas must be procured from the hotel bar. Soft drinks, water, and snacks will be provided by the hosts, as will ice and goodies in the lobby area. Wine can be brought in from the outside but must be consumed in the rooms. The hosts will not provide wine as it is beyond our capabilities. Tours and meals for other days are still being planned.

## OHIO

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The Leprechauns are in full swing here in Ohio. We have truly enjoyed our “touch of snow” winter and this past week, we had a “touch” again and then it warmed up to the 50’s the next day! This is the second meeting of the year and this is the second restaurant that had a disaster. Last month, the place we were scheduled to go closed about two weeks before our meeting (no notice) and we scrambled to find a place and this month the restaurant burned down a few weeks ago and we again scrambled for a replacement. In the end we got it all taken care of, but hope it is over for this year.

We would like to take this time to thank our hosts **Gene & Jacki Craig** for taking care of this month’s luncheon. Cannot tell you how great it is to have our members offer to take a month and handle the details and coordinating everything that goes with hosting the luncheon. We average 55 to 75 members per month and that is a lot to keep track of. This month we had 58 present. Thank you again.

Our Vice-President, **Arlene Taylor** opened our meeting with prayer prior to being served. I didn’t hear any complaints during lunch or after and I think it was enjoyed by all. Getting together with friends is a really pleasant way to spend the afternoon.

Our President, **Dolly Taucher** opened the meeting and reminded everyone that if they change their address, phone #, or Email to please **let us know** and if they just recently got Email to please **let us know**. We also discussed the recent Email info from UAL concerning our Pass Policy. We have some members who do not have Email and our President and her husband **John** copied the information to offer to these members. With the Company not sending it out to those retirees, I would like to thank them for a really great idea to solve that dilemma.

Happy Birthday to all celebrating this month wherever you are. We have one celebrant for this month’s serenade and he is **Frank Osbourn**. Another of our guests hasn’t been with us for awhile and he just celebrated 92 years in January. It was great to have **John Jeske** back with us and looking great.

Happy Anniversary is always next. Can you believe that we only have one couple on record with a March date and they are not with us today. So, Happy Anniversary **Vince & Norma Malena** (45) wherever you are.

On a sad note, we have lost three more UAL friends in the month of February. They are **Ann Fiedler**, **Dave Kratofil** (aircraft foreman), and **Olga Andolsen** (Res). Our deepest sympathies go out to family and friends.

We have many members who are dealing with many different health issues and I hope that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers. It always seems to make one feel better when we talk to an old friend.

Fifty-Fifty ~ Our big winners for the day are **Judy McKnight**, **Ellen Skinner**, and **Betty Krischker**. Lucky! Lucky! Lucky!

### Calendar:

**April 11** – North Olmsted Party Center. Pre-paid, Buffet. Doors Open 11:30 / Serving 12:30, hosted by **Nancy Carter** and **Mary Lou Mack**

**May 2** - Bucci’s Restaurant, hosted by **Barb Vauls & Carol Seifried**

## OREGON

### OUR CLUB



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We had 19 at the March 2, 2012 OUR Club luncheon, which was hosted by **Ric & Gidget Walcha** at Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Ric & Gidget had all the tables festively decorated for St. Patrick's Day. For those who forgot to sport their own green, Ric & Gidget even provided wearable green to prevent pinching.

Following lunch, President **Jane Frincke** conducted the quarterly business meeting. Everyone cheered **Neal Appleton's** encouraging report on his most recent biopsy. We were also happy to hear good news about **Mary Crees'** health. Mary recently celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Jane reviewed all the information she emailed in the prior week regarding United's new pass policy and the requirements to certify healthcare dependents and confirm eligible pass riders. There were many questions regarding the new pass policy, requirements, negotiating the Flying Together website and, thus far, the lack of direct notifications from the company to retirees about any of the above. We all remain grateful to RUAEA National as our pipelines during this somewhat confusing process of merging policies, procedures and systems.

Jane also spoke about the benefits of membership in RUAEA National and recommended that any OUR Club members who are not already part of RUAEA join the national organization.

On a happier note, luncheon hosts **Ric & Gidget Walcha** won the 50/50. Gidget, who is a career dog trainer, promptly announced that she would donate their 50/50 winnings to OUR Club's traditional charitable recipient, the Rogue Valley Humane Society.

### Calendar:

**April 6 - Wayne Widrig** - Tin Tin Buffet, Medford, OR at 12:00 noon

**May 4 - Peggy Wilson** - TBA

**June 1 - Linda Althouse** - TBA

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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It was a cold February day but 85 members attended the semi-annual ice cream and Valentine social. There were lovely primrose baskets on each table, a circle of hearts, valentines and candy. The decorations were provided by **Nadine Holten** and **Kathy Russell** and **Dee Boelter** made the table numbers.

Winners of the prizes this month are as follows: Door prize ~ **Frank Bullis**, Men's birthday ~ **Bob Bauer**, Women's birthday ~ **Elaine Hoek**, Anniversary ~ **Don & Grace Phillips** (59 years) and 50/50 ~ **John Van Reenen**. **Craig Strand** brought three photos and winning them were **Patty Cox-Hollosy**, **Jeri Blodgett** and **Nancy Ink**. Craig's photos are exceptional and everyone always hopes to be a winner.

**Dave Smith** took a few minutes during the meeting to tell everyone about his trip to Bangladesh and the children he "adopted". The Smith's send money and receive updates on these children. He & Pat were planning another trip in March.

There were no illnesses reported in February. Stay healthy everyone!

Paul is trying to put together a trip to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum sometime this spring or summer. The cost would cover a chartered bus, entrance to the museum, lunch and a docent if needed. The cost per person would be from \$35 to \$55 depending on how many sign up. If you aren't at the March meeting and are interested, please contact Paul at (503-667-1985).



There are many events to look forward in the coming months. **Nancy Hooper** will be giving a demonstration of the new CPR procedure at our May meeting. **Gene King** has arranged to have someone from Guide Dogs for the Blind attend our June meeting.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

**April 11** – Social

**May 9** - Demonstration on New CPR Inst.

**June 13** - Speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind

**PENNSYLVANIA**



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Philadelphia's dynamic retirees started meeting again in March. We had a winter (?) hiatus. The next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn Essington at 12:30 for lunch. Price remains \$12. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, a group of us are going to the Arden Dinner theater in Delaware.

Plans are underway to collect items for an abused women's shelter. We will get more information at our meeting.

There is a correction about **Bill Carmen's** 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party. **Reggie Martinez** was the surprise guest from California.

A big thank you to our loyal committee for doing a fine job. We would welcome other people getting involved. If you have suggestions for meetings, please pass them on.

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Despite cold temperatures, now and then, the winter that never was appears to be coming to an end. Let's get ready for spring. The daffodils and crocus's are all up. It must be spring!

Please keep all of our United retirees in your prayers, but especially those in special need of God's loving care: **Ken Kundra**, has cancer and has been in ICU at St. Clair Hospital since February 16. **Norm Black** has liver and brain cancer; he was told he has 6 months to live. **Dee Chiocchi** is in the Beaver Valley Medical Center recuperating from abdominal surgery. **Vic & Joan Ferrance** have on going health issues. The golden years don't seem to be very golden for some of us.

**Raymond Sellers**, PITCS, wife **Charlotte** of 53 years went home to be with the Lord February 5, 2012 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Our sincere sympathy to Ray and family. Cards may be sent to Ray at 1565 Route 68, New Brighton, Pa. 15066.

A happy birthday to our one and only Aires: **Jeri Juth**, April 5.

A friend, Richard Snodgrass, has written a book "*An Uncommon Field*", a story where Flight 93 crashed. Richard is a story teller and a photographer. In *An Uncommon Field*, Snodgrass is actually telling two stories. There is a story of the site itself, this shallow bowl in the earth where the crash of Flight 93 occurred; and there is the story of the temporary memorial, a section of cyclone fence and the area around it where visitors left tributes. You may find this book at your local library or you go on Google. One-half of the photographer/author's proceeds of this book are being donated to the Flight 93 Memorial. For information regarding Snodgrass's fine art photographs, please go to: [www.rsnodgrass.com](http://www.rsnodgrass.com).

Calendar:

**April or May** - Rivers Casino-hosts **Paul & Betty Musko**

**July 20** - Luncheon at J. W. Halls

**September 14** - UAL picnic at Hopewell Park

UTAH



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Since writing about our dear 100 year old member, **Dorothy Larsen**, I have received a nice thank you from **Dorothy** and her daughter **Lynda**. They were so happy to meet the 22 members of our chapter who were there, and the silk scarf we gave her even matched what she was wearing that February morning and she loved it. She has also connected with some friends who used to be neighbors with them in San Mateo, **Doug & Lilian Ledingham**. Her husband **Dex** was a lead mechanic at the SFO service center and **Doug** was a mechanic at the SFO terminal. Connecting with old friends is what these newsletters are all about!

As secretary, I decided to start asking our members for their birth date. So far, I have about 60 which is half of our membership. I decided that I will send an e-card through email to those who are 80 and older. Right now, that includes about 14 of our members. It's been a thrill to add a little sunshine to their lives. One of our 92 year olds was going golfing when I called to get some information from him. That is surely the secret to a long life... stay active! We also have a 50-year wedding anniversary coming up soon for members. Lots of reasons to party!

I'm happy to report that my dear husband, **Dave Darby**, recently had open heart surgery that required a triple bypass and I'm happy because it was successful and he is recovering nicely and it should add years to his life. He'll be 74 this year. He did say he won't want to do that again, however. Neither will I; I've become a stay-at-home mom again.

Speaking of our seniors, I want to highlight one of our finest who recently turned 91 years old: **Lila Maughan**. **Lila** was working at the Flight Insurance Counter at the SLC airport and her husband **Dean** (deceased since 1990) was working in reservations with UAL. They had 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. She now has 19 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren.

When **Dean** transferred to Reservations, she put in an application and was hired in April of 1961 (she was 40 yrs. old). She worked at the ticket counter at the SLC airport and also at the City ticket office at Hotel Utah, and at the Hill Field satellite office when needed. It was interesting to hear that they couldn't afford to send her to a training school so she and a fellow employee, **Wes Doebler**, were trained at the flight kitchen. During the time **Lila & Dean** were both working for UAL, they traveled extensively. She told me about taking their 4 children on a trip to Europe in 1965. They were returning home when they received word that a UAL plane had crashed at the SLC airport. Many of their family and friends thought that they were on that flight. However, it had originated out of Midway airport in Chicago while theirs was out of O'Hare airport. When **Lila** related the feeling they all had over the news of that crash in our home town, I could relate because I was then working at the Toledo airport and remembered how the news hit me at that time. Shortly after, I transferred to SLC and feel so fortunate to have worked with **Lila** on the ticket counter. She was so smart and willing to help me as I learned in the days before the computer did most of the work. I wish space permitted me to name all the good people we reminisced about from those early days. Thanks for the memories, **Lila**. She retired in February 1983, and has remained active in our SLC chapter of retirees.

Thanks for your prayers, we are now getting lots of snow, better late than never!

Calendar:

**April 3** – Lunch at 2pm, Golden Corral at 665 E. 7200 So., in Midvale

**June 5** - Lunch at 2pm at the Joy Luck (Chinese) at 550 W. 1300 So. in Bountiful

**August 7** – Our annual catered picnic at 5pm at the Sugarhouse Park in Salt Lake

**October 2** – Lunch at 2pm at the Chuck-A-Rama Buffet at 6363 So. State in SLC

**December** - Christmas party to be announced later

## WASHINGTON

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Over 80 members and guests attended the February meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, held at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Many attendees flaunted red or heart-decorated gear in honor of Valentine's Day.

After a delightful buffet luncheon, President **Frank McAnulty** conducted a brief business meeting to move us quickly along to the program. Thanks to **Dave Jones**, a Museum docent, for arranging this special meeting.

**Kathie Torgison**, manager of the Seattle Retirees' Travel Desk had received word that morning that the Travel Desks had been given a temporary reprieve and would continue to operate. Half the 50/50 prize money was donated to the Travel Desk in February. Unfortunately, as announced in the March issue of this RUAEA Newsletter, the three United Airlines Travel Desks will cease to exist on March 31, a sad loss for company retirees.

Meetings during March through May will be held back at our usual location, the Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington, hosted by **John & Mary Luke**.

**David Jones**, retired from UAL and Boeing and a volunteer at the Museum of Flight for the past five years, introduced our speaker, **Steve Ellis**, son of the late **Bob Ellis**, who passed away in 2008. **Steve** shared a PowerPoint presentation of photographs gleaned from his father's collection and from his uncle **David Ellis**, a retired flight engineer living in Sacramento. **Steve** received **David's** collection of photographs and memorabilia while in Sacramento for the celebration of his uncle's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A show of **David Ellis's** slides rounded out the program, which detailed planes and people from the early days of West Coast Air Transport in 1928 through an overnight transformation from their Boeing connection to United Airlines when SeaTac Airport opened in 1949. Interestingly enough, neither of the Ellis brothers featured photos of the 737, though both had been involved with them.

**Steve Ellis** introduced his wife, **Sharon**, and his sister and brother-in-law, **Mary & David Inge**. **Mary** is a retired United flight attendant, while **Dave** can still be found in the airplane aisles. **Sharon** is a flight attendant with Continental, so their family should have no trouble interpreting the Continental side of things during the transition.

Following the meeting, docents conducted a tour of the Museum of Flight's Red Barn, emphasizing the history of United Airlines. Those unable to manage the "hike" were entertained by a video presentation until the groups reunited for a tour of the Great Gallery.

Special birthday greetings were extended to a spry **Helen Ebert** (SEAHH), who had celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday the previous day and was on hand with her family to accept greetings and a card previously signed by chapter members. **Helen** now lives in Ellensburg, Washington.

The book exchange table was eliminated and the door prize contribution limited for the special meeting at the Museum of Flight. **Dona Westpfahl** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. Door prize winners included **Phil Andersen**, **Helen Ebert**, **Dave Jones**, **John Luke**, **John Reed**, and **Sidney Reed**. **Frank McAnulty** was assisted by **Bob Brumfield** and **Linda Jones**, making quick work of the drawings to get right back to the program.

April birthdays are being celebrated by **Gay Liesse**, **Gary Maxwell**, **Betty Paul**, **Edna Paulson**, **Marry Sluys**, **Theo Sluys**, and **Doris Spence**. At opposite ends of the spectrum, their birthstone is the diamond and flower of the month is the more humble daisy. **Hubert & Anita Malco** celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, while **Ed & Charlotte Rouso** observe their 30<sup>th</sup> during the month.

Services were to be held in Auburn, Washington, April 10 for **Judy Higley** (SEATO), who passed away earlier in the year. **Judy** was manager of the Seattle city ticket offices prior to her retirement. She & **Ted** attended national conventions and were members of this local chapter, though they were unable to attend often after moving to Chelan, Washington.

Welcome to new members **Tom** (DENTK) & **Sally Halford**.

Calendar:

**April 10** – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

**May 8** - Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

No meetings over the summer – we'll be back in September



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Hi, oops, almost forgot to send this. We had dinner at the restaurant The Hunter in Post Falls, ID. They really have the best food. The Host and I got the date wrong. He called the 208 numbers and I called the 509 numbers. So 4 people showed up on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 10 people on 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a good laugh. In March, we will be going to the Black Pearl in Spokane. We are still getting snow, but it's better than what's going on in the Midwest. It is so bad and I hope they get back on their feet.

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

Our mild weather continues and the daffodils, tulips and crocus are everywhere to be seen. Our mild weather has meant no snow and the weathermen on television have had nothing to talk about!

We have just been advised that the famous "Washington DC Cherry Blossoms" will start blooming March 22 this year, somewhat earlier than in years past. "The Cherry Blossoms" herald the arrival of many interesting and fun activities that go on for two weeks culminating in a huge parade!

The Dulles Loungers draw a crowd of 60-70 each month and we have a 50/50 and drawings for interesting door prizes!

Convention planning continues on and we have new members joining the Convention Team every week, please come and join us! "*Many hands make less work*" and we will be delighted to have you show us your skills! Our Convention managers **Marilyn Marcy** and **Linda Scriven** are forming teams to take on the many fun activities at Convention. We will be meeting at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington Virginia, October 3-7, 2012.

Calendar:

**April 11** - 12noon, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

**May 9** - 12noon, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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Continued from the March newsletter:

Since 1987, Clipped Wings® members have participated at International Special Olympics Games by hosting receptions for parents of athletes at summer and winter games. In addition, members have volunteered at various sporting venues at the Special Olympics games. Clipped Wings also managed the presentation of 36,000 awards to 7,200 athletes at 19 sports venues during the 1995 Summer World Games. (Quite a feat) Our members have also participated in four Cessna Airlifts, ( assisting the athletes arriving by corporate jets to the games).

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Funds will be donated to the Clipped Wings®Parents Grant Programs, to assist family members who otherwise would not be able to attend the games and watch their athlete compete.

We continue to seek avenues to best support the developmentally disabled and other charities on both a national level and in our local chapters. Members, families, and friends are encouraged to participate in all our philanthropic endeavors.

There are still some United airplane scarves available, if you would like to purchase one, for yourself or as a gift, please contact Cheryl Mullins Jensen(SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com) Each scarf is still only \$20.00, Plus \$2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves help support Special Olympics.

Clipped Wings® is still actively recruiting new members, if you are a former Stewardess, for United or Capital Airways, or a present flight attendant and would like to be part of Clipped Wings®, please visit our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com) or contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). We would look forward to having you join us. You don't know what you are missing!

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**Almsteier, Daniel L.**, DENCS 12/02/11  
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**Carmone, Paul I.**, LAXSW 12/20/11  
**Crowthers, John D.**, SFOCE 12/09/11  
**Curtis, Frank C.**, PHXMM 12/04/11  
**Finley, Harland T.**, PHXOZ 12/15/11  
**Hacker, Raymond A.**, CLECG 12/04/11  
**Heyer, William A.**, SFOFO 12/12/11  
**Jurgens, William H.**, ORDFD 12/08/11  
**Korwek, John B.**, SFOCG 12/10/11  
**Lastrape, Jan S.**, LAXRR 12/04/11  
**Mackey, Ray D.**, IADHH 12/03/11  
**Mc Carty, Robert J.**, LAXFO 12/07/11  
**Meadows, Richard K.**, JFKFO 12/08/11  
**Molnar, Dennis L.**, DENCN 12/05/11  
**Moore, Woolston R.**, SFOPB 12/05/11  
**Netane, Hala L.**, SFOPD 12/14/11  
**Oetter, Eugene F.**, ORDMM 12/17/11  
**Oling, John J.**, LAXFO 12/17/11  
**Park, Harry Y.**, HNLSS 12/16/11  
**Pulliam, Ronald L.**, JFKFO 12/12/11  
**Rasmussen, Ronald C.**, DENCN 12/20/11  
**Riley, Virginia L.**, LAXSW 12/14/11  
**Rivers, Emeal**, SFOJJ 12/05/11  
**Romahn, Otto**, LAXGQ 12/05/11  
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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:**

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**WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

**Lynn Hales, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566, (925) 846-9293**

I spent 31 years with United. I started in LAX in dispatch and crew scheduling; then moved to DEN to Base Dispatch. After eight years in Denver the company moved us all to Chicago. After nine years in aircraft routing, the company broke up into divisions and I went west to San Francisco. This was a fun period! I was on the operating performance team, and we succeeded in making a few headlines. We developed "operation wake up", which brought the company from # 13 to # 2 in the old Official Airline Guide, we investigated and purchased the original X-ray and magnetometers and wrote manual on how to use it. What a great team! Then in 1982 there was a big economic crisis and many of us were invited to retire early, which I did.

I went back to school and graduated with a business degree and shortly thereafter, I was hired by the City and County of SFO to be one of 5 airport duty managers. That was without question the most interesting position I've had. I finally retired on my 69 birthday. We have enjoyed an elegant life, traveled extensively, and I still play golf with a senior group at the Calliope golf course in Pleasanton, Calif. Some of you may remember my wife **Jean** who passed away in May 2005. My 85<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up in May, I'm in better than average health, enjoying life and my family.

Thanks for your Newsletter, it brings back great memories. To the staff on the Newsletter - you are the greatest and you don't get enough thanks, here is mine!

**Ruth Marston, 12422 E Caspian Dr., Aurora, CO 80014**

I have been busy the past few months with travel and visitors. A granddaughter, Calea Meyer was home on R&R from Afghanistan. She is in the Army. She will be home sometime in February as her tour will be completed.

There were six of my grandchildren here. Two of them were a surprise. This was the high light of the year.

**Vilma Patrick 1515 Geary Rd. Apt 121, Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2761**

I am surviving at age 84 without the help of the computer age.

As far as I am concerned, I love the "Old Ways" and will go out that way.

Thanks for the wonderful newsletter that keeps me in "contact" with many I remember and those I care for in the United family.

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

I was glad to get my reminder on the Newsletter this month. Life moves at a fast pace when you are having fun. As winter awakes in the East, my visitors are more frequent and really welcomed. I am sorry that I didn't mail this sooner, so please forgive me.

I hope I will be able to go to the convention this year. There are so many new Memorials to see; so I am excited about going there.

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

**Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romanza, Carlsbad, CA 92009**

Thanks for all that you are trying to do for retirees. I really appreciate it.

Your support and effort is especially important during the conversion of United/Continental to United. None of us would have thought the merger would be so bleak for us. This gives credence to the old saying, "If you think things are bad now, just wait, it could get worse."

I retired in 2003 and boy things just keep getting worse. Any way we just keep hoping and praying that things will improve.

**Margaret Hawn, 73 Los Altos SQ., Los Altos, CA 94022-1429**

As so many of you have shared in your letters, this is the only link that we retirees have with the company. I am so glad to have been kept abreast of all the news concerning the merger and our pass policy.

My husband, Robert who is now deceased, started flying DC-3's in 1952. That is where we met, I was a stewardess and we were both flying out of Los Angeles. Back then a new stewardess flew an average of 2 years. When they were married they lost their jobs.

**Joe Harris, 703 Atlantic Ave. Apt 243, Alameda, CA 94501**

The merger of Capital Airlines into United Air Lines (completed in June of 1961) was a good step for United Air lines. United Airlines UAL, from the merger, gained valuable hubs, captured lucrative routes (almost a monopoly), obtained extraordinary airplanes, as well as inheriting vastly experienced airplane crews to maintain them. UAL became one of four airlines, at the time, to "rule the skies".

Before the merger, Capital Airlines had ordered Caravel Aircraft to build a light-weight aluminum engine that allowed for increased speed with less fuel consumption. The drawback was that aluminum was easily destroyed if it flew into hailstorms. Once United owned Capital, it did not take long for them to quickly get rid of that engine.

On the same hand, UAL was slow to order jet planes. The other big Three gained an edge by ordering new fuel-efficient and faster planes. United's older planes used more fuel when fuel prices began to soar in the 90's. This certainly hurt United financially. UAL absorbed the high costs to buyout some other airlines, costs that did not always prove profitable. Further blows to United's solvency included employee strikes and an unprecedented number of reputation damaging and mind boggling expensive airplane crashes. For instance, two of the planes used in the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001 were UAL planes.

When in 2002, UAL filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the retired employees' benefits were not protected. The retired employees' benefits were hit hard. Most benefits and pensions were nearly wiped out. This downfall of the airline took with it the pension plan. I lost my pension and benefits from the subsequent airline's bankruptcy. The subsequent climb back to solvency by UAL has not reinstated these benefits. I am wondering why?

I worked for Capital Airlines for years and then for United Airlines as a mechanic and a mechanics instructor for many years. I am now retired and I am wondering what happened to our pensions and our retirement benefits in the first place. I am also wondering how there can be legality for this while UAL, currently, grows to be stable and extremely profitable.

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

I'll try to beat my birthday month and save the red message, ha. And here is my dues plus a bit more, as mentioned in issue # 450. I'm coming up on birthday number 92. I am not computer knowledgeable, so I still get the Newsletter the old fashioned way.

I am blessed with pretty good health for my age. Oh, I have had a few troubles, like skin cancer on my nose which required making a hole there, then taking a donor hunk from the front of my ear and filling in the hole. Plus a couple small places that didn't require that kind of surgery, like I tell everybody, now I can hear through my nose.

Sally and I did not take any long trips this pass year, even by car. Oh we made Ft. Worth about 7 times for all the skin cancer procedures. But those were not fun trips. We did go to Paris several times to shop, but that was Texas too. So far that does not require a passport to go across The Red River.

Thanks for keeping us up-dated on UAL happenings. Wow, it has been 32 years since I left MIA!

God Bless You All.

**Helen King, 602 Cadena Cir., TheVillages, FL 32159-9486**

For some reason, once I gave up the paper newsletter, I lost track of my monthly update and have for many years been picking up info on the UA website or through the UAL flight attendants info.

Now it seems more contact is needed to keep us more up to date.

Hopefully I will have time to access the computer more regularly.

Thanks for your continuing work and support network. The website looks very well done and is very informative.

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

Well, it has been 20 years since I retired; and it does not seem that long.

It was great up to this last year. I have seen more doctors in the year 2011, than I did in the previous 82.

Sorry to be late but the previous paragraph, explains some of the delay. I really enjoy the newsletter. My travels are rather limited now and it looks like Continental is going to limit them even more.

**Arthur Paul, 13440 N 44th St Apt 1080, Phoenix, AZ 85032-6354**

I want to thank you for all your hard work to keep us informed.

I cancelled my UAL health benefits 3 years ago because of its cost increase. I have found many HMOs with more coverage and lower premiums. In most cases, you can use the same doctors you are using now. I signed up for an HMO with better coverage and a dental policy also. I would tell everyone to check out as many companies as they can next October. Most have seminars in which they will explain the cost and coverage.

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

I am still kicking and working at a Credit Union 20 hours a week, and love it.

I had a nice treat this week at RFD airport. The 787 Dream Liner was parked here for two days for Sundstrand employees to tour it; because they are building some of the components for it.

Unfortunately, we could only look longingly through the wire fence as it was parked at the International Arrivals building. That was as close as we could get.

We will probably never get on one with our "new boarding priorities". It was beautiful to behold with the largest engines I have ever seen.

My best regards to all and thanks for all the updates.

**Art Shattock, Jr, 610 Arboleda Dr. Los Altos, CA 94024**

RUAEA Members Seniority List ~ This note is aimed primarily at the newly signed up members of RUAEA who are unfamiliar with the "List" but you "oldies" out there are more than welcome to add your names. There is **no charge** to be listed. All you have to do is send me your name, address, and **Date of Hire** and "Bingo", you're listed. However, if you want a printout of my efforts, there is a nominal charge of \$3.50. My address is W.A. Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA. 94024. E-mail [washattock@comcast.net](mailto:washattock@comcast.net). Thanks again and looking forward to hearing from you.

**Uel Soward, 5071 Scherbel Road, Black Earth, WI 53515**

I know many of you with whom I met while working for United for more than 22 years have wondered what happened after I had a party to celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Well, a year later, I did it again! And come April 29<sup>th</sup>, I will have another party. But this one will be relatives only.

When I came here from California in the year 2003, I had 7700 pounds plus, equipment and tools for woodworking. One of the first projects I was asked to work on was a bird house that sits near the county road. Then a nearby neighbor asked me to create a bat house for him. A bat house; I never knew there was such a thing.

So, off to the local library where I borrowed a couple of books. I learned that bats, among other things, are our **friends**. In this State of Wisconsin, we have more lakes than any other State! Where you have water, you have mosquitoes; and mosquitoes bite people. A bat will eat his weight in mosquitoes in one night. So, I built a bat house for my neighbor and he called a couple of friends to show them how a man from California built him a bat house; with nylon bristles for the bats to sleep on! They love them. So the friend of the neighbor said to his brother, "I think I will get one." and the brother said, "Me, too!" And first thing I knew, I was up to my elbows in wood shavings from making bat houses. I was keeping my saws humming in spite of the broken hip I suffered in 2006. Where there is a will, there is a way. Keep smiling (people will wonder what you've been up to).

**Attention all New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas RUAEA members, Arizona too**

Hello from Sunny Arizona,

I'm Mike Richards, the Arizona Region Director for RUAEA. As you may by now have guessed, the Arizona region includes, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Unfortunately, only Arizona has local RUAEA chapters. These are located in Tucson, Prescott and the East and West Valley of the Phoenix Metro Area. These chapters are the social arm of RUAEA and each sets its own programs and bylaws. If dues are collected, they usually are only \$5 or \$10 annually. Monthly social gatherings are held and the Arizona Chapters hold an annual "All Arizona" luncheon in March.

You all know why you joined RUAEA and now that the merger has been completed, you may be asking yourselves "*does RUAEA still have a voice with the company?*" Well, the answer is yes and although not quite as strong as in the past, the company still recognizes RUAEA as a powerful ally. So with that in mind, I am asking each of you to continue to support RUAEA by renewing your dues annually and to the extent possible, attend the annual convention. This year it is in Washington, DC at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Crystal City from October 3 thru October 7. Come to meet other retirees, get the latest news first hand, and enjoy a wonderful banquet and live entertainment on Saturday evening. The hotel is easily accessed from DCA and BWI and a short limo ride from IAD.

Now how about starting a local chapter in New Mexico, Oklahoma or Texas?

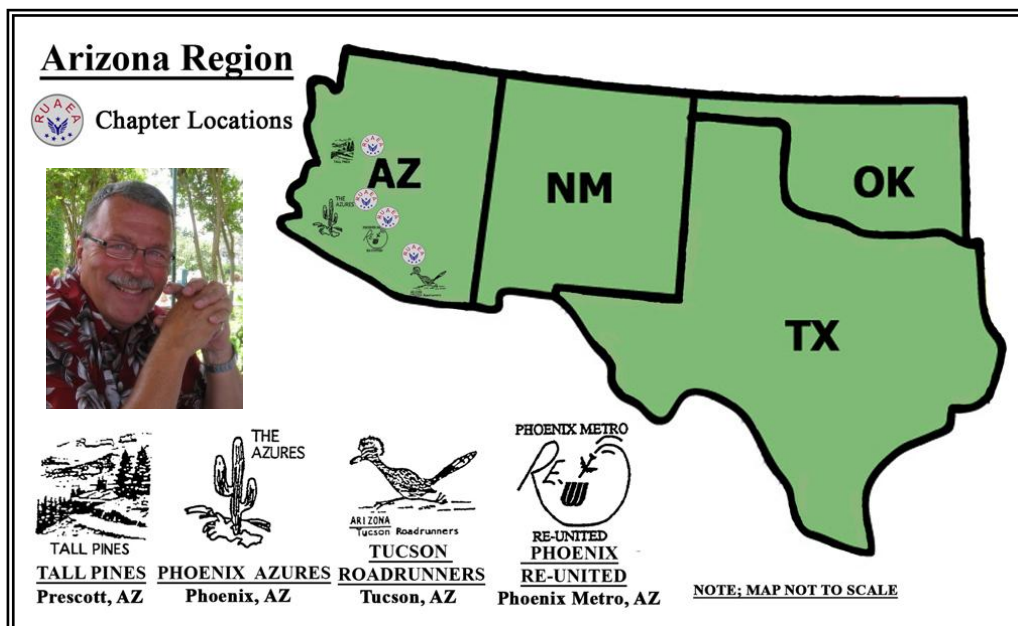
There are hundreds of RUAEA members in these three states. The benefit of the local chapters is camaraderie and a point of contact through your Regional Director for answers to questions or concerns, often before they are responded to by other official sources. In addition from a social perspective, is the opportunity to reacquaint yourself with former co-workers and long lost friends. Directors also make every effort to attend at least one meeting of each local chapter annually to provide updates and answer questions in person.

I urge you to give serious consideration to starting a chapter in your area, then e-mail or call me and I will provide you with a list of other RUAEA members in your immediate area then work with you to contact them individually. Additionally, I will arrange a luncheon to meet with you and other interested members in your area, if sufficient interest is expressed.

Arizona members not currently local chapter members, please consider this your invitation to join or start a new chapter too.

I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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## **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions;  
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## **Blue Cross / Blue Shield (1-800-535-9825)**

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## **United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

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1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

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**"Baby Bumping" Ends** - Stewardess **Virginia Aylward** assures year-old **Michael MacDonald** that the "non-priority" boarding era is over.

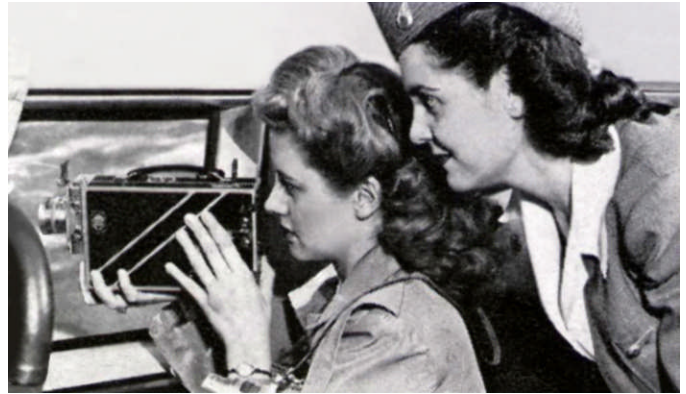
When airline "boarding priorities" ended October 15, 1945, passengers began to demand the service and attention they had received before the war. United personnel made every effort to explain why, due to the unprecedented traffic, United and other airlines could not provide anticipated seats or schedules.

United added schedules as fast as additional aircraft such as the 44-passenger C-54s (DC-4s) became available. In 1945, United was carrying 100,000 passengers monthly compared to 50,000 before the war.

**Nurses again join Stewardess Ranks** - Following the war, Registered Nurses were again being employed as Stewardesses. United announced it was again accepting Registered Nurse certificates as a qualification for Stewardesses. The company is continuing to take applications from girls who have had two or more years of college.

**40-hour Week Begins** - On September 27, 1945, President **W. A. Patterson** announced the Board of Directors had approved a 40-hour work-week with "take-

home" pay equal to a 48-hour week. The 40-hour week was to begin January 1, 1946. Government wage freezes during the war had prevented such a step.



**Wartime Ban Lifted** - **Charlotte Hoxsey** operates a movie camera as Stewardess **Catherine Nolan** looks on. Due to military security regulations, "onboard" filming had been banned.

*Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - from the October 1945 United Air Lines News magazine.*

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