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Members of the Citrus Grouper Chapter



Ralph & Mary Jo Brick taking donations for Flight 93 50/50 drawing



Citrus Grouper Terri Davis taking tickets and loading tour buses



Members on Tour Bus



Members of the Real McCoy's Chapter



RUAEA President Hank Gosselin addressing the Florida Retirees Uniting get-together

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hello fellow RUAEA Members,

As time goes by, I hope to meet most of you. One way I hope to do this is to meet a number of you at our convention. It is there that I have met many of you in the past. Also, for the past four years, I have attended the All Arizona Luncheon, where I have had the opportunity to meet new members and renew old acquaintances.

I recently attended the Florida Retirees Uniting, where I did the same. I spoke to the group about the importance of these gatherings. They do not overshadow our convention nor do they replace it. I passed out registration forms to many who had let their memberships lapse and to those newly interested. There was a large applause when I announced our Denver convention and many expressed an interest in attending. A big thanks goes to

Don Nellans and his committee for putting on this event. Don is president of the Village Citrus Groupers. This event was held in a place called The Villages in Florida, where some 90,000 retirees reside along with some 150 known UAL retirees. While there, I attended their workshop where it was decided to consider continuing this type of event and also, to search for more members with the help of their director, **Paul Brown**.

I know it is difficult to find a chapter to hold an event of this type, but I guarantee you it will be rewarding. Again, it was a great event and I personally would like to see more held in our other regions.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

From the Election Nominating Committee



We are looking for candidates. In conjunction with the 2013 RUAEA Convention, we will be having an election for five Regional Director positions. The five regions affected are: the Northeast, the Northwest, the Southeast, the Mountain and the Arizona region. The regional directors are RUAEA's liaison with the local chapters. They are also members of the RUAEA Board of Directors. For more information and/or if you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact myself or one of the other members of the Nominating Committee. Committee members are **Mort Wax**, lormmort@sbcglobal.net ; **Ron Robertson**, ronandshirley@msn.com or **Len Haubl**, lhaubl@sbcglobal.net.

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Volunteerism is what keeps RUAEA going, please give these positions some thought. We need your help to accomplish the goals of this great organization.

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RUAEA 2013 Convention News



I just returned from Denver, site of the 2013 Convention. As promised, I have additional information about the Hotel. We will be staying at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Denver – Stapleton North. The room rate will be \$99.00 plus tax, which will include a daily breakfast buffet. For reservations, please call 1 800 222-8733. I will have the web link in the May Newsletter. As previously mentioned, this hotel has free onsite parking, free internet in all rooms and complimentary transportation to DIA and nearby shopping centers. Registration will be open on Tuesday, October 8th and throughout the week. The Hospitality room will be

open on Wednesday to Friday and the Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 12th. Convention rates will be quoted three days before and three days after based on room availability.

Tom Goodyear, Hank Gosselin, John Koehl and I met with **Linda Jones**, who put together the tour package for Denver in 2002. I think you will see some interesting tours to Rocky Mountain National Park, Boulder, Coors Brewery and three different city tours.

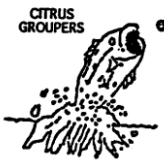
I also attended the Denver Mile Highers breakfast on March 2nd and was excited about their enthusiasm for volunteering for preplanning and assisting at the Hotel in October.

As usual, the Convention Package will be published in the June Newsletter. This will include the final tour times, descriptions and prices, along with banquet entrée choices and the event schedule. In the interim for any questions or suggestions, please email ruaea2013den@gmail.com or mmarcy99@aol.com.

See you in Denver

Marilyn Marcy – VP Convention

Florida Retirees Uniting, February 22, 23 and 24, 2013
By Don Nellans – President, Citrus Groupers, The Villages Florida



After a year and a half of planning, the first ever “Florida Retirees Uniting” event was hosted by the Citrus Groupers. We met in The Villages, Florida at the beautiful Waterfront Inn. We had retirees from our host chapter, the Orlando Real McCoys, The Southwest Pelican Drop-Ins, the Tampa Bay and Treasure Coast chapters as well as the RUAEA National President, **Hank Gosselin**, and our Florida Regional Director, **Paul Brown**.

We started with registration at 1:00 in the afternoon and by 5 PM; we had registered all 55 people in attendance. Friday evening everyone was treated to dessert at a Welcome Party in the Mangrove Room at the hotel. Many old friendships were rediscovered and lots of new ones made. **Lisa Leighty** of the Real McCoys and **Pat Townsend** of the Citrus Groupers walked the microphone around the room getting everyone to give us their name, station and a little story of their experience at United.

On Saturday, we started with a trolley tour of The Villages. We filled two trolleys for an hour long ride through this beautiful community. The Villages covers a large area with 94,000 retirees. Saturday afternoon a short workshop was held. As coffee and cookies were served, we discussed ideas to grow our local memberships and create more interest in our meetings. We all felt the best thing we could do was to get more creative generating publicity and getting the word out locally about our chapters. Suggestions also were discussed to improve events most chapters already do such as how to make picnics better, day trip ideas and we even briefly discussed what we might like to do as a regional function next year with a “Florida State Luncheon” high on the list.

Saturday evening cocktail hour started at 6:30. Following this, **Don Nellans**, President of the Citrus Groupers, led everyone in the Pledge Of Allegiance, a short prayer and a moment of silence for the victims of Flight 93. We then all enjoyed a delicious meal in the beautiful banquet room all decked out in the United orange red and blue. After dinner, Don thanked his fellow Citrus Groupers for all of their work in helping to make this event not only possible, but also a success. He then introduced **Paul Brown**. Paul spoke about the history and progress of each of the Florida region chapters. Paul then introduced **Hank Gosselin**. Hank talked about the importance of our upcoming national convention and then stressed the need to grow our national membership, pointing out the old adage, there is safety in numbers. The more of us there are, the louder our voice. He told us of the changing role of RUAEA, going from a strictly social arm to an advocate for United Airlines retirees.

Janice Popek of the Treasure Coast chapter and **Isabel Buchanan** from the Citrus Groupers each won a door prize of an emblazoned coffee mug commemorating the occasion, along with a \$50.00 restaurant gift card. **Ralph Brick** headed the donation drive for the 50/50 drawing to benefit the Flight 93 memorial. **James Multeri** of the Real McCoys was the lucky winner. These donations will allow us to give \$155.00 to the Flight 93 memorial fund. The Citrus Groupers voted to match that contribution, so we were able to donate a total \$310.00 to the cause.

Sunday morning we hosted a “Farewell Breakfast”. It was the Citrus Groupers last chance to thank everyone for coming and to wish them a safe trip home. As we all prepared to go home, there were lots of comments about how nice it was to feel the United family spirit again. This event can be easily summed up “We all had a great time”. Getting together in the future was an idea that everyone liked. Since the Florida State Luncheon was a big vote-getter at the Saturday workshop, we are now looking for a host chapter to do that next year.

United Change of Address Forms By Bruce Baur



I recently moved and called United for a change of address form. I was told such forms are no longer being sent out, like nearly anything else such changes have now to be made on the computer. Go to "Flying Together"

1. On the top right "Employee Services"
2. On the left, below Information for all co-workers, "Benefits"
3. Below Learn Enroll, "Your Benefits Resources (YBR)"
4. On top, above your benefit resources "Your Profile"
5. Click on "Personal Information"

Your personal information should pop up and any changes to it can be made right there.

It took me some time to get all that done and I hope that this information will be of some help to anybody who has to move in the future.

United prepares to manage through U.S. government "sequester" budget cuts



Effective March 1, the U.S. government will begin to reduce spending by \$85 billion. The government has until September 30 to make the reductions, although Congress has the ability to avoid this even after the effective date.

United is closely monitoring how this could affect the airline industry, as it relies on the FAA, TSA, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and other agencies for air-traffic control, airport security, customs checkpoints and other services that support our operation. United is in discussions with these agencies at both a federal and local level to determine how it can work together should the government not reach an agreement in the near future.

United does not anticipate any immediate effect on its operations or its customers, since most reductions - if they take effect - would be phased in over time. For example, any furloughs at these agencies are not expected to take effect until early April.

If there are any airport or operational issues, United will encourage customers to check for updates on united.com. Co-workers may check Flying Together, where United will post operations updates as necessary.

United will have contingency plans for responding to any changes in its operating environment brought on by the government cutbacks should they take effect and the company will communicate any changes should they arise.

United ranks among FORTUNE's most admired airlines



On February 28th, FORTUNE released its 2012-2013 World's Most Admired Companies rankings. United was among three U.S. carriers to make the airline industry list, along with Delta and Southwest. A survey of corporate executives, airline executives, boards of directors and industry analysts determined the rankings, and only the top seven global airlines made the published list.

United was scored in nine categories from "innovation" to "global competitiveness."

IT Service Desk automates password resets



Effective March 1, when you call to reset your Flying Together, Active Directory, e-Directory, Oracle ERP or coair password, you will be using a simple, automated telephone system. By automating this system, United will free up IT Service Desk co-workers to handle more complicated issues.

Here's how to do it: Call the IT Service Desk at 1-847-700-5800 or 1-800-255-5801 and choose option 1 for password resets. Follow the prompts to enter your ID number and personal information. The system will give you a temporary password that you'll need to write down – it's valid for only 24 hours. Then you'll get an email with a link to reset your

password. You may also go to flyingtogether.ual.com and log in with your temporary password. Follow the directions to change your password.

More power, more space for bags coming to gate rooms



What are some of the things that bother customers the most about waiting in gate rooms at the airport? Lack of power outlets to charge personal electronic devices? Seats blocked off by bags and other possessions? United's Airport Strategy and Corporate Real Estate teams are on the case. "In December, we chose three seating configurations at three distinct seating areas at gates in Terminal 2 at ORD to test alternatives to our rows and rows of linear seats," said Airport Strategy Manager Chris

Perry. *"We installed a minimum of linear seats, more tables for customers and cluster seating in pods. We also tested a long, barstool-like configuration with access to power at the tables."*

To the delight of customers, United went from an average of six power outlets in those areas to 45 power outlets and 43 USB ports. *"Our Airport Strategy and Industrial Engineering teams observed the percentage of seats used by customers and the percentage of seats blocked by bags,"* Chris said. *"The new seating configuration cut the number of seats blocked by bags in half. Not surprisingly, customers also enjoyed having easier access to power."*

"We'll use the results we gathered as a guideline when we have the opportunity to upgrade gate rooms in the future," said Corporate Real Estate Senior Project Manager Brandon Shimer. *"First up is the immediate need at IAH as we outfit Terminal B, and we are finalizing the details there."*

Tuskegee Airmen Thrill Chicago Contact Center Co-workers



In celebration of Black History Month, Chicago Contact Center co-workers recently met living history, as two of the original Tuskegee Airmen, Virgil Poole and Beverly Dunjill, shared experiences as pilots who courageously fought in World War II.

Both men were part of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 447th Bombardment Group of the U.S. Army Air Corps. They discussed working to protect U.S. bombers and what it was like to be African-American in an army that was not yet integrated. The men trained at a separate institution, Tuskegee.

"Tuskegee is an important part of African-American heritage and American heritage as a whole. They explained to us that they were not only fighting a war in Europe, but also fighting a war for equality," Reservations Sales and Service Representative Landa Midgley said. *"It was very moving to be a part of this event. It reminded me of my grandfather. They may not be around very much longer and I really appreciated the opportunity to ask these American heroes questions about serving in World War II."*

"They are an inspiration to all of us. If you like what you are doing, then keep doing it. We can only get better and better. Mr. Poole and Mr. Dunjill really proved that point, even with the odds stacked against them," Reservations Sales and Service Representative Kathryn Powers said.

After the event, co-workers were able to ask questions, interact with the two men and get autographs. The Chicago Contact Center Black History Committee also organized other events throughout February, such a celebration for the 104th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a presentation from the DuSable Museum of African-American History.

"These events are very important to me. At an earlier event, I saw the words 'Diversity flies with us, United' and thought about how these events exemplify that idea. We have been able to share experiences and learn about different elements of our heritage that make us United and a great company," Landa said.

MileagePlus announces two new member offers



MileagePlus members now have two more ways to earn miles as United continues to find innovative ways to build the value of its loyalty program.

Through a new partnership with Allstate Insurance Company, MileagePlus members may earn up to 4,500 award miles for obtaining a quote for or purchasing a new auto or homeowner's policy.

Through a new partnership with GlobalFit, a provider of physical activity programs, United has also launched MileagePlus Fitness (fitness.mileageplus.com). Members may earn bonus award miles for purchases they make through MileagePlus Fitness, including 2,000 miles for a gym membership and up to 1,250 miles for purchasing certain home fitness products and nutrition programs.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Egges



It is with great sadness that I inform you that Father Al Mascherino passed away Friday, February 15th. We talked on the phone at least once a month and emailed regularly. Then, when he was unable to talk or write, I conversed through his caregiver, Kay Kemp. His biggest concern was to pay off the mortgage of \$40,000 and to build the auditorium.

I am very appreciative that **Joe Bradley**, the president of the Independents called and informed me of memorial services, first in Shanksville on Thursday and then in Downingtown on Friday. Joe drove my wife, Marge and I to the service on Friday. At the service, we met some of father's large family. His two younger brothers spent the last two weeks of his life with him while he was in hospice. Father Al was a wonderful friend. I am sad and hurting and will miss him deeply.

The Most Rev. Ramzi R. Musallam, Bishop of Pottsville, is now in charge of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. I will be working with him now.

To donate, make your check to Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, and mail to **Frank J. Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19043-4252

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of 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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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

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Attention All Golfers

***The 2013 UAL Retiree Golf
Tournament will be held in Mesquite,
NV from May 6th to May 9th, 2013***

If you are interested,
contact **Paul Levan** for an entry form.
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Please register by April 15th, 2013.

LOCAL NEWS

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February 21, 2013 found our Alabama/Florida Chapter of RUAEA meeting once again in Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We were very excited to welcome our newest members, **Ray & My Owens**, who joined at this meeting. They are retired from Continental Airlines and read about our group in the RUAEA Newsletter! They are our first members from Continental and we welcomed them with open arms and many hugs! 14 Members attended and they were: **Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Ray & My Owens, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, and Harold Stofko**. Missing from our meeting were: **Cheryl & David Cameron** who are building a new home, **Bill & Ann Delavan** who were skiing, **Judy Hebl** had to return home in WI to take care of some business, **Park & Billie Learned** as **Park** was in the hospital, and **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** was in Toronto visiting a friend that needed her. We hope they will all be able to attend our meeting in March.

Raffle tickets were sold by **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** while we waited on our lunches to be served. Our new member, **Ray Owens**, drew the winning ticket and he drew his wife's ticket! How is that for your first meeting? We were all thrilled that they won.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order after lunch at 1:00 PM. Bob had **Ray Owens** tell us about his wife, **My**, and himself. They retired in Navarre, FL, which is East of Pensacola from Houston, TX. He worked in Tech Ops with Continental. We hope he will be able to help us contact other retired Continental employees. He told us that many years ago he had a civil service job and one of his jobs was to help polish the Blue Angel planes. Small world, isn't it?

Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent.

Conrad Hamilton told us he has an 18 year old friend who needs a liver transplant. She lives in Michigan and her mother lives in D.C. area. She cannot move to be near her mother as she is #1 on the transplant list now and if she moves she goes way down the list. **Conrad** asked if any of us would be willing to make her mother an enrolled friend that he would really appreciate it. A member of our group volunteered to make her an enrolled friend. We all pray the 18 year old receives a transplant soon.

Winners of our extra cookies were **Conrad Hamilton, Harold Stofko, Rick Herrick, Yvonne Schwartz, My Owens, and Doug Horne**. Everyone enjoyed their extra cookie!

Our March birthday person is **Carol Herrick** on March 1st. She is the only one for March.

Our April birthdays are **Park Learned** (1st) and **Rick Herrick** (30th).

Yvonne Schwartz, Secretary, passed around two articles from the Museum magazine. One was the history of the Cubi Bar and the second one told about the new Flight Academy that opened in May, 2012. It is designed for youth 7th through 12th grade and is a 5.5 day "camp" aboard the 100,000 square foot mock aircraft carrier *Ambition* which is adjacent to the Aviation museum. It is truly unbelievable! You can find out more about it by going to their website, natflight.com.

Now is a great time to plan a visit to our area as the weather is getting warmer and flowers are blooming everywhere. I wish everyone could see the Azaleas in full bloom in Mobile, AL now. They really are beautiful. Also, be sure to plan your trip so you can attend one of our meetings. We'd love for you to visit us. Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

March 21 - Meeting at 11:30 AM

April 18 - Meeting at 11:30 AM

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Submitted by Carol Wilbanks

This is our 4th meeting in a row on a cold, rainy day but it was worth the effort. We met for lunch at Dale's Southern Grill. Enjoying the food and fellowship were **Bobby Cox, Joe & Jane Jones, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Bill Preston** and **Gay Fowler**. Bobby's wife Jean and **Joe Duncan** were absent due to "the crud" which has been hitting many of us. **Charlotte Gibson** is recovering from oral surgery.

Since there were so few of us, everyone was able to join in the conversation which was dominated by reminiscing about getting from point A to point B in the "good old days". **Herb & Carol** told about a trip to Hawaii in the late 70's or early 80's. Because of a Pan Am strike, they had to stay an extra night in HNL and then it took them 3 days to get home to BHM. On the last night, they finally stayed in a hotel and got the last 2 seats in the back of a Southern Airways flight. Carol said besides being exhausted, it was awful having to go through all this while dressed up in heels and pantyhose. Remember the dress code then for SA's? So glad it is more relaxed now.

Joe and others told about how much cooperation existed between United and other airlines then. In BHM, Delta was one of our best friends.

Those with February birthdays are **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bill Preston**, and **Joe Singleton**. **Joe & Jean Jones** celebrated their wedding anniversary this month also. Everyone is glad to still be celebrating these events! **Gay Fowler** shared information on a trip in April to Eufaula, AL to tour homes. This will be an overnight trip that includes tickets and some meals. Email Gay at gdf1948@gmail.com to learn more. This will be a great trip because Eufaula is well known for its beautiful antebellum home tours in the spring.

We hope to meet closer to Montgomery, AL next month if **Judy Slover** can join us. We have been missing her and **Joe Singleton** the last few months! Our chapter meets on the 2nd Monday at 11:30 with locations changing monthly. Email **Bobby Cox** at coxbc4@aol.com if you want to know more.

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PHOENIX AZURES

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And ... they're off! That's what we heard on March 5 at the Azures outing to Turf Paradise Racetrack in Phoenix. 18 members joined together to play the horses and **Pat Neal (Lowell Neal, ORDDMM)** was the big winner, bringing home \$25.30; **Ann Bergstrom (Don Bergstrom, ORDDMG)** was next with an undisclosed amount. **Carol Brei (Don Brei)**, also, was up \$8.00 at the end of the day.

We had a buffet lunch in the Turf Club and went down to the track for the "United Airlines Azures" named race and had our picture taken with the winning horse for that 2nd race. **Joe Hopkins** put \$2.00 on "Bite My Dust" for the first race for **Vivian Klick** and she said with her winnings, she would retire again. Sorry to say that Vivian will keep her job at Litchfield Utilities for a little while longer.

The next outing will be the All-Arizona luncheon in Casa Grande on March 14. Approximately 14 Azures members will trek down I-10 to Casa Grande to meet up with 'ole friends and ex-coworkers at the Holiday Inn.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sherri Muoio** as she recovers from her hip surgery on March 4. Send cards to: 20108 North 110th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373 or email phx22@cox.net.

Please send continued thoughts and prayers to **Marlene Bechtold** (wife of **Jim Bechtold, DENMM**) for her recovery from a golf cart accident which left her with bruises to her legs and torso and a broken shoulder. Send cards to: 14321 West Heritage Road, Sun City West, AZ 85375 or email DENMM14@aol.com.

No member birthdays (that I know of) for April, however, Wedding Anniversary congratulations go to **A.D., Jr. & Lynn Cline** on April 26 and **Laura & Jim Ehas** on April 28. Anyone else, Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary to you.

Our next Azures outing is still “in the works” and we will inform our members as soon as we finalize plans but, in the meantime, think picnic.

“Friends are the Sunshine of Life” ~ John Hay

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco’s, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ

April 9

April 23

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Happy Spring! Can’t believe Easter is over and it’s April already. This will be the last month we will be getting together for lunches until next fall; but, we’ll still have our monthly breakfasts every fourth Friday of each month at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. In April, we have our annual picnic at the Crescent Run, which is always a lot of fun and the food is always delicious. We’re always glad when we have new people join us; so, if you’re 55 and over and have worked for United or Continental at any time, please give us a try. Contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at Indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be more than happy to give you any information you need, directions, cost, etc.

Our February 15th Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert had 33 people in attendance. **Shirley Claggett**, our President, was out-of-town. Our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall**, took over the meeting. We had a new breakfast menu, especially for our group, which made it easier for both our waitress and the cooks. **Marge & Joel Matteson** were back with us, plus we had several visitors; Sharlet from Michigan; who is **Donna Pedone**’s sister; **Joan, Pat & Buzz Nicholaisen**’s daughter, and **Len & Jean Krapf**, from Illinois, guests of **Ted & Liz Tollefsen** were also there. **Jay Hartough** and **Ted Higley** both offered to run for the Sheriff’s position. It was decided that they will share the job as it will make it a lot easier when one of them will be gone. The All-Arizona Luncheon was discussed regarding the number of baskets needed for the raffle and help needed to decorate the tables the day of the luncheon. The Cubs/Sox tickets for the spring training game, March 7th, were still available for \$25, **Ron Paluch** has the tickets.

The February 20th luncheon at Mt. Athos Restaurant in Florence had 23 present. The food was delicious and all the prizes plus the normal 50/50 were a big hit. **Bob Hallden** announced that there will be a RUAEA Convention this year and it will be held in Denver, Colorado at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver – Stapleton North. The dates for the Convention are October 9 – 13, 2013. The Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to DIA, and the shops at Northfield, where there is a movie theater, Macy’s and lots of restaurants in every price range. On Saturday, there will be the annual business meeting and the benefit panel presentation by vendors and employees of United, followed by the banquet and entertainment in the evening. More information will be coming regarding costs and method of booking in the April RUAEA Newsletter. The Convention issue will be in June. Start thinking about your plans to attend the Convention in October now! Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, and all the members, thanked **Fred Rockenhauser**, for his time being our “Sheriff”. We were glad to see **Carol Hinkle** at the luncheon once again. The picnic to be held at Crescent Run on Friday, April 12, will have two entrées. Notices will be sent out with all the information to our members. Thanks to **Natasha Schmidt** for being a good host at this luncheon. Everyone had a good time.

We will be reporting on the All-Arizona Luncheon hosted by our Re-United’s Chapter, next month. Thanks to everyone who helped make this luncheon the best ever!

Our March 22 Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, will be reported next month also.

Make plans to attend our annual picnic at Crescent Run Park at 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa on Friday, April 12th, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. After you turn into the park, there is a guard shack. Stop and tell the guard you are there for the Re-United’s picnic and he will give you directions if you

need them. The food is always delicious. We will be entertained again by David Grimes of Mesa. The picnic starts at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. Information about the picnic and the cost will be sent out by Shirley and Ron very soon. They will need to know how many are coming by April 9th. Money will be collected at the picnic. For any further information or directions, contact **Shirley Claggett** or **Ron Paluch** at (480) 354-7610, or by email at Indind75@yahoo.com. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Please remember, our RUAEA Newsletter, is a great way to get information about our company and what is going on with our Chapter, plus all the other chapters throughout the United States; so, if you're not getting the monthly issues by mail or by email, be sure and send your membership dues of \$25 for one year to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Be sure and include your file number on all correspondence and your check. You can also check www.ruaea.org for further information.

Don't forget to collect items for the Fantasy Flight as you are out and about. Some of the items needed are small individual blankets, socks, gloves, and bears for the children, who are about 5 to 6 years old. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or at phomfeldt@cox.net, if you have any questions, or if you have items you wish to donate.

The following 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). Happy Birthday to all! We have three couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month; they are **Oscar & Olga Aguilar** (4/7/84), **Don & Jan Eiken** (4/20/57) and **Steve & Judy Stricker** (4/23). Congratulations!

Calendar:

April 12 – Annual picnic at Crescent Run Park in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m., with lunch at noon. Contact **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** by April 9th if you plan on attending at (480) 354-7610 or by email at Indind75@yahoo.com.

April 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by April 24th with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net.

May 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by May 22nd.

June 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines chapter!

Our February luncheon was attended by thirteen members. We all had a very enjoyable gathering on a lovely spring-like day.

Tentative plans for our annual picnic were discussed. Once again, it will be hosted by our very gracious **Chuck & Lynn McCoy** at the beautiful Eagle Ridge site at Lynx Lakes in the month of June. Further details will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

Our next meeting will be April 19th at the Lone Spur Cafe - 11:00 am.

Calendar:

April 19 – Meeting at 11:00AM at the Lone Spur Café.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Our February luncheon was held at Chopstix. Lunch was amazing. I highly recommend it. Our thanks go out to **John Bennetts** and **Claire Byle** for organizing the event. Twenty two people attended plus 1 guest, **Dan Salata** a retiree from Chicago RES. **Ann Borucki** and **Pat Dillalo** were the lucky winners of the 50/25/25.

On March 14 we will be joining the rest of our Arizona friends for our annual all Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande.

April's luncheon will be held at Boston's at 11:30A. Boston's is located at 5825 W. Arizona Pavilions Dr. in Tucson which is just west of I-10 on Cortaro Rd. From Cortaro turn toward (left if you are coming from the East) the In N Out Burger (Arizona Pavilions Dr.) and the restaurant will be on your right (approximately 3 blocks down). Contact **Jeff** or **Sandy Lawyer** at (847) 826-2640 by April 15th if you are planning to attend.

On a sad note, we would like to remember **June Dryden** and **Hank Dykhuis** who are no longer with us. Our condolences go out to their families. Hank was a former president of the Tucson Roadrunners. He will be laid to rest in Colorado.

Lastly we want to thank **Roger & Lyn Callihan** for all of their work on former RUAEA Newsletter articles. The Callihans are taking a break for awhile and we would just like them to know how much their time and effort has been appreciated.

Calendar:

March 14 – All Arizona Luncheon, Casa Grande

April 18 – Boston's, Tucson

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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Our Chapter met at the Chumash Casino on February 20th with 18 of us present. This Casino has a very popular buffet and if you don't get there by 11:00AM when they open, the wait becomes quite long. The food is always well presented and enjoyed by everyone. However, due to the commotion, our meeting was cut short and we got right to the food and whatever the casino had to offer. Our hosts, **Esther & Bob Bartlett** had very nice table treats that included little angels that Esther and her daughter put together for each one of us. Esther always manages to come up with something that we can take home and enjoy.

It was good to have **Howard Lackey** attend since he had some information he wanted to share with us regarding the photo ID and to let us know that the next convention will be in Denver the week of October 9th. **John Stilwell** has already said that he would be attending.

Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, has some interesting pictures he wanted to show us from the Flight 93 memorial. He said that he will be sharing these with us at the next meeting.

Marcia Stanger received letters of thanks from the Toys for Tots Christmas donations. This is an organization that makes sure the toys are distributed to those in need and it has been our pleasure to support them for several years.

It was good to see **John Stilwell**, since he had eyelid surgery and wore dark sunglasses to protect his eyes. He now said he is able to see a lot more and better too.

Jack & Eleanor Cunningham joined us and since they missed our last meeting, it is always good to see them. They didn't have time to try the Casino before lunch, but it didn't take them long to head that way after

lunch. Some of us said that we should follow Eleanor and play the machines she plays; until they found out she was playing the \$5 ones.

Every so often I read about a retiree that I used to work with that brings back some old memories. In the February Newsletter, there was report from the Indy Racers that included a picture of **Charles Theiss** dressed as Santa Claus. Charles and I used to work in SFOJJ, back in the good old days, and he missed his calling when he should have been in Show Business. Several years ago, my family decided to throw a birthday party for me and they invited some of my co-workers. Charles was one of them and his claim to fame was to speak at various functions and he topped his speech off by presenting an “outhouse” he made to the honoree. I’ll never forgive him for that, although we all got a good laugh over it. He claims that Carol Channing graduated from his high school a few years ahead of him. I don’t think they keep in touch.

Did you know that back in 1930’s, the first Flight Attendants had to be nurses and unmarried? What a difference from today’s standards.

Our next meeting will be in April hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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Eleven members attended our March meeting at Marie Callenders, hosted by **Hazel & Dick Hayes**. True to their Irish ancestry, Hazel & Dick decorated the table with Irish decorations. Dick took pictures of those attending the luncheon. As usual, **Dick Hayes** told many jokes. He used an Irish brogue for one of his jokes.

March had two birthdays ~ **Peggy Oakshott** (3/1) and **Pat Gilbert** (3/16). We all helped **Lincoln & Nile Jones** celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on March 6th.

Elida Rivas told a joke about codes for retirees who like to text. For example, if you text WAITT means, “Who am I talking to?” or GHA – “Got heartburn again”.

The 50/50 raffle was won by “Lucky” **Dick Shryock**. Other winners were **John Oakshott**, **Millie Barnett** and **Lincoln Jones**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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The Desert Sunbirds held their February Luncheon/Meeting - no, change that to “Luncheon”. We are really a social chapter. We meet every month for a luncheon, and it’s mostly to keep up the friendships with those with whom we worked for many years. Sure, almost every month, we talk about our experiences with the “New” United, but mostly we enjoy seeing and conversing with friends we made so many years ago.

Back to the luncheon, it was held at the Acqua Pazza California Bistro in Rancho Mirage. Forty three hungry Sunbirds and guests chose from Chicken Caesar Salad, “Kobe” Burger, Tuna Panini, Russian Panini, and Linguine Checca. **Ron & Barb Napier** were our gracious hosts.

Quite a few guests this month ~ **Val Tinus** (LAXCS), a UAL Retiree and friend to many of us at the Luncheon, was the guest of **Al Beuchel**. Val has just moved from Denver to Rancho Mirage, so we expect that he will shortly become a member of our Chapter. **Brad Zittel** brought many times guests **Rod Burke** and **Kirk Storm**. **Ron Napier**’s guest was **Bill Scholes**, a retired UAL Captain and Flight Manager. We hope to have another new member here too!

The **Brunkens** brought **Werner**’s sister, **Renate**. **Mary Frank** brought her friend, **Dick Milford**. Lastly, **Esther Horompoly**, formerly LAXRR? and LAXCS?, while visiting in our area, came to the Luncheon with an ex-TWA friend, **Esther Hammer**.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Sheryll Waiss**. The 50-50 had two winners - **Werner Brunken**’s sister, **Renate** (\$50.00), and **Barb Napier** (\$15.00).

Elaine Aggson provided a box of Chocolates as a door prize - won by **Rod Burke**; and the Napiers added two bottles of wine, which were won by **Dee Whately** and **Gay Traber**.

Calendar:

April 10 - Hosts, Dave and Kathy Wilson

May 8 - Hostess, Carole Paquin

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on February 27 at Woody's Grill in Rocklin. This was hosted by our Past President, **Terry & Penny Greenacre**. This was our yearly Past Presidents' Luncheon and also celebrating our 33rd anniversary. We had 48 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Greenacres for hosting.

The Past Presidents that attended the luncheon were introduced: **Ronnie King** (2000), **Ken Norton** (2002), **Ron Bertacini** (2004), **Harold & Colleen Esola** (2005 & 2006), **Bob Fulkerson** (2008), **Francis Domaratius** (2009), **Ken Norton** (2010), **Charles Szekretar** (2011), **Terry Greenacre** (2012).

Officers' Reports:

President ~ **Hank Wikstad** invited all our Past Presidents up to introduce themselves and to tell a little history from United and what year they were Presidents.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** gave us a luncheon update for this year. We needed a host for March right away and the Bertacinis volunteered to host next month at this same restaurant. We still need hosts for May through October.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries: For January, those 50 years and over: **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan** – 52 years; for February: Those 50 years and over: **Glenn & Alice McPeak** – 63 years; **Philip & Ann Frank** – 61 years; **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** – 58 years; **Dick & Velma Carrol** – 55 years.

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** was not with us today but **Ronnie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** said she sent a get well card to **Sherrill Morgan** and **Darryll Stroud**, she also sent a sympathy card to **Lois Hopkins**. Alice also brought cards for us to sign for **Darryll**, **Jack Fechter** and a sympathy card to **Aiko Pennington**.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** brought our albums back today. She has also added a "In Remembrance of Me" album of the members who have passed away.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** said to get your dues in and any corrections ASAP. The roster will come out soon.

Past President of RUAEA ~ **Ron Bertacini** reminded us that the convention will be in Denver, CO October 9-13 which is a Wednesday through Saturday at the Double Tree North hotel. They have a free shuttle to the airport and shopping center. The rate is \$99/night including breakfast.

Calendar:

March 27 – Woody's Grill in Rocklin hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

April 24 - China Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Once again the Hangtown Miners scored! **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** hosted a wonderful luncheon for 35 of us at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova. We were treated to a Valentine's Day theme that included a heart shaped bowl with plenty of yummy candy. Rudy, with **Bill Dinette's** help, personalized bottles of wine. They removed the original labels and then put very creative RUAEA labels onto the bottles, very clever and fun. The table decorations were part of the choices for our raffle. A hearty "Thank You" goes to Rudy & Cindy for hosting a fun meeting.

New Business ~ We welcome **Pilar Perez**. Actually, Pilar was a member, hadn't come for some time and is now back with our chapter. We are delighted that you returned, Pilar!

Old Business ~ The suggestion to donate to a charity is still something that we would like to do. However, since we are still waiting for our official paperwork from the IRS and until we get that, we can't deal with the status issue for the state of California. We will need to wait until everything has been handled. Getting Hangtown Miners officially rated as a non-profit organization is a necessity - the process is annoying and frustrating, but needs to be done. Tom told us that in only rare circumstances will they expedite the paperwork. It is "in processing" - patience, patience. Thank goodness **Tom Kenny** has been vigilant!

Our annual membership dues need to be paid by March 11th. Our records show that we still have 11 Miners who need to send in their \$10.00.

Regarding the Fed Ex discount we talked about last month ~ We do receive a 75% discount sending a parcel by Fed Ex! Show your retiree badge for the special rate for next day delivery. There is a different rate for other mailings. If you do not have a "Retiree ID Card", don't give up - use your employee ID badge (if current). If you don't have a badge any longer, verification letters may now be processed at home when you log in to employeeRES. To create your letter, please visit employeeRES>Quick Links>Employee Profile and click on the link to download the "Verification of Employment Letter". You can then print the letter for your use as needed. **Note:** Be careful when printing to have your printer properties set to "fit to printable area". This will provide you with a clean print of your letter in its entirety, including our logo which is required.

President (Rudy's report also covers RUAEA) ~ Rudy suggested that, if you know where you are planning to host a luncheon, it would be helpful for our members to know, in advance, where the location will be. We don't usually enjoy our get-togethers in the same place two months in a row, but, it could happen! For those of you who have signed up to host a month, and you know where you're planning to meet, please let either **Rudy** or **Bill Dinette** know. Of course, should something come up and you change the restaurant, that isn't a problem either. We still need a host for December, though, **Thom Biro** is thinking he may just take that month - let us know, Thom!

Be aware! Imputed tax adds up for the enrolled friends and those with a domestic partner. Spouses are "free". The imputed income that will show can add up quickly.

Regarding the United MileagePlus Explorer Card: to be eligible for the \$80.00 statement credit in 2013, you must be an active United employee and a primary Cardmember of the MileagePlus Explorer Card effective February 15, 2013.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** reports that the vacation passes, when not used in a calendar year, will roll over and accumulate.

FYI ~ if your home sewer system has a problem, don't bother to call Rotoman! You **can** park in SFO's parking lot for (up to) 14 days. You will need to go into the office and get a pass for your car.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** passed along information from **Jon Somplack**. The Denver Convention has been changed to October 9 - 13.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that ATT used to give us a discount but we no longer receive it - you have to be an active employee. Our banking account stands at \$1,072.01.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** was not in attendance this month.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** requested Jane send along the pictures from February's luncheon - she forgot her camera! No problem!

Miscellaneous ~ **Thom Biro** brought us packages of live ladybugs! Instructed us to take the bags out of the cellophane and put the inner, perforated bags of bugs in a refrigerator or some other cool spot until we are ready to release them. Then release them in a cool morning on damp ground so they have a better chance to survive. Thom is able to collect these wonderful bugs where he works. This year he gathered 4 gallon bags, had them in his truck. But, apparently one of the bags wasn't closed properly and his truck was full of the little critters. He is still finding them! But, we thank you for them!

February is, indeed, the month of Love! Anniversaries: **Bob & Dorean Ames** (65 years); **Joe & Jeanette D'Amico** (48 years); **Bill & Pati Kenney** (32 years); **Glenn & Alice McPeak** (63 years); **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (58 years). Congratulations to you all!

Our Drawing of Opportunity began; **Bill Dinette** was the blue ticket winner. Donations included: Wine - **Mary Buschman**; Lotion - **Heiers**; basket - **Limas**; canister with candy - **Fitzpatrick's**; wine - **Ouchi**; wine & cart - **Akins**; Lady Bugs - **Thom Biro**; wine (table settings) - **Blazius**; Kahlua - **Dinette**; outdoor tool - **Tom Kenny**; candy - **Ames**; scones & jam - **Kenney**. Thank you for your generosity.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Our February luncheon was held on Valentine's Day, February 14th at the Fountain Grove Inn. **Brandon & Pat Maus** and **George & Lois Schwind** were our hosts. A big "Thank You" to Brandon for locating a venue that was available on such a popular day. Lunch was delicious and the double chocolate cake dessert was worth every calorie.

President **George Schwind** welcomed everyone and asked our Vice President **Brandon Maus** to introduce our guests: **Lee Trevelyn** was the guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, **Jennifer Ragle** was the guest of **Ruth Loy**, **Pam Olson** was the guest of **Edna Olson**, **Jack Donahue** was **Joan Olsson's** guest, **Louis Lovell** and **Emily Boyles** were the guests of the **Southons**, and **Zelma Kibler** was the guest of **Roger Casterline**. Zelma is now a new member. We had a total of 7 guests and 41 members for a total of 48 which is the highest attendance at a regular monthly meeting in several years.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported as of 1/11/13, we have \$777.74 in the General Account and \$165.21 in the Charity Account for a total of \$942.95

Barney Hagen reported the Pilot's Wailing Wall is quiet. He also said the Retired Flight Attendants website is excellent and the link is: RAFA (Retired Association of Flight Attendants) travel page http://www.rafa-cwa.org/RAFA/Travel_Benefits_1.html.

Note: **Roger Casterline** asked me to include the following information in the Newsletter ~ Traveling by the United Pass Travel System can be frustrating as compared to our old BP6 program, but there is much more info available as to the other pass riders you are competing with. It also gives more info on the number of seats available.

There are several phone numbers that can help you in your travels. Everyone should carry or have available the "Important Phone Numbers" listed on the back page of the RUAEA Newsletter. The phone number for the Employee Travel Center, 1-877-324-5555, has some travel info that may be of some help, but the United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727) is the one that can help you the most.

I just completed a trip in which I changed a number of flights and did not get on several flights. I listed on all flights as SA0 (Vacation), so every flight that I changed or missed caused my supply of vacation passes to dwindle. Calling the ePass Line and giving the agent my six letter Travel Plan (used to be called Record Locator) for the affected flights allowed the agent to check if refunds of passes or charges were in process or start the process if needed. This check now shows all of my passes and charges are accounted for.

Our Sunshine lady, **Verda Burr**, announced six members had birthdays this month: **Larry Wilson**, **Don Davis**, **Ron Huhn**, **Madalynn Schmidt**, **Tim Staples** and **Diana Quinn**. Larry was the lucky winner of the free lunch. We had two anniversaries this month, **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** celebrated 39 years and **Brandon & Pat Maus** celebrated 56 years. And of course, Verda finished up with a great joke that was long but the punch line was well worth the wait.

The raffle included bottles of wine decorated with beautiful birds made by **George Schwind**. The lucky winners were thrilled to receive one.

Note: If you change your email address, be sure to contact **Oscar Chambers** so he can update the roster and the members, joscar1313ec@netscape.net.

Calendar:

Luncheon on the 2nd Thursday of the Month

April 11 - Quail Inn, hosted by **Mary Hill & Maddy McKinnis**

May 9 - Rancho Nicasio, hosted by **Joan Sheahan, Ann Sullivan & Joan Olsson**

June 13 - Quail Inn, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn and Larry & Mary Wilson**

July 11 - Le Chalet Basque, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

August 8 - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**

September 12 - La Gare, hosted by **Jan Blackburn & Valerie Hulsey**

October 10 - Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

November 14 - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Pat & Brandon Maus**

December 12 - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers

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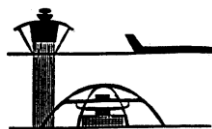
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At our luncheon in February, **Herb Kopp** and **Carl Delia** were both missing, due to scheduled surgeries. Sadly, they missed out on our Valentine's Day festivities. We send good wishes for a speedy recovery to both. We welcomed **Norm Bettke**, whom we had not seen for some time. **Sharon Record** offered to drive him, so he could visit with old friends again.

It seems that Sharon's kindness was repaid by her winning the Valentine Gift Basket offered by our fantasy flight as a fund raiser. This romantic basket was filled with champagne, flowers, chocolates and gift certificates for movies and dinner. At this luncheon, we had a visit from **Peggy Halstead**, who was in LA for a regular "snow-bird" relief from Oregon. She loves to come and visit with her friends at the "RES Table" and enjoy the warm weather. It was great to see her too.

We got a call from **Peg Ballagh**, who had received a letter from **Herb Lavelle's** daughter, **Wynne**. She advised that her Mother, **Gerry**, has lung cancer and mentioned that she'd love to hear from her UA friends. Wynne will be happy to forward these notes to her Mother. Please send them to her, **Gerry Lavelle c/o Wynne Lavelle**, 2455 22nd Ave., Greeley, CO 80631.

Another note came from **Tarina Murray**, who was scheduled for surgery again in January. We do pray that this will be the end of her many hospital visits. Send love to 7619 S. Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305-1250.

We sadly advise that **Linda Robbins** has passed away very suddenly from a heart attack on February 11th. Linda's daughter, **Vickie Martin** advised of her services held at Hollywood Forest Lawn on February 22nd. Encouragement can be sent Vickie at: 6035 Bellingham Ave., No. Hollywood, CA 91606.

We applaud **Laly Savoy**, who had hip surgery on February 15th and recuperated at home. She stated she was in good shape and hadn't had to take pain pills for 7 days! We do all know what a strong woman she is! We send our love to Laly at 15516 Bonsallo Ave., Gardena, CA 90247.

Our Director, **Howard Lackey**, was able to visit some No. California chapters and also attend a "Remembrance of Life" services for an Uncle early this month. Then he got every one excited when he told us there **might** be a convention in Denver this year! Yeah! And sure enough, the March issue of the RUAEA Newsletter confirmed the good news.

Calendar:

April 11 - Luncheon - Proud Bird

RESANS

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Spring has arrived and we celebrated with twenty five at our Breakfast. We were delighted to have **Larry Hoover** join us for our breakfast this morning from Johnstown, PA. He hasn't visited us for a couple of years so it was good to have him with us. We are also having a dinner get-together for Larry on March 12th at the Cheesecake Factory for anyone who couldn't make it to the breakfast or who wants to spend more time visiting with Larry.

Linda Smith was the winner of the 50/50 raffle which was our biggest raffle ever at \$56.00.

We offer our condolences to **Barbara Tobin** who recently lost her brother; also, she is going into the hospital for surgery later this month. We will keep her in our thoughts.

Several people have been out travelling around and no one reported any problems with standby travel other than the usual weather problems we have at this time of the year.

Hope to see you at our April breakfast and have a good month.

Calendar:

April 4 - 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 Luncheon, Acapulco Mexican Cantina, 2467 Juan St., San Diego, CA 92110. Phone (619) 260 8124



GOLDEN GATERS

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Submitted by Bob Donovan

Our February meeting was held on a beautiful sunny day. Perhaps that was the reason why attendance was below normal. Members may have been taking a holiday on the area beaches. **Donna Taiclet** reviewed our last month business and **Art Barrett** reported that our financial situation is healthy. No fiscal cliff here!

A number of charities that we supported last year have sent thank you notes to us. **Harriet Kunze** does a great job with our charity raffle each month with great participation from our members. Winners this month included **Bill Heinrich, Rex Reelfs, Jerry Milner, Mary Winkler** and **Ben Vietz**.

Our Newsletter Editor, **Shirley Campbell**, is home recovering from hip surgery – it may be several months before she can rejoin us. We miss you Shirley – hurry and get well. With her arm in a sling, **Helen Goodwine** has found out how difficult it is to do a lot of simple tasks. She is hoping for a quick recovery from her injury. On a sad note, we lost two of our loyal members – **Olive Butera**, wife of **Joe Butera**, and **Dean Snow**. Dean was one of the people who transferred to SFO from the original Cheyenne Maintenance Base in 1947. **Jack & Ann Gardner** are celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary.

Ginger Dahlberg has several upcoming trips that you may wish to know more about. There are two day trips planned – a musical on April 12 and a tour featuring wine, lavender and bees on June 5th. An 11-day trip back to the Historic Highlights in Washington, Pennsylvania, and Virginia – if you haven't had the opportunity to see the birthplaces of our country, come join us. Contact Ginger at (650) 224-1865 for more information.

We are putting out an urgent call for our membership to help with the food side of our meetings. Please volunteer to make coffee, arrange special event meals and to help coordinate our annual picnic. **Walter & Vera Kina** have done an outstanding job over the years and it is time to pass the baton. Please call Vera at (650) 574-7766 for additional information.

The SFO Mainliner Club is sponsoring a day at Golden Gate Fields including a buffet and horse racing on April 6th. They are also having a two day tour to Reno (date unknown at this time) – for information call **Bob Chavez** at (650) 799-7577.

Our 2nd Vice President, **Kathy Hutt**, is in charge of entertaining us. Jim Stevens, a long time Bay area folk singer serenaded us today with songs from our youth. Our youth – that's getting to be quite a stretch these days! Murphys' Irish Dancers will join us on March 25th in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We didn't want to miss out on Chinese New Years' so we will be having a gourmet Chinese catered luncheon that day. (Broccoli is green – no green beer though!) Price is \$8.00 per person. Please call **Dorothy Reuszer** to let her know that you are coming and that you will pay at the door – her phone number is (650) 341-5765. You need to call so that we can plan for enough food. All are welcome, come join us for food, music, dancing and fellowship with your work place friends.

Calendar:

We meet on the 4th Monday of the Month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) at 11am until 2pm, Foster City, CA 94404. Any mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

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Things are looking a lot like Spring in the Bay Area and the South Bay RUAEA has been active like usual. A group of us enjoyed a day trip to the Sunnyvale Historical Museum and a no host lunch at Marie Callender's. The museum is housed in a replica of the Martin Murphy Jr. Bayview House; the house was an amazing sight in Gold Rush California and the only building for miles in what is now Silicon Valley and Sunnyvale.

We have a new treasurer for our chapter; **Cheri Scales** has accepted the position. Cheri will be a welcomed addition to our chapter's officers.

Volunteer Dawn Haskins from the South Bay Alzheimer's Association presented ten warning signs of Alzheimer's. Three of the ten warning signs are: memory loss that disrupts daily life, changes in mood and personality, and difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, work or leisure.

We will be having our Spring Luncheon at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View on Wednesday April 24th at 11:00 am. Special musical entertainment will be provided by Daphne. Our hosts for this event are **Maureen and Vern Snyder, Thelma Graham, Margie Klaus, Sally Urso and Vi Mattscheck.**

Georgia Nielsen gave a short update about the United Air Lines Historical Society and its activities.

We meet every Friday at 8 AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on De Anza Blvd., across from the Home Depot, in San Jose. Please join us.

Calendar:

April 24 - 11 A.M. Spring Lunch at Michael's Shoreline.

June 18 - Annual Picnic at Vasona County Park in Los Gatos



SAN JOAQUINERS

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First, let me introduce myself. My husband, **Ace Edkin**, retired from SFOEA in 1994. We have been members of the San Joaquiners since we moved to Livingston in 2002. I want to thank **Rosie Walls** for all the help she has given (and promises to continue to give) to me in this job.

We were “dark” for January, but meet the eleven other months. Our February 14th meeting was hosted by **Bobby & Sandy Brooks**, and held at the Good Friends Chinese restaurant in Valley Springs, one of our favorite eating/meeting places. Thirty-four members and friends spent a lovely couple of hours eating, sharing and laughing (I am told laughter helps digestion). Our guests were **Ken Brooks** (**Bobby & Sandy**’s son), and **John Zoboli**, our No. CA/Nevada Regional Director for RUAEA.

Vice President **Nancy Buddington** presented Past President, **Don Nesja**, with a gift card and our thanks for the great job and many hours work he devoted to the group during his tenure.

Bob Blair shared some experiences he and **Joy** had lately. The sharing of these sort of experiences help all of us, and give us more of an opportunity to find out what is really going on with our company.

John Zoboli updated us on our usual game of rumor or not. He also suggested we go to the RUAEA website, home page, “UA Personal Travel Guide” as the go-to place. He suggested reading it online and, if you want to print it, print only the pages that pertain to you as it is 31 printed pages long! He also suggested you review the RUAEA website (www.ruaea.org) for the most current official information.

He also emphasized an update for those with Blue Cross/Blue Shield through the company, and the need to update your FAA license (if you want to keep it active).

In closing, John mentioned a fun, free website (<http://www.flightradar24.com>) to watch where planes are flying anywhere in the country. Sounds like a neat place to check out.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Jack Walls** (209-984-5672), or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209-588-1073), for meeting information.

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Our February meeting was held on the 11th with 31 members and guests in attendance. Many thanks to **Carol Parks** for the Valentine candy and cards for each of us!

We had a special day with two celebrations for the **Kinthead** family. **Lou** was celebrating his 90th birthday and **Ruth & Lou** were celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Cheryl, provided a beautiful sheet cake.

We also celebrated what would have been the birthday of **Vilma Patrick** who with her husband **Sam** founded our local RUAEA chapter. Her daughter Lona and niece Carol Barnes were in attendance. We miss her.

Cheryl Kinthead won the 50/50 (quite a day for the Kinthead family)

The free lunch at Sizzler certificates were won by **Georgia Rutkowski** and **Emma Lou Olson**.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. There are three exceptions during the year: June is our annual picnic, July we do not meet and December will be held again at the Back Forty restaurant. Social time is from 1100-1200 then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many departments represented.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to either hospice or libraries and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition, we accept new and used greeting cards. **Emma Lou Olson** sends them on to her charity.

Calendar:

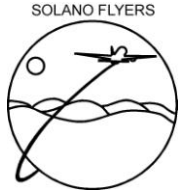
April 8

May 13

June 10 - Annual Picnic

July – No Meeting

August 12



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The Solano Flyers group is beginning its fifth month of existence. Because of where we are and the fact that Vacaville & Fairfield are popular retirement areas for those of us who served at SFOMB, we arguably have or will have one of the largest RUAEA chapters, at least in California. We now have about fifty members and growing each month.

We've been having our luncheon meetings at Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville but we have just about outgrown the room set aside for us. So the March meeting will be held at The Benicia Grill II in Fairfield on the 6th. That's Wednesday as I write this.

I was the lucky winner of last month's 50/50 drawing. Of course, as secretary, I was good naturedly accused of cheating, so naturally I returned the money. If you believe that I have a 787 to sell you. Of course it can't fly but hopefully that won't be the case much longer.

I hope all of you are having a great new year and that you are keeping all your resolutions.

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As usual, the Mile Higher's met for their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Center Cafeteria on March 2. There were 57 folks in attendance with first timers **Carol & Joe Cerosimu** who have moved to Denver from Hawaii. Glad to have you! Also it was good to see **Lonnie & Joan Kemp** and **Joe & Nancy Bain**.

Marilyn Marcy, Vice President of Conventions for RUAEA, came from Washington DC to talk about the up coming RUAEA Convention. The dates are October 9-13, 2013 so you can plan on coming to the convention. Please contact **Tom Goodyear** if you would like to volunteer for the Convention.

The spring luncheon is scheduled for April 24 at the Fresh Fish Company. The address is 7800 Hampden Ave, Denver, CO 80231. Happy Hour is 11:00-1200 and Lunch will be served at 12:00. Entrees are: Grilled Salmon, Chicken Piccata, Shrimp Scampi, Fish and Chips and Costa Rica Tilapia. All lunches are served with a Caesar Salad, Rosemary Red Potatoes, Chefs Vegetable of the day and their authentic Sourdough bread and Carrot cake for desert. Non alcoholic beverages are included. Price for the luncheon is only \$19.00. Make your checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter and include your choice of meal on the check. If you are bringing a guest, include their name and choice of meal on the check also. Send your check by April 18 to **Harriet Ahr** at 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211.

Don't forget August 21 for the Continental and United catered picnic at Wings over the Rockies Museum. Stay tuned for information in future Newsletters and for the first Saturday of the month breakfast.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the club. **Roger Bottomley, Marilyn Marcy, Robert Roebuck** and **Cas Spokas**. Thanks folks!

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on April 6th at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

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On an absolutely gorgeous sunny day, with temperatures just cool enough, 18 Sand'DABS gathered together again for our March meeting. Thankfully, our meeting day came a few days before Bike Week, so we didn't have to dodge a lot of bikers on the road. The meeting was opened by VP **Steve Moddle** as Prez **Dick Coughlin** is still getting treatments so that he can have some dental work done. It was good to see some members who haven't been able to be with us in awhile: **Jane Kress, Karen Gammill, Bill Rankin** and **Ed Gentry**.

Our birthday celebrants present were **Jane Kress** and **Bobbie Rieck**; both have birthdays on the same day, but different years. Wedding Anniversary celebrants were **Rick & Marion Johnson** (12 years). Company Anniversary were **Marion Johnson** (44 years) and **Penny Logan** (29 years).

Treasurer **Penny Logan** reported the treasury is growing and we need to pick some charities to give to soon. The 50/50 was won by **Lillian Moddle**, the second drawing by **Bill Rankin**, and the third drawing by **Gloria Marcontoni**. The jokes today were so funny that **Rick Johnson** really laughed a lot.

VP Steve gave some information regarding the new TSA rules going into effect. That information didn't go over too well with our pilots and some others. We wondered why that information was made so public. This led to other airline stories as it usually does. There were several stories about United's merger with Capital and now the present merger that's still working out some of the kinks. It's always fun to hear these stories. It was a good meeting.

We then adjourned for today and will gather again April 4th. Remember to cherish yesterday and dream of tomorrow, but live today.

Calendar:

April 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

May 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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After lunch, we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance as **Ernie Vosges** held the flag to start our meeting. Smaller gathering today – I may have scared folks off with my meeting reminder a couple days ago: “*Grab your wool coat and head to lunch*”! It's been a bit chilly here for us folks in the normally sunny south! Surprise guest, **Bill Taylor**, who worked here in MCOMM and retired from TPAMM, made the drive over from the gulf coast to join us for lunch. Big Welcome and hope you come back again!

Char LeGrand arranged for our picnic at Cypress Grove Park on April 2nd. Park will open at 11am. **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** will bring the buns and paper products. **Stan Halterman** will have the burgers and dogs grilled and ready to eat at noon. **Ken & Shelby Michels** will bring the sodas & water, **Charlie & Sharon Ringer** the sandwich toppings and **Paul Brown** the condiments. Everyone coming is invited to bring a dish to share and an appetite too!

March Birthdays included **Don Ulman** (10th), **Ken Michels** (27th), **Bobbie Gay** (28th). There were two “Happy Anniversaries” in the crowd: **Al & Lois Fields** will be celebrating 48 years on the 17th, and **Ken & Shelby Michels**, 14 years on the 20th! Congrats to all of you and many blessings all year long.

Several of our members attended the Florida Retirees Uniting Mini-Convention in The Villages last weekend – what a blast we had! That city is amazing and the Village Citrus Groupers, led by **Don & Mary Nellans**, really showed us a great time! Many of the Florida RUAEA chapters were represented, some surprise guests dropped in also and many pictures were taken. On FaceBook, go to “Florida Retirees Uniting” and have a look at all the fun we had! Real McCoys who attended: **Dave & Lisa Leighty**, **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**, **Jim Mummah**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**, **Paul & Helga Brown**, **Jim & Nan Multeri** (who drove down from Indiana!), **Corky Peterson**, honorary member **Tracie Ruffolo**, and yours truly, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**.

We were made aware that **Aaron Williams** was having some health issues. Believe he is recovering as of this writing. His address: 115 E. Pine St., Howey in the Hills, FL 34737.

Please continue to pray for all our “United family and friends”.

Calendar:

Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

April 2 - Spring Picnic, Cypress Grove Park. Gates open 11am. Eatin’ begins at Noon

May 7

June 4

SW FLORIDA PELICAN-DROP INS



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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting at noon on Friday, March 1, 2013, at Sabal Springs Golf and Tennis Club in North Ft. Myers. We had 23 persons attending. The new membership booklet for 2013 was distributed to everyone. Lunch was then served.

Following lunch, we had a speaker from *Total Wine and More* in Ft. Myers. He began by telling us all the information that can be gleaned from a wine bottle’s label, what each means, and what is required by law and what isn’t. He gave us much insight into the process of winemaking. Questions from the audience, and there were many, covered a broad range and he was able to answer each one to our enlightenment! We learned about both domestic and foreign grapes and wines. The program was well received.

President **Bill Burg** conducted the monthly 50/50 raffle and it was won by **Tom McNabb**. Other raffle winners were **Bibianne Schultz**, **Mary Mitchell**, **Mel Volz**, **Ray Winterhalter**, **Marilyn McNabb**, **Marge Burg**, **Bee McCarthy**, **Mary Moran**, **Dick Allen**, and **Tony Novak**.

Program chairman **Jerry Pryde** asked members if there was interest in going to ECHO for our April program. There was significant interest so he will arrange a morning tour for April 5th. **Bill Burg** will try to reserve the pavilion at The Landings in Ft. Myers for our end-of-the-season cookout on May 3rd.

Farewell wishes were extended to **Tom & Marilyn McNabb**. They will be moving to Union Grove, Wisconsin, at the end of March. Tom & Marilyn were the original organizers of the Pelican Drop-Ins 25 years ago! What a good job they did!

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1st Friday of the month Oct.-April (Sabal Springs Golf & Tennis Club, North Ft. Myers)

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

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Our February luncheon was held on Thursday the 14th – Valentine’s Day - at Der Dutchman buffet restaurant. They also have a fantastic bakery and wonderful gift shop. What a lovely place to celebrate!

We have several special occasions coming up: Birthdays for **Vivian Rucker** and **Robert “Skip” Irwin** (3/2), **Pat Bell** (3/17), **Ken Bauman** (3/28), **Jim Goodson** (4/2) and **Sandy Lacey** (4/4). We also congratulate **Lesley & Barry Brynjolfsson** on their wedding anniversary (3/3).

Kathy Frait sent her regrets as she was in Tennessee for the funeral of her brother, **Don Weik**. She later reported that while in Tennessee, she witnessed the first snow she’s seen in over 9 years, and realized she doesn’t miss it! As always, we extend an invitation and hearty welcome to anyone interested in joining our luncheons for a good meal and great conversation. We’re very informal; for most lunches we order from the menu and get separate checks.

Calendar:

April 11 - 11:30 a.m., Valentino Pizzeria Trattoria, 8203 Cooper Creek Blvd., University Park, FL 34201, (941) 359-6400



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Our meeting was called to order by president **Barbara Rieces**. Everyone stood for the pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were approved as read. **Lillian Sawyer** gave the treasurer report.

We had one guest, **Paul Farley**, who retired in 1997. We also had two new members joining the chapter, **Bill & Rosemary Taylor**. Bill retired from Tampa. Welcome aboard!

Happy Birthday to ~ **Jon Wilkinson** (3/10), **Beverly Alderdice** (3/22), and **Richard Van Derlofske** (3/27).

A member read an article about the new uniforms written by a 72 year old flight attendant. To say the least, she was not impressed by them at all.

Barbara Rieces went to the Florida United convention at The Villages. Probably 50 or more attended and they were asked what they missed most about the chapters in Florida. The February West Coast Luncheon was voted number one.

Remember **John Rieces** as he will have surgery March 19th.

We voted to have our Christmas party at Spartan Manor again with entertainment by the Hudson Middle School Jazz band. Everyone signed the list for our annual spring picnic April 1st at Anderson Park, eleven o’clock.

We lost a long time member and past president, 94 year old **Art Reveillac**. He will be missed. Terri sent a sympathy card to Flo who resides at Atria Bay Point Village in Hudson.

Calendar:

May 6 - 10:30 a.m. at IHOP’s on Highway 54. Join us and bring a friend.

TREASURE COAST

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Between illness and other pressing time with our members, we had a robust 16 members in attendance and what a rowdy group they were to say the least! Perhaps it was the cooler temps we are having that made everyone more active than ever!

Frank Wise, our Treasurer, received the permit for our picnic May 7 at the Dubois Park, same place as last year, which will start at 12 noon. Remember, there will be “**no luncheon/meeting at Wahoo’s on May 7**”.

When **Al Popek**, our President, started pouncing on the meat tenderizer to call the meeting to order, everyone started counting how many times he struck the piece of wood! What a group! Of course, the reason he struck the board so many times was because he had to use his left hand but it was on the beginning of a great meeting. **Janice & Al Popek, Maureen & Michael Carragher** and **Ron & Diane Brodis** all attended the meeting at the Villages in February and all had a marvelous time but it was at the Sunday Brunch that Al decided to make a grand exit, he fell and hurt the right side of his body. He is currently under Dr.’s care and is improving slowly each day. You know the saying, “*You can’t keep a good man down*”.

Janice Popek gave us this wonderful news! Do you know there are three groups of Floridians, there are the snowflakes, they are the ones that come for a quickie visit, then there are the snowbirds who reside with us for a few months, and then there are the die hard Floridians who are known as frogs, the reason we are frogs is because we live here until we croak!

Mr. Jeff Smisek, our UAL President made this wonderful event happen ~ Our very own **David & Carolyn Lindgren** were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 2 and they were planning to board UA Flight 117 from EWR to HKG, so their son Keith who is an Engineering Director of Earnhardt Technologies Group which is located in Mooresville, NC, decided to take the matter in his own hand and to make this a memorable day for his parents. He sent an email to Jeff Smisek and mentioned that his Dad worked for UA for more than 30 years and he didn’t really know the correct channel to try and have the flight crew make an announcement on the flight and maybe present them with a bottle of wine. Well perhaps it was his title or just plain luck, but he received a reply from Jeff Smisek that he asked his head of inflight to see if they could make it happen. Whatever the reason, this was an exceptional response indeed and happen it did, the inflight crew made an announcement that they were seated in seats 11 E&F and were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. A small individual cake was served to all the passengers and all Business/First Class passengers celebrated with them with a glass of champagne. Mr Smisek, you have no idea how very much all of us appreciated your intervention in this celebration and all your help in making this an extremely memorable occasion. What a wonderful son Keith is and thanks to him also for his intervention. We can’t thank you both enough and appreciate all that was done and the great memories.

Our 50/50 was won by none other than **Joan Palumbo**, second month in a row; Joan is also our newest member; the Progressive was won by yours truly, wow!

April Birthdays ~ **Paul Liebisch** (4/25), **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Carolyn Lindgren** (4/28). Happy Birthday to all! No Anniversaries.

Remember Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking. Don’t wait, do what you want to do now.

Calendar:

April 2 - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo’s 1230PM, Stuart, FL

May 7 - 12Noon Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, FL (**No** Meeting at Wahoo’s)

June 4 - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo’s 1230PM, Stuart, FL

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Atlanta Dixie Flyers met on March 6 for luncheon and reports of UAL happenings. Grace of meal said by **Zot Shelly**, **Bill Elk** led The Pledge to the Flag, and **Frank Bussey** was quick to point out the pole was crooked, some politician he would make! Attendance was 23 plus two guests ~ **Sara Forte**, guest of **Fred Cron** and infant grandson **Noah Shelly**.

Fred Cron conducted 50/50 raffle and grandson Noah Shelly won \$18.00 and \$18.00 to the Ladies in Distress, plus some members contributed feminine and paper products which **Bill & Judy Elk** delivered to the shelter afterwards.

Shelly's annual ATL reunion will be April 13th at his Ponderosa on Karly Lane in Locust Grove.

On a sad note, **Gene O'Barr** lost his mother recently and **Andy Bungo** passed on March 3, 2013.

March's Birthday's announced by **Ron Heider** were **Diane Balas** (3/7), **Judy Elk** (3/22), **Sandy Lis** (3/17), **Ron Heider** (3/15), **Mary Lou Ryabik**, and **Gary Tuttle** (3/5). Happy Birthday to All!

Diane Thompson got the last seat on DEN/ATL as a full fare passenger failed to show.

Happy to see **Roy Cross** again, didn't recognize him with Santa beard trimmed in half. Our postage fund is doing great, thanks to **Tony & Kathy Carringer** donating a roll of stamps.

Got a call from **Jesse Hicks** (731) 584-6827, he was glad to see our newsletter in March RUAEA and plans on making Shelly's reunion April 13.

Flyers meet again on April 3, 2 PM at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, and special for the day is listed on the blackboard at the entrance, ya-all come here!

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. Our next regularly planned luncheon will be on Thursday, June 20th. We will have all the details by the middle of May and can email them to you. Just let us know your email address at HNLRUA@gmail.com. All retirees are welcome to join us. It's a perfect way to start out the summer. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.



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Aloha old friends from the Big Island of Hawaii. The Pau Hana Kupuna RUAEA chapter is looking for new members. We have been inactive for several years and have lost some wonderful friends due to moves back to the mainland, illness and death; most recently the passing of **Bob Pennington** in December. **Art "Papa" Chang**, his wife, **Maggie**, **Bill Choy Hee** and **Ann Medve** were honored to be in attendance at his military memorial service and interment at West Hawaii Veteran's Cemetery in Kona on January 18. Bob's

wife, **Aiko**, and all the family from far and near gathered together for a final aloha. Retired UA flight officer, Captain **David Carlson**, was part of the Honor Guard, as he, too, is a veteran.

In Hawaiian, Pau means “finished, over, done”, Hana means “work, toil, labor”, Kupuna are the elders. Thus, Pau Hana Kupuna aptly describes our group.

We need leadership, someone willing to take the group to a once again active level. We love getting together. Some new, fresh blood to revitalize our chapter is all that is needed. It was our practice to get together for luncheons quarterly, twice on the Hilo side, twice on the Kona side. Please respond to **Ann Medve** at the address above. Mahalo and aloha nui loa.

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Submitted by Shirley Dempsey

On February 12, we had a huge turnout for our luncheon meeting at Jerry’s State Court Cafe in Boise. Those attending were: **Ned Yundt, Marlene Croghan, Louise Duvall, Denny Snyder, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Louise Haugen** and her daughter **Verla Haugen, Gloria Hubbert, Lois Rodriguez, Joe & Joan Varady, Bud & Pat Peters, Roni Adams, Steve Hill** and **Ileen Bunce, Carol & Dave Adams** and **Carol’s Mother Frances Blue, Bill & Eve Estensen, and Marilyn Taylor.**

Dave asked the group if they wanted to continue meeting at Jerry’s State Court Cafe in Boise for our luncheon meetings and if the group wanted to change the day of the week from Tuesday to another day. After a discussion, it was agreed to continue meeting at Jerry’s State Court Cafe in Boise and to continue meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Shirley & Rick Dempsey celebrated **Rick’s** 65th birthday at The Farmhouse in Santa Rosa, CA, and then again the following night at Cucina Paradiso in Petaluma, CA. Both evenings were wonderful.

Louise Haugen reported in January that her grandson **Gregory Swank** from Houston, Texas, came for a week’s visit. Despite our cold weather, his visit was very enjoyable. Grandma Louise and Aunt Julie and Aunt Verla all enjoyed his cooking.

Gloria Hubbert enjoyed her 14-day cruise through the Panama Canal. This cruise should be a must for everyone! The 8th wonder of the world!

Following our meeting on February 12, we have sad news: **Frances Blue (Carol Adams’ Mother)** passed away at 96 years of age on February 24 from pneumonia. Her funeral service was held on March 4 at Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel. Condolence cards may be sent to Mrs. **Carol Adams** and Family, 2630 Inglewood Rd., Boise, ID 83705.

Calendar:

April 9 - Luncheon Meeting, Jerry’s State Court Cafe in Boise, 11:30 a.m.

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March ~ It's the month of St. Patrick and St. Joseph's Day, first day of spring, baseball spring training, warmer weather, budding flowers, doing your taxes, Passover, Easter, rain and maybe one more little snow storm. Winter is almost over, hope you didn't fall for too much "blarney" on the 17th. Have enough corned beef and cabbage for a while?

We had a new retiree at our North Side breakfast, **Roberta Dusek** from ORDSW. Hope to see her again at our events. **Darlene Marsiglia** spent Mardi Gras in San Antonio, with a visit to St. Petersburg, FL. **Virginia Kondraros** went to PHX with her husband and grandchildren. The PHX airport has really grown in the last few years, now there are three terminals and many parking structures.

Gulshan Noorani, who is from Nigeria, will visit MIA/FLL, then to see family and friends in Africa. They will all be traveling to Kenya, Tanzania and seeing the Ngongoro and Serengeti National Parks.

Jim Sommerfield went to the Auto Show with his son and family, from Oswego. They all celebrated his granddaughter's 8th birthday. A good time was had by all. The first week of March, **Jim** and **Toni Van Kampen**, attended the RUAEA board meeting in DEN. **Toni** will be backing up **Jim** on Website Support for the RUAEA website.

Our friend, **Marilyn Chaplin's** husband, **Wayne**, passed away March 1, after a long illness. **Marilyn** worked in CHIRR, her address is 114 E. Pine Street, Bensenville, IL 60106.

Quite a few of our members have had surgeries; hip, knees, heart, cancer, and broken arms/hands/ankles from falls on the ice. One woman had a car accident which caused a concussion with limited movement for months. These folks would rather stay anonymous, but just to let you know, you are not alone with complications and setbacks. Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

If you've been to our luncheons, you might have seen a display of posters and memorabilia from United from the 20's and forward. These have been collected by **Barbara Hanson**, a retiree with 33 years of service, at WHQ in suburban Chicago. She has sent us an update on her new "job" with United. **Barbara** is working as a consultant to help United facilitate the consolidation and move of United's large document, media and memorabilia collection spanning the period from the 1920s to 2000's.

The archive repository is currently stored in more than five different locations both in and outside of this facility. A new space is being prepared that will accommodate the collection, plus items of Continental that have and will be salvaged. Eventually, all artifacts will be stored in the new data center that is being built to the west of WHQ.

Barbara met with United leaders in the fall of 2012 to discuss the archives and they agreed that securing the intrinsically valuable collections of both subsidiaries, UA and CO, was of high importance. Barb will work with retiree volunteers to assist with the process. The Chicago Skyliners are ready to help if she needs additional volunteers.

The South Side Breakfast had 17 in attendance. The raffle was won by **Mary Brandt, John Pasakarnis, Bill Brookins** and **Ed Ward**. Not much traveling going on with this group. Most of the conversation was about traveling to doctor appointments, tests and funerals. As we were eating, it started to rain, as we left, it started snowing. We all got home before about five inches fell on Chicago. Another storm hit a week later, with over 9 inches falling at ORD. Since spring is just around the corner, the snow melted quickly.

When you combine the two words, The IRS, it spells, "Theirs".

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast—Ritzzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**April 10**), second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast—Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**March 26**), last Tuesday of the month.

March 25 - Spring Luncheon, Villa Brunetti's, 9755 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, 11:00

June 24 - Summer Picnic, Chandler's, Roselle Rd., Schaumburg 11:00

Fall Event—September, Diplomat West Banquet Hall, North Ave., Elmhurst 11:00

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, The Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00

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There is no April luncheon scheduled. The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 15th which is the usual date of the third Wednesday of the odd month.

Calendar:

April – No Luncheon scheduled

May 15 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

June – No Luncheon scheduled

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We are living proof that the RUAEA Newsletter connects retirees across the country. In February, **Jay Cacioppo**, from San Jose, CA saw Indy Racer **Charles Theiss**' "Santa picture" in the newsletter. He sent a card, via the newsletter correspondent, to his former co-worker Charles whom he hadn't seen for years. The two have exchanged email addresses and phone numbers and plan to stay in touch. Thank you RUAEA for this great re-connection.

Warren Sherman joined us for our February meeting and plans to attend more meetings after he retires from working as an airline inspector. We were happy to see Warren and look forward to having him as a regular member in the future.



Nine Indy Racers recently boarded a chartered bus for a day at Hoosier Park Race Track and Casino in Anderson, IN. **Wanda Bryce, Mary Chandler, Jim & Nancy Gibson, Ron & Cheri Innis, Chris Johnston, Dimple Rihel** and **Charles Theiss** played the tables and slots at the casino, wagered on the horses, ate great food and enjoyed one another's company on a fun outing coordinated by **Wanda Bryce**. Pictured is **Jim Gibson** at the slots.

We wish **Mary Chandler** the best as she moves to Nevada for retirement. As she travels, we hope she will make frequent stops in Indianapolis for visits with us.

Mark your calendars. Our "Picnic Committee" announced that this summer's event will be held at "Twin Bridges Lodge" in Danville, IN on Saturday, June 22nd. We'll provide more information about the picnic in future issues.

We are happy to report that Indy Racer Past President **Mike Matlack** was able to return to work in mid-February. He had been hospitalized for much of December. We're wishing **Cheri Innis** a speedy recovery after her recent surgery. We're also hoping that past Indy Racer VP **Mario Bregante** and his wife **Margaret** are feeling better after experiencing health issues. And, your newsletter correspondent recently spent a week in the hospital as a result of complications from a surgery in January.

Happy Birthday to our four members who are celebrating April birthdays: **Mike Matlack** (4/8); **Ralph (Bud) Barnett** (4/21); **Jane Lane** (4/27); and **Tom Lane** (4/28). Happy Anniversary to **Warren & Gail Allen** (4/22).

Calendar:

April 9 – Emmy’s Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

May 14 – Emmy’s Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS

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No March meeting, so no meeting news. After February’s several snow storms, March came in like a lamb. There exists the possibility of going out like a lion. It’s what happens between the 1st and the 31st that’s worrisome. Of course, by the time you read this, we’ll have known! April will bring spring and the Nor’Easters 18th year of existence.

I got to talk with a few members we don’t see too often. **Ray Ouellette** in NH’s North Country, advises he is hanging in, with serious amounts of snow as company. **Charlie Staula**, living south of Boston advises little to no snow there. Charlie asks if anyone out there knows the whereabouts of **Wally Bywater**, former BOSRR & CTO? Send me an email if you know or call Charlie. **Jayne & John Regan** didn’t snow bird this winter, but did spend a week in Orlando with UAL friends, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, Real McCoy members. **Ron Heiseler** had surgery in mid February to remove an eye cataract. Says he’s doing fine. Ron & Joyce are planning on a few weeks in PBI using a pass on Jet Blue.

Jack Casey, at 91 years young, had open heart surgery in early November. A heart valve was torn and repaired. Jack advised he had a record recovery and was home in just 4 days. Says he’s doing fine now. Great going Jack!

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

April anniversaries ~ **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (45 years), **Charlie & Paulette Enos** (21), **Mark & Theresa Hutchings** (39), **Bob & Jean Lincoln** (46), **Andy & Carol Montalto** (36) and **Kenneth & Jacqueline Washburn** (53).

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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12 Escapees gathered at “Station 885” in Plymouth March 7, hosted by Marie and sister, Joan. First timers this year were **Bernie** and **Lacinda McManus**. Everyone received a Lotto ticket honoring St. Pat and in hopes of getting rich quick; but only 3 winners, Marie just \$1.00, Joan \$20.00 which paid for her dinner, (sounds fixed to me), and **Sharon Jacob** won \$5.00. Plus, we all received a Chocolate Cadbury Egg in honor of the Easter Bunny.

We were surprised to learn that our Loonie friend **Diane Storlie** is just getting home after spending 23 days in the hospital. After her surgery several weeks ago, the wound wouldn't stop draining. Then the drainage stopped by itself, leaving the docs puzzled. Apparently that sort of condition is not common but not rare, either. She's been having her nourishment from an IV tube all this time. She graduated to a broth and Jell-O diet and will have to ease into the eating routine after all this time w/out using her stomach. Hopefully, she is now home and **Lee** wants to thank all for their Love and Prayers. Continued prayers for the Storlies @ 11532 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337-3277.

Also, continued prayers for **Bill Wade** @ 5744 Charlesworth St., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3978, who is still in rehab and is so anxious to come home. **Camille** says they will take any prayers they can get and they are very appreciative and touched.

Lastly, we were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear Escapee and friend **Bobby Rogers** on March 3. Wife; **Joan**, was a supervisor in DTWRR. Bobby was a member of the Miracles. He was laid to rest Monday, March 11. Love and Prayers to Joan and Family @ 23700 Philip Dr., Southfield, MI 48075.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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The snowy roads & icy conditions left by the storm the previous day kept the numbers down at our lunch in February. Only 24 Lites struggled to travel to West St. Paul, but they included a newly minted MSP retiree, Ramp serviceman, **Joe Gaug** & his wife, **Maryann**. What a pleasant surprise! We hope that they had fun renewing old acquaintances and that they'll come back often. We assured them that usually we have a bigger crowd!

Our intrepid leader, **Lee Storlie** & his family have been dealing with some nasty health issues lately. **Diane** had surgery for thyroid cancer in early February, with complications afterward which kept her in hospital for over 3 weeks. When Lee could finally take her home, it was like getting out of prison. Their daughter, Sally, has had to deal with rotator cuff surgery recently, too. I'm sure they've all had enough of hospitals for awhile. Keep Diane in your thoughts & prayers for a successful recovery.

We heard, also, that **Bill Young** suffered a stroke in January. Luckily, he was not alone at the time so was able to get help quickly. The most recent news we've had is that he is back at home & expects a complete recovery.

Our pal, Dr. **Jan Meyer** & her husband have been vacationing in Bangkok again. She reported that it's pretty hot and humid there, but a nice change from a MN winter.

The Northwoods Loonies chapter's Spring Fling in mid-May is being hosted by our own **Bud & Jo Ayres** in River Falls, WI. Check out their report in this issue for all the details. If you've never attended one of the Loonies events, you've missed out on a good time. It never ceases to amaze me how many unique things there are to do in the upper Midwest nor how precious are the friendships we've made over the years.

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

NEBRASKA



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There were 26 who enjoyed B&G Tasty Foods. Thanks to **Tony Sortino** for hosting. **Marilyn Weak** and **Larry Farrell** won the 25/25/50 for \$12.00 each.

Our sincere sympathy to **Marilyn & Dick Weak** - **Marilyn's** mother, **Mildred Rotella**, age 98, passed away on January 24. Services were held on January 28 at St. Gerald Catholic Church.

We have a new member, **Dick Caradori**, 25579 State Highway U, Langdon, MO 64446; (660) 744-2345. Please add **Dick** to your roster. Welcome to our Retiree Group.

Peggy Casebeer's mother, **Margaret Roumpf**, age 96, passed away February 8. Services were held Wednesday, February 13 at the Faith Covenant Church. Our sincere sympathy to **Peggy** and her family.

Speaking of **Peggy** at the luncheon, she said her sister, **Judy**, just retired from UAL as a Flight Attendant after 45 years working out of Chicago. As a matter of fact, **Barb Soseman** and I met Judy at the visitation for her mother. She and her husband live in Cincinnati.

Birthdays for the month of March: **Marge Edwards** (3/1); **Charlie Cromling** (3/5 age 88); **Betty Hall** (3/7); **Jean Kirsch** (3/14); **Catherine Rowe** (3/5); **Harley Hughes** (3/25); **Don Jensen** (3/26); and **Sena Jensen** (3/30).

Retired UAL/Omaha, **Jerry Snyder**, emailed **Keith** and told him his wife, **Connie Olson-Snyder**, (also retired UAL/Omaha), passed away February 11th from ALS. If you would like to send **Jerry** a card, his address is 110 The Village, #207, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Our sincere sympathy to **Jerry** and his family.

Jane & Frank Sesto joined us and **Jane** said the cancer doctor had put her on a hormone regimen now. She said it is helping her feel better. She is now waiting for a new cancer therapy they are going to try, but she is uncertain as to when that will start.

Calendar:

April 2 - Tusseys, hosted by **Clair & Barb Soseman**

May 7 - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Mel Harrison** and **Judy Nekonchuk**

June 4 - Cooper Farm

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Our February meeting was attended by 38 persons, members and visitors. The Lasagna luncheon was delicious.

We started our meeting with our Pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag, continued with the transfer of the gavel from **John Albert** to our new president, **Rosemarie Restivo**.

Not much happened health wise to report.

Our April lunch menu will be: Beef Bourguignon with noodles, Tomato Basil soup, and Banana split sundae.

On November 14th, 2012, I (Baldor) bowled in the "Fun Lovers" league and bowled scores of 247, 300, and 257. I got a trophy for a 300 game and another trophy for the 804 series. In 60 years of bowling, this was my first 300 game and 800 series.

Calendar:

April 9 – 11:30, Meeting at: Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, NV.
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There were 20 members at our February meeting at Jack's.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid & Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 winner was **Mary Withers**.

Please remember that 2013 dues are to be sent to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. There has been no price change from 2012 - \$5.00 per person. The dues help fund the monthly newsletter and our summer picnic and Christmas lunch.

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The Garden Staters February 27 meeting was opened by **John Deily** with a flag salute and a moment of silence for those who have passed on. That included **Chuck Tota** and **Jim McGilvry**, both of EWR Passenger Service; **Ron Childs**, pilot; **Earl Dilaplane**, EWR ramp service, and Father Al from the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. This is always a sad part of our meeting

We had three visitors, **Mitchel Buckley** and **Pat Capasso**, both from Continental Ramp Service; and **Rich Creighton** from EWR Ramp Service and from the IAM Local 914. Rich talked about the new contract and the problems of integrating both companies, but all believed better times were coming. They also will be looking to bring Continental retirees to join us.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27. I urge all to attend as it will be very important to our future as Garden Staters.

John Murphy gave our financial report, and don't ask me how, but we are still OK. **Kathy Deily** won the 50/50 and our meeting ended at 2:45.

"Wrestling with a crocodile and jumping off a cliff is not conducive to age longevity!"

NEW YORK

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It's almost time to put away the shovels but not quite, as a windy, rainy, snowy forecast kept some away from our March luncheon, a small crowd of 31.

There's not too much to report so I'll start with the slew of March birthdays ~ **Joyce O'Donnell, Sungson Modugno, Diana Pozzi, John Buters, Roy Portelli, Cassie Manelski, John Green, Marion Cardacino, Leonard Pascale, Harold Malasardi, Diana Talochino, Mabel Bittar, Edward Ellis, Ann Meartz, Susan Fleming** and **Anthony Manfre**. This seems more like a membership list!

Desmond M. Gleeson, of Rockville Center, passed away March 2nd. He worked at JFK, but I'm sorry I have no further information. May he rest in peace.

I will not be changing my table at Milleridge Inn any time soon, as we seem to have a winner there every month. This time, it was **Donna Feingold** with 1st prize and **Roy Portelli** using up his 2nd free lunch; 2nd prize went to **Jim Richardson** and 3rd to **Ed Pozzi**. Congratulations to all!

Charlie Kaczinski keeps us posted on the grim news from JFK. Either he will have to stop that, or tell us funnier jokes to cheer us up. Will there come a day when one could go to JFK (such a great airport) and not see a single plane with the UAL logo on it? I can't bear the thought so I just end now.

Calendar:

April 3 – Milleridge Inn.

NORTHWOOD

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

Bud & Joanne Ayres



It's almost time for the Northwoods Loonies (a fun group of United Retirees) to once again get together. The gathering is being held in River Falls, WI and is being hosted by **George** (aka **Bud**) & **Joanne Ayres**. The dates are ~ arriving May 7th and departing the morning of May 10th. Interesting tours and good food are some of the things that are planned; however, the main thing is just getting together with new and old friends, and bringing everyone up to date in life's happenings. "Sharing, Caring, and Comradeship" are the main events.

All United retirees are certainly welcome to come and join the Loonies biannual gatherings. Anyone interested in joining us may call us at (715) 425-2755 or email us bjayres@comcast.net.

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Hello from Cleveland, Ohio. Usually by this time of the year, we have seen more snow than we wanted to and shoveled more than we cared to. But this year we have been missed by the majority of snow storms and we are all walking taller since our backs don't hurt from shoveling!

President **Dolly Taucher** opened the afternoon leading us in saying grace, and thanking our hosts for the month, **Gene & Jacki Craig**.

Today, our chapter gathered at the North Olmstead Party Center for lunch.

A Big "Thank You" to our hosts. We had a great meal, excellent dessert, and nice servers. We will most likely be arranging to be there next year.

Happy Birthday to all of our March babies! Wish you all could have been here with us, but we did have one Birthday person, **Frank Osborn**, who celebrated his 86th birthday with us, and as usual he was serenaded by all. Our Birthday Serenade was meant for all of you who could not be with us today, and we wish you all Happiness.

Our Wedding Anniversary congratulations go out to all who married in this cold month of March. Hope to see you all soon!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are going thru some health issues either in hospital or at home. We care, and hope that there will be a day that you can be with us again.

We do have a new member as of this month. **Phil Gaudio**, and we are glad to welcome him. See you soon Phil!

Fifty-Fifty: Winners are **Marie Placko** and **Helen Hockett**. Congratulations! **Marie** and her husband **Dave** have handled the Fifty-Fifty for many, many years and this was the first time she has won!

**Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see!*

Calendar:

April 10 - Michael's Place, hosted by **Bob & Florence Alexander**. Deadline April 1, doors open 11:30 am, Luncheon 12:30 pm

May 1 - Bucci's – Berea – Hosted by **Barb Vauls & Carol Siefred**. Doors Open 12:00 noon, Luncheon 12:30

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We bid good-bye to the Refectory restaurant in February. The restaurant closed on Feb 17 and had been our meeting place for over 12 years. We have been looking to find a place that can accommodate our large group at a reasonable price. Our search has been narrowed to two or three locations, the Board of Directors will visit each of them and our expectation is to have one in place for the April 10th meeting. The members will be notified by either email or calling those without computers.

There were 65 at our meeting with a Valentine exchange among the members and an ice cream social after lunch. **Louise Robillard** made lovely table decorations which gave the room a festive air. The Board of Directors voted to change the way monthly prizes (free lunch) are awarded. There will be a door prize and man and woman's birthday. The anniversary prize has been eliminated, but they will be recognized at the meeting. Prizes will be given for March and April birthday's at the next meeting.

Monthly drawings as follows: Door prize ~ **John Carter**, Men's birthday ~ **Gene King**, Women's birthday ~ **Elaine Hoek**, 50/50 ~ **Barbara Heidegger**. Anniversaries were **Anna & Harold Miller** and **Grace & Don Phillips**. **Craig Strand** brought four framed photos and the winners were **Jack Curtis**, **Patty Cox**, **Lorie King** and **Ophelia Nunley**.

It was announced at the meeting I would chair the annual picnic July 10 to be held at Red Sunset Park in Gresham with Rib City catering. Please volunteer to help in some capacity and any suggestions you have will be most welcome.

Harold Miller had successful pancreatic surgery the last week of February and he was released from the hospital on March 5th. He will be recuperating at home for 6 to 8 weeks. The Sunshine Committee, **Lois & Merle Pitman** are together in a rehabilitation center. Lois fell Valentine's Day and broke her pelvis, tried to come home too early and she found she was unable to care for both of them (and the dog). Merle had been hospitalized with complications from diabetes. **Bob Bauer** has suffered a stroke but I have been unable to find out his condition. **Tony Farley** is at the SW Washington Medical Center ICU and I don't have an update on his condition. **Emily Pittman-Newberry** had gender confirming surgery on March 1st. Please send cards to all of them at their residence. Get well soon!

We lost three persons in our UAL family last month: **Jerry Bowen**, PDX Cargo/Ramp Manager, died on February 3rd, survived by his wife **Melba** and family. He had a 41 year career with UAL mostly in PDX and been retired for many years. **Joe Mortensen**, SEAMM, died on February 7th, survived by wife **Janice**. Joe retired in 1993 and has lived in Vancouver for several years. **Barbara Riehl**, wife of **Jim** (PDXCG), died on February 21st. We send our sympathies to all of their families.

I look forward to announcing our new location for lunch. What a journey this has been. Please know your BOD is working hard on your behalf.

Calendar:

April 10 - TBA

May 8 - TBA
June 12 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA



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In the final month of winter, people start getting grumpy. Pennsylvanians grow tired of the darkness and freezing rain. But wait - Spring is just around the corner and that can only mean that it's time to start thinking about your flower and vegetable gardens, and what you're going to grow this year. I know **Else Schiller** has been planning her flower garden most of the winter. She has won many awards for her unusual, beautiful and healthy flowers from the Pittsburgh Garden Society and numerous garden clubs. In my eyes, Else is a Master Gardener!

I don't have much news to report this month. I think all the members stayed at home under warm afghans.

Birthdays this month: **Kay Yauch** (3), **Jeri Juth** (4), **Mary Salamon** (10) and **Mitch Abbas** (14). Happy birthday to all of you!

On a sad note, **Andy Bungo**, 86 years old, passed away March 1 after a lengthy illness. Andy worked at PITTR as Senior Agent for Capital, then up to Buffalo for United. Andy retired from Buffalo and then moved to Georgia.

Save the date! Mark your calendars October 9-13, 2013 for the RUAEA Convention in Denver. Start planning now! Pertinent information has been published starting with the March issue of the newsletter, and will continue until September. **Marilyn Marcy** and her team are working very hard to make this convention a success. Please think seriously about attending as we need your support.

Happy Spring to one and all!

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We had a good turn out for our February breakfast at Mimi's. **JoAnn Swallom**'s daughter was with her. **Jack & Sue Ferrell** also had their daughter with them. It was good visiting with everyone. Herman & I will be hosting our March 21st luncheon at Mimi's Restaurant off Merchant Road and Cedar Lane.

Calendar:

April 18 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in the Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza.

May 16 - Luncheon Meeting to be hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell**

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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President **Dave Jones** (SFOFO) welcomed Emerald City Slickers to their first meeting of 2013 on February 12. The chapter hadn't met since November 2012, so there was much sharing of holiday events and United Airlines scuttlebutt. Members were reminded that their annual dues are overdue and must be paid by the March luncheon meeting to continue receiving the chapter newsletter.

Dave provided previously distributed information on pass travel for those who had missed the original hand-out. Also distributed was information excerpted from the travel policy outlining the method used to compute income tax liability on pass travel by enrolled friends. Some members had received 1099 forms but weren't aware that they were responsible for taxes due on travel by family and friends.

After the meeting, **Dave** used his iPad to work with members who were having trouble logging on to FlyingTogether and navigating to-and-through the section on flight listing. **Dave** also described his personal experiences, including use of the ID90 website, for pass travel, particularly on Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines.

Our local chapter newsletter, *Contrails*, will publish information on a proposed future (perhaps May or June) tour of the Museum of Flight's Everett restoration facility, where older planes are being refurbished for display. Planes that might be on display are a Boeing 247 from the 1930s and the original 727 from the early 1960s.

February door prize winners included **Paul Burton** (EXOHH), **Bud Dice** (SEACG), Lucky **Bill Gordius** (SEACG), **Marion Hafterson**, **Joy Heritage** (SEACS), **Dave Jones** (SFOFO), **Linda Jones**, **Noreen Krawczyk** (SEARR), **Lyle Lindblad**, **Phyllis Lindblad** (SEARR), **John Luke** (SEAPV), **Anita Malco**, **Edna Paulson**, **John Paulson** (SEAMM), **Sharon Penwell**, **Ed Rouso** (SEACS), **Jim Small** (SEARR), **Carol Soffel** (SEARR), **Jackie Stenger**, **Ken Storey** (SEAGQ), **Ken Walters** (SEAMM), and **Chuck Westpfahl**. After being one of the biggest contributors over the years, **Jim Small** finally garnered the 50/50 prize.

Helen Stanger read a letter from **Helen Ebert** (SEAHH), noting that she would celebrate her 100th birthday the following day. Family celebrations during the week kept her from traveling from her home in Ellensburg, WA, for the February meeting but **Helen** hopes to be with us in March. A special birthday card was signed by members present and sent to her.

Helen Stanger then noted that she, too, was celebrating a special event. It was 67 years ago, February 12, 1946, that **Helen** received her honorable discharge from the US Navy, an announcement that garnered applause and congratulations. She had served 2½ years as a physical therapist. **Helen** had trained in New York and received hospital training in Maryland before joining the naval hospital in Seattle. There she ended up in the same venue as her hometown boy friend, where he was stationed as a naval hospital corpsman. Their tours of duty overlapped for a year before he returned to Iowa. **Helen** followed a year later. After their marriage and experiencing another cold Midwestern winter, the **Stangers** decided they preferred the milder, marine climate of the Pacific Northwest. They settled on Mercer Island and **Bill** went to work for United Airlines. After his death, **Helen** remained in their home and continues to faithfully serve as our Seattle chapter treasurer.

Celebrating April birthdays are **Gay Liesse**, **Gary Maxwell** (SEACG), **Betty Paul** (SEAMM), **Edna Paulson**, **Mary Sluys**, **Theo Sluys** (SEAHH), **Doris Spence** (SEAMM), **Sallie Thiessen** (SEARR), and **Robert Woods** (SEAFF). We wish you each a pleasant day on your personal natal day. Congratulations to our only couple observing an April wedding anniversary – **Hubert** (SEAHH) & **Anita Malco**.

Thanks to Emerald City Slickers Secretary **Carol Soffel** (SEARR) and her February meeting minutes, Past President **John Haferbecker** (SEARR), and *Contrails* editor **Vicki Shumaker** for providing news and insights for this column while **Ed** (SFOED) & **Gay Liesse**, your correspondent, were attending her nephew's Valentine wedding in Bradenton, Florida. From one corner of the country to the other - what a great opportunity to spend a week with **Gay's** sister and her family – a week that included meeting grand niece Lucy (2) and grand nephew Fletcher (4) for the first time. They had both celebrated early-February birthdays.

Calendar:

April 9 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club

May 14 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club
Summer break until **September 10**

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Our chapter met for dinner on February 17 at the Hunter Restaurant with 14 people in attendance. We had good food and a lot of laughter. The event was hosted by **Jerry & Edna Tefft**. We still have a little snow and the sun is shining, but the winter isn't over yet. So far we haven't got a host for next month, unless I do it.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

So far this winter, we have not had any snow! It has been windy and chilly some days, but we have had a lot of sunny days. This is a good time to come to the Nations Capital, the hotel rates are lower, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has three shows currently and the Smithsonian Museums and the National Gallery (all free) are waiting to share their treasures for your enjoyment!

Perhaps you can visit on a second Wednesday and meet the Dulles Loungers for the monthly luncheon. If you come to the West Falls Church Metro, I will meet you and take you to Manassas! We could even visit the Manassas Museum after lunch and learn more about the Civil War and the two important battles that took place in Manassas Virginia.

A large group attended the February 13 luncheon in anticipation of Valentines Door prizes and Chapter President **Linda Scriven** did not disappoint!

Can we remind you that if you know a United Airlines retiree who is not a member of RUAEA, bring them to an event so that we can show them that we have plenty of UAL Spirit ... we would like to meet them.

In January, **Dutch Schneider** (IADCG) and **Kerrie Schneider** (IADCU) took their children and grandsons to Disney World. It was the first plane ride for the two grandsons (age 5) and Kerrie said they had a ball watching out the window almost the entire time! The party of eight (all full fare!) stayed at the Animal Kingdom Lodge and their rooms overlooked the giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, peacocks and storks and many other wonderful creatures. This was a package offered by AAA that included meals, so there were several interesting restaurants to explore and lots of new menu items to try. The boys were quite thrilled with "Pirates of the Caribbean", "The Haunted Mansion" and the "African Safari" was the favorite of all! What fabulous memories they each have from this marvelous trip with three generations!

We hope to see many of you in Denver in October for "Convention 2013".

Calendar:

April 10 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas VA

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Aside from Global Warming, many states, including Arizona, have been experiencing a very cold and wet winter. This does put quite a damper on golf outings for many snowbirds.

The active Flight Attendants are having their new uniform fittings that are due to be worn in May. We are all anxiously awaiting the “new look” and we hope to have a viewing in some Clipped Wings Chapter meetings.

The new members to Clipped Wings seem to be enjoying the chapter meetings and events and several of the first time members have taken on the responsibility of being chairpersons and filling officer vacancies.

Our National President, **Christel Ilg**, and I will be traveling to Palm Desert to attend the Members at Large Chapter’s Annual Spring event on March 21st.

Updates:

- * The manufacturing of the newly designed airplane scarf is delayed. The committee is hoping for a late March delivery from the factory.
- * The new Clipped Wings® brochure should be printed very soon.

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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.)

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

I enjoy getting the newsletter via the mail. It is easy for me to read it in its entirety, rather than trying to read it a page at a time on the computer. I miss too much of it!

May 1, 2013, I am moving back to Wauconda, IL to be near my family.

I should be able to hook up with the Chicago RUAEA group. I have certainly enjoyed getting together with the Tucson group each month.

Receiving the newsletter helps me to keep track of a lot of old friends throughout the system. Keep up the good work; thanks for your help!

Joseph Butera, 1719 Fernwood Way, Belmont, CA 94002

This is 2 weeks early, but it will soon be March anyhow. This puts me in mind of a small ditty from a song, "The years go by as quickly as a wink; enjoy yourself it is later than you think!" This was not an original.

On March 9th, I will be 93 and not forgotten. When **Milt Cavilli** reached the 100 year mark, he passed his driving test which was good for another 5 years. Milt's quote about this was "Just think, I will be 105 when my next test is due"! Go Milt go!

Sharon Castner, 14204 SW 70th St., Archer, FL 32618

Pass Travel Nightmare ~ I know some time has passed but my experience is still relevant to pass riders today, as airlines continue to change their ticketing methods. I have shortened the story considerably. Please feel free to use any or none of the story as you see fit.

I arrived in Dubai late afternoon of September 30th. I rested in a hotel for a few hours before returning to the airport to connect to a flight to Johannesburg on Emirates, October 1 at 0440. I went to Staff check in at 0020/01 Oct., handed in my ZED paper ticket and was told that effective Oct. 1, Emirates would no longer accept paper tickets, only E-tickets. This was Monday morning in Dubai and late Sunday night in the US. Long story short, I had to purchase a Y ticket from Dubai to Johannesburg for \$824. And on the return, a ticket from Johannesburg to Frankfurt for \$600, where I was able to take a United flight to the States. While I was prepared to standby for flights in Dubai and left time to do so, I wasn't prepared for a midflight change in the ticketing requirements. I am lucky in that this was the worst experience I have had in all my years of pass riding. It is funny how we learn to go with the flow.

Harold Dryden, 135 Woodland Ave. #54, Woodland, CA 95695

I give many thanks to the RUAEA staff now and in the past years. United retirees are truly blessed. Where would we be without the love and dedication that these wonderful people continue to support us with news that we literally eat up with each issue?

From the March newsletter, there were two retirees whose offerings really caught my attention. One, **Wallace Wong** writing from New York, NY, gave the readers an ample look into his ambitious plans and myriads of goals he has laid out for his remaining years. And then from EUG, **Bob England** talked about early United Air Lines, with William A. Patterson and how he inspired all of us to enjoy our work and do our best. And that we did, making our United the best airline on the globe. And that was in spite of some capricious CEO's.

Today I have reached the age of ninety seven after 37 good years working for UAL. I began in 1940 at Cheyenne servicing the "new" Douglas DC3's as well as the Boeing 247; then moved subsequently to SEA, EUG, Klamath Falls and SFO.

With my dear wife, who passed away last October, we traveled to France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Norway, Mexico and Japan.

I retired in 1978 which adds up to 35 years in retirement. I hope to see some familiar names in future RUAEA newsletters. But sad to say I have my doubts.

Dorothy Engels, 5731 N. Northcott Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631

Would it be possible to reprint the Travel Policy Outline that appeared in the August 2012 Newsletter and to include current updates/revisions? It would be greatly appreciated by those of us still struggling with the new pass policy for retirees in these fast-forward rapidly changing times. I am grateful to all who contribute to the production of this newsletter which helps to keep this family both informed and United, despite all the periods of turbulence!

My condolences to the family and friends of **Helen Cain**. We shall miss her delightful recipes even if we didn't know her personally.

***Response from the Newsletter Manager** - We are very thankful to **Connie Glattly** for undertaking the daunting task of preparing the Travel Policy Overview that appeared in the August 2012 issue. She did an excellent job. As we said at that time, things are always changing. Since then, we have and we will continue to print updates as changes occur. We do not have any plans to re-do the whole overview.*

Cary Fong, 550 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94118

Even with the red due warning, I almost forgot to mail my dues!

I have been retired for almost 15 years, and have gained a pound a year from eating out all the time. I have to walk more than one mile every day to lose that weight.

I have been volunteering in SFO at the Travelers Information booth once a week for 14 years; I enjoy telling people where to go.

Thanks for all the hard work in preparing and mailing of the UA newsletter.

Bill & Eleanor Hughes, 4529 Middleton Park Cir E, Jacksonville, Florida 32224

My wife and I have been noticing there are no or very few younger retirees now active in RUAEA. This bothers us as it means that in a matter of time there will be no RUAEA. Younger members are needed - badly.

The problem as we see it is how to attract new people and we have a suggestion. It may or may not work but worth a consideration if nothing else but to get thoughts and ideas out there. After all, we must face up to the fact that the younger generation has different interests and skills than we. They are wired electronically and many speak/text a different language, that we may not even understand.

We suggest that we divide into two groups under one umbrella. One with members retired over 10 years and the other for new retirees. In time the younger group can graduate to the older group or, again, establish another group for the new retirees coming along. True, some geographic areas may not be able to support more than one group but that is okay.

That's it from us for now. Now someone else can toss out their thoughts and let's see what happens. We need to do this for the new retirees who will be facing new problems that only the strength RUAEA can help resolve.

Response from the Newsletter Manager - *You are absolutely correct. RUAEA needs younger retirees in order to survive. Since the merger, we no longer receive a list from United Airlines of the current retirees. Therefore, we can't reach out to these younger people and invite them to join us. RUAEA Officers and Regional Directors are doing everything they can to come in contact with these new retirees. Any suggestions from the membership are greatly welcome.*

Donna Lynn, 535 Jansen Ave., Essington, PA 19029

Thanks again for helping us retirees to keep up with the changes since the merger.

I have not flown on a pass since I retired. I have flown on United as a ticketed passenger along with my husband and granddaughter. We were limited to certain dates as we were going to Hawaii.

Now the granddaughter flew on United out of Newark, NJ to Glasgow, Scotland and arrived safe and sound. She was returning to Arcadia University for her second semester.

Janet Harrison, 5201 NE 30th Terrace, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064

Thank you for the reminder of the due date of the newsletter.

My UAL pilot husband died July 22, 2011; but I love all the information in the newsletter. It keeps an old lady somewhat in touch with the wonderful industry of which we were a part of for many years.

The advice for passes, how travel has changed, the key people and companies to which they belong, their problems (Boeing and the lithium batteries) etc. I love it all! Thank you for the enlightenment, it is so uplifting.

Herb Johnson 14271 E. Marina Dr., Aurora, CO 80014

Thanks for all you do to put out the newsletter. I appreciate getting and reading it all. I have not flown on UAL since I retired in 1994 after 41 years of service. They don't make provisions for those of us that have to travel with oxygen. I have and use a battery operated concentrator for all my flights on Southwest. They are very helpful and are most willing to assist in any way they can. I have used them for many years now. I wouldn't even know how to get on the UAL website any more. I agree with those who have written about the demise of the former UAL's quality and integrity. It was such a pleasure to work for them in the past. I don't think I would last long under the present circumstances. Thanks again for your hard work.

Jeannette Lee, 313 Cedar Dr., Coraopolis, PA15108

Thank you for all that you do for us.

I have been under the weather for the last year and I still have my days. Most of the time, I am at my daughter's house. She and my son take care of me. I still have my house and sometimes I want to go home.

I turned 70 on February 11, 2013. God is good all of the time.

I am sending a hello to all of my friends and co-workers in PGH, Chicago and SEAMK. I hope everyone enjoys the New Year.

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

This is quite a date, 31/1/13! Of course, you have to use the European way of dating, but.

I have been retired for 21 years now. It does not seem that long but when you do the math that is what it is. Since my partial lung removal and 6 months of chemo, my activities have been severely hampered. I still manage to bowl a little (lousy) and play golf but that is about it.

Keep up the informative newsletter. You do a good job. Because of the above, my traveling is no longer an option. Besides that Continental has messed up SeaTac and getting around is a real chore.

Katherine McClure, 21 E. Chestnut St. Apt. 23Ac, Chicago, IL 60611

I almost forgot to send in my dues, but that is not surprising as I am inclined to forget my birthday as they seem to come so soon these days.

I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the newsletter. You people do a wonderful job and not an easy one I am sure, keeping us informed of all the changes in the airline industry. It boggles the mind.

I am from the old school when things were simple. Yes, they were really the "Good Old Days".

Robert McDonald, 2096 Florida St., Hayward, CA 94545

We are celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary in February. This is also my 80th birthday this month. We are having some medical problems which are what happens as we age.

Thanks to all for putting out the newsletter.

Bernie McNamee, 471 Prospect Rd., Springfield, PA 19064

Receiving the newsletter all these years has been great, 23 years and counting.

Mom passed away this year in her 104th year. Now Mona and I will have more time to ourselves. We tried to hook Mom up with Hal Weary (104 yrs) but never made the connection. ☺Happy Belated Birthday to him. We are happy to see he is still going strong.



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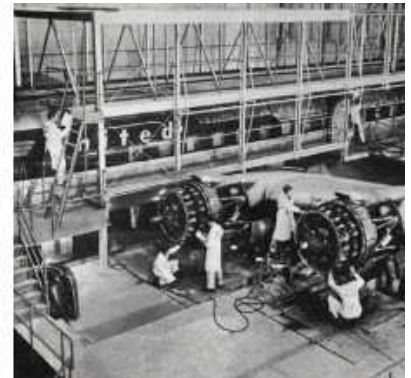
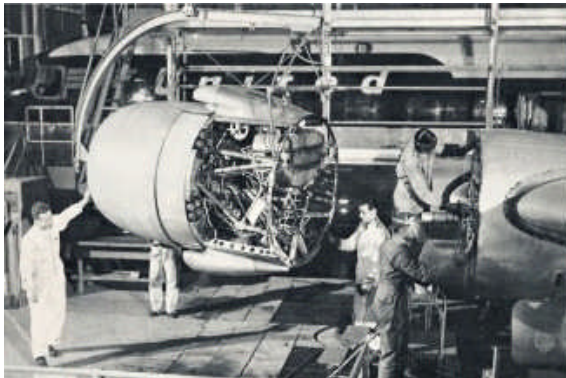
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was given a thorough "going-over" every 100 flight hours. After 1,500 flight hours the planes were flown to the SFO Maintenance Base for a complete overhaul. These actions ensured Safe and Dependable service for United's passengers.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. from the 11/55 United Mainliner Flight Plan booklet.



DC-6 in the hangar dock (center). The dock platforms on each side are lowered, allowing easy access to all the airplane's exterior surfaces.

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