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## ***RUAEA 2015 Convention, September 23 - 26 DoubleTree by Hilton, Pittsburgh - Green Tree***

***“RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH!” - September 23 – 26, 2015!*** We are looking forward to seeing all of you and gathering together with RUAEA friends! This will be a great fall getaway! **Pittsburgh has just been named among the top three places in the world to visit in 2015 - Best of All-American Vacations – [TravelChannel.com](http://TravelChannel.com). National Geographic Traveler included Pittsburgh in its Best of The World Must-See Places. Conde Nast Traveler put Pittsburgh on its list of Best Places In The World To Visit In 2015.** We are in the planning stage and have so many great places to gather for interesting and enjoyable tours, great new restaurants, and wonderful events at the hotel too! If you were unable to make our prior convention, this is a great opportunity to join us and all of RUAEA’s warm and pleasant people and old acquaintances. Don’t miss experiences for the YINZER in all of us! Information will follow with many activities planned.

You will also enjoy ***DoubleTree by Hilton, Pittsburgh - Green Tree***. The Comfort of Home, Away from Home, and the new \$20 million renovated DoubleTree. Start your stay with a warm chocolate chip cookie at the area’s newest and largest DoubleTree by Hilton, *where the little things means everything* creating a reward-

ing experience for guests. Imagine \*\*free parking and complimentary airport transportation. Hospitality through award-winning Hilton HHonors guest reward program, Sweet Dreams by DoubleTree Sleep Experience, and industry-recognized culture of care. They have thought of everything, providing small touches that mean so much more!

Welcome to **The New Pittsburgh** spirit! Pittsburgh is the place to be incorporating the city’s history with its present, with thriving tech companies and more highly educated younger adults. New Pittsburgh, the city of possibility and opportunity. Pittsburgh’s affordable standard of living and top-notch medical care facilities and cultural attractions makes it America’s “Most Livable City.” There are new eateries to enjoy and a lot of places to see! We will provide you all of the best of the world to Visit, Live, Work & Play in upcoming RUAEA’s newsletters.

*Artistic Entrepreneurial High Tech & Hip. Imagine what you can do here. Go to [visitpittsburgh.com](http://visitpittsburgh.com). Families are welcome!*



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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,

As we, your officers in RUAEA, work in the first quarter of 2015, we find ourselves heavily involved with the annual convention in Pittsburgh. Also, we are committed to continuing our Newsletter. As you can guess, our Regional Directors were challenged to visit their respective chapters because of the unusually harsh weather in some areas. With that said, the Directors and Elected Officers are available to you. Please contact us if you have any issues we can help with.

As I write this, I'm headed to Pittsburgh for our winter Board Meeting, and yes, the weather is impacting us in getting there. At our Board Meetings, we all take a close look at the health of RUAEA, covering financial health along with our operations in Denver, the Newsletter and Website. We also discuss any ongoing problems and problems our Company Liaisons may have handled. We also ask the Regional Directors to report any concerns from their Local Chapters.

Our major issue is still declining membership and we will discuss this again. However, we still need your help in procuring new members. Let me or your Director know if you have any ideas that will help in this endeavor.

Again I thank you for being members of RUAEA. I also applaud those of you who help by your contributions. Remember to Re Unite In Pittsburgh in September, when we have another great Convention to attend.

**Hank Gosselin**  
**RUAEA President**

## 2015 RUAEA Election



Election time is approaching again. This year we have five Regional Director positions up for election. The Regions are the Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, Mountain and Arizona. For anyone interested, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or your Regional Director. Any of these folks will be glad to explain what is expected in the job and provide you with what you need to do to be on the ballot. Basically, you just need to provide a short bio and a picture. We have a form available for the bio information. Please give it some thought to see if you can contribute more to this organization. We need everyone's help to keep RUAEA alive and well. We are all volunteers and do help each other through the day to day operation of the organization. Again, consider how you can become a more active member.

The Nominating Committee thanks you.

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## A Letter From Alliant Credit Union



Dear Valued United Members,

We've learned recently that you are concerned about trusting emails from Alliant Credit Union. We are troubled to hear this and want to assure you that Alliant has not been hacked.

You are right to be cautious as phishing attempts have multiplied in recent years and

can target *any* company's customers. This is why we have considerable resources behind our Alliant Fraud and Security team. Here are some important security updates and tips from our team:

- 1) **We did change our official marketing email address to: [info@e.alliantcreditunion.com](mailto:info@e.alliantcreditunion.com).** This is the email from which you will receive both marketing and select communications. We apologize if our notice of this email address change caused any alarm.
- 2) **A phishing attempt was recently brought to our attention.** If you believe you have received a phishing email that appears to be from Alliant, send us an email through our secure website <https://secure.alliantcreditunion.org/forms/display/Feedback.html>. **DO NOT REPLY** directly to the initial email you received that is potentially fraudulent. As an alternative, you can also call us at 800-328-1935.
- 3) **A phishing email may or may not ask for your personal information in the email, but could send you to a website that asks for additional information.** Personal information includes: Your Debit Account Pin Number, Your Passwords, Your Account Numbers, etc. Note: Alliant will never reach out to you via an unsecure channel like email to discuss your personal account information.
- 4) **Check Alliant's Facebook and Twitter pages regularly, along with our Alliant security page on our website for security updates.** If we become aware of any security concerns that may impact our members, we will swiftly post a message with as much information as possible, updating the post as necessary.
- 5) **If you hear anything concerning about Alliant, please email us via our secure website.** Your security is our top priority and we'd like to dispel false rumors as quickly as possible. We're also available 24/7 via phone, so you can also call us at 800.328.1934.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to our attention. Your security and privacy is always our top priority at Alliant. You can review our security guidelines at: [www.alliantcreditunion.org/services/security](http://www.alliantcreditunion.org/services/security).

### **What makes a new airplane United's?**



When United takes delivery of a new Boeing 787-9 at PAE (Paine Field in Everett, Washington), its first flight is an 18-minute hop down to SEA (Seattle), where United's Technical Operations teams handle hundreds of tasks that add up to post-delivery modifications. Likewise, each new Boeing 737-900ER that comes out of the Boeing facility at BFI (Boeing Field, Washington) makes the short flight from there over to the crews waiting on the ground at SEA. They devote about 350 person-hours to each 737 over two to three days and 800 hours to each 787 over four to five days, mostly on swing shift.

Many of the modifications make small but important changes to the form, fit and function of systems and software to improve safety, performance and reliability. Others result in things employees and customers use and see every day – like those blue “Economy Plus” stickers on seat-backs and overhead bins.

Proximity to the Boeing facilities fosters interaction between United's techs and Boeing's designers and engineers, and the relationship has led to numerous improvements, SEA Senior Manager Stuart McPeak noted. Since Boeing builds these aircraft in a distinct assembly line process, it's difficult for them to include special features for each airline customer without disrupting the build process. That requires United to complete these modifications that are unique to United and its operation post-delivery.

When SEA Aircraft Maintenance started the modifications, for example, the team performed three separate tasks that required opening up the overhead life raft panel, a laborious and exacting procedure. Now, thanks to technician input, engineers and planners have rearranged the task cards so that all three sessions occur consecutively, with just one panel opening and closing.

Some jobs require removal of large and complex systems – such as cockpit seats and panels, to install a takeoff warning test circuit. Others, like adding the “no children in this row” sticker on exit row windows, require removal, disassembly and reassembly of exit row doors.

Boeing delivers aircraft with galley compartments labeled in an alpha-numeric code that is not intuitive. On a 787 with about 250 compartments, that could be confusing, especially to vendors who serve multiple carriers. United's techs re-label each compartment with a three-digit code that denotes zone (a galley's dozen or so compartments will all be in the same zone) and makes it nearly foolproof for identification and sorting.

A number of 737-900ER post-delivery modifications involve painting. His peers consider SEA Line Technician Johnathan Smith the finest artist on the team, and he enjoys his work even though all of it is done outside, often in the rain. Much of it is stenciling warnings and alerts for ground crews. The ram air doors

under the belly come to United painted white like the rest of the fuselage – and they’re easy to miss by those working around the area. After Johnathan is done, they feature bright safety stripes and are harder to bump one’s head on when moving about under the aircraft.

The 787s leave Seattle ready to fly customers. The 737s go to another station for Wi-Fi and Split Scimitar winglets.

### **Stations ratify tentative agreement to keep work in-house** **United Daily - Posted February 24, 2015**



The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) has announced that represented employees at 12 stations voted to ratify tentative agreements that will preserve approximately 800 United jobs. Above- and below-the-wing work will remain in-house at BIL (Billings, Montana), IND (Indianapolis), RNO (Reno, Nevada), SAT (San Antonio), SJC (San Jose, California) and TUL (Tulsa, Oklahoma), as will above-the-wing work at ATL (Atlanta), MCI (Kansas City, Missouri), RDU (Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina), RSW (Fort Myers, Florida), SMF (Sacramento, California) and STL (St. Louis).

*“This is a positive outcome for our employees and the company, and I’m glad we were able to work with the IAM to retain jobs in a way that allows us to compete effectively with other airlines in these markets,”* said Airport Operations SVP Jon Roitman. *“Local representatives did an outstanding job of helping us work through the station reviews, and we are grateful for their contributions. We are disappointed that we couldn’t reach tentative agreements in all of the 28 stations, but we have to close the gap with our competitors and get to locally competitive market rates. We also recognize that this was a difficult choice for our employees, and we are committed to supporting them through this process.”*

United is offering an early out for all above-the-wing and below-the-wing employees in the 28 stations where the company recently reviewed its sourcing options, including the stations where employees ratified new tentative agreements as well as those stations where United must transition work to a service partner.

In making all of its sourcing decisions, United reviewed multiple factors including operational complexity, customer impact, local economic conditions and service partner capabilities. United gave all factors appropriate consideration before making a decision. The tentative agreements, which include modifications to the collective bargaining agreements, closely mirror those that co-workers in our three Hawaii stations voted into effect last year. The effective date of these most recent contract modifications is May 17, 2015.

### **United won award for aviation biofuel collaboration**



United was honored recently with an award for its industry-leading biofuels work. The award recognizes United’s collaboration with AltAir Fuels, Honeywell UOP, Los Angeles World Airports and World Fuel Services in bringing biofuels to LAX.

*“United is honored to accept the award for Excellence in Advanced Biofuels,”* said Environmental Strategy Director Mihir Thakkar. *“This collaboration began in 2009 and we’re excited to begin using this renewable aviation biofuel on select scheduled flights from LAX in the second quarter of this year. We expect to achieve at least a 50 percent reduction in lifecycle carbon emissions using the fuel, giving our customers an even more sustainable travel option.”*

United will buy a total of up to 15 million gallons of sustainable aviation biofuel from AltAir over three years.

United continues to be an industry leader in aviation biofuel, and in other measures to reduce carbon emissions, beginning in 2009 when the company flew the first North American biofuel test flight. In 2014, through United’s fuel-efficiency measures, the company reduced its carbon emissions by more than one million metric tons, the equivalent of taking 225,000 cars off the road.

### So Simple from Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

We have not had an appetizer in our collection of recipes so hope you enjoy this one. If any one has a special category request i.e. casserole, dessert, etc., let me know and I'll try to include it in the next newsletter.

#### Fiesta Salsa:

4 avocados, chopped

Tomatoes, chopped. I use 6 Roma tomatoes as they are firmer. If using regular tomatoes use 4.

1 red onion, diced

1 bunch cilantro, chopped

1 can Rotel tomatoes with jalapenos and lime juice

15 oz. can black beans

8 oz. can corn

Salt and pepper

Drain beans and corn. Combine all ingredients. Chill several hours. Serve with chips for dipping or as a side dish.

### Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

The response to our request for donations to repair the damage done by the car accident to the chapel has been very good. So far, \$660.00 has been received from fifteen United Airlines Retirees. Thank you very much. We are still accepting donations. To donate to The Chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and send to **Frank J. Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (*Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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

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### Attention All Golfers

*The 2015 UAL Retiree Golf  
Tournament will be held in Mesquite, NV  
from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

If you are interested,  
contact **Paul Levan** for an entry form.  
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*Please register by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

## LOCAL NEWS

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Wow! That is the only word to describe our great meeting on February 9, as we met for lunch in the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum! We had 27 attending this month. They were **Jessie Arnold, George & Desneige Atteberry, Mike & Elaine Austin, Keeton Barnes, Bill & Ann Delavan, Honey Dimitriadis, Bob & Carol Dorsey, John & Myrl Eisinger, Gayle Furlow, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Judy Hebl, Rick & Carol Herrick, Joe & Monica Leonard, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth**, and our new members, **Mike & Carla Burke**. We were so excited when **Monica & Joe Leonard** walked into our meeting after **Monica's** horrible health problems after her successful knee replacement in December. She looked wonderful! Welcome back!

Members unable to attend this month were **Doug & Edna Horne** due to **Edna's** health issues; **Park & Billie Learned** due to their health issues; **Ray & Mai Owens** were out of town; **Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl** had a conflict and **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey & Steve Wilkey** were supposed to attend but **Annie** woke up with problems with the foot she had surgery on in Dec. We wish a speedy recovery to all our ailing members.

Drawing of our raffle tickets started our meeting. **Bill Hayden & Barbara Serra** were back at our meeting after missing last month and sold the tickets. **Carla Burke** drew the winning ticket for **Ed Southworth**. Lucky Guy! We had six extra chocolate chip cookies and winners were **Elaine Austin, George Atteberry, Mike & Carla Burke, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, and Monica Leonard**.

Neither the Treasurer's Report nor the Minutes had any corrections. **Yvonne** read a very nice thank-you note from **Sheryl & Larry Schubert**. They visited our Chapter last month while they were vacationing in our

area from Colorado. We look forward to their coming again when they are in our Gulf Coast area. We would love for more visitors to come when they are here.

President **Bob Schwartz** introduced **Mike & Carla Burke**, who joined our Chapter today. **Mike** is a retired Continental pilot. He met **Carla** while in flight training in Pensacola and was a flight instructor, later at NAS, Pensacola. He retired in 2001 from Continental after 36 years. **Carla** is a retired Court Recorder and is now a Bridge Instructor for children & adults at several locations.

After **Mike & Carla** introduced themselves, we went around the room introducing ourselves and telling a little background about us. It was a great conversation time, especially some of the stories telling how they started to work for the airlines. Other groups should try this sometime. It is fascinating!

Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** passed a list around asking everyone to write down how many years they worked for an Airline. She totaled up the years represented and we have a total of **762 years** of Airline employment. I wonder what it would be if all our members were there!

March birthdays are **Carol Herrick** (1<sup>st</sup>).

April birthdays are **Park Leonard** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Honey Dimitriadis** (29<sup>th</sup>), **Carla Burke** (30<sup>th</sup>), and **Rick Herrick** (30<sup>th</sup>). We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

Visitors to our area are always welcome to attend our meetings, especially if you like to have a good time with a group of terrific people! Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call or send us an email and plan to join us at one of our fun meetings. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 11:30 AM in the Cubi Bar Café in Naval Aviation Museum, NAS, Pensacola, FL. The plaques on the walls of the Café are such fun to read and to see all the different designs. It's worth a trip down here to just see them, not to mention the outstanding Museum, which is free!

#### Calendar:

**April 13** - 11:30AM Meeting at Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

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Our Birmingham chapter met February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Seasons 52 restaurant at The Summit on highway 280. Attending were **Jim & Donna Gooch**, **Bill Preston**, **Joe Duncan**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, and **Joe Jones**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bill Preston** and a United tee shirt was won by **Donna Gooch**. **Bill Preston** is our senior member; he celebrates a birthday this month and is still sharp and going strong. Other birthdays are **Hank Thompson**, **Joe Singleton**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager** and **Bill Glenn**.

**Joe & Jane Jones** celebrate their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this month.

We had several absences because of illness and hope to see them back in March. We meet every second Monday at 11:30 a.m. and invite all United retirees and their family to join us. For more information, please call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

#### ARIZONA



#### PHOENIX AZURES

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Hi, folks. Spring is here in the west valley and we're having such beautiful weather, in the high 70's. Flowers and shrubs are in bloom and you can tell by the "mess" on your pony walls that the doves are "thinking spring". Oh well, that's nature.

The Azures enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Arrowhead County Club on February 14. There were 25 attendees (which was a rather small number) but it just happened that many had other plans. Our chapter added to the treasury the proceeds from our "white elephant" sale. **Mike Richards** was the auctioneer and was instrumental in getting all the donated items sold. I missed the Arrowhead luncheon since I was in Illinois to celebrate my granddaughter Emily's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are thrilled that she is growing up to be such a beautiful young lady, intelligent, nice and very active. P.S. As usual, Vic was smarter and stayed in warm and sunny Goodyear, AZ. Illinois was real cold during my visit.

A group of 18 Azures visited Turf Paradise race track on March 4. **Bruce Rosch** was the big winner (last I heard) leaving the Turf with \$23.00 which just about paid for his lunch. I think most of us had a negative fund balance when we left the track. We all had a fun outing besides the losses. Attendees were **Joe & Lisa Hopkins, Carol & Vic Liltz, Lowell & Pat Neal, Marge & Gene Hinnners, Jean Kerman** and friend, **Tom, Don & Carole Brei** (who, by the way, will be on their way for a cruise to Japan, China and S. Korea. Bon Voyage!), **Sherry Muoio** and **Susie Hughes, Ginny Weiler-Meyer, Shirley June Bailey, Bruce Rosch** (the big winner), and **June Murphy**.

At the February 24 breakfast, I had a chance to talk with **Tom & Peg Heidecker** for awhile. Tom trained my daughter, **Laurie Storm**, as a midnight shift international aircraft router in OPB way back in 1997-98 (before the babies). He had a few questions on Laurie's unique eating habits but she reminded me that Tom used to eat pickled herring for lunch (at 0300). "Dem" were the good ole' days of OPB in the north building at EXO. Tom, I'm sure Peg doesn't get out of bed at 0300 to make you lunch anymore. LOL.

Congratulations and many more to our April Birthdays: **Marge Hinnners** (4/15); **Don Bergstrom** (4/21); **Ziggy Butkiewicz** (4/30). Also, congratulations on your Anniversaries: **AD & Lynn Cline** (4/26); and **Laura & Jim Ehas** (4/28).

Our last luncheon for the season will be held at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 16092 North Arrowhead Fountains Center Drive, Peoria, AZ on April 11. Luncheon starts at 1100 for Meet & Greet and cocktails if preferred ("It's 5 o'clock somewhere") and then we'll order separately off the menu. Abuelo's was a big hit last year as we conducted our luncheon/meeting on their private semi-enclosed patio.

The Board (consisting of **Joe Hopkins** and myself) will be meeting (or emailing) during the summer months to discuss new venues and activities for the 2015/16 season. We recommend any Azures member who is interested in becoming a board member or help on committees to contact either Joe or I with their intentions so that they can be included in the planning of next year's activities.

We intend to make a few changes to get members participation in the event planning. Remember, Azures, this is your chapter and we need every member to get involved. So, maybe your name will be selected to help out ... if we don't get volunteers.

Some of the Board's thoughts for next season are:

- 1) Cutting the number of luncheons/meetings throughout the season to 5 instead of the current 7.
- 2) Subsidizing from the Treasury some of the per person costs for the luncheons.
- 3) Introducing a couple of new luncheon/meeting venues every year to spark interest.
- 4) Adding a breakfast get-together or luncheon outing with members closer to Pebblecreek.
- 5) Changing the outing month for Arizona Broadway Theatre so as to not conflict with the holiday seasons.

Any suggestions from the membership will be appreciated.

#### Calendar:

**April 11** - 1130am, Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 16092 N. Arrowhead Fountains Ctr. Drive, Peoria, AZ

**April 7 & 21** - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ - 0830

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Happy Easter to all! It's getting to that time of the year again when the "snowbirds" leave us for places up north; but we still have many things to look forward to. We have our annual picnic on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Crescent Run, starting at 11:00 a.m., hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. It's always a fun time to get together and

enjoy the wonderful food prepared for us by a local caterer. Hope to see many of our fellow Re-United friends there. If you need directions, contact **Shirley Claggett** or **Ron Paluch** at (480) 354-7610.

We continue meeting every fourth Friday of each month for breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know that you will be at the breakfast each time by contacting her at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or by phone at (480) 396-3317 by the Wednesday before each breakfast. The breakfast this month is April 24. Mark your calendars, so you don't forget.

Our Valentine Luncheon at Floridino's Restaurant in Chandler, AZ had 41 people attend. The room was decorated in the Valentine theme. Everyone enjoyed the food and the slide show presentation by **Ginny Rockenhauser**, showing many of our past and present members from all of our various get-togethers. One of our members, **Pat Nicholaisen**, was unable to be at the luncheon as she fell out of her bed and ended up having her shoulder replaced. She's going through therapy now. We sure missed seeing her and **Buzz** there. Also **Gordy Kubiak** had heart surgery around that same time, and he and **Pinky** were unable to attend. Good news, though, everyone is recuperating and doing as well as can be expected.

At the meeting at the luncheon, **Shirley Claggett** mentioned that retirees should visit "Flying Together" at least once every 90 days to keep your password active. If you don't do this, you will be denied access and to get reinstated, you must call the United IT Service Desk at 1-800-255-5801, outside of normal business hours.

Our present officers, who are **Shirley Claggett**, President, **Peg Snowdall**, Vice President, **Rita Zarek**, Treasurer, **Liz Tollefsen**, Secretary, **Ginny Rockenhauser**, Historian, **Tony Riberio**, Sunshine, and **Jay Hartough** and **Ted Higley**, Sheriffs, all were re-elected this year. Next year, the All-Arizona Luncheon will be hosted by our chapter, so if you have any ideas, pass them on to **Shirley Claggett**. The Tucson Roadrunners host the March 19<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande. Tickets for the Chicago Cubs and White Sox Spring Training game at Sloan Park in Mesa on March 27 are available through **Ron Paluch**.

After the luncheon, many of our members drove to the Bashas Western American & American Indian Art Gallery in Chandler and really enjoyed seeing all the enormous collection of paintings, sculptures, jewelry, baskets and pottery. Many of our members had never been there before and were very pleased getting the chance to view this collection. Thanks to the **Tollefsens** for setting up the luncheon and the Art Gallery tour.

We were sorry to hear one of our members, **Robert Rowan**, passed away on January 15 in Scottsdale. We didn't hear about it until his wife, **Patrice**, notified us on February 12<sup>th</sup>. They had been planning on selling their home and going to Europe for a long trip when he was diagnosed with cancer in mid-October. Their Wedding Anniversary was to be March 27. She planned to honor him close to that date by having a "Celebration of Life" for him in the San Francisco Bay area where they both worked for United. Our condolences go out to **Patrice** and the family.

We had two other members recently in the hospital and they are **Donna Pedone**, who had shoulder surgery, and **Buzz Nicholaisen**, had a flare up (COPD). We hope they all get better real soon as they have been real active in our chapter and we miss them when they are not with us.

Our February 27<sup>th</sup> Breakfast had 26 people attending, with **Ted Higley** bringing a guest, **Debbie O'Rourke**, from Casa Grande and also **LaVera Wickwood**, **Orland Baldwin**'s sister from Spokane, Washington was there. We're always happy to have guests. We talked about the All-Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande. The next breakfast is Friday, March 27 at the Black Bear Diner the same day as the spring training game in Mesa. We can go for breakfast first and then get set to go to the ballgame. Regarding the Fantasy Flight, we're pretty sure it will be Friday, December 4, but the exact location is being worked on, and we should hear soon. In the meantime, please collect items for the children, such as bears, stadium-size fleece blankets, socks, gloves, knit hats, sizes for 5-7 years old, trucks for the boys and Barbie dolls for the girls etc. and give them to **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, who will be able to store them until the items are needed. The annual picnic is set for April 9<sup>th</sup> at Crescent Run. **Shirley** is checking on entertainment for the picnic.

Don't forget to make plans on attending the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The committee is working hard to make this convention one of the best. We hope many will be able to attend.

We have the following birthdays in April: **Ron Paluch** (4/1), **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), **Chuck Strohmaier** (4/16), **Larry Stanley** (4/18), **Orland Baldwin** (4/20), and **Duri Arquisch** (4/27). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have one couple that we know of that are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, and that is **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** (4/7/84). Congratulations!

Calendar:

**April 9** – Annual picnic at Crescent Run, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m., with lunch at noon, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. More information will be sent to you. If you have any questions, call either one of them at (480) 354-7610.

**April 24** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), with your reservation by Wednesday, April 22, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**May 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.

**June 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.



### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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**Gordon & Dora Starr** made the arrangements and hosted our February get together. First on the agenda was a tour of the Mini-time Machine Museum of Miniatures. This was a very interesting museum, quite out of the ordinary. The museum tour was followed by lunch at the Risky Business restaurant. Seventeen members were at the tour and were joined by sixteen more at the restaurant venue.

**John Bennatts** introduced a new member to the group, **Mary Hendrickson**. Mary noticed an article in the Sun City magazine about the Roadrunners that was placed by our own **Pat Dilallo**. **Ron & Shirley Robertson** introduced their granddaughter Bridgette Robertson who attends Issaquah High School. **Henny & Clyde Satterfield** introduced their house guest, Mica Arcelus, the daughter of an exchange student that the **Satterfields** housed in Denver in 1987-1988. Mica's father was also visiting but did not attend the luncheon.

Gordon reminded all about the All AZ luncheon. **John Bennatts** thanked Gordon & Dora for their efforts for the tour and luncheon. It was an unusual luncheon in that we were like a rudderless ship; no president, vice president, treasurer, no gamboling. As we all know, the March occasion for Arizona retirees to attend is the All Arizona Luncheon. Since the luncheon will be held after this newsletter goes to press, I hope that this correspondent will have nothing but glowing reports about the festivities in the May Newsletter.

Birthday ~ **Gordon Starr** (4/19).

### **Calendar:**

**April 16** – Luncheon, hosted by **Marcy & Ed Degan**. Location to be announced in the local Roadrunner newsletter authored by **Doris Clark**.

## **CALIFORNIA**

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Our Chapter met on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Restaurant on the Wharf in Santa Barbara minus its secretary. This is the first time, since I joined the Central Coasters, that I missed a meeting. I had to have my right hip replaced and the only time they could do it was on February 18<sup>th</sup>. President **Mike Zoldak**, took the minutes that I am submitting.

Our meeting was hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**. There were 11 members plus 5 guests. **Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting by welcoming the members and guests. Our So. Ca. RUAEA Director **Hal Klobe** and his wife, **Donna**, were our guests. They brought **Peter & Barbara Schuster** as their guests. **Peter Schuster** is a 29 year LAXMM veteran. **Peter & Joan Schaefer** brought their guest, **Judy Haid**, who was their lifelong friend.

Those absent from our meeting included **John & Barbara Stilwell**. John had an unexpected family emergency in Iowa. **John Wessel** was absent as was **Ken & Stella Bake** who were out of town. Also missing was **Bob Wagner**, he was hospitalized due to low blood pressure. **Mike Zoldak** visited him and said that he looked good and had a positive outlook. Bob's career as a mechanic took him on many field trips which included interesting stories. We all have Bob in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

**Hal Klobe** spoke about the upcoming Convention in Pittsburgh, being held Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Annual dues for RUAEA will now be \$27 for members. Recruitment efforts on the National and local levels are an ongoing effort.

Our Chapter was looking into a nonprofit 503 C7 application. After looking into this, it was decided not to pursue this any further. Our members voted "no".

**John Stilwell** and **Mike Zoldak** formed a committee to find a restaurant for our April luncheon. **Marcia Stanger** has also volunteered for this task. The 50/50 drawing was won by the **Cunninghams**.

Our Chapter is still trying to get UAL and CO retirees living between Paso Robles and Santa Barbara to join us for lunch and learn about travel information and company updates. For further information, call **Mike Zoldak**, (805) 473-2908 or [zoldak1@msn.com](mailto:zoldak1@msn.com), or Secretary **Al Rybar**, (805) 595-2532 or [papawow@charter.net](mailto:papawow@charter.net).

Mike said that the SFOEC back shops are closing with the exception of the sensor room and battery shop. I have been away from SFOMB since 1987 and never went back for a visit. When I left, the shops were working at full staff, but since then I can't believe it has turned into empty shops. My association with the shops and all other departments helped me fill AOG needs that kept planes flying. I feel very fortunate that I was able to experience so many challenges that made my job so rewarding.

**Mike & Bridget Zoldak** will be visiting Australia and New Zealand and will be back in time for our April meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forth coming.



#### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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The Desert Sunbirds' February Luncheon was held at the Club House Grille at the Indian Springs Golf Club in Indio; the same place, I might add, where Marji and I held our Wedding Reception a year and a half ago.

Triple hostesses **Scoobie Wolfe**, **Gwen Craven**, and **Sherryll Delaney**, chose well, as forty seven Sunbirds had their choices of Tropical Sundried Fruit Salad, Chicken California Sandwich, BLT on Sour Dough, and a Philly Cheese Sandwich (which included beef), then Ice Cream and a Brownie for dessert.

No guests this month, but we were joined by **Joan Strickfadden**, who lives in the desert, and spent 13½ years with UAL in PDXCS.

The **Waisses** missed the luncheon as they were off on a cruise to the South Pacific. **Ron & Melinda Lerg** informed us that they will be on a combination air, ground, and cruise to Alaska in May, but dedicated as they are, will not miss a luncheon. **Al Beuchel** missed the luncheon, as he was serving on Jury Duty.

Sad news: **Maureen Williams'** daughter, **Shirley Roberts**, passed away in early February. She had been ill with a lung infection since October. Condolences may be sent to **Maureen Williams**, 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240.

Our Birthday Lunch was won by **Jeanne Kalahiki**. Two winners in the 50/50 raffle: **Brigitte Brunken**, \$50.00, and **Brad Zittel**, \$40.00. As it was close to Valentine's Day, we had a couple bottles of wine added to the drawing - won by **John Schultz** and **Marge Lenz**. **Bill Schultz** won a Russell Stover box of candy, and **Robb Bohart** won a gift certificate (donated by **Elaine Aggson**) to See's Candies.

#### **Calendar:**

**April 8** – TBA, hosted by **Patti Sica**, **Gay Traber**, and **Jan Keck**.

## GOLD DIGGERS

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## SACRAMENTO



Thank you to **Veronica Domaratius** for taking the minutes.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on February 25 at Sierra Grill in Auburn, CA to celebrate our Past Presidents. This was hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. We had 44 Gold Diggers and no guests. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. At the last moment, **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** and **Colleen Esola** were not able to attend. The members thanked the **Harshbargers** for hosting.

(We have now learned that **Bob Fulkerson** passed away on Monday, March 2, 2015.)

We honored our past presidents. Those present were **Harold Esola, Ron Bertacini, Francis Domaratius, Ken Norton, Ed Rheam, Ron King, Terry Greenacre** and **Orville Harshbarger**.

Officers Reports:

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** thanked his wife **Carolyn** for all the work she did to prepare for the luncheon.

*Vice President* ~ **Len Haubl** is not able to attend. **Frank Dellinger** is filling in for him for a couple of months. We are still looking for hosts for the following months: June, August, and October. Our group voted not to have a September meeting as it would have been so close to the time of the RUAEA convention.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** was home ill, **Harold Esola** filled in for her. He announced the anniversaries for February: **Phil & Anne Frank** (63 years); **Glenn & Alice McPeak** (65 years); **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (60 years); **Dick & Velma Carroll** (57 years); and **Jack & Sydnee McKinney** (49 years). **Harold** led the group in singing Happy Anniversary to all.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** reminded us that any corrections must be made now as the new roster will be out next month.

*Sunshine* ~ **Angie Dellinger** reported she sent a card to **Dan Figueroa** who is recovering from surgery. **Bob Eggert** who is now in a residential home facility sends his best wishes to all his Gold Digger friends.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** is still taking photos of new members.

*RUAEA VP Of Conventions* ~ **Ron Bertacini** discussed the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh. Tours are being organized, entertainment is already prepared for the Saturday banquet and a special raffle is being organized. There will be a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel as well as free parking at the hotel. The hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton at Green Tree.

Don't forget to pay your dues, \$10.00 per family. Judie prefers checks but will take cash. Make checks payable to Gold Diggers and send to: **Judie King**, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949

Calendar:

**March 25** – China Buffet, Citrus Heights, hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**



## HANGTOWN MINERS

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Ah, February, the month of love. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** decorated our lunch table with lots of red and pink hearts for the occasion, very warm and welcoming to say the least! In keeping with the theme, we have four couples celebrating their anniversaries in February. **Bob & Dorean Ames** top the list with 67 years together; **Joe & Jeanette D'Amico** are in Hawaii to mark their 50<sup>th</sup>; **Bill & Pati Kenney** have 34 years with each other and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** can brag about their 60 years! Congratulations to all of you! No one

claimed to have a birthday this month and there was no guest. A big Thank You to Rudy & Cindy for hosting this fun luncheon!

*President ~* **Rudy Blazius** brought several items regarding United that were in the RUAEA newsletter.

*Vice President ~* **Bill Dinette** did not have a report. He and **Bill Gibson** informed us that long time friend and UAL retiree, **Mike Fagundes**, passed away. A memorial for him was held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at Beebs Restaurant at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

*Treasurer ~* Our fantastic treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was at work today and his great wife, Suzanne had planned to be at the lunch, however, Suzanne fell victim to one of the “bugs” that are making their rounds so she stayed home sick. **Jane Gibson** reported that we have received thank you letters from the four charities we gave donations to in December, the letters were passed around for members to read.

*Secretary ~* Jane is going to contact the company who makes our great badges to check on the price and then she will be able to order badges for anyone who needs one. Since we have new members, it’s a good time to get the info.

*Sunshine ~* Since Suzanne was out today, Jane put on the “Sunshine Hat” and reported that **JR Heier** is home from the hospital and doing well.

*Historian ~* **Lynda Lima** has started a new album for the Hangtown Miners in 2015. She does a terrific job, be sure to check them out.

*Old Business ~* Rudy reported that the majority of our members have paid their dues for 2015, however, there are 8 who we have not heard from. We will be getting in touch with them. You can mail your \$10.00 (if a check, please make it out to Hangtown Miners) and send to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville CA 95667.

Rudy brought our meeting to an end and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. Winner of the donators prize was **Irv Wolfram**. A huge Thank You to everyone who brought items for our drawing: **Blazius** – heart dish and prizes on the table; **Lima** – basket; **Dinette** – wine/glass cups; **Wolfram** – gnome; **Kenney** – valentine mug with cover; **Akin** – eggs; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Leimer** – wine; **Kozelka** – wine; **Hyde** – salt & pepper shakers; **Gibson** – pomegranate jelly.

Our March luncheon will be at a new, yet familiar place. **Tom Biro** has arranged for us to dine at C. T. European Cafe & Grill (formerly Joanie’s) in Shingle Springs.

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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Our February luncheon was held at the East Clubhouse of the Oakmont Country Club on February 12, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**. The venue served as an alternative to our usual Quail Inn location due to renovation of the carpets there. We found it to be a very cozy alternative and the Schwinds had decorated the tables in Valentine-themed red table cloths, Primrose floral arrangements, and chocolate hearts on each table.

We had 35 members and 4 guests attending; the buffet luncheon was delicious, as usual including Tri-tip in a red wine sauce, Chicken Marsala, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, an assortment of salads, and a great cheese cake drizzled with raspberry syrup. President **Larry Wilson** thanked **George & Lois Schwind** for hosting the luncheon and welcomed us all to the East Clubhouse. He acknowledged our three new members: **Pat & Chris Eberle**, and **Dorothy Ochoa**. VP **Jerry Underhill** welcomed the luncheon guests: **Alice Eastus**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Marilyn Schules**, guest of **Verda Burr**; **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; and **Loralee DeSantis**, guest of **Larry & Mary Wilson**, and our guest speaker of the day.

**Brandon Maus**, our former president, discussed the changes to the chapter bylaws regarding the distribution of funds in the RER bank accounts. He explained that he met with concerned people in the group and the leadership about the general fund and charity fund accounts policies and will present the results at the next luncheon for a vote.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** announced the status of the RER accounts: The General Account currently holds \$347.14, and the Charity funds account has \$254.36, for a total of \$601.50. He encouraged us all to buy raffle tickets, which increases our contributions to the Charity fund totals.

**Maddie McGinnis**, who is credited with bringing in our three new members, and also a member of Redwood Empire Clipped Wings, (the flight attendant organization) announced the upcoming play, “Fiddler on the Roof“, showing at the Novato Theater Company Playhouse in Novato, on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm (curtain time at 8:00). It is a fundraiser for some selected charities, and she was promoting tickets for sale on their website under the same name!

**Barney Hagen**, our group’s historian and photographer explained that you must go on the Travel website at least every 90 days to keep your password current. He says an easy way to change the password is to add one or two numbers at each transition time.

**Roger Casterline**, the Western Division Director of RUAEA, encouraged our new members to join the National RUAEA, to receive the monthly newsletter with updates and changes adopted by UAL. He also revealed that the 777 is increasing the seating to 10 across in coach (with 4 seats in the middle); he said this does not affect Economy Plus seating. He reminded us that UAL is continuing to do very well against Delta in profits!

Our sunshine lady, **Verda Burr**, brought us the February birthday list, which included **Don Davis**, **Duane Quinn**, **Larry Wilson**, **Ron Huhn**, and **Madelyn Schmidt**. The anniversaries are **Barbara & Jerome Underhill** (41 yrs.), **Sheila & Lou Legnitto** (41yrs.), **Pat & Brandon Maus** (58 yrs.), and **Christine & Pat Eberle** (30yrs.), (for a total of 174 yrs.)! **Larry Wilson** was the winner of the free luncheon drawing! Verda says she will be away for the next 3 months traveling and visiting family. She shared several good jokes to entertain us all!

**Larry Wilson** announced and recognized our guest speaker, Lorilee DeSantis, Estate Planning attorney. Larry shared with us her education and credentials. Lorilee outlined for us the reasons and benefits for having an Estate Trust drawn up to protect our retirement and other assets from Probate court, where they would be divided up without having your own designations. She was very clear, diagramming the components of a Trust and what the advantages are and answering questions. She gave us handouts, and encouraged anyone who is interested to call for a free consult and handed out her cards. Lorilee was a very welcome and relevant guest speaker to address our group!

We finished up our time together with our long awaited raffle of fine wines, See’s truffle candies, provided by **Joanne & Ron Huhn**, and the pretty floral centerpieces on the table (with an added stained glass ornament hand-made by **George Schwind**).

Our Valentine’s luncheon was fun and memorable! **Larry Wilson** thanked us all for coming and announced the next luncheon will be held at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa on March 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey**. He reminded us to invite guests and to remember the Charity box on our way out; see you all on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the La Gare!

#### **Re-LAX-ers**

Los Angeles

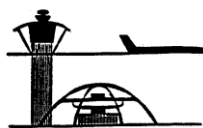
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We wish to thank members of the Re-LAX-ers who are so loyal and supportive and who attended the February luncheon at the Proud Bird restaurant. These loyal attendees are:

*Table 1:* **Judi & Roger Dunworth**, our incredible treasurer and assistant; **Bruce Dunkle**, a UA pilot and his wife, **Peggy**; and **Ester & Louis Horompoly**, all loyal members.

*Table 2:* **John Daley**, our popular RES Supervisor with his caretaker, **Caesar Rosales**; our ever-present **Florence Hoy**, with daughter **Leslie Smith** and **Charles Onesko**, our do-everything-guy.

*Table 3:* Our dedicated and supportive table of **Art & Pat Cottrell**, **Ann & Andy Chorbi**, with **Jerry & Cynthia Formulak**. We are so grateful for their steady support and constant fund-raising efforts.

*Table 4:* **Hal Klobe**, our Forever and Ever President; **Donna Klobe**, our Forever Secretary; **Howard Lackey**, our deep-pocketed Vice Pres.; **Laly Savoy**, our Fantasy Flight past President; **Sharon Record**, our procedures expert; **Gladys Crockett**, a steady attendee and **Gary Baesel**, an always there guy.

*Table 5:* **Harry & Ruth Takaki**, our fabulous photographer of Fantasy Flight and loyal workers; and **Dick Pendleton** with **Flor Santos**, our steady cross-town commuters.

*Table 6:* That wonderfully loyal RES table led by **James Ferrance**, correspondent of this friendly group, with **Joan Hoffmann**, the Champion gift basket maker and local transporter of long distance commuters; **Fran Elsner** and **Nancy Bessenbacher**.

Our ever-present supporter **Beverly McAlister**, a new regular **Millie Monson** and two newly-joined Re-LAX-ers **Arnita Johnson** and **Mary Lynn Anderson**, both recently retired from United.

We love to see our friends and truly need the support of our membership. It is sad to report so many of our members are having health problems and cannot attend the luncheons.

We thank those who have so generously held us together. You have constantly paid our bills and supported Fantasy Flight and Vista del Mar Christmas Gift with your generosity.

But we need more members. Please bring your friends and co-workers that can no longer drive. Oh, bring your children or grand-children! We have an incredible view of our life's work right outside the restaurant windows! Be proud of your history that is there for all to see!

An unexpected note from **Joyann Moore** advising that **Jack** passed away from pneumonia in January and has been laid to rest at Forest Lawn, Our condolences to his family. He was a great supporter of Re-LAX-ers, 44121 Village 44, Camarillo, CA 93012.

#### Calendar:

**April 3** - To be announced

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Time is passing way too fast except for everyone living in the cold and snowy Midwest and East, I am sure it can't go fast enough. Spring is on its way and you will enjoy the sunshine even more after the long, cold winter.

There were twenty one at our breakfast this month and the 50/50 raffle was won by **Greg Krok**.

Today was **Al Soderberg**'s eighty second birthday but he wasn't able to attend so **Robert & Debbie Taylor** and I dropped by their house after breakfast and wished him a Happy Birthday! Helen is still recuperating after her stay in the hospital and was not well enough to attend. They were very surprised when we arrived for our visit.

**Betty Tomaino** is cruising in Mexico and will be with us next month to tell us all about her adventures.

**Maria & Arnold Pollack** are leaving soon to visit Spain, Morocco and Gibraltar. They will surely have some fun experiences to share with us when they return in May.

Everyone was so glad to hear that **Anny Eaton Medve**'s husband **Dick** is out of the hospital and is home recuperating from a serious case of the flu. Her brother Mike is still recovering from his stroke. Hawaii is across the water but they are in our thoughts and prayers. Anny has mentioned how inspired she was by all of the cards she has received.

Our annual Spring Fling Luncheon is going to happen although we do not have a definite date, it will be mid April and we will get that information out to you as soon as we can.

If you are going to be in the area please drop in and join us for our monthly breakfast held on the first Thursday of the month.

#### Calendar:

**April 2** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.

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Happy Easter! I remember when Easter was a time to don new Bonnets and bring out Spring fashions, smell the aroma of blossoms and a breath of Spring weather. Easter Bonnets and new dresses seem an old fashioned tradition, but as we celebrate Easter, it marks a new beginning to another year, as does our Annual Spring Luncheon.

Thank you to **Julia & George Midwin**, and **Cheri & Ben Scales** for planning our Spring Luncheon which will be held at The Mandarin Gourmet in San Jose on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to sitting back, enjoying social time, and getting to renew some friendships. Our Webmaster, **Marc O'Neill**, invites you to visit our website, [www.southbayruaea.org](http://www.southbayruaea.org) for the Spring Luncheon Flyer.

Some of our members have been doing some traveling. **Alice Rostirolla** told us of her February trip to Vermont to cross-country ski, how one of the days the temperature got up to zero! She travels with the Road Scholar group, and recommends it highly. **Ann & Keith Olthef** went to the balmy Palm Springs area to spend some time with friends from Canada.

It has been great to have the company of **Billie Cramb** at breakfast on Fridays. Occasionally, **Don Nessling's** daughter, Donna, joins us. **Dave Walb's** son and daughter-in-law, Adam & Marilee, also came one morning. **Russ Currier's** daughter, Roberta and her husband, Dennis, visited our group from the Phoenix area, celebrating Russ's Birthday.

**Roger Casterline**, our Western RUAEA Director, keeps our President, **Dave Garland**, informed of Industry News, and Dave shares the information with us each week. While Dave was updating our roster, he realized that **George Dye's** name was missing from the list—so George is now “officially” a member of our group.

It is no April Fool's joke, we wish a Happy Birthday to **Maureen Snyder, Elaine Kristen, Marion Gaevert, Darlene Ikeya, and Mary Kalpin**.

In April, 1694 Pocahontas married Colonist, John Rolfe. We, too, have some members who are also celebrating anniversaries this month. Happy Anniversary to **Cheri & Ben Scales, Charlotte & Jay Cacioppo, Karen & Bob Devlin, Barbara & David Diaz, Carol & Bill Copley, and Katrina & Leon Manou**.

We send our good wishes to **Marion Gavert**, who had surgery, and hear she is doing well. Also, our President, **Dave Garland**, had surgery, but only missed one of our meetings. Thank you to **George Midwin**, our Vice President, who stepped up in Dave's absence. **Sam Cramb**, too, was back with us after his surgery. **Maureen Snyder**, our Sunshine Chairman's report has been short lately, and even though we all enjoy listening to Maureen's Scottish brogue, we are happy everyone is doing well.

**George Midwin** announced that the non-profit group, Patriots Jet Team Foundation will be opening a school in aviation. They are looking for volunteers to work with students, ages 14 – 18, either as teacher or mentors. The Patriots Jet Team has performed at the area's Fleet Week and at UAL Family Days at SFO.

The featured person for this month is **Mary Anne Harrah Lock**. Mary Anne was born in Welch, West Virginia which in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was proclaimed to be “The Heart of the Nation's Coal Bin”. Nevertheless, the *\*\*glitz\*\** and *\*\*glamour\*\** of Manhattan drew Mary Anne to The Big Apple. In New York City, Mary Anne attended the Fashion Academy. She worked in the Garment District for Brooks Costume Company and as a Dress Designer. Her designs were recognized in the Daily Mirror, along with pictures. It was during these years that Mary Anne did TV modeling on the Ethel Thorsen television show. Ethel Thorsen was a performer who had appeared in the Ziegfeld Follies, musical reviews and musical comedies and had her own television show on the DuMont network in New York City. Mary Anne also modeled for Rupperts' Beer. The beer was named after the American Brewer, businessman Jacob Ruppert who, among other things, was known for being the owner of the Yankees, purchasing the contract of Babe Ruth and building the original Yankee Stadium. Mary Anne was named “Miss Subway”, and appeared on posters throughout New York City. While living in New York City. Mary Ann also worked for Simmons Tours and American Airlines. While working for American she modeled as a flight attendant when they launched the new Boeing 377 Stratocruiser. (The Stratocruiser's “claim to fame” was that it featured a pressurized cabin.)

In 1954 Mary Anne, her roommate, and one of her brothers decided to move from the east coast to the west coast, and chose San Francisco. They took a cross country road trip, taking advantage of visiting many points in between. Her previous experience working on and maintaining manuals with American Airlines proved helpful because United Air Lines employed her as a typist in Regulations. She worked for her husband-to-be, **Charles Lock** who was a Manager. In 1957, Mary Anne and Charles were married at ~Carmel-By-the-Sea~.

In addition to working for UAL, Charles was an accomplished artist who worked in oil, watercolor and pen and ink. Charles won many awards and belonged to many art associations. Some of his work appeared in a book, **Aviation Art**, by John Blake. Mary Anne & Charles were invited to the home of British artist, Richard David Shepherd, one of the world's most outspoken conservationists, most famous for his paintings of wildlife. Mary Anne loves elephants, and elephant paintings are one of Mr. Shepherd's specialties. He also paints steam railways, aircraft, portraits (The Queen Mother), and landscapes. Mary Ann owns several of Mr. Shepherd's autographed books.

Their daughter, Lesley Anne, was born while Mary Anne & Charles were living in the San Francisco area. Later, Lesley Anne went to Wooster University in Ohio, and came back to this area and worked for Hewlett-Packard.

The Locks moved to Denver in 1969 when Charles was transferred to the Flight Center. It was during this time that Charles was one of the early people who worked organizing The United Airlines Historical Foundation to preserve the past of United Airlines and its predecessor companies in order to educate and inspire future generations. While living in Denver, Mary Anne worked in Food Preparation Management for the Denver Public Schools.

The Locks returned to the Bay Area when Charles was given the choice of moving either to Chicago or San Francisco. For a while Mary Anne worked as an Instructional Assistant in Sunnyvale Public Schools, at Stanford University in a research department, and at Kelly Services. In 1984, Mary Anne returned to work at UAL. Charles designed the logo for a T-shirt when UAL started flying "**Around the World**". Mary Anne was given the job of filling the orders for the T-shirts as they were sold around the UAL system. Check the back of your closets because some of our RUEA people may still have one of these T-shirts.

Mary Anne worked in various departments at UAL, ending in SFOEG and SFOCG when she retired in 1994. Mary Anne states, "*I loved my many years connected with the airlines, American in New York and United in San Francisco...*".

Mary Anne & Charles traveled throughout Europe, including the Scandinavian countries. Mary Anne and her daughter, Lesley Anne, have taken an Alaskan cruise, gone on a Safari in Africa, and traveled through Asia, South America, Mexico, the West Indies, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the United States. This explains why Mary Anne has a vast collection of dolls from many countries. Mary Anne has certainly utilized her opportunities to explore and travel "**Around the World**"—just as it was written on that T-Shirt years ago.

#### Calendar:

**April 21** - Spring Luncheon at Mandarin Gourmet, 5560 Santa Teresa Blvd. San Jose, Ca. (across from Oak Ridge Shopping Center)

**June 16** – Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos

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We met on February 12 at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. Our meeting was opened by President **Bobby Wood**. Bobby's wife **Eleanor** acted as our flagpole for the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor **Ginger DuMars** offering the blessing. President Wood thanked our hosts, **Bob** and **Sandy Brooks**, and introduced our new member, **Bob Scoble** and our National RUEA Representative, **John Zoboli**.

The "warm up" to our meeting was our stand-up comic session, with humor offered by **Don Nesja**, **Bobby Wood** and **Guy Hoffman**.

Treasurer's report was presented by **Rudy Reyna**, which covered the period from the December meeting through February 12. We were able to contribute \$100.00 to each of five different non-profit (from all the

counties represented by our membership). After all bills were paid and the donations made, our balance to begin our 2015 year was over \$200.00.

The minutes had been published in the newsletter and no exceptions or changes were noted, therefore they were accepted as presented (thank you to **Rosie Walls** for being the substitute secretary for December).

**Eve Oberg** (Mel's wife) is currently in a facility in Manteca. Prayers would be appreciated.

President Wood announced the birthdays for January and February of attending members (**Fred Verbaere, Barbara Edkin, Guy Hoffman, and Don Nesja**) as well as anniversaries for the same period (**Ace & Barbara Edkin, and Guy and Nancy Hoffman**).

Our National RUAEA Representative, **John Zoboli** gave his report, including a plug for the 2015 National convention in Pittsburgh, PA, and for membership in the national organization.

Following our numerous door prizes, the meeting was adjourned.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (our next meeting is March 12, 2015) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bobby Wood** (209) 541-1910 or [bobby7004@msn.com](mailto:bobby7004@msn.com), for meeting information and reservations.



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Our February meeting was quite eventful as we arrived in the parking lot of our Sizzler to find it closed! Yikes! We were saved by a last minute change to the Home Town Buffet nearby. All 22 of us made it to the change of location thanks to **Howard Payne** for staying behind and directing everyone.

**Carol Parks** brought Valentine themed candy and door prizes.

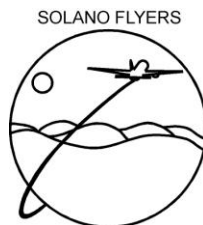
Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- **April 13** – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord (Todos Santos Park location)
- **May 11** – El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill
- **June 8** – our Annual Picnic at Diane and Manny's home.
- **July** – no meeting

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

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### **Submitted by Harold Mitchell**

We had 26 members attend this month's meeting along with 2 guests, **Bill Buras** and special guest, **John Zoboli**, our N. CA/NV Region Director, at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield. Also in attendance were **Bob & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Frank Uhl, Rich Dabbert, McKinley Nelson, Louis Pell, Rudolph Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Robert Zirzow, Allan & Peggy Pochop, Aujla Sukhdarshan, Coustantino Poolos, Eugene Boyce, Charles & Martha Szekretar** and **Charles Johnson**.

The meeting was kicked off by President **Allan Pochop**. We only had one person celebrate her birthday this month and that was **Martha Szekretar**. We also discussed meeting at some different places so next month's luncheon will be at Mary's Pizza Shack in Vacaville.

We decided last year to give a total of 10%, 5% each, of our funds in our account at the end of the year to two different organizations The Solano Food Bank and Opportunity House. **Allan Pochop** mentioned it and checks will be made out to each.

The May luncheon by the Gold Diggers is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> which is just a few miles from us. It was suggested that we try to combine the two groups for a reunion. We had one last year and thought it would be good to do it again. Several of the Solano Flyers also belong to the Gold Diggers and travel each month to both luncheons.

**John Zoboli** talked about the 2015 convention in Pittsburgh in September. He also reminded us that the RUAEA dues were increased \$2.00 this year. He mentioned that Delta and American, using ground power for heat and power, used the aircraft at stations with lay flat beds to accommodate employees overnight during the storms back east. He reminded us that the credit union has gone to online statements and tax forms. If they have to mail them to us there will be a cost. He finished by mentioning that the picnic normally held at Lake Tahoe by the Reno Chapter will be held at Bartley Ranch Country Park August 20<sup>th</sup> in Reno next year.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **McKinley Nelson**.

## COLORADO



### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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March 7, the first Saturday of the month was a bright sunny day. Thirty eight of us had breakfast at the United Flight Training Center in Denver. **Sharon Burbank** joined us today after just arriving back from a trip to South America. She literally came directly from DIA to DENTK. Good to have you back safe and sound! **Tom Goodyear** took the minutes for Sharon until she arrived.

**Ed Moore** and **Lowell Marten** both joined us for the first time from DENTK. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** daughter **Dianne Adkins** and granddaughter **Danielle Baucom** and great grandchildren, **Brayden** and **Heath Baucom** joined in the festivities as well. **Don Burbank** brought his grandchildren as well, **Cooper** and **Charlotte**. It was great to see **Joe & Nancy Bain**. We hope you all will join us again soon.

Please send your prayers to **Lou Lilly** from DENMM. Lou is currently in a Rehab Facility. Lou's wife is retired from DENRR. **Jim Garland** from DENMM passed away on February 6; his funeral was on February 13 and **G.T. Norris** from DENCs passed away on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Goodyear gave a brief financial report and indicated that the Mile High Chapter of RUAEA has \$1,659.59 in the treasury. Since **Harriet Ahr** retired Tom is taking care of the treasury and will serve until the chapter can appoint another volunteer to serve as treasurer.

**Don Burbank** talked about the RUAEA Convention that is scheduled in Pittsburgh, PA, September 23-26. He mentioned a workshop that he plans to put together with the intent to help folks better understand United's website "Flying Together". For some getting the information from the website to list for a flight or just getting general information is difficult. This workshop should be a great help.

There is a great display at DIA celebrating all the airlines that have served Denver in the past and present. Tom mentioned that the United Airlines Historical Foundation has an exceptional display celebrating the airports 20 year anniversary. If you have a chance, visit the display on the bridge between the main terminal and the A concourse. The display will be up until August 15, 2015.

This months 50/50 winners were; **Bill Brehmer**, **Marv Berryman**, **Walt Hansen**, **Charlie Hassler** (he won twice), **Paul Miller**, **Lowell Martin**, **Ray Shoults** and **Cas Spokas**.

Our spring luncheon is planned for April 15<sup>th</sup> at Cinzetti's Italian Market at 281 West 104<sup>th</sup> Ave., Northglenn, CO at 11:30. If you are planning on attending, please send your reservation and monies/check made out to "**RUAEA Denver Chapter**" to **Tom Goodyear** at 9341 E. Jewell Circle, Denver, CO 80231. The cost is \$16.00 per person. That includes all you can eat buffet and a non-alcoholic drink, & gratuity. There will be cocktails for purchase, if desired. Guests are also welcome. The money should be in by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our summer picnic is once again at the Wings Over the Rockies, on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Please do not forget to bring your aluminum cans and/or any aluminum to our next breakfast on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Because of the ongoing aluminum collection we do not have chapter dues. Every little bit helps.

Calendar:

**April 4** - Breakfast at DENTK 9:00 am

**April 15** - Spring Luncheon at Cinzzetti's

**FLORIDA**

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Our monthly meeting and luncheon was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages. President **Ralph Brick** placed an article in the Village Daily Sun newspaper inviting retired United and Continental employees to join our chapter and wow, what a turn out. There were 14 new faces at the table. While we were waiting for lunch to be served, one by one everyone got up and introduced themselves and told where they worked and what they did and where they live now. They come from a varied and interesting background from both Continental and United.

It was great meeting and greeting them. I must add no one said they missed the snow and cold. **Don & Mary Nellans**, our past president and now Regional Director for Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana joined us for lunch. It is always nice seeing them and Don always has the latest news on RUAEA. He advised it is a good idea to subscribe as it has the best information on what's going on with United.

We had some good news ~ **Henry Gefrdis** who broke his leg is out of rehab and wheelchair using a walker at home. We hope you will be joining us again soon, keep getting better.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Ralph Brick**. He said it was his first time, congratulations!

**Claus Brinnitzer** brought grapefruit from his trees for everyone. Thank you, it's the best.

A tasty lunch and good time was had by all. We will all meet again in March to do it all over again.

I would like to send a big Hi to all our friends in Nebraska, the Omaha Goldenears. My husband Bob spent 40 wonderful years with United in Omaha.

If anyone has questions about our group, please contact our president **Ralph Brick** at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net).



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While much of the rest of the country was still feeling the brunt of winter, spring arrived early in Daytona Beach. The skies were a beautiful blue, the wind balmy and the temperature about 86 degrees. In spite of the weather 15 members braved those elements and came to our March meeting. We began with our pledge and a prayer composed by **Bobbie Rieck**. Our President **Dick Coughlin** and his wife **Frieda**, arrived a little late due to a check-up from his recent cataract surgery. Good news that all is well!

Treasurer **Penny Logan** was trying to pass ride to Albuquerque so she missed the meeting but sent an email report that she had processed our donation checks from last month. We did not have a 50/50 at this meeting so no money was added to the treasury. We'll have to have a big sale next month to make up for lost revenue!

**Dick Coughlin** entertained us with a couple a jokes and then a "Why" list. He also gave a brief report of UAL activities. Vice President **Steve Moddle** related that the ID 90 website has changed and to check the latest RUAEA Newsletter for that information.

Birthday wishes were in order for **Bobbie Rieck** and **Jim Myer**. The traditional cake and song was enjoyed by all. Our wedding anniversary couple (**Rick & Marion Johnson** – 14 years) and our Company anniversary celebrants (**Marion Johnson**-46 years and **Penny Logan** - 31 years) were away but we mentioned them anyway!

**Gloria Marcantoni** reported that the Jacksonville chapter of RUAEA (First Coast Sunshiners) has been suspended until there is more interest in that area. If anyone is interested in restarting that group, please contact her at the above e-mail address.

Calendar:

**April 2** – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**May 7** – Same as above

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March 3<sup>rd</sup> dawned, another beautiful day to be living in Orlando. Yes, I'm at it again, hoping we can drum up some new folks to join us once a month! Today, 50 retirees joined us at the Golden Corral and there were several folks we hadn't seen this year and you'll never believe where they live: **Jim Weeks** (Clermont), **Eric & Marie Dodson** (Winter Springs), **Edna Gooseman** (Altamonte Springs), **Ben & Marilyn Bogucki** (CLE), and **Geneva Romine Benton** (IND)!! All these cities are north of Orlando! Ok, Ben & Marilyn actually came over from San Antonio, FL for this visit! Smart northerners huh. It was wonderful to see everyone today and I'm betting they'll be back!

Treasurer Charlotte gave her report. To date, we have 48 paid memberships for 2015 and we have enough in our funds to provide burgers & hot dogs, buns, paper products and condiments for our annual April Picnic, which will be held, once again, at Cypress Grove Park, on April 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11am. We will eat promptly at 12Noon! As in past years, 5 people were picked to bring desserts, the rest of us are asked to bring a dish to share. **Ken Michels** will bring soft drinks & bottled water. The park does not allow adult beverages, sorry. Ernie & Stan will be cooking! Yeah!

President Rich shared with the group that our special guest at the Christmas Luncheon, **Charlie Ferrand** died on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the amazing age of 97. Charlie retired from CLE and lived down in south Florida for many years. A moment of silence by all.

Birthday balloons this month to **Corky Peterson** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Ken Michels** (27<sup>th</sup>) and **Bobbie Gay** (28<sup>th</sup>). Champagne Cork Popping Anniversary Wishes to **Richard & Gloria Armistead**, celebrating 62 years on the 7<sup>th</sup>; **Al & Lois Fields** celebrating 50 years on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and **Ken & Shelby Michels** celebrating 16 years on the 20<sup>th</sup>! Congrats to All!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

**May 5** - Lunch at the Golden Corral



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The March 6 meeting was held at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral. Attending were **Wallis Alves**, **Maxine Brown**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed & Judy Clarke**, **Jerry & Peggy Kliner**, **Scott & Maria Langston**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Bee McCarthy**, **Tony & Darlene Novak**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, **Jerry & Sandy Pryde**, **Diane Roberts**, and **Mel Volz**. We had two guests, **Craig Meilahn** and **Nancy Spalj**.

Jan Coay, Mary Moore, and a trainee named Carolyn handled the program, which was a presentation on Shell Point, an extremely large and beautiful Lifecare community in Fort Myers. There are currently 6 different

neighborhoods and a new area of luxury homes which is now taking applications. There are 5 payment plans and different types of housing from efficiency apartments, town homes and villas to luxury homes, all maintenance free, beginning with independent living and going on to assisted living and skilled nursing care. There is a championship 18-hole golf course, boating, and more activities than one would have time to do. Needless to say all these wonderful amenities come at a hefty cost, but we were each given a coupon for lunch at one of the restaurants in the complex. It will certainly be fun to have lunch and tour the facility for free.

The 50/50 cash prize was won by guest **Nancy Spalj**. President **Bill Burg** tried to coax her into taking a bottle of wine or a large jar of pretzels instead of the money, but she shrewdly took the cash.

Luncheons are held at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, 627 Cape Coral Pkwy W. Cape Coral, FL 33914.

#### Calendar:

Luncheon meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month October through April. Picnic in May.

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A couple of birthdays this month: **Jon Wilkinson** (March 10) and **Beverly Alderdice** (March 22).

**Terri Breslin**, our sunshine lady, will be sending a card to **Noemi Guzman** who became ill on her last trip to Mexico.

So far we've got 22 people signed up for the April 6<sup>th</sup> picnic. We'll be having Pit Boss barbeque. Several people have volunteered to bring desserts. The picnic will be at our regular location in Anderson Park. Our monthly meeting will start at 11am.

**Jon Wilkinson** and **Beverly Alderdice** kept us up-to-date on the happenings at UAL. Lots of stuff going on!

#### Calendar:

**April 6** – Picnic at Anderson Park.



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15 members attended our March meeting and were given a new membership list for 2015-2016. Anyone who was not in attendance can receive their copy at the next meeting they attend.

President **Al Popek** didn't waste any time bringing down his large meat tenderizer and the meeting to order. We all stood and made the pledge of allegiance to the flag and boy, do I get emotional saying the pledge.

We all gave a minute of silence for the three members who passed away days of each other during the month of February ~ **Judith Frage** who lost her battle with lung cancer, **Chris Taylor** who had a major stroke and did not survive it and **Merrill Wetherington** who was suffering from advanced Alzheimer's. We certainly will miss all of them and our prayers are with their families.

The date for our annual picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter, FL will be May 13 so mark your calendar and please note that there will be no regular meeting in May. The voting tally was announced and our luncheon/meeting will remain at Wahoo's.

**Al & Janice Popek** did their decorating of the tables for St. Patrick's Day, thanks again. **Barbara Dodenhoff** again gave her assistance to this task.

Quite a few members announced their desire to attend the RUAEA annual convention which will be held in Pittsburgh this year. Some will drive and some will fly.

Al read a wonderful letter he received on our behalf for the large donations at Christmas time for Toys for Tots, a certificate was also sent from the US Marine Corp.

The birthdays for April are: **Aura Xifaras** (4/18), **Paul Liebisch** (4/25), **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Carolyn Lingren** (4/28). Happy Birthday to All! There are no anniversaries in April.

Live, laugh and love; the clock is ticking. Remember to tell those you love, don't keep them guessing. Do today all the things you want to do; remember tomorrow is not here and today is the present.

Calendar:

**April 1** –Luncheon meeting at 12:30 PM at Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

**May 13** – Annual Picnic, Dubois Park, Jupiter, FL. No regular meeting in May.

**June 3** - Luncheon meeting at 12:30 PM at Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

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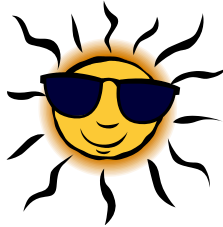
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It's been almost one year now since we started the First Coast Sunshiner's retiree group. During that time, we've had some enjoyable meetings and great conversations, reminiscing about the past and talking about current events. We've had a small core group of regulars and have been joined by others on occasion. However, we haven't been growing and for the meeting scheduled tomorrow, I've received no RSVP's that anyone is able to make it. I did receive a note from **Eleanor** that **Bill Hughes** is recovering from a heart attack, so please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

After considerable thought, I've decided to suspend the activities of this group until further notice. I had hoped we could reach out and find some of the newer retirees and perhaps that will happen at another time. I would be more than happy to help someone restart the group at a later date. In the meantime, I will miss seeing you, so if anyone wants to do lunch, please don't hesitate to call.

Until we meet again,

**GEORGIA**



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Our small group of 20 Flyers and **Fred Cron**'s guest, Melba, met for social luncheon and gab fest of newest events of UAL. Fred led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag; **Andy Ryabik** held the flag pole provided by **Bill Elk**. **Fred Cron** and **Tom Wheeler** conducted the 50/50 drawing and the prize of \$27.00 was won by **Zot Shelley** who donated his share to The Ladies of Distress shelter in Fayetteville. Some Flyers brought donations of food, cereal, soap, and paper products for the shelter. We receive a Thank You letter each month for money and contributions.

Rumors have UAL looking into acquiring long range B-777 for overseas routes. Some stations ramp and customer service jobs are being farmed out! Those who elect to stay; their work week is reduced to 37½ hours and pay cuts.

**Sully Sullivan** sang an Irish Ditty with the upcoming St. Patrick's Day feast having green beer. I can remember that day 56 yrs. ago as the Heiders were blessed with twins, Donnie and Debbie who both reside in Las Vegas.

April 18, the ATL/TPA reunion will be held at **Zot Shelley**'s Ponderosa, bring chairs and a dish or dessert to share. Our past reunions brought long distant retirees from TPA, MSY, and **Jessie & Ruth Hicks** from Camden, TN.

Birthdays in March ~ **Gary Tuttle** 5<sup>th</sup>, **Diane Balas** 7<sup>th</sup>, **Judie Elk** 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Mary Lou Ryabik** on the 11<sup>th</sup>, **Richard Thompson** and my daddy, **Ron Heider**, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our Sunshine Lady Sybil who had a busy month taking the birthday cards with her so she would not forget anyone, she is our Traveling Lady.

Calendar:

**April 1** - Luncheon at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628.

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLRLUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRLUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World!



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Our February meeting was enjoyed by **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff, Denny Snyder, Louise Duvall, Bud & Pat Peters, Ileen Bunce**, and **David & Carol Adams**. We are glad to be meeting now at the Black Bear. Denny and Bob recently monitored a tour at the Warhawk Museum (in Nampa, a nearby town) for American Heritage girls. I've written about the Warhawk previously. Hopefully, you can tell that it's a very special place, and its volunteers make a huge difference.

**Ileen Bunce** shared the following interesting news with us. Being a small group, compared with many of you, receiving news for the monthly letter becomes very important when I sit down at this computer! On Labor Day weekend, Ileen visited the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky on the occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She is a member of the Valley Corvettes here, and she is a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum, which held the grand opening of the motor sports park. Ileen, as a member of the 1 Acre Club, got to drive track for the 1<sup>st</sup> lap. How special for her that was!

David has been so looking forward to the time he would be able to drive charter buses once again, following his knee replacement. Finally, that time is here! He is driving the Fresno basketball team while they're in town. In fact, at this very moment (Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>) the game is being played at our court at Boise State University. Go Broncos! How very different the campus looks as compared to when I was there when it was Boise Junior College (BJC)!

## ILLINOIS



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March snow brings frozen April flowers. Tell me winter is over, please. Yes, it is, temps have gotten into the 50's lately. Maybe it's my being tired of the cold and icy winter, or maybe it's my advanced years, but I feel I have archaic achy arthritis, laughable lumbago, a sinewy spine, am sick of putrid pills, unhandy hands, frilly forearms, knocked knees, infrequent footsteps, injections that make me indifferent, afraid to tilt my head for fear that my brains will fall out, and I'm living on Lethargy Lane.

We still have brave souls coming to our breakfasts. About 25 retirees came to our Northside breakfast. One new Newbie was **Edward Hui** from EXOKF. **John Pasakarnis** returned after a brief absence visiting the Midwest fairs and festivals. **Joan Teister** told of her son, Keith, surprising her with a Christmas visit from the Service. She was still on cloud nine. **Bonnie Meyer** came back with hubby Ed, after watching her grandchildren for a few months. What a good Polish Buszia.

Meanwhile, down on the Southside, we had the grand sum of 17 people. After being delinquent for a few months, **John Pasakarnis** returned, and **Bill Corbett**, ORDF, who had been sick for quite a while with various illnesses. Also back, **Mel Fisher**, who was in Little Rock, enjoying a warmer winter. Mel told of his 98-year-old sister just buying a new car, but letting her license lapse, so gave the car to her granddaughter. At 98, she bought a car; have to give her credit for such a positive attitude. Mel was a sweetheart to bring five instant Lottery tickets for our raffle. **Tom Hurley**, ORDCS, finally brought in his pictures of his vacation in Italy. Of course, they were beautiful. Have you ever seen Italy not looking magnificent? That's a favorite spot for many. Even Caesar liked it there, until they killed him on the Ides of March. **Bill Corbett**, **Bill Brookins**, **Marge Caliendo**, and **Gwen Brookins**, won our money raffle. The Lottery tickets were won by **Ed Ward**, **Marge Caliendo**, **Gwen Brookins**, **John Pasakarnis**, and **Bill Corbett**. Nobody won a \$1,000 a week for life, so they'll all be back next month.

Along with the good, comes the sad. Unfortunately, quite a few of our friends have left us. **Sara Dornacker**, DCASW, CLESW, EXO, and other cities, working on special assignment. There were many very complimentary notes written about her on Facebook, a sad loss. **Dick Tonne**, ORDF, an old friend; **Ken Stuk**, ORDMM, from esophageal cancer and a heart condition. Ken's wife, Jean's address is, 6120 W. Post Rd., Chandler, AZ 85226. From ORDCG, the following people have passed, **Jim Stanley**, **Bob Taylor**, and **Jim Howard**'s wife, **Joyce**. Bob's family address is 1451 Ports 'O Call, Apt. 1-S, Palatine, IL 60074. Joyce was a cabin cleaner, her husband, Jim, was in ORDCG. His address is 13205 Red Alder Avenue, Huntley, IL 60142. Also, from CG, **Jim Leslie**, his wife, **Marietta**, is at 1715 Estes Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018. From ORDCS, **Hannah Bengston**, the German International agent, her husband, **Kim**, can be reached at 1819 Glenview Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. **Richard Carlson**, husband of **Karen**, EXOPW, 1422 Quincy Bridge Ct., Bartlett, IL 60103. From SFOPP, comes news that **Robert Rowan**, passed. He had many EXO addresses, including, GA, FA, AK, AP, and CX. Another passing was a very colorful co-worker from CHIRR, **Bob Faithful**, after a brief illness. Any condolences or a favorite story about Bob can be sent to his niece, Pam, at [phutsell@ec.rr.com](mailto:phutsell@ec.rr.com). We all have some funny and wild stories about Bob, oh yeah! From ORDFO, **Peter Gropp**'s, mom, **May** passed away in March.

Also on a happy note, your humble writer, me, was given the Alumnus of the Year Award, from my high school, for the work I do for the school and my class. I didn't want to add this, but the editor made me do it.

There will be a dinner in May and my family and most of the class will attend. This was a surprise but a very rewarding experience.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**April 8**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**March 31**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**June 22** - Summer Luncheon, Chandler's Restaurant, (Schaumburg Country Club) Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL

**September 23-26** - 2015 RUAEA Convention in PIT

**INDIANA**

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We had a good meeting with a much better attendance. The groundhog saw his shadow (or is it didn't see). At any rate I will be really surprised if our temperature rises above 60° and stays there for more than a day or two. My daughter in Alaska said, "*Mama, you should have come to our house for the winter ... it's warmer here than it is in Indiana!*"

**Ray & Hannelore Brabo** ~ For our "Feature" Article this month, I invited **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** (Hannelore is the Secretary for Indy Racers) for a "Lunch" interview. Well, after talking with Hannelore on the phone, there was so much I wasn't sure I could take notes fast enough or long enough. So they wrote it for me! Ray & Hannelore experienced life to the fullest and when I talked with them I wanted to just sit and listen for hours! Such as, when they arrived in New York from Germany, they had \$600. However, their car had not arrived, and ... no one knew where it was! They were stuck in New York for 6 weeks. When their car finally arrived, it was all smashed up! But it was drivable so they started out for California, camping out most all the way. The few exceptions were when they stopped to visit family or friends. They did not spend one night in a hotel! When they finally arrived in San Jose, CA they still had \$100!

Believe me, these folks are innovators, very thrifty and very creative! I would have had to write a serial to really give you a truthful and panoramic picture of these folks! So, here is the article that Ray & Hannelore have submitted. If you want "the rest of the story," sit with them and listen to some of their personal stories! It will be worth it!

*"It was 1963 when Ray and his wife, Hannelore arrived from Germany in New York, NY, driving our VW all the way through the United States to the West Coast, and we still have the diary, showing that we spent \$28.00 in gas from the East to the West Coast. When we approached Indianapolis, IN, Hannelore remembered that we had a business card from an American patient of her father, and we decided to look up Vesta Cohee, who welcomed and wine and dined us with old Hoosier hospitality. At that time, we had no idea we eventually would make Indianapolis, IN our home.*

*Arriving in San Jose, CA, we stayed with relatives and later pursued employment, working for different companies. It wasn't until an Airlines' friend suggested that Ray try to seek employment with an Airline (United), and after visiting UAL's Personnel Office at the San Francisco Airport, Ray was hired in 1967, working in Stores SFOJJ. We bought a home in Pacifica, CA; however, a couple of years later we moved to San Jose, CA, where Ray commuted by bus, operated by several UAL mechanics, to the UAL Maintenance Base. He was eventually promoted to a lead position. In June 1994, Ray transferred to the new maintenance base in Indianapolis, IN and we left the Bay Area, buying a home close to the base, and we rekindled friendships with co-workers from SFO who also transferred to the new base.*

*Needless to say, we had to get used to the winters here in Indiana, not being used to driving on snow and ice. Ray retired in August 2002, and we decided to stay in Indianapolis. Ray worked at United Airlines a total of 35 years.*

*Upon closure of the maintenance base, Ray & Hannelore decided to form a UAL Retiree Chapter of RUAEA, calling it "Indy Racers" and began getting in touch with former UAL employees and retirees. The chapter members are meeting the second Tuesday of each month, and Hannelore is still the Secretary."*  
Submitted by **Hannelore S. Brabo**.

**Birthdays: Ed Loftus (3); Lenny Kurtz (6); Hannelore Brabo (16); Frank Prins (24); Charles Theiss (27); Robert Duty (30); Ken Boeke (31).**

**Anniversaries: Ruth & Bob Duffey (16); Tony & Barbara Urbanovic (29).**

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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If you watch news programs, you'll know by now that New England has had an unusually cold and snowy winter. We usually don't complain about winter because we all know what to expect. However, snow, snow blow, snow, snow blow, and more snow almost every other day is getting tiresome. Also, I have never seen so many below zero temperatures days. Hopefully, it's almost over for the season. I think we're all after that little rat groundhog! Signs everywhere, "Free Snow". A quote from our Treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal**, "*Free snow, come and get it, or I'll deliver, but you pay the freight.*"

Due to the amount of snow on the ground, the Nor'Easters first meeting of the year was moved from March to April. Our concern is parking near restaurants and members ability to get around.

I spoke to **Oscar Bauerle** via phone. He advised he hasn't been out because of the weather, and depends on younger relatives to help him around. Oscar is not alone! However, one positive about the weather keeping me in is the balances on my credit cards are all zero!

Despite gaining four new members at the end of 2014, our numbers for this year are ten Nor'Easters less. Despite trying, we haven't been able to recruit any Continental retirees.

We still haven't located two members, **Edward Burke** and **Bart Casey**. Any information of their whereabouts would be appreciated.

April's birthdays ~ **William Betters, Tom Blackwood, Peter Fusco, Don Latter** and **Helmut Umbley**.

April's anniversaries ~ **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (47 years), **Andrew & Carol Montalto** (38) and **Kenneth & Jacqueline Washburn** (55).

### Calendar:

Weather dependent

## MICHIGAN

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20 Escapees and 2 guests gathered at the Red Olive Restaurant in Dearborn on March 5<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Camille & Bill Wade**.

Sadly, we said our final "Goodbye" to **Rhea Jaguszewski**, better known as **Rhea Jay**, on February 19<sup>th</sup>. She left to enjoy her eternal rewards and joined her beloved Tom in her new life. Love and prayers to her daughter, Linda Brown and family at 6685 E.16 Mile Road, Reed City, MI 49677-9404.

**Dollie Sellers** has advised that her granddaughter, Danielle, passed away in November. It has been a very difficult time for Dollie. Love and prayers to Dollie and family at 35118 N. Bay Circle, Harrison Twp., MI 48045. She would appreciate hearing from you.

**Eileen Succar** will be having hip replacement surgery on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Cards and best wishes can be sent to her at 6281 Potomac Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48322.

**Nancy Madison** writes that she is picking oranges in Arizona for the first time. Now she is having fun squeezing them for OJ. Yum! Yum!

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call

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One has to admit that Minnesota winters usually hold some surprises and this one has been no different. February was so cold that only 22 Lites made it to lunch that day. The absence of our snowbirds makes an impact as well.

**Gene & Kookie Delvaux** were recently returned from cruising to Hawaii. They enjoyed the trip as always; they're our intrepid cruisers ~ #36 or 37, I think.

**Diane Storlie** was at lunch that day, but not real perky. Her last chemo treatment was called "red devil", the name of which is enough to scare the bejeebers out of a person. We just keep prayin' for her and **Lee** to turn the corner on this nasty alien.

Our friends in PHX who worked the Super Bowl did yeoman's work. According to **Dick Curry**, they had 7,073 seats available in/out for the event. The operation went smoothly and the station did a remarkable job of keeping everything flowing.

Up in the North Woods where a few of us live, there was a horrid auto crash caused by a drunk driver which took the life of a 17-year-old and sent his two companions to the hospital with serious injuries. As it happened, that boy's family is very close to **Joe & Arlene Kelley's** daughter. Tragedies like that come close to home sometimes.

We are all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of **John Beveridge III's** son, Jack. It's so painful to have to bury your child. Notes of condolence may be sent to **John** and his family at 868 Oriole Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124.

**Judy Cafilisch** was the lucky birthday prize winner and the four raffle winners were **Dave Wiley, Arlene Kelley, Jo Ayres** and (pause ... wait while she takes a bow ...) Yes! **Sonja Gunderson!** Thank goodness, we don't have to worry about her for a while. She was able to find her lucky chair unoccupied that month.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) west to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

NEBRASKA

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Even with a heavy snow on the weekend, we had another good turnout with 31 attending at the Golden Corral. We were happy to welcome **Betsy Anderson**, newly retired Flight Attendant as of February 1 and she

became a member on February 3. Betsy remembers many of our retirees when she used to fly in and out of Omaha. The winners of the 25/25/50 are **Marilyn Weak** and **Sharon Farrell**, each receiving \$12.00.

UAL/Omaha Employees were informed February 12 that effective May 17, independent contractors will be hired to take over the operation at the Omaha station. What a sad day as there will be the elimination of 80 jobs in Omaha. According to the article in our local newspaper, Omaha isn't the only station that is being affected. There is the possibility some people can be transferred to other stations across the country. Our thoughts are with all of the employees and their families.

**Roger Jensen** had a CAT scan January 19 and found he has Monostatic Melanoma. He isn't sure about the treatment as yet. Prayers are with you Roger that this will be the last of your cancer problems. Since you were a Golf Ranger at one time, it would be nice if you could get out and play with your golfing buddies this summer. Let's hope that happens.

March Birthdays ~ **Marge Edwards** (1); **Charlie Cromling** (5); **Betty Hall** (7); **Al Habeeb** (20); **Jane Habeeb** (21); **Mary Pierson** (21); **Don Jensen** (26); **Sena Jensen** (30).

We are all looking forward to a little warm weather coming our way – very, very cold winter, although not much snow. Our snowbirds certainly picked the right time to go south this year.

#### Calendar:

**April 7** – B&G's, Hosted by **Tony Sortino**

### NEVADA



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The 45 members in attendance at our February 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting celebrated Valentine's Day with a wonderful lasagna meal and a lot of camaraderie. **RoseMarie Restivo** had some fun Valentine Q's & A's and puzzles that we enjoyed.

We welcomed new members, **Margie & Alex Klaus** (SFOPK), and a LASCS retiree guest, **Barb Kosa**. Our Sunshine Lady, **Eleanor Vasko**, acknowledged February and March birthdays for **Gary Allen**, **Bob Berghofer**, **Benny Brender a Brandis**, **Koji Takeuchi**, **Larry Snavey**, **Bob Levy**, and **RoseMarie Restivo**.

**Winnie Stone**'s son Alex, had major surgery, so we missed **Winnie** and **Lamar Shreeve** at the gathering. We heard that one of our past members, **Dora Coleman**, has passed away. She retired from DCAMK, and was living in the BAL area.

On a happier note, we learned that **Willie (Mae) Bullinger** married her long time companion, **Warren Ikei**. That has to be the "icing on the cake" for Willie's recent 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, it's never too late!

Welcome to **Sharon Burbank** (IADCS) as the newly appointed Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain region. She is helping out her husband, **Don Burbank**, who assumed the role from **Chuck Cole**. Don is also a board member of RUAEA, working as airline liaison. We look forward to meeting Sharon.

There has been some interest from **Jeanie Rolland** taking over as secretary for our Chapter. This will alleviate **Christine Earl**, who has been wearing both hats as Treasurer and Secretary. I will continue to send in the monthly newsletters to RUAEA.

#### Calendar:

**April 14** - 11:30 am Arizona Charlies' on N. Decatur Blvd.

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There were 16 members plus one guest at our January meeting at The Black Bear Diner. The guest is **Anthony Nettles**, Pat's son.

Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch County Park have been made for our August summer picnic, the reservation date is Thursday, August 20. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. As we get closer to the date, we can check member interest in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch. As a side note, Hot August Nights will be August 4 – 9 so there should be no impact for our picnic. The cost is \$130.00/day with a refundable cleaning deposit of \$100.00.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Mary Withers**. **Pat Nettles**, **Tom Diehl**, **John Zoboli** and **Donna Perkins** won various gifts generously donated by **Dottie & Al Robbins**.

**Bill Perkins**, our resident pastry chef, surprised the group with chocolate cupcakes.

It is that time again – 2015 dues. The cost remains the same - \$5 per person. Please send your checks to **Kathy Robinson**.

## **NEW JERSEY**



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Well for once it didn't snow and the roads were pretty clear, so we had our meeting at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. We had about 25 people turn out, and of course it was good to see all our friends again.

President **Frank Worzacha** led us in a flag salute and a moment of silence, for those who have recently passed away. **Rich Creighton** from local 914 was there to give an account of the latest activities between the union and the company, especially saving about 800 jobs from being farmed out. **George Whitman** and **Gene Enfield** have been on the disabled list for a while. All of us hope for a speedy recovery for two of our more loyal Garden Staters.

Our treasury seems to be okay as is slowly starting to build up again; of course we will have to find new ways to spend it. **Bob Burke** won our 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on March 25 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

*"Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy you must have somebody to share it with."*

## **NEW YORK**

### **NEW YORK METROS**

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Well, 22 of the hardiest Metros showed up for our March 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon. That's only one more than the total of March birthdays for the group so I'm pretty sure you won't want me to list all of those, just me and **Roy Portelli**, OK? And three other attendants, **Diane Pozzi**, **John Green** and **Dee Talochino**. We're still missing

Roy, but he's in our prayers. With **Rose Schneider** gone, I'm afraid **Dale Deuber** and **Cathy Corrente** won't get to attend many of our luncheons. Let's hope better weather will bring them all out. Speaking of which, we are still totally blanketed with the snow that fell over a month ago on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We had some rain recently which didn't help attendance, but yesterday we had 7 inches more of snow. If the returning snowbirds think they missed it, they could be mistaken. It is beautiful though, with the sun shining, but too cold to thaw.

**John Green** was sporting a St. Patrick's green cast on his wrist, broken by a fall on the ice when he went to check on his 94 year old Mom, who is just fine! **David Curtin** passed away after a lengthy stay in a nursing home, our prayers to his family. I finally got a call through to **Ann Hluboky**, only to be brought up to date on a terrible accident she had last November. She was hit by a Mercedes, driven by a 27 year old; whom a witness said looked to be doing 100 miles an hour. Both cars were totaled and Ann was left with a concussion, broken ribs, bruises from her toes to thighs, and worst of all, trauma to her heart which caused atrial fibrillation. She spent 10 days in St. Francis Hospital, one of the best for heart problems and 8 more in Winthrop. I'm sure she could use a call, cards and certainly, our prayers.

Winners of our 50/50: 1<sup>st</sup> prize ~ **Donna Feingold**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ **Leo Talochino**, an 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ **Alice O'Hagan**. Try as I may, I can't dig up any gossip on this group. **Ed Pozzi** has our picnic set up at Wantagh State Park for July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>. Our next luncheon at Milleridge is on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Couldn't we have changed that? April's Fool's Day.

## NORTHWOODS

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES



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This is just a brief reminder since we only meet twice a year that you should save May 19-22 for your visit with the Northwoods Loonies. Everyone is welcome. Just bear in mind that once you attend a Loonies meeting, you will forever remain a Loonie in our eyes.

You must phone the Quality Inn Motel for reservations no later than April 30 to get our special rate of \$69.00 per night. If you request the Northwoods Loonies rate, they will recognize you. Their info is: Quality Inn & Suites, 905E. Lakeshore Dr., Manistique, Mi. 49854. (906) 341-3777.

We will know how many to expect by virtue of how many make reservations at the Inn. We will be visiting several places of interest for tours or sight-seeing. There are several places of interest which you might want to stop at on your way here or on the way home, depending on your direction of travel. If you arrive on Tuesday, we will go to dinner together, probably at the Big Boy restaurant, and then spend the evening in swapping airline stories, or other idle chatter. Wednesday and Thursday will be sight-seeing and Friday after breakfast, it's adios for another six months or so.

Our business meeting will take place sometime Wednesday or Thursday. We will try to cover any news of interest, plus the main topic, which is who will volunteer to host the next meeting and where.

The week of March 1<sup>st</sup>, a letter will be going out to the Loonies regular attendees with a few more details. If you don't receive yours and feel you need it, give me a call and I'll see that you get a copy.

We're very much looking forward to seeing you all May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## OHIO

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Hello Everyone! This has been one cold, cold winter and we hope that all of you are safe and sound, and healthy. It seems that although Cleveland had a lot of ice and snow we did not get the overwhelming snow that the far Northeast got. Hope all is well! This is our second luncheon for the New Year and we enjoyed our day together yesterday and had great, great lunch. Our luncheon opened with 54 members attending, had a fantastic lunch and everyone was happy of course. We would like to thank **Nancy Carter** and **Mary Lou Mack** for hosting this luncheon.

A number of people have wanted to know from **Kay Preston** about prices on the cruise. **Dolly Taucher** spoke with her and Kay said she is willing to give you a bird's eye view and information. She will be available to answer questions and give a price for that particular ship to anyone interested.

Sadly, we have lost another one of our United retirees, although not a member of our chapter. Her daughter, Julie contacted us that their mother **Jean Zavesky**, a freight agent in CLE passed away on February 3, 2015. Jean had transferred to Detroit where she later retired. Julie and her dad wanted to make sure that all of Jean's friends were made aware of her passing.

On a different note we were all surprised to see **Sharon & Bernie Garrah** with us at the luncheon. We know driving from their home was not easy in this kind of weather. We were all happy to see the two of them spend their day with us. We want you both to know our prayers are with you. You could not have given us a better present.

Birthday Time! We only have two members with us who are celebrating their birthdays in March. **Sharon Garrah** and **Frank Osborn**. We serenaded them with our usual beautiful voices.

March Anniversaries: Although they were not in attendance, **Vince & Norna Malena** are celebrating 48 years together! Congratulations from all of us!

50/50: Last but not least, our 50/50 taken care of by **Dave & Marie Placko**. This week we had another repeat of winners: **Tom Hocket** won again and **Cathy Pytel** was the other repeat winner.

#### Calendar:

**April 8** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (because of Easter) at Mahle's on Detroit Avenue in Westlake. That's East of Rte 252. Cost is \$19.50

**May 6** - Bucci's. FYI, the name has been changed to Tavolo72 at the Crowne Plaza. The name has changed, but everything else is the same. Cost is \$20.00

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our February luncheon was well attended with 76 members and two guests. **Bob & Dee Boelter** brought friends **Ferna Hicks** and **Sherry Redinger**.

**Robert (Bob) Rowan** passed away on January 15, 2015 after a brief illness. He had a 35 year career with United Airlines. A "Celebration of Life" will be held in his honor at the end of March in the San Francisco Bay area where his family and friends can meet and make one final toast to Bob. He apologizes for not being able to attend but hopes all those that do will remember him for his love of life. If you would like to be notified of the

time and place of the celebration, please send an email to [rprowan@msn.com](mailto:rprowan@msn.com). Condolences can be sent to his wife **Patrice** at 5634 E. Grandview Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254-1278.

February anniversaries: **Charlie & Donna Stemper** (47 years); **Paul & Sandra Bowles** (48 years); **Don & Grace Phillips** (62 years). February birthdays: **Ron Vriens** (75), **Ron Lyall** (76), **Gene King** (21 and holding), **Elaine Houk** and **Betty Alff** (83).

Drawing Winner: Lunch/Door prize ~ **Joe Alff**, Men's Birthday ~ **Ron Vriens**, Women's birthday ~ **Betty Alff**, 50/50 ~ **John Carter**.

Members who signed up to provide table decorations were reminded to keep them simple and inexpensive, and have fun.

#### Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center, Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon.

**April 8** – Social

**May 13** - Social

### OUR CLUB

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The March luncheon was held at Hong Kong restaurant in our beautiful city on the river. It was hosted by **Bob & Miriam Lindbergh** but Miriam was unable to attend. Our best wishes go out to her, hoping she will feel better soon.

We had 12 people attending or so I am told as I have been down with bronchitis for three weeks now. Ric told me it was a great meeting and everyone had much to talk about. **Sonia Appleton** is going to Peru for almost a month to visit family, **Doe Pope** is going to California to visit family for a couple weeks and the rest of us are staying put.

We had a former member visiting us, **John Branstetter**, who used to work at the SFO Maintenance center. He shared with the group funny stories of the Mainliner Club parties he organized many years ago. **Ida Rogers** also attended the luncheon; sure Ida, I wasn't there to talk dogs and cats with you. She is bowling again and from what I hear, she is pretty good at it.

**Marge Calkins** gave **Ric Walcha** a cool looking camouflage hat she made and a cute bunny for me. Marge is very handy with sewing and displays her goodies at many of our local crafter bazaars. **Linda Althouse** started our 50/50 and the strange thing was **Bob Lindbergh** picked his own lucky number to win \$47. President **Ric Walcha** and a few others think it was rigged.

Our next luncheon will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> at La Burrita Restaurant on the Grants Pass Parkway beginning at noon. If you would like to attend please contact me.

Enjoy the mild weather while you can, summer will be here before you know it.

## PENNSYLVANIA



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The March meeting was cancelled. See you all on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Essington, 12:30 pm. Lunch is \$15. We hope spring has not been cancelled!

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of **Norm Donkin** and **Steve Salvador**. They died in January. They are missed.

Many of our members have been ill. Hopefully, warm sunny weather will improve health and well being. This list includes **Alan Edwards**, **Frank Eggles**, **Tom Lyons**, **Dick Ems**, **Lew Meyer**, **Bernie & Mona McNamee**, **Jim & Barbara Fanto** and **Joe Bradley**. If your name was missed, please give a committee member your name.

Mark your calendar for September 23-26 for the convention in Pittsburgh.

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Darn Ole Punxsutawney Phil, doesn't he know it's Spring? Daylight savings time? Time to look out the window and see some green grass.

Our Convention chairs, Treatie, Dave and Mary Jane are busy, busy, getting things ready for our RUAEA convention, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be another good one so start getting ready for RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH.

The Pit-Stoppers spring luncheon will have been held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, so we will recap it in the next newsletter. The Easter Bunny will also have come and gone by the time you read this.

I spoke to our Bionic man, **Jim Weber**, and so far so good with all of his surgeries. We hope to see him soon at the luncheon. Our good friend **Art Todd** may soon be visiting, I hope he makes it for "our" birthday.

I'm so sorry to report the passing of former PIT and ORD mechanic **Albert Dukovich** on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Al was a former Air Force reservist and had 38 years with United. Our condolences to his wife **Delores** and family!

Our April anniversaries are **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (13<sup>th</sup>), and **Vic & Joan Ference** (30<sup>th</sup>). April Birthdays are **Jeri Juth** and **Art Todd** (5<sup>th</sup>), **Mitch Abbas** (14<sup>th</sup>), and **Dave Detwiler** (28<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to all!

Our Buccos are doing well in spring training; the home opener is April 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's hope the first pitch isn't a snowball.

**Don't forget "RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH", September 23-26.**

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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First of all, I am back. I missed a month as I just had to go to Hawaii for a month. We had little trouble getting there but I would like to advise y'all to put your cell phone on your standby reservation. We did not get on one flight and we actually received a text from United about a delayed trip to Kona and that there were seats available. Wow, was I shocked!

The January meeting was hosted by **Noreen Koan** and **Ray Perry** and was held at the Tellico Country Club. We have been there before and it was enjoyed by all, except me as I was in SFO at the time. **Mike & Barbara Chapin** were in Florida so Polly gave the balance of \$294.51. **Jo Humbert** is going to have cataract surgery and a card was sent to her.

I had sent in a vote for our May meeting for the Playhouse here in Crossville, the members voted for Singing in the Rain. So now May is all set. The meeting place for March is going to be planned by **Betty Shipe** and will be announced by e-mail.

We had a very interesting speaker; her name is **Bobbi Phelps Wolverton**, a flight attendant for World Airlines (charter Company). She has written a very compelling and entertaining memoir and told some interesting stories. Her book is called Behind The Smiles.

Door prizes were won by **Jack Ferrell**, **Dave Leonhardt**, **Terry Klosky**, **Al Barkman** and his son, **John**, and **Herman Emmel**.

#### Calendar:

**March 19** - To be Announced

**May 21** - Lunch at Beef and Barrel 12:00pm and 2:30 show at CCPHS Singing in the Rain

**July** - To be announced

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Past President **Frank McAnulty** presided at the February 10 meeting of Seattle's Emerald City Slickers in the absence of President **Dave Jones**, who was skiing in Canada. It was great to have **Frank** and his wife, **Fran**, with us again – and to see some of our newer members in attendance.

We were short on officers *and* attendees for this meeting at the Elks Club in Burien, Washington, our meeting place for the 2014-15 year. Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** was still recuperating from her January pelvic fracture and Secretary **Carol Soffel** was MIA. Your columnist, **Gay Liesse**, took brief notes.

**Frank** opened the meeting with a tribute to the late **Helen Stanger**, who had completed 13 years as chapter treasurer before retiring from that position at the end of December. **Helen's** untimely death in January was a shock to us all.

Several of the gals **Frank** had worked with at United's SeaTac station were in attendance, and he shared stories of their experiences together years ago. A portable microphone helped, as **Frank** also told a few jokes and stories.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** presented her report for the month of January with copies distributed to each table ~ income, in almost equal amounts, for the month was divided between dues and charges for meals. Outgo covered payment for meals and printing and postage fees for mailing our meeting notification sent to those who

do not use e-mail. **Jackie** has experience as treasurer of other organizations too, and her report was very professional.

Again, we thank **Tom Holford** for putting together a one-sheet version of *Contrails*, our chapter newsletter. At the moment we lack an editor and the publication, as we knew it, has ceased to exist. Limited mailing of meeting announcements is needed, because some members require a mailed, paper copy with necessary information for the upcoming meeting. Luncheon reservations are required, so the main thrust currently is to provide a list of entrée choices and information on date, time and location, as well as instructions for making reservations.

February door prizes went beyond the usual array of wine, and it was fun to see food items and flowering plants for selection by winners. **Bob Brumfield** officiated at the drawing of door prize and raffle (50/50) tickets with the assistance of **Jim Small**. **Don Hanson** was the lucky 50/50 winner.

The overflowing book table suggested that members had begun their spring cleaning with weeding of shelves. Charity calendars also were available, as were jigsaw puzzles brought by **Frank & Fran McNulty**. In the absence of our book gatherers, **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl**, **Ed & Gay Liesse** packaged leftover books and magazines for delivery to the King County Library System. They also glommed onto the puzzles, being avid fans. Those they don't plan to work themselves were donated to the Assisted Living section of Wesley Homes in Auburn, where you always find a jigsaw in progress.

The March luncheon offered the usual choice of 3 entrees. With St. Patrick's Day soon after our meeting, reservations leaned toward corned beef and cabbage! The Elks new chef continues to please and volunteer servers report that he keeps an efficient, well-organized kitchen.

#### Calendar:

**April 14** - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

**May 12** - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

Summer hiatus

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### DULLES LOUNGERS

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#### *Submitted by Linda Scriven, Dulles Loungers President*

This report is coming from **Linda Scriven**, President of the Dulles Loungers, due to our correspondent **Lucy Chatelain** being in the hospital. Lucy had a fall in her home the day before Thanksgiving and broke her hip and an ankle. Both have been repaired, but a long stay in the rehab hospital is in order before she can go home. She is mending and has a wonderful attitude.

This has been a rough end to 2014 and into 2015 for us. It is with great sadness when we learned that **Peg Boetchers**, one of our senior members, passed away. Her caregiver Vel made sure she made it to all our luncheons and made sure she had reconnected with her many friends of United.

Another longtime member who passed away was Susie Stanley. Susie was born on 7/18/1930 and departed on 2/11/2015; she resided in Dumfries, Virginia. Susie Segar Stanley, 84, of Dumfries, VA, died Tuesday, February 11, 2015, at her home. Ms. Stanley was a graduate of Stafford High School 6/19/1949 and started her career with Capital Airlines (now United Airlines) 8/9/1949 working in Flight Operations Dept., Personnel Dept., and retired from Inflight Services Dept. on 1/1/1988 after 38½ years of service. Survivors are her sons, Winston N. Stanley and wife Alice, their children, daughter Shannan E. Stanley, Shelly M. Hart and her daughter Megan N. Hart and son Jeremy N. Stanley and his son Jacob A. Stanley, all of Stafford, VA. Her son Gerald L. Stanley and wife Betty, daughter Rachel V.M. Stanley from Littleton, CO. Also survived by her sister Annabelle D. Daymude of Fredericksburg, VA, and sister-in-law Nancy P. Dent of Falmouth, VA and brothers Wilber F. Segar and Claude (Jr.) Dent.

Our great news is **Kerrie Schneider** has come thru a rough year and has finished with her cancer treatments.

We are looking forward to Spring, which is on its way.

If you know anyone in the Washington D.C. or Virginia area, let them know we have our luncheons the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month except for July and August, at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA, starting 1130am. Come on over and connect with old friends and make new ones.

## NATIONAL

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Hello RUAEA,

We continue to add new members to our "SFO Peninsula" Chapter. It is so rewarding to have started a new chapter and have them excited about it too!

Hopefully, now is the time to move on to other cities. We are looking at Tucson and Orlando. We feel there is opportunity in both places for another Chapter.

All of the "Clippers" are encouraged to join RUAEA and RAFA. We need to stay together as a family to regain our position as "retirees" in the Company.

Spring is just around the corner and for our 'mid-west and east coast families enjoy every moment of sunshine! You deserve it all!

## NEW MEMBERS

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## OBITUARIES

***Obit Notice Policy:*** *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in writing. The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:*

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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

- Retiree – **Coleman, Dora**, on 2/9/2015, DCAMK, beloved friend of Dwight Bridges, 3709 Eastman Road, Randallstown, MD 21133
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- Retiree – **Terada, Edmond Y.**, on 10/6/2013, HNLMM, husband of Janet E. Terada, 2961 Kalawao Pl. Honolulu, HI 96822
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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:**

John Bateman, Mary Brennan, Robert Clinton, Dorsey Cooper, John Domalik, Kathryn Flynn, Christina Gallagher, William Gordius, Wayne Greenhill, Carol Hatton, Joan Hoffmann, Mary Horan, Ronald Huhn, Nick Hyland, William Kinson, Janet Lockhart, Donna Lynn, Marie McGuire, Chris Miller, Nancie Scriven, Anne Seibel, Lee Storlie, Gayle Swanson, Ted Tollefsen, Helme Walter, Dennis Zoerink.

### **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.)*

#### **Larry Anzelmo, 6860 Bacon Ln., Chattanooga, TN 37421**

Thank you for all the hard work in publishing the Newsletter. My wife and I enjoy all the good information furnished.

I am sure that you bring sunshine into a lot of homes with the news and current events, to a lot of shut-ins.

#### **Shaun Brennan, 2720 Monserat Ave., Belmont, CA 94002**

My wife and I received positive space tickets on United from my son from SFO to ATL for the Christmas holidays.

All was fine. I presented my tickets to the agent at SFO and showed him the short article in the Newsletter which stated that if the code, GGBAGEMP was entered; our bags could go for free as we were employees.

The agent did not know about this; but to his credit he searched his computer and found it. So our bag went free.

On our return trip I did the same thing about our bag. This time the agent made a few calls and said he could not find that code. So therefore, I had to pay the baggage fee. He did tell me that if the tickets had been purchased by SKYNET, the bag would be free.

My question is, how can one agent find the code computer and another can not? What difference does it make how the ticket was purchased, if one proves that they are employees or as in my case a retiree? Are we not all members of the same company?

Many years ago when I joined United, it was in a way, like one big family. One felt that if you had a problem and another employee could help, they would. I do not feel that it is this way anymore, maybe I am wrong. I paid \$25 for my bag which I feel was not right but I do not expect to get the money back.

**Mary Frank, PO Box 998, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240**

I love to see the newsletter in my PO Box. I enjoy reading everyone's input. Once in a while, I see names that I knew in Ohio, which is fun to see.

Tom has been gone 14 years but I am still here. We have 5 great grandchildren now. They are in WA and MI, so I don't get to see them as often as I would like to. But phone calls are always a joy, and my flights on UAL are a blessing.

Thanks for the Newsletter. It takes a lot of people from all the different stations to accomplish all that goes into it. It is wonderful for all the members and us Retirees.

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

Health wise, I am doing fine. Well, my joints do not work like they did when I worked the ramp in MIA. But I can still stand up on my own except when I fall; which I did in January. My wife, Sally, and I rented an apartment in Hugo, OK for the winter, at The Baptist Village, to be near nursing care if needed. Well, we needed it on January 26<sup>th</sup> when I took a fall face down. Two nurses bandaged me up, and then sent us to the ER. It seems like I fall once a year, so I will be cautious this year.

May God continue to bless you all and if he allows me more time on this earth, I will see you next year.

**Guy Hoffman, 15330 Ridgewood Dr., Sonora, CA 95370**

It is time for me to renew again, which I am happy to do; but I want to thank all of you for producing the newsletter. As soon as it arrives, I have to read it line for line. Even though, I have been retired for 22 years from SFOIQ, I still see names of someone I worked with, or knew in some way. Unfortunately, many have passed on, and many have been several years younger than I (85).

Nancy, my mountain climbing and backpacking buddy for 58 years has dementia so bad that I have to be with her every minute, but it keeps me busy (and young). Flying is out of the questions of course, as is mountain climbing; but we have traveled across the country 8 times, as well as around the Yukon and Alaska, in our 24 foot motor home. We really enjoyed traveling. I do not think I could understand or handle the hassle of pass travel now. Why does it have to be so complicated; must be someone's job.

**Tom Kalfa, 16705 Jeanette Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703**

At a time when the dollar doesn't seem to go as far as it once did, the RUAEA newsletter is a real bargain. Where else can you get entertaining writing, timely information and updates on the many people who became our lifelong friends as we shared in the creation and growth of an airline we were proud to call the "Friendly Skies".

Those were wonderful days and exciting times and each issue of your newsletter fans the ember of nostalgia within us and warms us with the fond memories and the satisfaction of having been part of an iconic airline during its heyday. It was at a time when the glamour and romance of commercial aviation was at its pinnacle.

There is no need to wring our hands in anguish over today's United Airlines falling short of what it might have been. We can take justifiable pride in contributing to the camaraderie, spirit and culture that made the United Airlines we served such a success and a timeless role model for anyone striving to reach the heights in the airline business.

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

Another year has flown by. For me it was mostly good.

My oldest son and his wife were in Colorado from April to September. We made several day trips. One was the Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak. This was probably not the wisest thing for me since I have heart problems. I enjoyed it and survived it.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, I had an attack of overly tiredness; went to see the doctor after three days. I ended up in the hospital for 6 days with a blood infection. I had 6 weeks of daily antibiotics via PIC line. A nurse came every day at 9 am to administer them. Finally I have my energy back and am doing well. Hope to see everyone at the breakfast.

**Janet Terada, 2961 Kalawao Place, Honolulu, HI 96822**

It has been very difficult for me since the loss of my husband, Edmond. He was my best friend, traveling warrior companion and a retiree of UAL. He died suddenly and unexpectedly while vacationing in Hanoi, Vietnam in October of 2013. Ed started his career with UAL in 1967 in SFOMM, transferred to HNLMM in 1970 and retired in 1999.

We attended several RUAEA Conventions and met so many wonderful retirees. I continue to look forward to receiving your informative newsletter each month and keeping in touch with RUAEA. I appreciate your dedication in dispensing the latest information.



**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOLLOW**

# Useful Information

## United App or Mobile Flying Together?

United promotes several apps for mobile devices and this may cause some confusion. Here are the basics to help you be in the know while on the go.

### United App

**What it is** ~ This app is for customers, but employees, retirees and everyone can use it, with or without a Mileage Plus account.

**What you can use it for** ~

- ➔ Book and manage revenue travel.
- ➔ Manage pass travel – once you’ve booked your flight on employeeRES, add your confirmation number to the app and you can get your boarding pass, see your standby status, etc.

**Supported devices** ~ Apple, Android, Windows 8, and Blackberry 10

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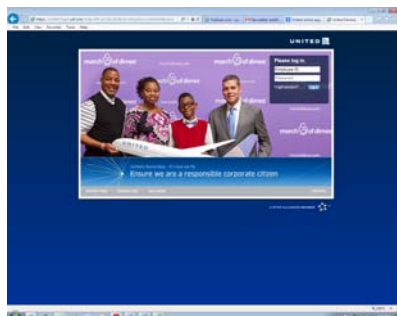
### Mobile Flying Together

**What it is** ~ This is a mobile-friendly version of several key parts of the Flying Together website. It is available to employees, retirees, business partners and all those with full access to Flying Together.

**What you can use it for** ~

- ➔ Book and manage pass travel
- ➔ Read United news
- ➔ Read Jeff’s Journal
- ➔ Access your “My favorites” and “My tools” as stored on your Flying Together page
- ➔ There is also a link to the full Flying Together site, including the pages that may not be formatted for mobile viewing.

**How you can access it** ~ This is **NOT AN APP** so there’s nothing to download. Just go to [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) from any mobile device: phone, tablet or phablet and you will be directed to the mobile version. Bookmark it or add it to your home screen.



# Important Phone Numbers



## United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

## United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

## United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

## Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729

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## Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

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## New United number: 877-825-3729 (International

use: 847-825-3729) This is a new, centralized number for employees/retirees to reach United. After calling the new number, **select option #2 (for retirees)**

## Aetna 1-800-334-0110

## PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

## Alliant Credit Union

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

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