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“SEATTLE RAIN DANCE” – September 21-24, 2016! Everybody loves Seattle, and you will too! Renew company friendships and meet new faces. Share reminiscences of your days with United Airlines and conversations beginning with “remember when ...” and “those were the days.” Many of you fondly remember the 2004 RUAEA convention here in Seattle.



The Emerald City Slickers are waiting to welcome you to the Emerald City, situated on an isthmus between salt-water Puget Sound and Lake Washington. Lush green surroundings gave the city its nickname. The volcanic Cascade Mountains to the east, where Mt. Rainier peaks at 14,417 feet, and the Olympic Mountains to the west further augment the landscape.

Originally established by the logging industry and as a gateway to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush in the late 19th century, the Seattle area now is geared toward high-tech companies such as Amazon, Boeing, Microsoft and Nintendo but also features the headquarters of Costco, Nordstrom and Starbucks.

The “DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport – Southcenter” is your convention home away from home. This all-suite hotel will provide you with ample space and amenities, including refrigerators in every room. Free parking and complimentary breakfast will enhance your visit – and the hotel is located very near one of the area’s largest shopping malls. An airport shuttle is available. (Do not confuse this new location with the DoubleTree across the street from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, where the 2004 convention was located.)

Seattle and the Emerald City Slickers welcome you!

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GENERAL NEWS

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Oscar: "Let's stay focused"



Dear team,

Greetings from Houston, where I am excited to be meeting with many of our IAH teammates. It's great to be back on the front line and seeing the incredible momentum all of you are generating through your focus on our operation, customers and each other.

To help accelerate our path forward, as I hope many of you saw, recently, we announced that we named three highly qualified new independent directors to United's board of directors: Jim Kennedy, Robert Milton and Jim Whitehurst. They are world-class executives with deep relevant experience, including more than 25 years of combined airline industry expertise. I'm proud to welcome them to our board.

We have also been informed by two hedge funds, Altimeter Capital and PAR Capital Management, of their intention to nominate six director candidates to United's board of directors. One of their director nominees is Gordon Bethune, who retired as CEO of Continental Airlines in 2004. As many of you know, Gordon is credited with leading Continental's turnaround over 20 years ago. And, like Continental in the '90s, we are starting to see real improvement in our performance by focusing on our employees, operation and customer experience.

However, PAR and Altimeter aren't just advocating appointing Gordon to the board. They are nominating six director candidates, which we believe is designed to put their nominees in control of the board and our company's future. This situation shouldn't change your focus. Nothing changes – so please keep working hard to earn our customers' trust and taking care of each other. Our focus must remain on running a great airline that all of us are proud to work for and that our customers choose to fly.

You can learn more about our response to this proxy contest and follow additional updates at united.shareholderresource.com.

I am energized by the momentum we are seeing across our airline. There are great opportunities ahead of us and we will continue to stay focused on you and our customers as we grow. Thank you for your continued hard work and commitment - I look forward to seeing you around the system at IAH, LAX and SNA this week and more locations in the weeks ahead.

A Message From The RUAEA VP of Conventions



Hi Folks, the 2016 RUAEA Convention in Seattle will be here before we know it because, with us mature retirees, time flies faster than ever. The hotel, the Double Tree Suites Southcenter is now accepting reservations.

You can call 1-800-222-8733 and be sure to identify that you are with the Retired United Airlines Employees Association. Or you can book online by going to www.ruaea.org for the link ~ click on the 2016 Convention icon and then on RESERVE TODAY. The rate is \$129.00 plus tax and includes breakfast for two. The rate is available three days prior and three days post based on availability, so book early. All you need to secure a reservation is to have a credit card on file with the hotel. If you are driving, parking is free unless you have an RV. Remember the convention dates are September 21-24, 2016.

Request From Our RUAEA Secretaries



When you send a check and/or a letter, please remember to include your file number. There are members with the same name and the renewal may not be applied to the correct account if the file number is not included.

Also, please keep us up to date with your current address, phone number, and email address. If you write, please make sure your handwriting is legible. If you call, and leave a voice mail,

please slowly speak your name, phone number, file number and the reason for the call. The Denver office's phone doesn't have caller ID so we can't return your call unless you leave your phone number.

Tail stands to improve safety during the arrival process



Ground Service Equipment Maintenance is deploying 475 tail stands to hubs and stations starting this month to support the aft ends of Boeing 737-900 and -900ER aircraft while parked at the gate to enable immediate deplaning of customers from the front of the plane.

The stands will ensure customer and employee safety and reduce deplaning delays that are necessitated by having to offload aft cargo before allowing customers off the front of the aircraft to keep the plane balanced. United has also changed its load planning procedures since last year to prevent dealing with imbalanced aircraft upon arrival, when stabilizing fuel volumes have been greatly reduced during flight.

United looked at a number of options and fully tested two models of tail stands, one provided by the manufacturer and another developed by Structures Engineering Lead Principal Engineer Chris Ton-That; United settled on the United model for its light weight, ease of use and cost - less than half the cost per unit of the manufacturer's model, said GSE Engineering Senior Manager Andy Alexander.

"The UA-engineered tail stand allows our below-the-wing crews the ability to offload the front and rear cargo holds simultaneously," said Airport Operations Ground Equipment Senior Staff Representative Larry Koldoff. *"This offload process improvement will ensure safety and also help our stations meet metrics for bag performance and reliability."*

United is evaluating the use of the stands now in hubs and will fully deploy them at hubs by March and at line stations after that. Airport Operations will handle training and Ground Service Equipment will maintain the stands.

United's Cuba application



On March 2, United applied for service to Cuba from EWR, IAH, IAD and ORD; many of United's competitors filed applications, too. The DOT will make a decision on applications quickly.

United's hubs are well positioned to serve this market and the company is excited about the opportunity to add HAV (Havana) to its unmatched global network.

- ➔ The Newark/New York City metropolitan area has the second-largest Cuban-American population in the U.S. EWR-HAV service would increase community connections and offer new business development opportunities.
- ➔ Nearly 20,000 Cuban-Americans reside in Houston. IAH-HAV service would connect communities across the central and western U.S. that, in total, have a Cuban-American population approaching 200,000. This proposed service would directly connect 20 key markets across the central and western U.S. to Cuba with just one stop in IAH.
- ➔ IAD-HAV service would increase the range of consumer options for travel to Cuba from the East Coast, providing one-stop connecting opportunities for passengers from several central and western cities in the U.S. This service would naturally provide an important link between capital cities and serve a promising and growing export and diplomatic market.
- ➔ Chicago serves as a key connection point for our country. ORD-HAV service would provide one-stop connecting opportunities for passengers from throughout the U.S. and provide an important link between Chicagoland's nearly 10 million residents and the Cuban market.

"We expect our competitors to fight hard to win the right to serve Havana. And we will too," said Regulatory and Policy VP Steve Morrissey. *"United's proposed service will compete effectively and is ideally positioned to offer our customers choice and convenience in the U.S.-Cuba market."*

United's application is already enjoying support from a number of community leaders, including Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka, New Jersey Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr., Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Virginia Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine, Virginia Governor Terence M. McAuliffe, Illinois Senator Richard J. Durbin and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. United's application has also already received the support of the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey.

Hello, electronic Flight Attendant Operating Manual

The days of United's flight attendants having to carry a five-pound, 800-page Flight Attendant Operations Manual (FAOM) are almost over.

United recently rolled out the electronic FAOM to flight attendants via their Link devices, providing the FAOM in a digital format.

"This version is a huge benefit to us flight attendants - so much more convenient," ORD Flight Attendant Bo Kelley said. *"The information we need is much easier to find and the graphics are much more in-depth."*

United collaborated with the FAA and flight attendants throughout the development and implementation processes, and more than 700 flight attendants tested the eFAOM prior to rollout.

On February 9, United entered a six-month validation period during which the FAA will be auditing its flight attendants and their use of the eFAOM on the job. If there are no issues during the six-month period, the FAA will give United permission to retire the paper FAOM.

New and improved ACARS gate messaging a big hit

United's pilots now have a better idea mid-flight of what their gate assignment at their destination is and what time that gate will open thanks to a recently released improved Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS) gate message.

This new gate message automatically provides flight crews with their up-line gate status at least three times during every flight - 10 minutes after they release the brake, 45 minutes before estimated wheels on (EON) and immediately upon wheels on. The new gate message also includes gate availability time based on the estimated departure time of the previous flight to occupy the gate, provides their flight's EON and information on the status of the ground power availability, which helps reduce auxiliary power unit (APU) usage.

Pilots used to receive this information through an on-demand request process, but collaboration among Airport Operations, Flight Operations and IT about what's the best information to get to pilots resulted in this automated process, which has been a big hit.

So Simple from Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

This recipe for pork chops is delicious and so easy. The nice thing is you can make them up early and just pop them in the oven an hour before you're ready to serve dinner. I hope you enjoy your next easy recipe.

Coca Cola Pork Chops

4 pork chops
1 cup ketchup
½ cup Coca Cola
Brown Sugar
4 slices of pineapple (I use canned)
4 maraschino cherries
Salt and pepper to taste

Place pork chops in a baking pan. Season with salt and pepper. Mix ketchup and Coca Cola. Pour over the chops. Top with sliced pineapple and a maraschino cherry in center of pineapple. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake uncovered at 350 oven for 1 hour or until pork chops are tender.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

I received the following letter from **George Midwin**, President of the SFO/SJC South Bay RUAEA chapter:

"It is with pleasure and admiration that the South Bay Chapter (RUAEA) makes the enclosed donation of \$200.00.

Through your efforts you have managed to create a solemn space to remember those who so tragically lost their lives. The events of that day must never be forgotten and respectful reminders such as the Chapel provide our country with the opportunity to reflect with and remember."



Thank you, George and all the SFO/SJC South Bay Members who contributed.

To make a donation to the Chapel, make check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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Anyone need any lemons, oranges, grapefruit or limes? Ha-ha! This year, we have an abundant season of fruit from the citrus trees in the Valleys Of The Sun. I got a great lemonade recipe from **Pat Neal (Lowell - ORDMM)** so Vic & I have had our share of lemonade with lunch on our patio. This is a great time of the year, except of course, if you have allergies which have the noses running and the eyes watering. Oh well, Arizona is worth it.

The Azures February luncheon was held at Golden Corral restaurant in Surprise, AZ. We rented their private room for easier listening to our President **Mike Richard**'s announcements and United news. We had 30 members in attendance who enjoyed “anything and all you could eat”. The Golden Corral even offers a “take home” box for \$3.00. **Bette & John Topey (ORDCG)** from Huntley, IL visited for the second month at our luncheon and Betty is glad they did since she was one of the winners of our 50/50 raffle. **Susan Spitz (Boris - ORDMM)** and **Susie Hughes** (she won again, very lucky) were the other winners. Good food and I'm sure no one went home hungry.

Mike Richards, again, asked for volunteers to accept the positions of Treasurer and two secretarial positions. This is usually a 2-year job but the current holders have been in their positions for 7 years. So it is time for others to “step up the plate” and take over. No more than 2 hours per month is needed to accomplish the tasks so any one of the members could handle the tasks. Let's see some hands up to volunteer!

Jean Kerman (IADCS/IADRR) is still recuperating from her operation to fix her fractured hip after a fall outside in her driveway. She thanked everyone for their prayers and get-well cards for her and **Tom**.

Also, **Curt Stenberg** (ORDCG) has been ill and becoming very weak. Linette & Curt have visits from their children on weekends and they still enjoy an outing for lunch once in a while. Our prayers are with them during this difficult time. Their address is: 8885 West Thunderbird Drive, #1053, Peoria, AZ 85351 or curlinsten@msn.com.

The Azures "Breakfast Club" still meets every other Tuesday at 0830 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12555 West Bell Road, Surprise, AZ. The March 22 breakfast was cancelled to accommodate our monthly luncheon at Angela's Kitchen, 19900 North Remington, Surprise, AZ which will be held that same day. April's breakfasts dates will be: April 5 and April 19 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens. Anyone visiting the area is welcome to attend the breakfasts. Please call **Sherry Muoio** at (623) 572-4828 by the night before so she can call in the reservations ahead to time.

April Birthdays ~ **Marge Hinnens** (4/15); **Don Bergstrom** (4/21); **Ziggy Butkewicz** (4/30). April Anniversaries ~ **A.D. & Lynn Cline** (4/26). Congratulations!

Stay well and Stay United!



PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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We've been enjoying beautiful weather, in the 80's, here in the Phoenix area. Can't beat the nice sunny days!

Maybe more retirees will want to come out and check to see what our Re-United Chapter is up to. We would love to have any United or Continental Airlines person who either retired or worked for the company at any time, and 55 years old or older, join us at any of our breakfasts or luncheons. We're a friendly, fun group.

We meet on the fourth Friday of each month for breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a. m. Our luncheons are hosted by one of our members during October thru April. You can always contact our President, **Shirley Claggett**, by phone at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be able to answer any questions you may have.

This month, we are highlighting one of our members, **Jay Hartough**, who lives in Gilbert, Arizona. He started his career at UAL in March 1958. At that time, all sales were recorded in duplicate with one copy going to the teletype room and the other in the Lazy Susan file. We had an availability board showing whether a flight was open for sale or on stop sales. Our flights consisted of Convair 340's and DC6's. In November of 1960, he was drafted into the US Army, and spent basic and advanced training at Fort Knox, KY. His permanent station was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was promoted to Specialist 4th Class. He was honorably discharged in November 1962, and when he returned to Toledo, he was informed that TOLRR had been remoted to Detroit and that is where he spent his next 6½ years. He transferred to HNLRR in April 1969. He got married in January 1971 in Buffalo, New York. In 1973, he assisted in converting res cards into United's new Apollo system. In 1974, he and his wife, **Barbara** were blessed with twin girls. When the twins were ready for elementary school, they decided in 1979 to transfer to DENRR. In 1983, **Jay** began working Ticket by Mail (TBM), and filling in on the ticket counter at the Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver. In 1986, when TBM was remoted to DTWRR, he transferred to DENCS. He was involved with the testing of the new baggage system at DIA, which finally opened in February 1995. In November 1995, **Jay** transferred to PHXOZ, where he worked at the ticket counter for two years and then the ramp for his last five years. The last two years were working freight and mail. He retired in September 2002 after 44½ years. We enjoy having **Jay** as a member of our Re-United's Chapter. He is one of our Sheriffs, who collects \$1 when we don't wear our badges.

Our February Luncheon was held at Floridino's in Chandler with 31 people in attendance. The room was decorated specially for Valentine's Day. Our host, **Donna Pedone**, did a wonderful job. Joining us were **Bonnie & Fred Frey**, from the Emerald City Slickers, who are in charge of the tours for the RUEA Convention in Seattle, Washington next September. We talked about many ideas of things to see and do when making plans to attend the convention.

We were sorry to hear that **Gene Menten**, a long time Re-United's member passed away on February 7, at the age of 94. She was a beautiful woman. She had a daughter, **Pam Gerstung** and son, **Kevin Menten**, that

both worked for United at ORDCG. Services were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mesa. Condolences can be sent to **Pam Gerstung** at 6549 S. Whetstone Place, Chandler, AZ 85249.

We also talked about the All-Arizona Luncheon coming up March 17 in Casa Grande regarding raffle items and the men's skit. We hope to have a good turn-out for our "Lucky 2 B United" luncheon.

We were happy to see **Barbara Robbins**, who worked at O'Hare Customer Service. She was the guest of **Rita Zarek**. We heard **Buss Nicholaisen** had pneumonia, and therefore, was unable to attend our luncheon. He has since recovered and doing well.

Our breakfast, which was held on February 26, had 25 people in attendance. Guests were **Dan & Florence Jensen**, friends of **Ted & Liz Tollefsen**. We talked about the Valentine Luncheon and thanked **Donna Pedone** for hosting it. We heard **Pat Nicholaisen** was going to have surgery on the tendons on her left hand. I talked to her since and the surgery went well. Good thing she's right handed. We received a gift card from the Tucson Roadrunners to be used at the All-Arizona Luncheon and we made final plans for the luncheon. Our Annual picnic is April 7 at Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.

We have the following birthdays in April: **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Ron Paluch** (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 each of you. We have only one Wedding Anniversary this month, and that is **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** on April 7, 1984. Congratulations to you both.

Calendar:

April 7 – Annual Picnic, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** at Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa. The picnic starts at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at 12:00 noon. If you plan on attending, contact them at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com.

April 22 – 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, with your reservation at phomfield@cox.net, by Wednesday, April 20, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

May 20 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

Tucson, Arizona

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There were twenty nine Roadrunners and one guest for lunch at Bianchi's Italian in Marana on February 18. The luncheon was hosted by **Bonnie & Bill Royle**. Our guest was **Sue Kindorf**, a friend of **Peggy Kuhn**.

Treasurer **Pat DiLallo** thanked the **Royles** for hosting the luncheon and gave a final reminder that our chapter dues of \$5.00 each or \$10.00 per couple need to be sent to her by February 28. Send your check to **Pat DiLallo**, 14740 N Palmwood Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755. Pat was happy to announce that we have a new President, **Charli Nicholson**. We all congratulated and thanked her for accepting the position. I'm sure everyone will give her their full support. It was also reported that **Carolyn McGlothlin** is recovering nicely from her fall in December, and we look forward to seeing her up and about soon.

John Bennatts gave a presentation on the All-Arizona luncheon, hosted by the ReUnited's on March 17 at the Holiday Inn, 777 N. Pinal Ave., Casa Grande, AZ. He shared the flyer he had received from RUAEA and gave it to **Sandy Lawyer** to send to everyone, which she did, and you should have received it by now. There will be a Buffet Lunch for \$25.00 per person. Social hour at 11:00 am and lunch served at Noon. Checks should be made out to and sent to **Rita Zarek**, 823 W. 14th Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85220 by **March 11**.

Milestones:

March Anniversaries ~ **Ilene & Al Swan** (16th), **Doris & Larry Clark** (March 28th, 1992), **Sharon & Chuck Cole** (March 29, 1986).

March Birthdays ~ **Dora Starr** (3rd), **Roger Callihan** (6th), **Clyde Satterfield** (8th), **Hal Dryden** (12th), **Marion Hafterson** (15th), and **Ilene Swan** (16th).

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Those attending the February meeting, from the left going clockwise; Mr. & Mrs. **Ken Bake**, Mr. & Mrs. **Bob Stanger**, Mr. & Mrs. **Al Rybar**, Mr. & Mrs. **Bob Bartlett**, **John Stilwell**, **Bob Wessel**, and **Nina Powers**.

Our meeting was held on February 17th at the Vineyard House in Santa Ynez. Vice President **Esther Bartlett** filled in for President **Mike Zoldak**, who was out of town. She surprised us with table treats that included ceramic name holders, miniature electric candles, and heart-shaped candy boxes with all kinds of candy. Since we were not planning on having dessert, she gave each of us a bag of cookies. My wife and I will be hosting the next meeting and we agreed that, as hosts, it will be impossible to top Esther's generosity. However we will try.



There were 12 attending our luncheon. We missed our regulars, **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**, **Barbara Stilwell**, and **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**. **Jack Cunningham** had called to say that they would not be able to attend and to remind everyone he reached his 97th birthday. We missed his usual jokes and maybe he will entertain us at the April meeting. Congratulations Jack, on this milestone and more to come.

Ken & Stella Bake were able to attend. They usually are traveling and Ken reminded us that they will be flying back to Florida to pick up their 5th-Wheel. I'm sure they will be taking several side trips before returning home.

John Stilwell reminded us of the convention coming up in SEA this year. One of his retired mechanic friends is on the committee for the Convention and he needed John's help. Naturally, John will be traveling to SEA when he's needed.

John told us about his trials and tribulations on traveling from Santa Maria to Springfield, IL. He had flight problems trying to fly from SFO to ORD. After a couple of days delay he was able to arrive at Springfield. He visited most of Lincoln's sites including his Memorial, museum, and home. My remembrance of Lincoln's memorial was back in the 1930's. The only tourist attractions was his Memorial, home, and the restored town of Salem where Lincoln is remembered studying by the fireplace. John helped me to remember those times.

This was **John Stilwell's** day since he also won the 50/50.

Calendar:

April 20 – Next meeting hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

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On a beautiful, warm (and not hot) Wednesday afternoon, forty six Desert Sunbirds and guests braved the 80 degree temps for our monthly Luncheon. It was served at Sammy G's Tuscan Grill in Palm Springs. The cheesecake brownies, made by our Hostess, **Patti Sica**, were excellent!

Five guests this month: **Sandy Sereno** brought **Alice Papanastasatos** (say that 3 times quickly); **Carol Hinsby** brought **Virginia Brown** and **Molly Carns**; the **Klobes** brought **Peter Schuster**; and finally, **Pat Wieclawski** was once again the guest of **Vern Behnke** and **John Bauer**.

Nice to see **Maureen Williams** here. Maureen has had some health problems over the last year or so; we hope her appearance means she will start another unbroken streak of attendance at the luncheons.

Congratulations to **Lynda & Tony Davis**, who celebrated 42 years of marriage on March 10th.

Next month, in the hope of making this column more interesting, I'm going to attempt to relate the UAL history of our members, one at a time, and of course with their permission.

Now to the Birthday and Raffle winners. A box of chocolates, donated by **Elaine Aggson**, was won by **Brigitte Brunken**. Sammy G's, our host restaurant, donated "lunch for two"; won by **Mike Bailardo**. I saved the best for last. The Birthday Lunch was won by **Ben Schiewe**. The 50/50 drawing (there were 2 @ \$50.00) was won by **Ben Schiewe**. The second \$50.00 was won by ... **Ben Schiewe**. This has not happened in the 13 years that I've been a member. I'll have to check with Elaine to see if it ever happened prior to my joining.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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I hope all of you are doing well. Enjoying this beautiful rain and, now, sunshine. Actually, most of you live in a higher altitude than I do, so, enjoying some snow? **Bill & Linda Dinette** arranged a wonderful luncheon for us at Cork & Fork in Cool. Of course, February is the "Month of Love", so they had hearts everywhere! As well as wine and wine glasses to be raffled on each table. In keeping with the love(ly) theme, we found that **Bob & Dorean Ames** celebrated their 68th anniversary, **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** have 61 years together, **Joe and Jeanette D'Amico** are "Golden" plus 1, and **Bill & Pati Kenney** mark their 35th anniversary. President **Rudy Blazius** extended our whole hearted congratulations to all. No one owned up to having a birthday this month. Rudy welcomed two guests to our luncheon, **Roy & Dawn Martin** jumped right into the spirit of the day – welcome! Rudy also gave Bill & Linda our thanks for hosting.

We wandered a bit off the "straight and narrow" with our reports, so I'm putting them in officer order:

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** shared a letter from our CEO, Oscar Munoz.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** thanked everyone for attending. He apologized for the email address mix up but everything worked out in the end. Dennis (Cork & Fork owner/manager/cook/clean up) is used to working with the "handicapped". Bill reminded us that we will be paying for our meals directly and that the gratuity is not included in our total.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report, but she/I want to say "Thank You" to **Suzanne Kenny** for filling in last month for me. Our trip was lots of driving but great to see friends.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** could not join us today. Fortunately his lovely wife, Suzanne, was there and brought his report to us.

Sunshine ~ After switching her "hats", Suzanne shared news with us concerning one of our members, **Mary Buschman**. Mary suffered a major stroke earlier this month. While it was touch and go for a few days, Mary is doing better – she can wiggle all 10 toes, but the doctors did need to perform a tracheotomy for help breathing and she also has a feeding tube. She will be moved to a rehab in Folsom. Suzanne suggested a "get well card chain" so **Jane Gibson, Suzie Quinnell, Sherrie Wolfram** and **Dorean Ames** will all send cards (at weekly intervals) to Mary. If you would like to do so yourself, Mary will be at the Vibra Health 330 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 or you can mail a card to her home, 7018 Rosado Drive El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, her daughter is picking up mail for her. We send Mary all our best wishes and prayers.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was not at our luncheon today, however, she sent this information to us: She has started a website for you to view! She will add more pictures and small amounts of text as needed. This is just a start, so let her know if this is something that would work. You can download any of the pictures and use them. Here is where you will find the site: <http://hangtownminers.weebly.com> – it is free! Great idea, Lynda! Thank You.

Old Business ~ Well, here we are in February 2016 and about two thirds of our members have paid their dues for 2016. Thank you for being so prompt. However, we do have several members we have not heard from yet. Our dues are only \$10 for a whole year. Rudy does an amazing job keeping us informed regarding the goings on at UAL especially where it affects us, the retirees. Of course, you could ferret out all the info yourself, but, isn't it so much more convenient just opening one email/letter? If you're not sure whether you

have paid your dues yet or not, just ask! **Suzie Kenny** and I will be getting in touch with those we have not heard from yet, but you don't need to wait! Send your check for \$10, made out to Hangtown Miners, to Tom Kenny, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

New Business ~ It was suggested by members that we might want to do some "price checking". Some pharmacies will give better discounts than others, so it is worth the time and effort to find the best deal to suit your needs.

Ready to order a Hangtown Miners shirt/jacket? **Thom Biro** found a great deal for embroidered shirts for our group. They have our nifty logo on the front and you can (for a small extra fee) even have your name on your shirt (as Rudy said, you will be all ready to go to the old folks home). Thom asked if there was another member who would be willing to take over the handling and ordering of these shirts. **Bill Voetsch** has taken on that task. Thank you, Bill! There are several styles and many colors to choose from and they have a very nice, light jacket available too.

Our March luncheon will be hosted by **John Muir** and he has chosen a new place for us to meet – Fernando's Costa del Sol Restaurant in Cameron Park.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and promptly pulled the name of our Donators' prize. **Bob & Dorean Ames** were the lucky winners. Our thanks to all who brought items to be raffled at the Drawing Of Opportunity: **Dellingers** – cookies; **Martin** – 2 Starbucks Gift Baskets; **Blazius** – 2 wines & carrier; **Dinette** – 6 bottles of wine and 6 glasses; **Gibson** – jelly; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Quinnell** – picture frame; **Akin** – eggs; **Ames** – wine/champagne; **Kozelka** – salt & pepper shakers; **Kenny** – alabaster heart; **Hyde** – garden plaque.



REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREEES**

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On February 11th we held our luncheon at the Quail Inn at Oakmont, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**. They had the tables decorated with pretty purple daisy-like flowers (generic name: Pericallis), and valentine candies scattered on the table. George added some awesome handmade stained glass butterflies and birds to each plant to be raffled off at the end of the meeting! Larry was lucky enough to be one of the winners of a plant centerpiece. I was away in Boise, ID, visiting my daughter for the President's Day weekend, and **Jan Blackburn** graciously stood in for me as secretary taking notes of the meeting for me; thanks very much Jan!

The buffet lunch consisted of the much loved grilled Tri-Tip in wine sauce and crispy onions, Chicken Piccata in lemon, capers and white wine sauce, variety of salads, mashed potatoes, veggies, and a warm berry cobbler dessert.

Vice President **Jerry Underhill** prepared the members attending and the guest list for us; the guests were **Lynn Cassil**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, **Maggie & Ed Nelson**, guests of **Nick & Maria von Kruining**; 30 guests and members in all. Jerry & Barbara also provided the fine wines for the luncheon raffle.

Val Hulsey gave our Treasure's report, announcing a total balance of \$841.89, including over \$290.00 in charitable contributions. We are appreciating having our Bank account in such able hands as Valery!

Barney Hagen spoke extensively about the Pacific Air Museum at the Charles M. Schulz Airport in Windsor, how it got started and what the current goals are and what has been done with the aircraft entrusted to them; it features the first aircraft, F-15 "Eagle", to arrive over the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001 – the "First Responder". He handed out colorful pamphlets to everyone to advertise the hours of operation and the upcoming Air Show weekend reminder for this summer. Larry & I live near the Sonoma Co. Airport and have yet to visit the museum; now we will make a point of visiting there soon!

RUAEA Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** spoke about the upcoming 2016 RUAEA Convention in Seattle later this year, encouraging all to attend if possible.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced all the February birthdays; they were **Don Davis**, **Ron Huhn**, **Diana Quinn**, **Madelyn Schmidt**, and **Larry Wilson**, RER President! The Anniversaries were **Christine & Pat Eberle** (31 yrs.), **Sheila & Lou Legnitto** (42 yrs.), **Pat & Brandon Maus** (59 yrs.), and **Barbara & Jerry Underhill** (42 yrs.); an average of 43 2/3 yrs. The winner of the free birthday lunch was **Larry Wilson**! That was nice for him since he had to attend alone while I was gone! It was also brought to our attention that both **Helen Furber** and **Joanne Huhn** are home "under the weather"; also we were encouraged to keep **Barbara Underhill** in our thoughts and prayers as she will be going in for total knee surgery this month. She has been

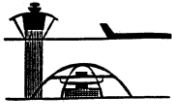
anticipating this and been delayed in getting the surgery done, so she will be glad to get on to rehab! Hopefully, cards will be going out to them.

Brandon Maus spoke about the restoration of a 727-100 at Paine Field in Seattle. It is the very 1st 727 made and sold to commercial airlines over 53 yrs. ago and has been out of service for 25 years. There has been extensive testing and repairs to the airplane. Very much thanks goes to Federal Express who has transported much of the parts, engines, etc. to the hangar where it was being rebuilt. Brandon has been working as Technical Engineering Advisor to the restoration since early 2012 at the request of the Museum of Flight Personnel. The first flight after the restoration is planned for March 1st from Paine Field to the Boeing Field in Seattle, weather permitting.

The raffle for the wines, See's Chocolates, and the centerpiece plants with stained glass ornaments by **George Schwind** finished off our time together! Next month's luncheon will be held at LaGare restaurant, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Val Hulsey**. See you all then!

RE-LAX-ERS

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Our first Re-LAX-ers luncheon was in February. Thank goodness we had time to resolve problems of having to find a new venue. The Proud Bird Restaurant closed its doors once again for renovation and we were scrambling to find a quick substitute. We found a Sizzler close by that accommodated us with a short preparation time.

We planned to celebrate the life of **Howard Lackey**, our long-standing Vice President of the Re-LAX-ers. Howard was a very kind and caring man who held Re-LAX-ers together financially and was equally supportive of the Fantasy Flight. **Hal Klobe** began our memorial by describing Howard as a generous soul who always and proficiently upheld his job.

Darcy Banks, Vice President of Fantasy Flight, described to us Howard's love of the special Christmas party for under-privileged children each year. **Ester Horompoly** expressed admiration for his leadership as her supervisor for 15 years.

We displayed many pictures of him at various functions that Howard supported while at United. A United apron that he wore while employed in the flight kitchen; his favorite aircraft, the 747, and a hard hat with red and blue stripes. This very quiet and generous man left funds to pay for our next luncheon in his will. He will be remembered very kindly by all of us.

John Ippolito called as usual to check on several friends. He expressed his sadness at the passing of **Howard Lackey** and **Rowe Prideaux**.

Rowe was the president of the chapter during the 1985 RUAEA convention. He sent us a photo of this group at one of their convention meetings, some years ago. It contained the following members; **Art & Peggy Ballagh, Liz Volkmer, Jo Freemont, Don Garner, Alben Corsiglia, Len Tessier, Mary Jarvis, Millie Sneed, Rowe Prideaux, Betsy Jones, Bernadette Carrol, Dick Nichols, Margaret Guyselman, George Stearns, Norma Besse, Lillian Holding, Helen Moore, Dick & Kay Heyman, Lois Bowns, Bill Blaylock, Vance Harmon** and **Cappy Capparelli** and his wife. What a wonderful group of early Re-LAX-ers.

We'd like to send good wishes to all our members who are in poor health. There are lots of questions about those who are missing. We send our love and hope to see you soon.

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St Patrick's Day is just around the corner! We celebrated early with twenty one members joining us for breakfast.

Al Soderberg joined us and will be celebrating his eighty third birthday on March 5th.

Bob & Helen Grissom will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary at the end of March. We won't be there to help them celebrate but we wish them the best anniversary ever! They may be celebrating in the cold and snow in Minneapolis but our wishes are very warm.

Rosario Zepeda won the 50/50 this month. **Rosalie Trippicchio** joined us for breakfast, she is getting ready for her retirement in July and she is ready to step right into our RESANS group.

We are sorry to hear of the death of **James Hammerlund** who passed away on February 27th of a heart attack. Many of us remember working the Ramp on the afternoon shift with him. Jim retired in 2008.

Donna Capps told us of her adventure Zip-lining over the wineries in Santa Margarita. She said there were five lines and she went on all of them!

We will be having our Spring Fling lunch on April 14th at The Tequila Factory in Old Town, the same place as last year. The time will be 12:00 PM. Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

If you are going to be in the area please join us for our next breakfast. We love having you drop in.

Calendar:

April 7 - Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394. Phone (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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The SFO Golden Gaters had another sunny day to enjoy our February Valentines' meeting – someone forgot the candy! President **Vera Kina** opened up the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Vera**, and hubby, **Walter**, reminded everyone that our Chinese New Years' luncheon is to follow our meeting today. The Hot Wok Bistro in Burlingame has catered our luncheons for several years, always very tasty food and enough for second helpings! We even squeezed in several games of Bingo with the winners able to buy one Big Mac but not 'enuf to include fries and a cold drink. **Yan Kudevitsky** and **Ginger Dahlberg** split the \$25/\$25 raffle drawing. At this rate we won't have to file 1099's with the IRS!

Vera requested reports from the following:

Treasurer ~ **Art Barrett** advised us that dues are coming in slowly. Please note that we had to raise the dues slightly: \$12.00 per person / \$24.00 per couple. He advised that we are still solvent.

Vice President ~ We still need someone to volunteer for this job, the job entails overseeing the luncheons and making coffee for the meetings. Not a difficult job and you will get lots of help. Please volunteer.

Our March luncheon will be a potluck with special emphasis on St. Patrick's Day. There will be some Corned Beef and Cabbage (those tiny Leprechauns will be cooking) and members please bring your favorite potluck dish (singles bring enough for 4 / couples bring enough for 8.) There might even be a prize for someone wearin' of the green. You are encouraged to be at the meeting before 11:30am as we have a speaker from the Foster City Fire Department coming. **Please note the date is March 28th! The wrong date was printed in the March newsletter.**

Secretary ~ **Ginger Dahlberg** did the duties again; once again, we need someone to fill this position. A card was sent out to **Al Christian**, hope you are feeling up to snuff these days, we miss your cheerful smile.

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** was unable to attend the meeting as this was the month for her knee surgery, all went well and **Jerome** says she is on the road to recovery. Get well quickly as the Maverick big

waves in Half Moon Bay are calling you, you did say you competed at one time (and probably only one time!) didn't you?

Auditors ~ **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** handled the funds for our luncheon today. We had 53 people wielding chop sticks.

Special Guests: Coming down in their Wagon Train and Clydesdale horses from the hinterlands of the Sacramento Gold Diggers: **Francis & Veronica Domaratus** (they of the RUAEA Newsletter fame) brought a former UAL employee, **Jim Main**, to our meeting. **Jim** now lives in Foster City and hopefully will join us on a regular basis. **Frank** (nee **Francis**) told us all about the putting-together and the getting-out of the monthly RUAEA Newsletter. What a job they do - Outstanding! And very informative. Thanks for joining us, you are always welcome. Any of you out there, if you are in town on our meeting days, come on by, love to see ya'!

Ginger Dahlberg, wearing her traveling hat, recapped the 2016 trip. Future trips, information and dates to be advised will include several day trips (theater and lunch / Bingo Bus trip to Thunder Valley – possible overnight / a Fleet Week Bay Cruise with the Blue Angels). Longer trips in the offing are Pageant of the Masters, where Art comes to life and a visit to the Reagan Library. Interest sign up lists will be available at our regular meetings or you can call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 or email her at gingersfo@aol.com if you would like to be put on the list. **Jim & Helen Goodwine**, **Margaret** (can you hear me now?) **Reelfs**, **Bert Niedermaier**, **Vera & Walter Kina** and **Ginger Dahlberg** hopped on the Sierra Scenic Train to Reno for a couple of days (previously known as the Reno Snow Train – someone complained last year because there was no snow, so they had to change the name!) We made our donations and helped keep Nevada green. There was snow in the higher elevations and quite pretty, clear skies so we could walk around and enjoy the cold weather. Rain comes and goes on the SFO peninsula so we really haven't had "winter." Hopefully the snow will help our drought situation.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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It was good to have **Jack & Jean Jenkins** back in our midst at a recent Friday morning breakfast meeting. Jean has had some health issues that sidelined her for several weeks so we're glad she is on the mend. We're happy to hear that **Harry Willever** is now up and about after back surgery and we look forward to seeing him soon.

After some investigation, our president **George Midwin** discovered that the total number of years of service represented to date by our current active South Bay RUAEA chapter membership is 1,022.3 years. Wow! Either that's a lot of people with a short amount of service or a handful with many, many years (or perhaps some variety in between). Undoubtedly, we are proud of our chapter and the dedication represented by members!



Volunteering at our local Second Harvest Food Bank in February was a huge success! Over a two hour timeframe, 19 of our members opened 434 boxes of frozen Italian Herbed Pocket Bread to place labels on each package (12 pkg/bx), then they re-boxed, resealed, and stacked the boxes back on pallets—a total of seven pallets and 5,208 pounds of bread that were returned to a giant freezer to be distributed at a later time. This organization serves a quarter of a million clients each month in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers and to especially **Boyd Sweet** for arranging and leading in this meaningful endeavor. We look forward to another opportunity to serve again!

Our chapter is on the move! Having this one volunteer outing under our belts for 2016, we're now planning

some fun local sightseeing excursions. Several sites have been selected (Filoli House and Garden Tour, Triton Museum, Sam's Castle, Niles Canyon Railroad, San Jose Giants Baseball with others still being considered) and dates have been set for Filoli and the Triton Museum. Check out our calendar, go to our website, and/or contact us for more information. We hope you will join us.

Congratulations to the Museum of Flight for the successful restoration and final flight of N7001U, the first 727 off the Boeing assembly line. How beautiful it looks in its original paint scheme! It was an amazing aircraft that flew over 64,000 hours with 48,000 landings. We can now say the aircraft is officially retired. A big thank you to all the volunteers who had a part in this project. Sounds like a good tour to have during this year's RUAEA convention in Seattle. Hint! Hint!

Treasurer **Cheri Scales** received a letter from **Frank Eggles**, Chairman of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA, in acceptance of our chapter's monetary donation for the support of the chapel. It was an honor for several of our members to have the opportunity to visit both the crash site and the chapel during the RUAEA Convention in 2015.

Our Spring Luncheon to be held March 16 at The Fish Market in Santa Clara will occur after the deadline for submitting articles to this newsletter for April and will be reported on in the May newsletter. A fun and well attended event is anticipated!

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8 AM with a short meeting at 9 AM. Please join us.

Calendars:

March 29 – Triton Museum, Santa Clara

April 6 – Filoli House and Garden Tour, Woodside

June 14 – Summer Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos



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Our President, **Joe Schwirian**, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bobby Wood** followed with a welcoming prayer. This was our first meeting in 2016 and we will be getting together the second Thursday of every month during 2016. We are very happy that Joe has taken over as president and he will keep our Chapter alive.

Jack and I are members of the San Joaquiners' Chapter and we just attended a luncheon meeting on Thursday, February 11th, at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson hosted by **Don & JoAnn Nesja**. There were 26 in attendance and we all had a good time and good food.

I am sad to report that our Secretary, **Barbara Edkin**, has been very ill and has not been able to attend any meetings for several months. Also, Barbara's husband, **Ace**, is also very ill and they have both been in and out of the hospital. At this time, they are both recovering at home. We all wish them well and a speedy recovery.

John Zoboli was our guest at the February meeting. We always enjoy John's visit because he gives us important information about UAL. John said that Retirees must be escorted when they go to the Maintenance Base; he mentioned there is a Credit Union in San Mateo that has easier access; John also mentioned that the Reno Chapter's annual picnic date will be August 19th, the annual UAL reunion will be held in Minden June 21 - 24; and the annual RUAEA Convention which will be held in Seattle, September 21 - 24.

We wish you all good health and a happy St. Patrick's Day in March.



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Our February meeting was held at a new location, Mimi's Café, in Concord with 26 members in attendance. We were graced with a beautiful 72 degree day, a little unusual for this time of year.

A discussion was held on travel benefits and ideas for new venues. RUAEA elections are coming up this year and there are some openings left. It is always good to have new ideas and new people. Please feel free to discuss any of these openings with Diane.

Treasurer **Rich Bouska** is collecting dues for 2016.

We meet the 2nd 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**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

Calendar:

April 11 – Mimi's Cafe

May 16 - El Tapatio – 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill 94523

June 13 – Annual Picnic at Diane and Manny's house

July – No Meeting

COLORADO



DENVER **MILE HIGHERS**

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The March breakfast was attended by 29 people. **Ed Moore** attended after a long absence and it was good to see him. I worked with Ed for a lot of years at the Flight Center. The winners of the 50/50 drawing were **Tony Sipes** (DENMM), **Don Burbank** (DENMM), **Ed Moore** (DENTK) and **Bob Duensing** (DENTK). The 50/50 drawing helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

This was the last meeting for the outgoing officers of the Denver Chapter of RUAEA. **Tom Goodyear**, President, **Nancy Goodyear**, Vice President and **Laura Coats**, Treasurer, have contributed countless hours for the last 19 years to the success of this chapter as has **Laura Coats** for the last 10 years. We appreciate what they have done for the organization and us as a group.

Don Burbank will be the incoming President of the Chapter. We look forward to Don's leadership. As most of you know, Don has a maintenance background and was Managing Director, Eastern Division of Aircraft Maintenance when he retired. He also holds the position of Airline Liaison with the RUAEA Organization. Don has had success in dealing with Human Resources to solve issues with RUAEA members. A Vice President and Treasurer will be named at a future date.

Overnight Parking is no longer allowed at the Flight Center except for in-flight personnel.

The NASA 747 is being moved out of the Flight Center and has been acquired by a group associated with The Wings Over the Rockies Museum and will be installed on property near Centennial Airport. United 747-400 #2 is also being moved out of the building and is headed to somewhere in Florida.

The Continental Retirees group has a new president. She will be coordinating the luncheon with RUAEA at Wings Over the Rockies later this year.

727 #7001, the first United 727 that was delivered in '62 or '63, has been restored and flown for 10 minutes to Boeing Field in Seattle and will be on permanent display at the museum there. **Virgil Gooselaw** worked in the Tooling Shop at that time and was involved with the pre-service projects on the aircraft.

Laura Coats' (DENRS) mother in Raleigh, N.C. will be celebrating her 100th birthday and the family is planning a birthday party for her.

Joe Bain's wife is hosting a Birthday Party for Joe (DENMM) on Saturday, April 2nd from 1 to 3 pm at the Faith Presbyterian Church at 11373 E. Alameda Ave. in Aurora. There will be entertainment at 2pm. Everyone is invited.

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Virgil Gooselaw** thanked Tom, Nancy and Laura for their time and dedication in making this Chapter successful. Virgil also commented on the local chapter's dependency on officers and correspondents to disseminate information and other issues of interest to members and also inform new members of the advantages of membership in RUAEA.

Kathleen Anderson Searle (ATLRR), (DENRR), (DENCs) died after a long illness. Rosary and Mass was held on March 12 and interment is at Olingers Memorial Gardens.

Mary Moore (DENTK) long time secretary at the Flight Center was reported to have died. We have no other details.

Don LeFurge (Continental) fell at the last meeting and is using a brace on his leg in the recovery process.

Our next quarterly event will be a Spring Luncheon at the same place we had it last year, Cinzetti's Italian Market at 281 West 104th Ave., Northglenn, CO. It will be on Wednesday, April 13th at 11:30 am. If you are planning on attending, please send your reservation and checks made out to "RUAEA Denver Chapter" to **Martha Gooselaw** at 973 Uvalda St., Aurora, CO 80011. Guests are also welcome and please include their names on your check. The cost is \$18.00 per person. That includes all you can eat buffet and a non alcoholic drink & gratuity. There will be cocktails for purchase, if desired. The money should be in by April 8th.

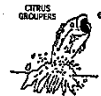
A breakfast is held at 9am the first Saturday of every month in the cafeteria at the Flight Center (DENTK). The cafeteria is staffed with a Chef and there are a variety of breakfast items. It is a good opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. I encourage you to consider attending. Don't forget to bring aluminum for recycling. The April breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 2nd

The Bi-Monthly Mechanics Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 19th at Sapp's Truck Stop.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers of The Villages, FL., met on Thursday, February 25 at the Legacy Restaurant, Nancy Lopez Golf Course, in the Villages. After a terrific luncheon and a lot of past history/memory talk, Pres. Brick had all stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Citrus Groupers Treasurer and Secretary were unable to attend. Several items of interest were discussed, i.e. UAL continued credit union participation versus going locally with banking/etc. and, how all were doing with insurance-drug coverage.

President Brick suggested to the members to consider a trial period of Presidency for a month. Since no takers came forward, **Don Nellans** volunteered to cover March and May, President Brick agreed to cover April and June. The chapter does not meet in July and August. Presidency coverage for the balance of the year will be determined later.

The next meeting/luncheon is planned for March 24. If you want more info about the Citrus Groupers of the Villages, contact President **Ralph Brick**, (352) 219-0289, brickralph@cox.net.



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Spring is well underway in the Daytona Beach area with warm temperatures and the seasonal influx of pine pollen, spring breakers and snowbirds. We welcome them all! Today we had 15 members at our meeting.

Birthday congratulations were in order for **Gail & Bill Rankin**. **Penny Logan** was celebrating her UAL anniversary, having joined the Friendly Skies in 1984. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bud Gammill** and we had 3 other drawings in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Those winners were **Gail Rankin, Gloria Marcantoni** and **Steve Moddle**. May the luck of the Irish be with you all!

Our very own leprechaun (**Dick Coughlin**) amused us with some Irish mischief. After we were warmed up, he proceeded with the serious order of business concerning recent events at United Airlines. Topics included union issues, insurance information, aircraft, both old and new, and the announcement that UAL has received a six-year extension of their marketing relationship that designates United as the "Official Airline of the PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions and Web.com Tour." Along those lines, **Gloria Marcantoni** invited all to come to St. Augustine to tour the World Golf Hall of Fame located at World Golf Village just minutes from her house.

Penny Logan gave the treasurer's report and we adjourned for the day.

Calendar:

April 7 – 11:30, Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

May 5 – Same as above



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52 retirees took time out of their busy schedules to join us all for lunch on March 1st at the Golden Corral! And what a beautiful, sunny 70+ degree day we had! President Al started the meeting with the Pledge and then got right into the business at hand ... welcoming our guests. **Linda Agnello** brought her buddy, Ann, from BUF, and MCOCG retiree **Rich Wangsness** came in with **Tommy Deckrow** and joined our chapter! Everyone was thrilled to see some folks we have been praying for: **Don Ulman, Mack Chandler** and **Sharon Ringer**! Powerful stuff, huh! And it was great to see **Jim Weeks, Julia Montalvo, Betty Davidson** and **Al & Joanne Mollet** too.

Treasurer Char assured us all that we have plenty of money in our General Fund to buy the burgers and hotdogs for the upcoming picnic, Secretary Elaine read a very nice thank you from the Children's Home for our donations last month - two trunks-full! Thank you all so very much!

Sadly, we recently lost two fellow MCO retirees. **Gerard Wilson** passed away in early February in Palm Bay, FL, and **Tom Maher**, in Tampa just days before our meeting. Unfortunately, we don't have addresses for either for sending condolences. Several others who are in need of our prayers for comfort & healing include: **Aaron Williams**, 115 E. Pine St., Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737; **Judy Mills**, wife of **Gary**, who suffered a stroke recently, 1555 Aberdeen Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33881; **Andrew (Mac) McGinty**, who has been very ill and just returned home from rehab, 8048 Nicklaus Dr., Orlando, FL 32825. Sending prayers aplenty!

Ernie Vosges reminded the guys in the group that they need to register with the VA to get benefits they are entitled to. Take your DD214 and register soon.

Birthday Balloons: **Corky Peterson** (3/3), **Don Ulman** (3/10), **Ken Michels** (3/27) & **Bobbi Gay** (3/28). Big Anniversary Congrats to **Richard & Gloria Armistead** (63 years on 3/7!); **Gerry & Endel Vann** (10 yrs on 3/11), **Al & Lois Fields** (51 yrs on 3/17) and **Ken & Shelby Michels** (20 yrs on 3/20). Wow, almost as popular a month as June. Congrats to all of you Love Birds!

The Real McCoys Annual April Picnic will be held on Tuesday, April 5th from 11 – 3pm at Cypress Grove Park, 290 W. Holden Ave, (407) 857-9850. The park is on Holden between OBT and Orange Ave, south side of the street - can't miss it! All are welcome! Just bring a dish to share and an appetite! Plenty of parking at the pavilion!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on South Semoran Blvd.

April 5 – Picnic

May 3 – Luncheon

June 7 – Luncheon

July 5 - Luncheon

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We had a great lunch on March 4 at Duffy's Sports Grill in Cape Coral, FL. Attending the lunch were **Wallis Alves, Lynna Baker, Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Wes Fetzer, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Ric & Jane Marton, Bee McCarthy, and Tony & Darlene Novak.**

Maxine Brown, who was gone for a while, was definitely back. She won the 50/50 cash prize then had her number pulled a few more times for other prizes. She declined to take any prizes except the cash. Max has always been lucky at our meetings. Several bottles of wine, nuts, and candy were raffled off to other individuals.

Our next meeting will be postponed to April 8 because no officers will be available on April 1. **Ed & Judy Clarke** will be babysitting their grandchildren. **Bill & Margie Burg** will be clearing out their Park Ridge, IL condo, which has been sold. Forty years of furniture, clothes, and clutter will take a lot of elbow grease and time to be removed.

Our next meeting will be May 6, and is our annual "Farewell for the summer" steak fry.

Calendar:

First Friday of the month October through May.



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April is picnic time again. Anyone who hasn't signed up as yet should get in touch with **Volrie Fusina**, her email address is volriej@gmail.com. The picnic will be on April 4 at 11 am at Anderson Park. We're looking forward to a good turnout.

Terri Breslin fell and broke her hip recently. After spending time in the hospital and rehab, she is now home. I'm sure she would love to get cards from her friends. Her address is: 7885 Cherry Tree Ln., New Port Richey, FL 34653.

Several of our members took trips recently. **Loretta Marvett** went to IAH as did **Jean & Bill Linehan**. They weren't traveling together but everyone had good experiences. Can't say the same for **Mary Judd**, however, who went to Virginia and was seated in front of some children who seemed to think the plane was their own playroom. While the parents seemed to be unaware there was any problem, Mary said that all the other passengers sure did.

Our May 2 meeting will be at the IHOP at the usual time 10:30am. This will be the last meeting until August since we do not meet in June or July.

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We had no March meeting at Duffy's, instead we had our annual picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter, Florida. We couldn't have picked a more perfect day of March 1st as the weather was at its greatest, cool breezes with temps in the mid 70's and sunny blue skies.

We have decided that March will be the new month for our picnic instead of May/June, plus our snow birds who are here for the winter can also attend. It was a day of great food, games and a chance to talk with good friends, some whom we haven't seen for a while.

Many thanks to **Frank Wise** and **Al Popek** for cooking up some excellent hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone brought a dish so we had quite a buffet to feast on. We always have to save room for the special cake that **Dinos Xifaras** brings each year. You have to be here to appreciate the masterpiece; it's such a treat to have at each picnic.

The 50/50 was won by **Bob Langevin** and the progressive was won by **Frank Wise**. **Gene Student**, **Jane Wise** and **Dick Napp** won prizes donated by **Janice & Al Popek**. We had 19 members and 2 guests attend. The guests were The Smiths, friends of **Joan Palumbo**. Hope to see them at our next meeting as new members.

March birthdays ~ **Bob Langevin** (3/16), **Jo Larocca** (3/20) and **Jim Moorehead** (3/27). Happy Birthday to all! There are no March Anniversaries.

Calendar:

April 5 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart, Florida

May 3 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, Florida

June 7 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, Florida.

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Our small gathering of 20 Dixie Flyers met on March 2. **Fred Cron** gave the blessing of our meal, and The Pledge of Allegiance. Fred also conducted the 50/50 drawing which was won by **Barney Knotts** amounting to \$13.00; which is then donated to The Ladies in Distress, a shelter in Fayetteville, GA.

Jim McClendon, former CSA retiree of ATL, now retired in Maine was on a UAL flight to PBI, upon landing the flight attendant thanked the passengers on behalf of "Continental crew" for flying with us today. Jim informed her there is no longer an airline with that name, and to check her paycheck to see what company signs their name! Thanks Jim for informing the crew who they work for!

Our sunshine lady **Sybil Voss** sent birthday cards for March's birthdays ~ **Gary Tuttle** (5th), **Ron Heider** (15th), and **Sandy Lis** (17th).

Upcoming birthdays for April ~ **Don Sullivan** (2nd), **Sam Mace** and **Kathy Carringer** (20th), and **Tony Carringer** (26th).

Zot Shelley's annual ATL/TPA retiree's reunion and picnic will be April 16th in Locust Grove, GA at 2 PM. We hope all out-of-towners and all TPA/ATL retirees will make the trip, it is always fun and great food.

Keep in mind the RUAEA convention in September in Seattle, it should be a great turn out.

Calendar:

April 6 – 2PM at the Broadway Diner, 535 Glynn St. S., Fayetteville, GA 30214, (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 3rd 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 HNLRTUA@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 and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Wish I could tell you that a lot more folks gathered for our February breakfast meeting, but that didn't happen. Some are traveling, and we are happy for them! David and I enjoyed our time with **Denny Snyder** and **Bob Sarnoff**. Lots of fun conversation! We are hoping for a good turn out when **Tom Cunningham**, RUAEA Northwest Regional Director, joins us in April, a month later than first was planned.

We took a sympathy card out to Cloverdale Funeral Home after seeing in our newspaper that **Willie R. Perow**, age 70, had died February 24. He left Louisiana at age 18, heading for Los Angeles where he went to work for United Airlines. He eventually also served as associate pastor of Lockhaven Christian Lighthouse in Inglewood, CA. While in LA he met and married his wife of nearly 30 years, **Patrice**. In 1989, he transferred with United to Washington Dulles, retiring from United after 31 years. Hopefully, a few of you reading this may have known him.

Are you ready for another **Bill Heath** story? Ready or not, here it comes! *"This is in memory of Dr. George J. Kidera, medical director for United Airlines. Dr. Kidera died in the year 2000, as did my brother Harky, eight years my junior, and my dear wife Barbara. He was a good man with a great sense of humor, a fine medical doctor and surgeon, and a good friend to a lot of UAL people. I had the pleasure of working with him for about five years in the 1970's when he recommended that I be American Red Cross chairman for UAL at Chicago, in addition to my regular duties. This was when it was required that 17 pints of blood be on hand*

before open-heart surgery. I arranged for regular visits by the ARC Bloodmobile to EXO and ORD, which qualified UAL for the ARC Corporate Plan.

On one occasion, I had reason to call him. He was out of the office, but his secretary, Anne DeWilde, promised to have him call me as soon as he returned. He did call, and in his mile-a-minute dialogue he explained that he had been out of town attending a contagious disease seminar and just got back. When he paused for breath, I squeezed in a short burst, "Did you catch anything?" He kept right on talking about whatever I had called him about. Then, suddenly, he stopped in the middle of the sentence. There was a slight pause, then he shot one short burst: "If there is anything I can't stand, it's a smartass!" Dr. George Kidera, M.D., an icon in UAL history. RIP"

Calendar:

April 13 - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

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April - in the Midwest can be a thing of beauty. The flowers and cherry blossoms are blooming outside my living room window, lovely. The birds are devouring the birdseed; my cats are watching the birds. The squirrels are watching the seed fall, and the birds. It's the circle of life. Hakuna Matata, it means, no worries, for the rest of your days, in Swahili. Wouldn't that be nice? No worries? I'd love that, but I'm too realistic! That's only in the movies, or fleeting moments in our lives. Hey, all you Downton Abbey fans, are you all happy with the lovely ending sewn up with a golden ribbon? Smiles and Kleenex were the order of the night. Many had costume and tea parties to go with the ending. I know I'm not the only person that will miss that show. It had a sense of innocence that we are missing these days. The clothes, speech, ambiance, kindness, aura, all before the harshness of World War 2, and way before the Electronic Age. The morals, integrity, and etiquette, that seems to be missing now. I'm so glad that I was raised in the 40's and 50's. You too?

Good news from United, Oscar Munoz has returned to work. Now let's see this place get back to some glory days, I'm ready, how about you, High hopes!

The Northside breakfast had not too much news. There were only about 20 people. Turns out, I was the news. The pavement outside the restaurant hit me in the face going into breakfast, but my friends, **John Pasakarnis**, helped me up, along with restaurant staff. **Al Broderson** drove me to an Alexian Clinic close by, got checked out, X-rayed, bandaged, no broken bones, just broken pride and lots of hematoma on my face and right knee. I will rebuild. Thanks to all who helped. You should see the pavement!

At the Southside breakfast, there were 12 people. **Mary Brandt** returned after a few months absence. **Margaret Schmitt** is still a little under the weather. We just found out that **Virginia Hilkins** passed away last November. She would've been 100 in 2016. Our raffle winners were **Bill Brookins** and **Bob Pearson**, who won twice! Bob was late but he was having blood tests. **Perry Pahl** had breathing problems, had to spend an overnight in the hospital the previous week. He must be OK since he was headed to the Joliet casino after his breakfast. **Bill Corbett** is a Thespian who performed in a play at the Beverly Theatre Guild in February. **Agnes Pearson** was the Coordinator of the World Day of Prayer this March. She brought together many churches of the Southwest side of Chicago for this event. They presented her with a plaque and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. She was delighted. Thanks to **Gwen Brookins** and **Bill Corbett** for filling in for me on this report since I missed this breakfast also, but it was an excused absence, a DIF, if you remember what that was.

Diane Webb, one of our Board Members, is conducting two tours of the Willis Network Operations Center (NOC). The dates are Wednesday, April 27, at 12:00, and Thursday, June 16. It includes a walking tour of the Routing and Flight Operations departments, just to name a few, on the 27th floor. Pre-registration is required for entry into this secure area. Your name as it appears on your government ID is needed one week ahead, by April 20. Everyone will need to bring his or her ID to enter. Transportation to the Willis is on your own. Lunch and

registration will be at the Tower before the tour. The tour size is limited to 20, so if you're interested, you must contact Diane by email or phone: dgwebb334@hotmail.com or 630963-3806.

Cubs tickets are available from **Helen Cauwels**, she said this is the year for the Cubs! (And Helen wouldn't lie). Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. She will be selling them at our Spring Luncheon at The Cotillion, on April 5, also by mail. The game is for August 17, Cubs playing the Milwaukee Brewers. Tickets are \$16.50 each. By mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Helen at 909 E. Kenilworth Ave., Unit 421, Palatine, IL 60074, (847) 358-8634. Make your check payable to Chicago Skyliners, and write your file number and phone number on the check. The Cubs Bus will leave the Schaumburg or Lombard Pace Bus Transportation Centers at 11:15, the fare is \$4.00 each way, with your Ventra Card.

The founder of the Loop Group, **Angie Mahoulos**, EXOFA, passed away September 20, 2015, at age 90. She retired after 40 years with UAL, starting her career at MDW. Thanks to **Lillian Mallstrom** for doing detective work finding out about Angie, a beautiful lady. You might remember the yards of charm bracelets she wore that you could hear 50 feet before you saw her. Other friends of ours that have 'Flown West' this month are, **Carl Burkowske** (ORDCS), **Mark Keesling**, and **Karen Monchunski**, from ORDSW, **Gene Menten** (EXOAI), her children are employees at ORDCG, **Pam Gerstung** and **Kevin Menten**, **Jim Swift**, from ORDCG, and **Tom Fasiang**, ORDFO/ORDMM. From ORDMM, **John Verambeck**, **Ron Lancor**, **Robert Borkowski**, and **Dale Stratton**. Also, **Keith Connolly**, son of ORDMM foreman **Ralph Connolly**, and **Rose Sparazynski**, mother of **Jean Sparazynski Pawlak**, ORDHN and also, my mother. I spoke of Rose many times in my stories, giving you her funny, cute side. I hope you enjoyed hearing about her. We had our moments over the years, but the last 26, after my dad passed, were great, we became such good friends. After dementia took hold of her, the last few years were difficult, but she was still my Little Polish Rose, a lovely generous mother who would've done anything for her family. She was one classy lady, hair perfect, clothes always the best, makeup, jewelry, even for going outside. She loved getting dressed up and seeing the world. Grass didn't grow under her feet. Maybe the nuts don't fall far from the tree. I hope not, I'm proud to be compared to her. She always said, "I guess God's not ready for me yet". Well, on February 23, I think my dad came in and said, "OK, Rose, we're ready for you. Let's get those dancing shoes on, the Beer Barrel Polka is playing, Glenn Miller is In the Mood, Stringing those Pearls, and my green Hudson Hornet is in the driveway. Let's go, honey." I bet they're off frolicking in a meadow somewhere, together again, for the last time. Till we meet again ...

Notables also gone are George Kennedy, Harper Lee, George Gaines, Sonny James, Joey Feek, and Nancy Reagan, meeting up with her Ronnie.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**April 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

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

June 27 - Summer Luncheon—Chandler's Restaurant, 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL, 11:00 Cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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During the February meeting, the Indy Racers discussed whether to relocate their monthly luncheon meetings. Some members suggested that they would appreciate a change of menu after several years at the present restaurant. Others suggested that a buffet could be offered. **Dimple Rihel** and **Margie Bregante** agreed to follow up on suggested alternative locations with meeting rooms and report back to the group.

Mark your calendars. The group also agreed that the summer picnic will tentatively be held on Saturday, July 9th pending the availability of a site that is agreeable to the membership. Our Christmas Party Luncheon

will again be held at Maggiano's Restaurant at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 13th. **Margie Bregante** will secure the schedule with Maggiano's.

Other activities and programs being considered for the group this year include a tour of Grissom Air Force Base and a luncheon and show at either Beef & Boards dinner theater in Indianapolis or the Meyer's Dinner Theatre near Crawfordsville, IN.

Charles Theiss mentioned that the US Marine Corps had been unable to have a representative present in November to pick-up our Toys for Tots donations for the past couple of years. **Wanda Bryce** suggested that our support for the underprivileged at Christmas be geared toward local church or school programs this year. A final decision about what organization to support will be made in the next few months.

Bob Duty won \$21 in our 50/50 drawing.

Members attending the meeting were **Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob and Myrtle Duty, Frank and Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, Charles Theiss** and his son **Anthony**.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in April: **Mike Matlak** (4/8) and **Ralph Barnett** (4/21).

Calendar:

April 12 - Luncheon Meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. Call **Margie Bregante** at (317) 418-8243 for information about location.

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The Nor'Easters has two new members for 2016, **Barbara McFarland** and **Mabel Reyes**, both retired from BOSCS. Barbara, husband Bob and Mabel attended our Christmas luncheon and were overjoyed to see so many old friends. Welcome to our organization, we hope to see you often!

Our own **Lyn O'Hara**, once an avid hiker, became stationary due to operations on each shoulder, from on the job injuries. On April 19, Lyn will trek the Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. She'll start in St. Jean Pied de Port, France, via Madrid, Pamplona, over the Pyrenees and climb the Meseta, the plateau of Northern Spain. She advised this is the Holy Year of Mercy, so the Holy Door (Porta Santa) of the Cathedral in Santiago, will be open to Pilgrims until November, then closed until 2021. There will also be special masses. She will continue to the ocean at Finisterre, (known to Pilgrims as the End of the World) and up the coast to Muxia, a total of 580 miles. Her big difference between this trek and past hikes on the Appalachian Trail is her back pack. She won't have to carry food and tent, as this trail has hostels and local restaurants. More power to you Lyn! I feel lucky when I make it to my mail box and back!

Since **Don Latter**'s wife **Kathy** retired, they've been off to ports unknown. Started in the Caribbean, on to the Hawaiian Islands, then off to South East Asian beaches. Current location unknown! I'm jealous!

Bob DePippo had a hip replacement in mid-February. He is home and doing well and thanks fellow members for cards, calls and E's.

Andy & Carol Montalto just got the news that they will soon become first time grandparents. Congrats!

Steve Bilodeau just became a great grandfather on February 19 with great granddaughter, Lynda Rose. Congrats!

In last month's installment, I bragged about our lack of snow here in the Northeast. The day after I posted we got a snow storm and again two days later. However, in both cases, rain followed then warm temps, so no snow blowing. Now, while writing this, an inch of the white stuff just covered everything. But again, a little rain and warm temp. March is anything can happen month, weather wise. I still say, so far this has been the mildest winter I can remember.

Although the Nor'Easters got two new members this year, we lost two, so our numbers remain the same.

Our March luncheon, first of the year, will be held on the 29th. Meeting info will be aired in May's Newsletter.

Life is too short to be serious all the time. If you can't laugh at yourself, just call me. I'll laugh at you!

April's birthdays: **Thomas Blackwood, Peter Fusco, Don Latter** and **Helmut Umbley**.

April's anniversaries: **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (48 years), **Andy & Carol Montalto** (39) and **Kenneth & Jacqueline Washburn** (56).

Calendar:

April - Jimmy's Steer House, Route 1 north, Saugus, MA

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Restaurante loco! Who knew that a monthly retiree luncheon would turn into a bit of a fiasco? Our March luncheon was hosted by **Patty Gates** and she chose the Mexican Fiesta restaurant in Canton, MI. She called the restaurant on Tuesday to reconfirm and give a final count for our gathering on Thursday. The phone rang and rang and rang with no answer. She called several times with the same result: no answer. She called a branch of the restaurant and was told that the Canton, MI location was closed because they were working on the kitchen. Problem was that they never notified her. Patty was able to get our group booked at the Mexican Fiesta location in Dearborn Heights. But then the scramble was on to notify everyone of the change of locations. Everyone that RSVP'd was notified. But for those that "crash" our luncheons, were they left standing in an empty parking lot? Maybe we will never know. For the twenty of us that attended, we had a great time. We enjoyed our bag of treats, the food, and the friendship of our United friends. Thanks Patty! This was one luncheon that was unforgettable.

Our next lunch will be held on Thursday, April 7 in Brighton, MI. Stay tuned for exact details.

Marie Cook sends a big "Thank You" for the get well cards. She continues to need our prayers and good wishes. You may want to let her know that you are thinking of her. Cards can be sent to Fairlane Assisted Living, 4085 Fairlane Drive, Bloomfield, MI 48301.

We are continuing to look for someone to be the correspondent for this newsletter. No experience necessary. And you don't have to live locally. Anybody, anywhere in the country, is eligible for this position. Contact me at (248) 667-9258 or bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net.



Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

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It was a sunny but chilly February day when 26 Lites plus one guest showed up at our alternate location, the Old Country Buffet in Burnsville. We had to pull together fast to find a place to meet since the OCB closed 7 of their 10 locations, our usual place in Woodbury being one of them. We were fortunate that the fellow who had managed the Woodbury store was transferred to the Burnsville location and he welcomed us with open arms.

Since they had been retired for a number of years and we'd never had them grace us with their presence, we were surprised and pleased to see **Bill Hombach & Jerry Strickland** (MSPFF) walk in the door. Another surprise walked in the door with **Andy Holen ~ Tom Kvamme**, former MSPCG (a loong time ago)! **Tom**

lives over in the same neck of the woods in the Brainerd Lakes area as **Andy**. Since leaving UAL, **Tom** has had a wonderfully diverse career in broadcasting and newspaper work.

Wayne & Karen Cole decided to spend the winter in MN this year since they're taking an extensive European cruise in April. They couldn't have chosen a better winter to stay north, what with our El Nino warm temperatures.

There was discussion about what to do and where to go for our monthly gatherings. Several suggestions were offered and it was decided, at least temporarily, to return to the Woodbury location where the Perkins Restaurant sits right next to the closed OCB. Everyone knows how to get there and although we'll be ordering off the menu, the food is usually pretty good. Keep looking for alternate, more centrally located venues with a separate room.

Sonja Gunderson suggested that the chapter pay for the officers' lunch to supplement their salaries and surprisingly, it was passed unanimously. Too bad that **Sonja** didn't reap the reward for her generosity by winning one of the raffle draws. One of the winners must have been occupying the chair that she would have chosen.

Arlene & Joe Kelley will be hosting the spring Northwoods Loonie(s) event May 17-20 in Cloquet, MN. They encouraged everyone to join us, meet some new friends among the UAL retirees from around the country and see how much fun we have twice a year.

Andy & Norma Holen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Hawaii, their favorite spot. Gosh, it sure doesn't seem like 25 years since those two tied the knot!

Al Gunderson wasn't in attendance that day, so his brother **Lyle** filled us in on his ongoing treatments. A recent set of tests revealed that the tumors have shrunk, so **Al** is soldiering on. He had a procedure that day and was unable to join us.

The death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia hit **Jim & Mary Brennan** particularly hard. **Mary's** grandson, Ryan Walsh, was Judge Scalia's law clerk for several years and had great respect for "The Boss". He was honored to be part of the honor guard and an usher at the funeral of his employer and mentor.

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at **Perkins**, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign & right on Currell Blvd to Perkins.

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Mother Nature interfered with our February luncheon. The groundhog didn't see his shadow and neither did the retirees. The "storm of the century" was predicted that day and all reports were to stay home and stay off the streets. We were lucky in that we did not get the amount of snow that was predicted, but visibility was extremely poor and road conditions were not passable. In looking back over the minutes from the last fifteen years, we have had to cancel four times, interestingly all in the month of February.

I checked in with some of our members who have been having some health problems to get an update for our group: **Bracston Olds** has been undergoing preparation for radiation treatment for his lung cancer. He was to start his first treatment in about a week. **Myrtis** reported that the lump on his neck is a "non-issue" at this time.

I called **Roger Grandgenett** who had experienced a severe fall, hitting his head resulting in a stroke last fall. He answered the phone and sounded really good. He is recovering well and is even driving some now. He still has some residual effect from Bell's palsy and tires very easily but feels very lucky that the after effects are not worse than they are.

I also called **Roger Jensen** and talked to his daughter Joanie. Roger had just begun another round of cancer treatment but fell and broke his hip last week. He has had surgery to repair the hip and was transferred to Brookestone Village, 4330 S. 144th St., Omaha, NE for rehabilitation on Friday (12). The cancer treatment has been suspended for now and will be readdressed as he recovers from the fall.

I hate to nag, but there are still several of you who have not paid your dues yet. Please take care of this as soon as you can. Contact **Eileen Holly**.

March Birthdays ~ **Marge Edwards** (1), **Charlie Cromling** (5), **Betty Hall** (7), **Al Habeeb** (20), **Jane Habeeb** (21), **Mary Pierson** (21), **Don Jensen** (26), and **Sena Jensen** (30). Have a wonderful day!

Our next meeting will be at the Pizza Ranch, 3010 South 84th Street, hosted by **Marva & Emery Dickinson** on March 1st. The place does not open until 11:00 am so there is no reason to arrive early. Cost is \$7.40 per person. Just pay the cashier and let her know you are with the UAL group. If you have not eaten at a Pizza Ranch before, it is an all you can eat buffet. Their specialty is pizza, but they also have fried chicken, vegetables, salad bar and dessert bar. The food is very good. You do not need to make a reservation, just show up.

Calendar:

April 5 – TBD, hosted by **Marge Edwards**

May 3 - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk & Mel Harrison**

June 7 - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Toddy Manson**

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February luncheon at our new meeting place turned out very well; food and service was great, and the 41 members and guests attending seemed to be happy with it.

President Rosemarie was ill, so **Christine Earl** conducted the meeting. She introduced guests **Kimberly Fox**, daughter of **George**; **Sigrid Wright**, beautiful daughter of **Zenta Berghofer**; and **Jim Simmons**, friend of **Kathy & Dave Ginder**. We were happy to see returning member, **James Spencer**, he always has a big smile for everyone.

Mary Chandler helped **George Fox** with the ticket sales, and there were many happy winners, **Koji Takeuchi**, **Michel LeChevallier**, and **Elaine Ptak** shared the cash from the 50/50 drawing.

Denise Gallagher had surgery and is doing well. **Georgia Rutkowski** will be having a procedure on her knee that will allow her to be pain free until she has the permanent surgery in the fall.

We are saddened to report on the passing of two of our members; **Ruth Verplanck** and **Elizabeth Sabroso**. Ruth was a flight attendant and her late husband was a pilot for United Airlines. Elizabeth had been suffering from cancer for some time, her husband, **Emelio**, retired from SFOJJ.

Eleanor & Mike Vasko enjoyed having their daughter, Marsha, with them for a week. She was an extra for the filming of a new Bourne movie which will be out in late July.

Jerry & Madeline Meierkort have been on a cruise and missed our last luncheon/meeting. **Christine & Woody Earl** are on a cruise now.

Members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February and March are: **Gail Allen**, **Bob Berghofer**, **Benny Brandis**, **Koji Takeuchi**, **John Albert**, **Larry Snavelly**, **Hessie Wright**, **Bob Levy**, **Rosemarie Restivo**; **Bob & Zenta Berghofer** with 34 yrs of marriage.

Our thanks to **Eleanor Vasko** and **Carrie Takeuchi** for loading our tables with candy. Eleanor is our Sunshine Lady, and we thank her for taking photos at meetings and keeping up photo albums, and sending greeting cards. Thanks to all members who bring items for our raffle table. We hope to have a guest speaker at our April meeting. Easter is in late March, but we still want to see some "Easter Bonnets" there. We have changed the day of our meetings from 2nd Tuesday of every other month to 2nd Thursday. Lunch and meeting is at Noon; Giuseppe's Bar & Grille, 6065 S. Durango Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89113.

Calendar:

April 14 - Easter Theme

June 09 - Western Theme

August 11 - "TBA"
October 13 - Halloween
December 8 - Christmas

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There were 13 members at our February meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

The date for our August summer picnic is Friday, August 19, at the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. We are hoping the weather cooperates the way it did last year and have a pleasant, not very hot day. The fee and \$100 cleaning deposit have been paid. The cleaning deposit will be refunded if we leave the pavilion clean. The \$500,000 insurance liability certificate will be acquired closer to the date.

We are saddened to report the passing of **Nils (Bob) Hallden** on January 27, 2016 in the beautiful Sonoma Valley where he was close to his daughter. After traveling the world during the Korean War, he landed at Stead Air Force base in Nevada where he met and married **Virginia Sprague** and had two children. He started a career at United Airlines in Reno in 1955 and retired in San Jose in 1989 after 34 years of service. Bob was an amazing person who touched many lives with his laugh, his smile and his ability to fit into any situation. He will be sorely missed.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid**, **Bill Perkins** and **Ethel Meek**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lynda Klemm**, who also won in January, the lucky girl!

Our next meeting will be at 11:30am on March 14 at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St., Reno.

2016 dues are now payable. The cost remains the same - \$5.00/person. Please mail the checks to **Kathy Robinson**, 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502.

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The Garden Staters meeting was opened by President **Frank Worszaka**. There was a long moment of silence, for four EWR mechanics who have passed away: **Gene Killcmmons**, **Jesse Night**, **RC Smith**, and **Tony Riberio**, all will be missed.

Gene Enfield has given up his post as treasurer, due to outside obligations. In the meantime, our president will take over that function. It was also good to see three of our members from union local 914 at EWR. They were **Rich Crieghton**, **Mitch Buckly**, and **Bill Imbemba**. Rich brought us up to date on what was going on between the unions and the company, especially how it pertains to the EWR operations. Since there will be a union election on March 4, our retirees will be eligible to vote, and he urged us to exercise that right. The place of voting will be at the Doubletree Hotel, 128 Frontage Rd. at Newark airport. The times will be from 6 to 8 AM in the morning, and from 6 to 8 PM in the evening. I know this seems a bit inconvenient, but that's how the government works. This election is fairly important, so use your best judgment.

Frank gave our treasury report, and all is okay. **Rich Crieghton** won the 50/50, and our next meeting will be on March 30 at Snuffy's restaurant, Scotch Plains, at 12 PM sharp.

The following note is from **Rich Crieghton**: "Good morning,

Let me start off with thanking everybody for their support and well wishes in the election that took place on Friday March 4.

I knew the retirees would be the difference maker in this election and every single position came down to single digits to decide the winner in each category and the retirees are the group pushed our team over for the victory.

So on behalf of the President Mike Klemm and the rest of the team of District 141, we would like to thank everyone for their endless support."

☺"Most of us would get along better, if we follow the advice that we give to others."

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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A dwindling number of Metros, only 31, at our luncheon. Waiting for El Nino to blow **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** in from Hawaii. **Frank Ferrara** tried to hitch a ride up from Florida on Donald Trump's plane but wasn't willing to work on his campaign so was denied boarding. See you all next month, I hope. I can't believe Easter will have come and gone by then.

Jim Richardson received words that **Don McGee** had passed away sometime last year. Don and his wife, **Bobbie Lawless**, had both worked at LGA and were living in DCA. Our condolences to the family.

We have 21 birthdays in March but you wouldn't want me to list them all, I'm sure. At our luncheon were: **Diane Pozzi** (3/7), **Pat Hannon**, **John Green** and moi, **Cassie Manelski** (3/10), **Diane Talochino** (3/18). Although I have not seen **Anthony Statuto** at our meeting, I mention him because his birthday is on Easter Sunday, 3/27, which is quite rare. 3/9 is **Roy Portelli's**. We wish him well. Happy Birthday to all and many more!

Note from the Newsletter Managers: We are sorry to report that after receiving the newsletter chapter report, we received the sad news that **Roy Portelli** has passed away.

First prize in our 50/50 drawings was won by **George Riggi**, as did second prize, which George graciously declined, so **Lillian Cohen** lucked out, and third prize went to **Nick Manfredo**. (I'm counting, Nick!)

We are trying out a new place next month for our meeting. It is the Davenport Press, 70 Main Street, Mineola, (516) 248-8300. \$25 if we commit for regular monthly. Sounds good.

Calendar:

April 6 – Meeting at Davenport Press

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Wow! Time's flying by. We're already in the transition months to spring. Today we even have a little sunshine and the next few days are forecasted to be above freezing and warming a bit up here. That can only mean you have got to make that all important phone call right now to reserve your room for the Spring get together of the Northwoods Loonies in Cloquet, Minnesota. **Joe & Arlene Kelley** have put in a lot of effort to host us in a fun time together, and they have reminded us of the following items of note.

Dates of May 17-20, 2016, at the AmericInn Lodge, 111 Big Lake Road, Cloquet, MN 55720, (218) 879-1231. The block of rooms is being held under "United Airlines Loonies." You must book by April 15 to get the \$88.69 special rate.

The following local businesses are on the agenda for our visiting: Jardin Home Brands (Strike Match makers), Upper Lakes Foods (6th largest Distributors in the country), K.I. Sportwear, County Seat Theater

(Local live play company), and Minnesota Forest Service (This one is tentative). Lots of good restaurants including "Gordies," featured on the TV show "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."

Joe & Arlene would like to have you contact them by email or phone if you are going to attend so they will know how many to plan on. Joe & Arlene Kelley, Kelleys65@q.com, (218) 879-6171.

Thank you all, and have a safe journey.

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We had our February 3rd luncheon at a new venue in Parma, Ohio. It was at Fuji Buffet & Grill. The overall response to the menu was very good. Food offers were varied and generous. The cuisine was Asian and American, as well as a Hibachi grill. Many desserts, including a sundae bar with many toppings. In other words, there was everything from soup to nuts. We will be returning to Fuji's in the future.

Our members that chair the 50/50 Raffle, **Dave & Marie Placko**, were on the job as usual. A huge "Thank You" goes out to them for their dedication. **Dave** conducted the 50/50 raffle and the lucky winners were **Reta Hammer** and **Lois Walter**.

Treasurer **Steve Pytel** gave us an update on our dues collection and that there are a few that have not paid. He also gave us information on the prescription plan with United.

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting. There were 55 members in attendance. **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** received an applause for hosting this luncheon.

We had two deaths since our December lunch. **Alene Allen** (spouse of **Ed Allen**) on December 19, 2015. Ed is a retired aircraft mechanic from Continental Airlines. And the other member was **David Cleary**, passed on January 10, 2016. Dave worked in Cleveland for many years and retired from the ramp.

We were also informed that non-members **David Bodenschatz** (CLE ramp) passed on January 9, 2016, and **Charles Foregt** (CLE aircraft mechanic) on January 27, 2016.

We recognized January and February birthday celebrants as we had no January lunch. In attendance were: January ~ **Nancy Carter, Jacki Craig, Marie Pivik, Kay Preston, and Jim Schulte**. February ~ **Tom Hockett, Carole Kilmer, Mary Lou Kuretz, Mary Lou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher and Frank Wachs**. Yes, we did sing "the Song" to them.

February Wedding Anniversary ~ **David & Sharon Simpson** - 42 years.

Seeing that this is tax season, Dolly informed us of the IRS "Dirty Dozen". The different scams going on. False tax returns. People calling, saying they are the IRS and threatening arrest if you don't pay now with your credit card. Some of our members said they have received such calls.

Calendar:

April 6 – Mahle's Restaurant

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We had 83 members in attendance at our February meeting and were delighted to host our RUAEA NW Director **Tom Cunningham** and his wife **Barbara**. Tom provided a wealth of information to the group including Updated and important phone numbers and email addresses relating to UAL Benefits Center (Central

Time), United Employee Service Center, United Pass Line, Employee Travel Center, Flying Together Help Desk, New United number for USA and International, Aetna, BC/BS, PBGC, Social Security Administration, Alliant Credit Union, Medicare Hot line, CVS/ Caremark Pharmacy and VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time). The new numbers are on page 29 of the February 2016 RUAEA Newsletter. Information about how to join National RUAEA with his name and contact information: **Tom S. Cunningham**, (925) 846-8123. TBCunningham3556@gmail.com and other information on page 30 of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Tom also provided information about travel, Aero-Marine Interline Company offering Airline Employee and Interline discounts on travel and cruises and perx.com offering discount cruises. Tribeca writes ID90's and offers exclusive travel deals for airline employees. To reach Tribeca's website: Go to Internet Explorer and fill in the address bar with: <https://www.ID90Travel.com>.

UAL has hired a travel agent that will help with the listing of flights for a fee of \$25.00. Star Alliance-ZED fare. On FlyingTogether, look for the Discount Page on the Travel Tab of Flying Together.

We were also quite pleased to welcome back members **Sarah & Dick Yates** and **Fred Lemnitzer**.

Sick List: **Veulah Lorts** is residing at Tabor Crest Care Center, 7430 S. Division, Portland, OR 97206. **Jeri Blodgett** is recovering from surgery that removed portions of each lung for cancer, she is doing well and her prognosis is good. Jeri remarked: "*Cancer is tough, but I'm tougher*".

Anniversary ~ **Anna & Harold Miller** (23 years).

Birthdays ~ **Gene King**, **Irma Larkin**, and **Elaine Hoek**.

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize - **Elaine Hoek**, Men's Birthday - **Gene King**, Women's Birthday - **Elaine Hoek**, 50/50 - **Lorene Ludeman**.

Calendar:

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

April 13 - Social

May 11 – Social



OUR CLUB

(Oregon United Retirees)

Grants Pass, Oregon

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We had our luncheon at The Hong Kong Restaurant in Grants Pass on Friday, March 4th. We all had some of our favorite Chinese dishes while commenting we would try a different dish next time as everything looked so good.

President **Ric Walcha** started the meeting off by making his appearance wearing a rather large green top hat with a red beard and wishing us all a Happy St. Patty's Day. **Wayne Widrig** was in attendance looking a wee bit tired but then he was in the hospital twice this past month so he was allowed to look tired. Our Sunshine Lady, **Peggy Wright**, also spent a couple nights in the hospital. I felt like a mother hen scolding them both for not informing any of us that they were ill. They both missed out on getting a nice card from OUR club and flowers so maybe next time they will inform us. Huh, I wonder if Peggy sent herself flowers because after all, she is our Sunshine gal.

Prayers go out to **Doe Popes'** son, Steven, whose test results did come back with news of cancer. Doe informed us he is very positive and even put **Marge Culkins** to work making Steven a lime green hat to send him as this is the color for his form of cancer.

Good wishes go out to **Russ Randell**, **Mariam Lindberg** and **Ida Rogers** who are under the weather. Our Treasurer, **Linda Althouse**, sold the 50/50 tickets and **Marge Culkins** picked the winning number which belonged to **Bob Rogers**.

Spring is in the air and tulips and daffodils are everywhere or at least they were until the heavy rain we recently received knocked them all down. Wishing you all luck at finding the pot of gold and blessings at Easter.

PENNSYLVANIA



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Spring in Pittsburgh has begun with beautiful weather! Winter has been like a dream come true, awesome weather in January - February with up to 70 degrees! We all put our shovels and snow blowers away and hoping they were not needed.

Sadly to say, our dearest friend and very dedicated RUAEA former officer, **Jeri Juth**, is in the hospital, unfortunately, she had a stroke. She had been in Allegheny General Hospital and is now in a rehabilitation facility, St Joseph's Villa, 560 St Joseph Way, Baden, PA 15008. Get well wishes can be sent to her home: 1900 Truman Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001 – Bernie will get them to her. Jeri – please get well soon! Without your help- RUAEA Pittsburgh won't be Pittsburgh! Our prayers are with you and loved by all.

Another one of our great RUAEA friends and RUAEA Director Northeast, **Treatie Karwoski**, is not able to get around as well as she would like, and, unfortunately, facing some health issues and not able to drive and keeps our spirit up for RUAEA; another lady we need in Pittsburgh! Cards can be sent to her home: 1900 8th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Please keep our dear friends on your prayer list and RUAEA Pittsburgh we need you!

Our former UAL Pittsburgh retiree, **Ted Zyzak**, recently passed away on March 2. Our sincere condolences to his beloved wife, **Bernice Baranski Zyzak**. Ted and his wife are known for their delicious pierogies they made for their church and also made for our Pittsburgh RUAEA functions! Ted was very active in his church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Carnegie. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and nine grandchildren!

Jim Weber is currently recovering from a minor stroke on top of his many surgeries with cancer and spinal surgeries; with the help of his wife, Diane, Jim is known as our good-will ambassador! Happy to say he is coming along well with his recovery.

April Anniversaries ~ **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (4/13), **Vic & Joan Ference** (4/30).

April Birthdays ~ **Jeri Juth** (4/5), **Mary Salamon** (4/10), **Mitch Abbas** (4/14), and **Dave Detwiler** (4/28).

TENNESSEE

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Hi everyone! Not much to report from Tennessee this time. We have had 2 social breakfasts, one in December with about 18 members attending and one in February with 22 in attendance.

We had to cancel the January meeting because of icy conditions. March is looking good for a meeting on the 17th at Puleo's Grill on Cedar Lane in Knoxville.

We have had a few more United people come to the meetings and we are still looking for more. If you know of anyone in our area, please send us their name and phone number.

Well, that's all folks. I just wanted to let you know we are still active, alive and well.

Calendar:

March 17 - Meeting at Puleo's on Cedar Lane in Knoxville, hosted by **Les & Carolyn Hartshorn**

April 21 - Social Breakfast at The Egg and I in Knoxville at 10:00am

May 19 - Lunch and a play at the Cumberland County Playhouse, hosted by **Joe & Robbie Corbin**

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President **Ken Storey** welcomed 30 members to our February meeting at the Burien Elks Club and led the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance.” **Ken** conducted a brief business meeting after lunch, sharing his usual lighthearted jokes and informing of us prices back in 1964 – what a difference from today!

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** reported that our finances are in good shape and that we now have about 120 paid members for 2016. A more accurate count will be available next month.

New Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen** pitched right in, taking notes for the first time and publishing her report in the March issue of *Contrails*.

Phyllis announced February birthdays and anniversaries and conducted the drawings for door prizes with the help of **Bob Brumfield**. With fewer prizes, the process moved more swiftly, but your correspondent is embarrassed to note that **Ed & Gay Liesse**’s were the first two numbers drawn! (Mix up/shake up those tickets!) He scored a box of chocolates and she selected a lovely pink tulip plant, her choice being greeted with moans from others who had had their eyes on that beauty. **Dan Miles** walked away with the 50/50 prize.

Students at Raisbeck Aviation High School at Boeing Field would like to interview older retired UAL mechanics who had worked on piston engines back in the day. Current employees don’t have experience with the old planes to answer questions or explain operations. It may be possible to have the students talk with conventioners in September.

On February 18, members of the Seattle Chapter met with **Ron Bertacini**, National Vice President of Convention, and his “partners in crime” **Marilyn Marcy** and **John Koehl** to plan the 2016 RUAEA convention to be held in Seattle September 21-24.

Local convention chair **Ken Storey** introduced his crew. **Dave Jones**, who will be coordinating convention tours to Boeing facilities, was able to be on hand long enough to discuss those venues before heading off for his Thursday assignment as a docent at the Museum of Flight. **Fred & Bonnie Frey** are organizing other tours, while **Gay Liesse** and **John Haferbecker** will coordinate publicity. **Ed Liesse** was along for the ride and to offer his expertise in planning and executing conventions. After lunch in the hotel restaurant, the group was given a tour of the hotel, examining meeting rooms, registration space and an unoccupied guest suite.

Wednesday, March 2 saw the long-awaited Final Flight of N7001U, which sat idle for 25 years before being refurbished at the Museum of Flight’s Restoration Center at Paine Field in Everett, Washington. The weather cooperated long enough for the pilot, co-pilot and engineer to ferry the plane to Boeing Field in Seattle. After its 15-minute flight, the prototype 727, donated to the Museum by UAL in 1991, landed to cheers from the crowd of spectators, many in United uniforms. **John & Addy Haferbecker** noted **Bill Gordius** at the scene and snapped a photo of retired Captain **Chuck Westpfahl**, who had actually piloted this particular historic plane during his career with United. **Dona Westpfahl** enjoyed the festivities with **Chuck**, who was resplendent in his captain’s uniform. Others were present but escaped detection in the crush. The plane will be parked at the Museum of Flight until it can be transferred to a new facility coming later this year, to join the exhibit of various retired planes in the Museum of Flight’s collection.

Note: There will be a change of venue for the April luncheon on the Emerald City Slickers, when we relocate – at least for this meeting – to Angelo’s in Burien for a trial run. We’ll gather at 11:30. Free parking is available across the street from the restaurant.

Join the SEATTLE RAIN DANCE September 21-24, 2016!

Calendar:

April 12 – Angelo’s, Burien WA

May 10 – To be determined

June-August – No regular meetings

September 13 – To be determined

September 21-24 – RUAEA National Convention, Tukwila (Seattle), WA



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Thirteen faithful followers of our chapter met on February 12 for a get-together, hosted by the **Holmes** at Rancho Viejo in Spokane Valley. By meeting at 1500 we all missed traffic coming and going on a Friday. Everyone is feeling great, sharing stories and laughter. We are looking for new members.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In DC, we are ready for spring! March 4th was supposedly our last snow fall.



Our February luncheon was well attended. We had many door prizes thanks to **Linda Scriven** who brought in many items of United memorabilia. There was also a bouquet of Valentine balloons. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Sharon Wright**, who generously donated her share to a charity fund raiser, sponsored by our host restaurant, The Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. They are raising money to send military children to summer camp. (Ms. Wright is pictured on the left, and **Nancy Pater** is on the right - Nancy is celebrating her February birthday.)

For those of you who are interested in going to Maryland for breakfast, there is a group that meets at 9am in Glen Burnie on the first Wednesday of every month at the Double T Diner. Much like the Dulles Loungers, this group consists of retirees from almost every department from UAL. IAD, DCA and BWI airports are also well represented. Their next get-together will be April 6th.

Our first guest speaker of the year will be at our March 9th luncheon. Andrea Morisi is an estate planning attorney in Prince William County. She is a noted speaker in the area and we look forward to hearing her presentation. I will write about her in our next newsletter.

Anyone wishing to join us for lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, will be warmly welcomed.

Fly safely!

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Hello RUAEA:

Happy Spring! Hope you are enjoying the spring flowers and the sunshine where ever you are. Here in California, we are experiencing El Nino in full form. Lots of rain and wind, but our lakes and reservoirs are filling up.

Once again, I am calling upon our friends and Family of RUAEA to send me names of possible Flight Attendants who live in or near Charlotte, North Carolina. We only need a few more people to get this Chapter off the ground and we need your help. They must be United/Continental ~ resigned, retired or still flying Flight Attendants. I thank you in advance for your help.

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The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **February 2016**:

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
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- 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, fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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- Retiree – **Borkowski, Robert J.**, on 1/22/2016, ORDMM, husband of Carolyn J. Borkowski, 560 A. Shoreline Rd., Lake Barrington, IL 60010
- Retiree – **Friebel, Andrew M.**, on 1/24/2016, SFOFO, husband of Corinne A Friebel, 6020 91st St. E., Puyallup, WA 98371
- Retiree – **Lancor, Ronald L.**, on 2/12/2016, ORDMM, husband of Helen Lancor, 1033 Lowell Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60193
- Retiree – **Matsui, Fred H.**, on 2/2/2016, LAXCG, husband of Kiyoe Shinozuka, 638 Avenida Seville #Q, Laguna Woods, CA 92637
- Retiree – **Menten, Gene M.**, on 2/7/2016, EXOAI, father of Pam (Menten) Gerstung and Kevin Menten, both of ORDCG, 5338 E. Escondido, Mesa, AZ 85206
- Retiree – **Moore, Mary L.**, on 2/19/2016, DENTK, 17005 Buchanan Place, Aurora, CO 80011
- Retiree – **Salem, Alva**, on 1/16/2016, DCASS, 14 Lakeside Dr., Greenbelt, MD 20770
- Retiree – **Smith, Patricia M.**, on 7/22/2015, IADRR, mother of Margret Smith, 3598 Rock Run Rd., Goldvein, VA 22720
- Retiree – **Swift, James F. (Swiftly)**, on 2/24/2016, ORDCG, husband of Marlene Swift, 12866 W Rock Springs Ln., Huntley, IL 60142
- Retiree – **Wilder, Gregory L.**, on 10/24/2015 SFOSW, husband of Susan H. Wilder, 7 Westridge Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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:

Lonnie Autry, Tom Barnes, Martin Egan, Dorothy Engels, Helene Guay, Marilyn Halt, John Donovan, James Haslem, Tom Kenny, Doug Ledingham, Carolyn Locke-Miles, Terry J. Miller, Brigitte Murdock, Janina Pietrzyk, Jan Smithberg, Gayle Swanson, Evelyn Terry, John Tiefel, Helme Walter, Grace Witt, Beverly Yeager, Yvonne Wright.

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.)

John Domalik 8619 Millstream Dr., Richmond, VA 23228

Thanks for the memories!

We are behind our UAL president and wish him well in his recovery. We pray we get United back to its #1 status.

Thanks to RUAEA we are kept in the loop. United was my life for 38 years

Terry Greenacre, 1976 Monterey Pines Dr., Roseville, CA 95747

Thanks to all of the Newsletter Staff for their hard work keeping us all informed.

It's hard to believe that I've been retired from the SFO Maintenance Base for nearly 19 years! I came out from Cheyenne to San Francisco and always look for the opportunity to mention it to United employees just to see their reaction. Then I feel obligated to tell the whole truth. I was six years old when my Dad was transferred out to SFO in 1948. You can see my Dad, Glenn Greenacre, in the video clip, "Ready for Flight", on the Historical Foundation website; uahf.org.

Speaking of Cheyenne, I recently came across a newsletter from the Cheyenne Modification Center, called Prop Wash, where my Dad worked before coming out to SFO. I was showing my Mom some of the articles which included our family and a family that were neighbors who lived just two buildings from us in the "Frontier Park Villa" where we lived. Mom identified one family and I was actually able to contact one of the sons. I have wondered for some time how many Cheyenne folks are still around. I would love to find other retired Cheyenne employees and maybe see some more Prop Wash newsletters if there are any out there.

My Mom, **Harriet Greenacre** worked at the SFO Maintenance Base in the EPM (Engine Parts Monitoring) group. She retired over 36 years ago and, at 98 years old, Mom is doing very well living in an assisted living place in the Bay Area.

I hired on in 1960 as an apprentice machinist, and after nearly 37 years, retired as one of the owners. But, that's another story!

Marilyn Halt, 1554 Okray Ave., Plover, WI 54467

I've needed a care giver for awhile now (severe back and shoulder problems) and can be reached at (715) 344-1034 right across the street from where I live.

I hope everyone has a very Happy New Year!

Thanks to all the wonderful people that get our newsletter out to us retired UAL people. I sure appreciate all the work you do all year!

Brigitte Murdock, 1505 S. Roxbury Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84108

I would like to thank the many thoughtful coworkers of Frank's who dropped me either a sympathy card or called to console me for the loss of a wonderful man who had been my husband for more than 43 years. We often talked about his career, as well as mine, both of which were spent with United Airlines and how enjoyable it was to be of service to passengers in our various capacities. This also included the good relationships we developed with fellow-workers on the airline's system.

I thank all of you very much and best regards.

Wallace Wong, 345 W 58th St., Apt 6T, New York, NY 10019-1133

The holiday season brought back warm and nostalgic memories of my association with United Airlines, which I would like to share with you.

After my discharge from the US Army in 1953, I had the good fortune to meet the president of United Airlines, William (Bill) Patterson at a Rotary Club luncheon.

Mr. Patterson suggested that I should see Dave Holcom, industrial relations manager at the SFO Maintenance Operations Center, not knowing on that fateful day, I would be with United Airlines for the next thirty six years of my life.

The next five years, my job assignments involved the following: Industrial Engineering, Environmental Safety, Safety and Health Training, Parts procurement, Workload scheduling, Accident Investigation, Union/Management relations, Line Station operations & Training, Motivation programs/Public relations, Management Training.

As I reflect on my career with United, I can't help but recall the people, events, and changes, which made my tenure with United Airlines a most interesting, exciting, challenging, and rewarding life experience!

I will always remember and value the team spirit of the people who helped me produce the following productions:

January 27, 1979, the musical presentation of "Viva Gypsy", featuring Hollywood star, Phyllis Diller, Dr. Lou Krasno's Gypsy Trio, Rosa Montoya, Bailes Flamenco, and San Francisco opera star, John Miller. All the performers, public relations people, technicians, set designers, and stage hands volunteered their services for a just cause. The revenue generated from the "Viva Gypsy" production went to the Bay Area Charities and the William A. Patterson Distinguished Chair in Transportation. The musical "Viva Gypsy" was good PR for United Airlines.

The August 29, 1982, "Friendship Fair '82" was one of the largest and most meaningful productions I ever directed. It was dedicated to the men and women at the MOC and system wide involved in keeping our fleet flying and providing dependable service to our customers!

The 1982 "Friendship Fair" was successful in meeting its objectives and honoring our employees. Sixty thousand spectators attended the event including the employees, family and friends.

In retirement, I remain very involved. On 10/23/15, in Flushing, N.Y., I was awarded the Distinguished Asian Pacific American Advocacy Award. My two daughters, Lisa and Paula were among the more than 500 people who attended the event. There was excellent food, entertainment and dancing. I look forward to hearing from any former associates who are reading this letter.

Norma Ciarlariello, 23690 Shadow Dr., Auburn, CA 95602-8359

Thank you for all your work getting the newsletter together. I know it's not a simple job.

Also, thank you for still sending out the paper copy of the newsletter as computers are not convenient for me.

Birgit Prior, PO Box 501, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849-0501

Thank you very much for the newsletter for many years.

I was looking forward to each issue. And what a good job you did. But, as I am getting older every day, I find less interest in reading what is going on in airline life. I was happy in the *old good normal* travel time. I mean *normal*. Now, I have no desire to travel because nothing, no place is original any longer. I am glad I was able to when I was younger.

I hope that there will be many happy new issues for members to write good letters to the newsletter. I am sorry to say I am no longer a member. Thank you again.

Donna Lynn, 535 Jansen Ave., Essington, PA 19029-1107

Thank you again for keeping everyone up on current issues. We (my husband and I) enjoy the newsletter very much.

Carole Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108

Greetings to all my "old" pals at UAl. I am now on the way up to 90, whoopee! I have finally retired from PARDA Credit Union and wondering how long it will take me to get back to work again. It hasn't been a week and I'm already getting bored.

I still see **Shirley Kagel**, **Bee O'Brian** and **Laura Hammers**. We all go back to the HDQRC, what a great time in that department. We were hidden in the old bomb shelter at EXO and no one could find us.

We were lucky, had great supervisors, Ken, Carmen, Jo, Mary and some we lost too soon.

Good health to all!

Howard & Ruthann Clark, Brookdale Springs #328, 6220 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ 85206

Enclosed find dues (a little early) but I needed to change our mailing address.

After being a snowbird for 27 years, we decided to stay in Arizona. We moved into an Assisted Living Apt. We are only 4 miles away from our daughter Karen. We both decided we need a little help.

We enjoy the sunny weather and blue skies.

John Hildebran, PO Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557

Hi all you Denverites! I retired in 1980, I have more retired years than working years (1945 – 1980).

Thank you for keeping us "old guys" up to date.

Important Phone Numbers



Updated 2/2016

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 (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, ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

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>

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

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Unique aerial views in the UAL film "Flying Colors" were filmed with this nose-mounted movie camera. The firm of Cate & McGlone produced "Flying Colors" and several other United promotional films.

Two new United films were produced for audiences across the Main Line during September 1954. One film was "Flying Colors" dramatizing activities at the San Francisco Maintenance Base and "The Sky is for Everyone" featured the Mainliner Convair.

"Flying Colors" was written by Walter Wise and produced by Cate & McGlone under the direction of Bernard Kovnat, United's Promotional Advertising Manager and was dedicated to the "thousands of United men and women in aircraft maintenance."

All the "actors" in the "Flying Colors" film were United employees photographed on the job at the SFO Maintenance Base and at stations along the Main Line.



In "The Sky is for Everyone", Betty Ashton, secretary to Curtis Barks Vice-President of Finance, enacted the role of a Traveling Shoe Buyer. The film's technical details were discussed by (left to right) Bernard Kovnat, Melvin Douglas & Charles Palmer.

"The Sky is for Everyone" demonstrated how the Mainliner Convair brought modern high-speed air transportation to intermediate-sized cities and benefited everyone from the local doctor to the traveling salesman. In both films, the cast of United employees performed with professional aplomb.

The "Sky" film was written by Charles Palmer of Hollywood, narrated by Hollywood screen star Melvyn Douglas and produced by Telefilm of Chicago under Bernard Kovnat's supervision. Prints of the two pictures were distributed to Main Line cities for screening at business, social and civic groups.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the October 1954 United Air Lines News.

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This month, we recognize the Officers of the Hangtown Miners Chapter

From left to right:

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Rudy Blazius ~ President

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Tom Kenny ~ Treasurer

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Sometime in late August 2001 the attack date was set at 9/11. It is thought they selected this date because the U.S. Congress was due back from their summer break then, so the Capitol must have been the fourth target. Four flights were selected that departed within twenty minutes of each other for maximum shock value. Coast to coast flights were selected for maximum fuel loads thus maximum damage. September 11 arrived and the rest is history. KSM is the man responsible for almost 3000 lives. He truly is an evil man.

As our tour bus enters this field that was formerly called The Diamond T Strip Mine, as retirees of United Airlines, let's try to remember what happened here fourteen years ago this month. Seven of our fellow employees and thirty three of our flying customers died here

performing an act of extreme bravery. They weren't able to save their own lives but they saved the lives of countless lives in our nation's capital. This is sacred ground. A COMMON FIELD ONE DAY, A FIELD OF HONOR FOREVER. (Flight 93 mission statement)

Most of the information I've presented here is short summation of the book FLIGHT 93, THE STORY, THE AFTERMATH AND THE LEGACY OF AMERICAN COURAGE ON 9/11. The author is Tom McMillan, by Globe Pequot Press. I recommend this book to anyone desiring to know more about 9/11 and in particular Flight 93. The author, Tom McMillan is a part time ambassador at the flight 93 Memorial and is communications director for the Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey Team. This book is available at your local book stores or online at Amazon.

David Detwiler ~ RUAEA member from the Pittsburgh chapter, retired from ORD aircraft maintenance.✠