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GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since this issue of the Newsletter has the pictures of the convention, I will keep my comments as short as possible, and only about the RUAEA website.

At the business meeting during the convention I reported that we had made very good progress in the development of the RUAEA website, but that we had a way to go. It is not a question of "IF" we will get it done, but "when" will it get done.

Many of our members have been trying to access the RUAEA website, www.ruaea.org, and have been unable to do so; I apologize for that.

If you have not yet registered to view the newsletter, you may now do so online. This online registration supersedes any instructions previously given in the June & July editions of the RUAEA Newsletter.

We sent Spectrum Data a copy of the RUAEA membership database. Members can now register online using their last name with a zip code (5 digits).

They are asking for an e-mail address so they can add the information to the database for future use. For security reasons, we ask members NOT to use their file numbers as a log in name or password. This should solve the log in problem and allow members to view the newsletter as soon as they register.

To compensate for any inconvenience to our members we will extend the website trial period through Sept. 30. This way members have a better chance to view the website.

We will be meeting with Spectrum Data soon to work on any remaining problems. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Jim Fauber
President, RUAEA

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING May 24, 2003

President Jim Fauber called the Annual Business Meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. This meeting is in accordance with the RUAEA Bylaws. Motion was made & seconded to waive the reading of last year's minutes. Motion carried. The new Newsletter website www.ruaea.org or [.com](http://www.ruaea.com) or [.net](http://www.ruaea.net) (all three are applicable) will have no alteration from the written Newsletter. There will be no delay in receiving the website Newsletter. It will be available the 1st of each month. The March Newsletter mailing was 9,125 copies for a total \$9,600. Will look for a manager in the Chicago area for the new website.

Executive V.P. Marlin Lade reported that there is no formal relationship between UAL and its retirees, need a link between WHQ & RUAEA to establish a planned process which will give us accurate, timely and informative information regarding communications about UAL, also impact/affect on retirees, allow retirees to provide input on issues & decisions that impact/affect retirees and explore ways retirees can assist/support UAL in its recovery. Glenn Tilton endorsed and offered support, information to retirees and how to access it. Use Skynet & RUAEA website, also 1-800-1-AMUA. Ed Tolle has been appointed by Pres. Fauber to be the RUAEA liaison with WHQ.

Treas. Charlie Lewis reported net revenue, less expenses for 2002, was down 71%: \$6,550 in 2002 vs. \$22,471 in 2001. The cost of producing & mailing the newsletter was up 108%: \$47,944 in 2001, \$99,709 in 2002. Year-end cash balance which includes both the checking account & savings account in the Credit Union was \$108,322, down 0.3% from 2001. CD investments totaled \$142,913, up 5% from 2001 balance of \$135,824. Total amount of revenue received from our membership was up 44%, \$148,397 vs. \$102,737. First quarter 2003 results revenues were \$14,605 over budget, expenses \$15,216 under budget. Revenues & expenses were properly accounted for and reports were free of any material misstatement for the 2002 DEN Convention. Total cash & investments as of May 20, 2003 total \$293,673.

V.P.-Conventions, Bud Hubbard, reported there are 1062 attendees at the Chicago convention. The 2004 convention in SEA will be chaired by Hank Gosselin. The Site Selection committee is working on the 2005 convention location.

Past Pres., Frank Murdock, announced the election results. New Directors elected are: Tom Goodyear, Mountain Region & Jeri Juth, NE Region. Incumbents Tom Harvey-NW Region & Gordon Starr-AZ Region, were reelected. Bernie McNamee & Ned Yundt received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their dedication & service during their terms as directors.

Newsletter Editor, Jo Madden, was the sole attendee from the Newsletter staff. Mel Conine could not get to ORD so missed the Convention. Membership Secretaries, Mary Ann Wallace, Harriet Ahr & Adele Fishler were also absent, so Jo gave the RUAEA membership report. Jo reported

that Kinkos was giving us excellent service in printing our Newsletter. Regular membership has increased to 9,001, including 357 new members since 3/31/03. Reminder to members to include their file number on all checks. 2 new fields have been added to the retiree's record. Next to the file number on their check, if they wish, the retiree can add their station & department code from where they retired.

A question & answer session followed. Pres., Jim Fauber, adjourned the meeting at 12 noon. The door prize raffles were then conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Cauwels, Secretary

TRAVEL POLICY CHANGES

In the July newsletter we printed penalties for non-payment of Service Charges on NRSA or Companion Tickets. Be sure to save the envelope with the postmark stamped on it to show when invoice for travel charges was mailed. Retirees have advised that date of invoice was earlier than postmark on envelope - some as much as a week or 10 days earlier than envelope; SO save the envelope!

JULY SCHEDULE CHANGE INCLUDED **SEASONAL ADDITIONS,** **REINSTATEMENT OF SOME PACIFIC** **FLYING**

United added 54 flights to its schedule in July, including seasonal service additions, plus reinstatement of some Pacific flights cancelled in June due to the SARS-related drop in demand. United offered 3,359 mainline & United Express flights in July, up from 3,305 in June.

Effective July 1, United made the following changes to its international flight schedule:

- Reinstated service between SFO & Hong Kong that was discontinued in June, due to the SARS-related drop in demand. United will offer flights 3 days a week.
- Increased service between SFO & Shanghai from 3 days a week in June to 5 in July.

Effective July 6, United made the following changes to U.S. domestic schedule:

- Added 7th daily round-trip between CHI & Buffalo, NY.
- Increased from 1 to 3 daily round-trips between CHI & Calgary
- Added a fourth daily round-trip between CHI & Vancouver
- Added 1 more daily round-trip between CHI & each of the following cities: LAS, LAX & Orlando
- Added another daily round-trip between LAX & both SEA & Washington Dulles
- Added a 4th daily round-trip between SFO & Vancouver
- Added a 2nd daily round-trip between DEN & Anchorage
- Added a 7th daily round-trip between DEN & Oakland, CA

United Express will increase regional jet service from DEN to Aspen, CO; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Eugene, OR; Fresno, CA & Nashville, TN. United Express also will launch new service between Washington Dulles & Montreal, as well as supplement United's daily mainline round-trips between Washington Dulles & New Orleans with 2 additional regional jet round-trips.

UNITED STREAMLINES PROCESSING OF BENEFITS INFORMATION & CLOSES WHO BENEFITS SERVICE CENTER

Effective July 1, United closed the Benefits Service Center (BSC) at World Headquarters & outsourcing the work to ADP. The change will allow United to automate some benefits paperwork also speed up processing. ADP currently serves as the Benefits Service Center for retirees and now will serve active employees on the U.S. payroll as well.

Retirees can call & speak to a service center representative at the new United Benefits Service Center, #1-888-825-0188, by selecting option 0. The representatives will be available to answer questions from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Central Time, Mon. through Fri.

Know your Officers/Directors/Staff

JERI JUTH, Northeast Regional Director, was born in Auquippa, PA and still lives in the same state. Jeri was hired by United Airlines

5/25/59 as a Customer Service Trainer in Pittsburgh and retired as CS Supervisor 12/31/91. Jeri was awarded the honor of Agent of the Year, also received five awards of merit.

She has been very active in the Pittsburgh "Pit-Stopppers" Chapter, acting as V.P., also Pres. She has been Chapter Correspondent to the RUAEA Newsletter for several years.

Jeri joined the U.S. Marine Corps, May 1956, retired May 17, 1959 with rank of Staff Sgt., having worked in Passenger Transportation. For the past 10 years she has volunteered for the "Meals on Wheels" program.

Her leisure (?) time activities are reading, walking, fishing and traveling. Jeri and husband Bernie have 3 sons & 6 grandsons.

Welcome to the RUAEA Board of Directors - we are happy to have you as a member, Jeri.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Sept. are due in DEN by Wed., Aug. 6, Oct. reports by 9/5, Nov. reports by 10/6. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. If reports are more than one page, list chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delays.

LOCAL NEWS

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The breakfast turnouts have been very good. On June 10 there were 22 in attendance & June 24 there were 41 in attendance. Remember, if you are not a regular & you want to attend, please call Madelon Cook at 623-546-9082. If you are a regular and not planning on attending, she needs to know that also. We hope Madelon is feeling better by now with her lingering back pain. Mildred Hofer

had surgery & doing well. She will have additional surgery; we wish her our best for her recovery. Chuck Sharpe had colon surgery in June, now doing well. His son, Bob, from CA who came to see his father attended the breakfast on the 24th. Inez's sister from Italy & Helen Stowell's daughter, Claudia, attended as well. Claudia came from AK, didn't even mention the heat - guess she knew it is "dry heat".

I understand that travel discounts through Southwest Airlines were discussed. Southwest offers some very good fares & treats UALers very good. You can contact the Benefits Department for letters authorizing travel for you. Have a wonderful summer; don't let the heat get to you. If it does, just fly away - that is if you can find a seat to sit in.

PHOENIX METRO RE-UNITED

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The summer breakfast meeting was held July 3 with 19 attendees. Hank Falk had two lovely guests with him, Petra & Diana. They are from Slovakia & visiting with Hank for the summer. Hank also shared his fun time at the PHL Retirement Party.

Joann Gaudio advised us she had surgery in July. Please keep her in your thoughts & pray for a speedy recovery. Nils Hallden updated us on Ginny. Her surgery went well & now is contending with chemo-therapy. We wish the best to you Gin, hope to see you real soon. We also haven't seen much of Jerry Gola, as most of 2003 she has been in SAN caring for her ailing parents. Jim Zarek shared with us that his wife, Rita though not officially retired, has stopped working, so their commute to CHI will lessen.

It saddened us all to hear that Judy Stricker has resigned as our Treas. With her new house & her new job, time does not allow her to have this responsibility. We wish her & Steve the best in their new home! Fred Rockenhauser was nominated & unanimously elected to take over as Treas.

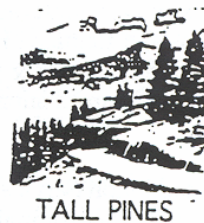
Events of the May convention & Mr. Tilton's speech were discussed. Also, discussion was held on Post Medicare costs, as several people are at

"that" age of having to move from UAL to Medicare. Note of interest - Blue Cross/Blue Shield is less money monthly directly through them, but does not cover medications. United offers BC/BS & covers medications at about \$17 more a month. Also heard that Caremark has an excellent secondary insurance to Medicare. So if you have the need, check that out.

The October Fest date has been scheduled for Oct. 8, so mark your calendars. Place & time to be announced later.

Calendar

Aug. 6 - breakfast. Let's see YOU there.



TALL PINES

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Food & view! That describes our June potluck, hosted by Dick & Adrian Orleans at their home. Including guests, there were 15 in attendance, more food than we could possibly eat; although we did try. The view was more than spectacular. What a wonderful day! Thanks to Dick & Adrian for their generous hospitality.

Meeting discussion centered around our annual picnic, which will be in Sept., also plans for the Christmas party. Looks like the Pine Cone Inn again. That is, if the folks at the Pine Cone will have us again, after last year.

Notably missing at our June luncheon were Earle & Jean Risdon. They were in PHX as Earle was having some medical tests conducted. He will shortly be undergoing major surgery, recuperating in Aug. Please send your get-well wishes to Earle Risdon, 428 River Oaks Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301-1421. Certainly he would love to hear from his many friends in "United Land".

Calendar

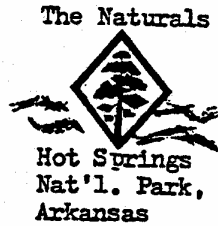
Aug. 26 - luncheon at Coco's, 11:00 a.m., Highway 69, Frontier Village Shopping Center, Prescott. Call Vi Larson for possible change, 776-9192

*It's better to be alone
than to wish you were.*

ARKANSAS

"THE NATURALS"

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On June 24 at the 19th Hole Restaurant in Hot Springs Village, 11 Naturals got together for dinner for our bi-monthly meeting. We have lost 4 Naturals due to their relocating. Vic & Barbara Platner have moved to Bentonville, AR in northwestern AR. Fred & Peg Frazier moved to MI to be closer to their son.

A very short business meeting was held where the status of United's bankruptcy was discussed & the fact that anyone who holds United stock will more than likely lose whatever they invested. Yours truly had just returned from driving to CA & back, discussed my trip with the group. With summer here many in our group are on vacation; that keeps the attendance low.

Our Aug. meeting will be hosted by Bud & June Millard. They will advise time & place of the meeting.

We thank Bill & Ann Carson who hosted the June meeting.

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The June luncheon was a very special treat, a luau, hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger at their lovely home. Hawaiian attire was worn by most of the 26 persons in attendance. Appreciation & a big "thank you" to Bob & Marcia. Sorry we had to miss this as Garver & I were on a driving trip to the Canadian Rockies. Jack & Eleanor Cunningham were to represent the Central Coasters at the CHI convention. Jack gave a humorous rendition of their not so humorous attempt to get from Santa Barbara to CHI. They did get to the final events but

missed one dinner & their tour.

Esther Bartlett was recovering from eye surgery, looking very fetching with a big flower in her hair, next to the eye patch. Collene & Ted Wilson were able to attend, as Collene's back problems have eased. Many thanks to Dana Noyes for the info for this column in my absence.

Calendar

Aug. luncheon will be at Mulllilgan's Restaurant at Avila Beach Golf Course, Al & Marilyn Rybar, hosts (805) 595-2532

Oct. luncheon will be hosted by Bill & Dana Noyes, TBA.

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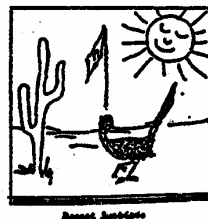
BRAZEN RAISINS-FRESNO

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The Brazen Raisins' June meeting was a no-host affair. The group welcomed new members Millie & Charlie Barnett; Millie is a retired flight attendant & Charlie had been with the telephone company. Guests were Steven Combs, grandson of Peggy & John Oakshott, and Marlene Magna, guest of Dorothy Petersen.

Sunshine Lady Donna Nessling reported that Jo Parrish was out of town; also that Elaine & Don Fahrni were still missing as Don is beginning rehab treatment. Pres. Bud Garcia called attention to "Easy Check-in" procedures covered in the May issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. Curt Follansbee gave information from ALPA on their view of airline problems & Chapter 11.



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The Desert Sunbirds luncheon was held at a new golf facility near Beaumont sponsored by Jennie & Al Pennington. It was very good food at an excellent price. We had 31 attending, which

included Maureen Williams' great granddaughter,

Serena Roberts & our Director, Bob & Marian Owens. Bob had been trying to visit for several months but several things; i.e., eye surgery, kept getting in the way. He reported a lot of news.

I'm so glad to report that Loraine Lantz (wife of George) is much improved. She didn't quite have the strength to join us at this meeting but will soon. Merle Pool is in rehab for his 2nd knee replacement. Hope this really fixes him up well. Chuck Lamas, our most recent new member, attended the first time. He & Louis Horvath should become pretty regular now.

We had 3 June birthday celebrants with us. When the drawing was made for the free lunch, Joyce Bossio was the winner, but Jennie & Al Pennington had a bud vase of gorgeous rose buds for Flo Silvestri & Ron Tate. Losing wasn't at all bad.

Joyce Bossio had left for New England to visit relatives right after the last meeting, expected to be gone most of the month but had to come back early.

Johnny & Miriam Osgood had visited in the Midwest since the last meeting. We flew into Tulsa, drove to Ft. Smith, AR, to see Clem Ellington. It was so good to meet up with Clem again. He gets awfully lonesome for visitors. His wife, Doris, is in an Alzheimer's home. We drove to KS to attend Miriam's mother's family reunion in Joplin, then home. No trouble flying, but the flights were well loaded.

Mary Franks is in Washington helping the family with two new grandchildren. Elaine Aggson, Vern Behnke, Al Buechel, Gwen Craven, Scoobie Wolfe, Sherry Delaney, Chuck Lamas & Merv Myers joined a group of over 200 ex-LAXTR employees for a reunion in El Segundo on June 7. They enjoyed seeing a lot of old friends.

We wished Bill & Ruth Dixon a happy 4th anniversary, Elmer & Billie White for 56 years and Clem & Doris Ellington for 62 years.

Calendar

Aug 13 - Emilio's Restaurant and Cantina in San Jacinto sponsored by John & Miriam Osgood, (909) 927-0067

Sep. 10 - will be sponsored by the Tischlers (909) 845-6282

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The June luncheon meeting of the Sacramento Gold Diggers was held in Penryn at the Cattlebarons's Café on June 25 with 109 members & 6 guests in attendance. Alice & Glenn (Woody) McPeak were gracious hosts. Dick & Ann Czapkay brought their granddaughter Michaela. Bonnie Reyes was a guest of Bill & Donna DeLage, Bob & Jeanine Maffey were guests of Murray & Ruth Williamson, and Ron & Ruth Hutchinson were guests of Joe & Jeanette D'Amico.

Pres. Forester Sinclair introduced the new members & asked them to give a brief resume of their years with United. Juergen & Helga Brunke have moved to Sun City in Lincoln Hills from the Big Island of HWI. Juergen retired 6 years ago from Food Service Management in LAXHH. Rolf & Margret Kramer live in Auburn. Rolf retired from LAXGQ in 2000. Rod & Gaye Skillin moved to Rio Vista after his retirement in 1996. Rod worked his last 6 years at the Oakland Maintenance Center.

Forester presented the president name badges to 3 past presidents that were in attendance. Due to poor health Mike Stough (Pres.-1986) was unable to attend, but his wife Velma accepted the badge for Mike. Jack Clough (Pres.-1987) & Harry Caldwell (Pres.-1983) received their badges.

V.P. Ron Bertacini was not at the meeting as he & his wife Barbara were in Ireland. Barbara is president of UAL Clipped Wings; they were in Ireland to help with the Special Olympics.

Treas. Judie King indicated that the Gold Diggers are financially in the black and asked that all new members contact her after the meeting to order their name badges.

June anniversaries of note were George & Carolyn Parkinson - 55 years, Chuck & Tuffet Sharp - 54 years & Rod & Ruby Jackson - 62 years. July anniversaries are Mike & Velma Stough - 53 years, Murray & Ruth Williamson, 50 years, Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly, 64 years, Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor - 62 years, Levi & Lucy Jensen

- 57 years, Ty & Alberta Knighten - 53 years, and Bill & Betty Schneider - 52 years.

Sunshine Lady Marge Raynor reported that get well cards had been sent to Jim Fulcomer, Ginny Hallden, & Glenn McPeak. Word had been received that Pat Renke had passed away after suffering from breast cancer.

Bob Cuff RUAEA Northern Calif/Nev Director was unable to attend the RUAEA Convention in CHI due to a virus. He gave a report on the convention & the newsletter. Jo Cuff passed out invitations from the Sierra Roundup RUAEA chapter for their annual picnic Aug. 21. The picnic is being held at Lake Tahoe's Sand Harbor.

Ken & Stephanie Norton conducted the raffle of many nice prizes & happy winners.

Calendar

Aug. 27 - luncheon meeting, Alta Sierra Country Club hosted by Bob & Margie Fulkerson



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The June luncheon was held at The Villa in Santa Rosa with 57 members & guests present.

Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order, thanked the hosts, Ron & Joanne Huhn and the co-hosts Barney & Clare Hagen.

V.P. Ron Huhn introduces the guests: Wally & Vera Satern, guests of Verda Burr. Vera, as we learned is Verda's twin sister; Jean Norman, guest of Naomi Tolf.

Treas. Nick Van Kruining reported all is well with our accounts. "Let's fill up the Charity Box."

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr entertained us with her jokes, which we love. Joan Chambers was the winner of the free birthday lunch. There were 8 anniversaries for a total of 352 years. We sang "Congratulations" to all. On the down side, Amy Rogers has had another mini-stroke & was not able to attend the luncheon. Get well Amy. A special presentation was made to John & Elsie Kuhl for their 50th anniversary, also to Andy & Diane Citara for their 56th. Congratulations. When asked for the secret of their success, the gentlemen agreed it all

boiled down to just two words, "Yes dear."

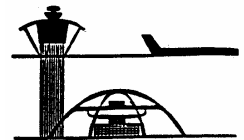
New/Old Business: Elaine Kristen gave a report on the recently completed convention. It was well attended; everyone had a good time. We are getting a lot of new members due to early retirements. Membership numbers will grow to over 10,000. The cost of printing & mailing the newsletter is getting very high; therefore, RUAEA is setting up a website. If you sign up for the electronic newsletter you will be removed from the mailing list & will be able to access the newsletter on-line. This will save the Association a great deal of money if enough of us sign on. The instructions for the sign up are in the latest edition. They will take it from there. The RUAEA website is found at: www.ruaea.org.

Thought for the day: *When you find a path with no obstacles, it probably leads nowhere.*

We enjoyed the collection of wine & candy and a lovely bird feeder donated by Ron Huhn for the raffle.

ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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Party time - LAXTR had a huge (over 200) "Good Old Days" reunion party on June 7 with invitations especially to those who were there in the 60s (or earlier) & early 70s. It was totally planned & organized by Mike & Liz Fujimori who did a fabulous job, which included making special price & shuttle arrangements with the nearby DoubleTree hotel for out-of-towners.

There were many out-of-towners - from everywhere! Furthest traveler was Jo Ann Campbell who came from Australia! Mike says there were a few there whose LAXTR career dated before he started - Maddie Anderson, for one, who came from WI. They estimate at least 15 from the east coast, more than that from all points between.

Everyone I have been able to talk with about it, raved that it was the best ever party. I've talked to several attendees & asked them what made the party so special. The common answer was "I don't really know, but it was sooo fantastic." It was, in other words a first-time "family reunion" for a

group that is really a huge extended family.

Another party - a smaller, yet very warm & friendly gathering on June 9 in Manhattan Beach for Betty Tomaino whose retirement from SANTR was June 30. Although she didn't retire from LAX, she worked many years at the LAXRR building in El Segundo, for part of that time was responsible for keeping track of interline travel requests for all the LAXRR employees, so everyone knew her well. She worked enough years in SAN that she is well established here, but has promised we will see a lot of her at our meetings, too.

JoAnn Briggs & family took a great cruise she found in one of the Interline websites. They sailed from mainland to HWI, around the islands, on to YVR, up to AK & back to LA (San Pedro). Now they are off again for a month up north with family.

Our two-day tour of downtown LA & the Lompoc Flower Festival turned out well with a good mix of travelers. We toured the huge new cathedral in downtown LA. The main opinion is that you should see it once. Some folks love it, some think it's awful. It is very modern, but has some antique church altars, statuary & beautiful artworks from the old churches. After viewing the church, we were joined by a professional tour guide who was totally knowledgeable about the downtown part of LA. We saw old & new - beautiful & grubby. The treats of the day were going into noted older buildings. For those of us who had worked at 6th & Olive/Pershing Square location it was deja-vu. We walked down the same walkways that many of us had trod in the 60s & 70s between LAXTO & LAXSS, etc. To stay at the Bonaventure was really great - we were on the Premier Guests floor yet! The whole experience was impressive. The next day we drove past SBA to the flower fields in Lompoc. The fields in bloom are gorgeous.

Future travel will include repeat trips of the Mexico Copper Canyon in Oct. '03 & Yellowstone in Winter, March '04. Call me for flyers.

Ginny Riley who missed one of the meetings a/c a freeway accident which totaled her car, but not her, is now the owner of exactly the car she wanted. Lois Bowns will shortly be getting her beloved Honda out of the shop for repairs from where someone smacked into it - also luckily no damage to her. Howard Lackey was taken ill at the June meeting, so we had to call the paramedics. They transported him to the hospital. He was there a

short while; the doctors advised him it was not serious & he was able to go on home with no further problems. Maybe you can handle such episodes, Howard, but the rest of us were a wreck!

RUAEA HWI MEMBERS - HELP! Repeating from last issue - I'm still hoping to hear from the HWI RUAEA member who has a condo for rent. The locals are still after me to get that contact again. Can any of you help me/us?

Calendar

Aug. 14 - (this time it's correct) - picnic in El Segundo. ReLAXer paid up members should by now have the flyer with correct date.

Oct. 9 - Luncheon

Dec. 4 - Queen Mary Christmas luncheon/party.



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Walt Bartkowiak called the June meeting to order. He had a little trouble getting us to sit down & stop talking. We didn't have a May meeting so we had a lot of catching up to do. There were 186 members & 7 guests present. The cards sent by Carol Walter & articles placed in the local papers by Helen Cain seem to be getting results.

Our condolences to the families of 2 members we lost recently: Leah Schultz's husband, John, passed away May 23. Cards can be sent to Leah at 2221 Fleetwood Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066. We were notified this morning of the passing of Patricia Anderson, wife of Otto Anderson who can be reached at 2631 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. They will be missed.

1st V.P. Ken Wahl announced that tickets for the Sept. 22 picnic are on sale. The menu includes steak, beans, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Sounds good.

Harriet Kunze, our Charity Coordinator, told us about a beautiful afghan that is being made by Rita Wahl for a special raffle. Tickets will be sold for 3 months prior to the drawing.

Western Division Director Ginger Dalhlberg reported on the RUAEA convention in CHI which

was well attended, fun & informative, also announced that the 2004 convention would be held in Seattle.

Ernie Bloom who, along with his wife Pearl, volunteer as Travelers Aids at SFO, reported on airport activities & policies. This includes info on BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) which is now going to the airport. On security Ernie suggested that women pack as little as possible in their purse; men should closely monitor every item they place in the security basket. Between 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. some taxis will not take you up to the departure level but will drop you off at arrivals due to heavy traffic. Be prepared to ride the escalators. The new air trains have two colors. The blue train will take you to all terminals & car rentals. The red train will also take you to all terminals & the parking garage. Bob Taiclet reminded everyone to watch the weight of their luggage. When we left SFO for the convention our bag was 10 lbs. over the 50 lb. limit - that little oversight cost us \$25.00!

After our potluck June Knox & her band from the San Mateo Senior Center entertained us. 2nd V.P. Monte Monson announced that our next meeting's guest would be Ms. Toni Nara of Wells Fargo Bank. She will speak on the subject of fraud & identity theft, which we hear a lot about these days. It should be an interesting program, something we all need to be aware of.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg is planning a French Barge trip in July of 2004. Call her, 650-345-5548 or e-mail her gingersfo@aol.com if you are interested in this trip or others she may be planning.

Calendar

Singles Club - 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce - 650-593-7328
Retirees General Meeting - 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

Calendar

Sep. 22 - Annual Picnic at Flood Park

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

After our successful picnic in June, we are now looking for someone to host our Fall Luncheon. Gene Eggert notified us about a telephone SCAM warning. Here is how it works: You receive a call from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T service technician who is conducting a test on the lines. He tells you that to complete the test you should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#) and then hang up. By pushing the 90# you give the requesting individual full access to your line which enables him or her to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number. UCB, Telecom, PacBell (SBC), MCI, Bell Atlantic, GTE & Verizon have verified this process. If you feel that you may have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement department & your telephone service provider. Do not press 90# for anyone.

Elaine Kristan gave us a report on new website you can get your Newsletter faster. There were many questions about giving out your file number. Zelma Kibler is also checking on this. Our friends Willard & Ethel Olson have moved to 667 Hawthorne, Minden, NE 68959. We will miss them & hope they come back soon for a visit.

A plaque was presented to George & Pat Smith for their 50 years of marriage. Congratulations to Tony Urso. He bench pressed 310 lbs. Now how many seniors can do that?

Joan Dahl went in for knee surgery on July 2; we wish her well.

Wilma & Garver Sandy took a 2-week trip to Canada & northwest part of country. They had a great time, stopped to visit old friends along the way.

Our clowns, Don & Deloris Burda went to WI. Don taught a clowning class. Deloris had to have another chemo treatment in La Crosse. She is doing fine.

Lois White went to her 50th class reunion in the east. Her trip was not the best coming from Washington, DC to SFO, took her 12 hours. Most of that time was sitting on the plane waiting for a plane to come in from overseas, or the weather, then a mechanical problem. Lois was glad to get home

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 DeAnza Blvd., San Jose,

CA at 7:30 a.m., meeting at 8:25 a.m. For more information contact Pres. George Sousa (408) 245-0498.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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55 members attended the enthusiastic & fun meeting in Seres, Bobby & Charlene Wood hosting. New members: Leonard Titus, Rudy & Elma Reyna, Ken & Jo Silva and Bob & Dee Boelter. Welcome! Barbara Elkins reported on her attendance at the CHI convention. The 2004 convention will be held in SEA.

Nancy & Dick Buddington provided us with a new membership roster. Thanks for a fine job well done. Speaking of D & N they recently returned from a motor trip to TX making several stops along the way.

It was good to see & visit with the old time members including Doug & Dorothy Daniels, also to learn Dorothy is much improved from her illness. Also good to see Dick Shryock getting along fine, in fact he was helping Bobby Wood with the chores connected with the gift winners, also to make connection with Don Rentzel & his new friend. All in all, it was gratifying that no maladies had popped up!

There was some discussion about future meetings, such as finding 5 or 6 permanent meeting places, length of meetings, whether to have prizes & 50-50 drawings. A paper was handed out to make our desires known. Some of our hardy members ventured forth to confront the vagaries of air travel, patience, time & making-do required. Keep your cool.

Bill Dixon's daughter found that in making plans for family travel via companion tickets she found a source where it was cheaper to purchase from them & get positive space.

Calendar

Aug. 14 - Doug & Dorothy Daniels at their digs in Sonora

Sep. 11 - Fred & Joan Verbaere, North 49 Hiway

Concord, CA **UA - EL DIABLOS**

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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their June meeting at the lovely Oak Grove Park with 37 attendees. Howard & Jo Payne did a great job of organizing. This is an annual event & much enjoyed by all. The weather cooperated. Rich Bouska was our chef & did his usual outstanding job. Gus & Sonia Mahler brought ice cream & cones. Lots of great side dishes, too! We were pleased to see Marvin Eaton from SFO MOC who promised to come back. Ed & Marian Lewis drove from SMF.

Sad news, Joe Hushion passed away last week. His last position with UA was the Manager of Reservations in SFO. We will miss him.

The NUUMI tour for Sept. is a definite plan. Details to follow in a letter from Howard. The Credit Union advises the new OAK location will be opening in Aug. They don't have the exact address as of yet. I'll let you know as soon as I receive the information. We have heard from Ken Price who has missed the last few meetings. He had been attending special training classes for the Alameda County Sheriff's Dept. which will end soon. We expect to see him for our NUMMI plant tour.

The convention in CHI was enjoyed by Jo & Howard Payne, Tommy Costa and Vilma & Sam Patrick.

Calendar

Aug. 11 - meeting at Baker's Square, Willow Pass Road, Concord, 11:30

Sep. - NUUMI plant tour

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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We welcomed special guests at the 7/26

newsletter mailing - Executive V.P. Marlin Lade & Marilyn Lade. Yes, they were put to work immediately on arrival and, yes, they received the same pay as all the mailing team members. - one small cup of coffee & a muffin.

The monthly breakfast on 7/2 had 59 in attendance. Howard Bone was the only 1st timer. Dick Wallace, Lola Wallace's son from Bozeman, MT joined us. Three retirees donated their 50/50 winnings to the RUAEA postage fund: Earl Horner, Dick Magee & Dan Simons.

Many UALers recently retired; if you know any of them, you might want to invite them to join us for breakfast. We will give them a "Mile Highers welcome".

In the July issue Al Lunn's new street address in KS was misspelled. Correct address is: 2915 Gemini Ct., Topeka, KS 66605.

Our sympathy is extended to Gil Rohde on the death of his granddaughter, Erica Christiansen, on 6/21/03. Gil's address is: 10589 Ronald Ln., Northglenn, CO 80234

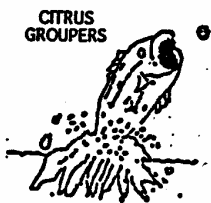
Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001. Don't forget to bring a fellow retiree, also aluminum pop cans to the next breakfast.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPEERS

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On June 24, we met at the Nancy Lopez Country Club, with 17 members in attendance. We welcomed several new members: Harry Gefrois & wife Gerda, Bob & Helen Newburg, and Gene Abdale, all retired from DEN. We also welcomed Joe Gall who came to us from CLE. Paul Wreccokowski joined us at the May meeting, for which I was away.

We were glad to see Frank & Maxine Wood, who are both back after surgeries. On a sad note, we learned that Joe Beck passed away. We extend our sympathy to Jo & her family.

Calendar

AUG. 28 - meeting will take place at Frankie's, 1674 N. Florida Ave., (Hwy 41), in Inverness, at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located behind the K-Mart store.



THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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We had a nice group attending, considering this is summer; many of our members & friends are visiting & vacationing, including our Pres. Richard Llewellyn, also our V.P. Stan Halterman. However, we were happy to have an old hand at presiding in former Pres. Ted LeGrand who did the honors for us.

Sec'y Norma Butchart read the minutes & congratulated everyone for signing in upon arrival, a clever way to keep up on those attending. Charlotte LeGrand read the Treas.'s report. She reminded all new members to pick up their name tags & an updated roster. Those forgetting to wear their name tags are to be charged 25 cents. Put on your memory caps & be sure to wear those name tags so we know who you are and save a quarter!

We had 2 birthdays this month, Ray Barrett & Ted LeGrand. No anniversaries, but 7 new members were welcomed: Chuck Grant, Maureen Cooke, Joe James, James Tyma, Alfred Mollet, Mac McGinty & Keith Matthews.

Guests were Mary Davis & Scott, grandson of Otto & Beverly Hasse.

In Aug. we will be accepting items for the Central Florida Children's Home, especially things that they will need for school.

The bidding on the picture will be finalized at the Aug. meeting since our Prez was not with us.

Betty Davidson told us about the wonderful trip she had to France...she took many pictures, now will be painting up a storm!

Ted LeGrand clarified an article in the Florida Newsletter regarding pensions. The airline referred to Eastern, not UAL. As of July 1, our pensions are being handled by an outside source, ADP. For more information call 188-8825-0188-0 or go to www.Unitedairlinesbenefit.com.

Calendar

Aug. - 1:00 p.m., monthly luncheon meeting

Aug. 2 - Golden Corral restaurant, Semoran Blvd., (Rt. 436), 3 miles north of airport, 1 mile south of Curry Ford Rd.

Sep. 24-25 - Ft. Lauderdale trip, \$152 p/p-dbl. occupancy

Oct. 25 - Winter Park Playhouse, \$25 p/p, includes transportation & lunch

Nov. 29 - "Sights and Sounds of Christmas in the 40s" in Tarpon Springs, \$33 p/p

THE VILLAGES

Airline Retirees Chapter

Jo Beck

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The month of June marked the Chapter's 1st year anniversary. It was a rough ride getting to the point of being a success, but the results have been most gratifying. The mission statement was designed & bylaws created. The initial election of officers was impromptu; the elected officers will hold office until Nov. 2004. At this time, candidates will be better known & a knowledge of the direction the chapter will plan to take.

The May meeting was a birthday theme with all those members having a birthday in the same month sitting at the same table to get members better acquainted with each other. It was successful. The Tailgate Party at the Polo Game was a huge success,

Curtis King will compile past and future anecdotes shared at meetings.

The June meeting on the 19th was Bingo Night. A brief business meeting was held wherein the treasurer reported the chapter was still solvent; the Social Committee was thanked for their past endeavors. They did an excellent job. We are now seeking a replacement for Eileen Cochran & her crew.

ILLINOIS

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At our monthly meetings we try to introduce any new retirees. Here is a group we had at the Northside Breakfast in June: Lynn Kmiecik, retired 5/1/03, from the Chicago Bag Desk having worked there for 10 years. She also spent 15 years at WHQKF in the Computer Room. Phone (847) 253-4749. First-timers were Jay & Chris Warbiany who retired 12/1/01.

Also for the 1st time, bringing her daughter, was Georgya Schneider. She retired in Oct. 1980, but then spent 15 years in the Accounting Dept.

Next is Fred Kellerhals who retired from ORDMM on 10/31/01. He gave us a phone number, (760) 568-9146. I think he is tied in with the Desert Sunbirds.

Jim & Arlene McCroy gave us a telephone number, (847) 439-3991, but plan to move to LAS in July. If they send a new number, I'll publish it.

This note came from Karen D. Wojnicki, (847) 669-3216: "I retired from CHIRR 5/1/03. Had 33 ½ years with UAL. The last 10 years were in Reservations, also in Cargo Inventory, Space Planning & the Personal Credit Card Department."

Nick & Angeline Romeo are in charge of tours for Nikolet Service Tours & Mayflower Tours. Call them at (630) 833-1197 to inquire about various tours if interested.

The 21st annual Midway Luncheon will be held Sept. 24 at Manzo's, 1521 S. Elmhurst Rd., Des Plaines, IL. Flyers with details will be mailed to all Midway employees who received a flyer last year. If we missed you, call Marge Daily (847) 439-1441, Esther Geipel (817) 255-6318, or Mary Szabo (847) 437-4137.

Our condolences to the family of John Smith, who recently passed away. John was a past president of the Skyliners & worked for United for 35 years in flight operations. If you would like to send a note or card to his wife, Grace, her address is 340 S. Elmwood Ln., Palatine, IL 60067.

At the Southside Brunch there were 22 retirees none of whom were flying anywhere. A first-timer was Marietta Rosellini, (773) 582-6339, who was a friend of Ray Adam, goddaughter of Jeanne (Maggio) Adam.

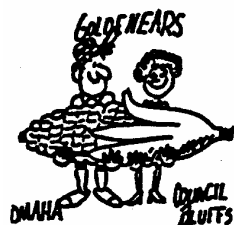
Family news - Bob & Agnes Pearson recently acquired two new great grandchildren, twins Brianne & Jenna. Now they have eight!

Calendar

Southside Brunch - Last Tues. of the month, 10:00

a.m., Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL
Northside Breakfast - 2nd Wed. of the month, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant, Golf Rd. & Busse Hwy, Mt. Prospect, IL

NEBRASKA



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We had an attendance of 43 at Wheatfields'. Thanks to Ev & Eileen Holly for hosting. It was great to see some people who haven't been at our meetings for a while - namely, Virginia Lang, Carolyn Orchard, Rob Payton, Pat & Charlie Shook, Trudy Tighe, & from the field, Terry Haynie, Clifton Stubbs & United's new Manager at Eppley, Andra Shumate-Biebl. Andra came to OMA from United's Dayton International Airport in Vandalia, OH. Welcome!

Larry Farrell said that Denny Pierson had finished 33 treatments of radiation for throat cancer. The radiation not only burned the inside but also the outside of his throat. We hope that is the end of the radiation for Denny and that he is on the road to a full recovery.

Ralph & Ardith Bredow celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an Open House on June 22 in Seward, NE.

Had a call from Ruth Jepperson saying that Karlo had been in the hospital for 5 days due to running a fever. After several tests, the physicians couldn't come up with anything but thought it might have been a virus. He is at home, temperature down & resting. Ruth also said they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 3. I'm sure they would appreciate receiving cards for their special occasion. No Open House is scheduled due to Karlo's health. Their address is: 5115 Charles St., OMA, NE 68132-1445.

Calendar

Sep. 9 - Greek Islands, hosted by Elaine Boner

Oct. 7 - Upstream Brewing Co., hosted by Larry & Peggy Weare

Nov. 4 - Bohemian Café, hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Great turnout for our June luncheon! 54 members & guests. Jerry introduced our guests: Marianna Natoli, Aldo Natoli's mother visiting from FL; Art & Pat Rugh, guests of Jim & Leora Vaughn; Sunday Silveroli, guest of T.W. Silveroli. We welcome the following new members: Josephine Hazard (DENRR), Grace Rebmman (?), Janice Grant (LAXCS), Marli (CHIRR) & Mike Baumgardner. 2 of our members have moved to TX, Lee & Sandra Ricketts. Hopefully they will find a RUAEA chapter to join in their new area.

Winnie Stone & Willie Bullinger gave a wonderful feedback on CHI RUAEA Convention. They went on Architectural River Cruise & Chicago & Chicago, Old & New. They attended both dinners & were very impressed by our CEO, Glenn Tilton. Winnie & Willie thoroughly enjoyed & loved CHI. Good to hear, since this is our hometown! Marylou Littlefield & Charlotte Anderson also went to Convention. Ray Gibson entertained us with a very funny joke, which had us all rolling in the aisles.

Mike Vasko, our Travel Man, briefed us on the many trips planned for the year. Give Mike a call for details at (702) 898-0561. We just returned from seeing King & I play in St. George along with 45 members of the chapter, plus friends. Play was wonderful! Good job Mike! 2 members from IL RUAEA chapter also joined us - Ron Madsen & Maureen Neidle. Anyone wanting to see an outdoor play while visiting LAX in summer months, these plays at Tuachan theater in St. George should be high on your list. Beautiful setting in Red Rock Canyon, St. George is about 1 ½ hours from LAS.

Eleanor Vasko, Sunshine Lady, reported that Lois Fox has 3 ruptured disks & will be needing to have surgery. Lily Iwamoto had cataract surgery on the day of luncheon. We missed their smiling faces. Marge Gibson is coming along, is still going to therapy.

Our chapter meets on 2nd Tues. every other month at Castaways Hotel & Casino.

Calendar
Aug. 12
Oct. 14

NEW JERSEY

Newark, New Jersey
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The regular meeting of the NJ Gardenstaters was held June 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ. Meeting was opened at 1:55 p.m. For those who are new your name badges are here; if there is no badge, see Marty Etler. Guests at our meeting were Bill & Marion Hafer and sister Louise. 51 members & spouses were in attendance.

Anyone who wants to attend the Charlie Prose show at Hunterdon Playhouse on Sept. 10, please sign up. The Pres. asked if everyone wants our annual picnic that is to be held on Aug. 27 to be catered like last year. All in favor. The caterer charges \$10 p/p; to members it will be \$5; the other \$5 will be taken from the treasury.

A letter was received from Susan Baer, Manager of Newark Liberty International Airport, thanking all the volunteers at the Newark Career Day & for the kind words sent to Governor McGreevey.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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June 10, 32 Chips met at Dandelion's Restaurant in Williamsville, NY. A number of recent retirees appeared for the first time, enjoyed fellowship & the excellent dinner.

First-time retirees: Cheryl Pelkey, BUFCS; Dick & Audrey Lehr, BUFCG; Jim & Gerri Makowski, BUFCG.

Mike Kellar appeared after his long hard winter in Corpus Christi, as did Bob & Delma Newcomer on their return from Clearwater Beach, FL

While there were no retirees on the sick list, Rosemary Michalek's father was admitted to the hospital in the last few days. Clare Peck, sister of Florence Peck, was admitted to the hospital. At this point all appears to be on the positive side.

Calendar

Sep. 10 - meeting at a time & place to be determined.

OHIO

BUCKEYES

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THANKS AGAIN Melinda Gaydan & Beth Grunewald for attending RUAEA CHI Convention in May. In the June Newsletter there is information regarding how to access the Newsletter section of the website. You may elect to continue receiving the Newsletter by mail or have access on line. Also, please remember to check your mailing label for an expiration date. The expiration date is located on the right hand side of the mailing label.

We would like to give a "BIG THANK YOU" for all those persons who have planned an activity so far this year. Without their support, dedication & hard work, we would not have had such GREAT TIMES these past 6 months. Please start thinking about 2004 dates & help plan with some new ideas & possible places to go. The packets for the next six months were handed out July 9. Those not attending will receive the packets by mail. If you did not receive a packet that means you have not paid your 2003 dues.

Ed Hall informed us that Bill Merriwether told him that he has end stage pancreatic cancer. He would love to get a card or a call from his old friends. You may contact him at: Bill & Iona Merriwether, 7949 Kirkridge, Bellville, MI 48111, (734) 699-2806. Also, Eleanor Neth is home recovering from hip replacement surgery. She is

recovering nicely. Other members dealing with health issues are: Ellie Drubin, Vic Taylor & Bob Jess. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Take care. Hope to see you soon.

Calendar

Aug. 13 - Annual Northfield Race Track

Sep. 10 - Annual Brunch at Sweetwater Landing Marina. Total seating capacity is 95.

Oct. 8 - Nido Italia Restaurant on Mayfield Road, Little Italy.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ERS

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Those of you that didn't come to the June meeting missed a wonderful presentation by Dick Melhart, a survivor of the 747 Pan American Airlines Flight 73 hijacking on 9/6/86 in Karachi, Pakistan. He talked for over an hour, then took questions for at least another half hour. I feel it could have gone on longer.

Welcome to new members Jerry & Annette Knott from SFO and Dennis Scheurell PDXCG. With all of the retirements on June 30 I am certain there will be many more.

Fran Rauschkolb & Elie Tibbetts fell last month, and Tina Lewis broke a small bone in her leg that is keeping a very active person less mobile for a few weeks. Ann Atwood is still having eye problems. Understand that Elaine Thomas fractured her foot on the way to the golf tournament in Mesquite, NV.

There has been a good response to both of the "field trips", the Sternwheeler cruise up the Columbia River Gorge on Aug. 22, also the Mt. Hood Railway trip scheduled for Oct. 22. If you are interested in either one and can't make a meeting, call George Hooper, (360) 835-7767 to be added to the list of attendees.

The travel desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503 249-4142 & 4143). Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services. The staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise

Aug. 13

Sep. 10

Oct. 8

OUR CLUB

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Our June luncheon was hosted by Eirlys & Jim McIntosh at Gogi's, Jacksonville, OR. For those of you not familiar with Jacksonville, it's nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Siskiyou Mountains & is hailed as one of the most historically significant communities in the western U.S. Tucked away at the foot of Britt Gardens in Jacksonville is Gogi's restaurant featuring first class cuisine prepared with a Northwest flair. Visitors to Southern Oregon need to put this city & restaurant on their itinerary. Gogi's is open only for dinners but agreed to host our June luncheon. Gogi's reputation for fine dining in a casual atmosphere did not disappoint.

Robert & Judy Machado, recently retired, now residing in Grants Pass & Pat Fetton, recently retired, living in Ashland were welcomed as new members.

Guest speaker was Tom Harvey, Northwest Regional Director of RUAEA. Tom drove from PDX with this friend Pat. Tom reported highlights from the recent convention in CHI & had us all laughing at the lack of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Emphasized the importance of paying UAL travel invoices within specified time frame, keeping invoices & envelope mailing dates as frequently invoices were not sent out for 6 weeks. Good news to hear about the changes in RUAEA website & ability to access the newsletter on-line.

Calendar

Sep. 5 - the next quarterly luncheon meeting hosted by Bob & Ida Rogers. Location to be announced. Anyone wishing to attend can call me, 541-955-8538 or e-mail at dla@terragon.com.

PENNSYLVANIA



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Our June 9 "Taste of Philadelphia" reunion was a roaring success. We had 143 people attend; everyone appeared to have a really great time. So much so, you couldn't hear the music for all the laughter & conversation.

Pres. Bernie McNamee kicked off the festivities with the Pledge of Allegiance; then we sang "America the Beautiful". Joe Brad offered the blessing; then the fun began.

Our entertainment started with Marlene Manning who played for a sing-along; however, there was so much excitement of seeing old friends, there was more talking than singing. Still, she did a great job. Thanks, Marlene.

We enjoyed a great buffet. There were too many prizes to mention, but we held a 50/50; the big prize, a model of a United Stratocruiser, was won by Lew Myer. Congrats.

The string band, The Stars and Stripes, played for many hours. Barb Covington, Peggy Leidy, Shiela Mitchell did a mighty fine Mummers' strut.

We hope all those who came from out of town had a good time. We would like to recognize those who came from outside the Tri State area. Pete Loyola came in from UT, John Malloy from CO, Gerhard Frey from MD, Jim & Marion McVeigh from OH, Joe & Helen Noonan from NC, Barbara Leo from MD, Clare Gray Stuzman from OH, Hal Zerboch from WA. Hope to see you again at the next one.

Have a great summer. As the song goes: "See You In Sept".

Calendar

Sep. 8 - General meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn near the airport on Route 291.

Sep. 26 - Next committee meeting at the Edwards.

Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers

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One thing about writing for the Newsletter, time flies by too fast. The good news is our company seems to be slowly climbing out of bankruptcy - hooray!

I'm trying to get my feet wet as the Northeast Director. I hope to visit all of the sister stations before winter sets in - then I'll trade places with the Southeast Director (just kidding).

Our baseball game was a sellout - Pirates vs. the Redsox. We missed some of our regulars but Gwen & Dave drove from Connellsville (quite a drive).

I received notification from Ed Yauch that his aunt Jane (Bredl) Hogler, formerly of Carrick, passed away May 30. Jane's husband Lou worked for Capital Airlines, at merger time transferred to SFO. He retired from SFO & returned to DCA. After Lou's passing she returned to PIT & lived with her daughter Janet. Jane was a sister to Mrs. Jack Engel, also a sister to Bill Bredl. Our sympathy & condolences to her family.

Belated Happy Birthday (89th) to our good friend Sam McDermott - many more.

Calendar

Aug. 5 - Open

Sep. 7 - Capital Airlines Picnic

Oct. 10 - Day at the Races

Dec. 5 - Annual dinner honoring 2003 retirees, Beaver Lakes Country Club

Dec. 18 - Christmas luncheon - Peter's Place

Dec. 19 - Bernie & Jeri's annual open house.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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(Submitted by Jerry Barr)



Evelyn Leonhard has lost the good fight & succumbed to cancer on June 20. Memorial

services were planned for July 11 in Knoxville & July 12 in Arlington Heights, IL. Per Dave, her valiant side-kick (328 Forest Oak Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919), donations may be made on Evelyn's behalf to the U.T. Cancer Center, 1934 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Our most recent group function was a Cracker Barrel breakfast on June 19. Of the 17 attendees, 4 were guests who had driven in from DEN to participate in Knoxville's big bowling tournament. One of them, Wayne Wood, had worked at SFOMB with Allen Robbins & Al Barkmann. Wayne & wife Patti are members of the Mile Highers chapter and were accompanied by Ralph & Joyce Edwards. At this point, we're not sure how they did in the bowling competition.

How big was the American Bowling Congress tournament, you ask? Approximately 62,000 bowlers competed in the five-months extravaganza. Of the over 540,000 total games, 33 were perfect 300's. Subsequently, the lanes were broken down; the recovered wood is being used to construct between 8 & 10 Habitat homes.

A week-long event was also just concluded in Knoxville. Called the Honda Hoot; approximately 20,000 motorcyclists (not limited to Honda riders) came from all over the nation to rumble through the hills of East Tennessee. A particular attraction is an 11-mile stretch of Route 129 which has over 300 curves. Referred to as "The Dragon", this scenic but dangerous stretch of road has claimed the lives of a few cyclists whose skills didn't quite meet the challenge.

Calendar

Aug. 21 - 10 a.m., EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Farragut, Exit 373 at I40/75

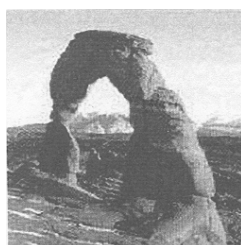
Sep. 18 - 12:30 p.m., EDT, picnic lunch to be hosted by the Ferrells (423-745-9390)

Oct. 16 - 10 a.m., EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel

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On June 18, 25 chapter members met for a delightful potluck picnic at the Centerville, UT, Island View Park. Chapter Pres. Grant Beutler & Ray Stott, former Treas., played the role of cooks to prepare hamburgers/hot dogs to perfection. All others brought their favorite picnic dishes - no one went hungry.

We were delighted to welcome Virginia Pratt who had not visited the group in years; she came with Bud/Kay Nelson. Virginia advised us that husband Claron had died two months earlier. Our heartfelt condolences, Virginia.

Newcomers to the feast were Paul Anderson; Monty & Kathy Giles. Welcome! We hope to see you at future meetings.

Maria Apperson drove in from Evanston, WY. Betty Davis experienced a dead battery far away from her home, but was fortunate enough to be close to picnic-goers to hitch a ride.

Also present were the Tony Browns; Dorothy's health had improved considerably. Sandy & Darleen Cantonwine brought daughter Judy who came with retiree-hubby Claire Anderson. Frank & Susan Christensen visited, but we missed Mary Blackhurst who usually joins us at this particular potluck picnic.

Local newsletter editor Art Scott voiced his regrets: He could not come because he was in charge of one of three annual get-togethers for his own business alma mater (Hercules). It is hoped he had as good a time as we did.

Down Memory Lane: in the 'United Air Lines News' of April 1956, the United Honor Roll included J.R. Dunlap, SLC DSM, who, at that time, became a 25-year veteran of the company's workforce.

Frank Murdock had to attend to a previous commitment, but wife Brigitte gave a short CHI convention report that included info on a video produced during the Banquet dinner/Tilton speech, for later distribution to interested conventioners. It was learned from a PIT source, who had ordered & received the tape, that a mid-speech glitch rendered the sound track mute, with only lip-reading skills applicable.

Calendar

Aug. 20 - 5 p.m., Picnic (\$8.50 p/p), Sugar House Pk. Lake Terrace

Sep. 17 - 10 a.m., Coffee, Murray Heritage Center

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Our bi-monthly meeting was held at the Redwood restaurant in Lexington, VA on June 13 with 15 attending. Several were unable to attend due to previous commitments. Bill Meadows had to check in at University Virginia Hospital for tests, so we wish him the best. Freda will be giving him the TLC he looks forward to. Louise Sterrett fell, had a gash on her head; we wish her well. George & Louise had family come in from CA; Milt & Ginny Westover had other commitments.

Our Chapter was well represented at the Convention with the Fullers, Carters, John Rice & the Calverts. For those who didn't make it to the Convention, Bob Carter gave a brief rundown of the business meeting. Bob told about the Friendship dinner with the Hawaiian theme. Entertainers played, sang & danced as they do in the Islands. The banquet went well with CEO Glenn Tilton being the keynote speaker. He more or less explained how they were trying to turn things around; it was well received.

John Rice, our Activities Chairman, has been working on a river cruise on the James River out of Richmond. This will be a paddlewheel showboat, the Annabell Lee, with the trip down the river featuring a buffet lunch & entertainment during lunch.

Mary Carter has made up name tags for our members which can be reused. Thanks to Pres. Gene Calvert for taking notes for me while I was absent.

Calendar

Aug. 8 - next meeting, river cruise on Annabell Lee & lunch buffet.

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We did not have a luncheon planned for June or July. Members are enjoying the warm weather & their family get-togethers.

Smaller gatherings for breakfasts, lunch & potlucks have been held for recent retirees of several departments. I attended SEARR's on June 30 and saw 29 people retire. Appeared that all of us PDXRR who merged into SEARR Nov. 1, 1975 have now retired. An all day potluck for the day and swing shift agents was held. UAL provided desserts.

No illnesses or deaths to report.

The SEA Travel Desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Tue/Wed&Thur., (206) 433-4218 & 4219. We welcome walk-ins on the 2nd floor of the Air Cargo Bldg. A wealth of information is available along with a lending library.

Calendar

Aug. 12 - Annual picnic in Kent.

Sep. 9 - Annual luncheon cruise aboard the Royal Argosy ship

Sep. 12 - Golf Tournament at Madrona Links in Gig Harbor

Oct. 7 - Monthly luncheon at Yankee Diner, Ballard



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Our July picnic was hosted by Ken & Myrtle Stoop. It was a potluck with the Stoops supplying the condiments, wine, beer, their beautiful home & a good time for all who attended. Everyone brought their favorite dish, as always, more food than we could eat.

On June 21 Lance & our family joined his dad in celebrating his 90th birthday. He golfed the following Mon. & shot a 93. He would liked to have shot his age, but to be golfing 3 days a week at 90 is a feat in itself.

We lost another of our dearest members. Earl Miller passed away on 6/13. He is survived by his

wife Pauline, numerous children & grandchildren. As Pauline has said, Earl has probably already found a golf partner in Heaven to have a few laughs with.

No one has volunteered for our next event, but we do plan on having a get-together. Someone will be in contact with you.

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On June 14, 90 members & guests attended the annual "Pig Pickin'" at the home of chapter Pres. Mr. & Mrs. David Cox in Manassas, VA. A glorious June day greeted the guests & excitement was running high as the pig was carved for our enjoyment. Fabulous chicken was offered also & wonderful little roast potatoes & many salads. After enjoying these wonderful dishes, along with beer & wine, of course, we went indoors to sample the array of homemade desserts, a sight to behold!

Our guest of honor was Jo Madden, Editor of the RUAEA Newsletter. Jo lives in DEN, came to Washington just for this event! Some of us met her in CHI in May at the Convention, & we were delighted to welcome her to our "Special Summertime Event".

As many of our members will be traveling to far off places or to visit loved ones around the USA, we wish all our fellow retirees a safe & happy summertime.

Calendar

Aug. 13 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

Sep. 10 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Ralph & Mary Hernandez, 5430 Baltimore Dr., Apt. 80, La Mesa, CA 91942

Another year gone by & I thank you all for a wonderful job you have been doing.

My wife & I had a very good year, topped it off with a trip to France. While in France we went to Normandy & that was an experience we greatly

enjoyed. We visited the American Cemetery & prayed over the men buried there & thanked what WWII vets we met. One vet in particular was a tank machine gunner & landed on Omaha Beach. He placed a wreath at the statue at the cemetery & I was honored to walk along side him & stood at attention while taps was played. We certainly appreciate what they all did, & the French people we met thanked the USA for what they did for them.

Sharon Guengerich, 200 N. Addison St., #206, Elmhurst, IL 60126

My sincere thanks to Jo Madden & staff for our newsletter! I rearrange it then read it from cover to cover. First the obits to make sure I haven't physically departed, then the general news for all the tidbits on our beloved company, back to new members, personal letters then the local news. I enjoy every bit of it and appreciate all your efforts. Last and not least, I also enjoy the hand written greetings from a former carpooler on your staff, Ralph Krieser.

After 31 years in the same home, "our government" decided to put a four-lane road on our front doorstep. They unkindly (condemned the property) suggested we move. Seven years, nine months & six days after the notification they finally paid us last month. I could write a book on the good, bad and ugly. The good was it took them almost 8 years instead of 90 days first suggested, but it was all down hill from there. An ugly process I hope none of you have to endure.

We currently are splitting our time between Henderson, NV & Elmhurst, IL. Of course, that's winters in NV & summers in IL.

Leland A. Ricketts, 2314 Mills Creek Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339

First I would like to thank all of you for doing such a great job with the Newsletter. I am moving the 25th of June and would like to advise you of my new address above. At this time there are no RUAEA chapters in TX. A friend of mine (Gary Opperman) & I would like to start up a Chapter in the Houston area, but don't know how it works or how to start a Chapter.

Ed. Note: One of the RUAEA Directors will be contacting you.

Millie Nelson (widow of Ken Nelson), 1801 Newell Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303-2953 millie825@webtv.net

I love reading about members' travels. I had a super Paris-SFO 1st class trip last Oct., perfect service from the excellent crew members. I travel several times a year to HNL where my kids live. I'll probably move there eventually, but hate to leave my home & friends in Palo Alto. The South Bay Retirees chapter has included me in several social occasions, making me feel welcome. I've seen names of my Ken's old buddies & carpool members. I haven't seen any mention of the passing of Clark Ferrell who lived near us. There was a mini-colony of UALers here in the good old days: Capt. Bert Ball, ? Fregulia, Dusty Rhodes, among them. Sometimes I think I am the last of our old carpool group left in Palo Alto.

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Well, the big red stamp appeared on my newsletter, telling me another year has passed. Where do they go? 14 years of retirement have slipped by, and it only seems like yesterday.

This has been an exciting year for us; we sold our home in San Diego, & have built a new home in Green Valley, AZ. We will certainly miss our friends in the Re-Sans group, but are looking forward to joining the local RUAEA group in AZ. Our new address is above.

Like everyone else, we have to extend our congratulations to you & your staff for the excellent job you continue to do on the newsletter. It is a wonderful source of information, brings to mind the great people we have worked with.

Phyllis V. Smith, 1672 Henrici St., Ambridge, PA 15003

I want to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who sent me cards and get-well wishes during my bout with breast cancer. Right now everything seems to be fine. I appreciated hearing from everyone - it was truly a bright spot for me. You "United" People" are the best! I feel proud to have spent 45 years in your company. Love all the wonderful memories. Thanks again.

Jane Bingham, 745 Pepper Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066-2935

WOW, another year has just flown by. I'm busy with my family & haven't taken any trips for quite a while. Got to Mt. Hood last Aug. for a family reunion plus little trips around the state. Am so happy when I recognize someone that I worked with or someone my husband, Bill, worked with in our years at UAL. Last month's issue had a letter from Harry Mitchell whose wife, Nancy, & I worked together in Tech Pubs when I first signed on at SFO. In another recent issue Ed Arnold's letter was published. I worked with his sister when I was temping & hoping to get on permanent.

Keep up the great job you're doing in keeping us informed of what's going on with the company & our former workmates.

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We have had so much rain in the east, I'm about to sprout water wings. A quiet year this year...a little golf & a few visits to various doctors took care of the year. Had a week's golf vacation at the beach....different course each day. Just worked the F.B.R.(nee the Kemper Open) golf tournament. Looking forward to taking ALL the kids & grandkids to the beach in Aug. Hope UAL can get things turned around. Thanks to all who produce the monthly newsletter.

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Didn't make the RUAEA convention this year as plans for attending the Special Olympics in Dublin, Ireland intervened. Close to 200 of our Clipped Wings members will again be volunteering & hosting at the Parents' Night reception.

Joan (Frieouf) Adams, 1924 W. Calle Estio, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Thank you all for the great Newsletter. I look forward to it.

Jim & I keep busy with all our activities here in Green Valley, plus having guests & still doing a lot of traveling. It's all fun.

Hello to everyone who works on putting this newsletter together for mailing.

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First, thank you, RUAEA Staff, for your newsy

Newsletter! This is my 85th birthday! Worked 23 years at one job, retired & have been collecting a pension for 38 years. Went to United for 18 years, retired on pension for 20 years (so far). Yet I can't seem to retire from some stressful volunteer work. No pay! No pension! Haven't succeeded in my one true ambition - to be a good-for-nothing lazy bum.

Gary B. Kellogg, 3368 W. Corning St., Newbury Park, CA 91320

Looks like you got me again. I had intended to get my dues in before you red stamped me, but I didn't get it done on time. Really enjoy the Newsletter, look forward to reading it on the website. Hope this saves on the paper & stamps and gives the mailing crew time for a coffee break. Thanks for all the hard work.

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As usual a ton of thanks to all the staff that do such a wonderful job getting the newsletter out to all of us who look forward to it each month. I hope that people take advantage of getting it online, reducing some of the expense & load of producing & mailing it monthly.

Esther Geipel, 5601 Carriageway, #202-B, Rolling Meadows, FL 60008

Thanks to our DEN office staff for continuing the great job of furnishing news about our company, our friends & former cohorts -- our sincere appreciation!

The 2003 Convention in CHI was a BIG SUCCESS; we thank all who were able to attend.

I'm especially grateful to 2 wonderful artists - Jackie Sontheimer & Cora Harper - who willingly gave of their time & talents.

In the Art Raffle I won Cora's fine painting of a vase of tulips. Also was fortunate to hold the winning ticket for the water color of Navy Pier; this will be especially treasured because it was donated by my dear friend Jackie.

(I can't claim "I never win anything" any more!!!)

Bud Peters, 2144 E. Poppy Hills St., Eagle, ID 83616 budpat68@aol.com

First off, let me express my appreciation for the terrific job done by all concerned who put this

newsletter together every month. You all truly do an outstanding job of keeping UAL retirees informed & in touch with each other.

I am five plus years into retirement now & enjoying every minute of it. My wife Pat & I enjoy very much living in the Treasure Valley of Idaho. The area continues to grow, as does the roster of UAL retirees. I note familiar names of friends & co-workers on the retirement list every month.

I am into my 2nd year as president of the local RUAEA chapter, the Boise Gems. Our number of members also continues to grow, 94 members plus associates at last count. Our group is comprised of retired pilots, mechanics, flight attendants, customer service agents, air freight agents & a number of other occupations within UAL, including one flight dispatcher, myself. We come from a wide variety of locations throughout the UAL system, but quite naturally, most of our members worked in BOI. I am thoroughly enjoying my stint as president of this fine group of people.

Our group recently had a preview tour of the new Boise terminal building, officially opened June 25. It is going to be a beautiful first-rate facility. As with other smaller stations, BOI has seen a reduction in service by UAL. Our SFO service is now provided by United Express as is one of our 4 DEN flights. Our ORD service is back in 737 equipment replacing the long awaited A320 round trip. We all hope UAL will note the fact the Treasure Valley is one of the fastest growing areas in the country & see fit to increase service here in the very near future. In the meantime, I plan to put the golf clubs & fly rod to good use.

Lynn Clark, 459 N. Willow Wood Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-3831

Here it is June & I celebrated my 71st birthday. Since I am a Life Member, I am sending a contribution to the postage fund. Jo & staff are doing a great service to the retirees keeping us in touch with UA happenings, friends & associates that we worked with during our wonderful years at UA. We did enjoy getting together with friends attending the RUAEA banquet on Sat. evening in Chicagoland and a chance to see the CEO, Glenn Tilton, as guest speaker. His speech was uplifting about UA. I do hope that in the near future UA will be able to emerge out of bankruptcy & become the great airline that I worked for before I retired 12/87.

George spends 2 days a week at the Illinois Railway Museum operating the RR cars during the summer months & working in restoring RR cars during the winter months. The first of the year I suffered a blood clot in my left leg, so spent 8 days in the hospital & had bypass surgery. I now sport a 13" incision on my leg. We celebrated Max's "sweet 16th" birthday, our loveable miniature Schnauzer, in April with a 6" doggie birthday cake from Tail Waggers in Lake Zurich which he shared with our neighbor's dog!

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Thanks to everyone for your good work in keeping the retirees informed & in touch with one another.

Have been doing a bit of traveling this past year. Just returned from a 3-week trip to France & northern Italy - as well as points in-between. Trip was great, but going through security numerous times takes a bit of the fun out of flying. Seems to me that security is much tighter here in the US than it is "over there". Didn't have to take my shoes off at CDG.

We did the Normandy Beaches the week of June 6. Of course, lots of US & Brits there, as well as a number of German tourists. We walked Utah & Omaha, visited Gold, Juno & Sword beaches. Now I understand why the US lost 3,000 men on Omaha Beach that first day - lambs to the slaughter. Visited Ste. Mere-Eglise, inland from Utah Beach, where one US paratrooper's landing left him dangling from the church steeple.

The Dolomites in northern Italy are spectacular. Did some mountain hiking but still had time to drive those narrow mountain roads. In driving to one viewpoint, there was at least 25 "180 degree" turns. Italian drivers are the absolute worst - our "wild west" drivers here in AZ are really tame in comparison. Lake Como is lovely, as is Bellagio. Southern Europe was in the midst of a heat wave, so air pollution around the Italian lakes & in the Swiss valleys was much like LA on a bad day.

Also, visited the little village near Besancon, France, where my mother was born & where she is buried. Nothing in the village had changed since my last visit in the early 1990s.

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Jean & I love living in Prescott. Every time we travel it is so good to get home. In Sept. we will be going to Europe for another river cruise which will be our 3rd river cruise. We really enjoy being on smaller ships & the quality of itineraries.

We are all praying for a successful exit from bankruptcy. Ten years ago, who would have believed that the airline industry would be going through such troubled times.

Scotty & Sarah Roy, 1809 Rollins Dr., Alexandria, VA 22307-1614

Once again we say "thank you for the great job you & your volunteer helpers do in keeping us old-time retirees informed and in touch with each other over the years." It is always nice to read that many retirees are still able to travel about & enjoy those golden years. Come mid-July, Sarah & I heading for another 4-week vacation trip to our native Scotland to see family & friends.

Frances Rauschkolb (widow of Frank Rauschkolb) 15950 SW Oak Meadow Ln., Portland, OR 97224-5640

Our Northwest Director, Tom Harvey, sent me a very nice "reminder" letter; otherwise I would not have remembered that my dues were over-due. I would be lost not receiving the Newsletter. You people in DEN are responsible for bringing us up-to-date on all of the pass policies, companion travel, medical, etc., which is very important to retirees as well as spouses & widows. Many thanks for all that you do to keep us informed of what's happening at United.

Cathy Vita, 1747 W. Crystal Lane, Unit 308C, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056-5440

Thanks for the birthday reminder. I certainly want to remain on the Newsletter list. I enjoyed the convention banquet. My only comment is that I didn't have the chance to visit with more of my friends.

To repeat what others have already written - you do good work! Many thanks for all the work you do so well.

JoAnn Briggs, 21303 Legend Av., Carson, CA 90745

Thank you so much for all the work you put into the newsletter. I enjoy reading it. Also enjoyed the convention & getting to visit with old friends, which of course, are the best! We have gone on 3 cruises this year, all on Royal Caribbean. We had a fabulous time doing the Panama Canal, around Hawaii to Vancouver & then the Inland Passage to Alaska. We received some great rates from Interline Value Vacations. Take a look at <http://www.interline.com>. Being retired only 3 years now, I am taking advantage of all the travel I can afford! Thanks again & will see you at the next convention.

Tom McNabb, 5570 Boynton Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33919-2705

Thanks for the birthday reminder. After the convention Marilyn & I spent a few weeks visiting family & friends. It was especially nice getting acquainted with our newest grandsons and great grandson. Almost 7000 miles later we returned to FL & your "subtle reminder".

Jerry Andrews, 921 West Agatite Ave., Chicago, IL 60640-6003

Mary Beth & I are still in relatively good health; we had better be, since during this past year we acquired a house with many steps. We still have trouble believing that we were fortunate enough to have acquired "the perfect villa" on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza. (It's a very long story.) It was very good timing because it helped us keep our minds off United's problems, about which we can do nothing anyway.

We would particularly like to thank you RUAEA Newsletter volunteers for now including our e-mail addresses with the letters you publish. Particularly for far-flung retirees, the ability to communicate with old friends by e-mail is a wonderful benefit.

We invite anyone who remembers us and would like to keep tabs on us to visit our website at www.Gerald-Andrews.com. (Our e-mail addresses are: MaryBeth@Gerald-Andrews.com and Himself@Gerald-Andrews.com)

Don McGann, 12255 W. Applewood Knolls Dr., Lakewood, CO 80215-7201

Thank you for all that you have done & are doing for RUAEA. Your efforts are truly

appreciated!

We just returned from a wonderful trip to Ireland where we helped out Clipped Wings working for the summer Special Olympics, also traveled afterward.

Mary McCarville, 523 Lake Shore Blvd., Wauconda, IL 60084-1523

I am busier than ever since I retired 5 years ago with so much to do I can't even keep track of my own birthday. Maybe that's a good thing!

Please keep those newsletters coming! Thanks for all the time & effort to produce an informative paper for all of us retirees.

Thank goodness we are seeing brighter days for United Airlines. My son-in-law Bob still giving it all he has got for 25 years of service now & my furloughed flight attendant niece Kelly flying the friendly skies again - loving every minute of it.

The CHI Convention was a huge success. My friend Theresa Jones & I found some time to do some volunteer work. The boat trip with lunch on Lake Michigan was a lot of fun; a good time was had by all. The banquet brought a sell-out crowd, too many to seat in the main dining room. Food was good & the conversations even better.

Geno (Gene Von Gonten), P.O. Box 230644, Centreville, VA 20120

Ten full years of retirement. Just went through 2 major operations with flying colors. Just got turned loose by the doctors to travel again. Will use selective destinations.

Headed for the David Cox pig roast. Our retirement unit was there full force. All you retired persons out there should plan one trip to Washington & partake of this annual event. Maybe 2004?

Hope my 2nd decade of retirement is as successful as past 10 years. Hope our airline will survive.

Rhoda Aguirre, 208 N. Lake Merced Hts., Apt. 2F, San Francisco, CA 94132-2920

Thank you for all the effort you put into keeping the members informed about United & each other.

It's so hard to believe there is so little left of United in SFO, it's birthplace, where it all started. I was so very fortunate to have worked with the very

first secretary of the original company, Bernice Bartholomew, a very special person, who was hired by a pair of pilots in (I believe) 1926. Bernice, of course, has been gone a long time, but her stories are wonderful to remember.

We were the West Coast executive staff on the 4th floor at 400 Powell. I wonder if there are any others left from those days.

Morris "Ivy" Iverson, 2791 E. Avenida De Pueblo, Tucson, AZ 85718

Well looking at the calendar on the wall, I see I have another birthday coming up. It marks 21 years that I have been retired from United. Over those years I have lost a lot of friends & relatives. I enjoyed getting their letters. So if there is anyone out there who remembers me or worked with me at SFO, drop me a line because getting letters is great therapy.

I also want to salute the staff for keeping us informed on everything going on at United. You're the greatest!

Garver Sandy, 223 Perry St., Milpitas, CA 95035-5711

Sorry that we didn't get to CHI for the convention, but we had planned a 3500-mile driving trip to the Canadian Rockies. The trip to Canada was fantastic; everything went well. We do plan to get to SEA next year, perhaps another driving trip. We really like traveling by car. It's First Class all the way, with none of the hassle of flying today.

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Thanks to all who sent cards when I had brain surgery. I have made a full recovery. ORDCS retirees meet the first Tues. of every month. Please contact Connie for time & location, (847) 956-0764.

Gene O'Neill, 3300 Via. Carrizo, Laguna Hills, CA 92653-3009

What a year this has been!! Our daughter, Edie, was diagnosed with breast cancer in Jan. of last year. She had a mastectomy & 1/3 of her lung removed. She then had intensive chemotherapy. As of this Jan. she is cancer free. We are grateful to

everyone's prayers that were said on her behalf! She has undergone reconstructive surgery & is doing great!

Another grandchild has been presented to us by our youngest son's wife; we are so proud.

Thank you for all you do to keep communication going for all of us.

Marilyn Chaplin, 114 E. Pine Ave., Bensenville, IL 60106

I welcome the newsletter every month and am so happy when I recognize familiar names. It makes me feel as though I'm still connected to the UAL family & friends. I've only been retired 7 months (after 35 years in CHIRR) and am loving it. It has allowed me to spend 5 ½ weeks on the island of Maui this past winter.

Jerry Meierkort, 2476 Cedar Meadows St., Henderson, NV 89052

Madeline & I look forward to the newsletter each month & always find a number of interesting articles and people to read about. Our thanks to you & the newsletter volunteers for the wonderful service you provide to retirees.

We think the web page idea is great! While all retirees do not own & operate a PC, judging from Dale Harper's listing, many are connected so communicating the newsletter via a web page will be a welcomed addition. We look forward to further information on this topic.

Madeline & I have completed 5 years of retirement living in LAS and, "the living is great"!!! Most people associate LAS with the Strip & gambling; while it is certainly the main attraction, there is much-much more to the valley & the southwest US. We continue to travel a lot each year, with at least half of our travel by car. We can reach many southwest destinations in a one-day drive or less, with no security checks! Long distance travel continues on UAL. We are really enjoying the on time scheduling, plus the excellent customer service provided in recent months. There appears to be a return of "A pride in working for UAL" back in the attitudes of the employees which is seen & felt by our customers. After a number of years of disappointment in our service, we once again feel a sense of pride in UAL. Hope that the company has finally "turned the page" to a new & greater company.

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Congratulations to our RUAEA members - more & more of you are remembering to list your File Number on all checks. Thank you, thank you - sure helps to "make our day"!

We would appreciate it very much if you would also list the station & code from where you retired. Also, when changing your address, please send us a post card - do not telephone this information. If at all possible, we would appreciate receiving this two months in advance.

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