



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER



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## Seattle Rain Dance 2004 RUAFA Convention Huge Success!

Boy, those Seattle City Slickers know how to give a party! It has been rumored that this Convention will go down in the archives as one of the best.

According to a group from PHL, the "Prop-Wash" Party was the highlight of the convention. The daily "Friendship Cocktail Hour" was very popular and may have started a new tradition for future conventions. Another big hit was the great entertainment at the Friendship Dinner. Ken Rudzinski, our Convention Tour Director, organized the very successful bus tours. 985 tours were sold. 'Way to go, Ken.

The Convention's final event was a cruise to Alaska on the Norwegian Cruise Lines. Tour Director, Ken Rudzinski writes that 56 hardy souls left the Doubletree Hotel on May 30 for Vancouver, BC. There, they boarded the Norwegian Sun to begin their journey to Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway & Wrangle.

Eagles & whales were spotted. The ship sailed close to Sawyer Glacier where they watched the seals play on the pack ice. The scenery was absolutely fabulous. The cruisers enjoyed delicious food, onboard activities & Broadway quality shows.

On Sat. evening a reception was held for the RUAFA Group. Door prizes were won by many lucky people.

Chairman Hank Gosselin & the Seattle City Slickers Convention Committee thank all RUAFA members who attended the convention. Thank you for coming! You made all of our efforts worthwhile.

Next year, HOORAY for HOLLYWOOD!

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## GENERAL NEWS

The Newsletter website is [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

One of the features of our monthly Newsletter is letters from members. Jo Madden reads all of them. She selects a representative sample of letters & publishes them. In reading the letters I find many retirees I worked with or have known through my 52 plus years associated with United Airlines. I appreciate knowing what my friends & associates are doing.

With Jo's representative samples it also reflects what our members are concerned about. Most are pleased with RUAEA, the Newsletter & RUAEA activities. Many are critical of United Airlines' management and "what they are doing to the benefits that were promised to us when we retired". And, "why doesn't RUAEA do something about it?" I want to respond and comment about these last two items.

United Airlines is in the fix it's in because of the cost structure that has evolved over many years. When deregulation came in, it changed our industry from "running an airline" to "running a business." (There is a difference.) The established airlines are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in running a business in today's environment. Look what happened to Braniff, Eastern, Pan Am, and you can cite others such as Peoples Express, Air Florida & Midway. We see many up-start airlines operating at low costs. The long established airlines continued to operate their expansive, wide spread networks effectively - but not efficiently. Costs were high. Fares were high; the economy was good. Because of their dependability, schedules, service, reputation & customer following, they continued to succeed. Sept. 11, 2001 was a marker event that affected our airline, the industry & the world. That was followed by the decline of the economy. The traveling public - our customers - have curtailed their travel. When they travel they are flying coach plus seeking the lowest fare. United has got to meet these schedules, services & fares. Yet United's costs are still too high. With all the cost cutting, United's costs are still higher than the low cost operators, even higher than American's. For United to survive it is imperative that costs must be reduced further. United must make fundamental changes in the way it does business. Its operations must become more efficient. Leases & contracts must be pared. Further reductions of costs in employees' salaries, benefits, and especially work rules, must be realized. Retiree costs need to be further scrutinized. The bottom line is United Airlines must make more tough decisions; and it will survive.

I have received many e-mails, letters & telephone calls from retirees very critical of the decisions made by Ferris, Wolf, Greenwald, Goodwin & their management staffs. This could be discussed ad nauseam. My take is it is not productive to expend energies rehashing the past. (Airplanes don't have rear view mirrors.) Glenn Tilton came on board 22 months ago. He now is getting the brunt of the criticism and blame. His mission is to manage United Airlines out of bankruptcy, develop a sustainable enterprise and return UA to prominence. I believe he has made tremendous progress. I have met with Glenn Tilton a number of times representing retirees. I believe he is an astute businessman. He is a person of integrity with a keen set of ethics and beliefs. I believe if any one can lead this company out of this, Glenn Tilton can.

RUAEA is committed in whatever way we can to support United Airlines and its management to succeed. We also are going to be a very strong pro-active voice of retirees representing your interest. Our goal is for United Airlines to successfully exit from bankruptcy, again become a viable entity and a major premier airline in the industry, also that United's retirees are recognized and valued as a major supportive constituency of the company.

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA

## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Well, I received a tall order for my initial communication to the membership as Executive V.P. That is, to explain the negotiated retiree medical benefits agreement in just a few short paragraphs. In short, I can't do it except in the brief summation that follows. What I do suggest is that you access the RUAEA website (and if you don't have your own computer, go to your family, friends or local library) at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org), then go to the website reference that provides a specific explanation of the job title from which you retired.

Having said that, here are the highlights of the agreement reached by all the retiree constituencies except for AMFA (which did their own).

In summary, the good news is that a restructured medical benefit program will remain available to retirees with a monthly premium that is not significantly higher than participants are paying today. In addition, the future cost for retirees has been contained, beginning in 2011, by placing a 4.5% limit on the annual premium increases so that ultimately premiums will be less than those projected for the current supplemental plan. Finally, United agreed that it would not terminate the retiree medical benefit program in the future except in the course of a future bankruptcy. These results were accomplished while still supporting United with substantial cash savings as it emerges from bankruptcy.

The Company will ultimately distribute materials for open enrollment which will give a more detailed description of the insurance coverage and will permit participants to select among a Medical PPO, a drug only program, any available HMOs, or to drop medical insurance altogether.

The Company's original proposed plan revisions sought a savings of about \$324 million from its retirees during the seven-year period of its business plan for exiting bankruptcy. Thereafter, projected savings would continue and increase because United would pay only a fixed monthly contribution and a much smaller share of the cost of inflation than it pays under the existing premium structures. Ultimately, the Retiree Coalition agreed with the Company to the following:

1. Acceptance of a new BCBS PPO Plan Structure to replace current Supplemental and Comprehensive Plans but with essentially the same coverages as the current Comprehensive Plan.
2. Provision of \$229 million cash savings (the Coalition's share of the total requested) to United of \$88 million resulting, during the first seven years, from adoption of the BCBS PPO, \$81 million from a system of premium surcharges, and \$60 million from cancellation of retiree life insurance
3. Initiation and indefinite continuation of a premium surcharge that will escalate in the same manner as existing plan base premiums, but, beginning in 2011, both the base premiums and surcharges for post-Medicare insurance will be subject to a limit of 4.5% per year.
4. Elimination of any escalator on home delivery drug co-pays and handling of drug cost increases within the overall medical plan costs

As to the premium structure, the coalition agreed that, to the extent possible all retirees should make the same contribution to United's recovery. For many reasons, no single formula would achieve that goal; therefore, the base premium formula used to calculate retiree payments under the existing structure was retained and the "premium surcharge" was added to that base. With some exceptions the "premium surcharge" is applied equally to all retiree groups.

With respect to retiree life insurance, the Coalition learned that the Company has been prefunding its retiree life insurance obligations under its life insurance contract with CIGNA. The Coalition decided to make those funds available to the Company by terminating the retiree life insurance benefit. It is believed that most retirees would rather have the value of the life insurance applied during their lives to reduce medical insurance premiums than have the money become available after they are dead.

Well, I have rattled on with this "summary" much longer than I have liked. Once again, I strongly recommend that you get to a computer and access the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and, from

there, to the explanation which related to your retiree group (or all of them if you are so inclined) for much more detail and estimated cost impacts. Many of your questions will be answered in those more comprehensive explanations. I may be sorry for this offer but, after you have read the details and still have questions, please address them to [support@ruaea.org](mailto:support@ruaea.org) or to the Denver office and we'll try to answer them the best we can.

Mort Wax  
Executive Vice-President

### **TRAVEL LISTING PROCEDURAL CHANGES**

Effective July 1, 2004, United requires travel eligible participants (e.g., employees, retirees & surviving dependents) to discontinue calling reservations.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE VRU FOR LISTING FOR PLEASURE TRAVEL**

Effective July 1, travel eligible participants in North America are required to use automated systems, including Apollo, Weblist & the Voice Recognition Unit (VRU) to list for space-available pleasure travel or book company business travel.

You can reach the VRU by calling 1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478) & use it to list for space-available travel. To use the VRU, you will need to have a PIN number. The first time you call the VRU, your initial PIN is your birth date in the MMDDYY format. After you provide your birth date, the VRU will provide instructions on how to establish a new, more secure PIN for future use. If you have forgotten your PIN, you can call the United Airlines Employee Password Reset Service at 1-877-202-0263.

The VRU is programmed to lead you step-by-step through the listing procedure.

To use VRU:

- Enter or speak your employee file number.
- Enter or speak your personal identification number (PIN).
- Give the VRU your itinerary, including the departure & arrival cities, date of travel, either a flight number or approximate departure time.
- Select a flight from among those retrieved & request a class of service.
- Tell the system the number of people traveling & their names.

If your transaction cannot be completed successfully after three attempts, you will automatically be transferred to United Reservations for assistance.

### **VRU Listing Tips**

If at any point you require additional assistance, just say, "Help." If the VRU is asking you for a number, you may key in the number instead of speaking it. Also, if the VRU presents you with a series of options, you can press "1" to select the first option, "2" to select the second, etc.

The procedures described above apply to retirees in North America. For those who need to make travel arrangements while outside the U.S., Apollo & Weblist are the preferred methods and should be used whenever possible. If they are not available, you may call the local Reservations office. As a reminder, when in Europe, retirees are expected to use the local Reservations number, where a prompt will offer them an option for employee travel.

For more information about the change to procedures & other travel-related information, visit SkyNet's Travel section, which includes links from the Travel home page to Travel Benefits News.

For flight updates after you have listed for a flight, you can use an economical, e-mail only version of United's EasyUpdate. From the [united.com](http://united.com) home page, under the "Travel Support" tab, click on

EasyUpdate & scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on “Register for specific flight paging request” or “Update existing flight paging request”, depending upon the need. The service works for both revenue & non-revenue travel.

## **UNITED AIRLINES PASS TRAVEL WHQAK**

### **Ways to Contact Us:**

- Phone: 9 a.m. to noon, Mon. thru Fri. CST at 847-700-1598
- FAX: 1-847-700-1452
- E-Mail: [Employee-Pass@united.com](mailto:Employee-Pass@united.com)
- Password Lockouts: [Employee-Pass-Locked@united.com](mailto:Employee-Pass-Locked@united.com)
- Regular Mail: United Airlines  
WHQAK  
P.O. Box 66282  
Chicago, IL 60666

### **Invoices**

Invoices are prepared twice a month. All tickets that have lifted are processed.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Invoice: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of each month for all amounts.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Invoice: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of each month for invoices totaling over \$100

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Invoice each Month</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Invoice each</u>
<u>2004 (All Amounts)</u>	<u>Month 2004(&gt;\$100)</u>
August 2	August 16
September 6	September 20
October 4	October 18
November 8	November 15
December 6	December 20

### **Methods of Payment**

#### **Through U.S. Mail**

Mail to: United Airlines, Lockbox,  
P.O. Box 93316  
Chicago, IL 60673-3316

Include: Bottom portion of invoice

Checks: Write invoice number on check

Credit Card: Include MC, VISA, AMEX, or DSC  
Card #/ Exp.Date/ Amount:  
Signature

#### **SkyNet**

- Click on Travel and then on Travel invoice
- No outstanding balance, message states:
- “No Invoice Data Found!!!!”
- Outstanding balance, message returns with a list of all outstanding invoices, oldest first. To **VIEW** travel charges for each invoice, **click on the INVOICE NUMBER**. To pay the invoice, click on the radio button next to the Invoice Number.
- Payment can be made by direct debit from checking or savings or by credit card, Visa, American Express, Discover & Mastercard accepted.

- All payment transactions require 2-3 business days before invoice information will be updated. Payment detail only reflects payments made through the web page.

### **Travel Charge Disputes**

E-travel & e-payments do not provide new avenues for disputing travel charges. Travel charges are handled through the same avenues as they are today. Phone, fax, e-mail or write the Employee Pass team; they will notify you of any adjustments made to your balance due to disputes.

### **TRAVEL TIPS**

- Do NOT pay for travel in advance. Only pay when you receive an invoice & pay for that amount. Advance payments cannot be handled by our current system and can result in no payment to your file number for months.
- Be sure to view SkyNet for outstanding invoices. If there are none, your tickets have not processed for invoicing. No e-mails asking if SkyNet is correct needed.
- Use the appropriate e-mail address for your concerns.
- Be sure that your SPAM guard will allow the return of an e-mail from United.
- The Service Charge Calculator is correct & is updated quarterly.
- Companion charges are NOT mileage based; they are based on ID90 of the fares.
- Charges are segment by segment. Even if a direct fare is shown in the Service Charge Calculator, you must verify in Apollo that there is a direct flight in that market. If not, then you need to calculate each segment.
- Intransit taxes can only be refunded if the claim is presented within 90 days of the travel date, travel occurred within 24 hours of landing, travel was UA to UA; OA segments cannot be refunded.

### **Retiree Customer Service WHO, HOW, and FOR WHAT?**

#### ***Via Phone Call***

The following services can be accomplished by a phone call:

Call the **Pension Department**, 1-800-482-5236, option 4 for:

- Questions concerning **death** of retiree or spouse
- Questions concerning **your pension benefit amount** (however, no amounts can be discussed by the Pension Dept. staff over the phone)
- **QDROs** on file (Qualified Domestic Relations Order)

*Please Note: In lieu of calling, you may also submit the above requests to the Pension Department via FAX to 1-847-364-4274.*

Call the **Retiree Service Center** at 1-888-825-0188 for:

- **Your medical coverage or charges**
- **Family Information Status Changes**
- **Travel ticket questions**
- **Reporting the death of a retiree or spouse**

Contact Fidelity at 1-800-245-9034 or visit the Fidelity Website at [www.401k.com](http://www.401k.com):

- **MRDs** (minimum required distribution forms)
- **401(k) Beneficiary Forms** (does not apply for pilots)

- **401(k) enrollment/information**
- **401(k) changes**
- **Change your investment mix**
- **Distribution from your 401(k) account (retired/separated employees)**
- **Over 59 ½ In-Service withdrawals**
- **Hardship forms**
- **Rollover forms for deposits into the 401(k) program**
- **Loan balance pay-off (only certified check or money order accepted)**
- **Loan payment (only certified check or money order accepted)**
- **Statement inquiries**

Call Frank Russell Trust at 1-800-433-4389 to obtain a **PDAP Distribution Form, Beneficiary Form and/or status of PDAP forms (also available on line)**

Call your payer to change your **direct deposit** or your **tax withholding**:

- Northern Trust                      1-888-345-5184
- Metropolitan Life Ins.   1-800-638-2432
- Connecticut General      1-800-224-4624

(They will send you a form that you will need to return to them before your change can be executed. Also, please note that Northern Trust includes these forms on the stub of each pension check.)

Regarding changes in direct deposit, your payer will tell you when the change will take place and will send your check to your home address until the new form is received.

Call **Social Security Administration** at 1-800-772-1213 for Social Security questions, or refer to your local phone book and call your local Social Security office.

### ***Via Letter***

**Verification of Pension Letter** requests can be faxed or sent in writing.

You must send the Pension Department a *letter* to change your **address, phone number, or name change w/documentation**. Faxes or copies of signatures are not accepted -- only an “inked” (original ) signature. Address all correspondence to:

UAL  
WHQTE  
P.O. Box 66100  
Chicago, Il 60666

### **A WARM GREETING TO OUR RUAEA PARTNERS FROM THE UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION (UAHF)**

This past May, the Leadership of RUAEA & UAHF agreed to form a working alliance that will serve our mutual interests & broaden the scope and appeal of both organizations. We at UAHF are extremely pleased with this decision and pledge our best efforts to make this new relationship a success. We believe this partnership will help to ensure the ongoing viability of UAHF with its historic mission, “preserving the past to inspire the future”. It also will offer local RUAEA groups the

opportunity to become involved with UAHF on special historic projects, also to initiate localized projects & displays at airports, museums and community events around the country.

### Preserving The Past

The roots of UAHF date back to the late 1960s when the late Captain Bill Arnott persuaded United Airlines to allow him to display his growing collection of memorabilia in the halls of the Denver Flight Training Center (DENTK). For years it was a solo effort, but in 1993 a group of co-workers joined with Bill to form United Airlines Historical Foundation & have it recognized as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Today the collection of pilot & flight operations artifacts at DENTK is valued at more than half a million dollars. It is continually maintained & enhanced by a dedicated team of retired UAHF volunteers. Although United Airlines lends its name and cooperative support, UAHF is a fully independent organization with its own Board of Directors comprised of active & retired employees of United Airlines. We are also members of RUAEA, RUPA & Clipped Wings.

Almost 3 years ago, UAHF learned that the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) had in its possession in Oshkosh, WI, one of the few remaining, original Swallow bi-planes. This aircraft similar to the one piloted by Leon Cuddeback on April 6, 1926 to inaugurate Contract Air Mail Service between Pasco, WA & Elko, NV via Boise, ID (the birth of United Airlines), was little more than a shell. Since then, UAHF & EAA have worked to "Save the Swallow". It is now almost totally restored & dressed in the original Varney Air Lines livery. We expect it to be flight certified in a matter of days, and plan to display it for the first time at Schaumburg, IL Regional Airport on Sept. 26, in conjunction with Schaumburg's Family Aviation Day. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

### Inspiring the Future

For the second consecutive year, the Foundation has awarded two Captain William A. Arnott Scholarships to worthy students with family ties to United Airlines. This year's successful applicants, winners of \$1,000 each, are Amalia Cerbin, Purdue University & Jon Tockston, University of North Dakota. Best wishes to both of them as they pursue careers in aviation.

Dick Buchman,  
Executive Vice President, UAHF

### **Tom Angelos**

After retirement from United Airlines in 1981, Tom sustained both his interest in aviation history & his friendship with Capt. Bill Arnott. When Capt. Arnott founded the United Airlines Historical Foundation in 1993 he asked Tom to join him, collecting & preserving the pictures & memorabilia that form the basis of UAHF holding today. Tom became a member of the Board of Directors in 1995. Since the passing of Capt. Bill Arnott in 1999, Tom took the controls & worked closely with Capt. Brad Thomann, Managing Director-Flight Standards & Training for United Airlines in DEN. With the help of Tom Goodyear, they are "preserving the past & inspiring the future". Tom Angelos was able to gain their support to the extent that a donation of \$15,000 was given to help offset the cost of revamping the historical exhibits. Tom Angelos & Tom Goodyear stretched out the funds to create a beautiful display & tribute to the evolution of United Airlines.

In Tom's resignation letter from the Board of Directors, he stated "I shall continue to collaborate with the local DENTK on a volunteer basis as time permits. Many thanks, Tom, for your devotion & invaluable time.

## **APPOINTMENT - CO-OFFICE MANAGER**

### **VIRGIL GOOSELAU**

For the past five years Mel Conine has served as RUAEA's Office Manager in our DEN office. In that role he provided support for the whole DEN office. Last fall we appointed Howard Tress as Co-Manager, permitting Mel to focus on the newsletter publication, mailing & distribution. With the very able support of his wife, Darleen, Mel assured we all received our newsletters without missing a deadline. Over the past year Mel has asked if we would find a replacement so he & Darleen can retire and spend more time in family activities. Mel retired July 1. All of us extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the dedication and work Mel & Darlene have offered RUAEA over the past five years.

Mel's replacement is Virgil Gooselaw. After discharge from the Army, Virgil was hired in 1963 as an Aircraft Mechanic in SFO. He transferred to DEN, worked as an A&P and R&E mechanic. He finished his career as an Operating Manager - Aircraft Maintenance. Virgil retired in 1995, working the last 3 years on the new DEN (DIA) airport project. In retirement Virgil worked with the Colorado School for the Blind & is active in church affairs, also doing the things retired persons do. The past couple of months Virgil has been working with Mel learning his new job and officially took over July 1. We welcome Virgil & his wife Martha and appreciate their commitment to serve RUAEA.

### **MEL CONINE RETIRES - (AGAIN!)**

Mel was appointed Office Manager of the Denver RUAEA office in July 1999. During this time he has done an excellent job on handling the details of the Newsletter mailings & details of the office. There were many problems that he handled, such as the time when the wrong mailing list (an old, old one mysteriously appeared), also the time the DEN Duplicating Office informed Mel they could not print the Newsletter (only one day's notice). He managed to find a company that would print our Newsletter in one day!

We are going to miss Mel; however, we wish him & his lovely wife, Darleen a lot of happiness & thank both of them for their dedication & untiring service to the RUAEA organization.

### **RETIREEES GOLF CLUB**

The United Airlines Retirees Golf Club held their annual Tournament May 9-12, 2004 at Mesquite, NV. A good time was had by all golfers & non-golfers that attended. Many retirees (too numerous to name individually) were winners both from their golfing skills and playing the slot machines! We thank the following people for contributing door prizes, monetarily or merchandise: Jim Geddes, Judy Kulpins, Bill Peterson, Donna Daniels, Frank & Evie Callahan, Dick Magee & Harriet Ahr. On our last play day at the Oasis Course, Frank Callahan, Tournament Director, teed off on 18; his drive was near the lake. Getting ready to hit his second shot, fell in. After completing the hole soakin' wet, his comment, "I'm so glad it's over I jumped in the lake." Plans are being made to return to Mesquite in 2005, watch the Jan. 2005 newsletter for application. Have a good year.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Clipped Wings, United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants, Inc. has acquired a Model 747 Airplane which will be auctioned to raise funds for Special Olympics International. With more than 1500 members in 31 chapters, Clipped Wings, a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization, has donated well over 5 million dollars to philanthropic endeavors since its founding in 1941.

The to-scale model has a wing span of 5' 2" and weighs approximately 16 lbs. It is mounted on a chrome tripod weighing about 6 lbs. Paint is UA standard gray with blue tail and engine pods. This plane was originally displayed in SEA area ticket offices, and has had a loving home in a private residence since that time. For shipping purposes the plane can be almost fully disassembled.

The auction will be by written, silent bid. No bid less than \$500 will be considered. Bids must be received by the deadline, Sept. 10. The winning bid will be announced at the Final Banquet of Clipped Wings National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ on Sept. 18, 2004. Winner will be notified. Shipping from SEA will be the responsibility of the winner.

To bid, please write your name, address & phone number on a piece of paper, along with the amount of the bid you are submitting. Mail to: Clipped Wings, c/o Mary K. Dana, 20932 Queens Park Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646-6524. For further information please contact the above or e-mail: [mkdana@aol.com](mailto:mkdana@aol.com).

**NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS:** As all of you know, the deadline date for chapter reports to be in DEN has been changed to the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month. This change was made at the correspondents meeting at the SEA convention. Many chapters hold their meetings the first part of the month. The later deadline date will enable chapters to have information in the RUAEA Newsletter on a more current basis.

Chapter reports for Sept. are due in DEN by Fri., Aug. 13, Oct. reports by Sept. 13, Nov. reports by Oct. 13. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX is #303-780-5667. Reports may also be sent by E-mail. RUAEA's e-mail number is [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com). Send Attention: Jo Madden. 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

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**

#### **PHOENIX AZURES**

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HOT...HOT...HOT...can't say its NOT...NOT...NOT!!!

We continue to see an average of 25 folks at our Coco's breakfast meeting. The schedule for Aug. is: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>. For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's, you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00 p.m. on the Mon. prior to the breakfast; her number is 623-935-9235.

Congratulations to the following Aug. birthdays: Ginny Weiler-Meyer - Aug. 10, Richard Aaronson - Aug. 15 - Georgia Cardella - Aug. 23, Eleanor Patterson - Aug. 25, Olive Crowthers - Aug. 27, Vivian Klick - Aug. 31

The following is our Fall - Winter 2004 activity dates - mark your calendars

**Oct. 16** - Beardsley Park - picnic

**Nov. 13** - Luke AFB - Thanksgiving luncheon

**Dec. 11** - Luncheon - Briarwood Country Club

If there are any RUAEA members in the West Phoenix area that are not members of our local chapter & want to join the Azures, please contact me (Sherry) by e-mail (address above) or my phone (623) 752-4828.

### **TALL PINES**

Prescott, AZ  
Ann Tomasic  
604 Mockingbird Court  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 717-1550

Prescott Tall Pines held their annual June potluck at the lovely home of Dick & Adrianne Orleans. Our members were small, but our food was mighty - thanks to our wonderful chefs.

The Riscons entertained us with the saga of their trip via rail to Washington, D.C. & return to Prescott, with trip disruption due to flooding, self-destructive luggage and (shades of The Orient Express) Jeannie's encounter with a mysterious stranger.

Our Aug. meeting & barbecue to be held at the Tomasics' has been changed to Tue., Aug. 31, 11:00 a.m. Sept. is our annual All Arizona Chapter Picnic at Goldwater Lake on Sept. 14, 11:00 a.m. Desserts will be provided along with coffee & water. We also will hold our White Elephant auction. Flyers will be mailed to all chapters in Aug.

### **Calendar**

**Aug. 31** - Tomasics', 11:00 a.m., barbecue

**Sep. 14** - All Arizona Chapter Picnic, Goldwater Lake, 11:00 a.m.

### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

Donna Kuehn  
10200 E. Hawk Hill Ln.  
Tucson, AZ  
(520) 749-2449

We had 24 Roadrunners & guests at our luncheon at Thunder Canyon Brewery on June 17. Many of our people have left for cooler climates; who can blame them? It has been staying around 104-107 for about 2 weeks now. Our "Monsoon" season is upon us, so add humidity to the temperature and with any luck at all, we should get some rain. The "Hot Shots" fighting our forest fires will welcome that.

Both Connie Parks & Margaret Radtke are on our "sick list". Connie had carpal tunnel surgery on both hands; then she contracted some kind of a disease that attacks the immune system which results in a serious illness. Margaret had a heart attack several weeks ago, but is recovering slowly but surely. On May 7, Bill Howard had serious shoulder surgery & will be having physical therapy for several months.

We have one golden wedding anniversary for the month of July. Ann & Ray Wood were married on July 18, 1954.

### **Calendar**

**Aug. 19 & 20** - Pinetop

**Sep. 16** - Viscount Hotel

## **ARKANSAS**

### **"THE NATURALS"**

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We met for dinner on June 22 at Coy's Steakhouse & were pleased to welcome back Vic Plattner. Vic & Barbara are back in Hot Springs, having moved to northwest AR a couple of years ago to pursue some real estate interests. He is now retired for a second time, & back with The Naturals.

Ann & David Blankenship moved into our Village recently. Ann is a retired UA flight attendant formerly based in LAS. David is retired from work as a professional landscape photographer participating in outdoor art shows. He now works as a sales representative for a fertilizer company that sells to golf courses, turf farms & ranchers. Arkansas appears to be a good territory for him - he has already signed up our newest Village golf course (No. 9 opening in Aug.) Welcome to The Naturals Ann & David. We look forward to seeing you at our future get-togethers and/or on one of our golf courses.

Jim & Diana Huffman are hosting the next meeting in Aug. We will schedule it early in the month in order to get in the Sept. issue of the Newsletter. It was a good move when you changed the due date for submittals. It will make the news more current for many of the chapters.

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **CENTRAL COASTERS**

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Our thanks to Bob & Marcia Stanger for hosting a lovely June luncheon at the Black Lake Golf Club in Nipomo. There were 20 members, along with Bob's mother, Isabel, who looked very well from a recent pacemaker implant. Bill Noyes showed everyone how good he could walk with his new knees.

Al & Marilyn Rybar had just returned from an extended tour of Europe and gave us the highlights of their trip. John Stilwell & Jack Cunningham gave reports on the RUAEA convention in SEA. Everyone who attended had a great time. We appreciate all of the hard work of the SEA retirees.

There has been a change of plans for the next meeting. Al & Marilyn Rybar will host the Aug. 18 luncheon at the Avila Beach Golf Resort in Avila Beach. Details will be in the flyer.

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### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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The Brazen Raisins had no host for their June meeting, but the meeting went well anyway. It was reported that Don & Elaine Fahrni had moved to AZ; they hadn't - they're moving there in June. Charlie & Millie Barnett were off to OH where Millie's family owns a ranch.

There was another discussion of the new travel policy involving the security pass card. The Brazen Raisins had sent a contribution to the American Cancer Society in memory of Francine Anderson. Andy Anderson was with us for the last time, as he is moving to Los Gatos where he has a daughter. Rueben & Elida Rivas had attended the RUAEA Convention in SEA & gave a report.

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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The Desert Sunbirds meeting for June was held at the Cider Barrell restaurant in Oak Glen on June 9, sponsored by Art & Rochelle Swiatek. We had 20 attendees. This is always a cooler place for our meetings in the summer & that day was particularly cool.

Several members were ill: Joyce Bossio, Merle Pool, George & Loraine Lantz. Missing but not ill were Al & Jenny Pennington, who were visiting AR & Mike Bailardo who was probably making magic somewhere. Louie Horvath was off on another cruise; Lynda Davis was on a trip to Scotland.

Ron Tate & Flo Silvestri were the birthday people; the free luncheon was awarded to Flo.

We feel very bad at the loss of an original member - Clem Ellington - of acute leukemia. Gil & Marianne Patterson wrote that they were in the Atlantic approaching the English Channel.

Barbara Rowe was the first to travel on the new E ticket. She described the processes from check-in to boarding & advised that all went smoothly.

Merle Pool advises that he is being treated for a malignant growth on his neck & is undergoing chemotherapy. He says that now that he is bald, he's going to buy a red convertible & find a young girlfriend!

Elmer & Billie White celebrated 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary 6/14; Ron & Elaine Aggson celebrated 52 years 7/19.

### **Calendar**

**Aug. 11** - hosted by Tom & Karen Tischler

**Sept. 8** - hosted by Ray & Flo Silvestri

**SACRAMENTO**  
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The June 30 meeting was held at the Roseville Elks Club. Hosts were Ron & Barbara Berticini, with 108 members & 13 guests present. Our large crowd was very well accommodated.

Ron introduced the guests: Mary Bernard was the guest of the Domaratius; Harold McCray's daughter, Kathy McCray-Walker was his guest; JoAnn Andrews was guest of Jim Raber; Ursula & Heinz Wetzler (from Germany) were guests of the Stammnitz; Connie & B.T. Chapman, Jeannie Stanton and June & Jack Rittenhouse were guests of the Berticinis. Al Kaiser's date was his fiancée, Gloria Kambak.

Dorean & Bob Ames, guests of the Quinnells, joined today so are new members. Bob retired from SFOEG. Another new member is Sam Batton who retired from SFOCE.

There was a round of applause on hearing that Rod & Ruby Jackson celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary yesterday. Bob Eggert led us in "Happy Anniversary" for the Jacksons plus other June & July brides & grooms. In July there are 4 couples celebrating over 50 years, and 2 more than 60 years! Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor, 63 years; Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly, 65 years; Levi & Lucy Jensen, 58 years; Ty & Alberta Knighten, 54 years; Bill & Betty Schneider, 53 years and Mike & Velma Stough, 54 years.

Sec'y Alice McPeak read a letter from the Reno Sierra Roundup group inviting us to their annual barbecue at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe on Aug. 19. Anyone planning to go please call or e-mail Alice so she can let them know how many to expect. (Her number is above.) They provide burgers & fixin's, ask that we each bring a dessert to serve 6 - 8 people.

Sunshine Chair, Francis Domaratius asked that their e-mail address be corrected. The one in last month's newsletter was wrong; correct address is [vandfracious@mymailstation.com](mailto:vandfracious@mymailstation.com). Cards have been sent to Martin Buschman, Al Lockwood & Judie King who were all at the meeting. The general opinion was that the "Get Well" cards worked. A card was also sent to Chuck Dinsmoor. Zepha & Wayne O'Kelly are both battling medical problems; thoughts & best wishes of the Gold Diggers are with them.

Reports from those attending the convention told of great tours, good parties & interesting meetings. 33 Gold Diggers attended.

We were treated to a fascinating presentation by June Rittenhouse, of "Clipped Wings", about the earliest days of the "Flight Attendant" nee "Stewardess" profession.

**Calendar**

**Aug. 25** - meeting, The Old Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova. Hosts: Harold & Colleen Esola

**REDWOOD EMPIRE**  
**RETIREEES**

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June meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> at La Gare in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square, with 43 members & guests. Pres. Ron Huhn thanked the hostess, Ivy Cardinaux, co-hosts Jack & Veronica Trites. Ron introduced the Western Regional Director, Howard Payne.

V.P. Naomi Tolf introduced our guests: Lee Trevelyan & Clem Shanahan, guests of Barney & Clare Hagen; Nick Paputhanasopoulos, guest of Jack & Veronica Trites; Edie Olson, guest of Evelyn Rowe.

Treas. Oscar Chambers replaces Nick van Kruining. Thanks were extended to Nick for his excellent work & to Oscar for taking over the position. Oscar reported that Nick had left him very organized records.

Howard Payne reported that he was surprised at how many from our group attended the convention. The National group has over 10,000 members; 900 attended the convention.

Individual chapter by-laws & National's may differ. A chapter may set it's own by-laws; some have none. The original primary focus of the organization was social; however, plans are afoot to be more pro-active at the National level to represent retirees' interests. Howard reported that there is an embargo on companion tickets to some destinations.

Pres. Ron Huhn emphasized that we need more members to be interested in joining the board & also hosting luncheons. New retirees do not seem too interested in joining RUAEA. Pension: UAL has been allowed to defer payment to the fund.

Benefit Center: Contacts & website [www.ualretirees.com](http://www.ualretirees.com). Phone #s: 1-888-825-0215 & 1-888-825-0188. Travel accounting: A better way to account for point to point flights & connection to connection as well as class of travel. Major changes to RUAEA charter: RUAEA is to become more pro-active rather than simply a social organization.

All of this will allow us to become a better voice for our group, also to keep members informed. Spouses of deceased UAL members will retain membership & be able to hold office in RUAEA. The next convention will be held in LAX.

Jo Madden, who edits the RUAEA Newsletter, was not there. She was in the hospital but is now at home & doing well. A card was sent to wish her a speedy recovery. Marlin Lade stood in for her.

As reported by Ron, the lack of interest on the part of new retirees: One suggestion was to have the Regional Director give the local chapters the names & addresses of new retirees. Patrick Cadden had sent out numerous letters to new retirees in our area but had little response. Another suggestion was to give a free one-year, local membership to new retirees. They would receive our newsletter every month & perhaps come to a luncheon to check us out. There was great interest in our charity box & how we distribute the money each year. Our balance still rises in spite of a bad economy & fewer members.

The specific medical condition of a member is not to be divulged without the permission of the member.

There were 13 birthdays; winner of the lunch was Joan Chambers. There were 8 anniversaries for a total of 360 years. Congratulations to all.

Cards were sent to Corinne Geppert, the O'Kellys, the Ashworths, the Osgoods & Nick van Kruining, our retired treasurer. Notes were received from Corinne Geppert & Marion Gaever. Barney Hagen, certainly no Sunshine Lady, supplied a joke for the day. Thought for the Day: *Good judgment comes from experience & a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*

Nov. luncheon will be held on our regular meeting day in Santa Rosa.

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## **THE RE-LAX-ERS WELCOME YOU TO THE CITY OF THE ANGELS!**

**RUAEA CONVENTION 2005**

**MAY 22 TO MAY 29**

**GLITZ! GLAMOUR! ROMANCE! DRAMA!**

### **HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!!**

Movie Capitol of the World, the place where dreams become reality for as little as 25 cents a ticket, the movie industry awakened us to new ideas & possibilities of worlds to conquer. This artistry kindled our minds & made our hearts beat faster.

We felt the longing of Garbo's love songs, the fire of Gregory Peck's courtroom drama. We melted into a dreamlike state at the mere thought of Marilyn Monroe.

This is Hollywood - where it all began - amid sunny skies, swaying palms & the beautiful Pacific!

In the coming months, we will entice & beguile you with information about this exciting place plus the tours & entertainment that await you. These activities are hosted by Hal Klobe, Convention Chairman, feverishly carried out by the Re-LAX-ers. Don't miss it!

**From the Re-LAXers  
Convention Committee**

Bernadette Carroll who battled cancer for some time, passed away 7/1/04. We have not heard details of arrangements or next of kin.

Sandy Ortiz finally received the "new" left knee replacement; it went well. She appreciates all the cards & good wishes she received while battling this procedure.

Tarina Murray's daughter was killed in an auto accident in April. Grandma Tarina is taking care of 2 of her grandchildren, also recovering from rotator cuff surgery. She can be reached at 7619 S. Victoria Av., Inglewood, CA 90305.

Linda Sokoloff was another of our members who missed the convention a/c broken wrist.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

1. **CONVENTION HELP WANTED:** At the June meeting we received plenty of promises for the reception job at the convention. Now, there are other jobs of interest too - Airport Greeters at LAX & very possibly at BUR

Tour Helpers. Check-in tour buses, ride with buses, be able to use bus microphone to advise riders of trip details. Help Barbara with advance planning by calling/ mailing/ or meetings.

2. FANTASY FLIGHT for next Dec. - need a "new" Mrs. Santa Claus. It's a really fun & rewarding activity. For details & to volunteer contact JoAnn Briggs, [jadbriggs@yahoo.com](mailto:jadbriggs@yahoo.com) (310-830-8699) or Caroline Allen, [candela53@earthlink.net](mailto:candela53@earthlink.net).
3. LAXRR REUNION: See details in the July N/L about the 5<sup>th</sup> reunion, Hacienda Hotel, Sat., Sept. 25. If no flyer received by 9/1, contact Linda Robbins, 818-763-5749.
4. LAXTR REUNION: See details regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> LAXTR reunion in the July N/L. This year's event is on a cruise! If you are eligible & do not receive a flyer by 9/7, contact Mike Fujimori, 310-390-3007.
5. ReLAXers PICNIC/STEAK FRY: Aug. 12, 11:00 a.m., Fire Ring area of El Segundo Park. If you do not receive flyer, it probably has something to do with dues. Call Jo Ann (310-830-8699) or Donna 310-306-7415). Remember, it's more than a picnic, it's a deeeelicious steak fry with steaks done to order, lots of home-made baked beans, salads & desserts. Remember, we cannot provide genuine "silverware" so if you prefer not to make do with plastic, bring your own steak knives. Also remember, the city does not allow alcoholic beverages in the park. We supply cold sodas, bottled water & coffee

Travels were interesting the past few months. Several ReLAXers drove to SEA with interesting side trips. The one I know the best about is the one I went on. Our whole trip (started from Lu Friel's garage in LAS in her new SUV) was a "side trip". We traveled many scenic highways as we could find, saw wonderful scenery in NV, ID, WA, MT & OR. Perfect time of year to go through that country. Our experiences with the locals in small towns were fun, helpful & rewarding. One place to recommend - the town of Big Fork at the north end of Flathead Lake in Montana just west of Glacier N.P. Flathead Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. We had no delays going into or leaving Canada, but on approach to the U.S. border on our return - "Please stop, turn off your engine....." There wasn't another car in sight, so the three U.S. Customs officers had a great chance to practice their routine on the 4 LOLs that day. They were very polite, business-like & steely-eyed as they ran the car license, numbers & passport numbers. If they are that thorough all summer, it must be fun during the heart of the tourist season. IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL TO CANADA OR MEX. BY CAR - highly recommended is 2 forms or copies of picture ID, one of which should be government issued.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 12** - Steak Fry in El Segundo Park

**Aug. 16-18** - Tour to Mesquite & Tuacahn, UT

**Oct. 14** - Luncheon meeting.

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Sorry for any confusion, the accurate date for the joint picnic of ReSans & Clipped Wings is Tue., Aug.24 at 11:30 a.m. Mission Bay at the Tecolote Picnic Area next to the Hilton Hotel. Restrooms are available. We will have picnic tables, hopefully in the shade. Catered Paella (a Spanish seafood & rice dish) will be served. You may wish to bring your own drink, but no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Also, please bring a dessert which we will auction off with the proceeds going to Special Olympics. A detailed flier will be mailed to all members.

Our wonderful Treas., Judy White, has been taken ill, as this report is being written, is in Mercy Hospital. Judy is requesting no visitors at this time. She has been diagnosed with a very rare insulin tumor attached to her pancreas. We all miss you, Judy. We send our love & best wishes for your speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to Judy's home address: 3745 Mississippi, #4, San Diego, CA 92104.

Our annual Halloween party may have to be cancelled due to the Fireside Restaurant being closed; however, your officers are searching for another venue.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 24** - catered Paella at Tecolote Picnic Area next to Hilton on Mission Bay with ReSans & Clipped Wings.

**Oct.** - Halloween party at Fireside Restaurant in Escondido may have to be cancelled as Restaurant is closed. We will search for another location.

Lindbergh Alumni Groups - first Thur. of month, contact Bill Lindsay

## **UNITED AIRLINES RETIREES-SFO Area**

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Our first meeting of the summer, with 139 present, was called to order by our Pres. Walt Bartkowiak. Greeters today were Milt & Marie Cavalli. It was announced that we presently have 3 members on the nominating committee, Aubrey Bliss, Don Brochu & George Trombulak & that additional volunteers would be appreciated. The duties of all the officers were posted on the wall, so if anyone is interested in serving as an officer let one of the above know.

Membership Sec'y Carol Walter asked if anyone had a June birthday or wedding anniversary. We had four "over 50" anniversaries. Frank Cavallere & his wife have been married for 54 years. Lois & Paul Munson and Wayne & Marilyn Guenther are celebrating 56 years. Bill Livingston (our man with the most seniority last month) & his wife Doris topped them all with 68 yrs. of wedded bliss. Congratulations everyone.

Last month the emcee of our program "Jewel Tones", asked if we had any "Rosie the Riveters" in our group (they were singing songs from the '40s) but no one responded. Aubrey Bliss announced that we did have our own "Rosie" & her name is Phyllis Maloney. Phyllis began her career on Apr. 21, 1943 as an apprentice mechanic with Pennsylvania Central Airlines at Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C. When the men returned home she transferred to the Engine Overhaul Office.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Bob Taiclet reported that we are working on plans for our Sept. 27 picnic at Flood Park, & he has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Tickets are now on sale. By the end of the meeting we had sold our first 54. The menu will be steak, salad & beans with cake for dessert. Don't miss this event. We always have a good time.

Once again we have several members who are ill or injured or have had surgery. I sent a "Get Well" card to Jo Milligan who broke her wrist & a card to Della Stanley who is suffering from back pain. Our kitchen coordinator, Walter Kina is still having medical problems. He has had abdominal surgery & is expecting to have more surgery in the future. Cliff Sullivan is in the hospital. Cliff is 98. He had a fall & hurt his back & has had some surgery. Michaelene Nichols has been ill & in the hospital. I also sent cards to Shirley Dickinson who is not feeling well & to Don Reuszer who has pneumonia. Our thoughts & prayers are with them all.

We welcomed our new Western Division Director, Howard Payne, & his wife Jo to our meeting. Howard Payne reported that RUAEA has always been a social organization but it was voted, at the convention, to take a more pro-active position with UAL concerning the retirees. It also voted to give Associate Members more duties; they can now vote on RUAEA matters. He informed us that our UAL trips can be paid for online with a credit card & there is an embargo to certain European cities for unaccompanied companions.

Our program today was an enjoyable barbershop quartet "Boys r Us". Next month we will have a performing arts vocal & drama group of 27 young men & women - California State Champions - "P.S. Performance".

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg is looking into a possible 6-day New Year's trip to the Rose Bowl Parade including lunch on the Queen Mary & Knott's Berry Farm. If you would be interested e-mail Ginger at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or call 650-345-5548 for this trip or others she has planned.

Our new Domestic Tour Coordinator, Betty Garner, is starting to work on her tours. It looks like the requested trip to a Giants Baseball game will be next year, but she is planning other day trips for this year including a "Christmas in the City" for Dec. Oct. 21: Day-at-the-Races at the Bay Meadows Race Track. Betty Bliss - Coordinator.

## **Calendar**

**Singles Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce - 650-593-7328.

**Retirees General Meeting** - 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 a.m. at the 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.

## **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

### **SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY**

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Several of our members attended the SEA convention. Tony & Sally Urso shared their impressions, pamphlets & other handouts they had received. Wilma & Garver Sandy spoke about the direction the RUAEA organization is now taking. The Sandys also shared their experience of the 3,000 mile drive they made in conjunction with the SEA trip, driving through parts of Canada, MT, ID, & NV.

Howard Payne the new Western Region Director came to our June 18 meeting & introduced himself. Another visitor in June was Roger Kolman, Stan's brother from CHI.

We welcomed a new member in June, Sue Gibbs, recently retired.

We had our annual picnic June 22 at Vasona Park. Tony & Sally Urso deserve a lot of thanks for making the arrangements. Thanks also to Lou & Jean Marcolina. Alex & Magie Klaus and Dwayne & Anna Howze, who helped on the day of the picnic.

We are sad to report that Ruby Dee passed away on June 10.

Thea Suit & Harry Willever were in the hospital, are now home, doing better. Alex Suit & Theresa Willever are on the mend after minor injuries. Virginia Phillips broke her arm. It was nice to see Keith Olthof, who had been ill.

We miss seeing the Kristens - Elaine has had painful back problems. Get well soon, Elaine.

The following was from Marion Swanson & Marian Gaever in our own club newsletter: Our member LaDonna Eggert had a cataract removed about 1 ½ years ago. Recently, she went back to the doctor, as it has progressively gotten worse. "I can't see big E", she said. They told her she might have a detached retina & offered the possibility of a laser treatment. "I can't see now so what do I have to lose?" LaDonna said. The next morning she woke and guess what?? She could see great & couldn't believe it - she says she looked at phone books & maps, as she hasn't been able to see them in a long time....also spots in the bathroom & kitchen window she didn't know were there. (Thanks Marion for the uplifting story.)

#### Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m., meeting convenes at 8:20 a.m. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Bill Copely (408-725-8420), for more information.

#### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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48 members & guests gathered together for the great luncheon & tour of the vintage aircraft at Castle Air Force Base, Atwater, CA, hosted by Ace & Barbara Edkins. Guests were Tete & Vicky Areanos and Frank & Joyce Williams. Our Treasury is holding up well - \$1042. A thank you note was read from the Hite family for our donation to Hospice.

Our next meeting will be held at the Oakdale Country Club, hosted by Jack & Suzanne Williams. A note was received from Bobby Wood re Charlene's health; the good news is she is on the mend. Pres. Ray had some information on ticketless travel.

United News: A report from the SEA Convention attended by Doug & Dorothy Daniels. Bob Hubbard said that out of 10,200 RUAEA members only 450 voted on the new officers. It was suggested that the ballot be put on the front page of the Newsletter. 600 attended the Friendship dinner. The Prop Wash party was a huge success with 600 attending. 750 at the Banquet. It was voted on the Associate members be allowed to hold offices which was approved by a large majority. John Tague, V.P. of Marketing & Sales, emphasized that Sales, Service & being the ON-TIME AIRLINE.

Jo Madden is recuperating, now is home. Cards welcome. It was also voted that the direction of RUAEA needs to be more effective & that retirees take a more productive voice.

#### **UA - EL DIABLOS**

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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their June meeting at Pleasant Hill Park with a great picnic. This is an annual event for us & this year was held at a new location. We keep growing so needed more space. It worked out very well - parking was easier & the picnic tables were shaded. A group of 61 (a new record for us). Everyone was most generous in bringing their specialty side dishes, appetizers & desserts. Ed Bingle made homemade "special" cookies with RUAEA & patriotic themes. Lots of new and old friends. Thanks to Darryl Harguth & Manny Griego for doing duty as the barbeque chefs.

Our congratulations to Howard Payne on his election as Western Director of RUAEA. He will serve as a liaison with all the RUAEA chapters in Northern California & Hawaii.

Next meeting Sept. 13. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant, 2090 Diamond Blvd. in Concord. Social time 11:30 - 12:00, lunch orders taken at 12:00. We start conducting our business matters. No reservations needed, just come on over. Ed Lewis will send a reminder to all with e-mail, so make certain your address is up-to-date. For those of you without internet access, Howard will call with a reminder.

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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June 26 mailing welcomed Martha & Virgil Gooselaw as first-time members of "The Team". Virgil is now Co-Office Manager for the Denver RUAEA office as Mel Conine has retired from this position.

Irma Atanasio baked cookies for the "treat" at coffee time. They were delicious. Irma, thank you so much.

July 7 breakfast held at Park Hill Golf Course was attended by 47 Mile Highers. First-timers were: Steve Wasrita (his daughter, Lynn Pettrow brought him to the breakfast.) Walt Hanson brought his 9-year-old grandson, Cooper Hanson. Hope to see both again at a future Park Hill meeting.

Lyle Burkholder is now at home - hopes to get out of his wheelchair into a walker soon. Our best wishes to you Lyle for a speedy return to good health - we miss you!

Fall Luncheon - Sept. 29 at The Old Neighborhood Restaurant, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada (2 blocks west of 80<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth), Social Hour 11:00 a.m. (cash bar), lunch 12 noon. Menu choice: 8 oz. Prime Rib, Chicken Diane - \$16.00, includes salad, bread, chocolate mousse, ice cream or sherbet, tea or coffee.

Shrimp Stir Fry, or Caesar Salad with beef or salmon - \$14.00 - includes bread, chocolate mousse, ice cream, sherbet, tea or coffee. Tax & gratuity included on all entrees. Send checks payable to RUAEA, Denver Chapter, mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone 303-477-2918. Deadline 9/23/04.

### Calendar

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

**Sep. 29** - Luncheon - detail in column

## FLORIDA

### CITRUS GROUPERS

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On June 24, the Groupers met at the Tierra del Sol Restaurant in the Villages with 32 members present. This was the best attendance in a long time. After an excellent lunch, we opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, as was decided at the last month's meeting of the Groupers. Jo Beck was going to host this meeting, but she went to Brazil delivering medicines to the needy. In her absence, I chaired the meeting & reported on the Convention in SEA.

We welcomed 2 new members, Donald & Mary Dellans, who moved here from HNL. Wilma Martin joined us after a stay at the hospital for a twisted esophagus. Isabel Buchanan is back after knee & heart surgeries. She now walks well & told us she is very proud to be a great-grandmother for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Charlie & Lydia Wirth are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary & are taking a Caribbean cruise. The Nardones just came back from MI.

Our Aug. 26 meeting will take place at the Olive Garden, on SR-200, in Ocala, at 11:30 a.m. The Sept. 23 meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at the International Super Buffet, 2259 N. Citrus Blvd. (Hwy 27) next to Wal-Mart, in Leesburg.

### SAND"DABS"

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It was a hot & steamy summer day in FL outside, but a happy bunch of 23 Sand"DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster for our monthly meeting in the cool of the A/C. I think this summer so far has been extremely hot. How would we survive without the A/C?

It was good to see so many back after illnesses, traveling, entertaining company, or baby-sitting grandkids. Prez Dick opened the meeting, we took care of all the general business before we had our lunch. Frieda Coughlin's sister Debbie Burian was a guest. We welcomed new members Penny & Omar Logan who have just moved to Palm Coast from IL.

Birthday celebrants present were Dick Coughlin & Jeanne Sudol, Anniversary celebrants were Steve & Lillian Moddle. Bill & Mary Oliver and Jesse & Dottie Jernigan. Due to Bill Lowry's absence, Larry Horton was promoted to the job of collecting for the 50/50 drawing. New member Penny got the job of drawing a winner.

Jane & Andy Kress were the only members from our group to go to the convention in May, but weren't present to give us an update. They went off to Alaska after the convention. Prez Dick reported that the news he had received, RUAEA was thinking of becoming more active politically & will possibly lobby for the causes concerning retirees.

The Coughlins reported that the Moose organization will be sending shoe boxes over to our troops filled with small items for them such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, foot powder & other toiletries, packaged hard candies & gum, etc., powdered drinks & other such items that are in tins or well-packaged, wash cloths, small American flags, comic books, crossword puzzles, pens, paper, note pads, envelopes, etc. We were invited to collect items and bring them to our next meeting in Aug. Use your imagination as far as what to include, but remember also the heat & dust in the Middle East. The Moose organization will see they get packed & shipped.

After lunch Prez Dick brought us up-to-date on all the company information he had. UAL was turned down again for a government loan. Other news didn't leave us too happy. We will just have to wait it out to see how things go for the company & for us.

To end the summer, a group of Sand"DABS" will go to see the Cubs play at Jackie Robinson ballpark on Aug. 31. More details at our next meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *The wheels of progress are not turned by cranks.*

#### Calendar

**Aug. 5** - 11:30, Red Lobster

**Sep. 2** - 11:30, Red Lobster

#### THE ORLANDO

##### REAL McCOYS

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The summer doldrums are upon us as evidenced by one of the smallest turnouts for a meeting in many a month. Our V.P., Sid Edelman, welcomed 22 members & 3 guests to the July 7 meeting. Our guests were: Demar Tabb, Monty & Iris Martin's grandson visiting from Cleveland; Sandy Buckley, daughter of Dave & Judy Adam; and Lexie Milam, Shelby Michael's aunt. Dave & Judy recently moved back to the Orlando area. We are pleased to welcome them back to our group. Also back with us this month was Mike Helmer who is working as a long-distance truck driver & not always in town on our meeting dates. Among those missing were vacationers Richard & Cathy Llwellyn who were up in Cleveland; Charlie & Sharon Ringer were in ME; Stan & Barb Halterman in MI; and Richard & Gloria Armistead who are enjoying a grand RV tour of the USA from FL to AZ, on and on! Have fun guys, but we miss you.

Several of our members were unable to attend due to health problems. Bill Butchart, our sec'y Norma's husband, underwent 3-way heart bypass surgery on Jul. 7. Norma informs us he is doing well & should be out of the hospital shortly. Mac McGinty had successful surgery on one eye, still has to have the other one operated on. JoAnn Hall has been in and out of the hospital because of leukemia. Mary Martinson attended our meeting, said Marty is not doing too well. He has emphysema & an asbestos-related lung condition. If anyone would like addresses or phone numbers for these members, please give me a call, 407-273-3013. Barb Halterman, our Sunshine Chairman, requested that if you know of someone in the hospital or having surgery, please give her a call (407-852-6773) so she can send a card from the group.

It was decided since our treasury was in such good financial shape, we would have another picnic in early Oct. Details will be announced as they are finalized. We are also exploring the possibility of having our annual Christmas Luncheon at another location, preferable one that does not involve going up a couple of flights of stairs.

Any suggestions for a new location are most welcome -- we need your input. Our "Favorite Restaurant Outing" in May was hosted by Ernie & Cheryl Vosges at the Orlando Ale House, Jeff & Sonia Olson hosted the June outing at the Smokey Bones Restaurant. No one had volunteered for July. It was decided since so many people were unavailable, we would skip this month, then have one in Aug. or Sept.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the status of medical benefit negotiations. Sid read some info he obtained via the web. Others volunteered additional information. One thing we know for certain, as of Jan. 1, 2005, retirees will no longer have life insurance. Other than knowing the prescription drug co-pay is going up, no one knew the exact amount. Another topic discussed was the voting situation in FL. It was suggested you go online to the [www.willmyvotecount.org](http://www.willmyvotecount.org) website, check to make sure you are still listed as being eligible to vote. Seems names are being deleted in error. The election is still 4 months away. Nov. should be interesting in FL this year!

#### Calendar

**Aug. 4** - 1:00 p.m., monthly luncheon meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Semoran Blvd. (Rt. 436), 3 miles north of Airport, 1 mile south of Curry Ford Rd.

**Sep. 23** - Mystery Trip, leave at 7:45 a.m., \$45 covers transportation, lunch & tour.

**Oct. 4 - 10** - New England trip

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 7** - Branson trip.

If anyone is interested in any of these activities, please contact Stan Halterman, 407-852-6773, or e-mail to [Sbhalter1234@cs.com](mailto:Sbhalter1234@cs.com).

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We had 15 Pelican Drop-Ins & 1 guest for our breakfast meeting on July 2. Ray Winterhalter brought Marie Bonnes as his guest. Ray is scheduled to move into his new home in Cape Coral within a couple of weeks. Marilyn & Tom McNabb are leaving for WI for more than 6 weeks. They plan to attend their grandson's wedding. We were happy to see Al and Shirley Verhage. They came from Lake Placid, FL. It was an hour & a half drive to Perkins for breakfast. C.R. & Regina Hanshaw have been doing a lot of traveling, are now home catching up on things. Harry & Arlene Walton gave us an update on the convention. Next year the convention will be in Hollywood, CA. Russ & Lois O'Hara have their house on the market so will be staying close to home this summer. Terry & Joan Gilkison leave next week on a 17-night cruise to many countries including Iceland & Greenland. John Dainus informed us about Lucy Meiser, a former member, who is in Lee Memorial Hospital & was scheduled for surgery July 6.

#### Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of mo., luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May). Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (Jun.-Sept.) For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers - [UALMKE@aol.com](mailto:UALMKE@aol.com)), Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - [jgilkison1@comcast.net](mailto:jgilkison1@comcast.net), Carie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - [Tutupapa1@aol.com](mailto:Tutupapa1@aol.com).

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Pres. Mike Rice was out of town, so Jim Hottel did the honors for 46 attendees. One of the important things to note was that C.R. & Betty Smith were with us for the last time - they are moving permanently to Maryland.

Terri Breslin sent 3 get well cards to Silvia Archer, Loretta Marvett & Dick Riedl. Dick suffered a severe case of vertigo, but is resting at home now.

Terri also reminded everyone that the flyer for the Christmas party was in the June Newsletter & was very explicit.

There was some discussion about the new insurance structure and that retirees are to use only the UAL-list (which is voice activated) or go on line to make reservations.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 2** - monthly meeting, Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

**Sep. 6** - monthly meeting, Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

## GEORGIA

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29 Flyers & 1 guest, Marcia Cutter, who left as our newest member, were present for the lunch & meeting at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville, GA hosted by Sandy Lis. Marcia came with Marie Sadalowski & Carole Webb who are members and were attending for the first time. We were so glad to have Bill Carlson back with us after a knee replacement. He is out and about again, doing well. The Garden Patch Restaurant provided a large banquet room for the meeting. The room was sectioned off for us making our space cozy & just right. All enjoyed the selection from the country buffet. Bruce Brodersen talked about the rumors & facts concerning medical benefits & pensions. There was much discussion from the members on this topic. There were many questions concerning the medical decisions made by the coalition and a lot of confusion, also many questions about pensions. Bruce was not able to answer all the questions. Much of the information that has been received is incorrect. The Coalition's agreement with the Company & its brief to the court is included on the website if you would like further information: [http://www.jenner.com/news/news\\_item.asp?id=12679424](http://www.jenner.com/news/news_item.asp?id=12679424). Other websites that give information about United, the bankruptcy, pension & medical decisions, etc. are [www.PBGC.gov](http://www.PBGC.gov). You can also access the news from the Chicago Tribune & Denver Post. Fred Wegrzyn let us know that he is doing much better, said to say "hello" to all the Flyers.

### Calendar

**Aug. 4** - 12:00 noon, Buckhead Colorado Steak House, Cumming, GA, hosted by Angell Manley,  
**Sep.** - hosted by Bruce & Mary Brodersen at Tony Carinos Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA  
**Oct.** - picnic at Indian Springs State Park hosted by Gene & Jeanie Barber.  
Greeting to all from Hotlanta! It's sizzling here!

## HAWAII

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We all met up in Waimea at Daniel Thiebaut's Restaurant on June 17 for our Father's Day luncheon/meeting. I made all the men a red silk carnation boutonniere. We had a wonderful surprise during the luncheon. Art Chang played his accordion for us. What a great musician.

We welcomed 2 new members, Jack Alexander & his wife Francine & Wayne Sterzenback all from the Kona area.

We sang Happy Birthday to Lois Smith whose birthday was the 17<sup>th</sup>, also to Loretta Dawes whose birthday was the next day. The group was informed as to how well we are doing on the "Toys for Tots" campaign; we have filled one box & started on box number 2. Mahalo nui loa to all who have donated. The campaign isn't over until Oct. Keep up the good work!

Bob McGoldrick won the "free lunch". We had 5 raffle winners; Ethel McGoldrick won the 50/50 raffle. What a lucky day for the McGoldricks!!

I read a few jokes & gave out a telephone tip: Do you every get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end? Well this is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls & records the time of day when a person answers the phone. This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a "real" sales person to call back and get someone at home. What you can do after answering, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone 6 or 7 times, as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialed the call and it kicks your number out of their system....give it a try!

### Calendar

**Aug. 19** - Aloha Angel Café, Kainaliu  
**Sep. 16** - Firehouse Restaurant, Hilo  
**Oct. 21** - Old Kona Airport, Kona

## ILLINOIS

### LOOP GROUP

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HOW NICE to be greeted by smiling, happy faces cheerfully eating & saying hello to Mary Szabo, Larry Barr, Ron Madsen, Mary Gray, Beverly Conner, Marge Daily. Before I get lost in words a tid-bit from Marge Daily that the Midway Gals Luncheon is on for Sept. Flyers will be mailed & we will pass on information as we receive it.

## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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Indy Racers, the group of 34 members & their significant others met at the Paragon Restaurant at Girls School & Rockville Road on Jun.12. New members Jim & Shirley Hatton and Bill White introduced themselves. Teddy Milk, a member of the LAS chapter, was also introduced. Socializing & lunch continue for approximately one hour with much speculation about upcoming retirees' benefit changes.

3:00 p.m. Chris Johnston called the meeting to order. He relayed information about problems all airlines in the industry are having due to the increased fuel cost and competitively reduced fares producing little yield, but full planes. He read a preliminary summary regarding the retiree health benefits effective Sept. 1, 2004. At that time, in addition to regular monthly payments for medical, retirees will be required to pay an additional monthly surcharge. The surcharge will be per person up to a maximum of 2, based on whether you are "pre" or "post" Medicare qualified for the period 2004-2010. For post-Medicare the maximum will be \$23.44. The rates are established through 2010; beginning in 2011 surcharges are eliminated to a 4.5% increase per year. United's paid life insurance for retired employees will be eliminated effective Jan. 1, 2005. Mail order prescriptions drug co-pay for 90-day supply, \$48.00 for brand medication, \$16.00 for generic medication (co-payments fixed with no annual increase). Retail purchased medications: Retirees pay 10% for generic medications & 30% for name brand medications. HMO options as appropriate; retiree contribution will be cost of HMO option less the company's contribution to the cost of the PPO option. This will create a plan for everyone.

Chris also read an article from the Chicago Tribune from 6/11/04 regarding status of United Airlines, its bankruptcy & efforts to borrow \$1.5 billion guaranteed by the Federal Government. The date to exit from bankruptcy has been moved to Sept. 30, 2004. It also was noted that even as retirees, flying is critical for Space Available. If possible, check with UAL: Weblist.

Ray Brabo reminded, when visiting other cities, an "open invitation" applies, so if you have the opportunity to attend the retiree meeting(s) in those cities. Hannelore Brabo advised that many e-mails have been returned, due to discontinued and/or canceled e-mail addresses, when sending out notices of the meeting(s). It was also decided that from now on only one postal mailing will be sent in order to save our stamps.

## IDAHO

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In Ron's absence, Bud Peters opened our July meeting, with 32 GEMS attending. He welcomed Richard & Doreen Hardy who are back in town house hunting in Boise. They moved here from IN & have a vacation home in Donnelly, ID. Doreen said Dick's mother passed away on June 19. She was 94. Bud welcomed John McAssey; he & Sarah (who likes to

be called Pidge) have made the transition to Boise from FL. Don Behrendt is selling raffle tickets, prize being a new \$80 piece of luggage donated by John & Carol Birt. The proceeds will go to the Warhawk Air Museum project.

Aug. 17, dinner 5:30 p.m., at the Sandbar River House Restaurant, on the Snake River in Marsing.

Bud asked if everyone had read the notice that starting Sept. 1, calling Res to standby for flights is verboten? He explained our options.

Ossie & Louise Haugen joined 54 UAL retirees on the Norwegian Cruise Line's Inside Passage cruise to Alaska after the SEA Convention. They had nothing but praise for the accommodations, food, entertainment & adding that the scenery was beautiful.

Marilyn Taylor & daughter Sharon attended the SEA Convention in May. Sadly, she reported on the death of her sister Margaret, who lived in PDX. Our condolences to Marilyn & family.

June MacCoy is taking her daughter-in-law & 2 grandchildren on a Mississippi riverboat trip from St. Louis to New Orleans. She will also be seeing her brother & his family, whom she has not seen for about 15 years.

Walter & Wilma Anderson had to have the "Mother of all yard sales", to get their 5<sup>th</sup> wheeler in the barn. Since both are collectors, it wasn't easy, but the mobile home is now safely housed. Shortly they will be on the road again.

Al Burkhardt is keeping busy going to graduation ceremonies for his grandsons: one at BSU, two in Kuna & one in SLC.

Bill Jones is back from his Africa hunting trip, but we'll have to save that story for another time.

Wayne Duvall is having trouble with his knee again. Since he will be grounded temporarily, I think he would appreciate hearing from old friends.

#### Calendar

#### **Aug. 2 &**

**Sep. 6** - 9:30 a.m. breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in Boise.

**Aug. 17** - 5:30 p.m. dinner at the Sandbar in Marsing.

YOU MUST BE AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC IF: You've ever had to defuel an aircraft an hour after refueling it.

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

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The Nor'Easters June luncheon & meeting was held at SuChang's Chinese restaurant, with 53 members & guests in attendance. Our youngest guest being Danielle Rose, 15-month-old granddaughter of Don & Joanie Simard. I know she enjoyed, as did everyone else, with the adequate space & good food.

Members we haven't seen in some time were Fred Jackson, Horace Smith, Gary Bosworth & Ralph Torres, Ralph being one of the two 50/50 winners, along with Dennis Riley. Ralph, start attending more meetings, you could get richer.

Our picture board was up with pictures of our March luncheon for the taking. Then Marie Dwyer & Frank DeStefano put up pictures taken at the SEA convention. 13 Nor'Easters attended the convention; all said it was a blast. Ron Heisler gave a summation of some of the convention highlights for those of us who missed it. He was disappointed that the company gave no clarification of what would happen with our medical insurance, saddened by the fact that the current management was so willing to take away benefits from the people that kept the company viable to provide them with the positions they now hold.

Congratulations to Sylvia Shakley. She is making a remarkable recovery. We were all glad to see Lou & Sylvia attend this meeting. Still no Don Lewis (jury duty). Bill & Marie Dwyer have their 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Samantha Rose, who arrived on June 16. July wedding anniversaries Ron & Joyce Heisler & Bob & Clair Austin.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 26** - fourth annual picnic, Camp Naumkeag, at SalemWillows

**Sep.** - Fox Woods Casino, via bus to Connecticut.

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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14 Escapees plus guests, Lois Langlois and Bob & Bo Petry gathered at Farms Pointe Park hosted by Suzi Hicks. It was an outstanding day, weatherwise, friendshipwise, foodwise & otherwise. Suzie outdid herself, her barbecue skills have greatly improved since last year. Special guests included Buddy & Daisy, two four-legged canines from Mississippi which made excellent left-over disposals, or could have it have been those longing big brown eyes that just made you save that last bite for them.

Bonnie Fleming is recovering nicely from hip surgery. She says she can almost walk without her cane; her doctor has given her the OK to go to China. She claims she felt everyone's prayers. Others on the get-well list that can use our prayers are Dee Hegle, Marie Kady, Loralie Kennedy & Kay Smith.

Lastly, welcome to the Escapees our newest retiree, Mary Lu Johnson.

### Calendar

First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail.

## MINNESOTA

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31 members & one small guest met for lunch on another wet day in June in our Minnesota spring (?) summer (?). Lee & Diane Storlie's granddaughter, Brooklyn, from Ames, IA was our youngest guest to date. She was a treat & thanked us for having her. "It was an honor to be here" she said. We'll never know what Grandpa Lee paid her for her choice of words.

Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker and Randy Cirksema were welcomed back as our latest returning snowbirds.

Congratulations went to John Beveridge on his 20<sup>th</sup> year of retirement.

Era Hoffmeyer represented our chapter at the correspondents breakfast at the annual convention; she had given a phone update that morning to Lee, as she was not able to make the trip up to the Cities to join us for lunch. He read the recap to the assembled group. We had a small MSP representation at the convention, as Wes & Bette Briest also attended, even though he had recently had rotator cuff surgery.

Connie Glattly gave a synopsis of the "Loonies" get-together in Door County, WI in May. Those attending from our chapter were the Glattlys, Brennans, Storlies, Donna Gray, Nel Brawner, Jim Simon & his lady, Myra. Touring, sinful ice cream treats, visiting & a fish boil were highlights. Not to mention, of course, the wonderful hospitality of the "Loonies".

Jim Simon is coping with a sudden onset of double vision. He has been diagnosed with ocular palsy. He did look quite dapper with his eye patch and may try out for "Pirates of the Caribbean". The condition should cure itself in 3-5 months. Our get-well wishes to him for a complete recovery.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Lee Storlie's father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him & his family. Condolences may be sent to Lee & Diane at 11532 River Hills Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337.

We sadly also report the death of Jim Simon's mother. Condolences may be sent to Jim at 2450 - 10 1/16 Ave. Chetek, WI 54728.

When you read this, our annual summer picnic at Lyle & Sonja Gunderson's will be a fun-filled memory. Sonja promised us some of Lyle's homemade wine; a report on that will follow.

Cheers to all & have a great summer!

### Calendar

Lunch at Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert St. in West St. Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 11:15 a.m.

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 61 in attendance for our picnic at Chalco Hills. Even though it was hot & humid, being up on the hill in the open shelter, we had a nice breeze making it very comfortable. Thanks to Arnie & Shirley Mahoney and Jim & Dorothy Braden for hosting. Bob & Collette Meyers from Lake View, IA, came a little late & might not have seen all who were there as some people left. Bob was in ramp service, retired in 1980.

Keith talked to Charlie Millington & Charlie told him that a month ago he had gallbladder surgery; while having it done, the doctors discovered he had cancer. After that he came down with pneumonia & was taken to the hospital. While there they found he had 4 blocked arteries and proceeded to put in stents. He is to start radiation & chemo but before they do it, they want to get him built up so have given him some blood transfusions. As soon as he gets on his feet, they will start radiation & chemo.

Peggy Casebeer had veins stripped in both legs on June 9. Talked to her on the 12<sup>th</sup>; she said she is just having to take it easy & will go to the doctor next week to have the bandages off. Then, in this hot weather, she will have to wear the elastic hose for 6 weeks.

I sat next to Ramona Randall at the reception for Dee Jones. She was the wife of Jack Randall who used to work for United from 1964-71. Jack passed away Nov. 2003. I believe Jack was a cousin of Denny Jones.

### Calendar

**Aug. 3** - Malara's, hosted by Dick & Marilyn Weak  
**Sep. 14** - (Note date), Chalco Hills Picnic, hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish  
**Oct. 5** - USA Steaks, hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell

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Our last meeting held June 8 with 47 persons attending. We added 4 new members: Jim & Ellie Shibata, Thomas Kishiyama & Riza Smith.

Felix & Donna Cicco brought 2 guests to our meeting, Joe & Ann Tomasic of Prescott, AZ. Joe is an artist & donated much of his work to the convention. Ann is the secretary for the Tall Pines RUAEA chapter of Prescott. Welcome to all.

As luck would have it our visitor from Prescott, Ann Tomasic won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of the 50/50 raffle, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Ted Milk; 3<sup>rd</sup> to Arlene Reed; other raffle prizes went to many lucky members. V.P. George Fox was celebrating his birthday on our meeting day; he was presented with a piece of chocolate cake; we all sang the happy birthday song.

The main subject of this meeting was the SEA Convention. Our Pres. Chris Czaplewski who took part in the convention gave us a report of all that went on & the new rule, voted & passed, that allows Associate members to vote & hold office at the RUAEA System Board. Also my Sec'y Representative at the convention, Zelma Kibler, gave us a few words about the activities at the convention. I thank her for a job well done.

Mike Vasco, our travel coordinator for the Las Vegas Gamblers, & wife Eleanor sponsored a bus trip to St. George, UT, "The Tuacahn Amphitheater Broadway in the Desert 2004" where we saw "West Side Story". The actors were young & energetic; actually they are members of the Tuacahn High School for the Performing Arts. Now the scenery of the Amphitheater, the way it is built & the surrounding area are unbelievable. The trip was a 2-day affair; we stayed overnight in Mesquite, NV; it was well worth it. Thanks Mike & Eleanor.

### Calendar

**Aug. 10** - 11:30 a.m. at The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109, (702) 733-8901  
**Oct. 12** - Meeting  
**Dec. 11** - Meeting

## **RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP**

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On June 17, the Sierra Roundup had 27 members at the Red Lobster in Reno. Pres. John Zoboli covered several topics relating to retirees. UA has signed a reciprocal maintenance agreement with Korean Air; 3 airlines have joined STAR Alliance: South African Airways, TAP Air Portugal & Blue 1 (a regional carrier); two new executives at UAL are Dennis Cary who will be V.P. - Revenue Management & Barry French who will be V.P. - Corporate Communications.

Carewise is a free benefit to UAL retirees. The 800 number is staffed by a registered nurse 24/7 who can answer questions about medical conditions & help decide if you need to go to the emergency room or wait to see your doctor.

RUAEA News: the 2005 convention will be at the Hollywood Renaissance. RUAEA members voted to allow associate members to vote in elections. Members also voted to become involved with the UAL Historic Foundation.

At the last meeting, Duncan Thompson asked if anyone could provide a ride to the meetings now that he lives in Somerset. Please contact him if you can help.

The yearly picnic is scheduled for Aug. 19 at Sand Harbor. Cost \$5 p/p. We will also be inviting the SMF group who will be asked to bring desserts. Lloyd Stevens has volunteered to be our chef. We have included a line to indicate what side dish or appetizer you are able to bring. Make enough for 6-8 people. Hours of picnic are 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Remember to bring your own drinks.

On July 15, we had 22 members at the Red Lobster in Reno. Pres. John Zoboli advised the 2005 RUAEA convention dates are May 22-29 in Hollywood. Treas. Mary Withers will contact members owing 2004 dues.

We welcomed new member Patricia Steenrod, newly retired from the Sales Office in SFO.

John circulated a copy of the changes for the retiree medical plan. UAL had an operating profit of \$9 million for May 2004, as well as the highest load factor ever for June at 86% this year. UA MOC was fined \$850,000 by the EPA for failures to adhere to various environmental laws.

Louise Smith donated several UA in-flight magazines dating from 1961, including a special edition issued shortly after the retirement of Ed Carlson

The group voted to allow the sec'y & treas. to issue an updated member roster, including addresses & phone numbers once they have finalized the list.

A get well card has been sent to Louis Hellmer, who has been feeling under the weather. Attention: ex-Bay Area members: Polytechnic High School in SFO is holding its reunion for the graduating classes of '53, '54, & '55 on Oct. 15, 16, 17. Anyone interested, please call Donna Reid, 530-542-1016 or e-mail her, [skipaint@webtv.net](mailto:skipaint@webtv.net) or contact the school directly at [Poly54reunion@aol.com](mailto:Poly54reunion@aol.com).

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60 members & guests attended our annual picnic at Wantagh Park. New member Al Miranda, JFK Cabin Service, his brother Lacides, a JFK retiree now living in Miami, were there. Welcome!

Faces we haven't seen for awhile at our monthly meetings at The Millerridge Inn came to the picnic. Good seeing Bob Anderson (our former Treas.) Peggy Lyons, Bobby Lee's wife.

Chen, Rocky Mongelli, Frank Kittle busy doing volunteer work at Republic Airport & Fred Zehend. Alice O'Hagan, JFKSW, was a guest of Cassie Manelski & Nick Rispone, LGACS, brought his lovely wife, Angela for the first time. Once again, great seeing all of you.

Paul Cohen, Treas. & Charlie Kaczinski, V.P. did an outstanding job as chefs for the picnic, plenty food, coffee & cake for the early birds. In fact, we even had kielbasa in memory of Joe Musynski. Thanks fellers for job well done.

For all those inquiring, we don't have field games. The only "3 legged race" is our members rushing to food table with their canes.

Happy to announce that Gerry Rizzo is home, 718-829-0582. Dolores Kaczinski still in the hospital, 631-427-4537. Mike Cardacino recuperating with a long illness, 631-724-8121.

"Boom...Boom" Sorry to announce the death of Joe Musynski. Joe worked for United Airlines for over 25 years as a Lead LGAMM. A retiree with the "Metros" for another 25 years. He attended the meetings with his daughter Pat, after his

wife, Kitty, of 51 years passed away. Joe, ever the gentleman, always polite & dapper will be missed. Condolences to his children Pat, John & the Musynske family. Again, thanks for the kielbasa!

Calendar

**Aug. 4** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**Sep. 1** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**Oct. 6** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn.

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Our annual picnic was held on July 7 at Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area in the Mill Stream Run Reservation in Strongsville. (This is a new location.) We had 82 in attendance. It turned out to be a beautiful warm sunny day. The food & conversation were great. We had an unexpected visitor at the outside pavilion. It seemed a friendly raccoon wanted to join us for lunch. Vince Malena did a fairly good job of shooing him away. Thanks John & Dolly Taucher for hosting this annual event. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

We were happy to see the Orlando Chapter Pres. Richard Llewellyn along with his lovely wife & granddaughter. Some of the Ohio Buckeyes who worked with him when he was in CLE enjoyed talking about the good old days. It was nice to see Donald & Pearl Park. They live in Butler, PA, but belong to our chapter. We welcomed new members Jeff & Judy Spooner along with Ken & Joanne Buchman. Welcome to our group. We acknowledge June & July birthdays along with anniversaries. Dick & Jean Foster celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary. They were married in 1953. Congratulations to all. Eleanor Neth was admitted to the hospital 7-2. Her blood count was low due to her chemotherapy treatments. She also was dehydrated. She was released on 7-4. Prayers are appreciated. It was great to see Bill Gatesman attending the event. He is on dialysis 3 times a week. His doctor is very optimistic regarding his kidney problem. Bill, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. Ed & Adeline Kowalski attended the picnic. Adeline is coming along fine. It was good to see both of them. Emily Robinson is home from the hospital. She wanted me to convey her thanks for all the beautiful cards. She is in rehab right now. If you wish to send her a card her address is: 8515 Stone Rd., Independence, OH 44131-4826. Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery. No phone calls, please. Feel free to contact me or John Taucher if you wish to be acknowledged with an illness or a health condition in the newsletter. If there are other chapter members dealing with health problems at this time our thoughts & prayers are with you.

THANK YOU for all those persons who have planned an activity so far this year. Looking forward to 2005. We are always looking for new people to host our monthly meeting. So, put on your thinking caps & let's go. As of now the months of Feb., Apr., Jul., Aug., Oct. are taken. We are also looking for a few additional callers. The current callers have been doing a marvelous job. Thank you, we appreciate all your hard work. Sharon Minelli, Carrie Kercel & Tom Hamlin have volunteered to come aboard. Thank you for volunteering. We certainly appreciate it. If you are interested please contact one of the officers. A friendly reminder - if you still have not paid your 2004 chapter dues, please do so at this time. Send them to Dolly Taucher, 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. The new packets were handed out at the picnic. Those not attending will receive their packet by mail.

*I know Something Good About you  
Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
and then treat us just that way?  
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
If each handclasp warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance,  
"I know something good about you!"  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If we praised the good we see? -  
For there's such a lot of goodness*

*In the worst of you and me  
Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking, too? --  
You know something good about me!  
I know something good about you!  
Author unknown*

#### Calendar

**Sep. 1** - Sweetwater Landings, 10:30 a.m., brunch, \$16.50 pre-paid. 100 person limit. This will be first come reservation

**Oct. 6** - Old Schoolhouse Restaurant, 1:00 p.m., Pig Roast, \$17 pre-paid

**Nov. 3** - Marcal's of Middleburg Hts., 1:00 p.m. Restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. \$15.00 pre-paid

**Dec. 8** - Pipers Three, 1:00 p.m. Doors open 12:00 p.m. Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month. \$15 pre-paid.

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Attendance was down slightly at the June meeting but there were 4 new members this month joining our chapter. Welcome to Susan Bourke & Karen Talton from PDXCS and Ron Vriens & his wife. Ron retired from PDXMM.

There were several members experiencing health problems in June. Please note I said "were" as hopefully they all have recovered from their illnesses or surgery. They are Bruce Blough, Jerry Knott, Mary Shepherd, Charlotte & Wally Wright. Please also remember Jack Hoage who is battling cancer.

Our chapter lost 2 members in June. Our talented decoration chairwoman for many years Cherie Maltese died after a courageous battle with cancer. She contributed paintings, mostly of children, to the national convention every year for their auction. I know there are several members of RUAEA who are thankful to be able to say that they have one of her paintings in their home. I know that I am one of them. Our other loss was William "Whip" Wilson who retired from PDXFF & is survived by his wife Johni. Our condolences to both families.

Walt Collins will be the speaker at the Aug. meeting reporting on scams. In Sept. there is no set program; however, there was a sign-up sheet at the June meeting to see if there would be an interest in a luncheon cruise on the PDX Spirit as an additional event. Please let Jack or Nancy Hooper know if you would like your name added to the list. The Oct. meeting will be election of officers & the ever popular ice cream social. Also, if there is someone you know that would be interested in running for office, please contact Paul Russell. His telephone number & e-mail address are in the latest Dew-er's roster.

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

#### Calendar

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

**Aug. 11** - Walter Collins, speaker

**Sep. 8** - TBA

**Oct. 11** - Ice Cream Social & Election of Officers.

### PENNSYLVANIA

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We had 32 attendees at our last meeting before the summer break. Since it was Flag Day, Pres. Bernie McNamee distributed American flags to each retiree. Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Joe Brad offered the blessing; Bernie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Lyons explained that RUAEA is now more than a social organization. It can now act as ombudsman for all of the retirees. He also briefed us on how the agreement on the Medical issue was reached. The details should be available soon.

Bill Carman, AGC Assistant General Chairman, IAM District 141, spoke about the Retiree Medical but did not have any details as yet. He will provide the information as soon as possible.

Dick Ems answered questions about what was needed for the veterans. We are again bringing clothes & toiletries for the Veteran's Home.

After the luncheon, 18 retirees went to Longwood Gardens. Joe Brad had made arrangements for a guided tour of the beautiful grounds. This acreage was a legacy from the duPonts. The Rambling Roses were in full bloom; flowers & trees were glorious. We watched a water show then went into the conservatory to see & learn about the many exotic trees, plants & flowers. Nice job Joe Brad. Thanks.

Have a safe and healthy summer! "See you in Sept."

#### Calendar

**Sep. 13** - Next meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, PHL airport.

#### **PITTSBURGH**

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The Pit-Stoppers may have seen our Pirates lose last month, but they certainly sparked the team. As of this writing the Buccos have won 10 in a row - not bad! The game, although rain threatened, was attended by 28 of our gang - good time had by all.

The convention pictures should also appear in the Aug. publication.

Our condolences to the family of Paul Gaumer former PIT mechanic. We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Sue Miller, wife of Bill "Bimmie" Miller former RSM in PIT.

As of this writing the bus trip planned for the Capital Airlines Picnic doesn't seem to be catching on.

Pres. Bill Redfern is planning a luncheon sometime in Oct. - no definite date as yet. We'll keep you posted.

Despite retirement - our own "Irish Rose" Patti Ellis has returned to the work force. Patti is working at a miniature golf course in Wireton - 'way to go Patti.

I decided to re-enter the work force & took on a job with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce - doing a housing survey. Hours were a little hectic for "part-time".

Dee Chiocchi is coming along quite well recuperating from her surgery. Our best to all of our local "shut-ins".

#### Calendar

**Sep. 19** - Capital Picnic

**Oct.** - Pending

**Dec.** - New Retirees Dinner

**Dec.** - Annual Christmas luncheon.

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It was a small group that attended the Cracker Barrel breakfast on June 17, with a lot of travel going on amongst the members. Speaking of travel, the transition from Atlantic Coast to Sky West as the United Express carrier at TYS has been completed with good marks so far for Sky West, both in terms of equipment & personnel. The new manager has assembled an excellent group of agents, some of them former United agents but blended with some promising new people.

For a step back to SEA & the convention, it was a very well-delivered convention from what little we saw of it. Regrettably, only the Adkins & Barrs were able to attend portions of it. It's hard to imagine the long hours of planning by so many people required to pull off something of that magnitude. Our thanks to all.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 19** - 10 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Exit 373 off I40-75 on Campbell Station Rd., Farragut

**Sep. 16** - 12:30 p.m. EDT, buffet/luncheon at Ramsey's Cafeteria in Knoxville, to be hosted by the Shipes with details to follow.

**Oct 21** - 10 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Farragut

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On June 16, 22 retirees met at Centerville's Island View Park where "Chef" Grant Beutler served hamburgers & hot dogs from the grill; everyone else brought delicious dishes/desserts. Chapter V.P. Betty Davis was in charge of the potluck, as Chapter Pres. Pete Loyola & wife Jackie were out of town.

Kay Nelson brought Edith Paul; Bud Nelson did not feel well & stayed home. We hope to see him at our next meeting. Kiyoko & friend Sam joined us. Darlene/Sandy Cantonwine brought their teenage granddaughter Chelsea who helped with the picnic setup.

Shirley/Bill Ottman & the Murdocks enjoyed RUAEA's SEA convention where they met old friends & made new ones. Dee O'Donnell wanted to be remembered to her SLCRR coworkers. Roni Adams enjoyed visiting with Billie Smart over lunch. It was noted how much the SEA retirees had worked to make this get-together another memorable one. Thank you, SEA!

The convention keynote speaker was the personable John Tague, UAL's Chief Operations Officer, who addressed many of the difficult problems our company is now facing. Regarding the medical/pension plans, however, nothing was mentioned as none of these questions could be answered at this time.

Last Christmas, the SLC group met Manuel Rubal, wife Rosary, & their family for the first time. It seemed that they, especially Manny, enjoyed getting to know SLC-area retirees. Due to Manny's & wife Rosary's illnesses, they were not able to visit our group again - on 6/11/04 Manny passed away. Our deepest sympathy to his wife & family!

No quarterly local newsletter was sent out; Pete Loyola & Art Scott substituted it with a "Bulletin" showing an updated events calendar.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 18** - Picnic, catered (\$9), Sugar House Pk., Central Terrace

**Sep. 15** - Coffee, 10 a.m., Murray Heritage Center

## VIRGINIA

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The Blue Ridge Mountain RUAEA Chapter met on June 15 at the Wilson-Walker Restaurant, Lexington, VA with 16 present including 3 new members who joined our chapter. Bob Brittain retired from SEACU, Eileen from SEAFO & Tom Melgaard retired from Dulles IADTR. We welcome them to our group, hope they will enjoy a long time membership with us. Several were absent due to illness, Juanita Gartske, who has been ill with minor heart problems. We wish her a speedy recovery. Hope she will be at our next meeting. Others had previous commitments.

John Rice & Gene Calvert have been very busy planning future meetings. Next meeting will be held at Evers Restaurant, Mt. Crawford, VA on Route 11. Directions for new members: From Hwy. 81, turn off at Exit 240 to Bridgewater, continue to Rt. 11 at Mt. Crawford, right on 11 to Evers Restaurant across from Shanandoah Pride Dairy. Total cost \$7.50 p/p complete, including gratuity. Time: 12:00 noon, Aug. 12.

#### Calendar

**Aug.** - Evers Restaurant

**Oct.** - Picnic (We will hear details from Margaret Sarsfield at next meeting.)

**Dec.** - Lexington

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The SEA Slickers are very much alive. Please accept my apology for missing the last few issues. Things have been hectic with many highs & lows in my life.

Besides the monthly convention meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel, we had a work party at the Cargo Bldg.; 40 people showed up to fill the tote bags before convention. It was a fun assembly line. We heard raves about the tour to Mt. St. Helens & tour to Mt. Rainier. Friendship cocktail hours were held each night. The Prop Wash Party was sold out with standing room only. Good food, drinks & dancing.

I enjoyed seeing Phil O'Neil & wife from SFO - he was my trainer in the mid-50s; Dorothy Retzlaff from PDX - she was my trainer for PDXRR.

The SEA Convention Committee worked hard & really enjoyed putting on the convention. We had fun time! Hope everyone had a memorable & wonderful experience.

Enjoyed the Correspondent Breakfast. Hope you are up and about, Jo Madden. We missed you! Ran into Barbara Heidegger from PDX & Judy White, former Supervisor in SEARR.

Sun. morning 58 people from convention boarded buses to YVR for a wonderful pamper-filled cruise on the inside passage to Alaska. The hardest part was a 2 ½ hr. wait to clear customs & security before boarding the NCL "Sun". I'm looking forward to another cruise with this fabulous open seating line. Entertainment each night & a wonderful pianist, jazz musician & singer. Bobby Hamilton, played tributes to Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington & others. So many good memories & pictures; 24-hr. eating - 12 restaurants.

Sick Bay: Evelyn Vrtacnik, wife of Ralph, has recovered enough from back problems that they are flying to ANC in Aug. to see their daughter & family. Charlotte Rouso, wife of Ed is recovering from pneumonia; Vi Gray is in a rehab center account lung trouble & lupus. She is slowly gaining weight. Her new phone is 206-362-1107 in her room; she welcomes calls. I had my first cataract surgery June 22 & was driving the next afternoon. Planning to have the other eye done the end of Sept.

The travel desk is back into full operation Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., #206-433-4218. As of July 1 we are expecting more calls, since retirees, active, business passes, mileage plus, companion travel, must not call reservations. Companion tickets must go through sponsors, provide file # & PIN number. PDX Travel Desk Mon/Wed/Fri, (503) 249-4142. hours 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. SkyNet & UALlist will be available.

### Calendar

**Aug. 10** - Picnic at Charlotte Cox's home, former home of Ernie & Minnie Mauer, her grandparents.

**Sep. 14** - TBA

**Oct. 12** - monthly luncheon at Maxi's, the top of the Doubletree.

**Nov. 9** - monthly luncheon at Best Western Hotel, South Center.

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Our July outing was held at the home of Bob & Edie Clark in Ione. They live in an area many would call Paradise. For those that wanted to golf it was available. Everyone had a great time. Thank you for your hospitality Bob & Edie.

On June 15, Dale Burgess's wife Terry passed away peacefully after a valiant battle with bacterial pneumonia. A memorial was held at Westminster Congregational Church with many retirees in attendance. Terry will be missed by all that knew her. She was a very loving & caring person & will always be remembered. Dale, our prayers are with you.

While at the convention Lance & I were assigned to a table for dinner that included Bob Hall, a SEA area attorney & his wife. Through conversation it was learned that both he & Lance attended Holmes Grade School. He had lived in Spokane as a youngster. It sure does prove it is a small world we live in.

Also from the convention Marvin Johnson looked me up to send his greetings to "old" Spokane friends of the days when he worked at GEG. Those he mentioned were Warren Smith, Floyd Miller, Donna Toppoll, Willi Storey & Les & Vera Graham. He looked great & sends his best to our group.

The report on our proposed medical will cut into everyone's bank account. We have been very fortunate over the past years with the rates & coverage. It is still better than many people have available to them.

Aug. is being hosted by Paul & Marlene Bennett at their home in Chewelah, WA. They hosted an event last year. Many of us now know how to find them. They will be calling you in plenty of time for those of you who need directions. It will be a potluck. They will supply burgers & much more. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share.

Ralph & Judy Schoesler are back in Spokane for the summer. They are spending winters in Yuma, AZ. Chris & Lee Anders are back from their road trip to Atlanta, GA, and the state of MI. It was nice hearing from you Garmann Hansen. Keep in touch. Hello to Dutch & Peg Wagner in the state of FL, and to you, Jo Madden, hope you are back to your job at getting this letter published.

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- Retiree-**MUSYNSKE, Joseph P.**, LGA, on 6/16/04
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- Retiree-**PARKS, Richard E.**, OAKEG, on 1/9/04, husband of Carolyn, 1981 E. Ruthie Ave., Kingman, AZ 86401
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- Spouse-**ZUT, Joan C.**, on 6/13/04

# **LETTERS**

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the newsletter from the following members:

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## **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

### **Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd., Clermont, FL 34711 [vectis24@aol.com](mailto:vectis24@aol.com)**

In my first letter to RUAEA since retiring from SFORQ 20 years ago, I ask a favor. Would Ken Thiede in CHI (I presume) please e-mail me again. Madly deleting "spam" I wiped yours out. I've looked at the CHI phone books for your name - no luck.

Perhaps you've noticed that summer s/a travel can be challenging. Took me 38 hours to reach LGA from MCO. True to WHQ figures we left ORD on time, then spent 3 hours, 10 minutes short of the runway - back to the gate for refueling. Then the flight was cancelled. Did get on the 6 p.m. flight to LGA, left at 8:55 p.m. I fail to understand why ORD (Delay City) was built in such a weather prone location. If you have to spend the night at ORD & want to get away from the road noise around the airport, I suggest the EXCEL Inn, 6 ½ miles away. Transport on the half hour. It's clean, quiet & inexpensive. Pick up is at bus station, Gate 1 behind the Hilton.

Made a trip to NYC in May for son's birthday, then again late June for my 80<sup>th</sup>. I like being 80 because it's better than the alternative. Leaving CA 20 years ago we spent 12 years in a retirement community in Ocala before moving to this half-acre of grass which I'm slowly getting rid of in favor of fruit trees.

For those that knew us at SFO, my wife died suddenly in 2002. Made a lone trip to HNL last Dec. where we went every year - not the same. At NYC suburb Yonkers railway station on my way into the city, the clerk astonished me. He asked, "Are you a Senior?" That made my day. Finding myself without change for a subway ticket at Grand Central, with heavy heart I inserted a \$20 bill into the ticket machine. Doubted it could give enough change or any at all. SURPRISE. \$15 in Susan B. Anthony dollar coins. With millions of them in storage that's how a government mistake is being solved - slowly.

Good wishes from FL.

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

Lynn celebrated her 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday with fanfare in June. My seniority date is 10/18/54. Reaching the 50 year mark on the seniority list is a special year for me. Have been retired for 17 years. Since I am a Life Member, I am sending a contribution to the Postage Fund. Always look forward to receiving the newsletter to keep in touch with retirees & happenings at UA. Thanks to the committee that has been

involved in working closely with the Benefits & Service Center at UA, keeping us informed during the trying times at UA. Hoping UA will be able to emerge out of bankruptcy in the near future.

Our little MAX, a miniature Schnauzer, was put to rest last Oct at the tender age of 16 ½ years old. As of 6/26 we now have a new addition to fill the void. "Maggie" is a 5-year-old black female miniature Schnauzer that we adopted from Schnauzer Rescue. She is a sweetie pie, lovable & a bundle of energy (will keep us young & moving). George has 2 new toys; he now has a XM Satellite Radio in his car that has many channels including music of the 40s, 50s, etc., & a digital camera & a printer that he can process pictures immediately.

We both had cataract surgeries. Lynn had another hammertoe surgery, sported a surgical boot & wasn't able to drive for a time which cramped my style. George was in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade again this year at the Illinois Railway Museum, spends a couple days a week operating the RR cars during the season & restoring cars during the winter month.

Thanks to you, Jo, your staff & volunteers in publishing the Newsletter.

**Clyde Johnson, 967N County Road 440, Manistique, MI 49854**

Thanks for the red stamps on my issue. Thank you also for being the glue that holds RUAEA together. If it hadn't been for you, there sure wouldn't have been a Northwoods Loonies group. I think we have more fun than any other chapter. We wouldn't have been able to get started if we hadn't had the Newsletter to write to originally to get folks aware that we wanted to get together. Now, here we are a viable group who live up to their name & love it. Thanks again.

**Wilford & Janine Pietrzyk, 860 Lomita Ave., Milbrae, CA 94030-1002**

Please correct my street number from 850 Lomita Ave. to 860 Lomita Ave.

We thank you so much for all the work you do on RUAEA Association's Newsletter. Being a Life Member I would like to contribute to the Postal Fund. Also, I would like to mention that thanks to you, we feel like one great UAL family.

**Mary Lou Hymes, 4 Oak St., P.O. Box 282, Tioga, PA 16946-0282**

I was born on 8/5/37. It's a great day for a birthday - always was. If friends ask me how old I am I answer "I'm 25 years younger than my mother!" Mom will be 92 in Dec. She walks, talks (continually) drove until she fell getting out of her recliner at 5 a.m. She yelled "I'm down & can't get up!" Since then I've become her private nurse, chauffeur, her financial advisor, manager, secretary, mailman, plumber, general all-around handyman, gardner, as she says, "Do it now" she means NOW!! not later. I'm lucky to get 5 minutes to read the newsletter to see what UAL is up to these days.

I also follow the stock market religiously & eat out once a day. I refuse to be mom's cook because we absolutely do not like certain foods. The closest we get to an airport is 100 miles north of here to Rochester, NY. I try to keep in contact by phone with former co-workers.

Mom & have separate homes. I'm too busy keeping things in working order. I wonder what retirement is supposed to be like. Please write to tell me.

**Al & Kathy Edwards, 94 Overlook Cir., Boothwyn, PA 19061-2250** [al\\_kath Edwards@ yahoo.com](mailto:al_kath_Edwards@yahoo.com)

I am on a mission for my wife; she is looking for a couple of good friends she worked with in PHL reservations. She is trying to find her roommate Carol Mitchelltree Daniels who lived in Golden, CO, and her former supervisor with UAL Joe Chess. They both worked for UAL in Denver. She hopes you have the ability to find their address so she can contact them. We hope you can help in this matter.

My wife Kathy does our local newsletter for you when Dee Burrs is unable to do it. Dee has had a hip & knee operation, is doing well. She was unable to make the convention in SEA this year.

**Dave Letts, 5412 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68104**

I, too, do not know how to thank you for all you do for us! I have been retired for 23 years & am a Life Member. Please accept the enclosed check for postal expense. Best wishes to Jo Madden and all of you.

**Merle Pool, 69525 Dillon Rd., #26, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241**

These birthdays are coming around too fast. Haven't done any traveling or anything else exciting this past year except a fall that broke my right leg. After that a lump was found on neck that turned out to be malignant, so now being treated for cancer. Believe me, if the treatment doesn't kill me, I'm sure I'll survive the cancer.

**Joseph Brabo, III, 6334 Pergola Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46241-1800**

Sorry to hear that Jo is in the hospital - wishing her a very speedy recovery. She has helped us a lot, setting up the new Indy Chapter. Best wishes to all of you.

**Richard J. Garrison, 3700 S. Westport Ave., #408, Sioux Falls, SD 57106**

I was not going to renew this year, don't care about conventions, etc...After putting in 37 years at UA I do care about the future that we all worked very hard for. As I read you are all very concerned in this; that is what we need to UNITE.

When I was at O'Hare 1959 through 1973, there were hard times, I can remember being asked to work an extra 4 hours a week with "no pay" to help United...to be stronger, etc. I would believe that there are others that did the same thing.

The last straw has been the ESOP, what a con job. If you all give, we will be stronger; what did the Board do? "Fiddled" while United went down the tubes...I would like to add that the "Bankruptcy" did not happen because of 911; it started well before that.

The latest was told to me by a lead at O'Hare, "We got a 2 ½ percent bonus for the first quarter" How could this be? What did the CEO, Treasurer, etc. get??? Now they want us to concede on the medical & trip passes.

When I hired on in 1959, if you stay with us you will receive "Medical Insurance free, trip passes & a pension when you retire." So we all worked & followed along, trust United, we will take care of you, yeah, right!

**Wally Amling, 1650 Leora Ln., Leucadia, CA 92024-1227**

Enclosed is my check for my annual dues. I appreciate all of your efforts in putting together this newsletter & keeping me up-to-date on travel info, etc.

Have been retired 21 years this month & have been thoroughly enjoying it. I'm able to play tennis, golf & go surfing in the summer when the water temperature gets to 65°. Margie & I both golf but she's given up on the tennis since she had her hip operation a year ago, but is now pain free.

**Mary McCarville, 523 Lake Shore Blvd., Wauconda, IL 60084**

I have not yet been able to send my dues in before the red stamp reminder. It has been 6 years since I have retired & I am still trying to play catch up with all that I would like to do. I regrettably missed the convention this year but am certain a great time was had by all that attended. I look forward to hearing about the good times in our next newsletter. What a great service you wonderful people provide us! We would all be left in the dark if it were not for all the important information we receive. I look forward to each issue. Keep those newsletters coming!

**Jeanne Justman Clark, 290 W. Oak Glen Dr., Bartlett, IL 60103**

I enjoyed my first year as a RUAEA member! My husband Stan & I both enjoy and look forward to the newsletter. We met back in 1963 in Newark when he was a "Ticket Agent" and I was a "Flight Attendant" He left in 1965; we were married in 1967. I enjoyed all my years as a Flight Attendant. We consider ourselves at a "United family". Our oldest son is a pilot; however, not with UAL. Thank you to all the dedicated people who contribute to making the newsletter happen. Enjoying retirement.

P.S. If there's anyone out there who remembers us, drop us a line, [CLARKMAIL@comcast.net](mailto:CLARKMAIL@comcast.net).

**Roni Adams, 2012 North 24<sup>th</sup> St., Boise, ID 83702-0205**

The SEA RUAEA Convention is now long past, but it remains a wonderful memory for me. I opted not to "stand by" for UAL flights, instead bought a senior RT ticket on Horizon, giving me flying time of just 1 ½ hours to SEATAC. The free shuttle to the DoubleTree Hotel allowed enough time on the 28<sup>th</sup> to meet a dear, gracious lady for lunch & a nice long visit. My friend Brigitte Murdock & I stay in touch via e-mail, but a face to face visit with her is magical. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, I had lunch & a great visit with Billie Smart, whom I hadn't seen since we both worked in SLCRR in the late 1960s.

Also on the 29<sup>th</sup> I spend some time helping my Clipped Wings Chapter (MAL) sell raffle tickets in the Mainliner room at the hotel, plus meeting new friends from other Clipped Wings Chapters. Once again, I enjoyed the wonderful company of our current MAL Chapter Treasurer, Dorothy Stroud & Clipped Wings National Pres. Barbara Bertacini.

Another great thrill for me was "bumping" into Betty Slaughter. She was my instructor at Cheyenne Stewardess School in 1954. She was strict, a lot of fun; we all loved her. Her married name is Buckingham; she's a member of LAX Clipped Wings Chapter. If you're reading this, Betty, I loved your sense of humor, still think you were "a kick in the pants"!

My friend, Lois Bowns, retiree from LAXRR & I sailed on the Catamaran Clipper to Victoria, BC on the 30<sup>th</sup>, returned to SEA June 1, headed home after a great visit/tour. She was in the Navy during WW II & was a Japanese code cryptographer. Interesting lady.

The thanks for all this fun goes to my wonderful daughter, Celin, who made this trip possible for me by looking out for her dad while I was gone for 4 nights. As many of you know, my husband of 49 year & UAL retiree with 36 years is battling advanced emphysema & bone cancer; however, Chic still maintains his sense of humor & encourages me to travel, only I don't do it that often.

**Dee O'Donnell, 9311 NE 118<sup>th</sup> Ln., Unit 203, Kirkland, WA**

Between monthly meetings, work on several jobs at convention, it was fun!! Met new people and took one all day tour prior to the Friendship Banquet; topped it off with a fabulous 7-day cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Line, Sun - the inside passage to Alaska. 58 people from convention were part of 2100 people, 950 crew, 13 decks, open seating & 24-hour eating! They really pamper. I hope to go back in 2 years.

Also volunteer on the Travel Desk each Wed. at SEA-TAC. We're open Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (206) 433-4218. we take calls from allover the world.

**Robert L. England, 2760 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405**

Thank all of you for the splendid job you have done & will be doing on our behalf.

I do have a serious concern regarding the proposed retiree medical costs. As a 45-year employee & one of many who helped build United for almost half a century (yikes!!), I'm more than a little upset to find that my fees will be at the same rate as an employee with 25 years of service (impressive though that is!). There were also many years of contract concessions in exchange for the "promise" of decent medical coverage in retirement.

A hearty "Hi" to all my post 6/1/44 friends at the SFO Maintenance Base.

**Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd W. Whitlow, Anthem Country Club, 38 Isleworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89052-6465 [koeppwhitlow@msn](mailto:koeppwhitlow@msn) or [FLYNHI747@msn.com](mailto:FLYNHI747@msn.com)**

It has been a very busy year. We take advantage of the perks, both flying & cruises. My wife, Donna, got us hooked on cruising; we book most of them through Interline.

In July we flew to NYC (not one of my favorite places). We boarded the Silverseas Navigator for a 14-day cruise to Copenhagen, Denmark, via stops in Canada, Greenland & Iceland.

In Nov. we departed from Malaga, Spain on the Seabourn Legend to Caldera, Costa Rica, 3 cruises back to back for a total of 34 days.

In Jan. we flew to Ft. Lauderdale, FL, boarded the Seaborn Pride for an 18-day cruise to Valparaiso, Chile. The Panama Canal is always interesting.

Our next adventure is a cruise to July-Aug, a 14-day cruise on the Pacific Princess from Osaka, Japan to HNL.

We also made some auto trips, one to see friends in Boise, ID, plus several to CA to see the kids & grandkids.

Over Labor Day weekend we flew to DEN, rented a car for the drive to the Air Force Academy for graduation. My WW II Bombardment Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force sponsors the Eagle & Fledgling Award in Biological Science, which is an Award given each year during graduation week to the Outstanding Graduate in each academic subject, Athletic & Military Achievement. I made the presentation this year, elected to make the presentation this year because the first person I presented in 1981 is stationed at the Academy; we have kept in touch all these years but this was the first time we had seen each other since he attended our 1982 Reunion in SEA as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. He is now a Full Colonel & a Medical Doctor.

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