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### GENERAL NEWS

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

United has reached a major milestone in its road to exit bankruptcy. Consensual collective bargaining agreements have been reached with all employees. (The IAM tentative agreement is pending a ratification vote.) Consensual negotiated replacement pension plans are in place or pending ratification - except for the AFA. On July 1 United began the process for exiting bankruptcy Chapter 11 this fall. United intends to file its Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement with the Bankruptcy Court on or about August 1. The Company has requested that the Court schedule a hearing to approve the Disclosure Statement early Sept.; and that the Court fix Aug. 29, 2005 as the record date for determining holders of stock, bonds, debentures, notes and other securities entitled to receive ballots and materials necessary for voting on the Plan of Reorganization, as specified in the Bankruptcy Code.

The PBGC has taken the first steps in terminating the defined benefit pension plans and administering them. Retirees from the terminated plans will continue to receive a pension from the PBGC. Information to retirees will come from the PBGC including information about the specific benefit each will receive. (We published detailed information about this process & pension benefits in the Nov. 2004 & Jan. 2005 Newsletters.)

Last summer the company negotiated medical insurance benefits & costs for all retirees. The agreement, under Section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, stipulates the company cannot change any of the provisions agreed to until the year 2010. (The only exception is if United files Chapter 7 or comes out of bankruptcy & subsequently files Chapter 11 again.) Many members have asked about medical insurance benefits & costs available elsewhere - other than what United offers. Mort Wax wrote a detailed article about this in the Jan. 2005 Newsletter. I continue to get questions from retirees and contacts from insurance companies. I will address this again in next month's Newsletter.

There are no proposed changes in pass travel for retirees.

After exiting bankruptcy we will follow up with the principals in WHQ about retiree policies & benefits. We will continue to be a proactive voice of retiree interests, issues and concerns.

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA

#### **CAPT. JIM ROSATER**

#### **Retired United Airlines Captain and Volunteer Pilot, ORBIS DC-10**

Capt. Jim Rosater, a retired United Airlines pilot from the Chicago-area, made his final flight on behalf of the world's blind and visually impaired.

On March 28, Rosater flew the world's only flying eye hospital, the ORBIS DC-10, from a sight-restoring mission in India to a fundraising event in Europe. ORBIS—an international humanitarian organization - reconfigured a wide body DC-10-10 into a state-of-the-art eye hospital & teaching

facility which flies to airports throughout the developing world, where 90% of the blind & visually impaired reside.

Jim has volunteered countless hours over the last 17 years to deliver the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital to program sites in the developing world. He has made over 60 flights since his first mission in Nov. 1988.

“I have a real passion for flying, the chance to fly in service of a humanitarian mission like ORBIS’s is a real privilege. I’m very proud that United made those opportunities available to me & my fellow pilots as part of its longstanding support for ORBIS.”

Rosater, 71, remembers all of his ORBIS missions with both fondness (for the people), fascination (at the level of skill & commitment) he encountered along the way. But one mission in particular stands out – a 1989 flight with his wife to Beijing within days of the student-led demonstrations, & subsequent military crackdown, at Tiananmen Square.

He remembers being in the Chinese capital at the height of the tensions, hearing warnings from the U.S. consulate about the possibility of martial law or other repercussions to the unfolding events. He left the city within hours of the military’s massacre of dozens of demonstrators, arriving in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia that very night.

“We weren’t sure if a war was going to break out, or if we’d ever be allowed back into China,” he says. “In the years since, knowing that ORBIS’s involvement in China has continued to move forward despite any political tensions has been a source of great pride to me. Blindness knows no political & religious boundaries.”

Rosater lives in Woodstock, IL, just outside Chicago, with his wife. He’ll devote his “second retirement” to spending more time with her, his three grown children & their families. “But I will continue to follow the tremendous work of ORBIS, also maintain great pride in knowing that I had an opportunity to be part of it.”

Steve Hauch, director of logistics for ORBIS works closely with the volunteer pilots & has the utmost praise for Jim’s commitment to ORBIS throughout the past seventeen years, “Jim has been a real asset to ORBIS, his skill as an aviator & passion for the mission has been noteworthy. The ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital would not exist without aviators like Jim who give so generously of their time & skills to the organization.”

### **Annual Business Meeting** **May 28, 2005**

Pres. Marlin Lade called the Annual Business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting is in accordance with the RUAEA Bylaws.

Board members in attendance were:

President – Marlin Lade

VP Conventions – Bud Hubbard

Executive VP – Mort Wax

Past President – Jim Fauber

Treasurer – Charlie Lewis

Newsletter Editor – Jo Madden

Secretary – Helen Cauwels

Membership Secretary – Dixie McCay

Motion made and seconded to waive the reading of last years Annual Business Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Pres. Marlin Lade called on Gordon Starr to honor & present a Recognition of RUAEA past president Ed Piper, who passed away in March of this year, for his dedication & service to United and RUAEA.

Marlin then stated that RUAEA provides communication effectively through our Newsletter, Website & Regional Directors & strives to be current, accurate & complete.

Executive VP Mort Wax introduced Newsletter Editor Jo Madden who reported that 53 Chapters are reported in the Newsletter & complimented the Chapter Correspondents on the fine job they're doing.

Newsletter Manager, Virgil Gooselaw gave his report on the publication & distribution of the Newsletter also explained the function of the monthly volunteer mailing crew. Virgil asked the Chapter Correspondents to send their Chapter reports as an attachment to an e-mail, if possible.

Mort reported that 2 Membership Secretaries, Bev Strand & Adele Fishler have resigned; they have been replaced by Dixie McCay & Carole Longbella. He introduced our new Membership Secretary, Dixie McCay, who gave the Membership Report of 12,746 current members. Dixie also reminded the members to put their file numbers on their dues checks.

Mort next introduced Howard Tress, the Membership/Support Manager, who reported that we increased our membership by 20% in a four-week period in response to the mass mailing Nov. 11, 2004 to all United retirees. Currently have 1,800 members signed up for the RUAEA website. Membership office is staffed on Mon., Wed. and Thurs. from approximately 8 am to 2 pm DEN time.

Mort encouraged website usage versus hard copy of Newsletter. June issue of the Newsletter was available on the website on May 13. Website Managers, Bob Kalicki & Jim Sommerfield reported to Mort that over 1,134,000 hits were made on the website. Mort stressed the timeliness of using the website for current information.

Treas. Charlie Lewis reported revenue of \$220,000 & expenses of \$196,000 for the year of 2004 which produced a net revenue of \$20,000 over 2003. Revenue is generated by dues, contributions over dues by members & interest income. Two audits were performed in Jan., one for the year 2004, the other for the SEA Convention. Charlie read the Audit letter dated Feb. 2, 2005. The Audit was conducted on Jan. 29, 2005 and was completed satisfactorily with no misrepresentation of records & all financial statements were accurate as reported. Charlie then reported the financial statement for the first quarter of 2005.

Past Pres. Jim Fauber announced the results of the National RUAEA election. This is the off-year election. Four Regional Directors were elected. Only the Northwest Region had two candidates. The new Director will be Hank Gosselin (SEA) over Jack Hooper (PDX). New AZ Director Ron Robertson (TUS) ran unopposed. Northeast Region Director Jeri Juth (PIT) was reelected, ran unopposed. Mountain Region Director Tom Goodyear (DIA) was reelected, ran unopposed.

Only 583 ballots were cast out of approximately 12,000 eligible voters.

Commended nominating committee members Helen Cauwells & Gordon Starr for their assistance in forming the slate of candidates.

In 2006, 5 officers & 5 regional directors will be elected.

Marlin introduced the 4 elected Regional Directors to the audience. Harry Walton, Director of the Southeast Region tendered his resignation in February due to his wife Arlene's serious illness. She passed away May 24.

Marlin also introduced Loretta Marvett to the audience as the newly appointed Director of the Southeast Region to complete the remainder of Harry's term.

Marlin recognized outgoing Director Gordon Starr (AZ) & Tom Harvey (NW) & issued Certificates of Appreciation.

Marlin reappointed Tom Costa as Audit Committee Chairman & Ed Meyer as Auditor as well as Bill Betters as Asst. VP - Conventions. For the 2006 Convention to be held in Washington, DC, Marlin appointed Hank Gosselin & Bernie McNamee as Co-Chairmen. Appointed Site Selection Committee Chairman will be Bob Hallden, committee members will be George Wittman, John Koeh, & Hal Klobe.

Denver office staff appointments on the Newsletter side will be Manager Virgil Gooselaw, Newsletter Editor Jo Madden. On the Membership side, Membership/Support Manager Howard Tress, Membership Secretaries Harriet Ahr, Dixie McCay & Carole Longbella. Website Managers, Bob Kalicki & Jim Sommerfield were appointed as well as Corporate Relations Representative Ed Tolle.

Corporate Relations Representative Ed Tolle reported on meetings & contact with WHQ corporate management. Any retirees problems that cannot be resolved through regular channels may be brought

to the attention of their Region Director or through Marlin, who, in turn, will contact Ed, who has the contacts in United's corporate office to obtain the necessary answers.

New Business.

Pres. Marlin Lade reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Motion made that the revisions to the Bylaws as published in the April 2005 Newsletter be approved. Motion seconded & carried.

Mileage Plus Representative Cassandra Young reported on advantage of retirees joining Mileage Plus. Miles can be accumulated, for example, through hotel reservations, car rentals, cruises, restaurants & selected on-line shopping. Accrued miles can be used to buy Red Carpet Membership or redeemed for a cruise or when positive space to a destination is necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 followed by the Door Prize raffle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Cauwels - Secretary

### **From the Membership Office**

For those who may not have heard we have two new secretaries in our office. They are Dixie McCay & Carole Longbella. I know all of you will welcome them to our office staff. With that said, we have different days of operation. We now are in the office on Mon., Wed., & Thurs. There will be some weeks when the office will be open on Fri. The hours of operation are normally from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

We receive several requests a month from prospective members to join RUAEA over the phone. This isn't possible as we need an application from these folks to enter all the information over the database. If you know someone who wants to become a member, explain to them that they can get an application from their local chapter or by sending their request to our office. Also, we get requests from our members, of changes such as address, or telephone numbers. This can only be accomplished via a letter to our office (U.S. mail) or e-mail; no exception to this rule. Should you need to change an e-mail address you may do so at our Website. Please accomplish this by accessing the WEB Master via the Website. Look in the left column for the "Support" link.

One last item, when you send correspondence, **any** correspondence, especially checks, **please include your file number**. This is how we access each member's file. If we have to look up a file using last names it can be a daunting task. One example is we have numerous Smiths in our database. Without a file number it takes more time than what could be considered normal.

We in the membership office thank you for your help & support. Should you have a need to contact our office after normal business hours, & it has to do with a membership issue, please feel free to call me at home. I'll answer your question as best I can. My number is on the back page of the newsletter.

Enjoy the summer  
Howard Tress  
Membership/Support Manager

### **POLICY FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT PENSIONS**

In light of recent pension-related news, many employees & retirees understandably have questions about pensions.

General pension-related inquiries should be directed to the Pension Hotline at 800-482-5236, option 4. For PBGC-specific inquiries, visit [www.pbgc.gov](http://www.pbgc.gov) or call 202-326-4000.

As a reminder, due to privacy & confidentiality concerns, the Pensions and Benefits departments at World Headquarters are restricted to authorized employees only.

Employees & retirees therefore may no longer visit those departments in person, but instead must either call the Pension Hotline or contact the PBGC, as appropriate.

Additionally, once the PBGC officially assumes administration of the pension plans, all questions should be directed to the PBGC, as all information will come from that agency, including information about any pension benefits to which an individual may be entitled.

### **SOURCE: REVENUE ACCOUNTING EMPLOYEE FARE DATABASE**

Questions or Concerns:

If you have a question or concern regarding deductions for Employee Pass Travel, the best method to communicate is via:

E-mail: [employee-pass@ual.com](mailto:employee-pass@ual.com)

Fax: 1-847-700-1452

Mail: WHQAK, Employee Travel, P.O. Box 66282, Chicago, IL 60666

Please be sure to include your Name, File Number, Flight Number, Date, Origin, Destination & your specific question about your deduction or invoice. Copies of boarding passes will assist us in researching the issue. Also, if you include an e-mail address, it will allow us to respond to you faster if any further questions or documentation is needed to resolve your issue.

### **Alliant Credit Union Offers Computer Gift Awards**

*Credit Union Will Offer Nine Computer Awards to Students Age 5-17*

Alliant Credit Union will award \$5,000 in gift certificates redeemable for computers to members as part of its National Education Program. The program is open to students between the age of 5-17 who are Alliant members. Applications & requirements must be submitted by Aug. 31, 2005.

Alliant's National Education Program will award nine gift certificates for computers to students in three age groups - age 5-9, 10-13, and 14-17. Along with their completed National Education Program application, students may use any media they desire - written essay, drawings, paintings, photography, video or website - to describe what they want to be when they grow up, & how a computer could enrich their education.

Three award categories have been created in each of the three age groups. Borrowing on the theme of traditional school symbols, the award categories include: "Golden Apple Award" (\$1,000 computer certificate); "Silver Key Award" (\$500 computer certificate); & "Brass Bell Award" (\$250 computer certificate). Computer award winners will be notified by Sept. 23, 2005.

Providing computer gift awards for its school-aged members is just one way that the nation's eighth-largest credit union is trying to help students prepare for the academic rigors - also financial commitments - of their continuing education. A staunch advocate of youth financial literacy, Alliant this year implemented a "Banking on Our Future" program that dispatched teacher-volunteers into local schools on behalf of partner Operation HOPE, Inc.

To qualify for the computer gift award provided on behalf of Alliant's National Education Program, the student must:

- **Join Alliant Credit Union** by completing a *Membership Enrollment Agreement* available online at [www.alliantcreditunion.org](http://www.alliantcreditunion.org), or by calling 800-328-1935 (*Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Central Time*).
- **Complete required National Education Program Application.**
- **Use any media (written essay, drawings or paintings, photography, video, etc.)** to describe what you want to be when you grow up, and how a computer could enrich your education today.

Applications & media submissions must be postmarked to Alliant Credit Union by Aug. 31, 2005. Winners will be notified by Sept. 23. For more details about Alliant's National Education Program, visit [www.alliantcreditunion.org](http://www.alliantcreditunion.org).

## **“Legacy of the Friendly Skies”**

Many of you remember a book called “Legacy of the Friendly Skies.” The story of United Airlines Stewardesses, who were the very first stewardesses in the airline industry.

The book (208 pages) was copyrighted in 1991 by Gwen Nebelsick Mahler & has been out of print for sometime. It is an excellent pictorial history of United Airlines Flight Attendants. If there is an enough interest in republishing the book, it will be done.

So, if you are interested, contact:

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## **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for Sept. are due in DEN by Fri. Aug. 5, Oct. reports by 9/6, Nov. reports by 10/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by US Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS**

Please do not resign as Correspondent if you do not have a computer to send reports by e-mail. Reports can still be received by FAX or U.S. Mail if the report is received in DEN by the deadline dates, which are listed every month under “General News”.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

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Welcome to Summer in the Southwest. Triple digits & all, we still love being here in the Phoenix Area. We continue to see about 20 plus members out for our bi-weekly Coco's breakfast; great seeing all of you. Thanks again to Pat Butkewicz for all the work she puts into getting the head count for the staff at Coco's. If you are attending the breakfast meeting please call Pat at 623 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. If you are on the regulars list, you only need to call when you won't be there. Any questions call Pat or Sherry. On 6/7 we had a visit from Bob Lutzinger's grandson Jacob Wilson, visiting from Freemont, CA.

I have been reviewing our Azure e-mail lists; currently I have 41 folks listed. If you have not received a test message from me in the recent past, please send me an e-mail so I can include you on our list.

Some sad news: Douglas B. Jay, of Sun City died May 12. He was a retiree from CA. We are sorry that there is no additional information regarding his passing. I can tell you that we certainly enjoyed his attendance at our breakfasts, he will be missed.

Keep those prayers coming. Mel Hofer is in the hospital with congestive heart failure, he is doing well. Harry Fraser fell while working on his rain gutters (maybe he knows something we don't); he was badly bruised but did not break anything. Speaking of breaking, I (Sherry, the “Klutz”) tripped, fell, broke my right kneecap. Sure puts a crimp in my water volleyball. Elaine advised us that Bob Debelak had a heart operation, now is recuperating. Horst Heinig will be

undergoing another cancer operation. I spoke to Elsie Dikeman; she is at home recuperating from complex back surgery. I am sure you will send everyone your best wishes

Ginny Meyer (Weiler) & Pat Paulson were able to attend the convention. Everyone had a great time. We thank the LAX organization for putting on such a great convention. Pat gave us a quick retirement update at the breakfast meeting.

The traveling club will continue to accept recommendations, ideas, etc. as to where we may travel on short jaunts around the area. These trips will be in addition to our normal monthly meetings. Our trip to the racetrack was so successful, I'm sure we can arrange other outings. Some suggestions: the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre that opens in Sept.; another idea was the train trip to Verde Canyon, a spring training game in either Surprise or Peoria, etc. Keep those ideas coming.

#### Calendar

Coco's breakfast meetings:

**July 19** - Azures - Coco's

**Aug. 2** - Azures - Coco's

**Aug. 16** - Azures - Coco's

**Aug. 30** - Azures - Coco's

Fall Luncheon:

**Oct. 8** - Beardsley Park Ramada #10

**Nov. 12** - Luke Air Force Base Luncheon

"Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

#### TALL PINES

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The Tall Pines June meeting was hosted by Dick & Adrienne Orleans at their beautiful home in the hills of Prescott. It was a rather small gathering, but the luncheon was delicious; the chit-chat made it a memorable occasion &, of course, the weather was outstanding. We also welcomed Mille & Frenchy Bourgeois; as usual, it is always great to see them.

A very short business meeting was held concerning the All Arizona Chapter Picnic & our Christmas Party.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 23** - Potluck at Nikki Krauser's home - 11:00 am

**Sept. 13** - All Arizona Chapter Annual Picnic - Goldwater Lake - 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Flyers have been mailed to all (3) Arizona Chapters. Also, White Elephant Auction.

**Oct. 25** - Lone Spur - restaurant - 11:00 am

#### TUCSON

##### ROADRUNNERS

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Tucson is into its lazy days of summer, though the monsoons have not yet arrived. On May 19, 22 of us picnicked at Patagonia Lake; on June 16, 26 Roadrunners dropped in for lunch at the Thunder Canyon Brewery.

The Tall Pines chapter in Prescott, AZ, has invited us to attend their "Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic" & "White Elephant Auction" on Sept. 13. If you'd like to go, R.S.V.P. by Sept. 1 to Ann Tomasic, (928) 717-1550.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 18 & 19:** Meeting in the White Mountains.

**Aug. 18, Thurs.:** Dinner at the Country Club in Pine Top.

**Aug. 19, Fri.:** Brunch at Molly Butlers in Greer.



## ARKANSAS

### “THE NATURALS”

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On June 22, a small group of “Naturals” met for dinner at Pegasus Restaurant in the DeSoto Club. We had 2 guests who have now joined our chapter – Jim & Linda Nichol. Jim worked for United for 46 years before retiring from the Miami station recently. Although they have been coming to our Village for about a year, they decided to buy property on one of our hills to spend the cool weather months here & the hot & cold weather in CO & elsewhere. Linda has been in The Village since Mar. & has joined the Women’s Social Golf League also many other organizations & clubs. We cautioned her to start saying “no” pretty soon or she will be busy from dawn to dusk. We extended a hearty welcome to them but they still left for Breckenridge, CO the day after our dinner (returning in Sept. or Oct.) as it was getting too hot here. We are having the hottest June I can remember (between 91 & 96 degrees). We still have 2 hot months to go.

Our next meeting will be in August - time & place announced later. If you plan to be in the area, please contact me at the email or telephone number above.

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS

Pismo Beach, CA  
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Bob & Marcia Stanger hosted the June luncheon at the BlackLake Golf Course with 20 members in attendance. We were unable to attend so appreciate Dana Noyes taking notes for me. 11 Central Coasters enjoyed the RUAEA convention in Hollywood. Jack & Eleanor Cunningham had to miss the convention due to Jack having some heart problems. He is doing well now, we are glad to report. Esther Bartlett had knee replacement surgery the day before the luncheon so we wish her a speedy recovery.

Many are traveling this summer & enjoying family get-togethers all over the country. Dana Noyes was presented with a card of appreciation & a gift certificate for her 6 years as Treas. She does a great job. We all thank her for her commitment.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

### Calendar

The Aug. luncheon meeting will be hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar at the Avila Beach Golf Club at Mulligan’s Restaurant. Details in flyer.

### THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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June luncheon was held at the beautiful Sierra View Country Club.

Called to order by Pres. Colleen Esola who thanked Fernando & Ana Campos for hosting the luncheon.

There were 88 members present & 5 guests. One new member, Paul Schwafel, was asked to give a short resume of his employment with United. Paul’s wife, Katie is still working at SFOMG. I received an application from Richard Smith in the mail. I received a letter from Gus London that stated he joined the Gold Diggers in Feb. & was not recognized in the next newsletter. Sorry Gus. His employment at United covered SAN, DEN, BOS, IDL, SFO, JFK & LAXSR.

Harold announced that member Marjorie Wills passed away. Contact Alice Mc Peak for more info. Harold read a letter he received about all the wonderful things Harry Caldwell has done to win the 2005 senior of the year award. Busy man....

New Members:



Paul Schwafel  
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Richard Smith  
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We welcomed several guests.

Secretary Bob Sample received a phone call from Retired Foreman Richard Smith (Smitty). He lives in TX and still doing rodeos. Phone # 903-389-4145.

We received an invitation from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter inviting all members, guests & grandkids to a get-together Aug. 18 at Sand Harbor State Park at Lake Tahoe on Hwy. 28 from 11 am to 2 pm. No cost to us. Just bring desserts to share. We will need the count by Aug. 8.

The convention was a resounding success. The Golddigger group were treated to a pre-banquet cocktail party by Zepha & Wayne O'Kelly. Thanks.

United has negotiated replacement pension plans with ALPA, AMFA, PFAFCA, TWU & a tentative plan with the IAM. The AFA is the only union without a replacement plan.

Anniversaries for June

Rodney & Ruby 64 Years,  
George & Carolyn Parkinson 57 Years,  
Larry & Elizabeth Fleshman 55 Years

**REDWOOD EMPIRE**

**RETIREES**

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Redwood Empire Retirees meeting was held June 9 at the Quail Inn, Oakmont. Pres. Les Carey thanked hosts Clare & Barney Hagan for hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year. They were assisted by Ron & Joanne Huhn.

Elaine Kristen was welcomed back after a serious illness. GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

VP Burnett introduced the guests, also introduced new member, Don Edwards. Don gave us a very brief rundown on his career with United.

Ron Huhn reported on the Presidents meeting at the Los Angeles convention, which he attended in place of Les.

Joanne Huhn attended the meeting for Correspondents/Secretaries. Highlights are:

- Every one is encouraged to join RUAEA. They are providing up-to-date & relevant information on issues coming from the bankruptcy.
- Regarding the Travel Desk: This is for UAL Retirees only & only UAL flights. They need monetary donations for equipment. The service is entirely volunteer. If you have used the service and/or would just like to support it, donations can be sent to:  
Travel Desk, United Airlines  
Air Freight Building  
Portland, OR 97218
- Check for availability of flights on other airlines. After they quote you a price, then tell them you are a UAL Retiree. You may get a price break,
- Every chapter reports the same problems. People will not hold office, host or even stay for meetings. Finding places that will serve luncheons for \$18 - \$20 is getting almost impossible.
- Next Convention '06 will be in Washington, D.C. If you will be attending and wish to tour the White House, you must arrange the tour through your local legislator. Do this soon; it may take months to complete the arrangements.

Naomi Tolf's new phone number is (970)249-2004.

Treasurer Oscar Chambers reports that we are still in the BLACK. (Attn. John) Charity fund is filling nicely, but it can always use more.

Joanne Huhn is requesting volunteers for the Charity Fund disbursement committee. Call her if you are interested.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr announced the June Birthdays & Anniversaries. Pat Beery was the winner of the Birthday Lunch.

Thought for the Month:

EXPERIENCE IS SIMPLY A NAME WE GIVE TO OUR MISTAKES.

Calendar:

**Sept. 8** - La Gare – Santa Rosa - Ruth Loy

**Oct. 13** – Matty & Marge Matschinegg

**Nov. 10** - Josef's – Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

**Re-LAX-ers**

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Finally, the accounting & recaps of our many convention tours is winding down, now my desk top is again visible. The result being that I found some notes for inclusion in the Newsletter which should have been in the last issue, I apologize for the delay in conveying the information.

While at the convention we received the sad news of the passing of Ben Visser on May 20. Ben was a mainstay in LAXRR for many years. Excerpts from an email that son Keith Visser sent to Jim Ferrance, said "I would like to thank everyone at UAL for being a part of the Visser family ... I hope everyone can go as peaceful as he did. He finally got his wish to see my mom again." Per Jim, "Ben's United Family loved him very much and will always keep him in a special place in their hearts." Condolences can be sent to The Visser Family, 1440 Kingsmill Av. Rowland Hts., CA 91748-2307

We continue to receive nice comments about the convention from far & wide, including a paragraph in the L.A. Machinists retirement club monthly retiree news/June meeting bulletin – thanks to Prez Ray Ginocchio. Thanks for the comments to one and all.

Travel tidbit – someone at the convention advised me that he (or a friend) was able to get a standby \$25 ticket on Jet Blue. Wrong! FYI – Jet Blue agents at LGB advised me that they have NO interline agreements or arrangements of any kind. I think the person who gave me this info had it confused with the other cheepie – Southwest. If you are not adventurous to try for space on our very full planes & opt for paying full fare – don't overlook Ted's fare which can match or beat the LCC's (low cost carriers) sometimes - especially if you allow time to use the Discount 20 program for UA employees/retirees. Don't forget, SW still doesn't give seat assignments.

More travel – a number of folks regretted not being able to go on the PSP tour with the convention group, or missing some of the other tour attractions. I'm meeting with our tour operator on the 26<sup>th</sup> & will schedule some very nice trips. Stay tuned for PSP after Christmas.

Calendar:

**Aug. 11** - Steak Fry. GREAT get-together, at El Segundo Park. Book soon as you receive notice a/c we are limited to 125 people by the City of El Segundo.

**Oct. 13** - Luncheon. Location t.b.a.

**Dec. 1 (or 8)** – Queen Mary Christmas party. Bring unwrapped new toy.

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We are searching for a restaurant in the Greater San Diego area for our Oktoberfest Meeting, previously referred to as our Halloween Party. Just as soon as a date is set for this event, you will all be notified.

Bill Lindsay is hard at work trying to find a solution to the parking situation for our attendance at our Annual Ballgame at beautiful Petco Park. You will hear from Bill directly on this.

Bob Hastings has been ill & confined to Grossmont Hospital with an intestinal blockage, pneumonia, & a bladder infection. As I write this note, he is responding to the various treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.

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It was a beautiful, sunny day for our June meeting as Joan Brochu & Aubrey Bliss greeted us. Pres. Ralph Trullinger opened the meeting with 135 members & guest present. Treas. Gene Walter, & Membership Secy., Carol Walter, were traveling today so Monte Monson presented the treasure report & Mary Ann Monson welcomed our guests, Max Fontaine & Robert Klein. We were glad to see Zelma & Rosie Rosenthal, who were with us today, visiting from LAS.

June is the month for weddings & anniversaries, we had a bunch of "over 50" anniversaries. They are: Emmett & Mary Landrum – 50 yrs., Don & Mary Hughes – 52 yrs., Frank & Mary Cavaliere – 56 yrs., Wayne & Marilyn Guenther – 57 yrs., and Paul & Lois Munson – 59 yrs. Bill & Doris Livingston topped the list with 69 yrs. We also want to include Elmer & Veronica Errichson who celebrated 55 yrs. in May. Congratulations all!

We also recognized & thanked Bob Sims for printing our local quarterly newsletter at a great savings. You are appreciated Bob. We were sorry to hear that Dodie Dickerson is ill. A "Get Well/Thinking of You" card was sent to her. 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bob Taiclet, announced that our annual picnic would be Sept. 26 at Flood Park. Tickets are \$5. Volunteers are needed. We hope everyone will be able to attend, as this is one of our big events & it's always a lot of fun.

Our Charity Coordinator, Harriet Kunze, thanked everyone for their donations to our monthly charity raffle, but we could use more new, usable items at our next drawing. Start searching your closets & drawers for those little knick-knacks you have never used.

Co-2<sup>nd</sup> VPs Kathy & Tony Hutt announced our program for today, Pianist Tony Braganza playing "Music for Lovers". Great entertainment. We found ourselves singing along or at least humming the tunes of the songs that were played. The Trullingers got up & danced a couple of times & Helen Cain took to the mike & sang a beautiful solo. We had a great time.

Travel info.: Travel Coordinator, Ginger Dahlberg reported if anyone needs a passport for overseas travel 6 months from now, apply as soon as possible. Future passport applications may take longer to process because they will be electronically coded. Fines may be levied if you do not have a newly coded passport.

Ginger is looking for new places to travel. If you have any ideas contact her at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or call her at 650-224-1865.

Betty Garner is also looking for new trips. Her Mexican Riviera trip (Oct. 1 – 11, 2005) is still open but the New Years Mississippi Riverboat Cruise is full. Call Betty at 650 355-4195 or email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com)

Betty Bliss announced the annual "Day at the Races" at Bay Meadows racetrack will be Sept. 15 this year instead of in Oct.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. each month, business meeting 11:30 AM 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.

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Attendance was very good at our June 24 meetings with 49 people. Visitor was Hilary Velaso, UA retiree who worked 30 years at United (Machine Shop), guest of Tony Urso; who had run into him & suggested he come to our meeting. We are hoping he & his wife will become regular members. Visitors were former members Les & Lucille Bourquin visiting from the Southland.

Our chapter has started a way of recognizing those who have contributed a lot over the years, a special award consisting of a plaque & desk set. First recipients were Lee Farrell, who maintains our membership/address lists, & Wilma Sandy for her contribution over the years, first as secretary & now as our invaluable Sunshine Lady. Our thanks & congratulation to them.

A major anniversary this month was that of Claire & Lloyd Eber, who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> on June 3.

The annual picnic was a success - 70 people signed up. Everything went well, the weather was perfect. Our thanks again to Sally & Tony Urso who always do such a great job with the planning & arrangements of this affair. We appreciate their offering to do this for us again next year.

Sad news was the passing of Lee Suit, also that of Fred Parkin. We had a moment of silence for each. Our deepest condolences to their families. A moment of silence too for former member Don Kulas, who recently passed away.

Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose. Breakfast starts 7:00 am, meeting convenes 8:20 am. We welcome all retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

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We enjoyed a lovely summer day at the Oakdale County Club. 51 members & 3 guests attended. Guests who joined are: Jack & Rosie Wall & Robert Groves. WELCOME! Many thanks to our hosts Mel & Eve Oberg & Rich & Lynn Sylvester. Barbara Edkin reported on the Convention & the tours they enjoyed to Catalina Island, a gondola ride, a Liberty Ship, & the Queen Mary. They enjoyed the friendship dinner & the music of the 40's.

The Buddingtons reported on their trip to New England & Cape Cod including Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Rhode Island & Boston. The only hitch was the struggle with a whole lobster! The biggest surprise was the miniscule size of the Plymouth Rock! We have bigger boulders in our backyards! The best surprise was the monument to the Mayflower survivors. Nancy found her ancestor, William White, his wife (not named) & their sons named Resolved & Peregrine.

We welcomed Ruth Dixon back to her home in Mi-Wuk. She is adjusting to the loss of her husband Bill Dixon. Bill was #1 in seniority (1931) for United retirees at the time of his death on Feb. 20. Bill was 95 years old at the time of his passing. A memorial service was held in Cathedral City.

A new e-mail address for David & Elizabeth Palumbo: [david2454@kycos.com](mailto:david2454@kycos.com). New address for Harold McCray: 3420 Shawnee Dr. #407, Modesto, CA 95381.

July 14 was our annual "Buddington Burger Bash" at Pinecrest Lake.

**EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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The East Bay Diablos held their June meeting as our annual picnic at the Pleasant Hill Park with 46 in attendance. The weather cooperated, it was perfect! We had a catered Western barbeque (thanks to Kinders). This was the first year we haven't cooked for ourselves & it was great. The desserts were delicious. Ed Bingle baked his usual UAL/RUAEA cookies; thanks again to Gus Mahler for his ice cream cones!

No new members at this meeting, however it was good to see Yuki Abe, Jake Jacobsen, Sonia Mahler & Manny Griego. Fred & Barbara Brown were back.

We are hoping Len Hales will be coming to our meetings soon - his wife, Jean passed away last month. Marie Klosinski reports that Marion is doing better - cards are most welcome. Hoagie Harguth is recuperating nicely from his knee surgery - we missed him & Marilyn at the picnic.

A personal note about the delay (at times) in the news from our chapter in the Newsletter. Our timing is a little off from the deadline. Many times our meetings are 3 to 4 days after the "due date".

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00. Lunch & business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

Calendar:

**Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14** - Meeting

**Dec. 12** - Annual Christmas party & Toys for Tots collection

## **COLORADO**

### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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Mile Higher's July 6 breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course was attended by 36; reason for so few was that many retirees & families were on vacation. Doug Colbert brought his 10 year old grandson, Mike Smith. Lola Wallace brought her son Dick Wallace visiting from Montana.

3 winners of the 50/50 returned their winnings to the stamp fund. They were: Harriet Ahr, Wayne Greenhill, & Dixie McCay. Thank you folks for your winnings - it is a big help for the newsletter.

Don't forget the pop cans, bring them to the next breakfast on Aug. 3.

Art Carlidge had a bad fall - requiring surgery and a short stay in a care center. He is now at home under Betty's good care. Art sure could use some cheering-up notes/cards. Address - 8088 Raleigh St., Westminster, CO 80030-4312.

Marilyn Punahele (artist) is having her first gallery showing, along with Margueritte Meier (a two woman show) at The Den Gallery, 765 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO - 8/25 through 9/8 from 12 noon to 6:00 PM every day. Please stop by to view her lovely paintings.

Fall luncheon at the Aurora Summit, 2700 S. Havana, Aurora, CO 80014. Sept. 29, Social hour 11:00. Luncheon - 12:00 noon.

Menu:

Salad, Summit Chicken, Dessert - \$14.00

Shrimp Marinara, Dessert - \$10.00

French Dip Sandwich, French Fries, Salad, Dessert - \$17.00

Dessert will be Chocolate Mousse

Lunch will be served at Noon - Please list menu choice on check. Checks payable to RUAEA-Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone (303) 477-2918. Cut off date 9-21-05.

### Calendar:

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

**Sept. 29** – Fall Luncheon - Details in column.

## **FLORIDA**

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On June 23, the Citrus Grouper's met at Frankie's Grill, in Inverness, with 21 members in attendance. I was away for most of the month of June: first to New York. From there we took a trip to Ireland, then back to NY where we attended the Baptism of our great niece. From there we went to Troy, NY, to visit our daughter to see her new home. Finally, back to good old FL. Charlie Wirth, who chaired the meeting in my absence, informed me that Eva Dulan underwent a bypass operation; she is now up and about.

### Calendar:

**Aug. 25** - 11:30 AM at the Pasta Fare, 10401 US Hwy 441, in Belleview.

## **SAND“DABS”**

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21 Sand"DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster on July 8 without any rain. We have had a lot of rain lately, now are keeping a close watch on hurricane Dennis to see what he is up to. We all remember last year's six weeks of horror. Hope we will not have a repeat of that.

Our VP Steve Moddle opened our meeting in the absence of traveling Pres. & Treas. Dick & Frieda Coughlin who were off visiting with family. Emily Veracka was back after attending her granddaughter's dance recital in MA and was there to see her receive a trophy. Such excitement!

The meeting was very interesting as people seemed very talkative today. We learned that Penny, of Omar & Penny Logan, worked in Cargo Reservations at her time with United. Joan Brandonisio brought her watercolor teacher with her who happens to be Elaine Vice. Elaine's husband worked 38 years at United as a Ramp Supervisor. He couldn't be with us as Thurs. are one of his golf days. (Sounds like he plays golf several days a week.) Then some new neighbors of Steve & Lillian Moddle, Frank & Nancy Thomas joined us. Frank gave us a quick round trip of the places he has worked at United as Station Manager. He & his family moved 15 times in his career. He worked in a few places where Nancy said "no thanks" - especially the place where Frank had a full-time body guard. All in all, he had an interesting life & career with United.

We learned that Nita Ritt's husband had an operation on his leg, we trust he is doing well; Bill Russ is recovering from a triple bi-pass operation, is doing well; Andy Kress will be going for a six month's lung check-up & CT scan, hopefully all will be well for him; Bill Lowry is having some heart problems & is scheduled for an electric shock treatment to try to restore a normal heart beat, we wish him well; John Rieck continues to make good progress in his healing; Martha Priehs has not been well.

Our resident photographer Bill Oliver, was busy taking our pictures again. We had plenty of jokes today as Dick left some with Steve & Steve brought some of his own. The senior exercise one with potato sacks was really funny.

Our annual baseball outing was July 26. Everyone purchased their own general admission tickets & met at the JR Statue 6:30 pm & we all sit together at the first base, enjoyed hot dogs, peanuts & each other.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Life is short---so make fun of it.

### Calendar:

**Aug. 4** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

## **THE ORLANDO**

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Pres. Sid Edelman called the meeting to order, approximately 43 were present; which is quite a good turn out for summer.

Pres. Sid announced that the "Take Me Out To Your Favorite Restaurant" has been suspended for the summer as so many of us are on vacation.

Guests present were Angel Montalvo's grandson Ian; Jack Cavner's guest Isabel Bomicter; Richard and Cathy's grandchildren Jennifer Rheame & Duncan Lavigne; Dee Francis's grandson T.J. Francis (who wore a real awesome tee shirt.)

New Business included a call from Marlin Lade to consider Orlando as the city of choice for the 2007 RUAEA convention. It will be considered.

Some discussion took place regarding the pension & insurance changes. We just must be patient & see what happens in the next few months.

### Calendar:

**Sept. 22** - 7:30a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mystery Trip. Deluxe Coach, Lunch & outdoor activity. Cost \$55. Money due before Aug. 1

**Oct.** - 5 day trip to Northern Georgia for Octoberfest, Cabbage Patch Doll factory & much more.

**Nov. 26** - Hudson Florida - Word of Life Production of Christmas in the 40's. Deluxe coach & dinner. Cost \$46.



**Feb. 15-26** - Cruise West Indies on the AMSC Lirica. Cost starting at \$989. If you have an interest in any or all of the trips listed, call Stan Halterman at 407-852-6773.

## **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

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Our breakfast meeting was on July 2, attendance was light for this breakfast. So many of our members are away for the summer & it was also a Holiday Weekend. Those that attended had a good time.

#### **Our Florida News:**

Arlene Walton, wife of Harry Walton (former SW Florida National Director) passed away. A memorial service was held on June 4 at the Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers. Besides her husband, Harry, she is also survived by 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Arlene has been very active in our Chapter. She was our Historian for many years. She will be missed by all who knew her.

**From the Burgs:** Dick & Bob Gainer and their wives, Dee & Joni, along with another United retiree Hal Predovich & his wife Kathy, as well as Bill & Eileen Burg enjoyed the 4th of July at Arlington Park Race Track; the fireworks are spectacular. Jerry & Sandy Pryde completed their first sailing trial of the season "SAFELY". They sailed for several hours on Lake Michigan; returned to the harbor at Racine, WI. It has been so hot in the CHI area a sail on the lake is the best way to cool off.

**From the Dillons:** We took a flight to DCA for my Brothers yearly reunion. It was successful both ways. Lots of passengers but we got on. We visited the Aeronautical and Space museum near IAD. Don't miss it if you are ever in DCA. It was great. On the 15th we will travel to San Clemente, CA for a visit to our Son & Daughter-in-Law. That will be more of a challenge for space on the flights.

**From the Goods:** I went into Lee Memorial Hospital on the 8th of July for a complete right knee replacement.

**From the Gilkisons:** Joan Gilkison has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer & is going for her second session of chemotherapy. It will take about 6 months of treatments. Please keep her in your prayers. While Joan is recuperating Marilyn McNabb will take over as Newsletter Editor. Terry took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Punta Gorda Boat Club Race last month. He is enjoying his new Catalina sail boat.

**From Ray Winterhalter:** Marie Boness & I left on July 6, for CHI to attend the wedding of Marie's grandniece on July 9.

**From the McNabbs:** We recently returned from a 6 week trip to TN and WI. Our granddaughter was married on May 7 in TN. From there we went to WI. The first 10 days were cold, damp, rainy, dreary, foggy & just plain nasty. All that time with no sunshine it reminded us why we moved to FL! By the time the weather started to get nice it was time to leave.

#### **Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of the Month

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

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Hope everyone is having a great summer. As usual, our FL weather is hot & steamy. Want to remind everyone that our meetings will resume on Sept. 6 at 11:30 for lunch at Johnny's. Johnny's has installed a room full of slot machines with which you can win gift certificates at places such as Home Depot, Wal-Mart & Publix. Maybe we can start off the season with a big turnout – come - have some fun after the meeting. Some of us are still waiting for repairs, etc. caused by



the hurricanes of last year. As you will be reading this in the Aug. letter, let's hope we are not in the midst of another busy hurricane year.

Gus Dodenhoff is still recuperating from his illness back in April. Our Pres., Allan Popek, had a hip replacement the end of June & will do the other hip probably in Sept. He has been in pain for some time – so this will be a relief for him. By the time you read this newsletter, I'm sure they will both be ready to party. Don't forget the meeting on Sept. 6 – 11:30 at Johnny's.

## HAWAII

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Sun and Surf greeted the Menehunes for their poi luncheon at the Waikiki Elks Club on June 16; 52 members enjoyed a generous buffet from lomi salmon to haupia & every ono dish in between.

We welcomed 5 new members: Jody Lorey HNLRR, Dewey Conner (Patricia) DENC (but many years at HNLCCG), Warren Wong (Sharon Legacy) HNLMM & Tony Ballesteros HNLSW.

A warm mahalo to our correspondent *emeritis* Rita Seaman and techie husband Duncan for many years of timely updates.

See you all in September.

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There was a terrific turnout at Luquin's Mexican Restaurant in Pahoa last month. The food was just as great as advertised, authentic Mexican. Luquin's is a "must do again." Some of us on the Kona side have been trying to find genuine Mexican family cooking on the west side of the island. I defy anyone to tell us where one is. The five-hour round trip drive to the east side is worth it, honestly.

Tony Meza, retired mechanic, joined our group & became our newest member. Judith White had the winning ticket for the free lunch. Judith also brought in a load of new toys for Pam Jones' "Toys for Tots" campaign. Please keep 'em coming! Some of the white elephant raffle items were wrapped, others not which made it doubly fun. Duke Kennedy returned from the hospital in Hilo mid June. His wife, Alice, said he is recovering well enough to come to our next lunch/meeting on July 21.

We have many other airline (OA) retirees living on the Big Island who have seen our newspaper ads in the "Coming Events" calendar. To qualify for a free ad the newspaper requires "everyone is invited" as part of the text. As a result, we have had the pleasure of guests from British Airways, TWA, American, Continental, Sky West, Aloha, Hawaiian, US Airways, Lockheed, & Papillon (helo). We are having lots of fun with these OA folk. Many of them are regulars & are helping with meetings & activities. The camaraderie is especially welcome during this time in our Company's history.

### Calendar:

**Aug. 18** – Rocky's Pizza, Kailua-Kona (tentative)

## IDAHO

### BOISE GEMS

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The dinner party honoring David & Margrit Robertson was a gala affair, attended by a lively group of Boise GEMS – 40 in all. It took place at Jaker's on June 14 in Boise. The Robertsons were accompanied by their daughter, Sue.

Dave is our most senior senior, & very high on UA's seniority list. He was hired in CHI on April 1, 1936 as a teletype operator. He was transferred to NYC shortly thereafter. From there, he rose through the ranks to become an officer of the

company, serving in such key areas as NYC, CHI, DEN, LAX, LON & ATL. Upon retiring, he was VP, Southeast Region, with home & office in ATL. He & Margrit moved to BOI to be near their children, & currently live in the River Run community in East Boise.

We know Dave as a gentle man, a gentleman's gentleman, a good husband, a good father, grandfather & great grandfather, & a good friend. Declaring that behind every good man is a good woman, Ned Yundt presented Margrit with a bouquet of flowers. Asking if anyone had anything else to add, Al Cox delivered his accolades. He was followed by John Kerr who confirmed that Dave is highly respected by all those who knew him.

Cards, letters & emails from well-wishers, collected beforehand, were given to Dave. Margrit tells us that Dave has read them all at least twice, & intends acknowledging the thoughtful messages from such dear friends as Percy Wood, Alan Wayne, Jay & Peggy Mittelstead, Howard Putnam, Gini Riley, Dick Post, Ed Beamish, Frank Murdock, Betty Lowry, Maury Major, Wayne Sableman, Ed Clay, Bill Looney & Chuck West. Ed Clay tried desperately to get to BOI for the event, but his flight canceled a/c mechanical at LAX.

Our regular meeting schedule has been disrupted by the holidays. JB's is so busy on those days that they can't accommodate us. So, our July 4 meeting became a potluck Independence Day afternoon at Ned's home, with some of the best food anywhere. 21 GEMS attended. (Wilma Schell, not a morning person, came in her nightclothes, but changed to summer attire upon arrival). Next event was a memorial pot-luck picnic on the afternoon of July 23. For Aug. 1, we'll be back at JB's for the usual breakfast meeting. We've just received the good news that Marline Lade and Tom Goodyear will join us at that meeting. On Sept. 5, it'll be a potluck mid-day gathering at the Chuck & Carol Ryerses home in Emmett. We'll do our best to notify everyone of the changes. Mark your calendars: On Oct. 18, the GEMS will meet at the Sandbar River House Restaurant in Marsing for dinner at 6 p.m.

This year, Bud & Pat Peters again volunteered to help with the annual Multiple Sclerosis Society's Boise Walk -- even more successful than last year. Upwards of 850 walkers participated, almost doubling last year's turnout. Pledges exceeded \$100,000, up from \$82,000 last year. Bud has since been to STL where he completed arrangements for his mother to move to a nice assisted-living facility. Returning, he & Pat drove to the Sierra Nevadas for Pat's annual get-together with her three high school buddies of 47 years.

Our chapter has a number of members volunteering at the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa, ID. Roni Adams, a member of the National Organization of Clipped Wings, is donating a collection UA service pins to be put on display with other UA memorabilia. She is presently preparing a placard to explain what each of the pins represents, but *can find nobody who knows when the program started*. Is there anybody out there in retiree-land who knows in what year the program was inaugurated? If so, please respond to the email address given above. Coincidentally, the Warhawk this spring received a grant from the John F. Nagel Foundation. That made funds available for the purchase of a portable tour-guide system, which includes the recorded contents of the UA history display.

Marlene Croghan, a seasoned traveler, flew to Tucson to see her granddaughter Josephine graduate from high school, & to see her son & family. She paid her own way this time, & was glad she did. The flights were full both ways. Dave Adams, driving a tour bus for Harmon Travel, took a group on a Canyonlands Tour. That was followed by a motor home trip with his wife Carol & her mother.

In previous Newsletter columns, I've mentioned a retired F/O "Bill Smith" several times. He's the person who has been giving us valuable security and personal safety tips at our regular meetings. Why, I can't get his name right, I don't know. Senility, I guess. His real name is **Bill Jones**. My apologies to Smiths & Joneses everywhere.

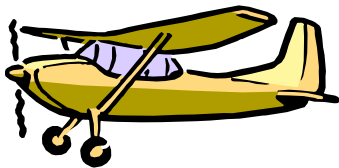
#### Calendar:

**Aug. 1** - 9 a.m. breakfast at J.B's in Meridian.

**Sept. 5** - Noon Potluck at the Ryerses home in Emmett.

**Oct. 3** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

**Oct. 18** - 6 p.m. Dinner at the Sandbar in Marsing.



## ILLINOIS

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Northsiders once again had a great turnout for breakfast in June. Mort Wax introduced Ed Tolle, who represents RUAEA at Chicago Headquarters. He spoke on the desire of United officers for United's name to be more prominent & to inter-twine United's name with Chicago as the Home Town Airline. They feel that a crucial part in making this happen would be accomplished by retirees & current employees volunteering for various community events & services. E-mail addresses were collected as the first step in getting information to retirees & establishing contacts.

Carol Faust had everyone at the June breakfast get-together join in with her in singing *Happy Birthday* to Rich Surma who, once again, celebrated his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on that day. Rich brought cupcakes and cookies for passing around.

There were 4 newcomers to breakfast: Nancy Pfannkuche who retired from CHIRR; Ann Whitney who retired as Maintenance Analyst (WHQFM); LaVaughn Greenwalt from CHIRR & Mary Parry who retired after 26 years from Accounting (EXOAX). It was nice to know that these newcomers are already members of RUAEA. Remember that if you know of any retiree who is not a member of RUAEA, try to have them join. Mailing information is located on the back cover of your monthly newsletter.

Its time to once again celebrate the Annual Midway Days. Come & celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Guys and Gals Midway Days on Sept. 28. Everyone is invited; family & friends are welcomed. The occasion is planned at Manzo's, located at 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines IL. Flyers will be mailed in Aug. to past attendees. If your address has changed or you never received a flyer & would like to join in, call Marge Daily (847) 439-1441 for your reservation.

I received a call from Carol Wisinski who wants us to know that Angie Wauun has moved in with her son & daughter-in-law. Angie's new address is 4515 Johnson Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558, phone (708) 246-4997. Angie is feeling well & just wanted to be around family. She enjoys being the Sunshine Lady & will continue to send cards & letters of well wishes. She said that she could not attend the Hawaiian Luncheon due to cataract surgery.

In June our retirees joined with the United employees, families & friends to demonstrate their commitment to the community by volunteering at an all day event making Chicago a better place to live. These volunteers painted classrooms, hallways, & lockers at Ft. Dearborn School. Outside a USA map was painted on the playground. Funds for this program were raised from business corporations who sponsored this & other volunteer programs of "**Chicago Cares**" throughout the year. The day concluded with a '*Thank You Party*' that was held at Soldiers Field for the volunteers. We all enjoyed the day and felt good after we relaxed on the bus back to World Headquarters that afternoon.

Ron Pryor reported that 15 volunteers went to the April 2005 National Restaurant Show in CHI to solicit food donations for the Greater Food Depository. Over 200,000 pounds of various foods were donated, such as sausages, vegetables, pastas, rice & any imaginable food that is served in restaurants. A day really enjoyed by all.

I received the following email from Amy Labandelo of Corporate Social Investment- World Headquarters: I'm pleased to advise you of a volunteer opportunity to help the young patients served by Children's Memorial Hospital, & promote goodwill in the community for United.

As a Gold Sponsor of Children's Memorial Hospital, United has been invited to provide volunteer support for Eric & Kathy's 36 hour Radiothon. The radiothon will be broadcast live on 101.9 FM **THE MIX**, & is the single largest fundraiser for the hospital. This year's fundraising goal is \$1.5 million. We have two shifts to fill, Aug. 13 from 10am to 1pm & Aug. 12 from 7pm to 10pm. The radiothon will take place at the hospital's Siragusa Lobby. Children's Memorial Hospital is located at 2300 Children's Plaza in Chicago near Lincoln & Fullerton. Transportation is up to you, but complimentary parking will be available. Volunteers will be asked to be part of the live radio broadcast, answer calls & record pledges from **THE MIX** listeners, hear compelling patient stories providing hope & healing.

They are hoping to confirm at least 15 volunteers from United. If you are interested & can help in this worthy cause and learn more about this opportunity or wish to reserve your seat as volunteer, please e-mail me, Amy, at (847) 700-5709 at your earliest. Come with some, or bring a friend.

### Calendar:

**Aug 10** – Enjoy breakfast with friends at the monthly gathering of the Northsiders Group at 9:00 a.m. at Artemis Restaurant at Golf & Busse Rd. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

**Aug 30** - Southsiders Group for Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

**Sep 21** - Loop Group at the French Quarters restaurant in the Palmer House

**Sep 28** - Midway Guys & Girls Annual Luncheon at Manzo Banquets in Des Plaines, IL.

## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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Believe it or not...I did remember to write the June newsletter but for some reason, my attachment didn't work. So, the first part of this letter is for June & the next part is for July.

First things first...if you were looking for last month's newsletter from the Indy Racers & could not find it, that's because I did not write one. In May I celebrated another birthday, the gift I received was a short & long term memory loss! One of my favorite shirts says it all...'I'm confused...wait...maybe I'm not'. That pretty much sums up my life of late. I'll try to do better, if I can remember!

United Airlines Retirees Annual Golf Tournament took place May 1-4 at the Oasis Resort and Casino in Mesquite, NV. Warren Allen & Gail McConnaughey, attended -- had a great time. If you're a golfer, you might want to consider attending next year.

July 9, instead of our usual monthly meeting at the Paragon Restaurant, we had our first yearly "all adult" picnic at Swinford Park in Plainfield from 11AM till dusk. It's a beautiful park. We had lots of food & fun. Hamburgers & brats were grilled from 1PM – 3PM; the meat was provided by the chapter. Those attending brought a side dish or dessert. Although ice-cold beer sounds great, **no alcoholic** beverages are allowed ... park rules! Soft drinks were provided.

### Calendar:

We hope to see you at the Aug. 13 & Sept. 10 meetings held at the Paragon Restaurant, 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis from 2:00 – 4:00.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters chose a different venue for the June meeting. Instead of a luncheon, 36 members attended the stage production of Fame. Members enjoyed the show & some got together for lunch afterward.

The Chicago Business News had an article by Glenn Tilton, stating that a pension reduction for the high wage earning upper management would hurt more than a 50% pension cut for the rank & file worker. Well, our own Lynn O'Hare wrote a worthy & very direct letter to the editor. She point out upper management's attitude towards its employees and customers. Take care of these two groups & the bottom line will take care of itself. I wish all RUAEA retirees could read her letter. Great going Lynn.

Fred & Ann Parks will celebrate their 50th anniversary, by taking themselves, children & grand children on a seven day cruise to Bermuda. Way to go, have a good time.

Mercedes Hersom is selling her much loved lake front home in Maine & planning a move to southern NH. Hopefully, we will see her more often at meetings. Currently however, she is taking care of an abandon family of wild 4 legged creatures.

Frank & Janet DeStefano's son Chris adopted a Guatemalan baby, making them first time grandparents.

Richard Woodworth had a stroke on June 23. He spent a week recuperating in a rehabilitation facility. He has returned home, but will have by-pass surgery late in July. Send cards & letters to: 3 Moes Way, Lyman, ME 04022. Get better Dick, we want you back at our meetings.

\*\*\*\*Imagination is everything. It's the preview of life's coming attractions.\*\*\*\*

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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19 Escapees met at Claddagh Irish Pub hosted by Loralie Kennedy. It was the Escapees' 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, all attending received a present of an 'Instant Lotto Ticket.' We had a couple \$1.00 & one \$2.00 winner, however, Uncle Sam was the biggest winner, as always ... We welcomed new retiree Kathy Franz who was so happy to be one of us, plus special guest Helen Venn, Joanna O'Briens mom.

Jim Simon of the Loonies called to advise that I was misinformed about the Loonies next meeting in Oct. I think I will just be quiet until I get a chance to check it all out so I won't be giving out any more wrong information. Stay tuned.

Charm Nicole is once again asking for your support & mostly your prayers. She has learned her cancer has returned after 2½ years being cancer free, and she remembers how helpful your prayers were the first time around.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or email.

## MINNESOTA

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We welcomed 3 visitors, friends of Nel Brawner, to our June lunch, in addition to the 34 members attending. The snowbirds have flown back north; we're happy to see them again. Now if we could just get some of the "twice-a-year" contingent to show up a little more often...

Ethel & Bob Johnson reported on the Hollywood convention. The proximity of the hotel to all the entertainment world celebrity activities was a real plus; they had a great time. Era & Bill Hoffmeyer also attended; although they were unable to come to our June get-together, Era sent a note describing some of the activities & information they got from the presenters regarding how retirees will be impacted by the ongoing Company problems.

The representative from Humana Insurance gave a presentation to the group. Humana is a fee-for-service company, they also administer Medicare for their subscribers. They would like to represent all the UAL retirees who are eligible for Medicare & provide a low-cost supplemental package that is better than we're now being offered by Medco (Blue Cross of IL). He gave us much to think about; hopefully he was able to contact our RUAEA powers-that-be to negotiate something beneficial for all of us.

The Northern Lites who attended the Northwood Loonies semi-annual gathering were once again not disappointed by the time spent in Mackinaw City, MI. As usual, a good time was had by all with good food, conversation, & activities. Rich & Connie Glattly did make history by bringing along the "kids" – 11 Wood Duck eggs that had been abandoned by their Mom which they were incubating in a 5-gallon pail in their room. Unfortunately, it seems that the eggs had been exposed to the elements too long before they were rescued by the Glattlys, the incubation experiment was a bust.

#### Calendar:

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

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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The meeting was started by Pres. Zelma Kibler with 51 persons in attendance; she introduced the invited speaker, RUAEA Director Mountain Region, Tom Goodyear & his wife Nancy; 2 new members introduce themselves: Edward J. Marshall, JFKFF & Kathie Park LASSW.

Alex & Susie Gaines brought guests Frank & Claudette Bethea.

Tom Goodyear's speech was a friendly description of his life with UAL & how he became director of RUAEA. He is very involved with the United Airlines Historical Foundation, in DEN. He asks if any of us has an item that would be of interest to the history of United that could be placed in the museum to contact him.

**Wanted: Airline Artifacts & Memorabilia. United Airlines Historical Foundation Attention: Tom Goodyear, 7401 East Martin Luther King Blvd. Denver, CO 80207. Questions? Leave message at (303) 780-5537.**

He stressed that it is the DEN location; the one in CHI is closing.

Tom also told us if we need flight information to contact the:

**United Airlines Retirees Travel Desk in PDX, OR (503) 249-4142/4143 or 1 (800) 278-7038 Mon., Wed. & Fri. from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Pacific time.**

**For Flight schedules, flight listing & travel information, or write United Airlines, Airfreight Building, Portland, OR 97218.**

**The SEA Travel Desk, (206) 433-4218, Mon. through Thurs. from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. Pacific Time.**

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 9 - 11:30 am.** The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109, Phone # (702) 733-8901

**Oct. 11 & Dec. 10 - 11:30 am - Meetings are catered events; please contact me for more information.**

### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury balance as of June 20 is \$622.56. Please send renewal dues to Mary Withers or me. There were 32 members in attendance. Pat Zoboli sent a "Thinking of you" card to Gladys in WI & Ernie Bacheller in Carson City.

Regarding the Aug. 18 picnic, the invitation has gone out this month to the SMF Gold Diggers to join us. Duncan Scaife kindly offered to be our chef this year. He will get the meat & rolls. Mary Withers will provide the condiments. Also, as a reminder, the Christmas luncheon has been changed to Mon., Dec. 12 at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.

RUAEA Convention News: Be sure to complete any paperwork that the PBG sends you – regardless of the date of your retirement; the PBG will not deduct anything other than federal taxes from their payment to you. Medical bills will now have to be paid separately. A few brochures from the PBG were handed out, as well as some cards with the SEA Travel Desk.

Does anyone know Jay Brooker or how to reach him? An old working partner – Bud Brown – is looking to contact him. If you do, let me know, I will contact Bud.

#### Calendar:

Meeting - Aug. 18, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 & Dec. 12 Christmas Luncheon. Location remains the Red Lobster on S. Virginia St. - 11:30 A.M.

## **NEW JERSEY**

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Pres. Richard Confer opened the 6/29 meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, a moment of silence was held for Building and Maintenance Mechanic Keith Olsen who passed away this month. Two new members attended, Walter Golubiesk & Thomas Grogan; 80 retirees and spouses attended.

Last month was the RUAEA convention; George Wittman reported that RUAEA has 11,992 members & there are 37,000 United Airlines retirees. There is a retirees travel desk at PDX and SEA that gives you access to flight schedules, listings & travel information. Both sites are looking for donations. Many of the chapters are having their Holiday parties in the evening. Next year the convention is being held in Washington D.C. at the Marriott in Alexandria.

There are new application forms for joining RUAEA.

Everyone should have received a letter from PBGC & a form to fill out for the pension plan. If you have Electronic Deposit it will be automatically continued, PBGC will not take out any medical insurance, it can be automatically deducted from checking account or savings account or you can send in a check.

Secy. Violet Etler reported on the Correspondents meeting, there are 53 chapters. Also other chapters reported that they have greeters at the meetings to help the new members & speakers.

John Murphy gave the treasurer report. The golf outing was cancelled because of the lack of golfers attending. John also reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cause for Dinner", a Flight 93 benefit for erecting a monument in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, dedicated to the crew of flight 93. This is sponsored by the flight attendants.

Nominating Committee for the officers of 2006, George Wittmann, Gordan Keister & Fred Landsburg.

#### **Calendar:**

**Aug. 31** - Meeting will be the annual picnic.

## **NEW YORK**

### **GUYS AND DOLLS**

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On June 7 there were 22 members present for lunch at San Martin. Pres. Marge Segal announced that our chapter had 9 members in attendance at the LAX convention - the most ever. We were informed of the number of new members now belonging to RUAEA. It's good news to see how much the organization has grown.

The Travel Desk in PDX is a wonderful addition to RUAEA. We are looking forward to the expansion of it with an 800 number for our convenience.

Audrey Smolik just returned from Italy - she spent 2 weeks in her favorite spot - Santa Margherita. Betty Williams & husband attended "Golf School" in PHX - Now they've got the bug to be Pros!

#### **Calendar:**

**Aug. 2** - Luncheon at San Martin - 12 Noon. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

### **NEW YORK METROS**

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The inclement weather didn't dull the spirits of 61 members & guests at our annual picnic at Wantagh Park. As usual, the chapter booked the covered pavilion, to protect members from the extreme elements. Thank Goodness!



Paul Cohen, & Charlie Kaczinski, along with their apprentice Al Vernillo, did an excellent job of organizing the picnic. Coffee & donuts for the early birds. Several women went even further & baked more goodies. Ann Maertz baked her whiskey cake. Eleanor LoCastro baked a delicious marble cake. Diane Talochino had a tray of brownies, which were mouth watering, Gerri Rizzo spent all day baking cookies to die for. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

Although the picnic is an informal meeting we had a moment of silence for the passing of Jack Dowling. Before retiring Jack was a maintenance supervisor at JFK. He started working for United Airlines after his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946. The New York Metros sent their deepest sympathy to Tom & young Jack and Debbie on the loss of their father.

Condolences to the Boyko family on the passing of George, Another United LGAMM retiree.

Calendar:

**Aug. 3** - 12 Noon Antuns in Hicksville, NY

**Sept. 7** - 12 Noon Antuns in Hicksville, NY

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July 13 our Annual Picnic was held at Albion Woods in the Mill Stream Run Reservation located in Strongsville. Dolly & John Taucher hosted this Annual event. Thank you both.

Event packets were handed out at the July picnic. Packets will be sent by mail if you were not present. If you do not receive a packet, please notify an officer ASAP. The only way you will not receive a packet is if your annual dues are not paid, or we do not have a current address. If a packet is not delivered by mail due to an incorrect address the packet will be sent back to Carol Hacker's address.

I talked to Tom LeMasters, he said Bud is ok & is receiving rehabilitation at a nursing facility following surgery. If you would like to send a card, his address is: Inn of Medina, 100 High Point Dr. Medina, OH 44256

Please continue to keep Mark Gatesman & Bud LeMasters & their families in your prayers.

Calendar:

**Sept. 7** - SWEETWATER LANDING. Pre-paid. Seating 100

**Oct. 7** - Athens County Paul Bunyan Bus Trip, pre-paid. Limit 50.

**Nov. 2** - Catered Luncheon at Bain Park Cabin. Pre-paid.

**Dec. 7** - Coppertop Restaurant Christmas Party. Pre-paid.

**OREGON**

**OREGON DEW-ERS**

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Dave Smith came back from the convention with a lot of information about the forthcoming changes in our retirement & insurance payments that he shared with those at the June meeting. There was also a handout explaining the purposes of RUAEA, guest speaker, benefit meeting notes and explanation of PBGC.

Welcome to our newest member Gary Simpson, PDXOO.

David (SFOFS) & Esther Walkinshaw died in June three days apart. They had been married for over 60 years; however they both had been in ill health for several months. Denver was the last convention they attended. This is a sad time for their families; we extend our condolences to them.

Our "Cycle Oregon" biker (1993) Bob Bills fell off his bike near his home & broke his hip. He required surgery; now has a titanium pin from his knee to hip. Beverly Markland is recuperating from shingles.

Our speaker in Oct. will be Al Haynes, the captain of UAL FL 232 that crashed in Iowa. He has addressed our group before & we are fortunate that he has agreed to come again.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please us 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

Calendar:

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

**Aug. 10** - Social

**Sept. 14** - Social

**Oct. 12** - Al Haynes

**OUR CLUB**

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Our thanks to Elaine & Jim Ellis for hosting a very informative quarterly luncheon meeting at J.J. North in Grants Pass on June 3 with 32 members in attendance. Pres. Robert Machado welcomed our newest members: Ken & Linette Trout(SFOMM), Carol & Joseph Bango(SFOMM). Also welcomed were visiting guests Denise & Mortly Farian.

Guest speakers Elaine Friend & Diane DeLa Grange gave us a presentation from Healthnet Insurance. Healthnet is a Medicare supplement. It is an alternative plan available in our area and much cheaper than our present United plan.

All members are in good health & looking forward to a great summer.

We send invitations to any RUAEA members or retirees coming through this area to join us for our monthly luncheons.

*The following report was submitted by Robert Machado, 1616 W. Harbeck Rd., Grants Pass, Or. 97527*

Southern Oregon & Northern California

Our Club, is happy to submit our local news & update. We hope other new retirees in the valley will look us up!

We have our quarterly meetings on the first Fri. of the month at 12:00 noon. There are close to 50 members who are very active. Our June quarterly meeting, hosted by Jim & Elaine Ellis, was held at JJ Norths in Grants Pass. We had a guest speaker from Health Net- (Post Medicare) speak. It was very informative & valuable to those over 65 looking to reduce their medical insurance costs. Our speaker, Elma Friend, was so gracious & donated a large quantity of toothbrushes to the local "Women's Crisis Center, one of the charities we support. We also had guests Ken & Lennette Trout and Marty & Denise Farian. It was great having Ken & Lennette as they have lived in Grants Pass for many years & didn't know we had a chapter in the area. Barbara Hickox saw their name in the local newspaper & contacted them. Barbara is very active in keeping people informed about us.

The next formal meeting will be hosted by Jim & Jane Frincke. We have a catered barbecue planned which will be held in Tom Pearce Park, Grants pass, OR on Sept. 8, at 12:00 noon. Thanks to Yvonne Vigil for the suggestion. The Dec. meeting will be held on Dec. 2, at the Grants Pass Golf club.

For those interested, we have a very casual group in Grants Pass that has lunch on the other months, at the same time of the month. Everyone is invited to attend these also. We have fun!

Calendar:

**Aug.** - TBA hosted by Johnny and Frankie Brown.

**Sept. 8** - Details in column.

**Dec. 12** - Grants Pass Golf Club.

Please join us if you can- call 541-479-6076 for additional information.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

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Our June 13 meeting was the final one for the summer. 43 retirees braved the 93-degree heat & enjoyed a real picnic by the pool.

Pres. Joe Brad gave the invocation before lunch. Joe then talked about the convention. He announced that next year's convention will be in Washington DC. This will be within driving distance for many from this area. Hopefully more will be able to attend. Joe also discussed the 800 number for retirees being manned by UA volunteers in PDX & SEA.

We collected items to be sent to our troops in Iraq & Afghanistan. This fall we will again bring items (that will stand up in the heat) to be sent overseas. Joe obtained names of several service men stationed in the war zone.

Our gracious winner of the 50/50 donated all of it back to our treasury for our 2005 Christmas party! Class act, thanks Bob.

Speaker was Linda Anderson, JD.ILN, LL.MCELA. Linda is the principal attorney for Elder Law & one of only 30 certified in the state of PA. She made a very good case for having a Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney & Health Care Power Of Attorney. Linda was an interesting & informative speaker. Frank Eggles pulled the numbers & awarded checks to the winners of the 1/20 club.

The weather cooperated for our committee-meeting picnic at the Edwards. Pres. Joe Brad offered grace, then "Chef" AL Edwards did the barbeque honors of chicken & ribs. After the feast, we made plans for resuming meetings in the fall.

Joe advised us that we were able to fill 3 large size boxes that he mailed to soldiers in Iraq & Afghanistan. We voted to continue bringing toiletries, international phone cards & heat resistant goodies to mail overseas.

A vote was taken, & passed, to raise the dues for 2006. We have not changed the amount of dues since the inception of the chapter.

We tried to come up with some ideas for activities for the coming year. A local cruise was suggested also possibly another trip to Longwood Gardens. Each week there is a free concert held outdoors in Rosetree Park in Media. We heard that one of our PHLCS retirees, Bill Carroll, will be performing, so we plan to get-together to hear him play.

LAX convention received rave reviews on the entertainment from those who attended. We discussed possibilities for next year in DC.

Please keep Steve King & Norm Donkin in your thoughts & prayers.

Have a safe summer everyone. See you in Sept.

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 12.** - General Meeting - 1:00 PM Ramada Inn.

#### **PITTSBURGH** **PIT-STOPPERS**

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What a wonderful month of great weather. Hopefully you all had a great 4th of July.

We Pit Stoppers had our annual picnic on July 15, since our "news" is due in DEN by July 6. I will recap the picnic next month.

It was great hearing from a couple of "names out of the past". Heard from Terry Heilman, former PIT supervisor & many other stations, also Grant "Charlie West" Strickland. Nice to keep in touch. Another good reason to join RUAEA.

Patti Ellis thanks all of her good wishers for their prayers & e-mails. Irish is visiting with daughter Mary Jo in SFO. Carl Chiocchi is scheduled for double by pass surgery this month. Our thoughts & prayers are with you "Duke". Our good friend & former correspondent Joann Schneider is recuperating in Friendship Ridge Nursing Home. Cards can be sent c/o Friendship Ridge, Dutch Ridge Road, Beaver, PA 15001. Jo has really had a streak of bad luck. Our condolences to the family of Al Johns. Al recently passed away after suffering a fall. Al was a RSM in PIT & DEN. Nicole Varrenti Redlinger & hubby Andy hosted a surprise birthday party for mom Lois (we won't say how many candles). The theme was a luau complete with leis and good food.

Out of towners included Mac Crampton, Tip & Collete Airey also the Pineapple Princess Anita Pawlack.

Lois was especially thrilled with a photo of little Emma running a vacuum cleaner & sporting a T-shirt that read "I love to clean", a chip off the OLE block. The highlight of the evening was a viewing of Andy's sports room. What a talented young man, he's a keeper. Nicole, Lois's mom Emma looked great, almost expected her to charm us with an Irish jig.

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 23** - Ball game - Wild things - Get your reservations in early

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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June 16 was "Breakfast at Shoney's" time, 13 of us stoked up before continuing our day in the West Knoxville area or beyond. It's always a good way to compare notes as to what is happening with UAL in terms of pensions, insurance, jet fuel prices & our individual takes on the overall outlook for the months ahead. We often have more questions than answers, but that's the changing nature of the airline industry in these unsettled times.

The Adkins were the only convention attendees from our chapter, unfortunately. Cecil gives the recent convention in LAX high marks for accommodations, service, tours . . . the whole bit. It was obviously another job well done. Our hats are off to all those involved in putting it together.

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 18** – 10 am EDT, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**Sept. 15** - 11:30 am CDT, picnic/meeting to be hosted by Cal & Maxine Anthony (931 484-0036) in Fairfield Glade. Details to be announced.

**Oct. 20** - 10 am EDT, breakfast at Shoney's

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On June 15, 21 chpt. members met for a "friendship" potluck at Centerville Island View Park. The company was good; food was delicious & no one went home hungry. We would like to extend our thanks to Grant Beutler & Dale Street for offering their "chef" services. Also thanks to Chpt. VP Betty Davis & Lila Maughan for their work of preparing the tables & handling the varied menu selection prior to the picnic.

Big applause was given to Editor/Photog Art Scott who has so ably handled our local newsletter! It has given us news about our chpt. members & kept us united for the past 20 years! Thanks, Art!

We were glad to see Edith Paul; Kiyoko Olsen & friend Sam; Frank Ayrton; Bud/Beverly Farrington; Bob Faydock; Tony Brown. Carl & Lorraine Olson were first-timers to our meeting; we hope they will join us more often. Welcome, Carl & Lorraine!

We missed our regulars: Doug Roberts; Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine & their son-in-law Clair Anderson & wife Judy. Also missed were Chpt. Treas. Bill/Shirley Ottman who are, presently, spending some time at their St. George, UT vacation home where Shirley is very nicely recuperating from her recent operation.

Chpt. Pres. Pete Loyola reminded us to come up with a candidate name for Pres. as he will resign in Aug. He has well served the group for the past 4 years. Thank you, Pete!

For the Sugar House Park Aug. picnic it was decided to change the get-together from "catered" to "potluck", therefore, please call Betty Davis [801-562-0216] or Lila Maughan [801-254-7213] for menu selection.

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 17** - Picnic - 5pm (\$11) - Sugar House Pk., "Terrace Lake" pavilion, SLC;

**Sept. 21** - Lunch 2pm (\$6) - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

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Our bi-monthly gathering on June 14 was a cruise on the Virginia Dare at Smith Mountain Lake. It was the hottest day this year, in the 90s. The cruise was 2 hours long with narration about the area by the Captain. Many small islands were in the lake where you can pull a boat up on the beach, picnic & swim. Our lunch on the Virginia Dare was very good, as was the service.

We had 16, counting guests of Bob & Eileen Brittan. John Rice also had a guest with him. We always welcome the guests to our outings. After we docked, Bob Carter gave us an update on the Hollywood Convention. At the business meeting he gave us what the latest was on the pensions for retirees to date. Bob took questions about the meeting & informed us what was said.

Being as hot as it was, we got the car air conditioning going as soon as we could, hurried home to inside air conditioning but all in all it was a pleasant day on the lake.

There were a few of our members unable to attend due to physical problems. We wish them well & are looking forward to seeing them at the next meeting which will be announced soon when our world traveler, John Rice, returns from China.

Many thanks to Pres. Gene Calvert who provided this month's write-up for the Newsletter in my absence. I do appreciate his help.

#### **Calendar:**

**Aug.** - Meeting to be announced.

## **WASHINGTON**

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Laney Wilson hosted our July dinner, (thank you Laney). It was held at the Harvester in Spangle, WA on July 10 at 4:30 in the afternoon. Everyone in attendance had a great time as always, visiting & getting caught up on the latest.

Myrtle & Ken Stoop, whom we hadn't seen in a long while due to Myrtle being under the weather were at the Ramada dinner in June. Myrtle had a total knee replacement on July 14. Ken has recovered nicely from his prostrate cancer ordeal.

Wes & Laura Nearing living in Princeton, ID joined us in July. They have a long drive on a two-lane highway but it is a safe drive when roads are bare & dry. They don't make it very often in the winter. Wes has been in the hospital in Moscow, ID once or twice in the past year due to his heart health, but is doing fine. It is a constant vigil for all of us to stay healthy.

Bill & Lois Stookey of Hayden Lake, ID are still recovering from their auto accident & haven't been able to attend for the last several months. We hope they are well enough to join us very soon.

It was nice to see Jim & Dorothy Jones. Jim still works on Sat., they usually attend the dinner when we have it on Sun.

Laney Wilson contacted one of our newest "want to be members", Mr. & Mrs. Ed Espicha who reside in Coeur d'Alene, ID. They were going to be visiting friends & family in CA, which is where they used to live. They do want to remain on the call list & hope to meet all of us in the near future.

Nadine Logsdon Bogart plans on seeing us at the Harvester. It is a pleasant drive for her to get to Spangle from Walla Walla. It's always a special treat getting to visit with Nadine. She is such a positive person & a real joy to talk with.

For those of you that didn't happen to see the obituary in the newspaper, one of our old timers from GEGOZ passed away in June. Del Chinn was not a member of our group but was a good friend to all that knew him. There were no

services held for Del locally but we have made a special request of him to hold a place in heaven for the rest of us. We are all hoping that it is much later than sooner, however, Del would have enjoyed the humor of the request.

We are pleased to have Leslie Lathrop as our newest paid up member! Everyone that travels remembers Leslie as a superb gate agent at GEG. She always was helpful, always had a smile & a good word. She has been Mrs. Santa for the Fantasy Flights in Spokane for many years. I'm sure she will continue to work with the Fantasy Flight in the future. The dinner at the Ramada was her first appearance at a retiree function. She has been retired since Nov. 04. We look forward to seeing more of her & George at upcoming events. Leslie & George live in Cheney, WA, which is near the airport at GEG.

Cheney by the way is home of Eastern Washington State University (EWSU), which is also the home of the Eagles. EWSU has grown leaps & bounds in the past few years & beginning in 2005 it will have the 1<sup>st</sup> complete 4-year degree in forensic pathology. It also happens that our granddaughter has a scholarship to attend. It would not be a career that most of us would enjoy, but it is good that it is a choice for others as that type of profession is essential. As most of you have seen on the national news, we are close to the tragedy of Shasta & Dylan Groene. They have found Shasta (age 8) alive & have arrested her perpetrator, however they are searching for the body of her brother Dylan (age 9); forensic pathology is an integral part of putting the right people behind bars.

Pauline Miller is doing well after her knee surgery. The therapy is the tough part but she always has been a positive "I can do it" kind of lady, so naturally she has been pleasantly active in her recovery.

Frank & Willie Storey are keeping busy this summer, with golf and swimming in their back yard pool. You all know that kind of that stressful living is so hard to take! Considering the age of most of us, the "older that dirt" generation so the saying goes. The alternative is not good either so here is to "older is great" for every one of our retirees.

The doctor just told me the good news that I have another date with him on July 19 for surgery in my left eye. This time he is doing an Argon Iridoplasty, which is different than what he did to the right eye. The good news is that he is going to re-do the right eye with this procedure next month. He tells me my glaucoma is not a serious problem for me, however it seems to be keeping Medicare with not a lot of help from Blue Cross very busy.

We missed Les & Vera Graham at the June dinner. It also included Pauline Miller and Warren & Fran Smith on the missing in action list. Les celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in June & he took all of the above mentioned with him. He definitely does not look or act like an 80 year old is supposed to, according to the tabloids. Happy Birthday, Les, from all of us - we wish you many more.

George & Glad Press will be moving to Noonan, GA early next year, when the home they are building there is completed. In June their daughter Dana made them proud grandparents again. This is Dana's first baby, a boy. When the new grandparents are exhausted from spoiling their newest grandbaby, they are headed to Newfoundland for the summer. They will return the end of Sept. after stopping in CHI & ATL to again spoil grandbabies. They should be back in Spokane in Oct. & will join us until they depart in the spring. George has a new toy, an airplane that really flies.

That reminds me that Bob Clark also has a new toy that flies. Edie tells us that now they fly to small towns in the surrounding area for lunch. Retirement really is boring. Bob & George had plenty to talk about at the June dinner.

Dutch & Peg Wagner called when they were in town for their granddaughter's graduation. Dutch has had knee surgery & Peg has been under the weather but they send their best to everyone in GEG.

Aug. 13 will be our summer picnic. Bob & Edie Clark will be hosting it at their home on the beautiful Pend O'reille River in Ione, WA. It is approximately 85 miles from Spokane. For those of us who were there last year, we shouldn't need directions, however for those of you that weren't, directions will be provided. Bob & Edie will be calling you with the time, directions, etc.

**If you are a paid up member of the Spokane Lilac City Flyers, this event is being paid for from our membership fund. Bob & Edie will get the goodies & share their beautiful home & yard to have our potluck. They will be reimbursed from our fund for all expenses incurred. Members are not asked to not "bring a thing". If your membership is not current, you can pay on the day of the picnic, Aug. 13. I am asking all retirees to be thinking of volunteering for hosting Sept., Oct., Nov. & our Dec. Christmas Party. Everyone needs to do their part.**

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Convention 2005 got off to a rousing start in Los Angeles on May 22 and ran the entire week until Memorial Day. Over 800 retirees came from around the nation to stay at the beautiful Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood. There were tours to enjoy, The Reagan Library, The Getty Art Museum, Movie Star Homes, Catalina Island, Palm Springs, Solvang, to name a few.

There were two Gala evening events, the guest of honor at one banquet was Marla Gibbs [formerly of DTWRR/LAXRR] star of the hit TV sitcom "The Jeffersons" and many other TV productions. Marla spoke warmly of her

years with United Airlines, paid tribute to her colleagues who traded shifts with her, so that she could work in Television during the day. Marla concluded with a song that she wrote herself and she received a standing ovation!

At another Gala evening, we were officially welcomed to LAX by a well known retiree, Mark Lieberman! Mark is known to many of us, during his 35 year career with United Airlines, he became a well respected & admired executive.

After working for United Airlines for 35 years, Mark Lieberman went on to head the LAX Visitors & Convention Bureau. Mark spoke of his long association with United Airlines and he referred confidently to the future of our company. At the conclusion of his remarks, there was a long line of retirees waiting to shake his hand!

There were meetings to attend; we learned a lot about our pensions, health benefits, & prescription drug benefits. There were representatives from the Pension Guarantee Board, Medco, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Credit Union & Mileage Plus. There was a lengthy question & answer session; all the representatives were able to answer questions from the floor. It was generally felt that this had been a most helpful & informative session.

The location of the Hollywood Marriott was superb, we were so close to many amenities & interesting places, such as the Kodak Theater [site of the Academy Awards], Graumans Chinese restaurant [handprints of famous stars in the sidewalks] & dozens of shops of every kind! This was a thrilling event. An excellent Convention in every way!

See you in Washington DC May 21-29 ...2006

On June 4, approximately 80 members of the Dulles Loungers gathered for the annual Pig Pickin Bar-B-Q & Picnic. Our hosts were Chapter Pres. David Cox & his charming wife Tina. We met at their spacious home in Manassas, VA. A perfect day with blue skies & a gentle breeze, the enthusiastic crowd lined up for pork Bar-B-Q, roasted chickens & a huge selection of salads. There were wines, sodas and beer to please every taste! A huge array of homemade cakes, pies, & trifles waited in the dessert tent! It took several visits from all of us to even make a dent in the desserts! Once again, many thanks to David & Tina Cox for another splendid event.

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 14** - 12:30pm Golden Corral, Manassas VA

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## **LETTERS**

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

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

#### **Karl Galda, c/o Ralph Fernandez, 9060 Palisade Av. #503, North Bergen, NJ 07047**

*Karl thanks all the members who sent him cheering-up cards/notes. He is recovering - but still could use more notes to let him know we are thinking about him.*

#### **JoAnn Briggs, 21303 Legend Ave., Carson, CA 90745**

You all do such a wonderful job of putting the newsletter together. Thank you so much for that.

We are still coming down from our "convention high!" It really was a lot of fun, along with the work, to be on the planning committee to put this convention together. I spent more time in Hollywood than I have in my whole life & I was born here in LAX. There was so much to do and see. I didn't know what I was missing. We had a lot of help from our local chapter as well as those who just came by to see if they were needed anywhere. I especially want to say a "huge" thank you to all the volunteers who helped Phyllis Easley & me with the Registration Desk. We couldn't have done it without them. They volunteered, showed up, had a great time welcoming old friends & ex-co-workers you usually only see once a year. The week flew by at jet speed. I loved it all.

See you next year.

#### **Art Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024**

It's been many moons ago since I had a blurb in the Newsletter calling attention to the RUAEA Members Seniority List, but now, what with the influx of new members since the first of the year, I think now is the right time to again call attention to "The List".

The List does not - repeat - does not include all members of RUAEA, only those who have volunteered to have their names entered. It's quite simple to be listed, and there is no charge - it's free, nada, nil. Send me your name, address, & DATE OF HIRE, via post card, letter, e-mail, smoke signal, whatever, when received, you are on The List.

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We both enjoy the newsletter - Jim got to it first. Thanks to you all for the good work in putting it out every month. We look forward to it.

Since we rent our house here for part of the winter, we again went to Thailand & Myanmar (Burma). This year we also went to Vietnam. It was wonderful. Plan to go back to Myanmar & Thailand in 2006. Vietnam was quite crowded with tourists but fortunately, Myanmar isn't yet. I have seen many advertisements on Myanmar, soon more people will be traveling there also.

**William F. Marsh, 1220 Claremont Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066**

Birthday time again, and I'm out of the seventies, welcome to the eighties! I lost Helen last fall. We were one month shy of 57 years of marriage, so now I'm learning to live solo. She was a retiree from Pac Bell, I might say the benefits for survivors are much better than UAL. Oh well, you can't win them all.

Thanks for all the good work you guys & gals are doing, getting all the info out to us geeks.

**Robert England, 2760 Bowmont Drive, Eugene, OR 97405**

I am heartened by the renewed spirit of our current employees & their determination to rebound. I firmly believe that we will prevail.

I also wish to convey my thanks (spelled gratitude) to our staff at RUAEA. Where would we be without you? My very best to all!

**Susie S. Stanley, 3985 Holly St., Dumfries, VA 22026**

Was hospitalized for 12 days with asthma & still trying to recuperate.

I add my thanks to all for the work your staff puts into the monthly newsletter.

**Henry (Hank) Sulima, 625-209 W. Lake Jasmine Circle, Vero Beach, FL 32962**

We are finally back home again. 8½ months after Hurricanes Francis & Jeanne rendered us homeless. We are very grateful to friends who found us a nice place to live in the town of Sebastian, FL, while our devastated home was re-roofed, dried out, & practically rebuilt. It was the most difficult, stressful, frustrating period of our lives. It sure feels good being back again! Please tell our Membership Secretary to change our mailing address back to - above.

Thanks to all you Mile Highers, for seeing to it that we received the Newsletter every month without interruption. It sure helped!

**E. K. Williams, 18140 Airmont Road, Round Hill, VA 20141-2526**

Aside from UAL, it has been another good year. Two long road trips cross-country, fishing at Hatteras & lots of social time with the Dulles Loungers. Thanks to Dave & Tina Cox!

Speaking of UAL, I wonder where our RUAEA leadership got the idea that most retirees (other than Pilots) would not be hurt by the PBGC? There are lot of non-pilot retirees younger than 65, they are going to be hurt even more because they did not have the resources to accumulate significant savings. Sad.

**Len Herring, 450 W. Sunwest Dr. #1, Casa Grande, AZ 85222**

I had intended to ignore having any more birthdays, then along come your invite to pay my dues.

My very best to all you hard working people in DEN.

**Connie Russo, 500 Stonehaven Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

ORDCS retirees meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of every month. July 5 was a POTLUCK at the home of Mitch & Connie Russo, 500 Stonehaven Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3538. Home tele. # (847) 956-0764. EVERYONE is welcome. IN CASE OF RAIN, we meet at our regular watering hole, Higgins Char House (formerly Woody's), 800 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, (847) 437-9555.

**Ray Klapatauskas, 2120 Fox Hollow Lane, E. Greenville, PA 18041**

I have been busy with the negotiations for the IAM represented employees. It has been a long hard fought battle but we have a pension plan. For those of you who are not concerned with politics, now is the time to get involved. The current administration has attacked us in many ways, Social Security, Medicare & by not taking action to protect our pensions. We must contact our elected representatives & tell them to stop attacking our social safety network. We have spent many years with the promise of a pension when we retire from United Airlines. Now that is being dismantled because the laws we thought were there to protect our pensions, were actually designed with loopholes to allow corporations to stop funding our futures. We need to get involved to protect our children & grandchildren's future as our forefathers fought for what we have today.

**Robert C. Gross, 7819 W. 89<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 2W, Hickory Hills, IL 60457-1524**

Glad to see you picked up many more members by your mail-out reminders. I'm retired 11 years this coming Sept. from ORDCS. I manage to keep busy with my hobby trains (not the model but the big live ones). I'm the current secretary on the board of the Twentieth Century Railroad Club, having 815 members. We're a CHI organization with a local active membership of 250. The rest of the membership is based everywhere worldwide.

No need to say "Keep up the good work", because you haven't let us down yet.

**Dolores Sneed, 4011 McPherson Dr., Acworth, GA 30101**

Miss Denver a lot - but I bought a house across the street from my sister. I got two Yorkie terriers, & we're having a great time. Still get back to DEN, but never to help with the newsletter.

Hope our airlines survives all this - what a shame. If my husband, Bill, were alive it would break his heart to see what is happening.

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

The month of June rolls around all too quickly. Since I am a Life Member I do not receive the stamp reminding me of my birthday month. I am sending a contribution to the Postage Fund. Always look forward to receiving the newsletter that keeps us in touch with retirees.

Special thanks to the RUAEA officers that keep us informed through the years of the happenings at UA in an effort to emerge out of bankruptcy.

We celebrated Maggie's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 10 with a special personalized birthday cake (muffin size) from the Barrington Barkery & Pawtique. Maggie, our little Princess, was brought to Schnauzer Rescue on June 10, a new beginning for her, after being abandoned at a shelter in IN.

George spends a couple of days a week at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union operating RR cars during the season & restoring cars during the winter months. We are also enjoying the XM Satellite radio in George's car in our travels & installed it throughout our house this Spring. Now we can listen to music of the 40's, 50's, 60's, classical & other channels.

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

**John & Adelaide Haferbecker, 26811 Downing Ave., S., Kent, WA 98032**

We thoroughly enjoyed the convention in Hollywood, our thanks to everyone involved in planning & working all the activities. It was wonderful to see old friends, co-workers & make new friends. The tours were fun, the banquet entertainment was great, as was the food. Rich Surma's fine photographs provided a nice backdrop for the final evening. Here's looking forward to next year!

**Mary Semon, PSC 72, Box 30, APO AE 09709**

Hello from Rotterdam, The Nederland's. I am so grateful for the newsletter being on the Internet since I'm not in CA to get the copy & see my red stamp. My birthday came & went until I received the e-mail, remembered I needed to send in my dues plus.

My husband Louis has been here for almost a year now for a 2-year assignment with Homeland Security. We have really enjoyed living here. The Dutch are wonderful, very friendly, welcoming & most speak English making it easy for me not to learn the language.

I have been to the states several times during the year, my last trip being in May. I didn't think I would get to Amsterdam but they had one seat left. There was a party of 2 that didn't want to split. Being next on the list I made it. So if that retiree may be reading this, thank you for your decision.

Since being here we've seen a lot of northern Europe: Belgium, Germany, Luxemburg, & France. Most are just one-day car trips away.

When Pres. Bush visited here on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland, my husband was on special assignment for the occasion. With that I was at the Maastricht Airport when the Pres. arrived. I was the first person he greeted at the meet & greet after the Pres. greeted all the Dignitaries. It was an interesting experience.

I really enjoy reading The RUAEA Newsletter, do realize all the hard work it takes to get all the information together to publish it. I truly thank the staff involved. It truly keeps me United. I recognized lots of names of folks I worked with in NY.

My message is a little lengthy but retired life has been most exciting for me; I wanted to share it. So 'til 2006, Bij vertrek.

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**Ed Arnold, 213 Anita Rd., Burlingame, CA 94010**

I'm always forgetting something. Oh, I remember. I used to work in Computer Services & Stores at the Maintenance Base in SFO. Retired in 1975.

Another thing ... had my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. I can barely remember that! Greetings to all!

**Jane Bingham, 743 Pepper Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066-2935**

Thanks to all of you for your hard work & dedication in getting the newsletter mailed each month (although that red stamp keeps getting here faster each year).

I read the newsletter cover to cover & really enjoy it when every now and then I see names of folks I worked with in SFO-Engineering - this month it was Nancy Mitchell - Tech Pubs & Jack Kearns - Operational Engineering. Hi folks!

**William A. Hoygaard, 12182 E. Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014**

Enjoyed a nice 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in April. Have not been on any exciting trips but it looks to be a busy summer for us. Hope to use our camper a bit more than last year.

The pension issue is unsettling but there does not seem to be much that we retirees can do about it. We wrote letters/sent emails as it seemed appropriate but who knows if they are ever read!

**Bill Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472**

We would like to thank you all for all the wonderful work you are doing. Keeping us informed with the great Newsletter.

Also thank you for phone numbers to talk to "real" people as we don't have a computer. The PAL Line is so hard to explain plans, especially overseas.

**Charles Hostert, 19504 Wolf Rd., Mokena, IL 60448-1145**

Thanks so much for the things you do to make retirement a little nicer.

I'm glad that I chose a career in aviation as it provided me with many challenges & opportunities that I thrived on. I'm also happy that I retired when I did (1984).

I happened to read a book recently "Around the world in a Bad Mood" by Rene Ross, a NWA flight attendant. It was good for a few laughs. We need a laugh now & then - more than ever.

I consider myself pretty lucky as life continues to be good.

**Robert T. Lutzinger, 3377 N. 150<sup>th</sup> Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85338**

Thanks for the notice that I missed my birthday payment to RUAEA. I am sorry to have overlooked that date. Actually, I was in the hospital replacing both knees & have been somewhat out of it. I am doing quite well now & getting caught up on obligations. Accept my apology for overlooking my dues.

Your newsletter is always a great way to stay in touch with retirees & the latest with UAL.

Thank you for the wonderful job that you are doing.

**Richard Dumosch, 7108 Wynham Pl., Nashville, TN 37221**

Hi everyone,

Yes, I am again a year older - can't believe how fast the time goes. We have traveled a lot. First we went to see our grandchildren in COS, enjoyed a play (Anything goes) in which my oldest granddaughter (16) had an important role. Then we saw our 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest granddaughter's (10) soccer team win it all. Of the 16 goals her team scored, 8 were scored by her. A second Mia Ham? Can you detect the pride of her grandfather?

Next we traveled to The Netherlands (Holland) to see my brother & sisters. Weather was hot during the week that we were there. Then we flew to Copenhagen to spend some time with my youngest son, his wife & their cute little daughter (2½). The weather there was just the opposite of Holland. Very, very cold with every day some rain & very strong winds. They rented an apartment right smack in the middle of Copenhagen. It is very convenient as they have everything within walking distance, including the railroad station.

We had lots of problem flying NRSA. The original flight on UA from ORD to AMS showed at least 10 seats open. They promised us one broken seat in F/C & a regular seat in Business Class. Wouldn't you know it, the plane had a mechanical? After 3 hours trying to fix the problem they finally found another aircraft. Then we were told that the flight was fully booked. Off we went to the ticket counter to secure tickets to FRA on Lufthansa. Thanks to the new ZED program the charges were not too bad. They also announced that it was an oversold situation, however, just at departure time they gave us two very nice seats. After arrival in FRA we took the train to AMS. It was a long ordeal.

Coming back we were able to get on SAS from Copenhagen to IAD. But once in IAD we were unable to get back to BNA, our home. Hotels all around IAD were solidly booked, so we were forced to rent a car & drive back 15 hours from IAD to BNA. You can imagine how tired & broke we were. But that's life as a NRSA. As a result we were unable to go to the convention. Sorry we missed it. It was a blast I hear. Thanks for listening to me. We love being kept up-to-date by you folks. Thanks for your faithfulness in keeping us retirees together.

**Dolores M. Carlson, 2222 S. Goebbert Rd. Apt. 361, Arlington Hts, IL 60005**

Just got released from wearing a big black boot due to a fractured bone in my right foot.

Thanks, Jo, & all your staff for keeping us informed on United & RUAEA activities. What would we do without you?

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

Had a great time at the Convention in Hollywood. Thanks to the ReLAXers for all their hard work. They did a bang up job. Was great to see people I worked with in Detroit & Los Angeles and re-hash some old stories.

Some of them I hadn't seen for about 30 years. Time sure flies when you're having fun.



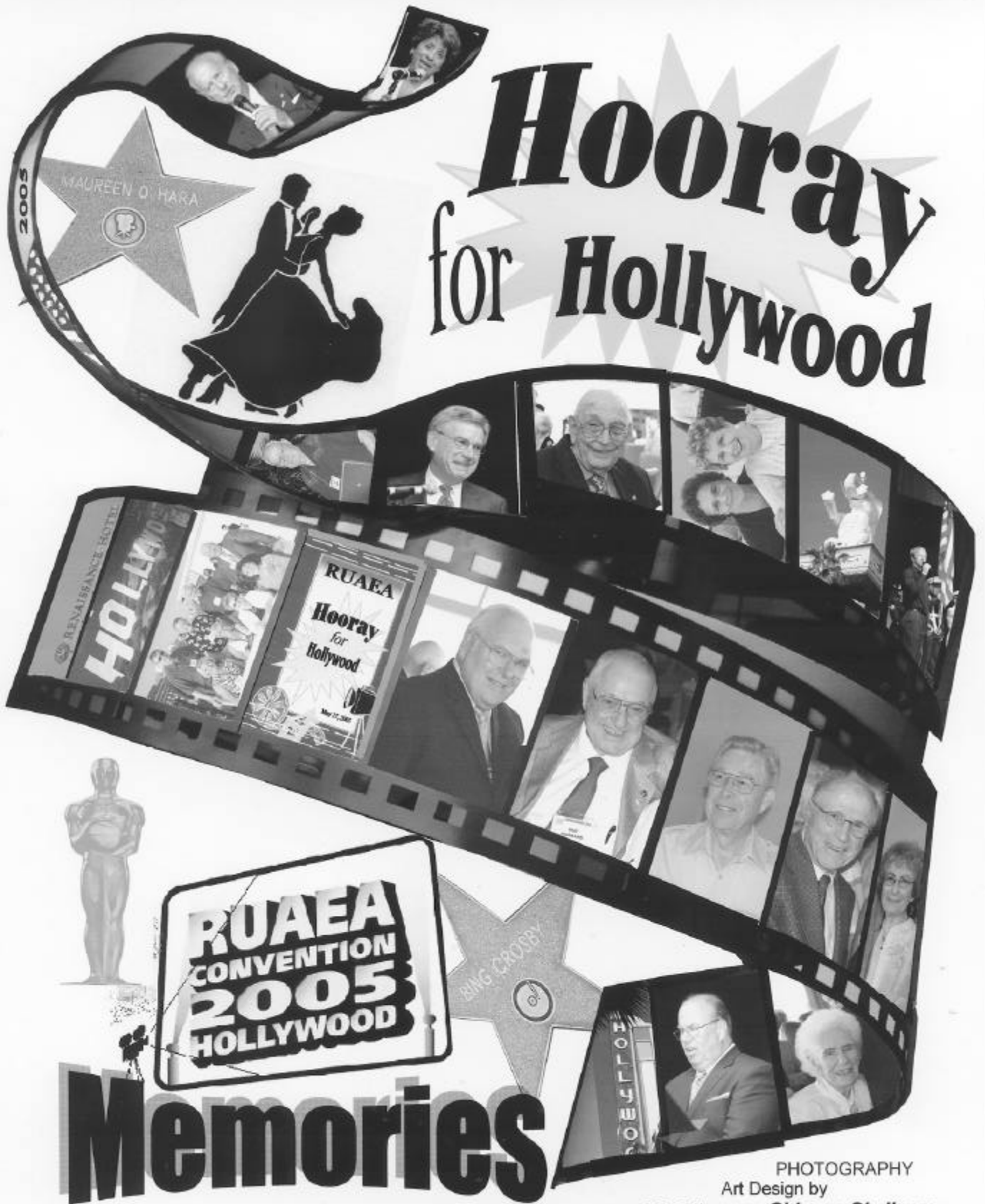
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I totally appreciate the Newsletter, & the wonderful work everyone associated with it produces. It is a definite & gratifying means of keeping everyone in the “United Family” in the loop. Having been the Publicity Chairman of the RUAEA Convention 2005 has been a truly wonderful experience for me. I am grateful that the event turned out so very well.

Again, thanks for the wonderful work; I will be looking forward to future editions of the Newsletter.

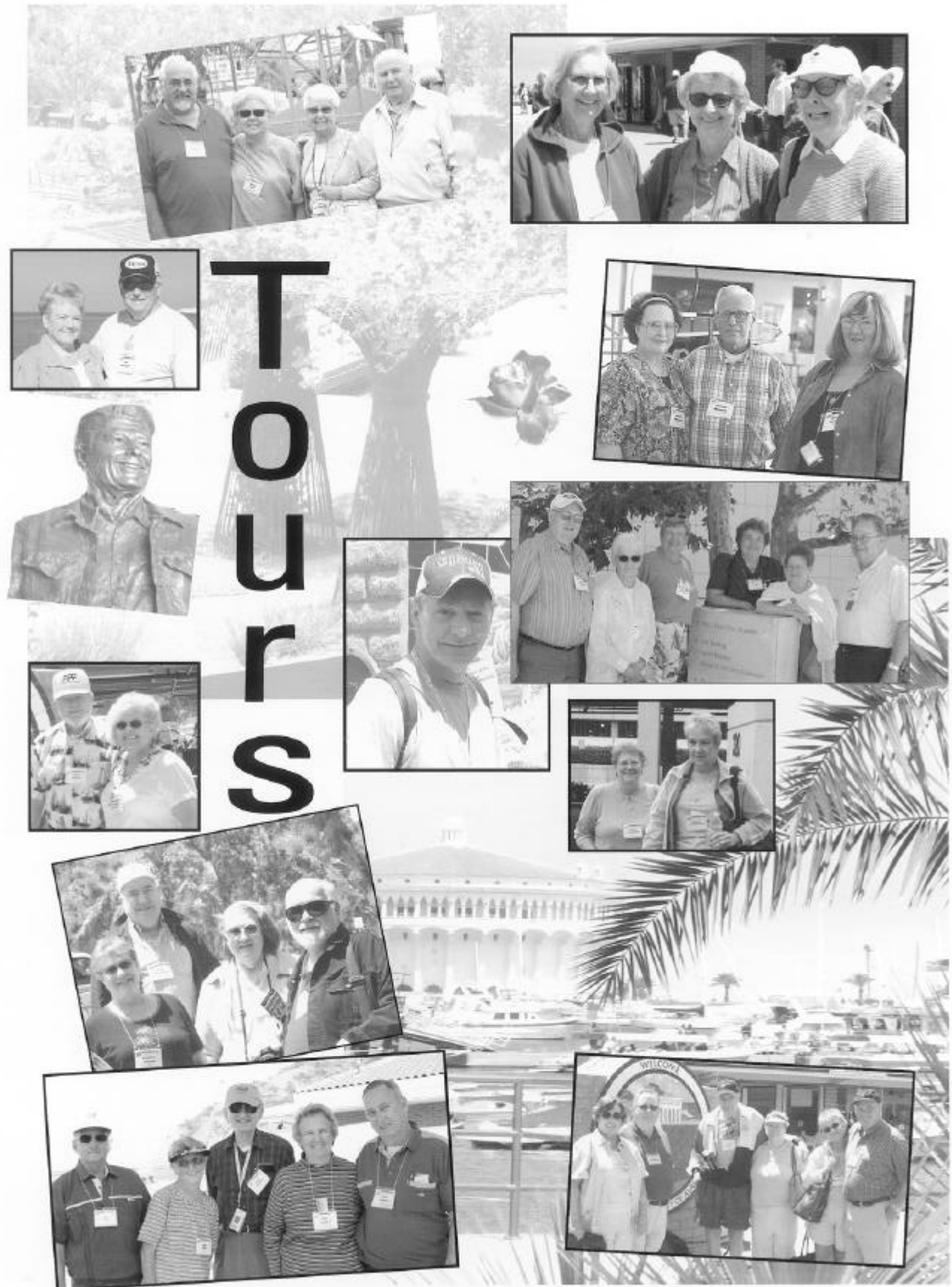
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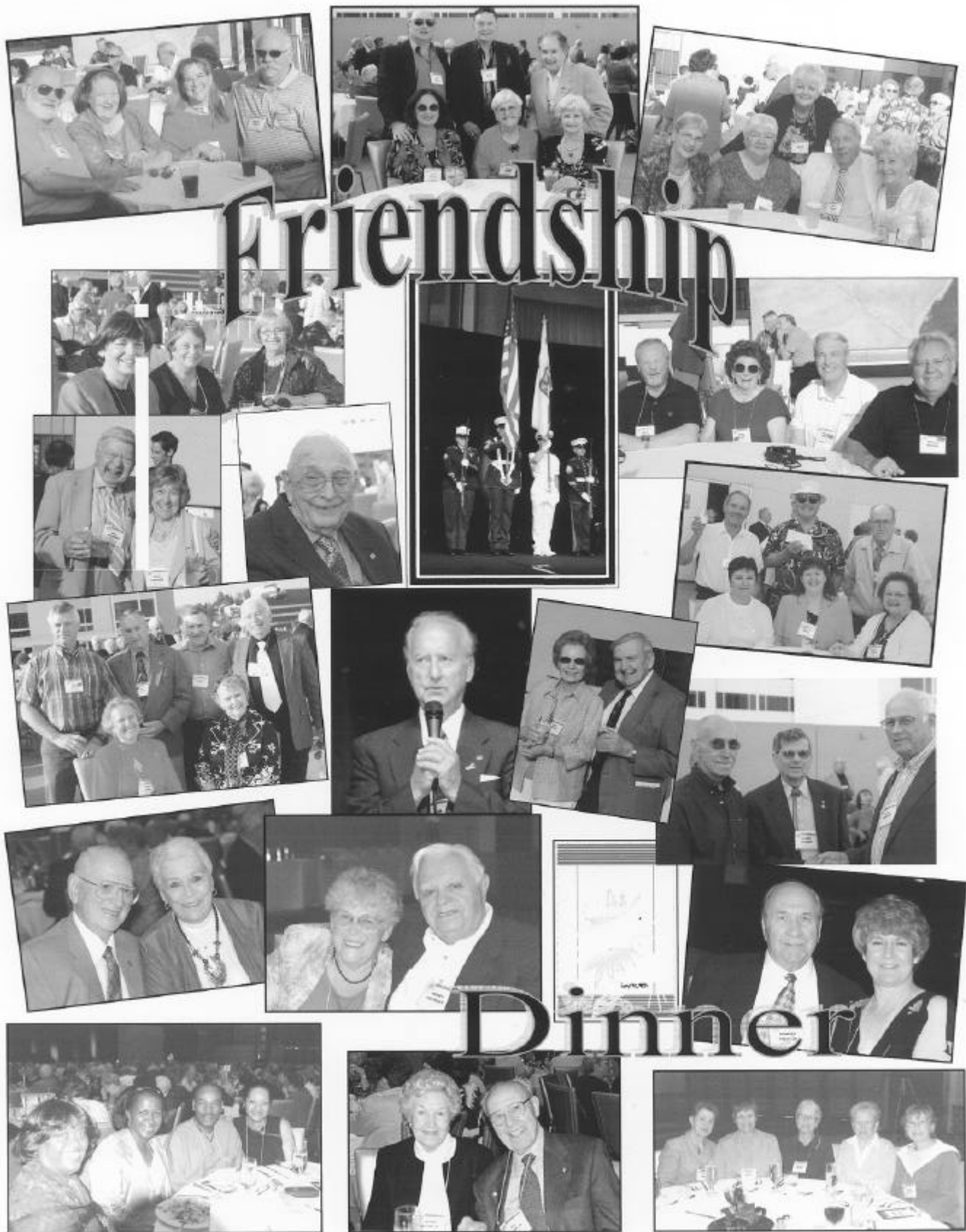
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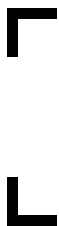
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