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GENERAL NEWS

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Please check out the website if you haven't done so already and take advantage of all of the websites features available to you, especially the new travel feature. The RUAEA website can be accessed at **<http://www.ruaea.org/>**

NOTE: RUAEA members will initially need to enter a user name and a password to use Level 2 and for those RUAEA members who receive the newsletter online via Level 3.

After your initial registration a cookie will be placed on your computer that will allow you to go directly to either Level 2, or Level 3 for those who receive their newsletter online automatically

Should you have any questions regarding the new website and its usage, or encounter any problems with it while using it, please click on the Support Icon on the page that you are on, then *please forward your website related question to support@ruaea.org.*

The following describes the RUAEA Websites new 3 level structure.

Level 1: Available to RUAEA Members and Visitors.

Features Available:

- (What Is RUAEA
- (Who Can Join
- (Contact RUAEA
- (Chapters
- (Description of Features Available to Members Only
- (Membership Registration:
 - o Registration Form available for Printing
 - o Instructions for completion of form, fee required, mailing instructions.
- (Support:
 - o Send E-Mail to RUAEA website support
 - o Send E-Mail to RUAEA Office in Denver

Level 2: Available to all RUAEA Members.

Features Available: All features available in Level 1.

Additional Level 2 Features:

- (Current News Items on Home Page
- (Archive of past news items
- (Links to Important websites. - Links will be categorized by their type. Example: Medical, Travel, United Airlines, PBGC etc.
- (Convention News, Registration Forms and Instructions, Pictures, Picture archive.
- (Travel Section: (New Item) - Includes Special Travel Links
- (Support: All current Support Features
 - o Retrieve User Name and Password
 - o Send E-Mail to RUAEA website support
 - o Send E-Mail to RUAEA Office in Denver
 - o Link to change your E-Mail, User Name and Password
- (Cookies: (New Item) - To eliminate or reduce RUAEA membership logon requirements. Cookie aging process to be established for non-use.

Level 3: Available to all RUAEA Members receiving the newsletter via the website.

Features Available: All features available in Levels 1 and 2.

Additional Level 3 Features - Website Newsletter Features:

- (Current Newsletter available in 3 formats.
 1. Available by Newsletter topics by selecting specific topic using radio buttons.
 2. Single Column format in PDF file format.
 3. Double Column format (Same format as mailed newsletter) PDF file format.
- (Archived Newsletters:
 1. Previous 36 months of newsletters available for viewing in either single column or double column format in PDF file format.

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ALL CHICAGO MIDWAY SERVICE DISCONTINUED ON SEPT. 5

United will discontinue service from Chicago's Midway International Airport, Sept. 5.

All 37 Ramp Service & Customer Service employees currently stationed at Midway will have the option to apply for positions at CHI O'Hare International Airport.

United will continue to operate charter flights from Midway.



United Airlines Historical Foundation

"Preserve the Past, Inspire the Future"

PACIFIC AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)



There was a demand for bigger planes carrying more passengers & mail so PAT acquired a five-passenger Fokker Universal (above).

On a passenger-less flight in fog north of San Francisco, the pilot parachuted-out leaving the Fokker to run-out-of-gas. The plane nearly made a perfect landing by itself, unfortunately it hit a mound of dirt in the middle of a field and cart-wheeled into a total loss. In the three winter months of 1927/28, PAT lost three planes due to pilots "jumping".

After the loss of so many planes, Vern Gorst, Chief Pilot Grover Tyler & W. A. 'Pat' Patterson met with William Boeing. They wanted to rebuild the PAT fleet with the \$25,000 Boeing Model 40-C planes, but Boeing refused to sell the planes on credit.

Patterson then suggested that Boeing buy PAT, paying \$200 per share for all the PAT stock. Wm. Boeing agreed to this and to Gorst's stipulation that all of PAT's personnel be retained. Gorst was made a Boeing V. P. & put on the Board of Directors.

Gorst was paid \$94,000 for his controlling interest in PAT. He promptly bought a new Boeing B-1-D Flying Boat to start an Alaska airline. He hoped to receive an Alaska airmail contract.

As word of Boeing's buyout spread, PAT's nearly worthless, \$100 par-value, shares skyrocketed to as much as \$666 per share.

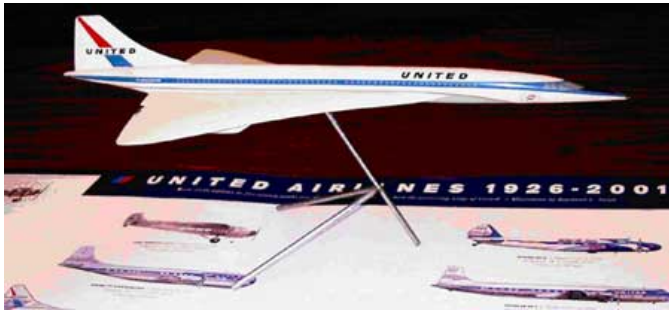
Shortly after the PAT sale, Boeing president Philip G. Johnson phoned 'Pat' Patterson at the San Francisco Wells Fargo Bank regarding a BAT license to fly in Mexico. After investigating, Patterson recommended against the venture.

Johnson then offered Patterson a job as his assistant in Seattle. On January 22, 1929, at age 29, 'Pat' Patterson was officially in the "aviation-game". One of Patterson's first assignments was to track-down owners of 4,500 nonvoting shares of Pacific Air Transport.

By Marvin Berryman, from the DENTK UAHF library's books "Vern C. Gorst - Pioneer and Granddad of United Airlines" - Gorst Publications & "Pat Patterson" - Lane Magazine & Book Co.

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"United" Concorde Model



UAHF was recently given this model of the Concorde in United livery. United held options on 6 Concorde and 6 Boeing SSTs.

By mid 1964, 21 U.S. & foreign airlines had placed deposits for 91 Concorde. In 1965, United optioned for 6. The 16 American option-holders formed a committee under Chairman William Mentzer, V.P. UA, regarding the Concorde design.

In late 1969, U.S. government approval was granted for the Boeing SST. Boeing had already contacted airlines throughout the world, Pan Am had optioned 15, TWA 12, United Airlines 6, Japan Air Lines 5. Altogether, 26 operators optioned 122 of the Model 2707s.

March 1971, the U.S. government voted to terminate the Boeing SST program.

Oct. 26, 1972, United Airlines canceled its 6 Concorde options, saying the SST didn't meet its needs since its flights were primarily continental.

January 1976, British Airways and Air France began scheduled flights of the Concorde.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/STAFF



Juliana Alfonso started her career with United Airlines as a Reservations Sales & Service Representative in DEN on 9/6/94 & retired 1/15/06. She has received Letters of Commendation from customers & her supervisors. Juliana is working in the RUAEA Denver office as a Membership Secretary. She volunteers at the DEN 9 News Health Fair, Denver Rescue Mission & Legal Aid Society. Her leisure activities include gardening, spectator of sport events, & states travel as her "passion". She hopes to place her feet on each continent & visit as many countries as possible. She enjoys the different cultures and, thanks to United Airlines, has met many interesting people from all parts of the

world.

Juliana states her 2 grandsons are the joy of her life.

We are very pleased to have you as a member of the DEN Office Staff.

COW PARADE MOOOVES INTO DENVER

A stampede of cow sculptures made its way through the streets of DEN, thanks to United, the sponsor of "Cow Parade Denver 2006". The world-famous public art event will be on display in downtown Denver, Cherry Creek & Stapleton, from July 21 through Oct. 18, 2006.

This is a unique way to bring to life all that United has to offer the people of Denver.

Several Denver artists have been commissioned to create the cows.

"It's Time to Moo" has wings, "Rhapsody in Moo" has sheet music painted on its torso & "Room to Mooooove" has long legs highlighting United Economy Plus. "Moolage Plus" was created to celebrate

the 25th anniversary of Mileage Plus, "Denver, Moo Mean the World to Us" emphasizes United's Denver promotion & "Graze the World" celebrates United's global service. "Moocho Fiesta" has Spanish artwork painted on its torso, "Hula Cow" wears a lei & hula skirt, "Udderly Tranquil" has Koi, Japanese carp, painted all over it, highlighting United's service to Asia. "Cowsino" celebrates United's service to LAS, "Moo-supial" is in the shape of a kangaroo & emphasizes United's Sydney service, "Bucky Broncow" demonstrates that United is a proud sponsor of the Denver Broncos & "Assigned Bovine" offers a park bench, demonstrating that United always has assigned seating throughout its cabin.

Two United cows on the tour will engage passers by. "Ted is Cooler" will offer Ted freeze pops & "Paint by Udder" will be made available for kids to paint the cow "by number" with the design of a plane flying through the sky.

As the herd exits the event, the cows are rustled up; many are auctioned. United will keep two of the cows for display, the rest will be auctioned off with the proceeds benefiting local Denver charities.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Sept. are due in DEN by Fri. Aug. 4, Oct. report by 9/6, Nov. report by 10/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail 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 U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please call Mary Toeppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at 623 214-1504 or Sherry.

I have talked with Pat Paulson - she is doing great. Can't keep that gal down, she is the Azures equivalent of the energizer bunny. I had my surgery on June 19 - all is well. I have home health care & am house bound for a while. Hope to see you all at the breakfasts as soon as possible.

We will begin our luncheons again in the fall. Oct. will be our next event, it will be at the # 7 Ramada in SCW off Beardsley Road. There will be more info to follow on the plans for next season. Thanks to our Treas. and Pres. we again have sponsorship for the Luke Luncheons.

Your Chapter officers met on June 30 & reviewed the luncheon schedule possibilities for the coming season. We will be finalizing our 2006-07 activities schedule soon. We need volunteers to form a committee to nominate new officers for the fall of 2007.

We had several members that were able to attend the Convention in DCA. I can speak for myself & say that the convention was a great success. It is wonderful to see how many people support RUAEA, the friendships that develop & continue over many years. The committees that worked on the agenda, the tours, the dinners, the promotion, etc. are to be commended for their hard work in putting it all together. Next year it will be in SMF, and hopefully we will be seeing each other again.

"If you want to feel rich, just count the things you have that money can't buy!"

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th and Bell road

Aug 1 – Coco's

Aug 15 – Coco's

Aug 29 – Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons

Oct 14 – Pizza Party at Ramada #7 Beardsley Park SCW

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On June 16, a bright & sizzling Arizona day, 30 Re-Uniteds gathered for a delightful breakfast meeting. The snowbirds are gone, but the rest of us enjoyed hearing about the convention & our summer travels. Our new Pres., Jim Zarek had arranged for a presentation by Synergy Tours, a local tour provider. He provided us with some ideas of possible tours that might interest our chapter. Jim asked us to think about some of the programs we would like to have for our 2006-2007 season.

After the convention, Jim & Bonnie Fauber headed north to SEA for a little R&R, fishing as well as an escape from the heat. Shortly after their arrival, Jim took a fall, dislocating both knee-caps. He had surgery & is in therapy. Cards and letters are welcomed. His address is: Jim Fauber c/o Alize Fauber, 28628 28th Place, South Federal Way, WA 98003.

Ed & Jo Eson attended the meeting but were leaving the next day for DEN where they will spend the summer, returning to PHX in the fall.

Frank Butts is at home recuperating from "hip replacement" surgery. Frank & Jan's new address is: 307 Sutton Place, Georgetown, TX 78628.

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We met at the Black Lakes Golf Course on June 21 hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger. There were 25 attending including Mike & Bridget Zoldak's 2 grandchildren, Dominic & Annie. The birthdays were announced for May, June & July. It was interesting that there were no anniversaries during those months. The Stangers donated 2 red roses to the ladies, which was a special treat.

Dana & Bill Noyes have moved to a new facility that they have been trying to get into for some time. Finally their name came up; they had less than 2 hours to decide whether to accept or not. They had to sell their house, which they did in 2 days, so now they are settled in their new residence; they seem very happy.

I am on the mailing list from Dale Harper, he sent me the list of obituaries for March & April that totaled 141 retirees. I was happy to announce that none of our attendees were on that list. Jack Cunningham was happy that he was not one of them. We all agreed that Dale Harper is doing one "heck" of a job keeping us informed. We hope he is able to keep it up since we didn't think anyone else could do the great job he does.

I received a letter from Richard Koch inquiring about a person from our chapter by the name of Jack Cunningham. This same person worked with him in CHI on a particular project. After reading his letter it seems that he is the same person that Jack worked with. I gave him the letter, I'm sure Jack will contact him..

I also received correspondence from a few retirees inquiring about the parking at SFO maintenance base. Mike Zoldak had informed us that there was parking for retirees at certain locations. If anyone is interested in more information, contact me - I'll get back to you.

I was sorry to hear that MDW is closing again in Sept. I was at the first closing during the merger of Capital & United - now here we go again. I'm sure there is a good reason for this.

John Stilwell gave us a detailed report of his trip to the Convention in DCA. I'm sure other Chapters will be giving their input, but the things he touched on were very interesting. At the breakfast there were 28 attending. There are 39,000 retirees but only 11,000 are RUAEA members, with 55 chapters. There were 810 attending the convention. The other interesting items were the things that other chapters have done in their communities. One was the volunteer work & donations that they do. Another was giving away any old suitcases to the fire & police departments loaded with teddy-bears. It was found that when any of these services came to a problem or accident involving a child, by simply giving them a teddy-bear, this helped the child get over a very traumatic situation. Other Chapters might look into this.

We were informed that the next convention would be held in Sacramento, CA at the Hyatt a week later than usual. This should help flying in & out since the flights are limited.

I was able to visit the Ronald Reagan Museum in Simi Valley, CA. Regardless of your political views, this is something you don't want to miss. The museum goes back from Washington's time to the present, is well displayed on a hilltop with beautiful views. The Air Force One (707) is now there & you are able to go through it just as Reagan did. They trace his movie career. If you are a movie buff as I am, pre-WW2, then you will appreciate that also.

I did receive some depressing news articles from an old friend in the CHI area having to do with the move of our headquarters from Elk Grove to downtown CHI. That is, if the Chicago fathers will give into CEO Tilton's demands. The article also included the millions in stock & other options the top executives are getting since getting out of bankruptcy. Aren't you glad you're retired?

The answer to last month's trivial question: What is the shortest non-stop commercial flight in the world? LOGANAIR's two-minute flight between the islands of Westray & Papa Westray in Scotland's Orkney Islands. There is no food service.

Next month's trivial question: What major airline has never had an accident that resulted in a fatality?

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The Brazen Raisins' June meeting was hosted by Pam & Pres. Jack Hartman. Don Nessling spoke about UA's past & presented plaques to Jack Hartman & Curt Follansbee. No new business, no old business, so otherwise, just chatter. Not even any jokes!

Helen & Curt Follansbee hosted the Brazen Raisins' July meeting with decorations celebrating the 4th of July.

Sunshine Lady Donna Nessling was absent, so was unable to announce that Pres. Jack Hartman's mother had passed away on July 1. Curt & Helen Follansbee are to celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on July 27. Dick Shryock announced, thanks to the San Joaquin's newsletter, that the 2007 RUAEA Convention will be held in SAC & urged 100% Brazen Raisins attendance.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Our June luncheon was held at Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln, CA. Attendance for the event was 103 members & guests, hosted by Sonda & Dick Sandstedt.

The meeting was rather informal because of the noise level from the gaming machines nearby but I did receive information from several Gold Digger officers. The most significant was no doubt Ron Bertacini's announcement to all the members that Sacramento will host the 2007 RUAEA Convention. It will be held at the downtown Hyatt Regency, May 27 through June 2. Most of the Gold Digger's were aware of the impending announcement but it was a relief that we were free to talk of it at last. Ron spoke of getting volunteers to assist with the convention & just what to expect in the way of planning events.

Sunshine person, Francis Domaratus reported on the passing of Juergen Ploetz also illnesses of Jack Fetcher, who is hospitalized & of Margaret Eggert who has had both knees operated on.

July Wedding Anniversaries are: Tom & Betty Obert 51 years; Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly 67 years; Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor 65 years; Ty & Alberta Knighten 56 years.

Calendar:

Aug. 30 – Luncheon hosted by Jean & Marv Becker and Jean & Forester Sinclair - The Trolley Junction Restaurant in Nevada City, CA

Sept. 27 - Luncheon hosted by Ken & Stephanie Norton - Picnic at Lake Wildwood in Penn Valley, CA.

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RETIREEES

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The June luncheon was held at Brando's in Petaluma with 32 members & 1 guest present. Pres. Norm Burnett thanked Dan & Judy DeFord, Matt & Norma Stilman and Patrick Cadden (who was unable to attend) for hosting the luncheon.

Dan DeFord stood in for VP Cadden (who is also irreplaceable), introduced guest & hopefully future member Barbara Gach.

The Charity Fund is in great shape. The general fund is not so fortunate. Oscar Chambers gave a report on the Convention. RUAEA in Denver is collecting UAL artifacts, if anyone has some to contribute, contact them. Mort Wax is the new Pres. of RUAEA. RUAEA has negotiated to have a voice in decisions affecting retirees, but will not have a vote in the final decisions.

The irreplaceable Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr announced the June anniversaries & birthdays. I won the Birthday lunch! Verda reported that she talked with Patrick, who has been in the hospital diagnosed with Vertigo. He is home; doing better, hasn't lost his sense of humor & would love to have members call him.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: LETTIN' THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG IS A WHOLE LOT EASIER THAN PUTTIN' IT BACK!

Calendar:

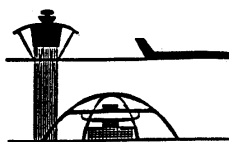
Aug. 10 - Picnic, Anderson Grove - Verda Burr & Her Staff

Sept. 14 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Ted Bell

Nov. 9 - Josef's, Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

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Although most the the news about the WAS convention has been posted, I thought you'd like to know that I counted 44 ReLAXer names on the roster - a very good turnout considering that several members were skeptical about getting to/from due to heavy loads, some had other pressing commitments that prevented their going.

Quite a few "People News" items for you-all. Those of you who were working in the 60s, 70s, early 80s will remember some of these. Bob Schenz, the greatest sports rep. ever who was hired away from UA Sales by Walter Omalley for the L.A. Dodgers, died about June 13. I am sure those who fondly remember Bob will want to send condolences to his daughter & family. Unfortunately I do not have his daughter's last name, but I think a card addressed to "The Schenz Family" will be appropriate - 7567 Stewart, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Another name from our past, *Frances Kelly Hilton*, a "women's rep" & a mainstay for many years in LAX Sales until she retired & married Conrad Hilton, passed away May 29. She was attended throughout a short illness by her brother, Bill & his wife. At present I do not have an address for them, but call or e-mail me, I'll try & get it for you.

How about some get well cards for ... *Olga Jean Barnes* who usually attends the convention but chose this year for an outing in the hospital having a heart valve replacement. She was kept company in the hospital by the Bettkes, then when she returned from the hosp. she had an old friend from college come help out. After that the Klobes & other local friends have been her helping hands. Her great laugh is back & she is on the mend ... *Bill Kneisel* needs another round of chemo, but reports he is doing so much better. He was even able to take a slow drive to AZ to see a great grand-daughter perform in H.M.S. Pinafore! ... *Peter Criscione* was recently diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. It's a tough one, but here's hoping & beaming positive thoughts his way, because he's really tough & has been able to get through other such problems ... *June Humphrey* had to have surgery to remove a cancer from her ear, says they got it all & no other treatment is required ... *Eleanor Jones* was at the convention but quite uncomfortable due to a case of the shingles. Her Dr. gave her some meds that proved the old saying "the cure is worse than the disease". Then I just today received an email from her daughter - Eleanor fell while on a trip to Padre Is., TX and broke her hip. Good grief! Eleanor - enough already - we really miss you when you cannot get to LAX to meetings ... *Hank Pietrzak* is doing very well, he was so relieved when his Dr. advised he does not have leukemia ... *Marge Mitchell* now has a live-in care-giver & is still at her lovely condo at Marina del Rey ... *Connie White* is still in rehab for a badly damaged back. It will be some time before she can drive ... Another recovering

from back problems is *Frances Sturdivan*. If you are a greeting card addict as I am, you'll no doubt want to sent cards to some of these folks. To save space, I haven't included addresses - so call or e-mail me for contacts.

Calendar:

Aug. 10 - Steak fry in El Segundo Park. Notices will go out shortly

Oct 12 - Luncheon.

Oct.31 - Nov.1 - Trip to PSP for The FABULOUS FOLLIES & a trip to the wonderful Living Desert Museum in Indian Wells. Hotel in downtown PSP, dinner included & breakfast, day 2. Contact me for flyer & the reasonable prices.

Re-Sans

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We received such enthusiastic feedback at our fall 2005 meeting at 94th Aero Squadron that our Oct. meeting will again be held at this lovely restaurant. More information will follow as to the date & time as your officers complete the work of scheduling this event.

We have missed a number of notes in RUAEA. This is due to the writer (your secretary) having been seriously ill for a number of months. We are now roaring back and will continue to keep you apprised of the happenings of our group. It would be a great help if you would call me at the telephone number shown above or send an e mail at the address shown above, to keep me informed.

We are saddened to report on the passing of Virginia (Dinny) Beckwith following a lengthy illness. Dinny left us on April 7, 2006. She is survived by her daughter, Judith Pershinsky. Cards may be addressed to Judith at 9820 Drew Av, Bloomington MN 55431.

Bill Lindsey is recovering at home from back surgery. Ouch, Bill! We wish you a speedy recovery.

Calendar:

Oct. - 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant

Dec. - Christmas Party at Tom Hams Restaurant



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Shirley Dickinson greeted us today as we entered our beautiful lakeside view room for our July potluck. Treas. Eugene Walter & his wife, Membership Secretary Carol Walter, were traveling so Co-2nd VPs Tony & Kathy Hutt did double duty & gave Gene and Carol's reports.

Kathy announced that we celebrated 2 anniversaries in June. Doris & Bill Livingston are celebrating 70 years and Paul & Lois Munson have been married 60 years. In May, Bob & Virginia Ahrens celebrated 60 years. We received one new member in May, Noel Tapia.

1st VP Bob Taiclet reminded everyone that the annual Picnic would be Sept. 25th & he needed volunteers. Bob passed around a sign up sheet & every job was filled. What a great group we have. Tickets (\$5) went on sale at the July meeting.

The Mainliner club is looking for volunteers to work in their store at the MOC Maintenance Base. You will be provided a parking space. If you are interested call the office at (650) 634-4158 or the store at (650) 634-6644.

Ralph Trullinger gave us a report on the Convention. He said that some people had problems obtaining the 20% reduced fare for flights. RUAEA is looking into this. If you had a problem report it to Ralph, he will pass it on.

Walter Bartkowiak & Marie Tilson are starting to work on finding new officers for next year. There are several offices to be filled so if you would like to be on the Board, talk to Walt or Marie.

For our entertainment today we were privileged to have Magician/Comedian Phil Ackley. It was a fun show; there was some audience participation and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg announced that the Iceland/Greenland cruise, 9/22/06 - 10/7/06, has a waiting list but a few cabins are opening up. The "*Country Christmas*", 12/6/06 - 12/11/06, still has some seats available, as does the "*Mexican Riviera*", 12/23/06 - 1/3/07 trip, but they are going fast.

The *Vietnam-Cambodia* trip, 2/13/07 - 2/27/07, has some rooms left but they are filling up. You can reach Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email: gingersfo@aol.com.

Betty Garner still has room on her 8/10 "Flower Galore" day trip but the 10/11 - 10/13 Yosemite trip has a waiting list. Betty is looking into a "West Coast Wine Cruise" 4/27 - 5/4/2007 from Monterey to Victoria. For more info call Betty 650-355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com.

Calendar:

Oct 19 - *Day at the Races* - Betty Bliss started selling tickets for the annual "Day at the Races" at the July meeting.

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., 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.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our June meeting was hosted by Bob & Sandy Brooks and Sophie Feaster at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. There were 45 members in attendance.

Pres. Guy Hoffman & his wife Nancy, along with Ace & Barbara Edkins, reported on the Convention at Washington DC. They gave excellent reports on the various activities. Some even were wearing the straw hats they received! They enjoyed a special tour to the Marjorie Post home.

Al & Betty Ostin described their extended visit through his old home state of WY. In Gillette they inquired as to his grandfather's Blacksmith shop; of course, found it was long gone. As far as my recollections in Gillette were concerned, I had no recollection of these names. Gillette is very busy in the coal industry. As I recall, when we were children we roasted wieners over that warm ground.

I must apologize for neglecting to mention Eleanor Johnson attending our meeting for the first time in a long time. She is in good health, enjoying activities in Mill Villa in Jamestown. She & her late husband, Lorin, were long time members. We also were glad to see Bert & Bonnie Kent after a long time absence.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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East Bay Diablos

Our June meeting was held on the 12th at the Pleasant Hill Park. It was our annual picnic, 37 intrepid souls braved the cold. Hard to believe that last year at the same time it was so hot that the desserts started to melt!

Sam Patrick & his wife Vilma were the founders of our East Bay Diablos. Sam passed away on May 31st. Vilma would appreciate cards & hearing from any of their friends. Her address is: 1700 Broadway Street - #133 - Concord, CA 94520.

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

Calendar:

Aug. 14

Sept. 11

Oct. 9

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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We welcomed Anne & Pat Dulin as first-timers to the 6/24 mailing session.

Only 33 Mile Highers attended the 7/5 breakfast at the Training Center Cafeteria. Dan Osborn was a first-timer at TK & Lonna Fischer attended after a long absence. Charles Hassler & Vic Anderatte returned their 50/50 winnings to the DEN Chapter treasury. Thanks, fellows.

Pres. Tom Goodyear introduced John Winter, Managing Director of the DEN Flight Training Center, who spoke to our group.

Ethel Rardin had surgery on her (second) knee & could use some cheering-up notes/cards. Address: 15461 E. 33rd Av., Aurora, CO 80011.

It is with deep sorrow we report the death of Thurman Eaton on June 21. Thurm will be missed – especially at the mailing sessions with his cheerful voice announcing “Coffee-Time”. Our sympathy to Elizabeth & family. Address: 14233 E. Marina Dr., Aurora, CO 80014.

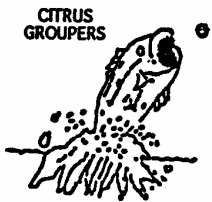
Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on June 22 at the Tierra Del Sol restaurant with 22 members & guests attending. One of our guests was Ray Winterhalter, Director for the FL Region. He gave us an interesting presentation of what he wants to do & where he wants to go. One of his goals is to increase membership in FL & expand in neighboring states where at present are no RUAEA chapters. We all hope that he is successful in that endeavor & our organization is able to expand.

Joe & Elain Cantillo went to KY to visit family, while there they went to the racetrack; according to Joe, they broke even! We had 2 new members at the meeting, Earl & Darleen Overfield. Earl retired from Pittsburgh in 1983, they recently moved to our area. The Wimmers just returned from a visit to Milwaukee & Chicago where they met with Ron & Pat Artman from ORD. Betty Smith is also back from CHI where she visited with family.

Calendar:

Aug. 28 – Meeting at White Swan Café, 5000 N. US Hwy 27 by 49 Ave. at Ocala Palms in Ocala – 11:30 AM

Sept. 28 - Meeting – 11:30 AM at Katie Bell's Restaurant in the Villages.

SAND“DABS”

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It was good for me & John to be back again at the Red Lobster with the Sand“DABS” after missing several months. I will do my best to bring you up-to-date on things as best I can. Now that John is in remission right now, things are looking up for us.

The Coughlins were away, so VP Steve Moddle opened the meeting. Awhile back Sand "DABS" welcomed new member Chuck Landes. Nancy Thomas was back with us in her wheelchair pushed by hubby Frank. She had broken her leg in a fall back in Feb. & is recovering nicely. George & Jeanne Sudol were unable to be with us as they are moving but we haven't received a new address for them yet. Martha Priehs was with us today. We were glad to see her as she has moved recently to 2419 Gallery View Dr. #7, Winter Park, FL 32792. It's not too far away so she will be able to be back with us from time to time. We have learned that Charlotte Forte married recently to a long time friend she re-connected with. We wish them well. There were 3 couples who had anniversaries recently. What a great accomplishment.

Our Treas. reported we are still in the black. We have given gifts of money to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler in honor & remembrance of Andy Kress & Dick Perry. We had thank you notes from both families. We also gave a donation to help Wounded Soldiers at Walter Reed. We discussed looking into the possibility of sending shoe boxes of small items for our military in the war zones. We had an extra drawing after the 50/50 as a belated Father's Day gift. Frank Thomas won the special flashlight that takes any size battery. A great gift.

VP Steve shared an article from the Pilot's Newsletter in remembrance of Oliver Hazard "Dick" Perry, 93, who passed away May 12. Dick worked in Dispatch. He was with United 43 years. Anyone wishing to send a note to his son Oliver can at 3721 Mayo Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

After lunch VP Steve read some more helps for us to keep safe in & around parking lots, getting into our cars, etc. especially at night. There was a discussion by several people about the company, pilots, jobs, flights, traveling, etc. It was a great meeting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Truce is better than friction.*

Calendar:

Aug 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Sept 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO
REAL McCoy's

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July, a happy month! A month of summer parties, swimming, family reunions & vacations. It is a time of year to have fun. This is also a month when we all find time to pause for a moment to remember those in the military & say to them "We appreciate you".

Our monthly meeting at the Golden Corral was July 5 with 32 present. A hearty Real McCoy's. Welcome to the following new members: Federico Gonzalez and his wife Sandra. Federico retired from the ramp in Orlando. We also are happy to welcome back Judy & Jack Bilkey and Lisa & David Leighty, who also brought a guest from Nashville, Michael Allen. We appreciate all of you & are delighted to have you with us!

We would like to send Get Well Wishes to Mack Chandler. You are missed ... Please get well without delay!

Our next Luncheon Meeting is Wednesday,

Calendar:

Aug. 2 - Golden Corral - 2328 S, Semoran Blvd in Orlando - 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 11 through 21 - Spectacular Sights of Scenic Arizona Featuring Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

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We had a nice group of 13 members & 1 guest attending our summer breakfast meeting on July 7. John (RSW) & Nancy Dainus brought their lovely granddaughter, Sarah Dainus. They were taking her to the airport after breakfast to

catch a flight to Detroit to return home to Wyandotte, MI. This summer the Dainus plan to travel to PHX & SAN. We were all so happy to see Al Verhage (ORDFO). Al comes from Lake Placid. He was disappointed to miss Mel Volz (EXOFS) who planned to join us but cancelled at the last minute due to a health problem.

Sally Riggs told us she was on board a United Express flight that blew a tire on takeoff at RSW. The flight made an unscheduled, but uneventful, landing at Indianapolis after all went through emergency landing procedures. Jack & Barbara Clay are back from driving to CHI, Branson & Hot Springs before returning home. Terry & Joan Gilkison just returned from a week at the Outer Banks with their family. Sally Sciple will be going to Africa again in Oct. This time she will be visiting South Africa. Dick & Ruth Barros and Marilyn & Tom McNabb were also at the breakfast.

We will have a breakfast meeting in August, but none in September. In October we will resume our regular luncheon meetings at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month

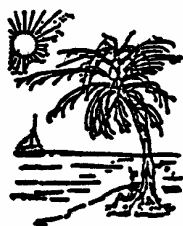
Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Sept.)

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We had 28 members in attendance for our July 3 meeting, one guest was Peg Rombach from Leesburg, FL.

Our chapter has 57 members. Aug. 7, our next meeting is the last time to pay dues for this year.

Jenny Santacroce, our Secretary is moving, we appreciate her giving of her time for our chapter; we will miss her. We are in need of a replacement secretary.

We were glad to have Art Reveillac at our meeting, as he had been in the hospital. Terri Breslin sent cards to Art Reveillac, Larry Eppard, who had knee surgery & Edith Polito who has had many mini strokes.

It was reported 800 persons attended the convention in Washington, D.C.

Terri Breslin, Chairman of the Christmas Luncheon, reported the luncheon will be held Dec. 4 at Spartan Manor. Registration forms will be mailed to the membership the middle of Aug.

Everyone going to the picnic at Anderson Park on Oct. 2 will need to sign-up at our Aug. meeting.

Please notify Pres. Mike Rice if you are moving or have changed your e-mail address.

Calendar:

Aug. 7 - 10:00 AM Buddy Freddys Holiday, FL

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Treasure Coast

Calendar:

Aug. - Vacation

Sept. 5 - 11:30 Luncheon meeting at Johnny's, 7180 US 1 (Federal Hwy), Port St. Lucie, FL - (772) 878-2686

Oct. 3 - Meeting at Johnny's Restaurant - Same address & phone as above

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The clouds parted, the sun came out & a shimmering rainforest greeted 61 Menehune, spouses, guests, & parents at Treetops Restaurant in Manoa on June 22.

After we enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch, the first order of business was welcoming new member Harry Hashimoto (HNLCS) & wife Barbara. Susie Kimura KIXOZ was recognized as the guest traveling the longest distance. The Mom with the most miles was Anna Turner of Colorado (Hunter KOAOZ). Jeannie Yukitomo gave us some Credit Union updates.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to socializing and we did a fine job of it.

Calendar:

Autumn - Sept. 28

Winter – Feb. 22, 07

Steering Committee Meeting – Jan. 9, 07

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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In lieu of a monthly meeting, 25 Boise GEMS met at Ned Yundt's home on July 3 for a potluck afternoon picnic lunch, including 2 kinds of homemade ice cream, thanks to Dave & Carol Adams. The day was unusually warm but a bit of a breeze made it very comfortable on Ned's covered patio. The event also served as an Independence Day celebration, & memorial for deceased GEMS. On a small table, with a vase of flowers, were two plaques containing all the names including spouses. Carol Adams led us in prayer.

Al Cox, whom we haven't seen for quite a while attended. He looks & sounds very much like the Al Cox we all remember & love. He is still visiting his wife Jodie daily. She is in a nursing home, suffering from Alzheimer's. It was good to see & visit with Margrit Robertson, after too long an absence. There were the Haugens, Adams (including Carol's mother Frances), Duvalls, Dempseys, Estensens, Ryerses, & the Roses. Shirley Dempsey said she stood by all flights to BOI for 3 days, before she could get home.

Also attending were the regulars: Marlene Croghan, Marilyn Taylor, Lil Jolly, Ned Yundt, Sharon Kolins & her very interesting mother, Marie, plus yours truly. Al Burkhart's intentions were good, but he showed up 2 days earlier with food & beverage. Denny Snyder planned being with us but must have had a last-minute change of plans.

Pete & Dorothy Trock celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, flying to Amsterdam, visiting relative & friends, followed by an ocean cruise to other countries in Europe. We hope they will tell us all about it when they return later this summer. Joe & Joan Varady will be visited by friends & relative from CA all summer. Gloria Trotter was in SAC over the holiday. Flora Tanguay is recovering from knee surgery & we wish her a quick recovery.

Holbrook Maslen now has his own "Aeroplanes Over Idaho Museum." He has a large hangar at the Caldwell Airport. I took the tour & concluded it was more than a museum, it is a work of love in progress. All manner of vintage airplanes are in various stages of renovation. For anyone interested in flying, it's fascinating. You can reach "Mike" at 208 863-0246, or by Internet at lucky2@cablone.net.

Calendar:

Aug. 7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

Sep. 4 – To be announced. - That's Labor Day, so we won't be meeting at JB's.

ILLINOIS

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Northsiders had a good turnout of over 100 happy smiling faces for the breakfast in June. Canned food & boxed goods were brought in for the food pantry. Thanks to everyone who donated food and money.

Carol Faust & JoAnn Giannini orchestrated a special surprise party for "Yours Truly" with a big birthday cake decorated with a Medicare Card for his 65th birthday. I was unable to eat my breakfast because of all the excitement. The group joined in singing Happy Birthday, followed by pictures, gifts - & cake for everyone. It was a wonderful surprise for me.

There were 2 newcomers at the Northsiders breakfast: Beverly Burlage from EXOMA who retired Jan. 1990 & Judith Bataille who retired Dec. 2003 from ORDMR.

Marge Daily reported that she spent a wonderful week in CO attending a family reunion. Marge said that it was nice seeing family & had a wonderful time. Marge had no problem going to DEN but difficulties returning. Being bumped 4 times along with SA's she was the only SA on the 5th flight home - that's because of her seniority.

NOTICE: If you are NOT CURRENT with your membership annual dues of \$5.00 to the Chicago Skyliners, you still have one last opportunity to be associated by sending your payment to Ken Goetz at 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL 60118 at your earliest convenience.

This Sept. The Midway Guys and Gals will be celebrating the 24th Annual Midway Days. The Midway Guys and Gals group are United retirees who worked at Midway Airport. The reunion is a wonderful opportunity to meet & socialize with old acquaintances. If you are a former Midway employee & would like to become a member of The Midway Guys and Gals, contact Marge Daily either before or during the reunion. Also, any United retiree who is interested in attending the luncheon is very welcome. The reunion will be held at Manzo's Banquet Hall, located at 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, IL on Wed. Sept. 27. Contact Marge Daily (847) 439-1441 for your reservation. Invitations will be mailed in Aug. to members & past attendees. If there has been a change in your address or you would like to join, please call Marge.

Ron Pryor reported that 15 volunteers & other Southsiders joined in and went to the Greater Food Depository in June. Ron reports that a new head of the GCFD will be Kate Maher. She replaces Mike Mulqueen retired after 15 years of leading the GCFD.

The Southsiders for the past 2 months had quite a turnout including 2 first timers at their June brunch: Diana Z. Burns who worked in Accounting & Dennis Zachara who worked at ramp. Agnes Pearson recently received the Golden Spirit award from the 13th Ward in CHI for her service commitment in her volunteer work at a senior group. Agnes was one of 6 who were awarded recognition plaques for their dedication.

AT O'HARE AIRPORT: The Employee Security checkpoint has been relocated from lower level of Terminal One, to the south end of Terminal One, on the Upper Level, in the area where Terminal One meets Terminal Two (directly above door G in baggage claim). When entering United Terminal One on the Upper Level, go left to reach this security checkpoint. Within this security checkpoint on the Upper Level the far right hand lane will be designated as the retiree/employee-only lane. The lane will be dedicated to United Airlines, Star Alliance, flight crews, & other ORD personnel from 5:30 A.M. to 9 A.M. seven days a week. Outside of these hours, the TSA plans to use this lane as a "Flex Lane" to also accommodate the general public during peak hours. Airline employees will continue to receive priority processing by displaying their airport badge or DM Card.

The Skyliners would like to congratulate Mort Wax as the newly elected RUAEA President. Our congratulations, Mort. Thanks to Marlin Lade for his accomplishments during his presidency.

A note was received from Ceil Yates to let us know that a dear friend, Ron Madsen, may receive "Get Well" wishes. Ron is staying with his sister in Minneapolis to be near Mayo Clinic for treatment. Ron was a trainer in Tariff and is well known. Cards can be sent to Ron at 8040 Cardinal Lane, Waconia, Minnesota 55387.

Calendar:

Aug. 9 - Northside Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (2nd. Wed. of the month), 9:00 a.m., Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Aug. 16 - Loop Group Brunch - Palmer house, 11:00 a.m.

Aug. 31 - Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (last Tuesday of the month) - 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Sept. 27 - Annual Luncheon - The Midway Guys and Gals - Manzo's Banquet Hall 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, IL

INDIANA

INDY RACERS

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This past month has been interesting as the Indy Racers had events planned & events canceled. Our annual picnic was sadly canceled because no one could come. It is pretty sad when 4 out of the 5 people on the entertainment committee have been either in the hospital, sick, away, or just plain recovering from surgery or an injury. Well, that's exactly what happened & that's exactly why we had to cancel the picnic. We're sorry for those who planned to attend & couldn't or especially for those who planned to attend, went to the lodge on the proper day & time, & found no one there. So sorry!

I really have no new news to share other than Ray Brabo & his 43 stitches to his foot are doing quite well, I had surgery 3 weeks ago & am doing well. Our Pres. Wanda Bryce, is getting along fine. Jim Gibson could use some cheer & get well wishes as he experienced a stroke a few weeks ago. It affected his left side & his speech slightly. I have spoken with him since the stroke, he sounded pretty good to me. Along with his own recovery, he's been a blessing to his wife, Chris, who is battling with cancer. They are both such strong & positive individuals that they have a great support system within one another. We sincerely wish them both good health. They are truly a special couple.

The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. The meeting begins at 3:00 but we do have access to our room at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We love to have visitors & new members ... so join us soon. See you there!

Calendar:

Aug. 14 – Meeting

Sept. 11 – Meeting

Oct. 9 - Meeting

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Our June meeting was anything but - We took the Boston Duck Tour, which was outstanding. Included was an excellent lunch at a local Italian restaurant, most delicious! The entire fleet of Ducks are all vintage WWII amphibious landing vehicles. Only one is still painted in military olive drab. The others are an assortment of wild colors, sporting a tarp to keep rain out. Our group of 44 members was required to use two Ducks. The drivers, or conDUCKtors, were a class act. It's like driving a house-length vehicle through the often congested streets of Boston, then steer it up the Charles river, all the while giving his personal vaudevillian narration. They were excellent & would have been an exceptional flight attendant or ticket agent.

Two members not seen at meetings in some time, Ann Thornell & Bill Rhodenhizer. Glad you came, hope you enjoyed & will attend more often. Our guest is an active agent at MHTOZ, Sharon Heffernan. Unfortunately, we had several members who couldn't attend because of illness, Jach & Nancy Casey and Don & Joan Simard. Our Treas. Bill Vanderwal had to rush off to FL with concerns for his 94 year old dad's failing health.

Bill Shailor fell while in church & has several bruises, but at 84 he claims he's still very healthy & doing as best as one can. Bill's son, Jonathon, a professor at U of Wisconsin, recently put on 2 shows, King Lear & Othello, casting inmates at Racine WI correctional facility. Bill is a proud father. Jane & Hack Regan have sold their home in Salem, NH, are moving further north to Lake Winnisquam in Tilton. Good thing they are snow birds!

Heard from Marge LeClair. She advises Ed has been a little out of it, but still looks forward to his garden, as this years rain allows. She hopes they will be able to attend the summer picnic. Marie & Bill Dwyer organize a weekend tour at the Beacon Motel in Lincoln, NH, one price, all inclusive, August 28-30. Marie usually draws 4 to 5 couples - advises it's a good time. Call her and join in, (781) 224-1926.

If anyone would like to purchase a golf shirt with the Nor'Easter logo, please contact your secretary.

Calendar:

Aug. 23 - Sixth Annual Summer Picnic, at Salem Willows, MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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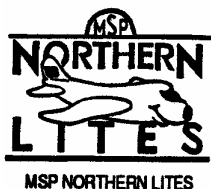
June 8, 23 Escapees had a great reunion at the Senate in Livonia, hosted by Kay & Ken Smith. We welcomed 10 Escapees that had been MIA (not a city code) for over a year. Our waitress did an outstanding job filling our requests. Her helper no-showed, she took on the job of two with a great smile & enthusiasm, like a trooper. It brought back many memories like weather & strike days, when we all became multi-tasked. Each escapee received a lottery ticket celebrating the Escapees 11th Birthday, actually had 5 winners, including big winner, Carol Shaffner who became \$40 richer. For once Uncle Sam was not the big winner.

We were sad to learn that Loralie Kennedy had been diagnosed with stage 4, esophagus cancer. She is at the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newberg, Room 112, Livonia, MI 48154. Loralie is very weak & in much pain, please keep her in your prayers. Also heard Joanne Maas had been under the weather & undergoing many tests at this time. P.O. Box 1274, Orting, WA 98360-1274. Also Suzi Hicks (Gorenflo), 69 Radnor Circle, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236-3812, will be undergoing cataract surgery the end of July. Lastly honorary Escapee, & most faithful attendee, Joan Petry, 125 School, Clawson, MI 48017-1275, has been diagnosed with Lombard Stenosis & is now doing serious therapy, in hopes of avoiding surgery. Please keep all our ailing Escapees in your prayers & please, stay well.

Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

MINNESOTA



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We were pleased to welcome Bud & Jo Ayres, more recently members of the BWI chapter, to our group. They've moved to River Falls, WI to be closer to family. We want them to accept us as their Midwestern UAL family. Hopefully they'll be regulars. One of our alumni who was furloughed in the late 80's joined us for lunch. Marlene Overpeck flew for Capital Airlines & United, & became a Res. agent after marriage & children. When Res. was relocated to Chicago, she opted to stay in MN & left the company. We all recognize that it stays in one's blood, though, & we're happy to welcome her back.

The snowbirds are back! It's about time, say I! Boy, they fly away for MONTHS & we don't hear a peep outta them (mutter, mumble, mutter). They've been sorely missed & we're glad they're home.

Tom & Laurie McGarry, friends of Cookie & Gene Delvaux joined us as well. They are survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Their home in Mississippi was hit, having 14 feet of water sweep through it. There was nothing to do but bulldoze it as the loss was total. They are now living in Biloxi in a rental property & trying to pull their lives together. Our hearts go out to them & to all the others whose lives have been uprooted.

The woes of pass travel, especially Companion travel, was discussed. With summer load factors being in the mid- to high-80's on average, trying to travel on standby is no longer a privilege.

Got an e-mail from "Mort" Morton ... he's Bionic, but you can't keep him down! He's out & about, doing rehab for the next several weeks. We hope to see him & Glenda at the annual picnic.

Speaking of which, don't forget that there's NO MEETING on Aug. 9 because the picnic is Aug. 16! If you can make it to the picnic, please RSVP to the Gundersons (715) 684-3930 & bring your own beverages, lawn chairs & a dessert or snack to share. Bring along some of those "treasures" cluttering up your space for which you have no use. Wrap them & mark them Male or Female (a brown paper bag will do!) & names will be drawn to see whose home they'll go to next.

Calendar:

Lunch the 2nd Wed. of every month (EXCEPT Aug.) at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

Aug. 16 - Annual picnic, Lyle & Sonja Gunderson's in Baldwin, WI

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Great day at Chalco Hills with 47 attending. Thanks to Arnie & Shirley Mahoney and Jim & Dorothy Braden for hosting. Food was delicious, the weather was great.

Dottie Lewis said Paul Halligan passed away on May 19. Services were held in DEN on May 24. Paul worked in reservations in OMA in the late 50's, then transferred to DEN. A card may be sent to Paul's wife, Lillian Halligan, 11419 W. 85th Place, Arvada, CO 80005

Howard Jensen passed away, his service was held the last of May.

Virginia Lang called, said that Prudy Lovett passed away in Pebble Beach, CA. Her husband, Charles, was manager in OMA at one time.

Calendar:

Aug. 1 – Fish & Game Club, Lake Manawa – Hosted by Larry Farrell, Keith Cornish and Tony Sortino

Sept. 12 – Picnic Chalco Hills, Hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

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Report from our Prez, Chris Czaplewski - June 13 luncheon/meeting at Ellis Island with 40 members in attendance. This included one new member, Dawn Kealoha (LAXCS & LASCs), and guest, Olive Cox.

After lunch, items of discussion at the meeting were mainly on the events from the DCA Convention; new RUAEA officers & announcement on the 2007 Convention at SMF.

We had some wonderful items for our raffle, including a case of champagne donated by Preston Bluiett.

Mike Vasko had a large group for the June 29 play, "South Pacific", at Tuacahn Theater in St. George, UT.

Get well wishes to our secretary's hernia surgery on 6/16.

We've discussed recently about our drop in membership in our Chapter; some members moved out of the area, some passed away, others just lost interest. Along with these facts, our meeting place officials advised us that we will have to guarantee a certain amount of persons per meeting in order to continue our luncheons. So I regret to say that we have opted to disband this Chapter. We will have **one more luncheon/meeting on Tues., Sept. 12, 2006 at Ellis Island**, this will be in place of our annual Christmas party.

I want to thank the people that first started this Chapter in Las Vegas: Ray & Marge Gibson, Marylou Littlefield; I am not sure of all the others that were involved. I understand that they also hosted a RUAEA annual Convention one year. The other officers that donated their time, expertise & knowledge these past years deserve a Big Thanks also. They are Winnie Stone, Mike & Eleanor Vasko, Lois & George Fox, Jerry & Madeline Meierkort, Denny & Nelma Gutwald, Ron & Elaine Ptak, Baldor Ziel, Zelma Kibler & the late Rosie Rosenthal. I apologize if there is anyone that I missed. Everyone that has been involved with this Chapter & attended so faithfully these past years have really made it a good group to be with, I thank you all for your help, support & friendship during the years that I have served as your Secretary and President. We could not have managed without Winnie's faithful bookkeeping & treasurer duties either; thanks, Winnie!

A reminder note will be sent at the latter part of Aug. to the Las Vegas Gamblers Chapter for the last luncheon in Sept.

Submitted by President, Chris Czaplewski.

Calendar:

Sept. 12 – Luncheon Meeting - 11:30 am. Place: The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109
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There were 23 members in attendance at our May meeting. We will have our picnic in Aug. at Sand Harbor. For the Sept. meeting, we will advise everyone through the newsletter if we change from Austin's.

United News: UA plans to reduce 1000 salaried & management jobs this year. UA is also looking to moving executive headquarters to downtown CHI. Other possible locations are SFO & DEN, although it appears that downtown CHI is first choice. It is assumed that outlying departments would move into vacated sections of headquarters in Elk Grove.

RUAEA: The convention was huge success. All the tours John went on were wonderful. The new officers have taken over. Bob Cuff just sent us his last communication as our Director. The 2007 convention will be in Sacramento. The Wagoners also attended the convention.

We have sent out the invitation to the SAC group to join us for the picnic on Aug. 21 at Sand Harbor. Based on the numerous comments we have received, we do not see the locale for the picnic changing in 2007. Duncan Scaife has volunteered to be our chef, aided by his wife Nancy. Jim Wagoner has volunteered to help us set up the site. Our new Director also plans to attend. Hopefully we will also see Bob Cuff again. The members agreed to again pay \$5 per attendee to help defray costs. The chapter will provide the meat for grilling, all paper items, condiments (lettuce, tomato, onions), & water for drinking. Hopefully, also coffee depending in our electrical situation at the park.

Pat Steenrod continues rehabilitation at home after her surgery. Dorothy Burrell has called, hopes to make it back to the meetings. *Correction: In last month's newsletter I mentioned "Dorothy Haws" was recuperating and it should have been Elizabeth Haws.*

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The Gardenstaters chapter met on July 28 at "The Willows", 1013N Washington Avenue, Green Brook, NJ 08812. Pres. Dick Confer opened the meeting, there was a moment of silence for Phil Vozzo who passed away last week.

Our meeting on Aug. 30 will be our annual picnic at Merrill Park in Colonia.

Several of our members attended the RUAEA convention in Washington D.C. It was great meeting old friends & new ones. Next year's convention will be in Sacramento, CA. Pres. Confer announced that some of the Clipped Wings from New Jersey were in attendance, Janet Kirwan & Diane Johnson. Mary Bush fell & broke her leg. They donated one of their cook books for the Door Prize & are still selling the books for \$10. United License Plate Holders are available for \$1. The dedication ceremony of Flight 93 will be on Sept. 11. Lists of Shanksville Property Hotels & directions to the dedication ceremony of Flight 93 are available for anyone who plans to attend.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

June 20, 26 Chippers met at Eckl's Beef Restaurant, Orchard Park, Eckl's is very well know for its beef, yet only 5 ordered steaks, 4 ordered pork chops, 17 ordered Yellow Pike.

Everything was delicious but the Yellow Pike, a rarity in restaurants was outstanding.

There was no program. The Snow Birds have returned home to join the rest of us who survived the rather mild wet winter. It was good to enjoy the get-together & catch up on activities.

Joyce Izydorczak with husband Bob, showed up with a cane, her bad foot in a medical boot. She recently changed doctors & moved from constant bed rest to an active life again. Disposition of her injury is still pending.

Corrine Golombek reported Jim had an incident with a large pipe & a wheelbarrow, ending up with two cracked ribs & a blow to his head. Corrine said it would have made an interesting video if anyone with a camera had witnessed the accident. Currently Jim is nursing his wounds, unable to drive & hopes to be back to normal quickly. They also report they have their house for sale & are considering a move from the area.

It was good to see Mike Keller on his return from his winter home in Corpus Christi. Mike is having serious eye problems, needs to find a driver to get him to meeting. Living on the shore of Lake Ontario makes it difficult.

Don & Frankie Gaydos reported in from their new home in New Castle, PA., they made the move to get closer to family.

Fred & Ann Dillon, now of Punta Gorda, FL recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

Lloyd & Jan Cliff, now of Aurora, CO. returned home after spending time helping daughter Candi move from Charleston, SC to Spartanburg.

Calendar:

Next meeting will be shortly after Labor Day.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The best laid plans of the Metros for their annual picnic turned out very well considering the torrential rain on the Long Island area. We had 44 members & guests show up at the Wantagh Park Pavilion all wet - ready for coffee & donuts.

Paul Cohen was busy at the barbeque with Charlie Kaczinski, Joe Totaro, & Jim Richardson as his assistants. Several members were busy with deck brushes pushing the water out from under the pavilion, for an extra piece of delicious home made cake baked by Joan Curtin, Ann Maertz & the unknown baker.

July Birthday greeting to 17 chapter members & special greetings to Bob Gilson

On the 18th, he will turn four score & then some. Ed Smith turned 85 on the 2nd of July, Ann Lyons turns 84 on the 10th. Eliot Olenick will be 82 on the 8th; Pat Gilson will be 82 on the 19th. Best Wishes to our octogenarians!

Lillian & Paul Cohen celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on July 30th. Mazel Tov!

Mary Zwielich is home from the hospital after knee surgery & has received a fruit basket from the chapter. Speedy recovery Mary! (631) 289-4405

Mike Maddi was hospitalized on May 15 with chest pains, then suffered a brain aneurysm while in the hospital. He was just transferred to St. Johnsland in Kings Park, for therapy. Several retirees have visited with Mike & advised the membership that he is doing well - looking forward to being home. (631) 698-1675.

Each month Dave & Joan Curtin pick up Diana Arena & Nell Napolitano, drive the ladies to our monthly meetings at the Asian Buffet & the annual picnic, even when the weather is inclement. Hats off to Dave & Joan!

Charlie Kaczinski just returned from his annual Marine Corps reunion. This year's get together was in Indianapolis. He talked about his one lap around the Indy 500 race track. He loved it.

At last month's meeting at the Asian Buffet the membership voted to eat first then have the meeting & 50/50 raffle.

Calendar:

Aug. 2 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

Sept. 6 - Asian Buffet 12 noon
Dec 06 - Millerridge Inn 12 noon \$25.00 pp

NORTHWOODS

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The following report is submitted by Norman Wilkinson, 2114 Country Knoll LN, Elgin, IL 60123-4909 - (847) 697-3775: The fall meeting of the Loonies will be held in Door County, WI, a peninsula which extends northeastward into Lake Michigan from 15 miles north of Green Bay, WI for a distance of about 80 miles. Our group met there for the first time in May 2004; enjoyed the beautiful scenery, many lighthouses, state parks, wonderful gift shops, antique stores, art galleries & restaurants. It is a delightful place with almost endless things to see & do.

The meeting will be held Oct. 17-20. A block of rooms has been reserved at a hotel in the town of Fish Creek. They will be held for us until Sept. 15. Fall foliage is a big tourist attraction with rooms much in demand, so it is important to call the hotel to book your space before the deadline. Letters will be in the mail to all members by Aug. 1 with more information, plus additional material will be mailed to everyone planning to attend.

As always, we welcome new members from upper Midwest locations too small to support a regular RUAEA chapter. We will be delighted to have you join us. Please phone or write me for questions or further information.

The following report is submitted by Don Hayden: The spring meeting of the Loonies was a huge success, as have all the past events. 28 loyal members attended the meeting held at Sault Ste. Marie, MI on May 16-19. Several regular members had to miss for various reasons. They all were missed. The highlight of the meeting almost turned into an international event. The group took a boat tour through the locks between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. Westbound we went through the American locks. On the return trip we started to use the Canadian locks. Just after entering the lock one of the gates broke while half-way closed (or open if you prefer). That meant we were stuck in Canadian territory for two plus hours. None of us had passports - some no identification to satisfy Canadian customs. The boat operator said that this failure had never occurred before.

Eventually the boat people brought another tour boat up through the American lock, turned around & came in just short of our boat stuck inside the gate. The passengers unloaded, walked a few hundred feet to the second boat which had to back up until it could gain clearance to turn around, then brought us back to our original start at the boat dock after returning through the American lock. Rather interesting experience.

Another highlight was the group helping Don & Hope Hayden celebrate their 50th anniversary on the 19th.

Now for the GOOD NEWS! The Oct. meeting will be returning to Door County, WI. Same hotel as previously used for meeting. The dates are 10/17-18-19 with Norm Wilkinson hosting & has all the info.

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There were 89 at our June meeting including 2 guests. Charlie Stemper brought a friend Betty White, who started the Parks Foundation in Vancouver, WA & Marilyn Woods' brother Richard Foster was there from that country down under, Australia.

Laquita Bloom, a long time member is moving to Spokane to be near her son & family. I understand Billy Davis who left last year plans to return to PDX in the near future.

A book exchange was started at the June meeting, so if you are interested bring your completed books & replace them with a new one.

Bruce & Lila Blough celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 14th & Bruce's 85th birthday was on June 2. Congratulations!

Tom Harvey brought news to the meeting that Pat had colon surgery; however he was bringing her home that day from the hospital & expected her to have a full recovery. Mary Shepherd fell sometime last month but is recovering, although her daughter sent word she is also experiencing a heart problem. Our sincere condolences to Dorothy Shanley on the death of her grandson from drowning.

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

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

Aug. 9 - TBA

Sept. 13 - Speaker

Oct. 11 - Ice Cream Social

OUR CLUB

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The quarterly meeting of OUR Club was held on June 2 at TinTin Buffet in Medford, 19 members enjoyed a delicious Chinese spread & a chance to catch up with one another's goings on. During the business meeting, Eirlys McIntosh volunteered to see about having a speaker from SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) at the Sept. quarterly meeting.

The members agreed with President Robert Machado's proposal to move the next quarterly meeting date to Fri., Sept. 8, to avoid conflict with the Labor Day holiday weekend. The Sept. meeting will be a catered picnic to be held at 12:00 noon at Tom Pearce Park near Grants Pass. Robert & Judy Machado will be hosting the picnic. Please contact Jane Frincke for further information about this fun event.

We are delighted to report that Barbara Hickox is home after 2 months of treatment in the hospital & care facility. She & her new knee are now enthusiastically burning up the sidewalks! The report on Mary Crees' recent surgery is equally encouraging: Mary is home recovering & her spirits are as sunny as ever.

Calendar:

Aug. 4 - TBA hosted by Lon and Yvonne Vigil

Sept. 8 - details in column

Oct. 6 - TBA hosted by Marge Calkins

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We were all so relieved & happy to learn that VP Bernie McNamee & his wife, Mona, survived their car accident. They were on their way home from the convention. Bernie's NASCAR driving skills saved both of their lives. Even though the car was totaled, they sustained only minor injuries. It was good to see them at the picnic.

Dennis O'Neill is doing better after his hip surgery & cancer treatments. Regrettably he now has to have the other hip replaced. Soon he will be running fast, jumping high with TWO new hips. Good luck, Dennis.

We just learned that John Bricker died on April 9. Past Pres. Jim Fanto's wife, Barbara, is still paralyzed from a blood clot in her spine. She is now in therapy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Past Treas. Frank Eggles, is organizing a bus to Shanksville, PA to attend the Memorial Services for flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2006. It is the 5th anniversary of the 9/11 crash. The bus will leave from the Ramada Inn at the Philadelphia Airport at 8:00AM Mon. morning. It is a 5-hour trip each way. They plan to arrive in time for the services & stay for the candlelight vigil. The bus will return Mon. night. Anyone that is interested in going along, please call Frank at (610) 325-6763. We now have 20 people signed up, will need 20 more to fill the bus. This will reduce the cost for each attendee.

Our final meeting for the summer was a blast. 34 people enjoyed a picnic at poolside. It was nice to meet Roland Wolhback's wife, Shirley (for the first time). Jim Weeks, Bob Moyer & Ben Haines were there as well as many others we haven't seen for a while.

Our entertainment was a George Burns impersonator, Albert Long. I know everyone will agree that not only did Mr. Long look exactly like the late George Burns, but his mannerisms, voice & delivery were so convincing that I was as though we were watching George Burns perform in person. The jokes & songs had everyone laughing & applauding. It was a grand finale to our winter/spring season.

Have a safe summer. As the old song goes: ♪♪ See you in Sept. ♪♪

2nd Report:

The executive committee met at Kathy & Al Edward's to plan for the fall season, to discuss the Sept. bus trip & to celebrate the beginning of summer break. Kathy & Al outdid themselves with the picnic menu. They even provided sugar-free desserts! The hot tub was open, several people took a dip (even though the outside temp was over 90 degrees.)

Our surprise guests were Joe Rose & his wife, Dot. We have not seen them since they moved "south of the canal" in Delaware.

Past Treas. Frank Eggles, is finalizing the Sept. 11 trip to Shanksville, PA to attend the Memorial Services for flight 93. Anyone wishing to go along, please call Frank Eggles at (610) 325-6763 or Tom Lyons at (610) 853-2721. The bus will leave from the Ramada Inn at the Philadelphia airport 7:00AM. Mon. morning.

Since the departure is so early & the return will be late, we have received a special rate of \$75.00 per night at the Ramada for anyone who wants to stay Sun. night the 10th and/or Mon. night the 11th. It is a 5-hour trip each way so the return will be quite late. The round trip bus trip cost is: \$60.00 P/P (first come, first serve).

The full payment must be received by Aug. 15. Make check payable to: The Independents, note: FLIGHT 93 Memorial trip.

Checks may be mailed to: Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike Apt B307, Newtown, Square, PA 19073

*** Since our general meeting on Sept. 11, conflicts with our bus trip to Shanksville, we may hold our first meeting on Oct. 9, 2006. *****

Calendar

Sept. 11 - General meeting - 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

Sept. 18 - Committee Meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards'

PITTSBURGH **PIT-STOPPERS**

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How the time does fly - the 4th of July came & went (wet as it was) soon summer will be gone. Seems to go by so much faster once you hit 50 (ha).

The annual Pit-Stopper Picnic will have been held on July 14 & will be covered next month. This is usually our "Big Event" of the year.

Our congratulations to Joan & Vic Ference who celebrated their 50th anniversary in style cruising in HWI. Although I think Vic may have had one Mai-Tai too many - claims he saw my twin at one of the buffets. Word is everyone has a double.

The Pit-Stoppers would like to thank our out-going officers of RUAEA & congratulate the newly elected officers. We will certainly miss the out-going regime. Pit is well represented by the newly elected Secy. Marilyn Marcy - a Pittsburgh transplant. Congratulations Marilyn.

Thanks again to all for the well-wishes. Bernie is counting the days until I can drive again. He is almost beginning to enjoy grocery shopping. Hopefully I will graduate to a cane soon.

Our chapter treasurer Jo Kuehn is recuperating at home - 2823 Phillips Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116 - (412) 486-1178. I am sure Jo would love to hear from her many friends.

I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Phylliss Smith on her birthday milestone on June 22. What's your secret Phyll - You look great "Must be that good Italian bloodline". God Bless and many more.

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Our bi-monthly breakfast was held at Shoney's Restaurant on June 15. Most of us had been to the visitation/funeral services Wed. evening for our "elder statesman" Tom Shipe who passed away at the age of 89 on June 12. Tom started as a mechanic with Capital before the merge with United. He will be truly missed. Condolences can be sent to Betty Shipe, 7802 Creed Way, Knoxville, TN 37938.

Calendar:

Aug. 17 - 9:30 EST breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40/75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Sept. 12 - 12:30 EST, lunch to be hosted by Cecil & Rachel Atkins (931-358-4047). Location to be announced.

Oct. 19 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

UTAH

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On June 21, 13 chapter members met for a potluck picnic at Centerville's Island View Park. It was a beautiful day for an outdoor event. We were sorry that not more retirees were able to join the festivities, with lots of laughter about great stories told, about funny situations during our many years of work association with United Airlines.

Thanks to former chapter Pres. Grant Beutler for providing his good services as *chef-par-excellence!*

Tony Brown related that wife Dorothy was suffering from a virulent flu strain. Carl Olson called to tell that he needed to stay home to help his wife Lorraine get around: She had broken her foot. To both ladies a heartfelt get-well!

Recently, Lila Maughan had surgery at LDS Hospital; she is back home being cared for by Dr. Janalee. We hope she will be well soon!

We even had a police car drive up to the picnic area to check if all was well. To show our appreciation for his concern - and in the old "police/donut tradition" - he was given a box of Krispy Kreme donuts to share with his comrades at the station.

Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine & their daughter Judy with hubby/UAL retiree Clair Anderson brought grandson Brent Anderson, freshly retired from the Navy's *USS John Stennis* after 20 years of honorable service. A few years ago, Brent was serving on the *USS Lincoln* when Pres. Bush landed on the ship - under the banner of "Mission Accomplished". Please call Betty Davis (801-562-0216) regarding your picnic potluck dish selection.

Calendar:

Aug. 16 - Potluck picnic - 5pm - Sugar House Pk., Terrace Lake Pavilion;

Sept. 20 - Coffee - 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

WASHINGTON

LILAC CITY FLYERS



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I apologize for the lack of a newsletter from GEG for the past few months. We returned home from PSP the end of March. I had not heard from anyone regarding events or news from GEG so I had nothing to report. Plenty to report from PSP as on Feb. 2 my pant leg caught a sprinkler riser sticking out over the sidewalk, I took a nosedive into the front door of our condo onto the tile floor. I remember feeling like Mary Poppins flying thru the air. We then proceeded to the Urgent Care to stop the bleeding. They wouldn't attempt to stop it as the Dr. thought it was broken. They then transported me to Desert Regional by ambulance. This started at around 1 pm. The saga continued until after 1 am. Lance got to sit with me in the hallway in ER & hand me gauze by the bundle. ER has 35 trauma rooms, we were #1 of 5 in the hallway with only 2 docs on duty. At 9 p.m. they inserted 2 Jacob's rockets, (1 in each nostril), it only stopped the external bleeding. It continued bleeding down my throat. In 2 hours the doc removed my right one to put in a larger one (hurt like hell) was sore from being bruised, but it worked. They waited 2 hours, then removed the inserts, cauterized my blood vessels (OUCH), sent me home at 2 a.m. It was the longest 12 hours I can remember. I wasn't in pain but most uncomfortable. I am scheduled for surgery to move my nose back to where it used to be. I cannot breathe through my right nostril as it moved the cartilage over the nasal passage. By the time you read this I should be on my way to normal, whatever that may be. If not back to normal I will be fertilizing daisies.

I have finally heard from some of our retirees, they apparently did not have any dinners recently & thought I had fallen off the face of the earth.

Vera Graham, Fran Smith & Pauline Miller met Elsie George for lunch at the Worley Indian Casino, Elsie is having trouble with the simple task of what we take for granted of walking. You do have to be tough to get old! No one ever said it would be easy.

You will be excited as I was to know that Bob & Edie Clark & Tom & Mary Sullivan have generously agreed to a summer picnic once again at their place on the Pend O'Reille River near Ione, WA. They will be in contact with you & check the calendar of events for details.

Calendar:

Aug. 12 – Picnic at the home of Bob & Edie Clark in Ione, WA. It is being paid for from the funds of the Spokane Chapter for those attending. You will be contacted with time and directions to their home soon.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Summer is here & the Dulles Loungers are all off enjoying themselves in many different parts of the world. There will be no meetings or official luncheons until Sept. 13.

As planned, we finished our year with the annual "Pig Pullin" at the home of David & Tina Cox. There were over 80 members & guests in attendance. The food was great, as always, and the company couldn't have been better.

We would like to share pictures from that day with you. Go to <http://www.dullesloungers.com/>

Bud Reed is our official photographer as well as our Webmaster. He not only posted his great photos, he actually included some darling animations in many of the pictures. (Look closely at the cheese table - you will see an animated mouse).

The 4th of July is always a great day here in the Nation's Capitol:

- (Dutch & Kerrie Schneider hosted a fabulous swim party cookout at their home in Manassas.
- (This reporter was competing in a Regional Bridge Tournament in Alexandria, VA.
- (Some of our members were picnicking along the Potomac River while anticipating the varied activities of the 4th of July.

Most of us made time to watch the fireworks that evening. The early evening hard rain cleared in time for a brilliant fireworks display.

Have a wonderful Summer - and Fly Safe!

Calendar:

Sept. 13 – Dulles Loungers meeting at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization or the editor.)

Ray “K” Klapatauskas, 2120 Fox Hollow Ln., E. Greenville, PA 18041

It is 3 years since I retired from UAL. I will retire from District 141 as an AGC on Oct. 31, 2006. I can't say the past 38 years have been a great ride, for we have weathered one storm after another the last 20 years. It is now time for the leadership of this Company to address the issues that are before then without digging into the pockets of current employees, as well as those of us who have retired. Many of us well remember the promise of a retiree “gold card” for travel when we hired on; now we are lucky to get the center seat in the last row. We planned for retirement during the majority of our lives only to have it pulled out from under us when we needed it most. Many of us took a big hit with the bankruptcy. Some of our retirees were forced to return to job market to supplement their retirement.

This is an election year & we must let our elected officials know that they are answerable to us - not the big money corporations for whom they have changed the laws that no longer protect us from corporate greed. We must have legislation that protects our pension & health care, or we will be without the quality health care we have come to expect plus financial resources to enjoy our retirement.

But on a positive note as I visit the different stations on United's system, it is apparent that our many new employees, as well as the many veterans, have a “can do” attitude. If only the Company's senior management would care like our employees on the front line & listen to their input, this Company wouldn't have enough seats to accommodate those passengers wanting to fly our airline.

Thank you for putting out a first class newsletter, it is great to see letters from former co-workers.

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

Thanks so much for the Red Birthday wishes & reminder. My husband Wayne & I, plus my sister Mardell & Bob Leeper (also a retiree) just returned from London, on a lovely non-stop flight, LON-ORD in Business Class! Service was great, seats comfy, & FA's were pleasant, kind, polite & accommodating.

We sailed from NJ, USA on Atlantic Crossing aboard the Celebrity Ship Constellation bound for Le Havré, France, it was a wonderful 6 days at sea, followed by a very interesting & touching visit to the Beaches of Normandy – Utah, Omaha, & the beautiful American Cemetery honoring our Armed Forces. Something everyone should see. We crossed the channel to Dover, then on to London.

Our travel group consisted of several retirees & active employees of UA ... Some CHIRR & ORDMM.

Had a wonderful time, & thanks to the “stand-by fairy”, we had no problem traveling on a Thurs. & a Wed. Check-in at Heathrow was a snap - the Automatic Kiosks even scan your passports!

Regards to all who recognize my name.

John P. Meyer, 885 N. Almond Street, Dixon, CA 95620-2228

Thank you so much for another year of United's news & the sharing of vital information. Eight year of retirement – enjoying every bit of it. I miss all my former co-workers & hope they are quickly on the rebound.

Ted Raplus, 1111 Presidio Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

22 years have gone by since I retired. Health not too bad but my offspring are thinking that I should not take long auto drives any more. They think my driving should be confined to the golf course.

I keep company with a lovely lady & she keeps me on my toes. I took her to the DC Convention - she charmed everyone in sight! The committee did a great job organizing the activities & shows.

My youngest son, Peter, joined UAL last Oct. working at United Services. That makes Peter the 3rd member of the family to work for the company after my late wife Vickie.

Every 3rd Thurs. of the month, a group of us ex-UALers get together for lunch at Gulliver's in Millbrae to rehash old times. We call it the Geezer lunch, the "usual suspects" are Jim Martin, Bob Gruitch, Robbie Robinson, Clovis Shem, Mike Adams, Chuck Chance & others.

We even gave it a pseudo location code: SFOGU.

Kudos to the newsletter staff, I look forward to getting it each month, Thanks.

Lucille Phelps, 9520 Mayfield Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

No doubt there will be a red stamp on the next issue of the Newsletter. You would think as much as I enjoy receiving the Newsletter, I would send in my dues on time. I appreciate your good work & all the information.

Thank you & your staff.

Jeanne Decherd, P.O. Box 3095, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3095

This letter is to let you know I have moved, and want very much to continue receiving the RUAEA Newsletter.

The move has taken me from the Bay Area of San Francisco to Chapel Hill, North Carolina where I will be closer to my daughter.

Although I dreaded this move from my beloved Bay Area ~ I have found myself rapidly succumbing to the beauty and charm of Chapel Hill.

Dick & Sue Riedl, 604 Hillpoint Way, Brandon, FL 33510

A red stamp can only mean one thing, I AM LATE AGAIN, where does the time go? I should be keel hauled, quartered & savaged. Hmmm... the last one sounds a little quirky so forget the first two, I'll take the third!

It was good reminiscing with some of my old friends at the convention & making some new ones, of course, as always it was a pleasure to talk to Jo.

My congratulations to the Convention Committee & our host city for an excellent convention. The lodging, food & entertainment were top notch – now onward to Sacramento.

Linda S. Fredrick, 10861 Tennyson Ct., Westminster, CO 80031-2034

I am writing as a retired UAL employee to ask your help.

On July 15, 2001 my oldest child was murdered. This year will be the 5th Anniversary of her death; I am feverishly working to try to raise enough funding this year to buy the 3600 teddy bears for the memorials that will be held in NY in honor of the 9/11 victims. You are probably asking what that has to do with me.

After my daughter's death, then a few short weeks later, 9/11, I was faced with a decision about what I was going to do with all the pain of grieving, not only for my own child's loss, but that of 3600

other families. It was a decision I had to make, either to let the anger, the bitterness & hatred that goes along with such crimes, destroy me from the inside out, or I could do something with that pain to help others live through it too. Needless to say I chose to do something to help.

In honor of my daughter's birthday each Oct. since then, we have held a tea, gathered a group of friends & family to remember Tracey in a special way. We have held a tea party to raise teddy bears to send to victim's advocates around the country. The first year we sent our bears to Ridgewood, NJ, where many citizens had lost loved ones in the World Trade Center attack.

This year we are forgoing the tea party to retain those funds to help raise the needed monies to purchase 3600 teddy bears, one in honor for each victim, crewmember or passenger on the fateful flights that took their lives. I do not know if we will accomplish that goal or not, but however many we can buy, we will.

I am writing to ask you if your group would be willing to help us in buying a bear or two for this cause. If I can get others to help, even with just a small donation, it will help us stretch to where we hope to be by mid Aug. Your consideration of my project is gratefully acknowledged. If you can help us this year, please send your donation to the address above.

I appreciate your consideration.

Elmer Koldoff, 103 Sea Island Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269

Retirement is great; it's the vintage body & parts replacement I have a problem with. Going to celebrate my birthday with a complete new hip. Should be fun trying to get through airport security with all that metal. Can't put it off any longer with the pain. The hip was damaged when I was struck by lightning in 1994; I have been nursing it along, trying all different pills, brews, & therapy to no avail. Comes a time when you have to bite the bullet. But this hasn't slowed me down. Still very active with the Commemorative Air force as the Maintenance Officer. Spend at least 3 days a week doing what I know, although quite a bit different from the airlines. Parts are rare for the War Birds that flew 60 years ago, so they have to be made. Have a machine shop with 4 milling machines, 2 lathes, welding equipment including plasma cutter, all the necessary sheet metal tooling including metal shear, break, & a rare English wheel for putting curvatures in the metal. I might add, we have the people who know how to use them. All this equipment, or the money to purchase it, was donated.

We are covering our Aeronca with fabric now. This will be a beautiful airplane when it is finished next year. Just finishing the restoration on our LT-6 after 4 years. Plan on having it in the air this fall. The P-63 King Cobra will be a 10 year project. When we got it, it was in boxes & bushel baskets. Presently our airworthy fleet consists of a P-51 Mustang (2 place), a Dauntless SBD dive-bomber, (1 of only 3 flying today), also a Beech C-45. Visitors are amazed at the work we do, love looking at the artifacts from yesteryear. It is a true **LIVING HISTORY**, dedicated to those who served our country. Always somebody available to provide a tour. I do stay busy, but it keeps me out of the bars.

The Commemorative Air force is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Any donations are **tax deductible**. We survive with donations, air shows, & by giving rides on our aircraft. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, can be sent to the following address: "**Dixie Wing CAF. 1200 Echo Ct., Peachtree City, GA 30269**". Include a note that any donation is from a United Employee. This being Delta Airlines country, it would be great having a showing from United. If passing through the area, stop in, look at our Historical Airpower museum with WW II artifacts & our aircraft. We are always having tours for schools & special interest groups. Our website is www.dixiewing.org.

My email address at the DixieWing is dixiemaintenance@bellsouth.net

Bruce W. Bolton, Apt 601, 6770 Hawaii Kai Dr., Honolulu, HI 96825-1529

What happened to the Red Stamp? I received my Mailed Copy of the Newsletter a couple of days ago, having had the fortune of not making your Obit section as yet plus still being of sound mind & body, I'm going to make like it is there & send off my annual dues plus a little extra \$ for you to put to where it would help the most.

I just reached the ripe old age of 88 which means I have been a retiree for 25 years. The sad part of that is that I can leaf through the pages of my Association Newsletter each month & find only three or

four names I recognize and who would recognize mine. I'm a widower now as Emily, my wife of 61 years, passed away last Oct. I still live at my Hawaii Kai address with my youngest daughter, Betty, who is a Customer Service Supervisor at UA here.

Aloha to you great folks who do such an outstanding job of keeping us informed & to those of you who remember me as the Manager of Sales and Marketing in Hawaii in the 60's & 70's who may read this in a future issue of our Association Newsletter.

James F. Ferrance, 10500 National Blvd., Apt. 24, Los Angeles, CA 90034-3626

I appreciate the Newsletter, & the work everyone associated with it produces. It is a gratifying means of keeping members in the "United Family" in the loop. The dedication of everyone concerned with the RUAEA Newsletter is to be commended. My most grateful thanks for your work all year long.

Again, thanks, I'll be looking forward to future edition of the Newsletter.

Zenobia L. Thomas, 6738 Encino Ave., Unit 1, Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Thank you for the dedication & commitment of the Newsletter staff. In addition, I am passing the word about the Newsletter as I have found that there are those that are not, were not aware of same.

Mary Lou Hymes, P.O. Box 282, Tioga, PA 16946

Aug. 5, 2006 was my 69th birthday.

Some of the retirees from Rochester have gotten together 3 or 4 years (once a year annually). The first time at Ray & Terry Alves' cottage at Honeye Falls Lake, NY.

The 2nd time at Bob Walk's Restaurant at Avon, NY, the 3rd time in 2006 at Jack & Jill's Restaurant in Lime, NY, which is owned & operated by former retiree Chris Coffman. We had a marvelous time. A gathering of 20-25 retired employees enjoyed a good welcome, also a lot of laughter. After all, for 40 years we saw more of our co-worker than we did our own families.

Since we first started these annual gatherings we have had a few members pass away. Maureen Henry, our secretary, Ken McGory, Ray & Eleanor Church, Ray Alves, & Mrs. Warren (Dorie) Harkins.

We ask all employees who worked in Rochester. Please keep in touch with Wayne Tarr or Gary Evans by letting us know your name, address & phone number or email, so we can enjoy these gatherings for years to come.

Some of us are in wheelchairs, use canes, or walkers but we have had the desire to see our co-workers & enjoy airline stories of Capital-United. "Good old days".

Carl Bedstedder formerly of ROCTO & BOSTO now lives in Scranton, PA.

Please contact: Gary Evans, P.O. Box 101, Iona, NY 14475. Phone # 1-585-657-7186 - or - Wayne & Gladys Tarr, 1313 Calkins Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534. #1-585-334-2908, tarzan752000@yahoo.com

Paul J. Lemrise, Sr., 2788 Green Bridge Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194-4992

Please find enclosed check to cover my annual dues.

I appreciate the informative nature of the news you present via the Internet. The RUAEA newsletter is very instrumental in keeping us in touch with what is happening at United.

Thanks again for all the time & talent you expend to create this publication.

Dennis O'Neill, 334 Francis St., Drexel Hill, PA 19026-2904

It's that time of the year again. I'm just a little late with my dues but I have a good excuse, I'm a procrastinator.

I want to thank you people for doing such a great job, keeping all of us informed about the company.

I was talking to a friend who retired a few years ago, he didn't know about RUAEA. He's been in a convalescent home for awhile. I would like to get him into RUAEA - so here are my dues & his, with a little extra for the mailing fund.

Thank you again for all your good work; I'm sure my friend will thank you too.

Lora Westbrook, 351 Windermere Blvd #317, Alexandria, LA 71303

This is to notify you of my new address. I enjoy the Newsletter so much I would not want to miss an issue.

I have very good friends in Alexandria & it is a lovely assisted living facility. Everyone is very nice and they have a lot of activities going on, which I enjoy very much.

I look forward to each issue.

Dorothea (Dotti) Maxwell, P.O. Box 22, Helen, GA 30545

July 3rd is my birthday, number 89. I am in good health & still going, going!

If anyone out there remembers me from New York & Seattle, I say "Hello". I still live in the Alpine Village in Northeast Georgia, town of Helen.

I so appreciate your effort to keep the string tied that holds us together.

Sally Scott, 135 Hilson Ct., Taernier, FL 33070-2810

Can't tell you how much I enjoy the Newsletter, although as time passes there are less names that are familiar to me. Boy, this aging is sure a killer but the memories are still the greatest – sometimes I can't remember what I had for breakfast - but I remember when Hawaii was "our little corner of the world".

One of my comical dreams was to win the lottery, buy a first class ticket & wear shorts on the flight!

Keep up the great job you all do.

Geraldine Vann, 8206 Gerson Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097

Thanks for the great job all of you do for all of us.

Please note I got married March 11, 2006. My new last name is VANN - so please change my last name from Geraldine Bernert to Geraldine VANN. Same address. Thanks.

Pam Welch, P.O. Box 17, Brooks, CA 95606-0017

Hello to all. Been busier than ever since retiring as a flight attendant in the June 2003 exodus.

Now putting full time efforts into our vineyard & winery business. We would like to invite newsletter readers to visit us either in person or our website www.capayvalleyvineyards.com. We would be happy to give 15% discount to all our UAL family.

Susie Segar Stanley, 3985 Holly Street, Dumfries, VA 22026-2439

Thanks to all RUAEA Staff for a great publication. I look forward to it each month to hear what is going on with United Airlines, all the people, places & things.

After 18 years of retirement I still get pleasure in reading about co-workers.

Richard Bresett, 1375 Vintage Way, Auburn, CA 95603

Thank you for all the great info. you send every month.

As I have no computer you are the only info. I get about UAL.

Even though my wife flies twice a year I have not flown anywhere since my retirement - Dec. 1, 2001.

I have a son in the Air force and he is being transferred to Kirtland AFB in ABQ, NM next month so I might start flying to ABQ while he is there.

He is being promoted to Capt. this Sept. so that might be my first flight since retirement to attend his "ceremony".

Ralph & Mary Hernandez, 5430 Baltimore Dr. Apt. 80, La Mesa, CA 91942-5008

Another year gone by & I must say thank you for keeping wife & me up-to-date on current events.

We had another good year of travel. Italy in Dec. - it was wonderful. Then we spent 3 weeks in Central Europe then Poland, Hungary & the Czech Republic.

I'm sure we will travel some more this year but we will enjoy our stay here in La Mesa.

Thanks for the good work.

Carol Maday, 307 Andrew Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193

My husband & I do appreciate receiving the Newsletter. It is really well done. It not only keeps us up-to-date with all the latest policy changes, it is concise, accurate & easy to read!

Cliff Chaney, 904 East Lizzie Lane, St. George, UT 84790

I realize that most of you remember the phrase, "time passes fast when you're having fun"? You note the question mark.

28 years ago, I set the parking brake on a 747 at SFO, after 36 ½ years of flying for UAL. From W. A. Patterson to whoever was President. Eddie Carlson, I liked, he was very personable. But am very happy that I retired at that point in my career. But I loved every moment. From 1/13/1942, to 07/02/1978. DC3's to the 747. How can you beat it? From calling the block time as on time, when we were 10 minutes late, but I could pick that up. And the harried agents, I could feel their relief. Wrote "East Winds and West Winds" in the 50's, so had the chance to know a great number of people, as my face was shown on the column. Hi to all.

After retirement, flew an air ambulance out of MFR for 17 years, then they found out how old I was. The EMTs, & nurses weren't concerned, as they liked seeing my grey hair in the cockpit, they knew they would get where we were going. As smooth & carefully as if there were 374 passengers. I continued instructing from 1995 until present day, & have just finished putting together an experimental light sport aircraft. Finished the test flying last week, and the FAA examiner, said: "Good job, Cliff". Phyllis stays busy with music & recipes. Tatiana, our Ukraine cotton dog, also says, "Happy flying". Thanks for all your wonderful work to keep UAL in our hearts.

Ruth B. Birkland, 1225 Vienna Dr. #92, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

RUAEA conventions are always fun but this year in DC was exceptional. The tours incorporating our pride at being Americans, also the liveliest Hospitality Suite ever (think the cash bar had anything to do with that!)

Manuel Ibarra, Jr., 1161 Bacchini Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513

I read this publication from cover-to-cover. I enjoy all the communications & pertinent information.

We have been away on an extended trip, so I did forget about my renewal fee. I am enclosing it along with my gratitude for keeping all of us retirees apprised & up-to-date on the "BUZZ".

We took a big hit on my pension but Social Security is helping which makes a difference. We continue to lobby in our community to insure that Social Security does not take a hit! In any case, we are grateful to all who contribute their time & effort to keep us up-to-date.

Jane Bingham, 743 Pepper Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066-2495

The only good part of that dreaded red stamp is that I get to once again say Hi to everyone out there in retirement land, to those working so hard in DEN & to thank you for getting out our Newsletter. The bonus is that it is a work of art folks!

Thanks for all your dedication to the RUAEA association.

Janet S. Allen, 9095 Ashwood Ct., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138-3746

I look forward to the Newsletter each month. I had a serious accident on Jan. 1, 2006. After 32 days in the hospital I have been recuperating at home. So news is important. The Newsletter is great to keep up with fellow retirees.

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

I made an effort to beat the "Red Stamp" issue, but failed to do so.

I have spent the past 6 months plus in an Assisted Living - Retirement Community here in Casa Grande, had 3 back operations in Jan., now recovering.

Dale Westerbeck, 29 Ridge Rd., Enfield, CT 06082-3049

The month of May just flew by & I neglected to send in my dues.

My wife Marlys, whom I met while working in CHIRR for Capital Airlines, is not well. She is afflicted with Alzheimer disease. She has been ill for approx. 13 years now & is currently in her 5th year stay at a local health care center. It has changed everything in our retirement years for us.

I was retired 7 years this July. Don't travel much these days anymore.

Keep the news coming I enjoy it.

Jeanette Spana, 2808 7th Street Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068

I tried to get to my nephew's wedding over Memorial day weekend, it took me 2 days to get there because of weather & cancelled flights, plus almost all our service is now on 50 or 60 United Express planes. The wedding was in DSM; and, on top of that, the "Odyssey of the mind" was in DSM that weekend, so it took an extra day on the return.

If UAL's fares were a little higher, we might be making some money. But I did make the wedding.

Anyone out there can email me anytime china2@microconnect.net

Lorene C. Anderson, 16617 NW Poine Pkway. Apt. 118, Surprise, AZ 85374

A big thank you to all the hard workers in putting the Newsletter together. I enjoy reading every bit of it, with all the familiar names.

I have been retired 22 years. The state of VA is where I lived, drove to the National Airport to work for United Airlines.

I have done some traveling, but lately I have to come with my walker as I've been diagnosed with "Post Piliv Syndrome". I also worked in EXOPZ in CHI & enjoyed every bit of it.

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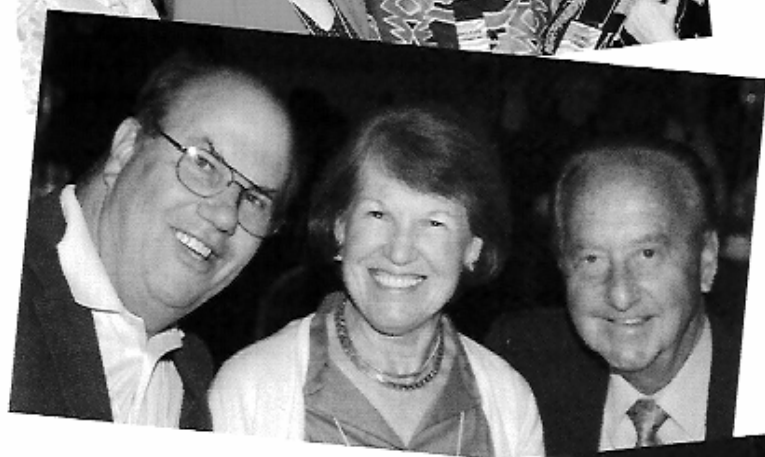
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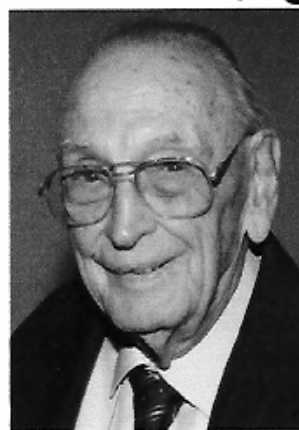
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