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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – JULY/AUGUST, 2007

This month I want to address some changes recently made to the travel program. You may already have read about them elsewhere, but I want to repeat them to insure that everyone knows about them and where and how to find out the details applicable to them. As I have reported to you, RUAEA has been working on enhancements to our travel program privileges. These are two we have been working on for a while.

First, Aer Lingus has been added to the list of carriers, which have made available Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) fares which simplify and reduce pricing for non-revenue, space-available interline travel. We believe that more are in the works and we will report them to you as they occur.

Second, Air Tran has made available space-available travel to their US and Bahamas destination for a flat fee of \$25 one-way plus security fee.

Detail information on these and other interline travel privileges are available on SkyNet.

Also, we have learned that those who retired from an international domicile, were unable to make advance planning requests for interline reduced-fare pleasure travel tickets using the same ticket-by-mail process, as those retiring from US-based domiciles. They were restricted to being ticketed only at a United airport counter. This provision affected only about 400 of our retiree community but you can imagine the impact it could have on them. Through discussions with the Benefits group at the company, a change has been made which will permit any of these retirees, who provide a US mailing and credit card billing address, to access the same process as everybody else. Of course, ticketing at a United airport counter is still available. Information, again, on the details is available in SkyNet.

I am well aware that many of you have other enhancements in mind that you want to see adopted. RUAEA will continue to work on making them available as we can.

Mort Wax
President

ROME NRSA TRAVEL ADVISORY

Full flights between Washington Dulles and Rome since the route's April launch have made non-revenue, space-available (NRSA) travel on the route difficult - including some unaccompanied companions being stranded for several days. United is advising NRSA travelers to be aware of especially high load factors during the busy summer travel season when making travel plans, particularly when considering Rome.

- Planning alternative travel options is advised, in the event that NRSA travelers cannot be accommodated on a United flight.
- Back-up tickets on other airlines should be arranged prior to travel as United has no employee ticketing function in Rome.

GETTING BACK IN BUSINESS IN BRAZIL

United recently signed a memorandum of understanding to develop an agreement to begin operating codeshare flights with TAM Airlines, the market-leading Brazilian airline.

- The restructuring of our former Star Alliance partner, VARIG, limited our access to Brazil, and significantly reduced the number of flight offerings for customers flying to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.
- TAM, which serves 49 cities in Brazil, currently has a codeshare agreement with American Airlines, but will be shifting that agreement to United in late 2007.

- (Once implemented, United customers will enjoy expanded service to South America, and will receive frequent flyer accrual and redemption benefits for their travel on TAM.
- (TAM's leadership, strength and presence in South America, as well as its reputation for providing excellent service to its customers, position it as an excellent partner for United. Additionally, this agreement complements our strategy to offer our customers a broad global network.
- (The agreement's implementation is subject to formal approval of both the U.S. and Brazilian governments, and the finalization of other details are expected to be in place by late 2007.

UNITED LAUNCHES NONSTOP SAN FRANCISCO - TAIPEI SERVICE

In response to increasing customer demand for more frequent service to Asia, and further strengthening our international network, United launched nonstop passenger & cargo service between San Francisco (SFO) and Taipei (TPE). United is the only U.S. carrier to offer this nonstop service.

- (United now offers daily roundtrip service between SFO & TPE. The new nonstop route further strengthens our San Francisco hub as an international gateway to the Pacific.
- ("We are pleased to offer our customers direct access to an important economic and cultural center by establishing a nonstop link between the Bay Area, Silicon Valley and Taipei," said Kevin Knight, United's senior vice president-planning.
- (United formerly offered nonstop service between SFO & TPE, and discontinued the routes when customer demand declined following Sept. 11, 2001.

UNITED DISCONTINUES FALL, WINTER MAINLINE SERVICE TO ANCHORAGE (ANC)

As part of the company's continuous improvement efforts, United will discontinue mainline service to ANC between the months of September and April, effective this fall. Our Denver (DEN)-ANC service will continue through Oct. 2 this year. Beginning in the summer of 2008, United will offer seasonal service to ANC, and will use a third-party vendor to service those flights.

- (In 2008, our seasonal DEN-ANC service will begin in May, with O'Hare (ORD) flights operating June - August. All seasonal service will end the first week of September.
- (United has experienced a loss of revenue on its mainline service to ANC for some time, and the change is part of our efforts to ensure we are building the most efficient and cost-effective organization and optimizing our revenue.
- (Using a third-party vendor at ANC to provide ground handling and customer service for our seasonal flights will allow us to take advantage of local infrastructure, systems and processes. This measure aligns with our ongoing goal to balance customer demands in the most cost-effective manner.
- (United Human Resources representatives are working closely with IAM and senior leadership to address ANC employees' individual employment options.

UNITED INCREASES SERVICE TO EMERGING MIDDLE EAST REGION

In response to customer demand for service to the Middle East, United has announced that it will increase service to Kuwait to daily and will sign a codeshare agreement with Qatar Airways, a premier Middle East airline.

- ("The Middle East is one of the fastest growing business regions in the world, and our customers tell us they want more service, with convenient schedules, to this emerging destination," says Mike Whitaker, United's senior vice president of Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs. "We are pleased to give our customers what they want by increasing our own flights to Kuwait and by partnering with Qatar Airways to offer flights to five countries we've never served before."
- (In October 2006, United became the first U.S. carrier to offer commercial service to Kuwait when we began offering three weekly nonstop flights between Washington, D.C., and Kuwait City. Due to the strong customer response, we will increase the service to daily. The new flights, which will begin operating in January 2008, are now open for sale.
- (Our codeshare agreement with Qatar, pending regulatory approval, will offer United customers more options to the Middle East and South and Southeast Asia.
- (For the first time, our customers will have service to five countries new to United's offerings, including cities Doha, Qatar; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Male, Maldives; and Peshawar,

Pakistan. Also, United Mileage Plus members now will be able to redeem miles in addition to accruing them when traveling on Qatar's flights.

- (The agreement complements the cargo agreement already in place between United and Qatar, and our increased service to Kuwait will enhance our cargo capacity into the region.

FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

In the last issue we said that the Newsletter would be mailed out by a vendor starting with the July issue. The July issue is now history and the process went well. I have received many complimentary remarks concerning the new format. I think it will serve us well and allow us to do some things to further enhance the appearance of the Newsletter.

As a reminder, with the new process, the traditional "Red Stamp" is no longer used since the labeling of the Newsletter is now done by a vendor. But "**Red**" will still be present on the Newsletter mailing labels when it is time to renew. The vendor prints the renewal messages on the labels in red. The wording on the labels is the same and are intended to advise of 2 different scenarios:

1. For *Current Membership Expiration Month* - The wording on the labels will be:
It's Time to renew your Membership.
Disregard this message if your dues are already paid.
2. For *Month Following Expiration* - The wording on the labels will be:
Your membership will expire unless your dues are received.
Please submit your dues payment at this time.
Disregard this notice if your dues are already paid.

On June 27th, I watched the first few Newsletters being labeled and the red ink being applied to the labels that had renewal information on them. The speed the machine does this process is simply amazing. The Newsletters pass through the print heads so fast that they are nothing more than a blur. The time to label, band and ship almost 8,000 Newsletters to the Post Office took a total of 3¼ hours.

Names in the Newsletter. We have had numerous suggestions requesting that names be "bolded". This makes it easier for the reader to pick out names. Starting with this issue we will attempt to bold any names in the Local News Section submitted by the Chapter correspondents. If we overlook some, it is not intentional.

Letters for the "Letters" column. If possible, please send your letters to us via e-mail or send the letter typed on a white piece of paper so we can scan it into a word document. Send it "*Attn. Letters Column*" in the subject line. By sending the letters to us in a digital format (email) or typed, we don't have to manually retype them. But, if you are unable to send your submission to us any way other than hand written, we will gladly accept it. The "Letters" section is popular as it is a means of letting our friends know what is happening with us.

Also, if you have an e-mail address and want it posted along with your name and address, include it. Many have expressed a desire to have the email address included.

REMEMEBER WHEN CONTACTING THE DENVER OFFICE, ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR FILE NUMBER.

Newsletter Manager - Virgil Gooselaw

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

****** Travel Tips by Bob is taking a summer break this month. ******

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for September are due in DEN by Mon. August 12, Oct. reports by 9/11, Nov. reports by 10/9. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@qwestoffice.net (***Note: This is a new email address***) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U. S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline.

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we appreciate it if you can provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

United Airlines Historical Foundation



"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"

BOEING



The "B & W" seaplane - Boeing Model 1

William Edward Boeing was a wealthy Seattle lumber company owner. July 4, 1914, during Seattle's Independence Day celebration, he took his first flight in a "pusher" Curtiss seaplane piloted by barnstormer Terah Maroney. This 30 minute ride "hooked" Boeing on flying.

October 1915, following lessons at Glenn Martin's flight school in Los Angeles, Boeing took delivery of a \$10,000 Martin-built seaplane. He soon "cracked-up" the fragile plane.

When the Martin Company informed him that a replacement would take six months, Boeing declared that "he could build a better airplane, and do it faster!" A good friend of Boeing's, U.S. Navy officer Commander Conrad Westervelt, was astonished when Boeing asked him to design the new seaplane.

With the wrecked Martin as a guide, the new plane was constructed in less than six months. Wings and floats were assembled at Boeing's Heath Shipyard on Puget Sound's Elliott Bay and the fuselage was built in a hangar on Seattle's Lake Union.

The first "B & W" (named for Boeing & Westervelt) was test-flown by Boeing in June of 1916. It was powered by a 125 hp Hall-Scott A-5 & cruised at 70 mph with a range of 320 miles.

As WWI came closer, the Navy transferred Commander Conrad Westervelt to the East coast.

Boeing "crated-up" the second "B & W", contacted the U.S. Navy, asked for test flights & for a government contract to build the "B & W".

"Pacific Aero Products Company" was incorporated July 15, 1916 with Boeing as President and his cousin, E. N. Gott as Vice-President.

By Marvin Berryman from "Boeing, Planemaker to the World" by Robert Redding & Bill Yenne and from "High Horizons" by Frank Taylor.

The new UAHF Executive Board:

- (President - Tom Goodyear
- (Vice President - Barbara Hanson
- (Secretary - Georgia Neilson
- (Treasurer - Ray Lahr

This past month UAHF has received contributions or donations of items from the following people: Barbara Hanson, Audrey Tress, Louis Smith, Robert Barmore, Howard Payne, Earl Horner, Linda Failla, Ray Colavita, Ray Ward, Gordon Starr, Charles Kaczinski, Jean Bates and Pete & Nancy Lynch.

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions and donations of United Memorabilia & Artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207



Ryan M1 - Marv's "Old Airplanes" album
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LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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The new Azures Board of Directors is continuing to look for cool, fun and interesting events, including some entertainment for our 2007/2008 luncheons. The Board met at Carol's house on June 23, to discuss 2007/2008 activities and luncheons. **Dave & Rose Barry** are back from San Diego ... Dave bragged he has oysters everyday ... ICK! The list of events & dates will be emailed to members when complete. Members may pickup the schedule at Beardsley Park SCW in Oct. when your yearly \$5.00 membership is due.

We are very excited to host the All-Arizona luncheon on March 12, 2008 in Casa Grande, and have lined up some great entertainment. Anyone wishing to be on a committee to make theme baskets to be raffled off at the luncheon, or ideas and help in making centerpieces, please contact any one of the Board members with your "creative" thoughts. Also, we are checking prices to hire a bus to transport us to the luncheon ... maybe we can get more Azures represented.

We're going to try something new for our first meeting/get-together, on Oct. 13 at Beardsley Park. We will have Atlasta Catering plan our menu with chicken, salads, dessert, etc. and the charge will be \$10.00 per person.

UA retirees in the following areas are invited to join the Azures/RUAEA group: Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, Peoria, Buckeye, Goodyear, Avondale, and Glendale. Good News: I did have a couple people contact me asking about our group and wanting to become members. That's not a great "showing" since the list consisted of a few hundred-people. But, it is a start! Again, please contact Carol Liltz at (623) 935-7640 if you are a retiree in one of those towns and are interested in joining. Annual dues are \$5.00 per person payable in Oct. We have luncheons & outings Oct. thru April and meet at 0800 for breakfast every other week throughout the year at Coco's on 98th & Bell Road.

Contact Mary Toeppen before 4pm the Mon. before the breakfasts. Those members that are regulars should contact Mary if they won't be attending. Mary's number is (623) 214-1504. June 19 breakfast attendees totaled 20.

Calendar:

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

Aug. 13 - Coco's

Aug. 27 - Coco's

Oct. 13 - 1st MEETING of the season at Beardsley Park SCW (our call team will be contacting members 2-3 weeks before for your reservations & monies).

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Our last breakfast was held June 22 at Crackers in Mesa with 14 people in attendance. If you're in the area on the 4th Friday, plan on attending. You'll enjoy the good company plus the good food!

One of our members, **Peg Homfeldt**, attended the Convention in Sacramento in May. She reported on the Convention, saying it was very nice. The Gold Diggers were friendly and well organized. There is a lot of history in the area and the tours were enjoyed by those who took them.

The Sat. morning business panel meeting was informative. The Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative advised us to carefully read the Health Insurance Benefits when they mail them to us. Many changes are happening. He also advised us that if we have any problems with ualretirees.com, we should call the Retiree Service Center and they will help us navigate through the website.

It was mentioned that UAL wants us to extremely limit using our Reservation Agents & Customer Service Agents and use - SkyNet, the Kiosks, & our PDX/SEA Travel Desk.

It was also announced that the RUAEA newsletter would no longer be labeled & mailed by volunteers from the Denver Chapter.

The Friday & Saturday banquets were very enjoyable. The highlight Saturday night was having **Patricia Patterson-Dudley** share some of her memories of when her father, William "Pat" Patterson, was United President.

There were approximately 550 members at the Convention this year. The Convention will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA next May. If you have never gone to a Convention before, you won't be disappointed as it's a lot of fun, you get to see other retirees you may not have seen for a long time, you learn more about what's happening with the company, plus you can go on tours of the area, and the dinners & programs are wonderful. What a great social event!

Jim Zarek mentioned at the breakfast that thru pass charges may be a possibility. Instead of paying more than one charge for each segment of a trip, where there is no direct connection, we may be charged only once each way. This will be discussed with management.

Tom Carroll is recuperating from his stroke last Oct., but has had many setbacks due to his diabetes. We hope he feels much better soon, and can join us at one of our meetings.

Eldon & Jane Miller will be celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 19 at their grandson's wedding in Washington state. Congratulations to you both!

Calendar:

4th Fri. of each month - Breakfast meeting at Crackers, 535 W. Iron #131, Mesa, AZ, (480) 898-1717, starting at 9:00 a.m. on **Aug. 24 & Sept. 28**. Contact Hank Falk at (480) 893-1226, hkfalk@juno.com, or Jim Zarek at (480) 288-6685, jzarek1@msn.com by the Wed. before the scheduled breakfast, if you plan on attending.



TALL PINES

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The Tall Pines retirees held their June 26th meeting at one of our most beautiful picnic spots - Goldwater Lake Park. As we had no business meeting to discuss, we enjoyed each other's company, the cool breeze, sparkling water, majestic pines and blue skies. We did have one guest visiting from Cleveland, Ohio - yours truly & Joe's son - Mike.

Calendar:

Aug. 28 - Area Park - 11:00 am

Sept. 25 - Coco's - 11:00 am

TUCSON

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The heat (108°), didn't keep 24 hearty, hardy, rollicking Roadrunners from gathering at the Thunder Canyon Brewery on June 21st, hosted by **Hank & Lou Dykhuis**. Food & conversation, as always, was great.

July luncheon will be hosted by **Margaret & Hans Radtke** on July 19th. We will go to Vitello's Ristorante Catalina, AZ, for a choice of Eggplant Parmigiana, Pollo Parmigiana, or Vitello's Antipasto.

August is PINETOP, in the White Mountains on Aug. 16th & 17th. **Howard Hunter** has already secured the Pinetop Country Club for dinner on August 16th. **Gordon & Dora Starr** have set up a luncheon at Beata, a German restaurant on Highway 180 in Nutrioso. Menu choices coming later. After lunch we will probably go over to Gordon & Dora's cabin in the forest to enjoy the rest of the afternoon.

Sick List: Alice Belzer has had no calls, so the assumption is that all is well in the Old Pueblo or people are so sick they can't call in.

Alice blessedly has run out of trivia for the time being, so now she is having deep thoughts. Deep Thought for the month: A day without sunshine is ... Night.

Calendar:

Aug. 16 - Dinner at Pinetop Country Club, Pinetop, AZ, Lunch at Beata's Restaurant, Nutrioso, AZ.

ARKANSAS



"THE NATURALS"

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What a delightful day everyone had at the **Hendricks'** last week. **Barbara & Tom** opened their home to us, and a beautiful home it is. It is situated on seven acres of rolling meadow & trees and just a stones throw from the city of Hot Springs. Guests were the UAL Retirees, present for the June meeting, and some of the Hendricks' friends & neighbors. A special friend, **Larry Wilson**, acted as DJ & kept the music flowing throughout the afternoon. The few rain clouds that peeked over the trees must have seen we were having fun & took off in another direction. Needless to say, we ate, drank & thoroughly enjoyed ourselves well into the evening.

We were fortunate to have **Evelyn Nielson** attending. She was there with her nephew, who had come from out of town to assist her. Evelyn was headed to Dallas and the MD Anderson Hospital the following morning. She had just been diagnosed with lung cancer & wanted a second opinion.

Diana & Jimmie Huff, who is feeling much better, also attended and we were happy to see them both. However missing, were the **Jesters, Pat** & husband **Dick**, who hasn't been feeling well lately.

Lo Piggot will announce the venue for the Aug. meeting within the next few weeks. Any of you who find yourself passing through the Hot Springs area, we cordially invite you to attend. It is generally a dinner at one of the local restaurants ... but ... you never know what Lo may have up her sleeve. Perhaps a dinner cruise? Call Lo at (501) 620 4948 for further information and directions. Until next time, farewell from the purple mountain majesty!

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I'm sure there will be many comments about this year's convention; I will give my observations also. A lot of credit has to be given to those who organized the convention, including the check-ins and making all the paper work so efficient & accurate. The dinners were great & the hotel employees that did the serving, did a wonderful job. The hotel rooms were very comfortable & we could see the Capital building from our room. We were within walking distance to the Capital & also to Old town. Service transportation worked out well within the downtown district. With all the good things that happened, it appears there was one problem we did not see. It seems that all the local restaurants close down over the weekend since all the state employees are off and there is little or no business during that time. The hotel had very nice restaurants that we did use.

I attended the Correspondence meeting on Fri. I was able to meet Gordon Starr & Virgil Gooselaw, who conducted the meeting. Virgil informed us as to the changes of the Newsletter that we will be getting in the July issue. We received the new guidelines for our part of the newsletter which clarified some of the changes. It was interesting to me that if our Chapter news is sent into the Denver office by the 6th of the month, within 5 or 6 days the Newsletter is on the Web. So, if you don't want to wait for the mailed copy, the internet is the way to go. As for Jo Madden's situation, all that was said is that she is no longer the Editor. We have approximately 9100 active members. The expense for printing the Newsletter last year was about \$95,000 and the cost of the convention was \$56,000. The cost of the newsletter for this year, due to the changes, has not been determined as yet. The big news is that the 2008 convention will be held in Pittsburgh from May 19th thru the 24th. So mark your calendars.

Dana & Bill Noyes had to cancel their trip to SAC at the last minute due to Bill getting a bladder infection several days before. He took antibiotics that cleared it up but they didn't want to take a chance that it would flare up while at the convention. We will see them at our next chapter meeting.

Also on a sad note, **Gene Eggert** suffered a stroke & was taken to the hospital. I had met him in the lobby on Wed. the 30th. Gene and I worked together in SFOJJ when our job was to design containers. I was sorry to hear that he had passed away on the following Mon. I don't think he ever missed a convention during his retirement.

There was a tour of the Jelly-Belly factory in Fairfield that was something to see. It is quite a process to produce the various flavors and it takes 21 days to produce a jelly-belly before shipping. Some of the steps in the production include mechanized robots that replaced a lot of handling by humans. It was interesting to hear that their production was a 5 day a week operation until President Reagan ate jelly beans in the Oval Office. Then their production increased to 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and they still couldn't keep up with the demand.

I was able to visit the Air Museums at Travis & McClellan Air Force Bases. Both of them had different displays worth seeing. At McClellan, there was a special exhibit on Da Vinci's inventions that were so far ahead of his time. It was a "hands-on" display and you could see how his various ideas worked by actually trying the models yourself. Also, there was a WWII C47 parked outside with the D-Day camouflage painted on the outside of the aircraft. I was able to get inside & nothing had been changed since D-Day. I was able to sit in the pilots seats. The radio operator's position was intact with all the radio transmitters & receivers in place, including the telegraph key. It sure brought back memories.

All in all, this was a great convention & meeting old friends from SFOMB was special. Several told me that they would like to visit us in the Central Coast when we have our next meetings. Naturally, they are always welcome.

Why I like retirement. There are only 6 Saturdays and 1 Sunday in a week.

Calendar:

Aug. 15 - Hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar

Oct. 17 - Hosted by Kathy Shurtleff

Dec. 12 - Hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell (that you don't want to miss)



BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' July 2007 meeting was hosted by **Ethelda & Bob Frost**. It was reported that **Curt Follansbee** is apparently sufficiently recovered from his bout with pneumonia to attend the next Brazen Raisins meeting. Bob Frost celebrated his 85th birthday on July 7 - hooray for him! Ethelda Frost conducted a "patriotic" quiz game - Shryock won!

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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What a great day to gamble and eat. In June, the Desert Sunbirds enjoyed the Casino Morongo in Cabazon. The Grand Buffet was wonderful as usual, 38 members & guest indulged themselves thanks to the hosts, **Jim & Liz Clapper**. Discussion during the meal included how people were using their "White Elephants" from last month and the upcoming summer.

We were saddened to learn of the death of two Desert Sunbirds, **Judith Mausser**, a retired flight attendant & **Natalie Frayme**, a PSR & concierge. Both will be missed by their UAL friends. Our traveling magician, **Mike Bailardo** was able to make this meeting, in between his cruises & shows. New members, **Sean & Marilyn Foley** made their second meeting with our fun loving group as well as **Lorraine MacKay**. As usual, we were entertained by our joke teller and author, **Bill Eads**.

Our Birthday lunch was won by Flo Silvestri & our 50/50 winner was Ron Lerg - last month his wife, Marge, won. Is it fixed?

Please note that August's meeting is one week later Aug. 15th, at PF Chang in Rancho Mirage.

Calendar:

Aug. 15 - Bill or Donna Eads, (760) 568-1450 or billeads@aol.com - PH Chang's

Sept. 12 - Joyce Bossier, (951) 925-1008 or jbossio@version.net - TBA

SACRAMENTO



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Sadly, I report the passing of **Bob Guinn** on July 2. Cards may be sent to his wife Pat at 2135 Coffee Creek Way, Plumas Lake, CA 95961. Bob retired from SFOPA before moving to Plumas Lake & joining the Gold Diggers. He will be missed by many and remembered for his kind & thoughtful ways. Our hearts go out to Pat at this difficult time.

Our Gold Diggers June BBQ event was held at Ed Akins Ranch & Tractor Museum in Placerville hosted by **Ed & Lindalee Akin, Harry & Jean Caldwell** and **Jerry & Suzie Quinnell**. All enjoyed the beautiful scenery & the Back Forty Texas BBQ. There were 109 attending this extremely fun gathering, complete with the Buckboard Bunch Band playing great country & western music.

Proudly, I present the following bio by our Gold Diggers' President, **Jean Turley-Sinclair**:

I was born in Hinsdale, IL, a Western suburb of Chicago. I attended William Woods College in Fulton, MO and then my UAL career began in March of 1963 when I attended Flight Attendant school (then called Stew school) in Des Plaines, IL. The school was fairly new in this location and was very nice with a swimming pool & good food ... how did they expect us to keep our trim figures with all that food! My various bases were SEA, ORD, DEN, MIA, back to DEN and then my final destination, SFO. What can I say, I wanted to experience living in different parts of the country. I flew Convair 340s, DC 6's, 7's, Caravelles, 727's, 720's, and DC 8's. Although I was still flying when the jumbo jets were introduced, I was definitely a narrow-bodied girl and never qualified to fly those monsters.

I flew until 1979 when a genetic eye disorder began claiming my eyesight. I went on medical leave for two years and returned to UAL as a Reservation Sales Agent in the San Francisco office, located near Fisherman's Wharf. I did this job with specialized magnification equipment attached to my computer so I could read the computer screen. After four years, the commute became too tedious for me, as I lived on the Peninsula and it took me four hours to commute as well as working eight hours a day. In 1982 I married, Forester Sinclair, a UAL man who worked at United's SFO Maintenance Base and I quit my job. After all, he had seniority and passes; so, I stayed home to become a domestic goddess. At this time, I still had some usable vision left and began raising and hand-feeding baby parrots from my own small stock of breeding birds. I loved raising these babies and sold them as pets to people I considered worthy of caring for my babies. As my sight gradually became worse I gave up raising birds and applied for a guide dog to make my forays into the community safer and more fun. My first guide dog, Kylie, a yellow Lab, was with me for nine years until her death in 2005. I now have my little black Lab, Bonsai, who became my guide in late 2005. My interests include going to my water aerobics class three times a week, cooking, surfing different websites on my computer, which, by the way, has a screen reading software program, which allows it to read the screen to me. I also enjoy being with friends and being involved in my church activities. I sometimes go to different facilities to give a talk about guide dogs and how they are raised, trained and how my dog has enhanced my life. Forester & I are members of the Sacramento chapter of RUAEA and I am the current President of "The Gold Diggers", which currently has about 239 members. I may be the only President of a chapter with her own personal staff person (aka, Forester) to be a printed materials reader and gofer. We live in Grass Valley with 10 parrots, 2 cats and, of course, my beautiful little black Lab, Bonsai.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREEES**

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The June meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 14th at the Quail Inn, at the Oakmont Country Club in Santa Rosa. It was a lovely but hot day in the Valley of the Moon. As we drove away after lunch my car said it was 105° outside. No wonder the ice cream melted. There were 53 members & guests present.

Pres. **Patrick Cadden** called the meeting to order after an excellent buffet lunch. We all joined together in a moment of silent remembrance for **Diane Citera**, who passed away suddenly last month.

Thanks to **Grover & Janice Blackburn** for hosting the luncheon and to **Charlie & Bernice Anderson** for assisting. Patrick presented **Brandon & Pat Maus** with a gift of Champagne in honor of their 50th anniversary. Congratulations & best wishes from all of us.

VP **Judy De Ford** introduced our guests: **Lee Trevelyan & Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Bob Cox**, guest of **Elsie Kuhl**; **Ron & Sherri Quock** and **Judy Roque**, guest of **Diana Quinn**.

Treas. **Oscar Chambers** gave us a detailed report on our finances & we are doing well. The Charity Fund is growing & our raffles are doing well.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** recalled the 8 birthdays we have in the group this month and the winner of the lunch was **Pat Beery**. There are 5 anniversaries for the month for a total of 247 years & an average of 49¼ years. Way to go, gang. Congratulations were sung to all. And, as always, Verda had some great tales to tell.

Patrick talked briefly about the Sacramento Convention & the feeling that recent retirees from United are not joining RUAEA. Our mission is one of friendship & camaraderie and hopefully we will attract more new members from this area.

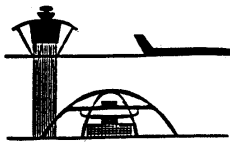
Another successful raffle & the floral centerpieces were greatly appreciated.

Patrick's "Thought for the Day". *George W. Bush – Rome, Italy: July 22, 2001. I know what I believe. I will continue to articulate what I believe - I believe what I believe is right.*

Calendar:

July - Basque Chalet - San Rafael. Hosted by Oscar & Joan Chambers

Aug. - Picnic at Armstrong Grove. Hosted by Verda Burr



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I hope your weather today is as nice as ours. Low 70s, sunny sky after morning fog. It's the morning fog that keeps things fairly green - at least along the coast here. The average rainfall since the records began in 1877-'78 is 15". This is the driest fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) period since that time began (3.21"). Wettest was 1883-84 (38.2"), with 2004-5 coming in 2nd (37.3").

Of course the politicians keep moaning, groaning, arguing, wheeling & dealing to get water to this overpopulated SoCal. What's the answer? It's the ocean, stupid! "Desal" plants are working in many areas of the world & ought to be here!

I was just a day late hearing the reason **Ed Clay** was not at the SAC convention was very fortunately not a matter of health or other emergency. He had put his house on the market and had to be there to attend to all the details. And he sold it in less than a week! Ed will be moving to Seattle to be closer to family. We'll let one & all know his new address as soon as we hear. We're working on getting him to the steak fry on 8/9, which is very close to the planned move date - here's hoping his friends are sufficiently persuasive.

I reported earlier that **Jo Ann Briggs** had to miss the convention due to husband George's major health problem after surgery. As of July 5, she reports that he is thankfully doing quite well. So we probably will see her at the 8/9 picnic and hopefully on our Coast Guard excursion on 7/21 (see below).

Betty & Irv McIntyre have moved to Oregon to be closer to family. One of best memories of Irv is his playing the cross-cut saw which he did at Aloha Week activities & also at the LAXRR reunion in 2004. The new address is 3150 Juniper Way, Apt. 254, Medford, OR 57504.

Best of luck & good living in your new surroundings you two, we'll miss you, please come visit!

Betty Houck, Jo Ann Briggs & Barb Smith (me!) on 7/21 will be going on the USCG cutter to accompany the day trip of the SS Lane Victory on which we traveled about a year ago. The L.V. was \$100 then, is \$125 this year, but we'll be cruising right along beside her FOR FREE! Our director at the USO has made the arrangement for the USO volunteers. They even provide in lunch!

Fran Sturdivan was to have knee surgery, but other problems popped up to bug her so the knee will have to wait. So sorry to hear you'll have to put up with all that, Fran, so get better soon.

Freeway help in L.A. County: via YOUR CELL PHONE! Our freeway wonderful call boxes are only a mile apart (less than 1/2 mile from you!) - but they are not always within reach. Now it is possible to reach help

via your cell phone. If you have a DIRE emergency needing police, fire or paramedic help, of course, dial 911. If you have non-emergency service needs - out of gas, flat tire, need a tow, to report a road hazard, call the auto club, dial #399 on your cell phone. The L.A. County Metro Freeway Service Patrol will be dispatched to help you. Check it out on the web: metro.net > [Projects/Programs](#) > "Interstate Programs" > [Freeway Service Patrol #399](#) > in upper right, next to picture of cell phone click on "just dial #399" and you will get details.

TRAVEL NEWS: There is still space on the **Laughlin - Grand Canyon West Skywalk (Glass Bridge)** trip on 9/17-19 with hotel in Laughlin. Flyers available. A great adventure. Quite a few from our neighborhood of Leisure World have signed up. If all those grannies can do it - you can too. Friends & relative welcome. While this is an effort of the ReLAXers Chapter, retirees from other chapters are welcome & can join us at one of our L.A. pickups or in LAS. Bus pickup at Lot B/E at LAX, or at Leisure World for Long Beach/Orange County residents. Free parking at L.W. We're working on getting enough passengers to be able to rebate some of the fare to everyone. Nearly everyone who has booked has said they've seen the stories about the Glass Bridge but didn't know how to get there without driving - and didn't want to drive. So here's your chance! Call or email for prices and details. Consider this an educational meeting!

Calendar:

Aug. 9 – Famous steak fry at El Segundo Park begins at 11am.

Sept. 17-19 - Trip to Laughlin and Grand Canyon West Glass Bridge Skywalk.

Oct. 11 - Luncheon, details to come.

Dec. 6 - Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary. - Dates and places subject to change.

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Our next meeting of the ReSans group will be our Fall Leaves/Oktoberfest, which is to be held on Sept. 16 at 11:30 am. This meeting will be held in the beautiful garden room, which is called the Red Baron Room, at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant. Once again your chapter will offset the cost of the luncheon. We will have a buffet choice of ham, roast beef, fresh fish, fresh fruit, pasta & vegetables. The very low cost of \$15.00 will include your choice of the buffet plus coffee, tea & soft drinks. Fliers giving all of the info plus directions will be mailed next month.

This correspondent does not have words on any health problems and/or vacations which members may have. I would greatly appreciate your input on any of this.



GOLDEN GATERS

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We hope it's never too late for words of appreciation from The Golden Gaters, expressed publicly to the RUAEA 2007 Sacramento Convention crew! The twenty members from our chapter all had a wonderful time due to your hard work & conscientious efforts. Some tours had to be "remodeled" but hospitality ran high. The quality of the arts & crafts was at its optimum best this year, thanks to all of the "quality contributors". The raffles were fun, the nightly entertainment was a bonus, and the Friendship & Banquet dinners were the icing on the cake. The hotel location couldn't have been better with the State Capitol, Capitol Mall & greenery, right across the street from us. Did everybody there enjoy the expertly sculptured living green "hedge of people" along the front of our Hyatt Regency?

Thanks to the Sacramento Convention & being part of a police family, I sought out the nearby California Peace Officers' Memorial on the Capitol Mall. The somber but beautiful appearance & strikingly lifelike

bronze statues, were heart-rending. Being a mother myself, the bronze that most captured my attention, was that of a mother seated on a bench with her little daughter clutching her & obviously weeping. Also of particular note for those of us from the San Francisco Bay Area was to see the nameplate of one of our local fallen heroes, Millbrae Officer Dave Chetcuti. I knew of the Washington D.C. memorial but did not realize we had one close by in Sacramento.

Remember the time years ago when June seemed to be "The Month" for weddings? Well, at our June meeting, we honored our June anniversary celebrants with **Donald & Mary Hughes** noting 54 years and **Wayne & Marilyn Guenther** with 59 years! Congratulations! Now, what are your words of advice for the rest of us?

Member **Don Baker**, 521 Cambridge Street, Belmont, CA 94002 is going through therapy for his back & would appreciate hearing from his friends.

Betty Bliss still has Oct. 18 Bay Meadows Racetrack tickets available. Remember folks, they're getting ready to close so this will be your last chance locally, to have a great buffet lunch & to watch the ponies run. Seats will be indoors in a reserved UAL retiree section. Write to Betty now at 1191 Compass Lane, Foster City, CA 94404, or email me.

Our annual picnic is set for Sept. 24 at Flood Park, Menlo Park as usual. Tickets are cheap & on sale now, the food is delish, and we always have a good time. Contact Auditors **Jerry Milner** or **Bernie Schneider** or buy your tickets at our Aug. 27 General meeting.

If you can pronounce the name of this French barge, "Libellule" and its destination, St. Jean de Losne to Lyon, Saone River, then you would probably be interested in International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg's** April 26 - May 2, 2008 tour. There are only a few places left so contact Ginger right away. She's also offering a Jan. 21 - Feb. 2, 2008 Princess Cruise, New Zealand to Australia, again a very popular tour, call soonest. Presently in the works is a Fall 2008 safari tour to South Africa. Email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865.

Extending an invitation to all of us from the SFO United Mainliner Club. Their Reno, NV gamblers' bus trip to Circus Circus, will be Oct. 19 - 21. Contact the Club Office at (650) 634-4158 or The Store at (650) 634-6644.

For our local or visiting members, the Alliant Credit Union has a new service center centrally located at 700 Concar Drive, San Mateo, CA.

Our Aug. 27, General meeting will be offering information on "Seniors Against Investment Fraud". No meeting in Sept. because of our picnic. The Oct. 22 General meeting will feature speaker Reid Dennis with a narrative on Amelia Earhart's flight.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. (Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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June was a busy month, beginning with the annual convention in Sacramento. Congratulations to **Alex Klaus** who won the big prize, positive space on UA worth about \$7000.

June 14 (Flag Day), was our annual picnic at Vasona Park. Of all of our yearly events, the annual picnic probably brings the most fun & the greatest participation. **Tony & Sally Urso** always do a tremendous job, but this year was the best ever. Many people brought their families - children & grandchildren. The food was excellent from the appetizers & desserts brought by individuals, to the catered food by Little Lou's of Los Gatos.

It just wouldn't happen without Tony & Sally. Thanks to both of them as well as to **Alex & Margie Klaus, Lou & Jean Marcolina, Dave & Nancy Walb, Ben & Cheri Scales, George & Ella Sousa, and Clyde & Jean Jenkins**, who all helped out.

Thanks also to **Barbara Brown**, who donated a handcrafted pottery platter. Barbara teaches pottery at the Sunnyvale Senior Center. And thank you to **Geneva Schaller** for donating the large, delicious bakery sheet cake for our dessert.

Dwayne & Anna Howze were able to be there and Dwayne won both door prizes, accurately guessing both the number of corks in a wreath (donated by Ella Sousa), and the number of pennies in a jar.

Alice Shelton was able to be there & is looking good. Her cancer was caught early. She is now on chemo, but says she feels fine. **Dee Kolman** is due for her last chemo. Let's hope that this is the light at the end of the tunnel. **Patty Smith** is in hospice. We are sorry to hear that our one-time member, **Bob Guinn**, is not doing well. We will keep both of them in our prayers.

As reported last month, longtime and much loved member, **Gene Eggert**, passed away on June 4 after being stricken ill while attending the convention. He will be missed but we take comfort that he was happy to the end, in the company of good friends.

We had several visitors during the month. On June 8, it was **Karen Benson & Peg Carlson Bowen**, nieces of **Dee Carlson**. On June 29, we had **Ferris (Jim) Merriam**, brother-in-law of **Geneva Schaller**; and **Olivia & Emily Dahl**, granddaughters of **Joan Dahl**, together with their cousin, **Helena Sandstrom**.

It was good to see **Zelma Rosenthal** back; also the **Burdas**. **Don & Deloris** had driven back to the University of Wisconsin, where Don had taught a class, covered over 5,000 miles by way of OR.

George & Ella Sousa have offered to host our fall luncheon, which will be on Sept. 13 at Michael's Shoreline, Mountain View. Call the Sousas at (408) 245-0498 for more information.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. Stan Kolman (408) 736-1775 for details.



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Our June meeting was held on the 11th at the Pleasant Hill Park. It was our annual picnic & was attended by 37 members & guests. Since the weather in California has been known to be unpredictable, we were pleased with PERFECT weather. We used our wonderful caterer Kinders, the appetizers & desserts brought by members were delicious.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month (however there is no meeting in July). We meet at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. No reservations necessary. Social hour is from 11:00 to 12:00, lunch and business from 12:00 on.

Calendar:

Aug. 13

Sept. 10

Oct. 8

Nov. 12

Dec. 10 - (Annual Christmas party & Toys for Tots)

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

On Independence Day, July 4, 70 plus retirees & their families attended the Mile Highers' regular breakfast at the United Air Lines Training Center. There was some initial concern about having the breakfast on the holiday because of the reduced staff at the Training Center Cafeteria. It soon became apparent that all was well. The Cafeteria staff really pitched in & in no time, all were served. Everyone had a great time!

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter. **Velma Larson, Thom Rowland & Ray Shoults. Ray & Helen Shoults** & their 2 granddaughters from Colorado Springs came to the breakfast. It was good to see **O.J. Keip** and **Chris Christlieb. Howard & Inge Elliott** from near Franktown, CO also joined us. It was good to see **Lola Wallace** again.

Out of town visitors were, **Jim Schroder** & his wife, **Anita Murphy** from PHX and Wayne **Tucker** also from PHX. Come back and see us again!

The question was asked did the Denver retirees like the new format of the Newsletter. Most said they did. Virgil Gooselaw said the comments he has received from across the country have been generally favorable.

NOTE: The suggestion was made last month by some of the Mailing Team members that since we no longer do the Newsletter on a Saturday morning, why not have a breakfast instead. They want to continue the socializing the mailing provided and, a plus to having it on a Saturday morning is the traffic is light & parking is not a problem. At the last regular breakfast, the idea was put forth & some responded favorably. So, we're going to give it a try. **The first Sat. breakfast will be on Sept. 1st at the UAL Training Center at 8:00 AM.**

Fall Luncheon: Wed., Sept. 26, 2007 - 11:00 AM Social, 12:00 Noon Lunch. Menu:

- 1) Soup & Salad
- 2) Burrito Grande - Beef or Chicken
- 3) Caesar Salad topped with Broiled Salmon or Prime Rib

Plus - Ice Cream, Sherbet or Choc Mousse. - Included with the meals are fresh baked bread, muffins & non-alcoholic beverages. Price is \$12 P/P which includes tax & gratuity.

Place: Old Neighborhood, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada, CO 80005.

Send checks to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. **Cutoff date - 9/20/07.**

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. Bring a fellow retiree!

Aug. 1 - Breakfast Meeting

FLORIDA



SAND"DABS"

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Our June meeting was cancelled due to so many people being away. For me, it was the draw of my last grandchild's high school graduation. But we're back again at the Red Lobster in July, where 20 Sand"DABS" gathered, it was good to be together again.

Emily Veracka is due back today after being away for a month staying with her granddaughter, after Rachael's operation. Other members are away traveling or due to illness, have doctor appointments to keep. We learned today that **Bud & Karen Gammill's** son had a serious motorcycle accident, but the prayers seem to be pulling him through. We wish him a complete recovery.

Birthday celebrants present were **Dick Coughlin & Jeanne Sudol**. We learned the Sudols will be re-locating to Delaware soon, but they promise to visit when they get back to visit FL. At our 50/50 drawing, Pres. Dick let **Irene Warner** do the drawing & wouldn't you know, she picked her husband's ticket. We all cried "fixed". At joke time Prez Dick had a few funny ones. It's always great to hear humorous airline jokes.

Treas. **Penny Logan** reports we're still in the black. We had a thank-you note from the Family Renew Community for the \$300 we donated. **Anne Johnson** gave us information on sending packages to our servicemen which are especially appreciated when out on patrol or in remote places and not near the PX to pick up some necessities or some "junk" food. It would be a good project for us. Pres. Dick also gave us information on servicemen at Walter Reed Hospital coming back to get care & healing from their wounds. Wheel chairs are especially needed there.

Pres. Dick had nothing to report about the airline industry or our company. However, he will get us copies of AirTran procedures for getting \$25 one-way tickets, wherever AirTran flies.

Larry Horton shared with us an interesting WWII story from 1943 about a plane that was running out of fuel over Greenland & made a crash landing on what the pilot thought was a solid glacier - but wasn't, and the plane sank into the softened ice & got caught in a crevice. The crew was eventually lifted out but the plane remained there until recently when a group decided to figure out a way to get the plane out & restore it. They were successful in getting the "Glacier Girl" out & restored; it is going to make the trip to Duxford, England. They will be flying the same route of its original destination before the crash landing. The only remaining member of that Squadron still alive will make the trip as a passenger. Larry Horton knew the original pilot of this plane. **Nelson Funkhauser** had a large newspaper article about this whole story. Very interesting. I hope I got all the facts correct. There should be a book written about this.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *WINE a little, it will make you feel better.*

Calendar:

Aug 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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On July 6th, 15 Pelican Drop-Ins had breakfast at Perkins restaurant in North Fort Myers. Pres. **Terry Gilkison** asked everyone to give a little synopsis of their summer activities. **Marilyn & Tom McNabb** were traveling & visiting relatives. They attended two high school graduations & one day care graduation. Tom celebrated his birthday with a pig roast. They had six weeks of glorious weather. **Jim Stokes** stayed home & had fun playing golf. **Mel & Linda Volz** are making a trip to Pennsylvania to visit some of Linda's family. Then they will spend the rest of the summer at their home in Michigan. **Genevieve Barber** stayed home, but did play a lot of bingo.

Wanda Schmoyer won a tri-colored hibiscus award. She entered three Hibiscus shows & won two "Best of Show" awards. **Nancy Kopp** is now interested in hibiscus growing. Nancy's son helped her put in a lovely patio. She also went to West Palm Beach to visit a friend & to the Ozarks to help a friend. **Ruth & Dick Barros** attended the US. Open in North Carolina. Along with their daughter they made a ten day trip to Portugal to attend a wedding. They had United 1st class to Frankfurt & return. **Terry & Joan Gilkison** attended Terry's family reunion in Crystal Lake, IL. The next week, they drove to the Outer Banks, NC and spent a week at the rented beach house with Joan's family.

Ray Winterhalter was our only member of the Pelican Drop-Ins to attend the convention. He gave us some news of the convention. The convention next year will be in Pittsburgh on May 19-24. Maybe next year more of our members will attend. Ray also attended the Clipped Wings Chapter in Naples & talked about starting a new chapter in that area. **John & Nancy Dainus** deliver "Meals on Wheels" so they arrived a little late with their granddaughter. They are entertaining grandkids during the summer. Nancy has been back and forth to Michigan to help settle her mother's estate. We all enjoyed a fun breakfast together and look forward to our next breakfast on Aug. 3rd.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)
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FLL Flyers met on July 2 with 8 people in attendance. Guest Speaker Beverly shared information & brochures on Reverse Mortgages and answered questions. Two members shared info on the convention in SMF. One member just came back from a cruise in Greece. She also shared info about ZED fares and a discounted Dental Plan. This group wants to participate any way it can to keep the lines of communication open with UAL & their fellow retirees.

Two retired Flight Attendants invited anyone to attend their monthly luncheon at the Flaming Pit in Pompano Beach, FL on Federal Highway at 12:00 PM on the second Mon. of every month. Contact **Sharla Hughs** at Sharla3027@aol.com for more information.

Calendar:

Aug. 6 - 11:30 AM, Panera Bakery, 1762 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 – (954)-567-5925.

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Twenty four flyers and one guest were in attendance at the City Buffet in Riverdale, GA on July 11, hosted by **Bogie & Jody Wallace**. We had a very nice private room to hold our meeting, & of course the food was of a wide variety, and good.

We had a 50/50 drawing conducted by **Fred Cron** & assisted by **Bogie Wallace**. Ms. **Ruth Rumin**, **Mary Lou Sullivan**'s sister, & our guest, drew the winning number. **Gary Tuttle** was the lucky recipient, & donated the amount to The Promise Place, the battered family shelter we support with donations every month.

Sandy Lis held a brief business meeting. **Bruce Brodersen**, our Regional Southeast Director reported on his trip to the National Convention in Sacramento, CA. He had nothing but praise for the people who hosted, organized, setup the hotels, food, & itineraries. He said they had really done a great job. He did mention that attendance was down some from the previous conventions. He talked of the future possibility of a retirees travel desk on the east coast like the one in Portland, OR, & if anyone would be interested in manning one on the east coast. If interested please contact Bruce at (770) 632-2696.

Also it was mentioned that United is entering into a travel agreement with Air Tran, details aren't exactly clear what the benefits will be as yet. Sandy also noted that a new airline will be starting up in Macon, GA. soon. It seems that new smaller regional carriers are starting to show up in the domestic market as the legacy carriers are concentrating more on international routes.

Get well wishes are in order for **Elmer Koldoff**, and **Eva Mace** after their recent surgeries. Elmer had his hip replaced, and is recuperating very nicely. Eva, "a very brave lady" had both knees replaced at the same time and is out and about with a walker. She is getting around extremely well. Hats off to both.

Calendar:

Aug. 1 - The Speedy Pig Barbeque, Fayetteville, GA.

HAWAII



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48 Menehune, friends & family spent part of their Summer Solstice enjoying a buffet lunch at Dave & Buster's. Coordinator **Linda Sayagusa** (with a hand from her son Derek) & **Dianne O'Steen**, arranged for a private room away from the arcade's noisy action.

Our first order of business was welcoming new member **Iwalani Chinen**. Second alohas went to our bi-coastal out-of-town guests, **Sylvia Rapoza**'s brother, Calvin Yim of Northern Virginia & **Toni Turner**'s son Colby from Southern California.

Our Credit Union representative, Alison Akard, spoke to us about Alliant Shared Branching. Also, some new ATMs in very handy locations have come online. Alliant sent along a bountiful gift basket, won by Sylvia. We know there were lots of goodies to share with her brother.

Calendar:

Sept. 20 - Final Luncheon for 2007 at Pinky's.

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In the absence of **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, **Ned Yundt** called the meeting at JB's (on July 2) to order, with only 17 GEMS in attendance. Ned welcome all, & confirmed that our next get-together would be in honor of GEMS who have passed on since the chapter was formed 1983. It will be a potluck at Ned's home (10556 Southerland Dr. in Boise) starting 1 p.m., July 17. **Carol Adams** suggested that we be prepared with humorous stories we remember about our working partners – as a form of celebration of life. Ned passed around a sign-up sheet, & gave details on what we should bring in the way of food, utensils, etc.

That old saying "Into each life some rain must fall" has hit us hard this month. First, it was the news that our good friend **Wayne Duvall** has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Our hearts go out to **Wayne**, to his wife, **Louise**, and family. We haven't heard yet what the course of treatment will be, but Wayne needs bolstering. He'd appreciate hearing from caring friends. His phone number is (208) 362-5404. Address: 8521 W. Carbon Ct., Boise, ID 83709. He is in the good hands of very capable doctors at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Meridian, ID.

Equally shocking, was to learn that **Bill Stokes** has terminal lung cancer. Bill is loved by all, is a loyal GEM of a man, & retired F/O. He & his wife **Martha**, live in Idaho Falls, ID, but they often join us in chapter activities, although it means a 300-mile round trip by car for them. Few people know this about Bill, but he is also an accomplished concert violinist. **Bill Jones**, a retired F/O; **Holbrook Maslen**, a retired F/O; & **Bud Peters**, a retired Dispatcher, will fly over in Jones' aircraft on July 5, to visit Bill, Martha, & family. They have six grown children, & I don't know how many grandchildren, so they will be in good company.

On July 18, **Bill Jones** is headed to Alaska for three weeks. He is flying up with a couple of friends in two private aircrafts. **Denny Snyder**, another flyboy GEM, is still “punching holes in the sky,” (as he puts it) which means he’s not letting his Cessna 172 cool off. It’s a great way to see Idaho, folks. If you’ve ever flown into Yellow Pine, ID, you know what I mean.

Dave Adams, however, prefers to keep all four wheels on the ground. He’s been driving a deluxe tour bus all over the country, the past 10 years. His latest trip was a return from Kansas City with 36 passengers from Meridian Tech High School. This was a rare “sleeper” trip – one bus, two drivers. For the Idaho students, the extreme humidity of Kansas City was an unpleasant surprise. While there, Dave was able to get away from KC to visit his alma mater of seven years, Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO.

Footnote: Humidity is seldom a problem in Idaho. Our weather so far this summer has been wonderful, but don’t tell anybody that. Our state will be overrun with out-of-staters.

Marlene Croghan was so worn out entertaining out-of-town guests for past month that she didn’t have the energy to write anything for this issue, but she made it to the breakfast meeting. I’m hoping that she will recover in time for our next gathering.

“If God had meant for man to fly, He would have made it profitable.”

Calendar:

We meet on the 1st first Mon. of each month, at JB’s in Meridian at 9 a.m.

Aug. 6 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB’s in Meridian

Sept. 3 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB’s in Meridian

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The surprise event for May came off as planned at the Southside group. **Agnes Pearson** collected quarter after quarter as each Southsider pretended they had forgotten their ID badge. As the puzzled Agnes sat down, the whole group sang Happy Birthday & presented her with a gift certificate for her 85th birthday. Husband Bob kept the secret. The raffle was won by **Margaret Schmitt**, **Bob Pearson** and **Javier & Carmen Chavez**. Talk about togetherness!

Helen Collins has a hard time getting about but sent a lovely note saying she missed us. We sure miss her friendly smile too.

Because it went so well last year, we will again have our picnic at the Schaumburg Golf Club. Hopefully it won’t be as hot as last year so we can use the patio as well as the ballroom. Southsiders have to make an executive decision. So July 31st, is it bacon & eggs at Grandma Sally’s or beer & brats at Chandlers? Solution – do both.

The convention in Sacramento was a well organized event that included many new ideas for our retirees & guests to enjoy. All the donated prizes were prominently displayed for the subsequent raffles. Several new banners were created identifying areas such as, The Welcome & Registration Desks, Hospitality Room, Art & Raffle, 50/50 Raffle. During the dinner, conventioners were treated to an exciting visual presentation, documenting past conventions, a tribute to Don Ho, and a look back at United’s award winning television commercials from Leo Burnett era. This creative presentation also included a montage of happy retirees partaking in some of the weeks’ activities.

Equal time was given to the fathers in June, at the Northsiders breakfast, when cookies & cakes were offered to all the men in honor of Father’s Day. Since it was done for the ladies for Mother’s Day, it was only fitting to honor the men of our breakfast group on this occasion. It was nice to see over 90 people attend breakfast with many of their friends on a nice sunny morning. A surprise to the group was when **Larry Barr** brought his guest, **Ron Madsen**, who had been away on medical recuperation for some time. He appeared in high spirits, looked very good & chatted with many of his friends, thanking them for their prayers & thinking of him during his hospital stay.

SAVE THE DATE – Sept. 26th for the Midway 25th Anniversary Luncheon. We would like to hear from you if you had worked at Midway or know of someone who did. Please note the change of contact for the Midway Gals & Guys Luncheon: **Jacque Sontheimer** at (630) 893-1829 or **Carol Faust** at (847) 895-1232. You will automatically receive information regarding this event if you are currently on the mailing list.

Hope your summer has been enjoyable, see you at the upcoming Skyliners events: Fall Luncheon - Oct 9th & Annual Christmas Luncheon on Dec 11th.

Calendar:

Aug. 7 – Volunteers go to the Chicago Food Depository – 1st Tues. of the Month.

Aug. 8 – Join in at breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads in Mt. Prospect, IL.

Aug. 28 – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

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Chapter correspondents all received new guidelines for compiling newsletters, so to keep in line with RUAEA's request, I will try not to include unnecessary & lengthy thoughts and/or facts and keep to the do's & don'ts asked of us.

June 9th brought a beautiful day of sunshine to the Indy Racer's Annual Picnic. We enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs & brats grilled to perfection by our very own chefs, **Ron Innis** & **Bud Barnett**. Thank you guys, you both did a great job. I would like to personally thank **Elly Barnett**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Gail Allen** & **Wanda Bryce** for helping with all the planning, purchasing, setting up & the worst job, cleaning up. Thank you to all those who participated in the fun & for bringing various side dishes & desserts. I am already looking forward to our next picnic.

The July 17th & 18th trip to the Argosy Casino were sadly cancelled. We are sorry to those of you who had planned on attending but we needed a certain number of people to fill the bus & unfortunately we did not meet the criteria. During the last meeting, we discussed some ideas for future functions, I will be sure to keep you abreast of any new upcoming events and if anyone has a fun filled idea, please email or call me.

As always, we welcome all new members and those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting.

Calendar:

Aug. 13 - Meeting

Sept. 10 – Meeting

Oct. 8 – Meeting

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Our May meeting at Foxwood Casino, bussed 28 Nor'Easters to CN. **Don Simard** officiated on the bus and conducted the 50/50. Winners were **Patti Mix & Janet DeStefano**. Winners in the casino were **Carleen Eddy & Janet D.** again! I hope Janet will be taking hubby Frank out to dinner.

Our May meeting, a cruise to Boston's outer harbor, onboard the Spirit Of Boston, brought out 48 members. All advised the cruise was like a party. **Joe Duda** thanked our Pres. for such a good time. The ship was great & the lunch buffet was "top shelf"! Entertainment included 6 different performers. Everyone left the ship with a smile. Yours truly who has traveled the world via plane, still avoids ships. I was advised I missed an excellent afternoon. Looks like this could be a repeat next year.

The Nor'Easters didn't give a good showing at this year's convention. Only Pres. **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** attended. She advised they wouldn't chance standby & used the ID20 positive space. She advised she had a hard time explaining this reduced rate to our reservation agent in India. Hopefully, we'll be better represented next year.

It's always good to see **Steve & Paddy Bilodeau**, former Nor'Easters, now living in FL. Unfortunately, they returned to New England because of the accidental death of their 18 year old grandson, an extremely sad affair. It was good however to see our fellow Nor'Easters present to support Steve & Paddy in their grief.

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Thought I missed the deadline when I remembered our report was due as I was about to fall asleep on the 7th. I jumped up & sure enough it was marked July 6th, on my calendar. Oh well, she said ... maybe I'll do better next month. 2 days later, she thought she remembered something about deadlines changing, so went searching for latest NL. Sure enough, new deadline Jul 11th. So lots of time.

12 Escapees & 2 guests; brother Bob & wife Bo from MS, gathered at Empire Dynasty in Farmington Hills. We welcomed back **Gary Herkimer** whom we have not seen in several years (10 to be exact) and the reason - he has been MIA (not Miami), seems to have ESCAPED his memory, he claims.

Love & prayers for **Debbie LeFavbre** who is still undergoing treatments from her return of cancer & also for Loonie friend **Curt Gafford** who is alive & well, recuperating at Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines, IL. You can read about Curt on www.carepages.com. If you have never heard about it before, it is a wonderful way on keeping up on our ailing friends; Sharon & his girls have done a wonderful job on keeping us all informed. I hope many more organizations sponsor a web page like this. Also love & prayers for **Mike & Elaine Clynch** who have had several medical issues. Sounds like they are taking turns in care giving.

Calendar:

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

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What a gorgeous day at Chalco Hills for our picnic. Our thanks to **Arnie & Shirley Mahoney** and **Keith & Jan Cornish** for hosting. There were 58 who attended. It was great to see **Frank & Nancy Thomas** from Florida, along with their son, David, who lives in Council Bluffs; **Bob Hatcher** from Oklahoma; **Ed & Sharon**

DeLong from Colorado; **Bob & Betty Hall** and daughter, Terry; **Roger & Jean Jensen**; **Joyce Torchia**; and last but not least **Marge & Louie Stankoski**. I thought Marge looked really good after all she has been through struggling with cancer. She doesn't have to have chemo now for 4 months, which is great.

Jim Casey continues seeing doctor for prostate cancer & is doing very well.

My sincere thanks to **Sydney Greenstreet**. He said they would be moving to Idaho & they were going through some of their things. If you remember, I asked anyone who had some newsletters I was missing for a period of years, to let me know. Bless Sydney, he did remember & sent them to me and they were exactly what I needed. The minutes I had were in three different books, so I purchased a large binder & they are now all together. The Omaha Goldenears Chapter was started in Nov. of 1979 and we have all of the newsletters up to the present. I am extremely happy that this book is complete as it is the history of our Omaha Goldenears Retirement Chapter. Thank you, Sydney; best wishes to you & your wife on your move to Idaho.

Our own **Tony Sortino** has been voted in to be a Director of RUAEA. His area to be responsible for includes Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake, Boise & Las Vegas. Way to go, Tony.

Calendar:

Aug. 7 - Fish & Game, Council Bluffs, Hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell

Sept. 11 – Picnic Chalco Hills, Hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

Oct. 2 - Jack & Mary's, Hosted by Bob & Carolyn Kraft

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The June 12th Luncheon was terrific, we had 48 persons at this meeting, our guests were Olive Cox, mother of **Nelma Gutwald**, and Nancy Leinen, guest of **Lois Fox**.

We had as our guest speaker, Officer Leslie Harris of the Metro Police Force, the subject was about safety in the home & how to protect yourself, very informative & helpful. All chapters should get a lecture about safety as given by an officer as experienced as this lady.

Marylou Littlefield was in the hospital, but, she is home now with "Congestive Heart failure" indications. Phone (702) 435-6135.

Marge Gibson was hospitalized & had two days in Rehab facility, she is now home.

Ray Gibson has bad sinus problems. Phone for both is (702) 798-4942.

Lillian Wiper was moved to Oregon by her relatives, she is on Oxygen 24/7 & needs constant care. No phone or address available.

Report from **Chris Czaplewski** on the 2007 RUAEA Convention held in Sacramento, CA, May 27th thru June 3rd, 2007.

"The Convention was attended by 580 RUAEA members; which is considerably less than other years. There are 39,000 UAL retirees of which 9,153 are RUAEA active members.

President Mort Wax at the Presidents' Meeting mentioned that many of us are getting older, ill, & dying off and many of the new retirees are not joining because there is so much hatred & ill feeling toward UAL.

They do not realize that UAL has nothing to do with RUAEA, which is totally a social event for friendships and reunions.

*Linda Tracy, our member from PDX, & I really enjoyed the convention, I was happy to see **Kathy Parks**, **George Price** and **Felix Cicco** from our LAS Gamblers there.*

The Hawaiian Night & Western Night were fun, good music with lots of prizes. The dinners & desserts served at the Fri. & Sat. banquets were wonderful.

*The 2008 Convention is planned for Pittsburgh, PA. This should make **Mike & Eleanor Vasko** and **Bob & Marlene Morwick** happy.*

*Speaking of **Marlene Morwick**, she had an accident & broke her arm, is now seeing a physical Therapist, we wish her a fast recovery."*

On 7-7-07, a lot going on here in Vegas, besides the 113°F Temperatures. All hotel rooms are filled, all Chapels are booked for lots & lots of weddings, and most Casinos, have the 7-7-7 specials like buffets lunch & dinner at 7.77 prices, 7X pay-offs on the slots.

Our next meeting will be on August 14th, 11:30 AM at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino, The Diamond Maes Ballroom, if you are in town call me or our Pres. to arrange reservations & join us at the luncheon. Nice place to meet old friends.

Calendar:

Aug. 14 – Meeting (details in column)

Oct. 9 – Meeting

Dec. 11 – Meeting



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There were 31 members in attendance at our May meeting, including new member **Rick Schwarze** & his wife, **RuthAnn**. Rick retired as flight officer & Ruth Ann had at one time worked as a flight attendant.

RUAEA: The convention was very nice. The weather was good. It was good to see everyone again. One major change – your renewal month, will continue to be your birthday month, as long as that is when you continue to pay your dues. However, if your birthday month is Jan. and you pay your dues in March, March now becomes your renewal month. The length of the print newsletter may change due to a change in printing processes. There were also 2 amendments to the bylaws – please refer to your RUAEA newsletter for details.

Seattle has sent out a notice that their Golf Tournament has been postponed to Sept.

Based on the vote taken today, we will be inviting the Sacramento Gold Diggers to our August picnic. Flyers will go out in July. There will be no cost to our guests from SMF – just a dessert to share. Cost to our membership is \$5/person. There is a nice swimming beach, so feel free to bring the grandkids. The menu will stay the same – hamburgers. Please bring a dish to share & your own drinks. We will provide bottled water for the group & some wine. DATE FOR THE PICNIC IS MON., AUGUST 16 – starting at 11 am at Sand Harbor Park. Mr. **Scaife**, aided by his lovely wife, **Nancy**, and Mr. **Robinson** have agreed to be our chefs again this year. Cost per car at the park is \$8.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Donna Reid**. June birthdays were celebrated by: **Aidia Keller**, **Pat Steenrod**, **Eva Havelik**, **Larry Reid**, and **Elizabeth Haws**.

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The New Jersey Gardenstators met on June 27, 2007 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pres. Confer asked for a moment of silence for **Bob Hauck**, Air Freight Agent. Also, he wished **Marie Wittman** (George's wife) well, she broke her wrist.

Jet Blue is charging \$50.00 for round trip, and Spirit Airlines leaving from Atlantic City, is a great trip, but no more free soda & charging \$5.00 to check your bag, \$10.00 for additional bags, check on the computer for everything before making any arrangements.

2008 RUAEA convention will be in the 3rd week of May in Pittsburgh. A report will be given next month by **George Wittman** who attended the 2007 RUAEA Convention in Sacramento.

Minutes were read by Violet Etler, Treas. John Murphy gave the treasurer's report.

A reminder of dates, Monmouth Race Track will be July 11th; track opens 11:30 a. m.

Annual Picnic will be Aug. 29th at Merrill Park in Colonia. Directions will be in next meeting notice. Also Huntington Playhouse will be Sept. 19th. Please let John Murphy know if you are going.

Door Prize was Olive Garden or Red Lobster gift certificate and many other prizes were won. 50/50 was won by **Joe Solarczyk**.

Calendar:

July 25 – Meeting.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Sad news for the Chapter, **George Maertz** passed away on the morning of June 27th. Before retiring, George worked at Air Freight at Kennedy Airport. Condolences can be sent to Ann, his wife of 51 years to: 1840 Grant Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554. The New York Metros send their prayers & sympathy to Ann and her family.

The New York Metros will be having their annual picnic July 11 at the usual spot at Wantagh Town Park. If you come early, there'll be coffee & donuts. There will be something new this year for our August meeting. Pres. Jim Richardson loves picnics, so we're having a second picnic at the same spot on Aug. 1.

Calendar:

Aug. 1 – 10:00 for coffee & donuts - Picnic at Wantagh State Park

Sept. 5 – 12 noon - Per Un Angelo, 3275 Byron St., Wantagh, NY, (516) 783-6475

Oct. 3 - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo

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In the last newsletter, I sent in an addendum that was in error. I reported that **Curt Gaff** of Elgin, IL had suffered a fatal attack, shortly after returning home from the Loonie meeting in Bayfield, WI. I did not have the current facts. Curt had a miraculous recovery & is now recuperating from his near death experience. Thank God. My apologies to his family for any distress my report may have caused. We pray for a complete recovery.

In other news, I want to report that the Loonies will be on the road again. Destination - Traverse City, MI. Hotel Traverse Bay Lodge. Date Oct 16-17-18, 2007. Further details when plans are finalized. All Loonies, guests & friends are invited to come.

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The Buckeyes held their Annual Picnic at W. J. Green Lodge in the Mill Stream Run of the Metropark System on July 11. John & Dolly are hosting this annual event. Thank you both. We expected 92 people in attendance. Visitors that are expected to attend are: **Lou & Joan Gaydos**, FL, **Ray & Cherly** and **Gale & Hank Hueser** from VA.

We hope you enjoy seeing many of your friends.

Our Sept 5th Brunch Buffet is going to be held at Grand Pacific Hotel. The doors will open at 10:30am and we'll be served at 11:00am. Remember, that parking is limited behind the restaurant, but there is more parking available in the area. This is the 1st time the Chapter will meet there. After the buffet, feel free to browse the neat shops located near the Restaurant. Remember that reservations are due Aug. 20th.

Calendar:

Sept. 5 - Brunch Buffet at Grand Pacific Hotel. 10:30 am, brunch served at 11:am, prepaid.

Oct. 3 - Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. Gather at 11:30am & luncheon served at 2:30pm, prepaid.

Nov. 7 - Mapleside Farms & Restaurant, Brunswick. 12:00 noon, prepaid.

Dec. 5 - Annual Christmas Party at MarCal's Restaurant & Lounge, Middleburg, Hts. 11:00am, prepaid.

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There were 69 members at our June meeting and everyone had a good time socializing before the luncheon. **Tina Lewis** brought a guest **Jimmie Clipper**.

It seems **Dave Smith** just keeps winning and winning. This month he won the birthday prize & the 50/50. **Lila Blough** received the anniversary prize. She & Bruce would have been married 66 years in June.

Congratulations to **SM & Jean Feely** on their 65th wedding anniversary July 7, 2007 (7/707). I wonder when they set the date if they ever thought they would be alive to celebrate the day on such an infamous date.

There are several members who had health issues this month. **Anita Donaldson** had foot surgery, **Charlie Falbo** was undergoing tests, **Jack Hoage** had a hip replacement and **Janice Mortensen** fell & suffered cuts to her face. We'll look for all of you at a meeting very soon.

Herman Hoek, a mechanic who retired in Portland in 1979 died on June 24. Herman was in the Air Force during World War II and started on Guadalcanal & Bougainville and continued to serve during the rest of the Pacific campaign. Our condolences go out to Elaine and the rest of his family.

Please remember to let the Lunch Princess know a week in advance if you plan on attending a meeting. It would be helpful to either call your phone contact or email if you are unable to attend a meeting. Our numbers have been erratic in the last couple of months and it makes it difficult for the restaurant to supply the right amount of food.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls 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. 8 - TBA

Sept. 12 - TBA

Oct. 10 - Elections & Ice Cream Social



OUR CLUB

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After the July 4th fireworks lit up the sky, sparklers sparkled & the family pets were coaxed out from under the bed, 20 OUR Club members met for lunch on July 6 at Sophia's Kitchen, a new Italian restaurant in Grants Pass. Since the temperature in southern Oregon has been teetering on triple digits, we all enjoyed the cool Tuscan décor of Sophia's.

It was a delight to welcome new members **Ric & Gidget Walcha**. Ric is a retired steward (SFOSW). He & Gidget moved to Grants Pass a few years ago from the San Francisco Bay Area, where Ric was based. We were also glad to include **Mary Chachere's** daughter, Jeanette, and **Herb & Mary Crees'** son & daughter-in-law, Marty and Laura, who were visiting from Austin, TX.

We missed **Barbara Hickox** & are hoping her recovery from a recurring knee infection will set a record for speediness.

We could all take a page from Mary Crees' book. Mary obtained her first computer several months ago, shortly after celebrating her 88th birthday (and, rightfully, proud of it!). Fast-forward a few months to see Mary now receiving, reading, creating & sending email and playing a strategically astute game of Spider Solitaire. All expectations are that Mary will soon be surfing the Internet with only the cyberspace sky as her limit.

OUR Club's annual fall picnic is in the works for Sept. 7, we're all looking forward to a catered barbecue at Tom Pearce Park near Grants Pass. Please contact Jane Frincke at jjfor@rascal.cc or (541) 472-9212 for further information.

Calendar:

Aug. 3 - Eve's Garden Café in Applegate, OR - Laurie Jordan

Sept. 7 - Details in column

Oct. 5 - TBA - Jim & Jane Frincke

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Whooooee! Those of us who went to SMF had a wonderful time! Thanks to all who made it all possible. Pres. **Joe Brad** gave a report at our June 11th meeting for those retirees who were unable to go to the convention. He recapped the tours, the dinners, the entertainment and yes, the travel trials to & from. It is always such fun to see old friends & reminisce about the "good old days". We are looking forward to PIT. 33

Retirees came to our luncheon. Please encourage other retirees to attend as our numbers seem to be getting fewer. Sadly, we lost a few more: **Jim Taylor**, **Charlie Lepp**, **Sally Romano** and recently, **Joe Noonan's** brother.

Joe also announced the committee's decision to cut the number of meetings down to seven (7) per year. We will meet in Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Mar., Apr. & May. Mark your calendars. There will be no meetings in Jan., Feb., June, July & Aug. Same place, always the 2nd Mon. of the month at 12:30PM. Since we never met during July & Aug., we simply added June plus the bad weather months of Jan. & Feb. to the list. Regrettably, our membership is dwindling & since the luncheon went up to \$12.00 we thought it is prudent to reduce the number of meetings.

We totaled up 28 retirees & guests who handed in their checks for the Nov. 9th, 3:00PM, Christmas show in Lancaster, PA. Since we booked early, we obtained pretty good reserved seats.

This was our 2nd year to have Mr. Albert Long, a George Burns impersonator entertain us. If possible, he was even funnier this year. He has perfected all of George Burns mannerisms, he LOOKS like him and sounds like him. **Kathy Edwards** laughed so hard, we thought she would fall off of her chair.

Our 50/50 winner was **Frank Lundy**. Our free lunch went to **Margaret Bastian**. A surprise new attendee, **Frank Majchrzak**, came for the first time. Welcome Frank. One of our retirees who is a musician, **Bill Carroll**, will be playing in Rose Tree Park. It is a free concert on June 23rd. Some of us are planning to show up as a surprise.

Marge Egges is holding a bakeless cake sale for the benefit of our troops in Iraq. Just send her your money. We will spare you all those forbidden calories.

This year we are again planning a bus trip to Shanksville to honor the passengers & crew of Flight 93. The date is not set yet but it will be close to 9/11/07.

Calendar:

Sept. 10 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn



PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Whew summer is certainly here. Try to think kool!

The annual Pit-Stoppers picnic will have been held on Jul 19th. Will cover all the news next month. Gee that will be Sept. & we will be thinking fall.

A pre-planning meeting was held last month concerning next year's Big Bash. Bernie & I hosted the meeting, which was attended by 14 enthusiastic people.

The next meeting will be held on Jul. 24th, same time, same place. Hopefully, the picnic will bring about more volunteers. So, here is an invitation to all yunz former Pittsburghers to come home & help out.

Bill Redfern is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery. That's what he gets for trying to act like he was 30 again. Ruth is doing a good job of keeping him in line.

Happy to report **Joan Ference**, wife of Prez Vic is doing well after major back surgery. Vic is trying to keep up with her & gearing up for the annual picnic. I hope his knee holds up. Cards can be sent c/o 133Convair Dr. Moon Twp., PA 15108.

June reports that hubby John is doing well after his major surgery & is even driving again - good nursing. Our condolences to **Rose Marie Lavelle** on the recent loss of her brother.

Both Pat & Rose Marie have lost a brother this past year.

Marlene Mootsey is doing well & will probably give up her cane soon unless she uses it on Fred. Cards & calls were appreciated.

Don't forget we're the City of Champions. Let's show the country what we have.

Next convention meeting is Tues July 24th.

Calendar:

Oct. - Luncheon – Date & Place to be announced

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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It was another hot day on June 21st for our breakfast gathering at Shoney's Restaurant. **Nancy Krop** is out of the hospital & came with her grandson Trevor. Several options were discussed for our July meeting. An announcement will be coming in the mail with the time and location.

Unfortunately, the news is not good this month. **Bob Tuttle** has had a couple of strokes and will be entering a rehabilitation center. We are sorry to report that **Les Swallom** passed away on June 11, 2007 after a 9 month struggle with stomach cancer. Condolences can be sent to Joann Swallom, 1805 Winding Ridge Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922.

Calendar:

Aug. 16 - 9:30 EDT - 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. 20 - "Road Trip to Clarksville, TN"; Hosts Cecil & Rachel Adkins (931-358-4047). Details to be announced.

Oct. 20 - 9:30 EDT - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road. Come join us for breakfast!

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On June 20, 19 chapter members met at Centerville's Island View Park for a potluck picnic that was, as usual, very delicious. The 95°F weather was steamy, but a fresh breeze from the far-off Great Salt Lake made sitting & "visiting" under the terrace cover most pleasant.

Compliments to the Master Chef, **Grant Beutler**, for the fine roasting of hot dogs & beef patties! Thanks to **Betty Davis** for cookies donated by Mrs. Fields. Thanks also for all the other tasty morsels brought to the picnic by our members.

We welcomed **Dale Street**, **Edith Paul**, **Kay Nelson**, and longtime no-show **Anne Smith** who accompanied **George Dalton** to the get-together. It was good to see Anne again, looking nice & fit.

Clair/Judy Anderson brought their son Blaine, a 20-yr. Navy veteran, while Judy's parents, **Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine**, could not join us, for health reasons. **Tony/Dorothy Brown** were missed. Also absent was **Art Scott**, who with friend Carol, took a nice vacation ride to California.

The past month has been hard on some of our chapter members: **Dorothy Brown**; **Sandy Cantonwine**, as well as wife **Darlene**, spent a bit of sick time in the hospital, while **Norm Scown** was reportedly still there. A call to the Scown residence went unanswered, but other sources remarked that Norm is doing fine. Visits to **Leoma Williams** show that she is slowing down a bit - at 94. **E. Dale Peak**, longtime SLC CSM until 1973, passed away 6/2/2007. His SLTrib obit of 6/17/2007 recounts a long & productive life & concludes with notice of his family gathering for a celebration of his life in July at Liberty Lake, WA.

Calendar:

Aug. 15 - Potluck - 5pm, Sugar House Pk. Lake Terrace Pavilion

Sept. 19 - Coffee Time 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

VIRGINIA

**BLUE RIDGE
MOUNTAINS**

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On June 18, the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter met at T-Bone Jacks in Waynesboro, VA., with 14 members present. We had excellent food & all enjoyed the lunch, and plan to return there again. Our Chapter appreciates so much the help **Margaret Sarsfield** gave to arrange this luncheon & give us such good directions. We missed the **Westovers, Gartzkes, Carters, Eugenias** & hope to see them next meeting. We were glad to have the **Brittains** back from their travels.

During our meeting, the Pres. discussed United Airlines' news & changes and information from this year's convention. Other subjects were proposed places to meet for the rest of the year & members voted for the best place for next meeting in August.

Calendar:

August - T-Bone Jacks, Waynesboro, VA.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Bob Howard organized the annual golf tournament, June 20th at Allenmore Golf Club in Tacoma. He was delighted to have 58 golfers for this fun event and we have more ladies playing. It gets bigger each year and draws a lot of out-of-towners.

Sadly, we've lost a few members, **Bruno Goode**, Executive Flight Kitchen Manager, **Dale Lemere**, ORD & SEA Ramp and **Jeri Shippee**, who worked at several station including SLCRR, PDXRR & SEARR. I did get to her memorial on June 23rd that her youngest son Mike & his family put on for her. Close friends came from SLC & surrounding SEA area.

There was no event planned for July.

Our picnic will be catered and held at **Irene & Jerry Opperman's** on Aug 14th. Details & a map will be in the Aug. Contrails.

Don't forget the SEA Travel Desk Mon – Thurs 10 AM to 2 PM (206) 433-4218 (local) and 1-888-826-3375 (out-of-town). We can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

Aug. 14 – Picnic at the home of Jerry & Irene Opperman

Sept. 11 – Fairwood Golf & Country Club

Oct. 9 – Fairwood Golf & Country Club

NEW MEMBERS

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OBITUARIES

Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.

Retiree – **BRAUN, Orville P.**, on 6/11/07, JFK, husband of Ann, 1840 Grant Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554

Retiree – **MAERTZ, George**, on 6/27/07, ORD, husband of Betty, 40 Claremont St. 328D, Kalispell, MT 59901

The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:

ARCHULETA, Margaret S., DENHH 05/05/07

ARMSTRONG, Richard R., SFORR 02/17/07

AUGER, William P., JFKFF 05/25/07

BAILEY JR., James E., SFOFO 05/12/07

BARRY, William, JFKGQ 05/19/07

BERARDI, Guy, ORDMK 05/24/07

BIRDSONG, Rosella L. B., HNLRR 05/13/07

BUHL, Ernst A., SFOGL 05/18/07

BUTORI, Evelyn M., SFOTR 05/21/07

CALISE, Dolores R., NYCTJ 05/17/07

CLARK, George B., SFOME 05/16/07

CLARKE, William W., SFOEG 05/09/07

COLKITT, Benjamin E., DENTK 05/04/07

CREIGHAN, Luke, BSHH 05/01/07

DE KALB, Duane, LAXFO 04/24/07

DENNIS, Roy L., DENHH 05/19/07

DIXON, Stanley E., PHLCG 05/21/07

DUTCHER, Clayton J., SEAMM 05/07/07

ELLSON, Terrence K., SFOMP 05/21/07

EURITT, Wilma J., DSMOZ 05/28/07

FERRARO, Arthur A., SFOCE 05/07/07

FLANAGAN, Edwin D., WHQFJ 05/15/07

FOHL, Margery M., PITTO 05/09/07

FOLLIN, Elmer W., ORDFO 05/23/07

GAMBA, Frank P., SFOIQ 05/14/07

GAZDAG, John, SFOPD 05/21/07

GLACKMAN, Peggy T., SEASW 05/25/07

HANSEN, Donald E., SFOMT 05/04/07

HERRING, Leonard M., DENCN 05/31/07

INDA, William S., SFOFO 05/17/07

JACKSON, Rodney E., SFOMM 05/22/07

KEENAN, Kathryn S., WHQRU 05/29/07

KING, Leonard, HNLGQ 05/02/07

KOVACEV, Vencislav A., SEAMK 05/21/07

LANE, Bland, SFOSW 02/15/07

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LINDSAY, William E., SANOZ 05/08/07

MATSUKADO, Dennis M., HNLMK 05/11/07

MAUSSER, Judith L., LAXSK 05/21/07

MILLER, Keith D., BOIOZ 05/07/07

MOORE, Constance G., WHQLD 05/17/07

NOVAK, Raymond, LAXMQ 05/03/07

PODHASKY, Charles E., ORDFO 12/30/06

RASMUSSEN, Paul A., SFORR 05/17/07
SAKAGUCHI, Malcom S., HNLGQ 05/05/07
SALLQUIST, Lorraine L., SFOSW 04/24/07
SHAMBLEY, Rosemarie T., LGACS 05/19/07
TROUT, Kenneth L., SFOBL 05/11/07
WADE, William M., LAXFO 05/25/07
WEBER, Richard W., MCOMM 05/10/07
WEHR, Richard A., SEAFO 05/17/07
WEIR, William R., JFKPM 05/01/07
WIESE, Arnold J., SFOIQ 05/26/07
WILLARD, James B., LAXTO 05/03/07

LETTERS

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

John Aivalotis, G. Brown, Ted Beth, M. Bloes, Gary Bowen, Ervin E. Casanova, Alice Davies, Ralph Hernandez, G. Delcastillo, Ed Edwards, Grace Habin, Roy Hicks, M. Hill, Bill Greco, June McManus, Alice O'Hagan, John Organtini, George Peter, Maynard Pettit, Marlene Proch, Ed Pozzi, Sharon Runavaar, Dorothy Schimpf, K.A. Skapa, Ron Skotnicki, Joyce Spovey, Pat Steenrod, Mary Stevenson, Ken Thiede, David Van Lente, John Woytovich, Gail Vandewark.

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.)

Louis C. Kelly Jr., 2543 5th Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51501-3543

I am frustrated with a problem I can't seem to be able to solve. Maybe someone there or elsewhere can help.

The problem is: I have shares of company stock which I held throughout the bankruptcy process. One year ago last Oct., I received a notice asking whether I wanted to keep the stock or I could elect to sell the shares. There was a paper to sign if I wanted to sell, which I did. Since then, I have received no further information about this. I have tried over & over to get through the automated phone system, & get nowhere.

This only gets my anger up, & I get nowhere. I don't have an address to write to, & I don't have a computer. I am hoping that maybe someone has an answer for me.

I certainly would appreciate any help I could get.

Beverly Hamilton, 4414 Castlewood St., Sugar Land, TX 77479

I anxiously await the arrival of each issue of the Newsletter to search the pages for a glimpse of a name or event that brings a fond memory of times past. I look back upon the past 25 years with great appreciation of friendships, both present & past, and though I am deeply saddened by the premature loss of so many, I am fortunate that they touched my life & left me with cherished memories.

Often times, I miss the hectic pace of my days at the Airport, but each morning, as I stroll through the garden & visit the Butterflies that I protect, I am reminded of the peace that these passing years so richly deserve.

Until next time.

Linda K. Ward 247 E. Woodland, Ferndale, MI 48220

It's that time of year again. It's wonderful to see UAL so busy. I haven't made a trip this past year where I didn't have to standby for 3 or more flights or have to go DTW to SLC via DEN & SFO. I really can't complain because I got to where I was headed & hopefully our Company is making money. My sister & her husband spend the summer months in MI & he hates to drive so, my sister & I bring his lab (duck dog) & drive from SLC to the Irish Hills in MI. This time we went via Jackson Hole, Yellowstone, Big Horn Mts., Black Hills, Theo. Roosevelt Nat. Park, U. P. of Michigan & crossed the Mackinaw Bridge home. We saw moose, bear, elk, wolves, coyotes, buffalo, long horn steer, fox, wild horses & of course antelope. Also, a porcupine & pesky gophers. Had a great trip & the weather cooperated.

Thank you all for your dedication & good work.

Barbara Bock, Apt 202, 19 Vista Gardens Trl, Vero Beach, FL 32962-1788

Thanks for all your diligence in preparing & publishing the Newsletter. Getting it by e-mail (web) is the best.

Thanks, too for all the communication with UA Management in our behalf. Even though it may not be the same company when we were hired, it still has lots of pluses. Think retirees will ever fly free?

Linda V. Nabor, 2334 Blossom Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008-6014

This year, will mark my 5th anniversary of my retirement from UAL. Time just flies by. Now I want it to slow down, so I can enjoy every minute more. I look forward to the monthly Newsletter arriving in my mailbox. Being kept informed of company news, travel updates & of course, what is going on in the lives of my fellow retirees, is important. Thanks to all of you who put this newsletter together. I appreciate all the effort.

Ray & Joanne Beebe, 5228 Megan Dr., Independence, MO 64055

Jo & I keep busy and we are in fairly good health. How fast these 14 years have passed! I had open heart surgery in 2005 (3 by-pass and the aorta valve replaced). How thankful we are for Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield! I am feeling good once again and looking forward to the next 14 yrs.

Keep up the good work of informing us on all that is happening with UAL. Don't have a chapter here in Kansas City; although many whom I worked with at MCI have retired.

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

It's that time of year when once again, I want to say thanks for all the hard work you folks do to keep us up-to-date on our company.

I don't travel much, but did go over to SLC in early May, to attend my Grandson's graduation from Southern Utah University. What a proud moment for him, his family and Grandma too!

John Branstetter Sr., 605 Missouri Flat Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97627

Thanks for the reminder. You do a good job of keeping us informed of the news. Another year has passed. I'm now on my 24th year of retirement. I went to visit the Bay Area Retirees in May. I had a good time and tried to talk to all. Have to make the trip once in a while, so they won't forget me. I plan another visit in September for the picnic.

Robert Brooks, 145 Fox Dr. Winchester, VA 22601

Time really flies being retired 5 years from IADCS. I started as a Ramp Serviceman with Capital Airlines at DCA in 1960, just out of high school. I transferred to IAD in January of 1963, as one of the original 19 Ramp Servicemen, who opened Dulles Airport.

Dulles was called the "Country Club". At that time, we had 4 flights a day when we started. In May of 1986, Dulles became a HUB. We went from 16 daily flights to 56 daily flights, overnight.

I retired in 2002, after 42 years of service. I **do** enjoy my retirement. I spend several days a week on the golf course; we vacation several times a year and I have a (spare time) honey do list. It is so nice not to have to get up at 2:30 AM in the morning and drive 45 miles to work

Keep up the good work with the newsletter.

Dolores Carlson, 2222 S. Goebbert Rd. Apt. 361, Arlington Hts, IL 60005-4242

Enclosed is dues payment plus a little for postage.

Can't believe Jo is retiring. Best of luck, Jo. I've retired a couple of times myself.

I know her staff will continue to do the same wonderful job. We all enjoy the newsletter.

George & Evelyn Clark, 459 N Willow Wood Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-3831

I celebrated my 75th birthday in June. I will be retired from UA 20 years in December.

Since the first of the year, I have been making weekly visits to the Wound Care Center at Alexian Brothers as I had another ulcerated lesion around the ankle on my right leg. In January, I had an angiogram and a stent placed in the leg. In mid June, I will be having a third angiogram to clear the blocked artery. I have been getting around with a walker.

We adopted Maggie, a miniature Schnauzer, from Save-a-Dog two years ago. We celebrated her 8th birthday on June 10th, with fanfare. We ordered a special peanut butter flavored cake, shaped in a bone and a dog's peanut butter ice cream. We made a donation for endowment of a brick with Maggie's name and paw print at the new Buddy Foundation Shelter.

Best to you, Jo, serving as Editor of the newsletter for all those many, many years.

Lynn A. Dever, 7710 Cayuga Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34653

Thanks for all the great work you do getting the news out to us.

It is great for the few of us who don't have computers.

Jean Grongoski, 645 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH 44319-2285

Just received my RUAEA newsletter with the new red stamp. I surely want to renew, as I appreciate your informative articles about United and enjoy coming across names of former co-workers and friends.

With my thanks for a wonderful publication.

Bernard Harrigan, 10606 S. Oak Park Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Enclosed is a check for my annual dues. I would just like to tell you how much I enjoy reading about other retired United employees, and what is going on in their lives since leaving the airline.

I just celebrated my 78th birthday. 48 of my years were spent working at UAL. I've enjoyed being retired since 1996.

I have a lot of great memories and recall the wonderful trips my wife, our four sons & I, took on United. It was a time when you could call reservations, list for 6 standbys, and get on a flight. Our boys were so excited to fly & loved airplanes.

Two of them, grew up & made aviation their career. One is a captain with Northwest, and our youngest son, has just become a captain for Continental.

We are very proud of all our sons.

Looking forward to reading your newsletter & recalling old times as well as learning about new things going on today.

Robert N. Howard, 14408 141st Pl. SE, Renton, WA 98059

Thanks for all the hard work, putting together the newsletter.

I try to stay in touch with the Seattle folks & enjoy reading what the other Chapters are doing.

Enclosed is my check for dues & a couple of extra for the stamp fund.

R Nelson, 10508 W Fullerton Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60164-1861

Enclosed is my check for dues & postage.

I enjoy the newsletter very much. It sure takes a lot of hard work, month after month. You all do a great job!

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 and talent you expend to create this publication.

Jim Morvick, 1 Hudson Pl., Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Dear Friends: Approaching two years of retirement out here on Maryland's Eastern Shore, about five miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It is a wonderful life.

My 40 years with United were roughly split between Reservations & Onboard Service. The early years in "Res" had no computers, so reservations were printed on cards and schedules & fares were found in paper-bound books. Onboard Service permitted cigarette & pipe smoking in the cabin. First Class passengers got a free mini pack of cigarettes with their name printed on it. Dulles Airport had 6 flights a day.

I especially enjoy the first 6 pages of the newsletter, which is packed with useful info and the "Letters" section in the back. Happy Retirement.

Clifton Reik, RR # 2 Box 202, Mifflintown, PA 17059-9631

Hi All: I have been red stamped, so here is the check.

It doesn't seem eight years since being a member of the mailing group. Names flash before me, **Schultz, Bunny, Moore, Fluff, and Al Malleck**. Do you think I should long distance call **Paul Miller**, to make sure he isn't late?

Best of everything to all of you.

Gerry Vann, 3513 E. Lake Shore Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097

How time flies and it is another year. We all have so many things to do and so many changes.

Enclosed are dues for next year and also a change of address.

All of you active in the Chapters and all of you publishing the newsletter are so greatly appreciated. You do so much and help all of us in so many ways, with invaluable information.

Thank you all for all your hard work. We definitely need you.

Jim Wise, 3759 Windover Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075-6336

Dear RUAEA People: Please give my best to Jo Madden. I remember her well, from when she was the mainstay of the DEN Credit Union office.

Don Matker, 18 Wildwood Dr. S., Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Enjoyed the Sacramento Convention. Thanks to the "Gold Diggers", you did a magnificent job. And a special thanks to Dan in Portland manning the Retiree Travel hotline. I could not get a direct flight from Sacramento to Chicago. Went to Denver and Dan gave me valuable information on flights and listed me. What a great help!!

Theodore Wilson, 1984 Olivewood Ct., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Ted enjoys receiving the Newsletter and to recall the "old days". He doesn't get around too well, so I am the care giver.

Thanks for all the hard work.

Lloyd W. Whitlow, 2140 Silent Echoes Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89044

Another year of Retirement and we are enjoying every day. We have taken advantage of our perks and this past Sept., we flew to Frankfurt, Germany, rented a car and spent ten days sight seeing etc. on the drive to Rome. At Rome, we boarded a Princess cruise ship and did two cruises back to back, the first around the Mediterranean, a week off during this time, we drove to Venice. The second cruise was Trans-Atlantic ending in New Orleans.

The only set back was being diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in Feb. Naturally, my Urologist suggested either Surgery, Radiation, Seed Implants, or Hormone. All these have side affects, so I turned him down and did the Proton Treatment at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA. This is the only way to go if one has this problem, it is non-evasive, no side affects, and over a 90% cure rate. It consist of 44 treatments, each treatment takes approximately two minutes. For information on the Proton Beam Therapy you can check the LLUMC: <http://www.llumc.edu>.

This coming Sept., my wife has booked and planned a Cruise on the Regal Princess, which leaves from Los Angeles and 31 days later, we will arrive in Sydney, Australia. After arrival in Australia, we plan to spend some time there, it is one of our favorite countries.

I do have one thing that has to be done, some time in the near future we have to fly to Dayton, OH to book a hotel for my WWII Bomb Group Association Reunion, which we have scheduled for Sept. 2008. Our 2006 Reunion was held in Washington, D.C.

Until next year!

Jason Weiner, 91 East End Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-2248

Thank you, RUAEA and all those who made the Sacramento Convention possible. I retired from JFKGC in 1988. My last ten years with UAL were in JFKGC. Our duties were setting up and maintaining ground communications. Also, setting up and maintaining security equipment, in the Northeast. My wife Ona & I enjoyed every minute at the Sacramento Convention. Hospitality was top-notch. We toured through the Capitol and visited the old section of Sacramento.

Seeing fellow employees of 20 and 40 years ago was an exhilarating experience. The friendship dinner and entertainment made for an enjoyable evening. However, we did leave a day early, to attend our grandson's high school graduation in Portland, OR.

Henry (Hank) Sulima, 625 W Lake Jasmine Cir., #209, Vero Beach, FL 32962

The incredible news of Iris Peterson's recent retirement brings back memories of when I was office manager at United's Midway Airport Stewardess Service Domicile (1956-62). Iris was based at MDWSW at that time. **Jim McGarry** was Domicile Manager, **Louise Legris**, the Chief Stewardess, and **Florence (Flo) Tabbitt & Mary Decker**, were two of the Stewardess Supervisors (whose names I can still remember). At that time, MDWSW was United's largest stewardess domicile, and MDW, was then the world's busiest airport. When Flo informed me of Iris's plans to retire, I immediately recalled the name. And speaking of Louise and Flo, the three of us started up ORDSW operations over 49 years ago, on Easter Sunday, in April, 1958, with 168 stewardesses. Before 9/11, there were over 7,000 flight attendants at ORDSW. Today, only about one-half as many. CONGRATULATIONS, AND HAPPY RETIREMENT, IRIS!

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

I continue to enjoy reading about other retirees and how they are managing time & new lifestyles. I too am doing well and delight when I see a familiar name or two. It is of particular interest when I read correspondence from others maintaining positive & interesting lifestyles.

After I left United in 1998, I traveled some and then decided to pursue an advanced degree. I obtained a MS, MFT (Master of Science; Marriage, Family, Therapist AKA Marriage, Family, Child Counseling). I work fulltime and travel throughout the state in my work. I am currently involved in a research program that is focused on substance use, abuse & dependency. Needless to say, I have gained a great deal of insight into behavior from ages 0 - 100+. Thanks in-part to my work experience at United (working in a culturally diverse setting served me well); I was able to breeze through Cultural Anthropology, Sociology and Psychology courses. As I travel out of the country of particular note, is the comfort level of being able to assimilate anywhere. I will probably never totally retire, due in part, to my passion/interest in making a difference for others wherever I go. Such endeavors have proved a quality of life and appreciation for maturity I never understood until of late!

I trust that as we continue to stay enthusiastic about life, stay interested in others, and count our blessings, others will stay interested in us (individually and collectively).

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My thanks to all you good folks at RUAEA, who work so hard to get the newsletters out to UAL retirees, all over the system. My birthday month is coming up shortly, so I'm including a check for dues and a little extra for postage.

Although I haven't been using passes, I have done quite a bit of traveling. Last October, my friend and I flew to Munich and spent two enjoyable weeks in the Bavarian Alps - sightseeing, hiking and generally enjoying German food. The weather was perfect, so we're trying it again this year. Our first stop will be Ireland for 10 days and then back to Bavaria for a week. Most of the trip will be on United - as paying passengers.

Again, thanks for your good work in putting out the newsletter.

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<https://www.ualretirees.com/>

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Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

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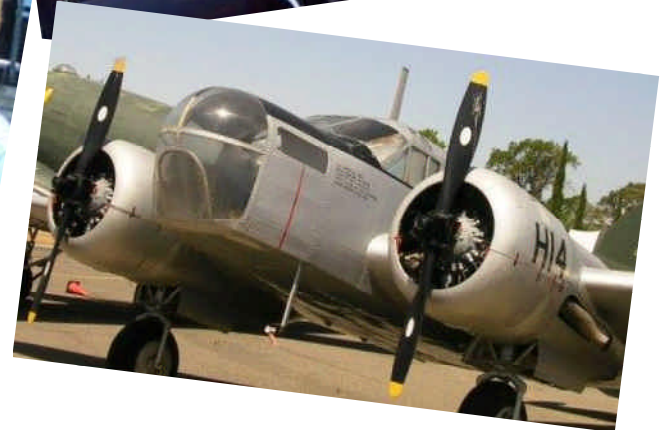
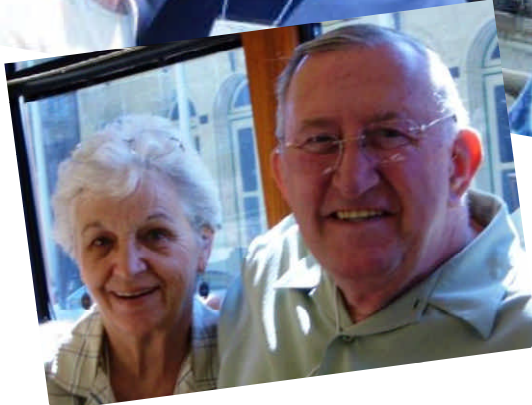
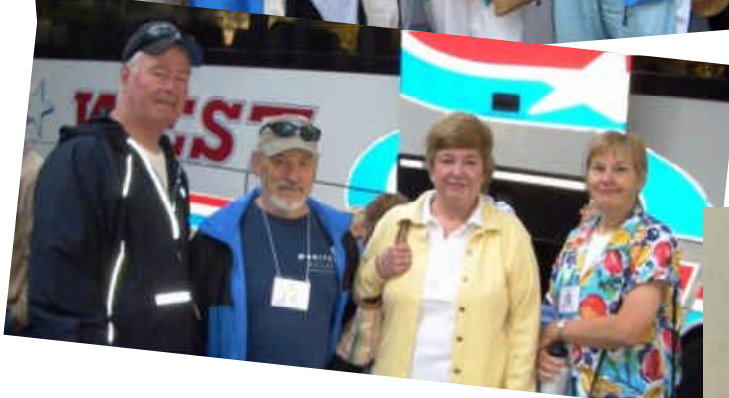
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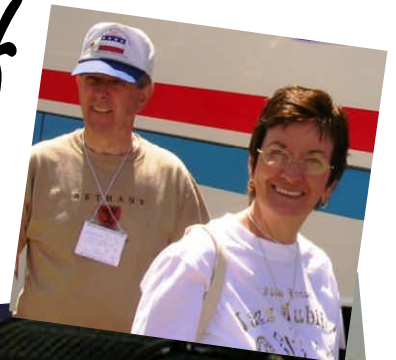


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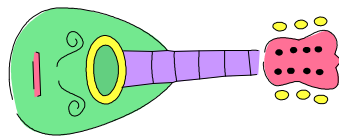
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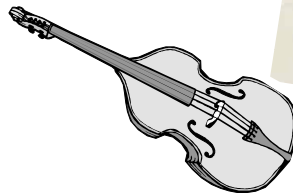
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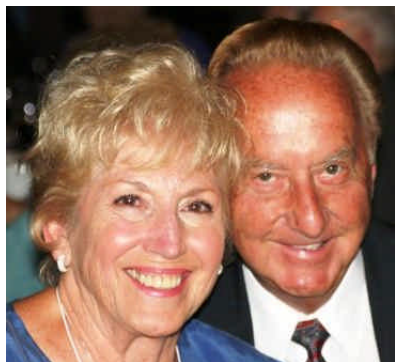


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