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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

Merger! Merger! It seems like most every day, there is something in the news about the United-Continental merger. Congressional hearings, stockholder law suits, passenger group law suits, talks with pilot groups, etc., etc. Then we can add on the endless rumors from employees, retirees and the public at large.

Well, here is what we know. The merger process is moving forward with many hurdles ahead, stockholders approval along with approval from the Departments of Justice and Transportation. The two companies have put together Integration Planning teams. You can find more information and get updates on what is happening from a couple of sources. In Skynet, you will find an icon in the upper right corner "*Let's Fly Together*", which will take you to various screens of information relating to the merger activities. You can even see the Integration Planning Structure with the assigned parties from each company. The other way to find this information is to go to united.com

and click on "*Investor Relations*" at the bottom of the screen. You will get much of the same information as what is provided from the Skynet source. There are many FAQs relating to ticket, travel, Mileage Plus and the Red Carpet Room use. In both cases, you can register your email address to get updates on the merger process.

Now on the retiree side of what is happening. There are essentially two retiree groups from United, RUAEA and RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Continental retirees also have two main groups, ARECA (Association of Retired Employees Continental Airlines) and a pilots group called the Golden Eagles. We (RUAEA), have contacts with the other three groups. As you may know, RUAEA does have a Corporate Liaison, **Ed Tolle**, who has and does meet frequently with senior officers at United on behalf of retiree benefit issues. RUAEA also has had a seat on the United Travel Advisory Board in the person of **Mort Wax**. Having a voice on this board was instrumental in retaining the BP-6 boarding priority for retirees a while back. RUAEA is the only organization of the four retiree groups that has direct contact with United. In addition, I have named two other Past Presidents of RUAEA, **Marlin Lade** and **Ron Robertson** to join **Mort** as the UA-CO Merger Committee to assist **Ed** with coordination with the other groups. We want to make sure we speak with a unified voice regarding retiree issue with the two companies. One big issue is there are major differences between the two companies' Travel Programs, especially in regards to retirees. We have essentially been told that no decisions will be forthcoming until the merger is complete but we want to have on record what outcome we would like to see. We not only represent our members but really all retirees and with United, there are about 40,000 retirees and with Continental over 20,000. This is a substantial number of people that could do a lot of letter writing. At times like this, it seems to me that membership in RUAEA is a bargain at about seven cents a day. I would encourage you to encourage your fellow retirees who are not members to join in support, one voice can be lost but thousands together can make a difference.

Ron Bertacini
President - RUAEA

UAL Corp. Holds 2010 Annual Meeting; Details Progress and Opportunity

United held its annual stockholders meeting at the Training Center, where Glenn Tilton, Kathryn Mikells and John Tague had an opportunity to provide an update on the company's operational and financial progress and the proposed merger with Continental, and also discuss opportunities ahead.

"We are realigning our base business to better match current and future market realities, using every opportunity at our disposal to strengthen our company," Glenn said. *"Improvements have been made across every key element of our business. We are a dramatically improved airline, a credit to the work going on across the company, and to our people."*

The work, Glenn said, enables United to enter the merger from a position of strength, and must continue if the company is to achieve profitability.



"Sufficient profitability is necessary not only to generate returns for shareholders, but also to de-lever our balance sheet, to invest in better products for our customers and to create stability for our people," Kathryn said. "What we know with certainty is that our hypercompetitive industry in the future must look significantly different from the past in order to break the boom and bust cycle that has been the norm."

Asked what United will do to continue the momentum as it goes through the merger, Glenn said John is leading the work to execute the plan and identify ways to exceed its targets.

"Our commitment to you is clear," John told stockholders, "to produce a fully competitive United Airlines while playing a leadership role in creating the changes in the industry that will be necessary to meet our financial objectives, a bar we set much higher than simply surviving from year to year."

Tom Sabatino, United's new General Counsel, ran the business portion of the meeting, during which stockholders re-elected the Board to another one-year term. Board members elected were: Richard J. Almeida, Mary K. Bush, W. James Farrell, Jane C. Garvey, Walter Isaacson, Robert D. Krebs, Robert S. Miller, James J. O'Connor, David J. Vitale, John H. Walker and Glenn. Captain Wendy J. Morse and Stephen R. Canale were also elected to the board as UAL labor representatives.

Pictured: Glenn Tilton addresses the audience at the annual meeting, along with John Tague and Kathryn Mikells.

IATA Recognizes United for Shift to Bar Coded Boarding Passes



At its annual general meeting in Berlin this week, IATA is recognizing United as the first major U.S. airline to achieve 100% use of 2D bar code boarding passes. The shift from paper, magnetic stripe boarding passes paves the way for United to offer mobile check-in, which is currently available at nearly 30 of its airports.

"The new technology facilitates home printing of boarding passes for multi-segment journeys and even allows customers to use their mobile phones as a boarding pass," says Manager-Customer Service Planning Ana Aceves Garcia.

Nineteen of United's Star Alliance partners also use the 2D technology. IATA calculates that the bar coded boarding passes save the industry up to 1.5 billion U.S. dollars every year.

"Before we went to bar codes, employees at our airports had to reprint other carriers' boarding passes when customers had itineraries with segments flown by other airlines, because we couldn't read their bar codes," Ana says. "Now, we can read any other airline's bar code just by scanning them at our gate readers, and we eliminated the printing of 2.5 million other airline boarding passes."

Ana credits the project's success to 24-hour cutover support, contingency planning and teamwork among airport operations planning, IT and our vendor partners, as well as project managers Tom Johnson in IT and Jim Hargis in Airport Operations Planning.

ODA Authority Helps United Bring B747 Back Into Service

Using a special authorization granted by the Federal Aviation Administration, United Services was recently able to authorize the permit to bring aircraft 8194, a Boeing 747, out of storage in the desert to add spare capacity to support the operation during the busy summer travel season.

The aircraft had gone beyond its inspection limit and, without a special flight permit from the FAA, which can take weeks; it could not have been flown to the overhaul site to be prepared for flight. However, a year ago, the FAA granted Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) to United, allowing it to perform as a representative of the FAA on design, production, repair, alteration and airworthiness certification procedures.



ODA authority allows United to do FAA reviews, approvals and explore more complicated repairs and changes because United can reduce cycle time.

“ODA also keeps us focused on developing key disciplines that are going to be increasingly drawn upon as the airline invests in more projects to improve our product,” says Jim Miccio, managing director – Safety and Compliance. Three United Services ODA teams, each responsible for a specific type of change authorization, have been working during the past year on several of these projects:

The Airworthiness team, led by Bob Scoble, managing director – Inspection, and John Fox, lead – Inspection Process Coordinators, has exercised ODA authority to verify that maintenance procedures United performs on the fleet as it ages are safe and compliant with FAA regulations. And in addition to issuing the 747 special flight permit, they’ve worked with Aircraft Sales, to authorize delivery of retired United aircraft to buyers, including foreign carriers that want to register the aircraft in their countries.

The Major Repair and Alteration (MRA) team, led by Mike Arata, managing director – Engineering, can develop and authorize new repairs, which can in turn reduce airplane downtime and cost. *“The Maintenance division has been able to apply a new repair to Boeing 757s that helps ensure reliability. As we build our experience level and develop our expertise even further, we envision offering United’s repair design approval capability to other operators as well.”*

The Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) team, managed by Dave Hendryx, senior manager – Aircraft Certification Engineering, can authorize modifications to the aircraft itself – such as interiors and flight deck systems. A current project involves the Boeing 747 Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System Runway Awareness and Advisory System (RAAS).

“The RAAS provides pilots better situational awareness while the airplane is moving around the airport, especially during adverse conditions including heavy fog and aborted take-off,” says Dave. *“An added bonus of the ODA is that, whereas for the 777 RAAS project we had to pay someone outside United to approve the work, the 747 and future RAAS projects will be authorized in-house.”*

Despite Weather Changes, A :14/UP Above Goal in June



Just as the case was a year ago, June has been a challenging weather month - especially at Chicago O’Hare (ORD).

Weather has been a major issue throughout the entire Midwest of late, resulting in a high number of ground delay programs at ORD. But despite those issues, United entered July’s operation with an Arrival :14 (A :14) percentage of 79.9 - 4.5 points above the June goal of 75.4 percent. United also has had a strong customer satisfaction showing this month, as measured by United Promoters (UP), with a score of 32 -- 3.4 points above goal.

While United is well above its internal A :14 goal this month, the company is behind US Airways and Continental in the June A :14 standings. As United makes the final push over the next week to move up the monthly rankings, it’s also important to remember that every flight counts in the yearly standings. As of June 29, United sat atop the 2010 rankings at 82.5 percent, according to Flightstats.com.

United Flight Attendants’ service is a big reason why the Consolidated UP score is strong this month. It also has been assisted by positive reaction to United’s recent leather cabin updates.

If United finishes No. 1 in A :14 this month, there will be a 65 dollar payout. If United finishes second or meets its internal goal, a 40 dollar payout will be awarded. If United beats the UP goal by one point or more, the June Cash Incentive payout for eligible employees will be 65 dollars. Meeting the monthly goal, but not exceeding it by one point, will earn employees 40 dollars.

Airline Industry News



JetBlue is joining other carriers offering onboard food for sale. Five new snack boxes will go for 6 dollars each. Several other domestic airlines offer snack packs or meals for sale on longer flights, including United, US Airways and Delta (Source: Associated Press).

Increasing numbers of travelers are looking into travel insurance in the wake of the volcanic ash clouds shutting down dozens of European airports. “We’ve seen a nearly 50 percent increase in calls since the Icelandic volcano eruption in April,” said Bob Chambers, director of operations for CSA Travel

Protection. “The calls are coming from prospective customers inquiring about plan coverage for things such as the volcano, oil spill and other events, as well as current customers seeking reassurance they will be covered”. (Source: New York Times)

United Shows Improvement in ACSI Annual Survey



The annual American Customer Satisfaction Index was released June 15, and while United is pleased with its improvement over 2009, the largest among surveyed airlines, the company will continue its efforts to improve its ranking and overall customer service.

The improvement is another validation of the progress United is making in improving its overall customer satisfaction. Earlier this month, United also had the largest improvement among peer carriers in the 2010 JD Power study – moving up 26 points. And, United continues to see increases in satisfaction scores taken directly from its premium customers as measured by United

Promoters(R). The data show a 13 percent increase from 2009 to 2010 YTD, and a 17.6 percent increase from May 2009 to May 2010.

“Consumer surveys like ACSI help inform us, and we value all the feedback we receive,” says United President John Tague. “We are proud of our employees’ continued efforts to deliver excellent customer service and are confident our focus on the fundamentals and every single customer interaction will continue to drive United’s customer service in the right direction.”

In the ACSI survey, conducted by the University of Michigan, United’s overall satisfaction score was 60 (out of 100), up 7.1 percent over the 2009 score of 56. While that increase was the greatest among the airlines included, United trailed in the list that was topped by Southwest at 79. The combined rating for all airlines was 66, and most of its peers (American, Delta, Northwest, US Airways) were also in the low 60s. Continental was in first place among the top 6 U.S. global carriers. (The study did not consider Delta and Northwest as a merged carrier.)

Around the System: Mileage Plus Unveils New Web Site



Mileage Plus has heard from members that a more simple and personalized online experience is one of the items on top of their wish lists. Mileageplus.com now has a fresh new look that will deliver just that.

Mileageplus.com is one of the most visited parts of United’s Web site, and United has made it easier to use by reorganizing the site and creating easier access to Mileage Plus account details, activity and upgrades.

Visit the new site at www.mileageplus.com.

Customers Appreciate Upgraded Domestic Cabins

As United continues to maintain its focus on delivering a clean, workable product for its customers and its employees who work the aircraft, a yearlong project to upgrade certain items on the domestic fleet cabins has been completed ahead of schedule, and has contributed to significant improvements in customer satisfaction.



The most visible change in the past year's body of work has been the upgrading of United First(R) seat covers to leather on its A319, A320, B757, and domestic B767 and B777 airplanes. Those seats also feature new, more comfortable seat cushions, and the planes have new carpeting in high-traffic areas.

When upgrades to the final mainline B757 and domestic B767 planes were done in early June, the original scope of the Cabin Cleanliness, Condition and Workability program was completed. A few projects that were added later - such as Decor 5.5 upgrades on B757s - are ongoing and on target, with 24 of 35 planes in that project already completed. Decor work will continue on another batch of B757s with the installation of new bulkhead panels, a job that will start this fall. And, 22 of 24 international B777s in line for IPTE conversions have received interim improvements to carpeting and to United First(R) and United Business(R) seat covers and cushions.

The changes have contributed to greatly improved customer ratings for cabin cleanliness, condition and workability. Since the start of the program, condition scores have increased 7.8 points for the A319, 6.9 points for the A320 and 7.4 points for the B757. Workability scores for the A319 have gone up 10 points for the A319, 12.4 point for the A320 and 9.9 points for the B757. Cleanliness scores are also up across the board, in part due to the new CCCW seat covers and carpets.

Customer Experience has received many positive comments on the new seating, with one premium customer echoing the words of many: *"The new leather seats really do make a difference."*

Inaugural Flight to Africa Launched



Recently, a Boeing 767 aircraft departed Washington Dulles for Accra, Ghana, marking United's first-ever service to the continent of Africa. This new service expands United's global network to six continents. Joining customers on the inaugural flight was The Honorable Daniel Ohene Agyekum, Ghanaian Ambassador to the U.S., and "American Idol" finalist, recording artist and Malaria No More spokesperson Elliott Yamin.

United's new service to Accra not only provides economic value to the Ghanaian community, it allows the company to fulfill its commitment to addressing critical needs in the communities it serves. United is teaming up with Malaria No More to include 1,500 pre-treated mosquito nets on initial flights to Accra. Those nets will then be distributed to regions in rural Ghana affected by the disease.

United's network is well-positioned to serve Africa, with almost a third of the demand for travel to Africa coming from its five hub cities. The Dulles hub's location near the center of the U.S. East Coast makes it a great connecting point for U.S.-Africa traffic.

United's employees have been instrumental in making the service to the capital of Ghana a reality. Many departments worked together to launch the service, including: Revenue Management; Sales; International Schedule Planning; Cargo; Airport Operations; Security; Alliances; International and Regulatory Affairs; Maintenance; Onboard Service; and Flight Operations.

Integration Management Office Takes Next Steps in Integration Planning



The Integration Management Office (IMO) co-led by Lori Gobillot, Staff VP and Assistant General Counsel at Continental, and United's EVP and Chief Administrative Officer Pete McDonald met in Chicago with the IMO leaders from both companies to begin outlining the process for integration planning for its proposed merger with Continental.

As mentioned previously, the IMO will consist of teams that will focus on significant bodies of work that will fall into the following categories - commercial, operations, corporate functions, IT systems integration, single operating certificate planning and

customer experience.

The three broadest areas - including commercial, operations, and corporate functions, include all the major functions of both companies. For example, commercial will include functions such as network planning and sales and marketing; operations will include safety, security, quality and compliance as well as the operations control center, among others; and corporate functions will encompass areas such as finance and HR.

In all, approximately 30 teams are being formed to support each of the major planning and functional areas of both companies.

"The teams we are forming will take a structured, phased approach to their work and will look carefully at all aspects of integration planning to ensure that we set the right foundation for our success post closing," said Pete.

United and Continental chose Bain and Company as their merger integration planning advisors. Bain has significant experience in this area, having advised Delta/Northwest on their merger.

In July, United expects to share the full structure and names of the team leaders that will lead integration planning. That team is scheduled to meet for a formal kickoff session together with Continental at the end of the month in Houston.

"We will look for opportunities to use the expertise and knowledge of our organization as we work through the integration planning process," Pete said. *"However, it is a priority for the majority of us to stay focused on running the airline and providing exceptional service to our customers."*

As the process moves forward, United will continue to provide updates on the progress.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Updates

Frank Eggles of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the memorial. A very special note of appreciation is extended to **Harold Knupp** of Summerset. Harold very generously donated the Thunder Bell which sits to the left of the entrance to the chapel.

Upon viewing Thunder Bell, Bishop Mascherino was deeply moved to call Thunder Bell the voice of Flight 93, symbolizing the resounding message of the heroes of Flight 93. A summary of what he wrote follows;

"As the impact of their aircraft thundered across the hills and valleys of this tranquil region, shattering the silence of a peaceful day, so their message should thunder in our hearts and lives. Thunder Bell explodes with the message of liberty, freedom and courage. It has a powerful impact in our hearts and minds reminding all who hear it ring that this is what we will never forget. In a very few moments, those on Flight 93 grasped the implication of their desperate situation, and with full realization that they probably would not survive, they acted with courage, determination and conviction. In so doing, they averted unfathomable violence against the nation's Capital. This is the treasure we honor and preserve, that these dead shall not have died in vain."

To date we have received \$10,223 in donations. Donations have been coming in at a slow pace. Should you care to donate, make check to **93 Memorial Chapel** and mail to: **Frank Eggles**, Chairman, 3403 West Chester Pike, B307 Newtown Square, PA 19073. Thanks!

Competitive Outlook: Offering More Options to the Washington Metro Area



Whether it is business or pleasure, United offers customers more options to the Washington Metro area than any other carrier.

Between Washington Dulles and Reagan Washington National, United has 311 daily flights with 848,000 total seats to 104 cities worldwide. United's closest competitor, US Airways, only offers 185 flights to 51 cities each day. And Delta has fewer than 100 daily flights to a mere 23 cities.

Below is how United stacks up against its competition in the Washington Metro area:

Carrier	United	US Airways	Delta
Cities Served	104	51	23
Departures	311	185	92
Seats	848,000	474,000	279,000

United Joins NBC's Today Show to Help "Lend A Hand"



At United, "connection" means more than providing safe and reliable air travel to its customers. United "connects" with its communities to address critical issues and use its resources to make a difference.

Pictured: The Today Show's Al Roker interviews Sonya Jackson, managing director - Corporate Social Investment, as the United team looks on. Included are Robin Fujii (left), supervisor - Airport Operations, SFO, and Ana Bendana (right), area manager - Airport Operations, SFO.

As part of United's work to support programs that inspire discovery, learning and hope for young people in our communities, United has joined forces with NBC's Today Show. In a recent week, the show's 2010 "Lend A Hand Today" series highlighted five different organizations that are working to improve the conditions for youth in United's communities.

Through United's Mileage Plus Charity Miles Program, the company is donating one million frequent flyer miles to the "Lend A Hand Today" program, starting with 200,000 miles for the first-featured organization, San Francisco's ROCK - Real Options for City Kids. ROCK aims to promote the positive development and long-term success of the youth that it serves through a combination of in-school and after-school learning enrichment, sports and fitness, leadership training and outdoor adventure opportunities.

"The "Lend A Hand Today" program is a great opportunity for us to raise awareness and provide opportunities for our Mileage Plus members - as well as Today Show viewers -- to donate their miles and help us make an even greater impact for these very worthy organizations," says Sonya Jackson, managing director-Corporate Social Investment.

CNN Spends The Day At The OCC



On Monday, June 21, CNN reporter and anchor Ali Velshi spent the morning in the Operations Control Center for a behind-the-scenes look at what United does to run an on-time airline. During the visit, Ali and his crew sat in on the morning system briefing, and talked with a number of OCC employees about the work they do every day to help provide United's customers a safe and seamless travel experience.

Ask the Doctor – Put The Glass Down



Dr. Reid

Recently, a friend of mind sent me an account of a lecturer giving a class on stress management. Perhaps some of you have read or heard of this already. I found it amazingly simplistic but very appropriate to each of us as we travel the road of life. Here are the comments in their entirety. I hope you find the words and the message as meaningful as I did.

The lecturer raised a glass of water and asked the audience, "How heavy to do you think this glass of water is?" The audience answers ranged from 2 oz to 10 oz. The lecturer said, "It does not matter on the absolute weight. It depends on how long you hold it.

- ❖ If I hold it for a minute, there is no problem.
- ❖ If I hold it for an hour, I will have an ache in my arm.

❖ If I hold it for a day, you will have to call an ambulance.

It is the exact same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.

If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, we will not be able to carry on, the burden becomes increasingly heavier.

What you have to do is to put the glass down, rest for a while before holding it up again.

We have to put down the burden periodically, so that we can be refreshed and are able to carry on.

So before you return home from work, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it back home. You can pick it up tomorrow.

Whatever burdens you are having now on your shoulders, let it down for a moment if you can. Pick it up later when you have rested.

Rest and relax. Life is short, enjoy it.

The lecture is simplistic in its content, but what a message it conveys! Each of us has burdens to bear during our daily lives. Some of these burdens are rewarding and pleasant, but some are emotionally and/or physically extremely difficult. Some are light and some are heavy. Whatever they are, we need to put them down and rest before we resume the task of carrying them. The point is we need the rest to recharge our batteries. We cannot carry the burden(s) 24/7. Within a short time, we will have a physical or emotional breakdown because our mind and body cannot cope with the stress every minute of every day.

All too often, we continue to carry our burdens then visit our doctor to ask for help. All too often, the doctor listens for a few minutes and then pulls out a prescription pad to give us a pill to take to relieve that stress. If we examine the largest selling medications in the country, we find almost all of the top 10 are tranquilizers, sleeping aids, antidepressants, anxiolytics, etc. Or, they are stomach remedies for reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, colitis, or gastritis. Think about that. If all we did was set down our burdens for a while, the drug companies would be able to focus their research efforts on cancer drugs or Alzheimer's drugs instead of producing endless numbers of drugs to help us cope with stress.

Don't underestimate our bodies reserve for spontaneous recovery if we just set down our burdens for a moment. We don't need a remedy from a pill bottle. Take the advice of the lecturer holding the glass of water. It's not the weight; it's the length of time we hold it. Words and thoughts to live by.

Till next time, stay well and fly safe.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*



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ADDITIONAL GENERAL NEWS

Tilton Named by President Obama to Export Council



Glenn Tilton was named recently by President Obama to the Presidential Export Council, a group of private sector individuals from business and labor asked to advise the White House on ways to double U.S. exports over the next five years.

“The U.S. aviation industry, specifically network carriers that fly internationally, will play a critical role in achieving the goal of doubling America’s exports over the next five years, and will continue to be an engine of economic growth enabling global trade and the movement of people and goods,” Glenn said.

Glenn, chairman of the Air Transport Association, also serves on Transportation Secretary LaHood’s Future of Aviation Advisory Committee, which was formed in April.

In announcing the council members, President Obama said, *“Export growth leads to job growth and economic growth. At a time when jobs are in short supply, building exports is an imperative.”*

“But this isn’t just about where jobs are today; this is where American jobs will be tomorrow. Ninety-five percent of the world’s customers and fastest growing markets are beyond our borders. So if we want to find new growth streams, if we want to find new markets and new opportunity, we’ve got to compete for those new customers -- because other nations are competing for those new customers.”

Glenn and the other business executives, Obama said, *“will offer their unfiltered advice and expertise on how best to promote exports.”*

Moving Time in San Francisco Leads to Projected Savings of \$140 Million

As with any personal move, when your lease comes up for renewal, it’s the right time to make decisions about how to get the most for your money, balancing your financial requirements and your need to make the best use of space. The same is true for United, so when its most recent lease at San Francisco International Airport provided an opportunity to modify the leasehold, United’s employees on the Corporate Real Estate team

and at the airport - Flight Operations, Onboard and Customer Service, Maintenance and Operations - rolled up their sleeves and got to work on the move.



Projected to save United nearly 140 million dollars over the 10-year life of the new lease, the relocation and consolidation took place in phases in June, with the Onboard Service domicile moving to the Ramp level, followed by the Flight Operations domicile, the business office and the customer service team.

“We were able to return 100,000 square feet of underutilized space to the airport,” says Mike Wuertzer, director-Real Estate Optimization, who emphasized that the space primarily included airport office locations, not gates. In fact, the Corporate Real Estate team has been actively working with stations to right-size our

airport properties to improve the efficiency of our facilities and reduce costs.

“It was a big change for the staff and flight attendants, but the new space looks great and is very functional,” says Matt Boom, project specialist-Onboard Service. *“What’s nice about a new space is that it allows us to look toward the future in the way we operate, communicate, and relate to each other that wasn’t available in the old domicile.”*

“Flight Attendants were pleasantly surprised with the efficient layout and design of the new office,” says Peter Haralabopoulos, manager-Onboard Service. *“Having Flight Operations, Maintenance, and station leadership nearby will drive even better communication and teaming amongst these departments.”*

2010 Walk to Empower Proves Abundance of Team Spirit



On Mother’s Day weekend, more than 1,500 United employees, family and friends across 10 U.S. cities participated in the sixth annual Breast Cancer Network of Strength Walk to Empower.

And once again, United was represented by more team members and raised more dollars than any other company that participated - nearly 300,000 dollars so far, with money still rolling in.

Easily spotted in all cities with their green shirts and big smiles, the United team was the team to walk with. In Chicago - where the largest walk event takes place every year - even the Governor, who

was a member of United’s Rhapsody in Pink team, participated with the United team.

“The event was so amazing this year - definitely empowering,” O’Hare Ramp Service Employee and team captain Elizabeth Shambo shares. *“In fact, one of our teammates recently lost his mother to breast cancer, so this race was extremely personal for all of us.”*

Like Elizabeth and her team, the event struck a chord with many. First-time participants and co-captains April Butler and Jamie Johnson from the Revenue Accounting division teamed up to honor their colleague who was recently re-diagnosed with breast cancer.

“When we heard about Milica (Pavlovic) being re-diagnosed, Jamie and I decided to form a team,” says April. *“We couldn’t believe all the support we received from everyone - we pulled together and the whole event brought us all closer.”*

According to Jamie, the team’s original fundraising goal was 3,000 dollars and they weren’t sure if they would be able to reach that. *“We more than doubled it,”* he says.

Looking back on race day and the support she and her family received from her colleagues, Milica says, *“There are no words to explain how it felt to have everyone there - it was very emotional for me. To be there as not only a participant, but also as a patient ... it was a very meaningful experience for me and my family.”*

Over in San Francisco, SVP of United Services and Walk to Empower Chair Jim Keenan and the rest of the United team led the charge for their second year of walking - with employees, friends and family members representing almost half of all the participants in the city’s walk.

In his opening address to the entire crowd, Jim said, *“United’s commitment to the Bay Area community is reflected in our nearly 400 teammates here today and their many more supporters behind the scenes.”*

One of those 400 walkers was SFO Onboard Service Supervisor and team captain Kimberly Martin. *“I volunteered to be part of this after losing yet another close friend to breast cancer this year,”* she says. *“I can’t*

believe how powerful a group of individuals who are willing to give their time and their hearts to a cause like this can be. In one word, it was simply beautiful.”

As 21-year SFO employee and active Walk to Empower participant Shirley Buffert concludes, *“Being a warrior against cancer is very rewarding because no one wants to lose their parent, sibling, or friend to something like this. That’s why I walked.”*

Red Wolf Pups Fly Toward a Brighter Future



They’re downright adorable, and they’re some of the youngest VIPs United has ever hosted. Two Very Important Pups - endangered red wolves from Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo - traveled in first class recently on a special journey to help rebuild their population in the wild.

The pups were accompanied by a zoo employee on an early morning flight a few weeks ago from Chicago (ORD) to Norfolk, VA (ORF).

“I met them curbside, checked them in and escorted them through security,” says Dede Kellen, ORD Global Services Concierge. *“We had to take the pups out of their carry-on kennel for screening and I couldn’t believe they stayed asleep the whole time.”*

The pups were later transported to North Carolina and placed with a family of wild red wolves being monitored by the Red Wolf Recovery Program.

“My thanks really go to everyone at the station who were ready when the pups arrived just after 4:00 a.m.,” says David Lewis, senior staff representative-Airport Operations Planning, Safety and Regulatory Compliance, who helped organize the trip. *“Everything went really well and it was a great job by the whole team.”*

“It’s very rewarding for us to help our partners at the Lincoln Park Zoo in this wonderful effort,” says Sonya Jackson, managing director-Corporate Social Investment.

“It’s a win-win when we can use our resources to build on a great relationship and support an important, nonprofit community partner.”

It’s not the first time United has teamed up with the zoo to transport red wolf pups. Last year, United flew four newborn pups to be introduced to the same wildlife recovery program.

Cross-functional Group Addresses Process to Reduce Last-Minute Delays



A new way to reduce delays by improving the way last-minute aircraft repairs are confirmed and communicated to flight crews is in place at all five hubs and will be rolling out to other stations soon.

Too often, delays happened only because information about something that had to be fixed at the last minute is not communicated to the flight crew at the right time. In many cases, after pilots request a Maintenance Release Document, they’ve begun their pre-flight checklists. If they were aware of the pending release of the document, they could in many cases push back,

confident they would have what they need by the time they start to taxi out to the runway.

“While they’re completing last minute flight preparations and waiting for the doors to close, the flight crews are not necessarily monitoring the maintenance radio frequency,” says Flight Dispatch Senior Staff Engineer Don Eberlein.

Meanwhile, a maintenance technician or supervisor is finalizing the necessary paperwork and generating the computer report needed to release the plane, but without knowing the release is imminent, the flight crew often has no choice but to delay push-back.

In an effort to determine the root cause of these short delays, Senior Staff Specialist-Line Maintenance Policies and Procedures Hector Chahin spent time in the O’Hare System Operations Center with Maintenance Controller Dave McKinney. That’s where Dave suggested a more direct link to the flight deck during those crucial final minutes.

Hector reached out to First Officer John Cowan of Flight Standards, who suggested using ACARS to let flight crews know when the paperwork is on its way. Don Eberlein helped facilitate that, and so far it's working well at the five hubs.

"Don made me aware that there is already a tool out there, and all we had to do was tailor it to our needs," Hector says.

The ACARS message, Hector stresses, does not replace the maintenance release document, *"but is simply a notification that the MRD is imminent, and that pushing back while waiting is a reasonable option."*

Once the message is received, pilots can push back from the gate, but cannot taxi until the final paperwork is received, says Cal Janacek, assistant chief pilot at O'Hare. *"Most of the time, that doesn't take long,"* Cal says. *"It usually comes through before we've started up the engines, and we're on our way with no delay."*

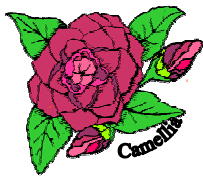
Cal says this is one of many recent examples of how better communication among work groups is having a positive impact on our performance.

"So many times, it boils down to communication," he says. *"This is one more piece of the puzzle, and we're getting better little by little, day by day."*

Back at the O'Hare SOC, Dave says he has been sending messages to one or two flights per shift, and *"I have yet to take a delay on any of them."*

LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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The June meeting was held at the Campbell Field Restaurant in Hayden, Alabama. This casual restaurant is across the road from a small hangar containing airplanes collected by **Fred Campbell**, an Eastern Airlines retiree. He also owns and operates the restaurant. A delicious meal of southern home-style food was enjoyed by all.

We were delighted to have some visitors from south Alabama with us. They live 4 to 5 hours away. Mr. & Mrs. **Bob Schwartz** (WHQKF), came from Theodore, AL. **Park Learned** (DENCs) and wife **Billie Learned** (IADCS) drove from Foley, AL. These 2 couples, along with several other retirees in the Mobile area, are interested in having a RUAEA chapter near them. We offered to help in any way that we can so they can start having as much fun as we do!

Judy Slover (ORDSW), our secretary, was not able to attend due to a health problem. We hope she will be back next time (especially the one doing this article). Another of our members, **Gary Young** (SFOCS), has been ill for awhile and now homebound. We miss him and encourage those who know him to send a card to his address: 8541 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35206.

Our President **Herb Wilbanks** (BHMOZ) and wife **Carol** did attend the convention and report they had a wonderful trip. They spent 5 days at Daytona Beach before the convention because Carol says it is against her religion to go to Florida and miss the beach. Herb told us Daytona Beach was fabulous and that the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando was even better than described. They send thanks and congratulations to the Orlando group and all who helped make the time in Orlando so enjoyable. They especially enjoyed **Stan Halterman's** singing, meeting new and old friends, the banquets, and Fantasy of Flight.

Wedding Anniversaries: **Joe Duncan** (BHMOZ) and wife **Marie** – June 11, 55 years, **Travis Glass** (BHMOZ) and wife **Zoe** - June 23.

Birthdays: **Linda Thompson** –July 19.

Calendar:

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We are really sizzling. Most of us don't go out much. But we are enjoying the breezes we have this year. The wind has been with us for several months now. More so than any of the past 10 years I've lived here. Almost makes the 105 degree temperatures bearable.

Breakfast at Coco's on May 25th had 8 attendees. It was good to have both **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz** there. On June 8th, there were 14 in attendance and low and behold, **Joan Sheffield** came to the meeting. She looks great as usual. Thanks to **Tim Everhart** for his gift to the breakfast group – he splurged on us and bought us all breakfast! I guess it was his going away gift as he and **Nita** are going to spend the summer (lucky them) up in Prescott.

Other travels over the next month or so. **Jean Kerman** will be traveling through Europe. She will be going to Holland, Germany, and Austria. Then she will probably make a return cruise to Alaska in August, now, that is how you escape the AZ heat.

Enza Scarso will be going to Las Vegas to see the show “the Jersey Boys.” What a great show it is, wish I were going again.

Jim & Marlene Bechtold are going to Pennsylvania this month to my home town area of Pittsburgh. Enjoy the “burg.” And the rain and the humidity!

Geri Hostetter just got back from 4 days in Buffalo, visiting with former high school friends. She also took her first hot-air-balloon ride over the AZ desert. She sure is flying high this summer.

Please keep **Jackie Rosch** in your prayers. She is still house bound and does not like it at all. She is a shopaholic and hates to be kept in the house. I told her I would come over and teach her how to shop on QVC. She probably will be housebound for about another month. She hopes to be able to sneak in a visit to us at a breakfast, if she can arrange it along with a doctor's visit. She sounds good and very optimistic. Her home address is 16012 W Heritage Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375.

This past month, **Vic Liltz** continued to struggle with that serious staph infection he had last month. He is just out of the hospital having had his pacemaker replaced and the powers that be say his body is infection free. We are hoping he will do well at home. If you want to send him a card, his home address is 16437 West Alvarado Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

This must be the time for pace maker recalls. Send out your best wishes to **Evie Callahan** as she also is having her pacemaker replaced. This is a result of recent shoulder surgery. Nothing is ever easy. Best wishes Evie.

Good news - **Vivian Klick**'s daughter has just received her master's degree from Loyola Marymount in Math education. She is currently teaching algebra, geometry, and statistics in California. She also got an award for the most outstanding math student. How proud can a momma get! Beauty and brains!

Congratulations to **Mel & Mildred Hofer**, who are celebrating 67 wonderful years of wedded bliss.

Any UA retiree whether you are pilots, flight attendants, and ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads

July 20

August 3

August 17

August 31



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Hope everyone's summer is going well and you're able to take some trips, see family and friends, having picnics and cook-outs, or just enjoying yourselves.

Our Chapter is still getting together for breakfasts each month at Crackers in Mesa. We meet at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Friday of each month at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue).

We always have a good time, and the food is wonderful. If you haven't tried going before, make an effort to go. Bring along a friend, they are always welcome to join us. Contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, by the Wednesday before, so she will have a headcount for the restaurant. **Peg** can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or phomfeldt@cox.net.

On June 25th, we had 21 at our Breakfast. **Ginny Rockenhauser** gave a review of the Orlando Convention. **Ginny**, and her husband, **Fred**, are now the software trainers for the RUAEA Treasurers. There has been a change in the RUAEA Newsletter Manager's position. **Virgil Gooselaw** will still remain in the Denver Office as the Membership Manager, and his wife, **Martha**, will still be doing the "Letters" section and proof reading of the newsletter. **Francis Domaratius**, from Sacramento, will assume the Newsletter Manager duties after the July issue is published. The Newsletter will be published in Sacramento, printed in Denver, and mailed out of the Denver Post Office. **Virgil Gooselaw** always did a very nice job and a very dedicated person. He will be missed.

At our recent Breakfast, **Bob Halden** brought up our 50/50 Raffles, and the discussion led to some new ideas, such as having one of the prizes paying for the winner's next luncheon or breakfast, and also possibly having some "nice" articles to raffle off at our winter luncheons. It's always nice to try new things and have a change.

Remember to continue collecting items for the Fantasy Flight during the summer. Items needed are blankets, socks, gloves, bears, etc. Also, bring any books you don't need for the sale at the airport to benefit the children. Contact **Peg Snowdall** if you have any questions.

August Birthdays are **Cecilia Nolasco** (8/10), **Tony Ribeiro** (8/16), **Shirley Claggett** (8/21), **Dorothy Pappas** (8/22), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), **Marjorie Matteson** (8/26), **Dolores Nabors** (8/28), and **Ruth Willoughby** (8/31). Happy Birthday to all of you!

The following couples have Wedding Anniversaries in August: **JoAnne & John Gaudio** (8/11), **Judy & Ted Higley** (8/18), **Keith & Marilyn Morey** (8/18), and **Pam & Gary Gerstung** (8/25). Congratulations to all the couples! Best Wishes to all!

Calendar:

August 27 – Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Snowdall** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317, or phomfeldt@cox.net. Any UAL employees or retirees, 55 and over, are welcome!

September 24 – Breakfast at Crackers

Our Luncheons will start in October. More information later.

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The June Newsletter was not available because of our long drive to Orlando and Michigan before returning home. I think I'll be looking at laptops in the near future. Anyway, we had a wonderful time while in Orlando and the convention was very well organized. Although our attendance is starting to dwindle as only about 380 attendees were present, hopefully it's just a sign of the times.

Eight Roadrunners were on board at the convention: **Ron & Shirley Robertson, Chuck & Sharon Cole, Bill & Bonnie Royle** and **Roger & Lyn Callihan**. **Ron & Shirley** provided cocktails to our group and others in their suite prior to the two evening meals.

At the end of the Saturday night banquet, **Ron Robertson** passed the President's gavel on to another Ron, **Ron Bertacini**. I'm sure the new Ron will do a wonderful job of representing the RUAEA group for the next two years.

Next year, we'll all be in Portland, Oregon for the 2011 convention.

The Roadrunners met at the Thunder Canyon Brewery for our June luncheon. There were 21 of us in attendance and it made for good conversation along with some excellent food. We now have a new member of our group, namely **John Bennatts**, who joined us at the luncheon. John retired from SEA Freight in 2000 and has recently purchased a home in the Tucson area. Welcome aboard John.

Once again we will meet for lunch at the Thunder Canyon Brewery on the 15th of July where **Claire & Jerry Byle** will host the affair.

Calendar:

July 15 - Thunder Canyon Brewery

August 19 - Pinetop Country Club

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Our President **Marcia Stanger** opened up the meeting, which was held at the Stanger home, on June 16th. The theme was "Hawaiian" with Mai Tai's. It's been several years since I've been to the Islands, but this was as good as being there. There were 15 of us enjoying the weather and food that was prepared by Bob. We missed our regulars, **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak, Wayne & Jean Foster**, and **Pat Wagner**. The menu included Salad Waimea, Yakitori Chicken, Muuanu Baked Beans, Wiki Wiki Zucchini, and several more Hawaiian dishes. Bob is quite the chef and he and Marcia will be opening up their house again for our Pot-Luck Christmas luncheon. **John & Barbara Stilwell** usually host the Christmas luncheon, but John has been checking around the area and found that those restaurants that cater to parties are just too expensive. An alternate would be the Chumash Casino, which we use occasionally since Casinos are just about the most reasonable.

John Stilwell gave us the news about the convention in Orlando. He represented our Chapter and said that the attendance was low with about 300 to 350 members. There are about 39,000 retirees but only 9900 belong to RUAEA. There are 55 chapters. Trying to attract new members by phone and letters has not been too successful.

John talked about the merger with Continental and some things that came out were quite interesting. For example, retirees are at the lowest boarding priority after employees. It doesn't appear that they will get the same benefits we do after the merger. This will be something to watch. I don't know how Continental employees will fit into UAL's seniority lists, but speaking from experience when UAL merged with Cap in 1961, it was by seniority in all departments. Needless to say, there were some very unhappy UAL people.

John also mentioned that someone asked why the convention is held at the same time each year. It was decided that hotel accommodations had the cheapest rates which was the deciding factor. It doesn't look like this will ever be changed. The next convention will be held in PDX.

John said that the flight from LAX to MCO had 12 open seats, but coming back was the best. John and three others were able to get first class from MCO to LAX. He said that they were very pleased the way they were handled by the ticket agents. It's great to know that ticket agents do take care of the retirees.

I received an e-mail from **Virgil Gooselaw**, saying that he will no longer be the Newsletter Manager. I hope all correspondents appreciate all the work he has done over the years putting the newsletter together and keeping RUAEA members informed as to our company's business.

I hope you all had the opportunity to see **Joan Schaefer** on the Wheel of Fortune on June 8th. She used her Italian name which confused those who watched the show looking for her married name. I received a call from someone in Chicago who watched the show and didn't recognize Joan. Chicago was 2 hours ahead of us so I gave him the phone number of Joan to see if that was the right show. I talked to **Peter Schaefer** and he said that it was shown but because of the last name, it seemed that she was missed. I told Joan that she was beat out only by a very pretty girl which she admitted was true. All contestants had to pay their way to the show, not knowing if they were to get on or not. This included transportation, lodging, and food. The show paid for nothing. Joan asked several of the contestants as to why they would spend that kind of money coming from all over like the east coast and Hawaii. She was told that several said that this was going to be a vacation anyway so they came. This was quite an experience for her and what money she won did not exactly cover her expenses. She hasn't spent her winnings yet since she will not receive it until October.

We had our usual 50/50 drawing and along with that, **John Stilwell** raffled off three jars of pure honey donated by a friend of his. I was lucky enough to win one of them which we will enjoy very much. Thank you John!

When we were leaving, Marcia gave us roses to take from her garden. It has been over a week and a half that these roses remain open and with such beautiful color. We are certainly enjoying them.

Calendar:

August 18 – Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 20 – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

December 15 – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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The Brazen Raisins' July 2010 meeting was hosted by **Peggy & John Oakshott**, and what a meeting it was! The only significant event was jokes by **Dick Hayes** and **Dick Shryock**.

Dick Hayes did report that PBGC has been paying retirement pay for about a billion retirees and is still in good shape.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

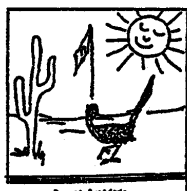
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Forty Desert Sunbirds braved 100 degree temperatures to attend our June Luncheon, held at the Mountain View Country Club in La Quinta, hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**. Excellent lunch choices!

Joyce Bossio brought her usual guest, **Wanda Grimshaw**. Also attending, and it's been a while; **Brad Sydow**, **Sherylle Delaney**, **Scoobie Wolfe**, **Gwen Craven**, **Ron & Barbara Napier**, and **Vern Behnke**, who had, as his guest, **John Bauer**, also a UA Retiree, and a good friend.

Dee Whately will be celebrating an early birthday in July with a one week cruise of Norwegian Fjords, followed by a week in Ireland. **Dede Utzinger**, last we heard, was still on the road in her RV, heading to the Northwest from Arizona.

Sandy Sereno's plans for late spring or early summer did not include 2 trips to the ER - After 3 attacks of pain and heart palpitations, an angiogram revealed 3 clogged arteries, so 3 stents were inserted. Sandy was at the Luncheon, and reports that she is doing fine.

Al Pennington won the 50-50, and **Flo Silvestri** was the Birthday winner.

Church Bulletins:

- ☺ *Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*
- ☺ *The Church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hospitality.*
- ☺ *The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.*

Calendar:

July 14 - Desert Princess Country Club, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**

August 11 – TBD, hosted by **Bill & Donna Eads**

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**GOLD
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President **Ken Norton** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers meeting at Tahoe Joe's in Roseville. There were 58 members present. He thanked **Penny & Terry Greenacre** for hosting the very nice luncheon. **Dick Sandstedt** was welcomed back after his illness! Ken introduced **Dewey Lehn**, a new member, to the group and **Dewey** told us a bit about himself. He retired from Oakland, where he worked as a store keeper and inventory planner. They live in Rancho Murieta. He happened to meet a retired pilot at a restaurant in downtown Sacramento who referred him to the Gold Diggers.

Our vice-president, **Alice McPeak** told us all about her trip to Rome. When they could not return because of the volcanic eruption, they took another cruise and she got to see the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and Dubrovnik. Of the many anniversaries for May and June, only one of which was more than 50 years. We sang for **Rolf & Margaret Kramer**, for 53 years! **Judie King**, gave the treasurer's report.

John Zoboli told us all the convention highlights. The new president is our own **Ron Bertacini**. The new executive VP is **Hank Gosselin** and the new newsletter managers are **Francis** and **Veronica Domaratius**. The 2011 convention will be held in Portland, Oregon. Employees who buy tickets with the 20% discount, can now have free baggage. The maintenance get together will be in Minden, Nevada in August. People can contact **Jack Raynor** for information. The Sand Harbor picnic is August 16th in Sand Harbor State Park. Contact **John** by August 1st @ (775) 856-2044 for info.

Ron Bertacini discussed the merger, which is not a done deal, but is being worked on. There are major differences in travel plans and hopefully, United's plans will be adapted, but nothing has been decided until the merger is complete. Medical benefits should still remain the same.

Francis Domaratius informed us that any increases in insurance amounts will be advised to us and we will have an opportunity to authorize the increase.

The raffle was held by **Alice McPeak**.

Calendar:

July 28 - Lake of the Pines Clubhouse, hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**.

August - Alta Sierra Country Club, hosted by **Jean & Forrester Sinclair**.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES



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We had 41 guests at our June luncheon, which was held at the Quail Inn at Oakmont. The attire was Hawaiian. It went well with our menu, which was a BBQ buffet, chicken, bratwurst, hamburgers and all the trimmings. It was great fun.

President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order and thanked **Oscar & Joan Chambers** for hosting. They were assisted by **Maddy McKinnis**, **Pat Leahy** and **Joan Olsson**.

Vice President **Maddy McKinnis** introduced our guests. **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Lee Traveyan**, guest of **Clare & Barney Hagen**; and **Maria Van Dorericht**, guest of **Elsie Kuhl**. The May minutes will stand. Treasurer **Judy DeFord** assured us our financial situation is strong.

Joanne then called on **Oscar Chambers** to give the report from the Orlando Convention. Oscar said there were only 388 people attending, that is down a lot from previous years. It was a great convention, they offered exceptional tours. A good time was had by all. Big Congrats to the Orlando Real McCoys! Next year, the Convention will be held in PDX. Hopefully, we will have more in attendance.

Re-elected Director **Roger Casterline** gave a report on the Benefits Panel. They were very well represented and answered many questions. Although, there are many unknowns now, we should start getting more answers later this summer.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the June birthdays, **Pat Beery**, **Howard Payne**, **Doug Saunders**, **Maria Southon**, **Joan Chambers** and **Judy DeFord**. The winner for lunch was **Pat Beery**. The anniversaries for June are **Charlie & Bernice Anderson** (38yrs), **Barney & Clare Hagen** (45 yrs) and **Lee & Pat Beery** (59 yrs). Congratulations to all.

Good to see **Pete Bilich** back at our luncheon. Pete fell and broke a couple of ribs, but thankfully, they healed quickly. Now he says he has to get the knees in good working condition.

Frank Ochoa has been diagnosed with cancer. He would like to hear from some of his old friends. Frank's address is 143 Stratford Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

Richard & Maria Southon just returned from a 3 week trip to Ireland, visiting with an old friend. Maria celebrated a special birthday and they threw her a great party. Good shopping, good food and good friends sounds like a wonderful time.

The autobiography for the month is **Mary Hill**. That's ME. When the kids were young, I worked part-time at two airlines, Airlift Intl and Hughes Air West. Both are defunct. I always wanted to work at United, so I went in and put an application for Temporary Work, because they weren't hiring then. They called me to come in the day after Labor Day 1974. On October 9, 1974, I became permanent. I was in Stores as a Key punch Operator. Then I made Provisioning Scheduler. When the rough times came in 1982, I was furloughed to DEN and I couldn't wait to get back home to SFO. Finally, things were a little better and I was hired in RES, then finally back to the Maintenance Base. I went to Logistic Control and from there to Purchasing where I was a Buyer for the 737 Airframe. I loved working at United with many nice people, they were good times. I retired on April 1, 1994.

We had a good raffle. **Nick Van Kruining** donated a picture. It was a shot of the San Francisco Maintenance Base in the early 70's. **Lee Beery** won; it is a great piece of memorabilia.

Calendar:

August 12 - Picnic at Armstrong Park, hosted by the Officers

September 9 - Le Gare, hosted by **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**

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About this time of year (actually June), we should be thinking about election for offices of our really laid-back chapter. Well, guess what? - No one rushed forward to take over the jobs, so the same folks are willing to volunteer their time and talent for the next year, saving time and bother of an election! Aren't we *great*? And as Donna noted in her "Circle of Friends" news, we'll continue to see our Pres. **Hal Klobe**, V.P. **Howard Lackey**, Treas. **Jo Ann Briggs**, Sec'y **Donna Klobe**, Mail List keeper, **John Daley**, LAXRR reporter, **Jim (RESRAT) Ferrance**, Ground Service reporter, **Ray Ginocchio**, 50-50 Lady, **Jan Sherbet**, All-Around Helper where/wherever needed, **Chas. Onesco**, and - RUAEA Correspondent, yours truly.

Donna heard from a member not seen for too long, **Fran Joseph**. We'd love to see you more often, Fran, but it was nice that Donna could report a good conversation with you.

At our June meeting, Fantasy Flight coordinator, **Laly Savoy** brought a huge, beautiful gift basket for raffling off with funds going to the F.F. operation. The next F.F. fund-raiser will be **Sat., Aug 14** - a get-together with friends over hot dogs (and sodas?), located behind the old air freight building. By the way, check out the F.F. web, www.FANTASYFLIGHTLAX.com.

Charlie Brunt, a new member, brought us up to date on another retiree group, the former airplane fuelers, the LAX Hose Draggers, which has a LAS party once a year. All are welcome, so if you'd like to join them next spring (March 6-8, 2011); contact him at 3421 Sunset Ln., Oxnard, CA 93035-4356 / (805) 382-1024. Charlie sent Ester a copy of a photo of the whole ReLAXer group at the last luncheon, which I'd really love to send on for publication. But it is so large it takes scrolling across the screen about 4 times. Not being too swift with the computer, I don't know how to make it fit here! Thanks, Charlie, we'll keep trying.

Our UAL group of USO Volunteers is still hard at it. **Ester Horompoly**, **Liz Hreno**, **Jo Ann Briggs**, and I plus some flight attendants who work the overnight shift (sorry, don't know their names) - we're still enjoying our jobs. (You have to love it to be able to spend a couple of hours making the favorite sandwiches - peanut butter and jelly!) It is more satisfying than ever as often the visitors (young Marines, retirees, guests from other countries' military), tell us we have THE BEST USO anywhere. Our airline-trained customer service serves us well in helping the very young service personnel who visit us. This past week, we were especially honored with a visit from a group of 25 Vietnam Veteran motorcycle riders (the "Patriot Guard Riders, Riding With Respect, standing for those who stood for US"). I have some little informative cards from them - too lengthy to copy here, but if you want a copy, I'll send you one. Their gorgeous bikes fitted with *big* U.S. flags filled our parking lot and they were able to join us for snacks prior to their "job" on that date. They were gathering to go to the cargo area on the south side of LAX to meet the arrival of a military coffin, and provide escort to the cemetery. They are a very colorful, very interesting and very dedicated group and always a pleasure to meet and chat with them. If you want to be impressed with their numbers and service aims - go to WAS DC over Memorial Day - the city is totally carpeted with their bikes from all over the country - I think one of them told me this year there were 78,000 there.

I do rely on Donna, Jim and Ray, especially to send me news via their regular bulletins. But please, all of you, send news soon as you think of it. Be as wordy as you want. I may have to edit it, but maybe not. You may have noticed in a few columns and a few letters to the editor, some fairly lengthy stories from retirees with their career history. I find them quite interesting and would like to get some from our locals members. Give it a try, folks!

I shall now review the last N/L to make sure I send it correctly to our new manager, **Francis Domaratius**. I want to make it with no snags. Good luck, Francis, you have a couple of hard acts to follow - the mainstay of so many years, **Jo Madden**, then **Virgil Gooselaw** who so capably took over when we lost Jo. I am sure Virgil & Martha will be enjoying the continued contact with the staff but with a more relaxed pace. Thanks, Virgil for your patience with our last second submissions and for your kind assistance when we've needed it!

Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111th and Aviation at LAX.

August 5 - Our terrific steak fry at El Segundo park. All welcome.

September 25 - LAXRR/TO reunion, Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, 11am-3:30pm. Contact **Jim Ferrance**, 10500 National Blvd, Apt. 24, LA CA. 90034-3626 for flyer. Deadline is August 24.

October 7 - Meeting and luncheon at the Proud Bird.



GOLDEN GATERS

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I regret beginning this column with a tear but perhaps these two UAL retiree "angels" are without discomfort now and experiencing happier times and better places. **Dora Chenault** left our very physical world in late February of this year. For your information, **Dora's** son, **Gregory Beck**, is presently handling her affairs at 23041 Mill Creek Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. We appreciate daughter-in-law **Jennifer Beck's** contact. **Pauline (Zalesky) McCann** has also left our worldly eyesight. **Pauline** had been a chapter member for the past 21 years, quite a record! Her former address was at a Residential Care Facility, 2836 Flores Street, #9, San

Mateo, CA 94403. **Pauline** was formerly a chapter president in the early 1990's. (To assist those of you with similar chapter seniority in recalling her smiling face, she had also previously lived in a Belmont, CA apartment.)

Great News! **Wayne & Marilyn Guenther** are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary, with **Emmet & Mary Gloria Landrum** not far behind with 55 years. **James & Helen Goodwine** have just happily entered their 51st year of marriage. Congratulations folks! Now ... tell us how you did it!

Thanks to the hard work (and I do mean hard work) of Food Coordinators, **Walt & Vera Kina**, we had a fun lunch for our end-of-June general meeting. As previously instructed by **Vera**, the largest percentage of our 100-plus members in attendance wore red, white and blue colors in remembrance of The Fourth of July, coming up in another week. Our typically patriotic lunch, with tables decorated appropriately in our nation's colors, included the all-American hot dog, beans, chips, etc.

Our after dinner guest and most honorable speaker was **Roger Casterline**, Western Region Director for RUAEA, who told us what a marvelous time everyone enjoyed at the recent Orlando, Florida convention. Of our 39,000 UAL retirees, only 8,200 have joined RUAEA. Gotta do something about that! Convention goers totaled 388. Gotta do something about that, too, especially since our next annual convention will be an easier trip for us Californians ... just up north to Portland, Oregon. It's a beautiful drive along the coast (if you can afford the gasoline). Or, what about this: New RUAEA newsletter Managers **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** suggested to me that we Californians might choo-choo our way up! When RUAEA held their annual convention in Hollywood a few years ago, some of us Golden Gaters took the train down south, round trip, and was that ever fun, plus easy viewing and riding! One of our more surprising memories will possibly be our Los Angeles "greeting" as we exited the train station. We were attempting to climb the staircase to the street sidewalks and found a "bunch of drunks" at the top, fighting. Fortunately for us, the Men In Blue arrived, separated the fighters, let a couple loose, and escorted the others into their police cars. Welcome to L.A.

Absolutely beautiful Portland is not so crazy, so be ready to read next February's RUAEA 2011 Convention Newsletter issue. And save the end of May to meet and greet new and old UAL friends. Everybody smiles at everybody so you don't have to worry about coming alone. (Note: This is the first convention I've missed in 10 years. I won't miss the next one even if they have to fly me up there with Mary Poppins' umbrella!) (P.S. Portland is where I met my husband, at a USO dance during Fleet Week and he was such a cute sailor, CA 133 heavy cruiser USS Toledo.)

Speaking of marking your calendar, we have no general meeting *in September* but we can easily promise you an absolute ball at our annual picnic! It will be held at our favorite location, Flood Park, 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Tickets are now available for sale at our next meeting or call one of our Auditors, **Gene Walter** (650-856-9738), **Ben Vietz** (650-589-2988) or pretty lady **Judy Curran** (650-593-8922). \$10 for members, \$15 for guests with delicious steak as usual. While you're depositing this information in your memory banks, consider giving **Bob Taiclet**, picnic coordinator and 1st VP, a hand. He can always use the help.

If you're planning to park your car out at the SFO Maintenance Base the next time you fly, the plans have changed. You must obtain your parking pass from the front gate on the day you will be leaving. You can no longer go out there ahead of time. Sorry.

Our International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** was skirting around the world when this column had to go to press, so if you have questions, or suggestions, about a tour, call **Ginger** at (650) 224-1865 or email: gingersfo@aol.com. Local Tour Coordinator **Jo Milligan** needs your input as well. Call her at (650) 591-2194.

Best wishes and good luck to our new RUAEA newsletter Managers/Editors **Veronica & Francis Domaratius**! And many, many, many, many thanks to **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** for their patience, conscientiousness, hard-work and yet continuing assistance with our monthly RUAEA newsletter. Bless you ALL.

Personally Speaking: An informative email came my way recently. (1) I know about keeping your car keys beside your bedroom nightstand at nighttime so that you can push your automobile's **remote** control alert button if you hear an unexpected noise. Hopefully, this is supposed to apprise your neighbors to the fact that something wrong is going on in or around your house. If they don't get the message, at least the burglar alarm on your car will annoy them with its constant beeping (or whatever else it does) to come over and knock on your door, or to call 911. (2) Other supposed safety features are to keep firearms loaded and (secretly). And do remember, yearly, to both clean and practice with them at a firing range. (3) This 3rd recommendation, newly acquired, is to purchase a can of "Wasp & Hornet Spray" at your local drug store (or wherever). It claims to shoot a 20 foot spray. I just bought one, the store's own brand, on sale at a bit over \$4 ... not bad. The **cap** can be removed quickly by pulling it to one side ... no stupid twisting or squeezing the sides to get the cap off even with the frequent rheumatoid arthritis I have in both hands. However, I wish I could have found a smaller can;

this one is 15 oz. It's a real shame that we Seniors have to think of protecting ourselves like this. This is not the way I grew up in the country. Guns were used for target practice or hunting (which I did not do). But I still know which end to point until help arrives.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday of each month *except for September* (picnic) and December, 11:30 a.m. promptly for the business meeting, followed by lunch (potluck or a "special" meal) and entertainment, at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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The Retirees at the SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY Picnic, hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso** with help from their friends, were very fortunate and proud to have grandchildren in our midst. There were nine younger ones and eighty five UAL Retirees and their friends. The Bingo was especially exciting this year as the "agile" ones darted and dashed at the pronouncement of "BINGO". They were eager to help by swiftly showing off all of their wares, "our bingo prizes". President **Dave Saso** had his funny hat on parade and possibly could arrange an encore next year for those of you who missed the action. **Cheri Scales** was given an Award of Appreciation for all the time she has so generously given to our chapter. Chatter was everywhere as we had the opportunity to do some heavy duty chatting with our UAL friends. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this such a fun event.

One of the visitors this month was the very popular Collin Scales, grandson of **Ben & Cheri Scales; Bob Cheney & Richard Cox**. Also visiting was **Mary Lou & Al Roger's** granddaughter, Olivia.

The Sunshine Report has been a little cloudy this month. **George Smith** is admitting to hearing problems; **Ben Scales** has recovered from pneumonia; Garver Sandy has had a transfusion; Stan Kolman has a few more weeks to continue his immobility. **Marion Swanson**, is reporting for and on **LaDonna Eggert**, our Sunshine Lady. LaDonna went to the hospital on Friday (6/25) with chest pains. With Ben recovered; LaDonna home from the hospital; Stan a few weeks less to mobility and Garver with new blood, we could say the clouds are lifting.

The following people have left the States for ingestion of knowledge and wisdom of the areas near China. The **Devlins; Marcolinas; Olthofs** and **Reichards**; we look forward to their safe return and stories they might tell.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

August 4 - Quarterly Ladies Luncheon at 11:30, hosted by **Ann Olthof**, (408) 738-0494 & **Alice Rostirolla**, (408) 245-8433. Location to be announced.

September 29 - Fall Banquet at Michael's at Shoreline

December 7 - Winter Banquet at Marianis



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Life is great and we are all enjoying the hot summer weather; or should I say we are tolerating the hot summer weather! I wish the temp would never go over 80 but I know that is wishful thinking on my part.

Hope you all had a great 4th of July. I'm sure many of you had parties, barbeques, family & friends over and lots of good food. We went to see the fireworks at Don Pedro along with thousands of other people. It was a great display and a fun time.

We all had a wonderful time at the May luncheon at the Mountain Springs Golf Course. Banny's Restaurant used to be located in downtown Sonora but they have now relocated their business to the golf course and what a wonderful place ... golf balls flying all over the beautiful green grass. It was a fun luncheon hosted by **Nancy Buddington, Doug Daniels, and Irene Vermillion**. They had many raffle prizes and we were lucky once again. Wish we could be that lucky with the CA lottery!

John Zoboli came to our luncheon and as always, he gave us so much information about UAL and RUAEA. As many of you already know, the next Convention will be held in Portland, closer to home, so maybe some of our members will attend. John attended the Convention in Orlando and so did **Bob & Ginger DuMars** of our chapter. John said attendance was down from previous years.

We were happy to see **Larry & Lavina Brinsfield**. Everyone welcomed them back after many months absence. Lavina had ankle surgery and Larry is recovering from a bad fall at his home. Thankfully, they are both on the mend. **Art & Jean Moore** attended the luncheon after spending many months at their home in AZ. (I think they brought the hot weather with them).

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the UAL Maintenance Reunion in Minden, Nevada at the Carson Valley Inn; the dates are August 19, 20, and 21. It is always a fun time and we hope to see you there.

Come and join us at one of our luncheons! We always meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Contact our chapter President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672, for information.

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Our annual pick/meeting was held on June 14th at the Pleasant Hill Park. We had 32 members and guests. Since it was Flag Day, we began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The flag was provided by **Emma Lou Olson**, who also brought other patriotic items (including kazoos!) - Fun was had by all. We were blessed with great weather and a delicious barbeque. Thanks to **Arnold Hansen** for his role in getting our drinks and ice taken care of and to **Gus & Sonia Mahler** for providing the ice cream. Also, big thanks to all who brought appetizers and desserts.

Ed Bingle brought **Mark** and his son **Ed, Jr.** **Emma Lou Olson** brought **June Brauer**, former Flight Attendant with TWA. **Warren Bartlett** is still working in the travel industry which makes it difficult for him to attend our monthly meetings, but was able to attend. **Lou Kinhead** brought his wife **Ruth** and daughter **Cathy**. **Russ Miller** brought a guest, **Sarina**.

Congratulations to **Diane Griego** who was elected to the office of Secretary in the National RUAEA. She and **Manny** attended the convention in Orlando with **Jo & Howard Payne** and learned that she had won the election for that office and was introduced to the workload associated. Finally, if you haven't heard yet, next year we will hold our Convention in Portland, Oregon.

We didn't have our 50/50 - too busy eating and having a good time.

We do not meet in July.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. No need for reservations. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

Calendar:

August 9

September 13

October 2 - Our Day at the Races

October 11

November 8

December 13 - Annual Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection



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Summertime and the fishes are jumping in the Northstate! We had a great meeting on June 3rd at Scrambles in Chico. 31 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch, thanks to **Billie Jorgenson** for setting it up. President **Merritt Odor** welcomed our speaker for the day, Dr. **Robert Donoho**.

Vanessa Pratt celebrated a birthday in June.

John Zoboli gave a great presentation on the convention in Orlando, noting that the tours and the weather were great. A lot of fun was had by all. He also reported on the RUAEA elections. **John** was reelected our director and we are happy to say, **Ron Bertacini** was voted in as President. Ron was the person that helped put the **Northstaters** chapter together.

John also talked about the merger. There is some concern among retirees on how the merger will affect all of us.

Dr. **Robert Donoho** gave a wonderful presentation about the construction and structure of the Oroville Dam. It was very interesting and everyone really enjoyed it.

Congratulations to **Vincent Neidlinger** for winning the 50-50 Raffle and to **Vanessa Pratt** for the \$15.00 luncheon certificate.

If you want to come to the next luncheon, please RSVP **Sharon** through email or phone so we can get a better count for the restaurant. Our next luncheon/meeting will be held Thursday July 29, back in Redding at the Holiday Inn. Hope to see you there!

Calendar:

July 29 – Meeting/Luncheon will be held at Holiday Inn on Hilltop Dr. in Redding beginning at 11:30 AM.

September - Date and place of picnic to be announced.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The July breakfast of the Mile High chapter was held at United Air Lines Flight Training Center on July 3, with 42 attending. **Ed Eson** brought his son Larry. Also joining us were **Tom & Nancy Goodyear's** grandchildren **Lauren** and **Sam Goodyear**; the late **Dick Magee's** daughter **Dottie Chinn**, her daughter **Tori** and grandson **Cameron Reali**.

Tom reported the passing of **Bonnie Ceperley**, **Bob Davey**, **Jan Laffen** and **Bob Hagedorn**. He also reported that Bill Sprague is recovering from cancer and wants to thank everyone for their concern.

On June 16, the Mile Highers had their annual indoor picnic, which was held at Dumitri's at Heather Ridge on the Green. Our honored guest was **Ron Akana** who brought his wife **Betsy**. Ron started with UAL as a steward in 1949 between HNL and SFO and is still working as a flight attendant. **Marian Beck** from Attleboro, MA also attended. It was good to see **John & Lynne Malloy**, and **Del Frey**.

On June 19, **Tom & Nancy Goodyear**, **Virgil Gooselaw**, **Ted Griffith**, **Jim Ogden**, and **Ray Shoultz** helped 50 active UAL employees in the Community Tree Planting Event along Sand Creek Green Way. United Air Lines donated the trees and a delicious BBQ lunch.

Tom informed everyone that United is having a special family event at the hangar on August 28 for employees, retirees and their families.

Barbara Chapman wants to thank you for all the items you gave her son, **Morgan**, who is defending our country. Feel free to bring the same type of items to our next breakfast.

Don't forget our Oktoberfest on September 15 at Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora. Social Hour at 11:00AM, Lunch at noon. Maximum number is 70; please no walk ins, cash bar. Meal Choices:

- ☞ Pork Jaeger Schnitzel - Select Pork grilled and sautéed in a brown hunters sauce, topped with mushrooms and golden fried onions, served with red cabbage and spaetzle.
- ☞ Chicken Schnitzel Tender – Chicken dipped in special egg-batter, rolled in bread crumbs, and pan-fried to perfection, served with French fries and veggies.
- ☞ Bratwurst Platter - German Bratwurst (Thuringer and smoked) grilled on charcoal, served with potato salad and sauerkraut.
- ☞ Koenigsburger Klopse - steamed meat dumpling (beef & pork) served with parsley potatoes, peas & carrots.

Dessert - Apple Strudel!

All for only \$17.00 P/P. Price includes coke, ice tea, hot tea, coffee, Tax and Tip. Send your checks by September 10, 2010 to: **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone number (303) 477-2918. Make check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Write Menu choice on the check, name(s) of guest(s) and their menu choice.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at 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!



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Our meeting was held on June 28 at The Village Inn. **Chuck Stuller** finished his 13th year as a Corner Official at the 88th running of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb June 27, 2010. **Del Hall** missed our meeting but was there in spirit. **Jane & Tony Lopez** returned from yet another weekend to LAS!

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of **Bonnie Sainer** and **Michael Kennedy**.

Retired CSR from COSOZ and longtime Colorado Springs resident, **Bonita (Bonnie) Lorean Sainer** was born on June 5, 1939 and passed away on June 27, 2010. She is survived by her husband **Ronald L.**; and two daughters, Melissa F. Thiel and Karol L. Hoogeboom. Memorial service was held at 2PM on July 8 at World Prayer Center Chapel, 1105 Voyager Parkway. Cards may be sent to **Ronald Sainer**, 2970 Stage Coach Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

Michael Kennedy, 55 passed away June 26, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife **Liz** and daughter Ally. Also surviving are his mother Mrs. **Pat Patterson Dudley** and sister **Katie Kennedy**. He was preceded in death by his father **Jim Kennedy**, a United Airlines Executive and his grandfather **Pat Patterson**, founder of United Airlines. Sympathy cards may be sent to: Mrs. **Pat Patterson Dudley**, 12 deSilva Island Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

Our regular meetings are held the third Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.

Calendar:

July 26 – Lunch at TVI

August 23 – Lunch at TVI

September 27 – Lunch at TVI

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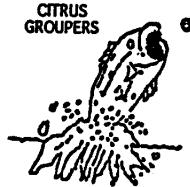
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18 members attended the June meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Charles Wirth** gave the Treasurer's report; we have a balance of \$455.27. **Paul Brown**, Regional Director of RUAEA, gave a report about the convention. There were 380 people in attendance. The 2011 Convention will be in Portland, Oregon at the Marriott Hotel.

Paul mentioned that the merger of UA and Continental looks favorable. If approved, it will mean the airline will get the first 787 Dreamliner planes. There was a discussion of employee and retiree boarding rules after the merger, and Paul mentioned nothing has been decided as yet. He did inform us that there will be a total of 8 hubs after the merger.

Bob & Shirley Kivelehan of Summerfield, Florida are new members to the Citrus Groupers, welcome to our group.

Mandy Ocampo was installed as President of the Citrus Groupers. Mandy gave a report from the RUAEA Orlando Convention.

Michael Martin and **Paul Brown** won the 50/50 jackpot.

We're sad to report that **Paul Wiczorkwski** of Inverness, Florida recently passed away.

June Birthdays: **Mary Wimmer, Lois O'Hara, Stan Eikoos, Richard Elcik, Jo Beck, and Nancy Henderson.**

June Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. **Don Nellans**, Mr. & Mrs. **Dale Ferdandes**, Mr. & Mrs. **Henry Gefrois**, Mr. & Mrs. **Jim Hurst**, and Mr. & Mrs. **Ralph Nardone.**

Calendar:

August - No meeting

September 4 - 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 46 between Buena Vista and Hwy. 301, near Wal-Mart)



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After the long season of complaining about the cold weather here in Florida, we are now in the throws of summer and complaining about the heat. Sounds pretty normal for here.

Sixteen Sand"DABS" gathered together for our July meeting at the Red Lobster. We had one guest, **Madison DeCobo**, granddaughter of **Steve & Lillian Moddle**. **Rick & Marion Johnson** are away on a 14 day Alaska cruise, **Larry & Janet Horton** are in Oklahoma, **Penny Logan** is getting unexpected company for the holiday weekend, so she didn't make the meeting.

Birthday celebrants present were Prez **Dick Coughlin** and guest **Madison DeCobo**. Madison blew out the candle on our fake cake after our serenade of Happy Birthday. **Steve & Lillian Moddle** are celebrating their 49th Anniversary this month - last one before the biggie.

For the second month in a row, **Herb Gardner** won the 50/50 and again graciously donated the winnings to our treasury. Treasurer **Penny Logan** will be happy to hear that. Prez Dick again had some funny "blond" jokes.

Since our group was rather small, we were able to enjoy some close conversations. A lot of our talk was about cruises people have been on or are going on. Seems to be our mode of travel these days. Conversations also drifted to the "good old days" of flying, especially when the 747 was new and there were two lounge areas on board. I know John & I and our girls enjoyed many a great flight from HNL to JFK with wonderful food and service.

Prez Dick gave us some more information about how the merger is progressing, and other news about the airline industry. It seems the Peanut industry is fighting to continue to have peanuts on board as a snack choice. Due to some folks being allergic to peanuts, they were going to stop serving them. Peanut people are due to lose a lot of money if this happens. When traveling, my daughter made it her "job" to count the peanuts in a package. Every package she was ever served contained exactly 13 peanuts! We make a joke of this now in our family.

Our meeting ended on a happy note.

Thought for today: *Oh retirement – isn't it great we don't have to do today what we can put off until tomorrow?*

Calendar:

August 5 - 1130 - Red Lobster

September 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

October 7 - 1130 - Red Lobster

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President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the meeting at 2:30pm after a filling lunch was had by all. 50/50 tickets were being sold by **Char LeGrand** and **Joanne Levell** as the minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. The 2010 Convention Committee built a good core group into a great bunch of friends who jumped in to help each other anywhere and anytime during the entire convention week. An awesome group of volunteers helped at the Registration Desk, 50/50 Raffles, and the Arts & Crafts Raffle and we are very grateful for those who stepped in and stepped up to help put on an amazing convention!

I think it was put very well by one of our own who said "thanks to all for the privilege of serving on the core committee"! President Rich received a very nice letter from **Jack & Nancy Hooper**, who are hosting the 2011 PDX Convention, congratulating us on our well-run convention! We had an amazing time - thanks to all who came and enjoyed!

July Birthday Wishes go out to: **Mary McNeill** – 17th, **Ted LeGrand** – 20th, and **Julia Montalvo** – 25th. Here's to many, many more!

The golf shirts and T-shirts that were worn by all of the convention committee and many of the volunteers at the 2010 Convention are now available for sale at www.embroiderysolutions.net. Client Webstore: UAL Retirees. Password: RUAEA (all uppercase). You can choose from 3 logo styles from the 2010 Convention and the "store" may be expanded in the future if we are interested in other items. Also, for a nominal embroidery set-up charge, any chapter can have their chapter logo made up. Contact Andrew at Embroidery Solutions, (407) 438-8188 for details.

We are planning to have our Annual Picnic on Tuesday, October 5th from noon to 5pm. Tentative location is Cypress Grove Park off Holden Avenue. Final information will be available after the August 3rd meeting.

Huge Correction: July Newsletter stated FLL to Greece, but that was incorrect.

Stan Halterman is offering an 8 night cruise on the Carnival Miracle sailing from **FLL to Grand Turk, Catalina Is, Aruba, Curacao, 3 days at sea, back to FLL from February 23 – March 3, 2011.** Inside \$859. Cat 4C, Balcony \$1171. Cat 8D. Rates are per person. Final payment 11/30. Call today as rates have gone up!

Calendar:

Luncheon time - first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road).

August 3 – Luncheon

September 7 - Luncheon

October 5 - Picnic

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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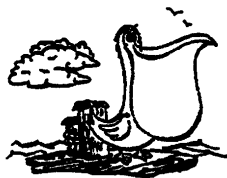
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We had a nice lively crowd of eight for our breakfast on July 2nd. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** were there, they had just returned from their yearly motor trip to Tennessee and Wisconsin doing interesting things and visiting family. **Mel & Linda Volz** were also there. Mel is still trying to sell his large home in Michigan. Good luck Mel!

Sally Sciple arrived a little late. She was busy with morning errands, but she was there and had breakfast with us. **Nancy Kopp, Bee McCarthy** and **Joan Gilkison** were also there. Joan made it to Norfolk from Tampa first class and back on United Airlines. She had a fabulous vacation with her family on the Outer Banks, Corolla, NC.

Perkins Restaurant gives us a private room and as always, very nice waitresses. Any United retirees or employees are invited to join our happy group.

Our next breakfast meeting will be on Friday, August 6th at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. If any **United Airlines** employees or retirees are in town, please call and join us for breakfast.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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Vice President **Bob Lindstrom** called the meeting to order on July 5, at Tiffany's Restaurant, with 19 members and 4 visitors in attendance. Guests were **Robert Brown**, son of **O. C. Brown**, Robert recently retired from United in Denver and is now living in Florida; **Debra Burn**, daughter of **Jean & Bill Linehan** is visiting her parents from Spring, Texas; **Peggy Rombach**, originally from Pittsburgh, now living in Leesburg, Florida is visiting **Terri Breslin** and **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Regional Director, who came to thank everyone who helped with the convention in Orlando on behalf of RUAEA and the convention committee.

July birthdays: **Mary Martin, Pat Hottel and Jean Linehan**, whose birthday was today (July 5). She was presented a birthday cake with 3 candles. There were no anniversaries.

Carolyn & Dave Lodge drove to Chicago and flew into Boston. They went by motor coach to Maine, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, returning to Boston and home to Florida. **Jim & Pat Hottel** flew to Portland, Maine.

Loretta Marvett flew to Grand Rapids, her first flight was cancelled. The gate agent was very helpful and Loretta was on her way connecting through Chicago. She mentioned flights were full and her layover was long at O'Hare. **O. C. Brown** flew to Manchester, N. Hampshire, no problems.

The September meeting has been changed from Sept. 6 to Sep. 13th at Tiffany's. Our Sept. 6, meeting date will conflict with Tiffany being closed for Labor Day.

Terri Breslin, our Sunshine chairperson gave a report concerning **John Quinn**. The VA is helping John and driving him to a Day Care Center. **Bob Lindstrom** advised veterans to use the VA. They are a valuable resource.

Mary Martin reported we have 55 members as of July 5. **Jim Hottel** reported on the Oct. 4, 2010 picnic. **Jon Wilkinson** has reserved a picnic shelter at Anderson Park. It was decided to have Bar-B-Que chicken and pulled pork. **Bill Linehan** has pictures of the convention on his web site, <http://gallery.me.com/linered#gallery>.

Bob Lindstrom gave information of an Art Demonstration at Brooker Creek Preserve held on July 10.

Calendar:

August 2 - Meeting at Tiffany's Restaurant

September 13 - Meeting at Tiffany's Restaurant

October 4 - Picnic meeting at Anderson Park



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Well, we are all still on vacation until September but unfortunately, a sad bit of news must be reported and as difficult as it is, let me say.

Our very delightful member, **Elizabeth Armstrong**, passed away mid June after a very short illness. **Wallace, "Wally"**, her husband and our oldest member is doing well under the circumstances. We shall miss Elizabeth and only hope that Wally will be able to attend our meetings soon, so we can all give him the support he so richly deserves. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Wally, may you be given the strength you need during this sad time.

I would like to take this opportunity to also wish the following "Happy Birthday": **Bill Nehls** - July 10, **Al Popek** - August 1, **Maureen Carragher** - August 4, **Jane Wise** - August 13, **Constantinos Xifaras** - August 25, and **Frank Wise** - August 27. Happy Anniversary to **Diane & Ron Brodis** on July 15. Best Wishes and Good Health to all!

Unfortunately, we have not been able to reach **Catherine Coate**, so we are unable to report her condition. We will keep trying.

Wishing all a healthy, happy and safe summer and hope to see you all in September.

Remember Live Life to its fullest. Until then.

On the Lighter Side:

- ☺ *Did you know? A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.*
- ☺ *Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller.*
- ☺ *315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.*
- ☺ *There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple and silver.*
- ☺ *Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors; also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.*
- ☺ *Leonardo Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time, hence, multitasking was invented,*
- ☺ *Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.*

- ☺ *There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.*
- ☺ *Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.*

Calendar:

On Vacation until September!

September 7 – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting at Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL. Voting new officers and collecting dues for 2010-2011

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With all the Skyliners Loonies cousins returning from Petrosky and the glorious weather, the Northside had an overflow crowd. We filled both sides of the two long tables and all the surrounding booths. We were happy to see **Elizabeth Ashton** and **Charles Oglesby** being convinced that the breakfast fun and visiting with friends is worth getting up early once a month. Hope they can convince the other sleepy heads to join us. We welcomed first timers **Lonarda Danial WHQUN**, **Chuck Eskridge MIA & ORDHK**, sister **Ramona Marshall ORDCS**, **Virginia Kondaros WHQCR**, and **Betty Nakarieki WHQAK**. If I have any mis-spellings, please advise as there were no phone numbers given to check with.

We are adding more couples with 50 plus anniversaries: **Joyce & Ronald** with 51, **Mary & Carlyle Brandt** with 52 and **Pat & Frank Rainer** with 53.

The Southside group had 19 brunching since **Mary & Carlyle Brandt** had a recess from surgery and therapy. Unfortunately, there is more ahead. Mary should be getting her nursing graduation pin pretty soon. Still missing are **Lydia & Ernie Codilis** but we hope they can return pretty soon. **Tom Hurley** was one of our raffle winners, so that was a perk since he has been the caretaker for his ailing mother. The other two winners went to the ladies, **Barbara Wesemann** and **Carmen Chavez**.

Rudy Maki was the only Southsider that went to the convention. He had high praises for the committee and the hotel staff. He echoed the plaudits given to the Kennedy Space Center and St. Augustine tours. Our Skyliner, **Rich Surma**, did the videos and photo honors. The 84 art and crafts items made the odds 1 in 4 to win among the 367 attending.

Carol & Al Madaj had good news from Mayo regarding Al so they had a big celebration at the casino in Red Wing, MN. Then a double celebration at grandson's graduation in St. Louis, MO.

A correction to a death notification in July of **Laverne Pugh**. The surviving husband is **Don Pugh**. It was a sad ending to a long marriage. Our condolences to Don.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**July 27 & August 31**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**August 11**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday – each month.

July 19 – Picnic, Chandlers Restaurant, 401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg.

Next Loonies get together October 5-8, 2010, Door County, WI. See page 20 of July 2010 RUAEA Loonies and contact **Norm Wilkinson**, (847) 697-3775.



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I attended the UAL Annual Stockholders Meeting held at EXO in Elk Grove Village on 6/20/10. The small meeting room for 170 was filled with an auxiliary room for the overflow. The business part of the meeting took 40 minutes with 30 minutes allowed for questions and discussion.

The main topic was re. the advantages of the merger of UAL with Continental, which is necessary so that the company can be more effective as a competitor and needs to change. Most of the questions were re. contract negotiations. The meeting ended for a Board of Director's meeting and any unanswered questions were to be mailed in.

There was a rally outside with informational signs by the Flight Attendants who are not happy because their contract is in limbo.

For those who are interested, there will be an open Classical Concert Rehearsal in Millennium Park at the Jay Pritzker Pavillion on Wednesday, August 18th, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The musical program will be: Saint-Saens Marche Militaire Francaise, Bizet Symphony No. 1 in C Major and Brahms Piano Concerto No 1 in D Minor played by the Cuban-born pianist, Horacio Guitierrez.

After the rehearsal would be a good time to explore the new addition at the Art Institute via the new bridge connecting the park to the Art Institute or explore the Lurvey Gardens of Millennium Park. Since this is a casual meeting, there is no scheduled luncheon, so we can choose where to eat such as at one of the restaurants in or around the park.

If you are interested in coming to the concert rehearsal, I would like to know as I will be sitting and looking for everyone in the middle of the seating area in front of the stage. Please call or email me any time before August 18th. The bus to take to Millennium Park is #14, 20 or 56 East on Washington at Canal.

Calendar:

July 21 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.). (Please email or call me before noon of July 20th so that we can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.)

August – No luncheon scheduled

August 18 – Concert Rehearsal in Millennium Park at Jay Pritzker Pavillion – 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

September 15 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

October – No luncheon scheduled

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Hot! Hot! Hot! At least, so far, we in Indy have not been in the triple digits on the thermometer as have other areas of the country. On June 26, we held our annual summer picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. Attending were 15 members and 3 guests including: **Elke & Woychek Rembise**, friends of **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** and **Kelly Martindale**, my daughter. The food was delicious, and not an over abundance. Our members always enjoy just talking, but our meeting concluded playing a couple rounds of CLR. **Jack Conway** was the big winner for the afternoon. A fun break for the group!

It was announced that **Chuck Sabins**, who was a mechanic with United in Indianapolis, passed away in June. Many knew Chuck as "Santa Claus" with his full white beard. Our deepest condolences to his family.

Not much news to report this month, everyone is just enjoying the season with friends and family. **Ron Innis** did mention that he and **Cheri** had returned their grandchildren to their parents on the July 4th weekend and were now planning to tour some local towns and festivals. I expect him to report later. **Gail & Warren Allen** were expecting to take a Caribbean cruise and then drive to Texas with neighbors who were buying in the area Gail & Warren winter. **Eli & “Bud” Barnett** should have returned from their cruise to Alaska, but as yet I haven’t spoken to them. **Mario Bregante** said he feels amazingly better. He didn’t realize what a ripple down effect his heart problem created.

Stay cool and hydrated, till next month.

Calendar:

August 9 - Regular meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. The room is available from 2 P.M. with the meeting beginning at 3:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome!

September 13 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

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The Nor'Easters June outing took place on board the Spirit Of Boston cruise ship. The Spirit plies Boston's outer harbor with up to 400 passengers. Forty of those passengers on June 23 were Nor'Easters. The two hour cruise provides lunch and local entertainment. I've been advised both were great and the weather was more than cooperative. Yours truly, a lover of terra firma, abstained. It's amazing that I spent so much time in the air as a SA.

For the past four months, walking has become increasingly harder and more painful daily. Lying down brought acute leg pain. Well, a week ago, I got a shot in my lower spine and within 48 hours, I'm walking again. What a wonderful feeling, to be able to walk again without pain, a thing we take for granted. With all the aches and pains that come with age, I'm looking for a Dr. Frankenstein, to remove my brain and put it into a younger body.

We had decided not to hold a July meeting because of vacations. Then, July came into the Northeast with serious temperatures in the mid 90's, plus high humidity; the type of weather where one just sits in a shady spot and reads. Of course, I'm sure those living in the Southwest have summer temps much higher. As of this date, I still haven't found out who among the Nor'Easters attended the Orlando Convention.

August's birthdays: **Tony Berardi, George Mavreles, Raymond Ouellette, John Parks, Michael Provenzano, Bill Rodenhizer, Horace Smith and Bill Vanderwal.**

Augusts' anniversaries: **Bob & Judith Austin** - 51 years, **Tom & Dolores Blackwood** – 27 years, **Gary & Anna Bosworth** - 41 years, **Fred & Rita Casey** – 54 years, **Bruce & Prescilla Casassa** – 54 years, **Lee & Sid Lyon** 61 - years, **John & Ann Parks** – 54 years, and **Dick & Dayle Vee** – 29 years.

It's hard to make a comeback, if you've never been anywhere!

Calendar:

August 17 - Tenth annual picnic. State Park at Kingston, NH

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GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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July 1, 20 Escapees and 3 guests gathered at Brann's Steak and Grille in Northville hosted by **Rick & Gwen Schwendenmann**. **Bonnie Fleming** brought sister, Nancy; **Sharon Jacob** brought sister, Karen; and **Kay Smith** came with daughter, Jennifer, whom will be blessing Kay & Ken with their first grandbaby in a few weeks. We were delighted to see Kay along with **Dee Hegle**, **Donnis Reese** and **Pat Klein** for the first time this year. Pat has moved back to MI from UT permanently, to be near family and friends. We hope she will join us often. Dee looked great and says she is feeling better than she has in a long time.

Escapee, **Linda Ward**, had her purse stolen on her way home from our June meeting while shopping at her favorite resale store en-route from St. Claire Shores to Ferndale and lost everything. Linda said her life was in the purse, credit cards, medications, keys, Social Security Card, blank checks, cell phone and house and car keys plus \$150.00 in cash and her lipstick. After closing all accounts, she got an idea and called her cell phone, left a message telling the thief she felt that he must have needed the money more than she and for him to keep the money but please return the rest of her things, as it was her whole life. She told him he knew where she lived so he should have no problem finding her. A few days later, a storekeeper at a boutique just a couple blocks from her house, found a plastic zip lock bag with all her belongings less her purse and money. On WXYZ News, Linda thanked the thief and stated people will do the right thing, if you give them a chance.

Congratulations to **Janey & Ron McCauley** on their new arrival, grandson Braxton Troy McCauley, born July 2, 2010, 7 lbs. 4.5oz and 20 inches long.

June 25, we said our final goodbyes to **Audrey Beebe's** husband **Bud** who left our world Jun 18. Bud was also the father of **Anne Buchanan** who is still working in DTWRR. Bud had a stroke earlier in the year and had been in rehab ever since. Love & prayers to Audrey and Anne @ 24740 East River Dr., Grosse Ile, MI 48138. **Mary Gilbert** passed away unexpectedly May 24. **John & Mary** (both retired) and daughter, **Shiela** all worked at UAL. Condolences to John & Family @ 5836 S. Ironton Ct., Englewood, CO 80111. Lastly, **Pat Klein** will have a communion memorial for her **Bob** on Aug. 14 at 1 pm. @ St. Hilary's Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford, MI. Many of Pat's family & friends could not attend his funeral and Pat wanted all to have a chance to come to a memorial for him. Our love to Pat @ 9070 Riverview, Redford, MI 48239.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

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There were 33 who enjoyed the outing at Cooper Farm, hosted by **Cary Manson**. Sorry, we missed **Toddy**, but she was in the hospital undergoing tests. I did touch base with her and, between a drug reaction for her blood pressure and her rheumatoid arthritis; she has had a rough time, but feels she is slowly getting better. **Frank Sesto** and **David & Lodine Christiansen** were there. David started his chemo the first week of June. We wish him the best as he undergoes treatment. We were also happy to see **Elaine Boner** and **Rob Payton**.

I made a call to **Jake Hutchinson** who lives in Aurora, CO. He said his macular degeneration has caused him to not be able to drive or work anymore. He does fly now and then to Minneapolis where two of his

daughters and his two sons live. He had moved there a few years ago, but missed his work and friends in Aurora, so he moved back. Jake is 84. I asked him if he talks to **Gene O'Brien** and he said yes, now and then.

Harold Rowe passed away May 27 and services were held on June 1, our sympathy to his wife, **Catherine**. Also to **Margie Stiles**, as she and **Harold** were very good friends for many years.

I heard from **Hilde Schwan** and she said they were doing okay, which was certainly good news since **Dick** had been so ill last year. It seems as though their computer was out for quite a spell but now up and running.

Carolyn Kraft had knee surgery on April 20th for the second time. She is finishing rehab now and we hope this is the last time for that knee. Since they winter in Arizona, we have yet to see them since they returned.

Calendar:

August 3 - Fish & Game – Lake Manawa, **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

September 7 - Prairie Crossing Wine Vineyard, **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

October 5 - Sons of Italy

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On June 8th, our meeting was called to order at noon with 35 members in attendance.

Member **Dora Coleman** is in rehab in Baltimore, her son works there and she is doing OK, her cell phone # is (702) 266-7783. Her sister in law Judy's phone # is (763) 893-4519.

Winnie Stone is feeling great and having a good old time.

On the bright side, **Koji & Carrie Takeuchi** participated in the Boulder, Colorado 10 km race, Carrie came in 3rd place and Koji got 16th place of their age group, congratulations to both of them.

For those of you who were frequent visitors to Las Vegas years ago & haven't been back for a few years, you are in for a big surprise. One of our latest additions is The City Center. It is a 16,797,000 square feet of mixed-use, and a massive complex on 76 acres located on the Las Vegas Strip. It is the largest privately funded construction project in the history of the United States. The total cost is approximately \$11 billion and will employ approximately 12,000 employees. The project is at the intersection of Harmon Ave. and Las Vegas Blvd. (The Strip). The site was formerly the Boardwalk Hotel and Casino. It opened December 16, 2009. Some of its features are 2,400 condominium and condo-hotel units and approximately 4,800 hotel rooms, distributed within several high-rise towers around the Crystals, an ultra high-end retail and containment district. To get an excellent view of it, go to www.citycenter.com, also en.wikipedia.org/wiki/citycenter.

We also have a new bridge south of Hoover Dam crossing the Colorado River that will open this year. It is 2,000 feet long, about 1,500 feet south of the dam (you can see it from the dam) and 900 feet above the river. Go to www.hooverdambypass.org to see slides of the actual construction and a webcam. When the bridge opens in November, you will be able to drive over the bridge to some parking areas on the Arizona side. To continue on thru Arizona, you will have to cross over the bridge. Not allowed to close your eyes while crossing over.

If you are visiting Las Vegas on our luncheon day & would like to come to our luncheon, call **Mike Vasko** – (702) 898-0561 and he will arrange a ride for you free of charge. Thank you Michael.

For our August Luncheon, the menu will be London broil, corn on the cob, scalloped potatoes, salad and sherbet.

Calendar:

August 10 - Luncheon meeting at 11:30 am. Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200

October 12 - 11:30 am

December 14 – 11:30 am - Christmas party.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Eight members attended our last meeting. Everyone else seems to be out enjoying the beautiful weather now that winter **finally** ended.

United News: A picture of the new aircraft paint scheme was circulated.

John also provided a brief summary of the Orlando convention. About 388 members signed up. He reported that the trip to the Space Center and lunch with an astronaut was great. Next year, the convention will be in Portland, OR.

There will be the annual Maintenance get together in Carson City, August 19, 20, 21. Everyone who worked at the Maintenance Center is encouraged to attend. Please contact **Larry Nagley** or **John Zoboli** for details.

A get well card was circulated for **Joe Robinson**, who is a bit under the weather. He still intends to be one of our cooks at our picnic. See you there, Joe!

After a brief discussion and vote, the Sierra Roundup will continue at Austin's on S. Virginia for at least the remainder of this year.

The winner of the 50/50 was birthday girl **Ann Batty**. The United tote bag was won by **Mary Withers**, graciously sitting in as secretary for Pat Zoboli. June birthdays were celebrated by: **Aidia Keller**, **Eva Havelik**, **Ann Batty** and **Larry Reid**.

Calendar:

August 16 – Picnic at Sand Harbor. Parking costs have increased to \$10 for Nevada residents & \$12 for California residents.

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The Gardenstaters met on June 30th at Snuffy's Restaurant on Route 22, Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held for **Johnny Burton** who passed away since our last meeting. We welcomed **Lenny Castino**, **Ev Eaton**'s daughter Sharon and grandson, Robin. **George Singh** also came by to say hello.

A report was given on the 2010 Convention; less people came, around 300. Next year's convention will be held in Portland, Oregon in May 2011.

No further mention was made about the merger between United and Continental. A picture of an airplane was shown in the RUAEA Newsletter of what the planes will look like when the merger is complete.

Parking at Newark Liberty Intl. Airport is still difficult and expensive. After the merger, we might be able to use Continental's parking lots; they have 3 of them at the airport. ABC parking lot is \$8.00 per day,

Just a reminder that the Hunterdon Hills play is August 4th. It looks like we have 25 people attending. You must be at the playhouse by 11:00A.M. Also our August 25th meeting will be our picnic, which is being catered. It will cost \$10.00 per person. Violet will give directions in your meeting notice as to how to get to the playhouse and Merrill Park.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by **Violet Etler** and **John Murphy** gave the Treasurer's report.

John Deily still has forms if you are interest in getting the anniversary pins from UAL or the NJ military medals.

Calendar:

July 28 - Meeting at Snuffy's Restaurant.

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On June 9th, 27 Chippers met at Hirsch's Restaurant in Williamsville, NY for a delicious dinner featuring Sirloin Strip Steak, Breaded Center cut pork chops, Broiled Haddock or Chicken Parmesan and more importantly, was the camaraderie that followed.

During the course of the evening, we were brought up to date on the stories being passed around about the merger with CO, the difference in pass policy and everyone hoped for the best to come out of the negotiations.

It was great to see the **Fauths, Ed (Bear)** and **Laura. Mary Ann Palumbo**, an active employee was the guest of **Rosemary Michalek**. A very special guest was **Rebecca Keller** who drew the short straw and chauffeured grandfather **Mike Keller** to the Dinner.

The list of sick is quite extensive and includes **Norm Phillips**, recent heart attack; my wife **Donna** who was recently diagnosed with Spinal Stenosis but is responding well to therapy; **Frankie Gaydos** who will soon have hip replacement surgery. **Jim Wise** is suffering from CHF and a continuing problem with bone cancer. **George Walleshauser** is at home and suffering through problems with prostate cancer, he is reported in good spirits and praying for the best.

Former Buffalonians **Tom Amedick** is at home and wife **Gwen**, has retired to take care of him 24/7. **Lloyd Cliff** reports wife **Janet** is doing well after their recent move from Denver to Greenville, NC to be close to daughter Candy.

Finally, **Paul Gerner** lost his beloved wife **Marge** on June 19th. It was very sudden and for an active person, it was very surprising to us all.

Our next meeting will be shortly after Labor Day, with the exact date, time and location to be announced.

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The New York Metros' third annual Day at Belmont Racetrack on July 7 was cancelled due to excessive heat in the New York Area, and the Belmont horses were not running. The date was rescheduled for Wednesday, July 14, at the same time and place. Time to save a little more money for WIN, PLACE and SHOW!

Calendar:

August 4 - 10:00AM at Wantagh town Park

September 1 - 12:00 Noon at Millerridge Inn

October 6 - 12:00 Noon at Millerridge Inn

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LOONIES



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On June 9, a letter was mailed to all Loonies describing the hotel space which had been reserved for our meeting in Door County, WI on October 5-8. The rooms could only be held until July 15 due to heavy demand during the peak Fall foliage period.

Well friends, you outdid yourselves! By June 15, only six days after the mailing, we had received calls from **Jim Simon** and **Clyde Johnson** that there was no more room in the Inn. Even Clyde, our illustrious President For Life, had to find accommodations elsewhere. A quick call to our hotel remedied that. Clyde & Doris will be with us! Other rooms were made available to us as well. We hope there are no more glitches, but if you encounter a situation we can help you with, please call us.

We will be in Door County August 8-10, making dining and activities arrangements. Then we look forward to seeing all of you up there October 5 -8.

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I hope that everyone had a great Fourth of July! The Buckeyes gathered at the Cleveland Metro Parks for our annual picnic on July 7th. We were really hot, hot, hot this year, but thanks to the beautiful outdoor pavilion, a nice enclosed area to keep our food, and an attendance of 90-plus **United** retirees and family, I think everyone had a great time and had a chance to get together with friends.

Making the day even better, we had a number of guests. **Joe & Ann Tomasic** (AZ), **Lee & Linda Graham** (Dulles), **Red & Madge Lamers** (NY). We are happy to welcome new members this month: **Dennis Adams**, **Pete Kitzmiller**, **Marian Evancko**, **Ken Greenbank**, **Chuck & Betty Tenwick** and **Don & Pearl Park** (PA). As of this month, we have 23 new members and we hope you all enjoyed your time with us. We also want to express a big "Welcome Back" to **Vic & Betty Taylor**. Hope every one of you enjoyed your day and we look forward to seeing you next month.

July birthdays make up a long list and to those of you who were unable to attend the picnic, we include you in our best wishes along with **Elda Jeskey**, **Norma Malena**, **Eileen Skinner** and **Barb Vaults**.

We also want to acknowledge July Anniversaries as follows: **Rudy & Marie Pivik** - 55th, **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** - 49th, and **Jeff & Judy Spooner** - 45th. Congratulations to those of you who were unable to join us!

A reminder to all that we are still open to a bus trip to the Air Force Base & Museum in Dayton, OH. We need feedback from the group, even if it's a maybe, or if you would like to include a friend, etc. This would not be a "sign-up", just a chance to find out how much interest is there.

Fifty-fifty! Our winners this month were **Dennis Adams** and **Bill Gatesman**. Love that fifty-fifty!

Thank you to those of you who were able to help John with the tables and chairs and getting everything into his van, both before and after the picnic. **John & Dolly Taucher** hosted this picnic and everything was "great". Thanks Again!

For those of you who were not at the picnic, we received our new packets for info and dates of meetings through the end of the year. These will be sent out to you in the next week.

"Happiness sometimes comes through doors you didn't even know you left open".

Calendar:

August 4 - Williams on the Lake –Hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**, 787 Lafayette Rd. – Medina, Oh. Gather at 11:00 – Buffet 12 noon. Open till 3:00 pm

September 8 - Grand Pacific Hotel – Hosted by **George & Shirley Oncu**, 8112 Columbia Rd. & Mill St. – Olmsted Falls, OH. Gather at 10:30 am - Buffet 10:30 am

October 5 - Seventeenth Annual Northfield Night, RSVP by 9/27/2010

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Decorations of white flowers with a small American flag adorned the luncheon tables in June. Charlie announced a committee will be formed to enlist candidates for the new slate of officers. **Jack & Nancy Hooper** announced that plans are under way for the convention next year. **Cliff Blare** kept the group laughing with jokes I am certain he found on the internet. It is amazing how he remembers them all.

Winners this month are: Door Prize - **Bruce DeFord**, Birthday - **Ed Rommel**, No anniversary, Bottle of wine - **Pat Ogden** and **Dennis Cline**, Book - **Frieda Marley**, 50/50 - **Joe Mortensen**.

Congratulations to **Dan & Judy Jones** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 28. Dan worked in PDXGQ and retired after working for 38 years. The article in the Oregonian paper said their family has always been the most important thing to both of them.

One half of the Sunshine Committee, **Lois Pitman**, had an accident last month and injured her back. She was trying to assist **Merle** when they both fell. Hers was a serious injury and she has been laid up for three weeks. Fortunately, her co-workers at Bed, Bath & Beyond, along with her daughter and neighbors have fed them, walked the dog and helped in many ways. **Glen Swanson** had surgery last month to repair an aortic aneurysm and he is doing fine; however, he injured his back and is now having physical therapy.

It is with sadness that I report **Jack Hoage** passed away on June 20. He retired from PDXFF (air freight). Our sympathy goes out to his wife **Hazel**, sons Jeff and Todd and mother Margaret.

I asked Charlie, our president, what he has planned for the coming months and I received the following information: August - Summer Fun, September - Back to School, October - Ice Cream Social and Election of Officers. He is also trying to find a speaker for one of the months.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Wed and Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area until October 1 when it will resume taking calls on Mon. 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 12:00 PM

August 11 - Summer Fun

September 8 - Back to School Social

October 13 - Ice Cream Social & Elections

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OUR Club has no news to report this month since the July luncheon will be held after the RUAEA Newsletter deadline. However, we're throwing our hat in the ring for this edition just to say "*Hi and We're still here!*"

In addition, I'd like to say a few good words about OUR Club's great members. **Jim Frincke** was recently looking for a piece of corrugated metal roofing for a project. Jim's "want" had only been uttered when **Bob & Ida Rogers** said, "*Here, we have just what you need.*" The way OUR Club members have a caring knack for scratching one another's backs is quite special.

We also want to say that we miss **Mary Crees**, who has been unable to attend the past few luncheons. We're all thinking of you, Mary.

Calendar:

August 6 - Bob & Miriam Lindberg, TBA

September 10 - Steve & Cyndi Austin, annual picnic

October 1 - Bob & Ida Rogers, TBA

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Summer is here and the hot weather is surely here - and I'll take this over the snow any day.

Bernie & I were fortunate to get to and from Denver on the non-stops to attend our grandson's wedding. We traveled on Memorial Day and were lucky enough to get two seats together (coach of course).

We celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary on June 2nd with good friends **Maureen & Ted Gielas**. They treated us to a lovely luncheon at their beautiful country club. Ted is officially known as the **Mayor of Pittsburgh** and really runs the place.

Speaking of traveling, **Charla McBride** is certainly not letting any grass grow under her feet. She started the summer going to Ft. Myers and on to Atlanta, back to Pittsburgh for a change of clothes and is currently visiting with family in Homer, Alaska. Way to go, Char! We'll miss you at the picnic.

Speaking of the picnic, it will be covered in the next issue and it will have been held on July 16th. **Cathy Matteson** and **Ken Wolfe** are in charge of refreshments, etc. Bernie is in charge of the horse races and rumor has it, we may have some good old PA polka entertainment.

I spoke to **Tami & Bob Yeager** and was surprised to hear that Bob had been ailing for some time since their move. Tami advises Bob had a new shunt put in and is undergoing therapy daily. I know they would love to hear from their many friends, c/o 3523 Lincoln Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011. Phone # (717) 727-2178.

Tami also advised me of the passing of **Carol Showell Winterhalter**. Condolences to her family.

John Schiralli is still in rehab after suffering a broken wrist and other ailments. Good well wishes can be mailed to him, c/o 116 William Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Sorry to have to report the passing of **Paul Gay**, former PIT Mechanic in April.

Sorry also to report the passing of our good friend **Joe Pokorny, Sr.**, who joined his beloved son Joe Jr., who was killed in the line of duty as a state trooper in 2005. Our condolences to his wife **Florence "Fuzzy"** and family.

Calendar:

July 16 – Pit-Stoppers Picnic

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Our last meeting for the summer brought out 31 retirees. What a nice surprise to see **Bernie McNamee** again. **Gloria Taylor** showed up after a long absence. Good to have you both back. **Dennis O'Neal** is a shadow of his former self. He has been successfully shedding the pounds. Nice work, Dennis. You look great.

President, **Joe Brad**, opened the June 14th meeting which was Flag Day. **Marilyn Sondermann** offered the blessing before lunch. **Joe Brad** followed with the salute to the flag and another prayer remembering our fallen heroes.

After the picnic lunch buffet, Joe gave us a report on the convention. Apparently, it was very successful. Joe & Gail especially enjoyed their trip to the NASA Center and to Mayberry. They also enjoyed the airboat ride to see alligators. They praised the dinners, the magician and the band music. It sounds like a good time was had by all. He encouraged all of us to attend next year's convention in PDX.

Joe also brought back several good ideas from his meeting at the convention. We were particularly interested on his report on homeless children. We have one of the oldest zoos in the country right here in PHL so that is something we will look into.

Shirley Roberts won the 50/50 and **Karen Fox** won the free lunch.

We played 3 games of Bingo. **Karen Fox** won 2 and **Gloria Taylor** won one.

Our Flight 93 Chairman, **Frank Egges** is still asking for donations for the chapel. Make checks to: Chapel 93 Memorial and mail to **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please remember to include your name, address and file number.

Have a good summer—See you again in September.

Calendar:

September 13 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

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On **July 6**, 14 chapter members met for lunch at *Johanna's Kitchen*. We missed many of our regulars who probably were still out of town after the big national holiday – Fourth of July!

Chapter President **Clair Anderson** reminded us of next month's picnic (August 3rd) at the Sugar House Park ***Fabian Lake Pavilion*** (formerly named: Lake Terrace Pavilion), reserved from 3 PM until 8 PM. Catered dinner will be served at 5PM.

Clair also advised that we will have a raffle event, like last year's - plus, there will be a Car Show! Therefore, bring your Old Classic car(s) - the one(s) you hold hidden away at your big barn!

It is hoped that all our chapter members will find time to join us ... to reminisce about old stories in good company over delicious food.

Calendar:

August 3 - Catered Picnic, 3 PM - Fabian Lake Pavilion, Sugar House Pk., 21st S. & 15 E, SLC

September 7 - Coffee Time, 10 AM - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. & 6150 S., Murray

October 5 - Lunch, 2 PM - Golden Corral, 7200 S. & 700 E., SLC

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Blanche Niznik, retired Operations Supervisor from SEARR, has a nice blog showing some of her latest artwork. Take a look at www.blancheniznik.blogspot.com.

Twelve of our chapter members attended the RUAEA convention in Orlando. Those attending were: **Hank Gosselin** (the new RUAEA Executive VP) and **Carol Lucarelli, John & Adelaide Haferbecker, Jim & Marion Hafterson, Ted & Judy Higley, Larry & Pat Schmick**, and **Ken & Judy Storey**. **Bob Brumfield** was scheduled to attend, but had to cancel due to illness.

Others who worked in Seattle at one time in their careers and attended were **Roger & Lyn Callihan**, now residing in Tucson, **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, also now in Tucson, **Frankie Frank** of San Mateo, CA, **Bud & Lynn Hubbard** of Sedona, AZ, and **Ron & Shirley Robertson**, of Tucson. **Lyle & Joanna Myers**, formerly of our chapter and now living in Roswell, GA had planned to attend, but were unable to due to Lyle's hospitalization and pacemaker implant following a fall in his home. Lyle says he's sorry he was unable to drive to Orlando and see all his friends from around the system. He's feeling fine now and he and Joanne pass on their greetings to everyone.

The president of the Continental Airlines retiree association, **Mickey Manfre**, and his wife **Gaby** were present for the convention and hope to help RUAEA and Continental's association combine forces if the merger is successful. The Manfres are from the Denver area.

If you worked for United up through the early 1970's you probably recognize the name **Ed Langel**, who was one of the founders of the United Airlines Employee Credit Union (founded in 1935, which is why the Alliant phone number still ends with the numbers 1935). Ed was also the long-time president of the credit union. At this year's convention assisting Alliant with its information booth and program presentation was another **Ed Langel**, who turned out to be the grandson of the original Ed Langel. It's comforting to have the continuity of the Langel family's association with our credit union – even if the name has changed to Alliant. As a side note, young Ed's late father – also named Ed – was a management employee in ORD Customer Service for many years.

The convention hotel was the Rosen Centre, and at the Friendship Dinner, we were addressed by **Harris Rosen**, president and CEO of Rosen Hotels and Resorts. Mr. Rosen is involved in several philanthropic causes, including the Tangelo Park Pilot Program, in which he provides the funding for free pre-schooling for 2, 3 and 4-year olds living in the neighborhood. He also funds free vocational, community college and 4-year college education for neighborhood youth accepted at Florida public colleges. So far, he has paid the post-high school education for over 400 students. The Harris Foundation has also been active in providing food, supplies and money for the Haiti relief effort. For his own employees, he staffs his own medical clinic and funds the medical coverage for over 4,100 people. Most prescription drugs are free, the co-pay for a doctor's visit is \$5 and the co-pay for a hospital stay is \$500 (no co-pay for the birthing center). He pays for everything else. As a result, his employee turnover is only 17%, compared to 50-200% for the industry. Mr. Rosen is a most impressive individual.

The members with birthdays in August are **Phil Andersen, Erma Lucas, Louise Story, Ken Walters** and **Bob Whitworth**. Those celebrating wedding anniversaries in August are **Richard & Helen Clement** (57th), **Ed & Gay Liesse** (53rd), **Tom & Erma Lucas** (54th), **Sydney & Rita Reynolds** (54th) and **Theo & Marry Sluys** (56th).

Some members of the Seattle Men's Chorus, of which our own **Bob Brumfield** is a member, made an appearance on KING-TV, our local NBC affiliate in June. The chorus performed on the New Day Northwest

locally produced show hosted by **Margaret Larson**, who at one time was the news anchor on the Today show in New York City. Also, Bob flew to his hometown of Lewis, Kansas for the 100-year celebration of his old high school. Lewis has a population of 444 residents, and the number of attendees for the centennial celebration was greater than the town's population. Activities featured a parade, fireworks and appearances by retired teachers and school administrators.

Roxie Schubert who worked in SLCHH and SEAHH passed away July 2nd from cancer. In her retirement, Roxie had expanded on her interests in art. She is survived by her daughter **Penny Schubert Chow** at 3523 NE 192nd Place, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155 and her brother **Jack Roberts**, retired from SEARR, who lives on Vashon Island with his wife **MaryAnn**.

Calendar:

August 10 – Annual Picnic at the home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**

September 14 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

October 12 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

This correspondent is suffering from Post Convention Blues! It was such a pleasant week in Orlando and such fun to renew old friendships and make some new ones. The Rosen Hotel complex was huge and had everything to offer, shops, cafés, restaurants, pools etc.

Interestingly enough, there was another Convention taking place at the same time, the Black Police Officers Association of Florida. We enjoyed talking to their members as we walked around the hotel to our meetings. They had many static displays and vendors and they were very interested to learn about us.

We felt very secure at the hotel to know that 200 armed officers were there too! Yes, they all had a gun on their belts, even the female officers!

Back in Northern Virginia, the Dulles Loungers traveled to the Charlestown Races and Slots (West VA) on June 9th. A good time was had by all but we have not heard if there were any big winners, yet!

Many thanks to the Orlando Convention Committee for a wonderful week! Onward to Portland Oregon in 2011!

Calendar:

August 11 - 12noon at Red Lobster Restaurant, 7505 Broken Branch Lane, Manassas, VA 20109. Please RSVP to Lucy (703) 893-9030.

September 8 - 1230pm at Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas, VA 20109. No RSVP needed ... just come and join us.

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The 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games July 16 – 24, 2010 was an unbelievably huge success and fun for all. In addition to hosting the reception for parents of the athletes on July 20th, members and families of Clipped Wings® assisted with the Cessna Airlift project. We would like to thank our committee for doing a remarkable job: **Barbara Allenby Sinnott** (OAK), **Sue Schneider Dannert** (PHX), **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX), and **Pamela Pease Berding**.

Final plans are in place for our biennial convention “Grand Ole Convention”, September 22-26 in Nashville. We are anxiously counting the days in anticipation of a wonderful time together. **We** are so grateful for the leadership of **Mary K. Doherty Dana** (OCC) and **Gail Shannon Walker** (DEN) and their committee. We always look forward to this time together to renew our enthusiasm and dedication to our organization and to one another.

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We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com.

I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com.

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In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Correction: In the July 2010 Newsletter issue, the following Obit did not have a complete address:

Spouse - **Fanucchi, Fred**, on 3/20/10, husband of Edna M. Sime Fanucchi, LAXSK, 2550 S. Ellsworth Rd. #447, Mesa, AZ 85209

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Spouse - **McMahon, Ruth E.**, on 5/28/10, wife of the late Norbert J., WHQUA or ORDPH, grandmother of Kelly McMahon, 6613 Creekview Court, San Jose, CA 95120

Spouse - **Miles, Virginia**, on 6/27/10, wife of Dan (Richard) Miles, SEAOO, SEACG, 10809-B SE 172nd, Renton, WA 98055.

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Spouse - **Wanderer, Theodore (Ted)**, on 05/28/10, husband of Bonnie L. Wanderer, SFOSW, 33 Windward Dr. Danville, CA 94526

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Gay, Paul E., PITMM 04/08/10
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Ilseman, Robert E., LAXFO 04/02/10
King, Mary M., ORDSW 04/26/10
Kirchgessner, Rudolph L., SFOPI 04/13/10
Kleponis, Joseph T., SFOPP 04/04/10
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Puluole, Samuel, HNLSW 04/02/10
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LETTERS



Hi, I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

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I maintain a reunion roster for an old US Navy Patrol Squadron, VP-48. We are always actively searching for past members of the Squadron, many of whom used to fly for United Airlines.

It was suggested to me that possibly a notice could be placed in the monthly RUAEA Newsletter, that past members of Patrol Squadron 48 could contact me for more information. It would be most helpful in searching for members of the squadron that we otherwise can not locate.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

John Branstetter, 1000 Juliet Ave., White City, OR 97503

Just a note, I have been retired for 26 years (good years) and am enjoying it very much. In the past, I saw my name in several places in the newsletter. I was involved in many chapters through the San Francisco Maintenance Base. Some were through the inter-line in the bay area. I liked to be part of the festivities. Now I only read of good times.

Thank you for all the information you gather to put the paper together.

Robert England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

It was on this day in 1944 that I walked from my job with Hammond Aircraft, to join United Airlines in San Francisco. During my ensuing 45 years with United, I never once regretted that decision. We always strove to build the very best airline. Now, with the help of Continental's employees, United is poised to shine even brighter. I wish them the very best.

By the way, if any of my fellow retirees should visit the Smithsonian Air Museum in D.C., you will see the "Hammond", an all metal, twin boom pusher plane. It was the world's first of this type.

Greetings to all and my sincere thanks to our volunteers at RUAEA.

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

A big thank you to the staff at the Seattle Travel Desk for the wonderful help they gave us.

We had an enjoyable hassle free trip to New Zealand. Plus the staff on the flights was very helpful.

In the health department, we are not doing that great, but are but doing okay and still able to laugh.

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

I appreciate the informative nature of the news you present via the Internet. The RUAEA newsletter is very instrumental in keeping my wife, Dolores, and I in touch with what is happening with retirees and at United.

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

James Leek, 79 Forest Cove, Bunnell, Florida 32110

It is now my turn to tell you all how much we appreciate all the work you go to in keeping every one connected as we go our various ways after our retirement,

I have now been retired as long as I worked for UAL and the names in RUAEA are getting more and more unfamiliar with each mailing.

At the age of 86, we do not travel much except to the local hospital and the various doctors. But we are up and about as much as can be expected.

My first book was a reasonable success and the second book keeps me reasonably busy, so we have nothing to fuss about.

We wish everyone who has been with UAL happiness and well being.

Helena Kocevar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33596-9107

Thank your for providing the RUAEA Newsletter each month. It has been a great way to keep up with retired co-workers and current UAL information.

It is nearly 8 years since I retired and I still love every day of retirement. Living in Florida is great and I'm busier than ever. I decided that it would be nice to do some vacationing within the state and in April, I drove to St. Augustine for a 4 day weekend. It is a beautiful historical city with much to see, many gourmet restaurants and of course, the Fountain of Youth. I drank some of the water and hope it will work! Hopefully in 2011, I will do some traveling abroad. There are many more interesting places I would like to visit.

Art Moore, 23430 Oriole Ln., Twain Hart, CA 95383

How fortunate we retirees are to have such a great RUAEA staff to keep us old timers up date on UAL goings on. I just had my 91st birthday on May 3rd, and am in very good health, and still drive to AZ and back for my winters in AZ. All my medical Lab readings are in the normal range, so that's a big plus.

I hired in at SFOMB on 8/1/1946, & retired on May 31, 1979 (33 years). I worked 17 years as an A&P inspector & 16 years in quality control management. AND, I enjoyed all of it. The thing I do miss is all the great friends I worked with. How fortunate we retirees are to have such a great RUAEA staff to keep us old timers up to date. Thanks for all the great work you do for us.

Cliff Morton, 21627 N. 156th Ln., Sun City, AZ 85375-6615

I can't believe I have been retired for seventeen years because time has passed so fast. I moved to Sun City West in 1993 and I still believe I am enjoying every day like it is my first day of retirement. There are so many amenities here I can't name them all. There are over 250 separate clubs, metal club, woodshop, men's club (where they play a lot of cards), ladies club, etc., plus 9 golf courses, one of which is a country club, and one is a private club. There are four Rec. centers that have pools, spas and workout areas. We have a 30 lane bowling alley. I could go on and on about this place but the thing I'm trying to say is that this is a retirement paradise that very few people know about. Most new retirement areas are like a resort. I only play golf nine days a week, fly model airplanes twice a week, go to the metal club and to the woodshop, if I have project to do. As the saying goes, I'm having so much fun I don't know when I had time to work.

When we get a chance to leave paradise, we love to cruise and have been on more than a dozen. Believe it or not, we have great skiing in AZ. And of course, we have that great hole in the ground that every one likes to visit and if you like to gamble you are in gamblers paradise with free buses leaving every day.

I visit California, several times a year to see my 92 year old mother and my grand kids in the Bay Area. I see good old UAL is messing us up again, be upgrading business travelers to first class and cutting back on our ace in the hole of getting a first class seat. But we don't have to pay for 2 checked bags.

My wife and I are still in good health and even though we are in our 70's, we enjoy every day as if every day was Saturday. When we worked full time, we could hardly wait for Saturday so we could do the things we loved to do.

Milton Sank, 2204 Fountainview Dr., Monsey, NY 10952

We are proud to announce that, with the arrival of a new addition to our family, we are proud Great-Great Grand Parents, and are members of the "Over 90" club in Rockland County.

Chuck Stuller, COSOZ, 1135 Beta Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

As reported by Mrs. Fran Austin

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Michael Kennedy**, 1955 -2010. Michael, at the age of 55, passed away June 26, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. He is the son of the late **Jim Kennedy**, United Airlines Executive and Mrs. **Pat Patterson Dudley** of Mill Valley, CA. He is the grandson of the late **Pat Patterson**, founder of United Airlines. He is survived by his wife Liz, daughter Ally, and sister, Katie Kennedy. Letters of condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Pat Patterson Dudley, 12 deSilva Island Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

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The Australian Commanding Officer didn't want the "ATC civilians" housed with his "uniformed men". Hall obtained three wooden barracks for the ground crews and billeted the flight crews in Townsville's lone hotel. Shortly after Townsville "became livable", the ATC destination moved to Nadzab Field in the Markham Valley of New Guinea. Here the airfield had 3 landing strips, but no lighting facilities. The crew "living-

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"Ops-Pacific" flying required finding the ever changing destinations while avoiding islands still held by the Japanese. Landings were usually at night and often on "blacked-out" runways (due to air-raids).

Seely Hall, vice-president of United's Western Division assumed the role of Manager - ATC Ops-Pacific. When Hall and Bill Hoare, Superintendent of Maintenance, arrived in Townsville, Australia they found the ground crews living in a muddy tent-city with no lights and eating standing-up in a dirty mess-hall (see photo).

quarters" was three miles away on a hillside. It was cooler on the hillside, but the tropical rain-water poured into the tents and turned the road into "gumbo-mud".

Meat and vegetables had been available in Australia, but in New Guinea "C" rations were the "order-of-the-day". The Equatorial sun turned the often shirtless, shorts-clad ground crews as brown as the natives.

At Nadzab, Seely Hall found the crews bathing and washing their clothes in a nearby stream. Heeding their request for a washing machine, upon his return to San Francisco, he found a hand-operated washing machine. The washing machine was flown to New Guinea along with two fir trees ... just in time for Christmas. By this time the crews had moved-on to Biak, New Guinea. The day after Christmas 1944, they received orders to move to Guam (but at least they had clean clothes).

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired.
"Townsville" photo from the DENTK UAHF collection.

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