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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

On June 28th, **Hank Gosselin, Ed Tolle** and I, from RUAEA along with **Ron Jersey & Leon Scarbrough** from RUPA, **Don Popovich** from ARECA, **Barbara Vincent** from Clipped Wings, **Gary Humphries & Bill Chambers** from Golden Eagles and **Georgia Nielsen & Cicina Norton** from RAFA-CW met with Donna Towle and her staff, Mary Luzader, Penny Thomas, Karen

Kukla, Darby James from the company.

The main topic was of course the New Pass Travel Program to begin next year. Donna advised that the New Pass Travel Program will be implemented as published. No changes are expected before implementation. The company will continue to look at the program and another survey will probably happen within a year or so.

We let her know that by the company not furnishing any details regarding the new program that many retirees and for that matter, employees are very frustrated. Also the lack of information generates more rumors. She agreed that the company needs to do a better job with communications on this issue and will publish more details on Skynet. We again said that we still have not had any official response to the combined letter sent to the company on April 8th. Donna agreed to send a response to the issues in that letter. With one item, what about surviving spouses, the answer was that they will continue to have the same pass benefits that they do now at United.

Donna admitted that the company is getting much feedback from employees about the amount of vacation passes in the new program. Also the fact that CO employees and retirees will carryover banked vacation passes. The banked passes will work as they do with the current CO program ... that is one vacation pass per individual. So a family of four would need 4 passes ... with the new vacation passes, all four could fly on just one pass providing they are going to the same destination.

Any comments, concerns or questions should be directed to mypasstravel@united.com

Forwarded emails with add-ons or cut & paste type emails will be ignored and deleted. The petition campaign has had no impact what-so-ever. When sending

something to mypasstravel@united.com, be specific about comments, concerns, or questions.

There was a lot of discussion about Date of Hire vs. Years of Service ... bottom line is that this was a conscious decision not based on the survey. Nobody can recall any question in the survey that addressed this issue. With Years of Service, retirees with over 25 years of service will no longer accrue seniority. This is especially harmful to anyone that was required to retire at a certain age like pilots. To begin with Years of Service for United retirees will be calculated from date of hire to date of retirement. It was unclear if adjustments will be made in the future that consider furloughs or other time away from the job.

All United and Continental employees now have pictured ID badges. Continental retirees also have a pictured ID badge. The badges may be used to obtain discounts from various companies. The company will try to get Southwest to accept the ID badge in lieu of the current letter they request for "pass" travel. So the company is working on how best to provide these to the United retirees. More information will be forthcoming on this issue. File numbers ... apparently the only change will be that Continental employee will have new file numbers ... there will be no change to United employees or retirees file numbers.

There was discussion regarding the future of the three Travel Desks that are supported by RUAEA and RUPA. The new leadership was not aware of the Travel Desks and how they work. **Ed Tolle** and **Jack Hooper** have provided them with some historical data. Donna will discuss with Pete McDonald about the future of the Travel Desks. With Continental, there are staff travel offices in the large hubs that can help with plans and issue ZED tickets. Laura Motelet, Director of Employee Travel, is working on having all interline travel on e-ticketing. If a Continental employee/retiree calls their reservation system there is an additional charge.

The quarterly retiree data we have been receiving from the company will no longer be available. The statement was that they have been advised by Legal not to do so. They will include our application and information about RUAEA in the retirement package.

Medical Insurance was briefly discussed but with no new information.

United and Continental operate differently in almost everything. From what we gathered, the integration is not going smoothly. Co-operation between the companies is difficult. Unions are presenting problems. Service in many areas has suffered. Our concerns about the pass policy are miniscule compared to the ongoing problem of integration. It is believed the new pass policy was put in place so the company can move on to the bigger problems.

The company would like to have these meetings on

a quarterly basis with the next gathering in October, at which time we would discuss Retiree medical benefits and continue to discuss the pass travel program.

The pass travel program is one of the most emotionally charged issues since the bankruptcy. I never lack for getting emails or phone calls almost daily regarding the “new” program. A lot of the opinions and suggestions are about personal needs and wants. Many think that with the retiree organizations meeting with the company that we are negotiating, but there is no negotiating per se. Although we represent the retiree community, we have no legal standing to negotiate on their behalf. Besides our face to face meetings, there have been volumes of emails and letters sent to the company regarding the new policy. There also has been a petition sent to the company, grievances filed with no impact to date.

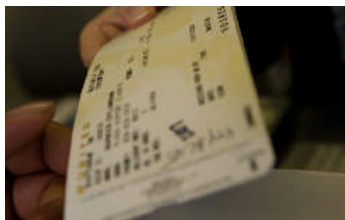
Something to consider ... although very few if any of the United retirees along with many employees are satisfied with the new program, but it could have been much worse. Many think that they will never get on an airplane under the new policy. Today there are many retirees with less than 25 years that travel as BP8A and still get on planes. Granted they are in the same boarding category as employees but then there are companions that travel as BP8Cs and they also get on planes. I would like to pass on a quote from a retiree *“I retired with 11 years 4 months seniority in ‘97” and have enjoyed my flight benefits to the fullest in the time I’ve been retired and that includes traveling all over the world with annual trips to and from China. My point is I have always gotten on a flight, maybe not always in the section I’d like to have had but always gotten on. Do I have to wait sometimes a little longer then I would like, yes that has happened, but that is just part of the process of traveling as a SA. Most of my problems (troubles getting on) have always been domestic (I have to just laugh to myself and as my son says: Suck it up) when I walk up to the new reader boards and find I’m number 36 or more on the Stand-by list but somehow I always make it to my destination. So, as you can see I’m happy and glad that I have what I’ve got and just hope that I can keep this benefit until I can no longer use them.”*

Don’t get the wrong idea that myself and the leadership of RUAEA will not strive to get as much of the United program back in place. We will continue to do whatever possible to see improvements. And also do not forget travel is not the only benefit that can be changed. Medical Insurance is in most cases much more important. We are addressing that issue as well.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA



Take advantage of fee-waived economy pass travel



As United announced in June, all subsidiary UA, CO and Continental Micronesia co-workers, retirees, early outs and eligible pass riders can pass travel fee-waived in economy

class, regardless of their years of active company service, on all US CO and UA domestic flights, including Alaska and Hawaii. Fee-waived economy travel also applies to flights within the Micronesian islands, as well as between Guam and the Micronesian islands.

The new fee-waived economy travel privileges remove the ZED service charges from the interim program that UA co-workers pay to fly on CO flights, as well as the charges CO co-workers pay for travel on UA flights in all domestic markets. UA and CO co-workers will continue to pay applicable service charges for traveling in premium classes on their respective carriers. Co-workers of each subsidiary will continue to receive a 33 percent discount on ZED fares for travel in premium classes on flights operated by the other subsidiary. Service charges for buddy passes/companion passes remain the same for flights on both subsidiaries.

United urges pass riders who have pending domestic economy reservations created before June 7 to cancel the bookings online and re-list to take advantage of fee-waived travel. The changes are part of the company’s efforts to harmonize its new pass travel program for co-workers and retirees. The full program will be effective in 2012. For more information, see the Q&A on fee-waived economy travel in the Interim Pass Travel section under Travel Tools on the Flying Together homepage.

United signs up for bio-jet fuel derived from municipal waste



On June 20th, at the Paris Air Show, United led a core group of airlines in signing a letter of intent with Solena Fuels, LLC to purchase a future supply of jet fuel produced in

Northern California and derived exclusively from municipal and agricultural waste. The project will divert approximately 550,000 metric tons of waste annually that otherwise would go to a landfill, while producing jet fuel with significantly lower emissions of greenhouse gases and local pollutants than petroleum-based fuels.

“This agreement demonstrates our commitment to a future that is environmentally sustainable, by advancing

and using environmentally responsible and cost-efficient alternative fuels,” said Environmental and Security VP Toby Enqvist.

The Solena agreement is similar to those United has signed in the past with Rentech, AltAir and Gevo. In each case, every deal has to meet United’s requirements to achieve lower emissions on a lifecycle basis, be no more expensive than conventional jet fuel, meet operational performance characteristics and achieve strict safety standards.

United expects approval from the American Society for Testing and Materials in July on the biomass-derived fuel certification, making bio-jet fuels a reality for commercial use as a 50/50 blend with conventional jet fuel.

“The project is well-positioned to provide the new United with low-carbon fuels for flights to the European Union out of San Francisco, potentially offsetting some of our cost exposure to carbon regulation in Europe,” said Global Environmental Sustainability Managing Director Jimmy Samartzis. *“This project helps achieve our environmental and operational goals, as well as address cost both from a fuel volatility and regulatory perspective.”*

For more information on United’s commitment to the environment, please visit the Eco-Skies link.

Narrowbody seat numbers now aligned



Overnight June 8th, crews installed new seat row numbers on 234 of UA’s Boeing 757 and Airbus 319 and 320 aircraft (except p.s.-configured B757s). The renumbering aligns UA and CO subsidiary fleets, which enables a more seamless experience for its customers and simplifies seat re-accommodation due to schedule or equipment changes.

United began preparation in March when it loaded the new seat map into Apollo. Since then, agents have successfully worked with customers who had questions about the seat assignments on their PNRs when booking travel for June 9 and beyond, because some row numbers will not be sequential.

In addition, *“we briefed flight attendants and prepared them for potential customer issues,”* said Onboard Service Planning Senior Staff Representative Dana Sorensen. Also, customer service representatives prepared for possible operational issues; including inadvertent use of old seat maps before the maps are decommissioned. Meanwhile, maintenance crews installed the new placards.

Tech Ops Manager Bob Loess teamed with stakeholders from Line, Base and on-call Maintenance,

Maintenance Control, Maintenance Schedule Planning and the Operations Control Center to remove the old placards on all but a handful of aircraft that were in paint or maintenance. *“The collaboration and focus paid off, with no delays attributed to the installation,”* Bob said.

Airport Operations Merchandise Loyalty Program Manager Sharon Tenuta pointed out that, *“with the support of the Automated Check-in and Day of Departure Desk teams, we were able to minimize operational disruptions.”*

Chicago Mayor, Jeff talk jobs and aviation, visit Ops Center



Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Jeff announced on June 10th, that United will locate approximately 1,300 jobs from around the system in downtown Chicago in the next 18 months, in addition to those the company publicly announced previously.

All of the approximately 1,300 Chicago positions are built into United’s divisions’ organization plans as part of the integration planning. United has already notified many co-workers whose positions are moving to Chicago. Others are dependent upon the completion of the talent selection process, and the company expects that there will be few instances where management and administrative roles not currently earmarked for Chicago will be located in Chicago.

This will bring the total number of co-workers in downtown Chicago to just over 4,000 when the moves are complete. As United has said previously, it plans to continue to maintain a significant presence in Houston, as well. Mayor Emanuel also announced that he and Jeff discussed hosting a meeting of international aviation experts in Chicago within the next three months to discuss how to make the city more economically competitive.

Flight attendants vote to be represented by AFA



The National Mediation Board announced on June 29th, that United’s flight attendants have elected the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) to represent them. More than 21,000 UA, CO and CO-Micronesia co-workers took part in the voting. The final tally was 11,942 for AFA and 9,745 for International Association of Machinists (IAM).

"This is another important step forward in our integration process," said Inflight Services SVP Sam Risoli. "We will continue to focus on reaching combined agreements for our flight attendants, and we look forward to a constructive working relationship with the Association of Flight Attendants."

View new TV ads on Brand Center site



As a part of the 2011 interim advertising campaign, United has begun airing new TV ads

in its top eight U.S. hub markets. Check them out online at the United Brand Center site.

The TV ads, and the entire campaign, are designed to introduce the new United name and visual identity. One uses a time-lapse video of the painting of one of United's Boeing 777s in the new livery. A series of baseball-themed ads highlight United's sponsorship of five Major League Baseball teams — the Chicago Cubs and White Sox, Houston Astros, Cleveland Indians and Los Angeles Dodgers — and reinforce the fact that United flies the teams. And another highlights United's PGA TOUR sponsorship. All of the ads are set to the iconic and familiar "Rhapsody in Blue" music.

Visit Helpful Links on the left side of the Flying Together homepage and select United Brand Center. On the Brand Center homepage, choose the Advertising tab to view the ads.

UA orders winglets for 767-300ERs



To continue to reduce fuel burn, United has ordered winglets for UA Boeing 767-300ER aircraft. Aviation Partners Boeing (APB) announced the order at the Paris Air Show.

"The installation of winglets on our aircraft improves the fuel efficiency of our fleet and also reduces our greenhouse gas emissions," said Fuel Efficiency Managing Director Joel Booth. *"Fuel is our largest, most volatile expense, and winglets help offset rising fuel costs."*

United plans to begin installing winglets on the UA B767-300ERs early next year. Winglets on the B767-300ERs can extend the range of the aircraft or increase the payload of the aircraft.

United currently has winglets on B737-500s, -700s, -800s, -900s, -900ERs, and on its B757-200s and -300s. The Airbus aircrafts feature wingtip fences that also help increase fuel efficiency.

Boarding process tests continue at IAH and ORD



United is currently testing various boarding processes at IAH and ORD to determine the best way to board in zones moving forward. With differences in boarding times, Economy Plus and bin sizes, there are a

number of factors playing a role in United's overall decision making.

Based on customer and co-worker feedback, United decided to simplify its boarding process and boarding announcements. UA flights returned to boarding by zones, while CO flights will continue to board rear-to-front for the time being. The Information Technology department has found a way for Shares to support zone boarding, which will allow CO to board in zones in the near future.

United has not, however, made a final decision on the long-term zone boarding process.

"We saw a substantial increase in the number of UA delays after we rolled out the aligned boarding process on May 11 and believe these recent changes will make it easier for our gate co-workers to better serve our customers," Airport Operations and Cargo Sr. VP Scott Dolan said.

According to comments on a number of social media outlets, such as FlyerTalk, Facebook, Twitter and other travel blogs, customers seem to be happy with United's latest decision.

"It's always nice to see when United responds to customer and employee prompting," said Matt D. on the Live and Let's Fly travel blog on upgrd.com.

United focused on root cause of routing failure



A network connectivity issue at the Operations Center's Data Center on June 17th, significantly impacted UA operations, causing about 30 cancellations and more than 400 delays through the weekend. Many co-workers at both companies worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to resolve the issues and restore stability to the more than 40 applications affected by the outage (see the story posted on Flying Together and an email from COO Pete McDonald for more details).

"What is most important is that we are learning from this experience and improving our operation to prevent a recurrence," said Chief Information Officer Bob Edwards. *"The technology team will dig deep into*

understanding the root cause of the routing failure that prevented our stations from communicating with critical systems. We will make architectural changes if we determine those will help prevent this from happening again and will continue to focus on our incident management procedures.”

CO, UA now co-located in 43 airports

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United's gates and ticket counters are now co-located in Indianapolis (IND), bringing to 43 the number of airports where its two subsidiaries are positioned side-by-side.

The transition went very smoothly, said General Manager Ophelia Caldwell-Dames, and customer feedback was very positive. *“They were delighted we had finally moved together,”* she said. She thanked IT, Corporate Real Estate and co-workers for making the change virtually seamless. Four to six more domestic stations are scheduled for at least partial co-location before the end of June.

In addition to the airport co-locations, United continues to bring city offices together in places where CO and UA previously had separate operations, including Frankfurt (FRA), Germany, and Zurich (ZRH), Switzerland, most recently.

New Stuttgart service proving successful after smooth startup



Customer reaction to United's new EWR-Stuttgart (STR), Germany, service has been very positive, and United's new station overcame a relatively short start-up schedule with exceptional cross-divisional cooperation and support from the airport and service partners. Bookings, including those for BusinessFirst, are *“in line with our expectations,”* said Sales Regional Director Thorsten Lettnin. Since the launch of EWR-STR Boeing 757 service on June 9, he added, *“we have had corporate travel managers calling our sales managers to thank us for putting this route into service.”*

Airport Operations Regional Managing Director-Europe Jill Eshbaugh said great collaboration among teams of co-workers from many divisions and departments made the station opening *“one of the smoothest we've had.”* STR airport officials and the airport community, United's service partners, and the leadership of Station Manager Andrea Kuchenbuch-Schipper all contributed to the successful launch.

Firms based in Stuttgart include Daimler, Porsche and Bosch.

United is promoting the new United in Ireland, Northern Ireland



Transatlantic, Middle East & India Sales VP Charles Duncan joined United's Irish Sales team for a series of events in Ireland and Northern Ireland recently to promote the new United to customers, travel agents, government officials and the media.

In Belfast, Charles met with Bombardier, CO's largest corporate account in Northern Ireland, government and airport officials, trade professionals and the US Consul General. In Dublin, Charles and U.K. & Ireland Managing Director Bob Schumacher co-hosted the annual Travel Agency Advisory Bureau luncheon, attended by 15 of United's top travel trade partners with combined revenue of close to 15 million Euros.

“CO's close relationship with local business partners is founded on our commitment to providing year-round service from three airports in the island of Ireland,” said Ireland & Northern Ireland Sales Regional Manager Yvonne Muldoon. *“Our business customers are delighted with our newly enhanced BusinessFirst product; the flat-bed seat differentiates us from the competition.”*

More than 600 U.S. companies have operations in Ireland, with 20 more planning to start operations. CO operates non-stop flights from EWR to Dublin (DUB) twice daily, Shannon (SNN) 11 times weekly and Belfast (BFS) daily.

United builds its brand in Scandinavia



United's Sales team recently concluded a month-long sales blitz in Oslo, Norway; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Stockholm, Sweden, focused on building United's presence in the market. The team visited approximately 1,500 travel agents in each Scandinavian country, touting our New York area service. More than 100 travel agents from travel management companies and major travel agencies attended each event during United's *“Scandinavia Travel Agent Appreciation Month.”*

Europe, Middle East, Africa and India Marketing

Regional Director Shaul Shambico and Sales Regional Director Northern Europe Lucas Geerts thanked the travel agents for their nonstop support of United. In addition, United showed its appreciation with entertainment provided by a group from New York City that put on a "Late Show"-style show at each event to promote the company and our nonstop service to New York.

United operates daily Boeing 757-200 service between EWR and Oslo (OSL), Copenhagen (CPH) and Stockholm (ARN).

United battles weather and more volcanic ash, misses on-time goals



Challenging spring weather continued into summer, with violent thunderstorms in DEN and ORD and United's East Coast hubs and extreme heat in IAH in June.

United also faced a double ash threat with erupting volcanoes in South America and Africa affecting routes across several continents.

During the month, United had four severe weather days, when the company canceled or delayed 10 percent or more of its flights due to weather or ATC conditions.

Co-workers worked hard through these difficulties and a system outage. United did not achieve its domestic or international on-time Arrival :14 (A :14) goals in June, after earning a \$50 payout for meeting its international goal in May.

For the month of June, United's preliminary Arrival :14 (A :14) on-time percentage for U.S. domestic was 74.8 percent and for international was 76.7 percent. The company's On-Time Bonus Program goal for both measurements is 80 percent.

Convention Correspondents' Meeting Minutes



Did You Know ... that the 0700 – that's 0700 – breakfast for the RUAEA Chapter Correspondents was very well attended. We were all welcomed by Newsletter Managers **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**; Executive VP

Hank Gosselin and Membership Manager **Virgil Gooselaw** and, Letters Editor and Proof Reader **Martha Gooselaw**. Each chapter representative introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their chapter group, including number of members and where and when they meet. There are chapters big and small and all are fun-loving groups of fellow retirees. As each

correspondent spoke, I tried to list some of the clever ideas that different chapters use to make their meetings fun and informative too! Many thanks to all of you for sharing these ideas with the group. Apologies in advance for any ideas I missed or misunderstood below. I was writing as fast as I could!

Membership:

- ☑ Put a "want ad" in the local newspaper with meeting dates, time & location to solicit those new to the area or recently retired who just don't know what they're missing.
- ☑ Consider evening activities for potential members that have "day jobs".
- ☑ Change of Pace - Have Breakfast vs Lunch (or vice versa)

Meetings:

- ☑ Special Ladies Lunch ... OK ... Special Guys Lunch
- ☑ Guest Speakers (Social Security, Medicare, Hospice, local hospital, charities)
- ☑ Book and Magazine Exchange
- ☑ **NEWS – TRIPS – GET WELL WISHES** - Sheet to pass during meeting
- ☑ Email detailed (and sometimes personal) meeting minutes to all members and then use a shortened but informative version for the RUAEA Newsletter monthly article.

Out Reach:

- ☑ Help local airport with Fantasy Flight
- ☑ Military Care Packages (it was reported the guys *love* hot sauce, silly string, books, magazines, phone cards, hand sanitizers, Tasty Kakes & Entenmanns to name a few)
- ☑ Collect items for a local children's home. They will be happy to give you a "needs" list.

Fundraising:

- ☑ One "very clever" chapter, with approval from local management, put up a table of books at the airport with a sign that read, "**Let Us Sell You YOUR Book Back**"!
- ☑ One has a 25cent "*Forgot your Badge?*" fee. Another has a Canister for the Charity Fund.
- ☑ Silent Auctions and Gift Raffles. The winner brings an item for next month

Did You Know ... That of the more than 7800 active paid up members of RUAEA, 6500+ of those have the Newsletter snail-mailed each month and about 1300 use the internet. The internet recipients get the "News" almost 3 weeks before the rest of us. MMMmmm

Did You Know ... I appreciate having the opportunity to, once again, share a bit of information with all of you. Cheers to many more years of fun!

Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Correspondent
Real McCoys Chapter, Orlando

Seniority List

It has been a year since I last appealed for listings in the RUAEA newsletter for the Seniority List. Many new members have signed up for the newsletter and it is to those people that this note is primarily directed to.

Listing is very easy and there is **no charge**. Simply send me your name, address and **date of hire** and that's it. However, if a printout of the list is desired, there is a charge of \$3.50.

Whenever the \$3.50 charge is brought up, it recalls me to a question I asked the Manager of the SFO Cafeteria a number of years ago, "*How do you make money when you charge 10 cents for a cup of coffee*"? His reply was "*I lose money on every cup, but make up for it on the volume*". I work on the same principle and as long as I break even, I am happy. But if another postal increase happens, I will be in trouble.

I can be reached on the computer at WAShattock@comcast.net or by US mail to W.A. Shattock at 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Anniversary Service



Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA, will hold an anniversary service on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The service will begin at approximately 0900 with the Star Spangled Banner and the raising of the American flag. At 1004, the names of the Heroes of Flight 93 will be read and a solemn pontifical Memorial Mass, officiated by Bishop Alphonse Mascherino, D.D. will follow at 1030.

Following the Mass, there will be an intermission for refreshments and lunch. When the United flight attendants and retirees who attended the Impact Site ceremony arrive, ceremonies will resume at noon.

Reserved seating will be available for United flight attendants, retirees and the North Star Kids. Remaining seats will be open to the public.

The afternoon ceremonies will start with a welcome and prayer and introduction of the guest speaker. There will be a tribute concert by the North Star Kids. The anniversary service will conclude with remarks by Bishop Mascherino.

To make a donation to the chapel, make a check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.



Meeting Al Kaiser, in the capacity as one of his caretakers, brought to vivid life the writings of Tom Brokaw, the NBC anchor, who wrote "*The Greatest Generation*." Al is well respected as a former top negotiator for United Airlines at the time of its most prolific growth, the years right after the Second World War. Because of his interpersonal skills, and the values and attitudes, so well articulated by Brokaw as representative of his generation of Americans, Al was voted to be the representative for all airlines in their dealings with municipal, state and federal institutions.

Al is 98 years young now, and in remarkably good mental, emotional and physical health in Vineyard, a suburb of the state capital, Sacramento, California. His intellectual and social acuity is immediately experienced upon first meeting: He looks at you directly with a gaze that appraises and considers attentively, functions extremely well-honed after decades of negotiation at United. Something indefinable begins to take shape in your mind regarding Al after time spent with him: A sense of integrity, a rather strict correspondence between what he thinks, feels and says and what he does. You can trust this man. He is honest, straightforward, and he is a people person. Unusual in this age, Al is other oriented and centered. There is no other way he would have been so good at what he did - earning his daily bread - but by taking a proactive part in understanding others first, so that he could find a way to satisfy all concerned in the negotiating dynamic. Being with others, we all understand that complete individual satisfaction may not be attained, but a group consensus that is fair minded, and above board is nearly always possible. It takes work, Al was never afraid of work, in fact it has provided breadth and depth to his being; and it takes "smarts," or, perhaps more accurately stated, it takes an attitude of active listening, and wanting to find mutual solutions. Like a person of his generation might be heard to say, "*You have got to give respect before you receive it.*" That's the way Al comes across, as he puts his full attention to you: that you are worthwhile, and that you deserve being listened to.

Isn't this what Brokaw was referring to, these values and attitudes that made this generation so unique and successful? The perspective that we're all in this together, that we have a common purpose, that each of us has value; and to achieve the understanding, that first, and, "*above all, responsibility for oneself*" is the key principle. Al apparently learned the lesson early in life.

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Being the second oldest child, and oldest male in a Kansas family, his father was a pastor, a man who had turned to taking care of others after initially being a farmer. Al graduated from Wichita State before attending law school at the University of Kansas, at Lawrence, about a year before war broke out for America. Times were tough for a just graduated attorney. His first good paying job came as a result of a return meeting with one of his professors, who thought, of all the law graduates, Al had the best chance of succeeding as a counselor. But the job he obtained was for the Federal Farm Security Administration, where typically he had to negotiate fair settlements with farmers whose cows had broken through fences and been struck by a locomotive. Al had to find a fair price by reading the local paper on the price of cattle. He brought facts to the table. That and his honest approach to people made his tenure at this employment successful.

Another tip by a friend led to his employment with United, not as an attorney, but as a manager of the ticket counter at the Chicago airport, a position he kept for about two years. Then, for six months, he went to the United Airlines school for management training, at the end of which time, his supervisor told Al that he was better at his job than he was. Then, Al was cast into the position of competing with other airlines to secure city airports for United's passenger business. Now, these were the "Wild West" times of opening airports in various cities, and Al, through his fair handed approach, was voted to be the representative of all airlines in negotiating with the government entities. By Al's own account, a few of the other airlines were not acting in the interest of all, but only themselves. This behavior, he explained in his usual matter-of-fact and reasonable way, was not conducive to any one airline's interest, much less to them all, and would only cause confusion for all involved. I wish you could hear exactly how Al describes these encounters, since his demeanor and even voiced explanations of what rational, productive behavior would produce, would affect you as it did the representatives of most of the other airlines. That's why Al was selected by them to act as the one voice to interface with the government agencies. Again, that trust factor, that transparent and intelligent voice of reasonable analysis and probable predicted beneficial outcome for all involved, would sway you today as it did for those airline representatives and government spokesmen of yesteryear. Even after retirement, Al was one of the founders and the first president of the Sacramento Gold Diggers, the local branch of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association.

At his retirement in 1978, United Airlines' top negotiators flew in from all parts of the America to pay homage to a peer who had distinguished himself in their profession. As it happened, snowstorms kept many of

them at airports, but they stayed there until the weather cleared, then continued on for the commemoration of Al's retirement, because they had formed personal relationships with Al and they would not miss saying goodbye. "*The Greatest Generation*" lives on in the person of Alfred Kaiser. We can learn from him what it really means to be an American. If you give him a call, and he's open to it, you might be reminded about the values and attitudes - that perspective and state of mind- that made us a great nation, and why it's still possible to be the best we can be. Al has always seen it in you. Maybe that's what makes him so special.

Al Kaiser, (916) 681-7157.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA

GULF COAST CHAPTER



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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met Thursday, June 23rd in the lovely home of **Park & Billie Learned** in Foley, AL. Due to lots of vacations, only 13 of us attended. Attendees were: **Bill Hayden, Conrad Hamilton, Rick & Carol Herrick, Sandi Noll, Jeanne & Norm Reinohl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Harold Stofko, and Park & Billie Learned.** We had BBQ from L.A. (Lower Alabama) BBQ Restaurant. We had BBQ Ribs, Chicken, Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans. **Billie Learned** made a delicious cake called "Pig Picking Cake" and **Yvonne Schwartz** made a tray of assorted cookies for dessert. After we were all so full we could hardly waddle outside, we went to the **Learned's** blueberry bushes. They have about 15 bushes and they were loaded with big, juicy blueberries! We all picked until we could no longer stand the almost 100 degree temperature and very high humidity. (You have to love this type of weather if you live in Alabama!)

We all went back inside to cool off and have a cool drink and then said good-bye to each other. We are all looking forward to our next month's meeting which will be back at the Cubi Bar Café in Pensacola, FL on July 26th at 11:30 AM.

No business meeting was held this day. The minutes and financial report were emailed out to all members. As we all sat around talking, of course, the UA/CO merger was the main topic!

We all had such a great time and enjoyed a much more relaxed meeting place where we could sit and visit with one another with no time constraint. We thank **Park & Billie** for sharing their home with us.

We welcome visitors to our meetings, so if you are ever down on the Gulf Coast at this time, please give us a call and come join us!

Calendar:

August 23 - 11:30 AM – This is the 1st Anniversary of us becoming a part of RUAEA as a chapter.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month in Cubi Bar Café's West Pac Room in the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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The June 2011 meeting of the "Sweet Home Alabama" chapter of RUAEA was held at The Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer. This is one of our favorite meetings places because of the great food plus the historic nature of the restaurant. In business for over 100 years, the owners have carefully preserved ceiling fans, tile floors, mirrored/marbled walls and murals painted by a European artist traveling through Bessemer. Anyone visiting the Birmingham area should put the Bright Star on their itinerary list.

We were extremely happy to have guests at our meeting. **Edna Mann Aronson** brought her sister and **Judy Slover** brought her good friend **Kim Venable**. It was great to re-connect with some members that have been unable to attend our meetings this year. Hopefully, we have illness and bad weather behind us for awhile.

The members in attendance once again had a discussion about when and where we should hold our meetings. This subject will be discussed again at the next meeting. **Hank & Gay Fowler** have graciously offered their beautiful home in Columbiana for our September meeting. Our meeting there last November was a huge success and we are looking forward to having another great one. The drawing was won by **Jean Cox**.

This summer, we will be concentrating on increasing our membership. Readers, if you know any retirees living in central or northern Alabama, ask them if they are a member of our group. If they are not, tell them to contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or by email at judyslover@mindspring.com. We love new members and guests.

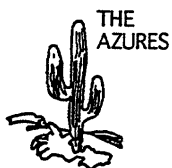
Calendar:

August 8 - Meeting – The Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer at 11:30AM

ARIZONA

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Hot, hot, hot in Arizona ... (pant, pant, pant). Back to the one hundred and teens which is typical of July and August in AZ. That, and the monsoons, makes it

pretty unbearable, so that is why I'm reporting from Huntley, IL, for the month of July or until Vic wants to get home and check on things ... especially since PHX had that "scary" wind storm the other day. Our friends and neighbors watch the house with a "neighborhood watch", so we feel kind of safe.

Vic and I "shocked" the breakfast group on June 21 at Coco's in Sun City West by joining them for a light breakfast. We usually don't attend due to any number of reasons. **Olive Crowthers** reported that John is "holding his own" and we're sure he is in good hands with Olive watching over him. Olive has turned the "sheriff" job back to the Azures, so if any one is interested in taking over those duties, please contact me. To refresh everyone's memory ... without a badge at any Azures event, you pay 25 cents (of course, with inflation, we might have to start charging a little more ... just kidding). There were only 9 in attendance at breakfast including Vic and myself, so I guess most members are staying close to home because of the hot weather. We missed our "regulars", Sherry and Susie, since they were out of town. Saw **Jean Kerman, Sonny & Barbara Carns, Tim Everhart, Olive Crowthers, and Jim & Marlene Bechtold**.

On to Chicago July 1, 0600 trip for our grandson's birthday parties and July 4 fireworks in Palatine (on the 3rd). Also, saw the parade on July 2 in Palatine since the kids were riding old bikes from a local bike club. Besides for **Connie Russo's** ORDCS lunch at TGI Fridays in Schaumburg, we lunched with the Chicago group on July 18 for the annual picnic/luau at Chandler's in Schaumburg. Many EXO (I'm dating myself)/ORD retirees attended including some of our CS and MM co-workers/retirees. Now ... enough of us.

It was very sad hearing the news that **Jim & Marlene Bechtold's** daughter passed away from a very short bout with cancer. Our prayers are with the Bechtold family for their loss. Cards and prayers are appreciated. The Bechtolds, 14321 West Heritage Road, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Waiting to hear about **Vivian Klick's** daughter's wedding in California since Viv won't be coming back to Arizona until August 5. Viv got another dress ... black and white, not the blue floral we reported on. You know the "mother-of-the-bride" must look her best.

I cannot forget to give an "honorable mention" to the **Barrys, Dave & Rose**, for winning the Pebblecreek Wii Bowling competition. They, then, had to have the Wii Bowling team party at their house because of the win. Congratulations!

The Azures board of directors is planning to send a survey to the members asking for their input on venues and activities for the 2011/12 season. We have lost many good members because of various reasons, i.e. age, health, disinterest, venues, United benefits disap-

pointments, etc. We are going to establish a “car pool” for those that find it too far or expensive to drive. And, we will have new restaurants and activities to, hopefully, “spark” more interest. With the members’ cooperation, we will have more in attendance at our get-togethers.

Calendar:

Coco’s breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

August 2

August 16

August 30

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We hope everyone is enjoying themselves this summer and being able to get together with family and friends at various celebrations such as reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, picnics, etc. It seems like summer goes by so fast, and before long, school will be starting, and that means, the end of summer. We all try and cram as many things in as possible.

Our Chapter continues to meet the first Friday of each month for breakfast, all summer long. If you’re available that morning, come and join us. We’re open to anyone who has worked or retired from either United Airlines or Continental Airlines, and is of retirement age (55 or more). You’re welcome to bring a guest at any time. We meet at 9:00 a.m. at Crackers, located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact our VP, **Peg Snowdall**, with your reservations at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net, she will be happy to add your name to the list. You’ll find our group very friendly and nice.

At our last breakfast, we had 18 people in attendance, with three guests. **Rita Zarek** brought her granddaughter, **Taylor Zarek**, and Taylor’s friend, **Grant Roach**, plus **Adriana Michael** was there. She’s from Continental Airlines and is joining our chapter. She worked at LAS, IAH, and PHX. Her husband’s name is **Robert**. Welcome! We’re happy to have you with us. At the meeting, **Fred Rockenhauser** gave a report on the RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon and discussed the upcoming convention in October 2012 in Washington D. C.

Our President, **Jim Brigante**, recently had extensive back surgery, and is now at an acute care facility in Scottsdale, which specializes in getting patients back to

mobility. We’re thinking about you, **Jim**, and hope your recovery will go well! Cards can be sent to his home at 8700 E. Mountain View Rd, #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

Also, one of our members, **Julia Sapelak**, recently had brain surgery and is undergoing treatment. She moved to Michigan to be closer to family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Another reminder to continue collecting items for the Fantasy Flight, such as bears, Barbie dolls, small individual blankets, socks, gloves, etc. Also, new or used hardback or paperback books are needed for the book sale in October. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, she will be happy to help you.

The following have Birthdays in August: **Cecilia Nolasco** (8/10), **Pat Nicholaisen** (8/11), **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!

We have four couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in August. They are: **JoAnne & John Gaudio** (8/11), **Judy & Ted Higley** (8/18), **Marilyn & Keith Morey** (8/18 – 60 years!), and **Pam & Gary Gerstung** (8/25). Congratulations!

Calendar:

August 26 – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Ave), starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by July 20, if you’re planning on attending. Her number is (480)-396-3317, or e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

September 23 – Breakfast at Crackers

October – TBA, luncheon hosted by **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier**



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The hot weather is starting to show itself now that June has arrived. Several days in the hundreds have already been recorded and more higher temps to follow. We are now looking forward to the Monsoon’s which should be here by the end of the month or the first part of July. Wild fires are the big news item and although no one is threatened in the Tucson area, **Gordon & Dora Starr** have been on edge waiting to see if their Nutrioso home in the White Mountain area would survive the record-breaking “wallow” fire, which has been raging for weeks. Containment appears to be increas-

ingly improving and it looks like they will be able to go back to their summer home soon.

Our June luncheon was held on the 16th of the month and was attended by 19 members and one guest. We met at the Thunder Canyon Brewery in the Foothill Mall and our hosts for this event were **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**. This has always been a favorite place to meet. Thank you for arranging this fine outing, guys.

I'd be remiss if I did not mention our guest Alexius, who is 7 years old and going on 8 soon. She is the granddaughter of **Sharon & Chuck Cole**. Smartest young person I've seen in awhile.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Loretta Norman**.

Bill & Bonnie Royle were on the scene and Bill said he feels much better, having missed the Portland Convention as a result of an illness. **Hank Dykhuis** has responded very well after his fall and resulting fracture on his right kneecap.

Our July luncheon will be held at Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant and will be hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**. They will need a head count by July 18th. Phone number is 825 7370.

Calendar:

July 21 - Luncheon at Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant on Oracle Rd. near Rudasill

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Our Chapter met at **Bob & Marcia Stanger**'s home on June 15th. There were 19 of us that enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Bob and we sat on their patio along with the beautiful weather.

President **Marcia Stanger** called our meeting to order and immediately turned it over to **John Stilwell**. He attended the Correspondents meeting, in my place, and informed us of all the news. There were 22 attendees that discussed the activities of their chapters. John wrote in detail about each chapter's members and their plans during the year. Just a few interesting facts, one was from SFO where they have 335 members and of that total, 125 attend meetings. Since I retired from SFOMB, I was surprised that there were not more members since there were quite a few employees living in the area. John heard that they are not getting new members, as many of the chapters experience.

John discussed the new pass policy, the more infor-

mation becomes available, it seems, we will no longer operate as UAL has in the past, but will be run by CO as they want. I'm wondering if UAL had any representative attending the merger meetings and looking out for the UAL retirees and employees benefits.

I asked **John Stilwell** how he was able to get to PDX. I was watching the loads from LAX, SFO, and ORD en route to PDX and every day, the flights went out full. He told me that he was able to get a seat on Southwest round trip as many of the other retirees did. It was almost impossible to fly by UAL. **Bob & Marcia Stanger** also attended the Convention, but they drove the 700 plus miles (one-way) and really seemed to enjoy it. The good news is that the 2012 convention will be on October 3 in Washington D.C. When I first joined the Central Coasters, I asked those in the know, why Memorial Day weekend was selected. The answer I got is that hotel rates were cheaper. That didn't seem to make sense, but now someone decided that October was when kids were in school and just before the holiday vacations. Congratulations to the planners of the conventions who made this change for the best.

John did say that an invitation was sent out to all Continental retirees to attend the Convention and all two of them showed up. No executive from UAL or CO attended. Was this ever the case when we were all UAL? Is this an indication of what we are to look forward to? **Nina Powers** is traveling the Far East as I write this. She has seen the hand writing on the wall.

On other news, **Dana Noyes** said that **Bill** has recovered from his surgery but he will have to have 5 weeks of radiation. Our good wishes and prayers go out to both of them for successful treatments.

At the conclusion of our meeting, **Marcia Stanger** handed out two roses to the women as they left. This seems to be her trademark when she does the hosting.

Calendar:

August 17 - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 19 - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

December 14 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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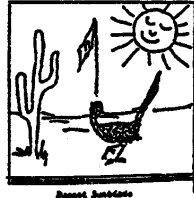
Don Nessling hosted the Brazen Raisins; June 2011 meeting at a new restaurant. We had met at a Carrows restaurant on Shaw Avenue in Fresno for about a year; the Shaw Carrows folded; our previous restaurant Pacific Seafood, had also folded. Is the Brazen Raisins a jinx?

President **Dick Hayes** said that fuel for airplanes is now the biggest expense for airlines, he also read an article regarding the air traffic controllers' mishaps (not only sleeping!); he also read a couple of odd-ball jokes from a magazine.

Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** gave an update on **Donna Nessling**, she is bedridden, has nursing help, and a daughter and niece also assist.

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Forty Desert Sunbirds and guests braved triple-digit temperatures to attend our June Luncheon at Nicolino's in Palm Springs. Thanks to our hosts, **Marge Lenz** and **Ken Hawley**, all attendees enjoyed selections from the menu, including Chicken Piccata, Filet of Sole, and Prime Rib.

Bill & Donna Eads, who recently moved to Mesquite, were in town and attended the luncheon. Bill, who was our regular "joke teller", didn't miss a beat, and entertained us with another funny story. Guests included **James Chavez**, guest of **Louie Horvath**; **Nancy Hesketh** (all the way from Australia), guest of **Al Beuchel**; and **Barbara Green**, with **Sandy Sereno**.

Nice to see **Claire Staples** and her sister **Lou**, who we get to see only 3 or 4 times a year. Congratulations to Lou, who celebrated her 90th birthday in April. Way to go, girl!

Dede Utzinger, our resident wanderlust, was in town long enough to attend this luncheon, but was soon after on her way to Hawaii for her annual visit. Then off to? We'll probably next see her next at the Christmas Luncheon.

Short health report this month ~ **Maureen Williams** was in attendance, having gotten rid of the shingles. But now, **Al Pennington** has, you guessed it - the shingles!

The birthday lunch was won by **Mark Kaplan**; and **Sandy Sereno** won \$65.00 in the 50-50 drawing. Her number was picked by her guest, **Barbara Green**. Now, how did you do that, Sandy? Is there anything you want to tell us?

More Student Bloopers:

- ☺ *In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing.*

- ☺ *Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery, King Harold mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings, and Joan of Arc was cannonized by Bernard Shaw. Finally, Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.*

Calendar:

August 10 – Meeting hosted by **Melinda & Ron Lerg**



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on June 29 at "The Ridge" restaurant in Auburn. This was hosted by **Velma Stough**. We had 50 Gold Diggers and no guests. Our Chapter President was not here so our Vice President, **Orville Harshbarger** welcomed those attending and thanked Velma for hosting.

Officer's Reports:

VP Orville Harshbarger – Our July luncheon will be at the Lake of the Pines clubhouse hosted by the **Sandstedts**. August luncheon at Alta Vista Country Club in Grass Valley.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for May: Those 50 years and over: **Terry & Penny Greenacre** – 49 years. She also read the anniversaries for June: **Rolf & Margaret Kramer** – 54 years. **Bob Eggert** led us in the celebration song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** – **Dale "Dutch" Kruckenburg** passed away in his sleep on June 24, 2011. Dutch worked as a foreman at SFOOV/SFOOW for many years. A memorial service is planned for July 23. Information as to where and what time will be announced at a later time.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** – He talked about the United Airlines "Maintenance Get-Together on August 25, 26 and 27, 2011 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. There will be a BBQ held in the RV Park on Thursday at 4 pm. \$5/person, bring your own drinks. There will be a buffet lunch held at the Carson Valley Inn on Friday from 11 am to 2 pm. \$22.00/person, RSVP by August 1st. Any info, please contact **Jack Raynor**, raynor-news@softcom.net, (209) 745-8639 or **Larry Nagley**, nagley@charter.net, (775) 267-0051.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** – He talked about how great the convention was in Portland last May. Also recapped the meeting the group had with Donna

Towle in Chicago. The new pass travel program will be implemented as published. A lot of discussion regarding date of hire vs. years of service. The group consisted of **Hank, Ed and Ron** along with **Ron Jersey** and **Leon Scarbrough** from RUPA, **Don Popovich** from ARECA, **Barbara Vincent** from Clipped Wings, **Gary Humphries** and **Bill Chambers** from Golden Eagles and **Georgia Nielsen** and **Cicina Norton** from RAFA-CW, Donna Towle and her staff from the company.

Calendar:

July 27 - Lake of the Pines Clubhouse

August 24 - Hosted by the **Sinclairs**

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RETIREES

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Our June luncheon was held on the 9th at the Quail Inn at Oakmont. We had 41 members and guests enjoy a great buffet on a very beautiful day. After all the rain last week, we finally enjoyed a day full of sunshine. The hills and golf course were just so green.

Joanne Huhn, our President, welcomed our guests and members and thanked our hosts **George & Lois Schwind**. They were assisted by **Margi & Matty Matchinegg**.

Joanne asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Jane Mead**, who passed away on April 5th. Joanne had received a letter from **Mel**. Jane & Mel were long time members of the Redwood Empire Retirees. Everyone had such nice memories of Jane. **Patrick Cadden** remembered Jane as being a very gracious and interesting lady. Jane was a veteran of WWII and had received a Purple Heart. Mel has moved to Colorado to be with family. His address is Mel Grow, 1001 Oswego St., Apt # 206, Parker, CO. 80134.

Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced our guests: **Trudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Lee Trevelyn** and **Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Clare & Barney Hagen**; **Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**. It was good to see Ted & Trudy back to our luncheons.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** gave us our tally for the month and it's looking pretty good. There were no changes to the May Minutes.

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** is away this month, her sister is ill. We all wish her the very best. I sat in and tried to fill her shoes. The birthdays for the month are **Pat Beery**, **Howard Payne**, **Doug Saunders**, **Marie Southon**, **Joan Chambers** and **Judy DeFord**. The winner of the birthday lunch was **Joan Chambers**. We had three anniversaries this month, **Charlie & Bernice**

Anderson (39 years), **Barney & Clare Hagen** (46 years) and last but not least, **Lee & Pat Beery** celebrated 60 years on June 12th. Joanne presented Lee & Pat with a bottle of champagne and Barney took an extra special picture to celebrate the occasion.

Matt Stilman is home after a few trips back and forth to the hospital. Matt is still not feeling very well. He appreciates all the cards & wants to thank everyone.

Joanne welcomed **Gussie Medeiros**. Gussie has been a member for awhile, but this luncheon was the first one she could attend. Gussie started with UAL in HNL, and then transferred to the Ticket Office in SFO. Gussie worked in Sales and also at the Airport. Gussie worked with **Pat Leahy**, **Oscar Chambers** and **Patrick Cadden**, who she remembers as being a "big flirt." Hopefully, this will be the first of many luncheons.

Oscar Chambers and **Roger Casterline** reported on the Portland Convention. There were a few more people attending than last year in Orlando. The next one will be held in IAD in early October 2012. It will be 5 days and only 1 banquet dinner. RUAEA is hoping it will bring more attendees. It will be at the Hyatt Regency and the room rate is still \$99.00. Everyone has such a nice time and the tours are always good.

Our autobiography for the month is **Patrick Cadden** ~ Patrick was born and raised in the Mission District of San Francisco. He sold peanuts and popcorn at the ball park and worked for an advertising firm. That was when the first San Francisco Airport was called Mills Field. He graduated in June 1942 and was a trainee for the Army Signal Corps. In November 1942, he joined the Navy and was shipped to New Guinea. He was then assigned to Officers Training and took his first airplane ride to Pearl Harbor. On June 6, 1944, he sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge. After the war ended, he thought he would go back to school, but took a job in Reservations at UAL. He thought it would be a good summer job.

Patrick worked with **Oscar & Joan Chambers** and **Pat Leahy**, that was when everything was done by telephone. He went into Sales, which he says was really "Sales Promotion." He went around to all the large corporations in San Francisco selling United Airlines. He was furloughed and returned to OAK, then SJC. Patrick retired in 1985 after 39 years with United.

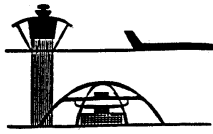
Joanne reminded us of our Charity Box. Our raffle was great with really nice table decorations of pretty spring plants and as always chocolates and wine.

Calendar:

August 11 - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**

September 8 - La Gare, hosted by **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**





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Very little news has come my way in the last month, but just after sending in last month's column, **Ray Ginocchio**, tells us that **Marie Capparelli**, who recently turned 100, passed away. Marie always was a helpful attendee of the IAM club meetings, he tells us, and when it was more convenient for her, she attended the ReLAXers meetings. She and her husband attended a couple of our ReLAXers tours back in the early 90's. Sorry, but I have no next of kin contact for her.

You may have heard this one already, but in case not - a dear friend of the LAXRR folks, **John Givens**, passed away on June 23. Unfortunately for me, I wasn't up to going to the services for him. Call **Arnita Johnson** at (310) 677-7079 (h) or (310) 462-8223 (c) for more details. Condolences can be sent to the family at 328 Prospect St., Redondo Beach CA.

On the health front - I talked to **Jo Ann Briggs** today (7/6) and she reports she's recuperating steadily from her lung cancer surgery. Great news, Jo Ann.

And as for **yurs-trooly**, I bet you-all thought you'd heard the end of the six month saga of all my ailments? Hah! You're not so lucky. The previously mentioned upcoming lumpectomy went pretty easily - into hosp at 7:30a and home by 4:30p - no strain, feelin' great. Then for a few days, I felt pretty wimpy. Then began to perk up again - until I got the pathology results - aw, shoot! All the stuff they took out was nice and clear except a teensy-weensy little spot. That means back in hosp for 6th time since Nov., but as out-patient again. My excellent MDs say this time is a piece-a-cake. Yeah, sure. Keep posted - or not!

Ray Ginocchio advises that their solar panels on their roof have generated enough electricity this year resulting in an electric bill for the whole year of - Wow! \$ 0.00. It translates to 14,000lbs of CO₂ not emitted into the environment. How close are you to breaking even with the cost of installation, Ray?

I think **Jim Ferrance** should be back home by now after his annual great family gathering. So in case you don't get one of his flyers, be sure and contact him (resrat@aol.com), his phone is unlisted, so I hesitate to publish it here.) About the **LAXRR/LAXTO Reunion** for 1946-2002 workers now retired, with spouses & guests welcome. It's at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo, September 24, from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Buffet lunch, no host bar. Lots of albums and displays, casual attire. Booking deadline is 9/12.

Calendar:

Dates & Locations subject to change.

August 4 - Famous, fabulous steak fry at El Segundo Park.

September 24 - Reunion at Hacienda Hotel

October 6 - Luncheon meeting at Proud Bird. 11am.

December 1 - How time flies - Christmas Luncheon

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Summer is here and the summer weather has arrived also. I hope everyone had great a Fourth of July Holiday. Our monthly breakfast is on the 7th of July and past my deadline for this newsletter, so I am unable to give a report but I will bring you up to date next month.

I have been in touch with **Barry Constantine** who has been missed at the last couple of breakfasts. Barry tells me he works at the Del Mar Fair for two months every year and has done so for the last four years. I am sure his Customer Service skills are a real asset to everyone he works with; especially that bright, shining smile that radiates even through the most difficult of times. This year Barry is part of the Student Showcase Exhibit along with about 30 other people involved in setting up the entire lower grandstand. The display consists of approximately 10,000 pieces of art submitted by students that includes art, photography and ceramics. If you make it to the fair this summer you may see his bright smile among the crowd.

I am looking forward to the August breakfast and I hope to catch up on what everyone else has been doing this summer.

Calendar:

August 4 - Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 10:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS SFO - BAY AREA

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The Aloha spirit was thoroughly enjoyed by our members at last month's "Hawaiian Daze" General meeting, followed by a Hawaiian-type outdoor-barbequed hamburger lunch (pineapple sundaes for dessert) and absolutely fascinating entertainment by the

Hawaiian dance group, “Keolaulani Halau”. These professionals were of various ages, and the costumes varied. To open, the ladies entered the room wearing strapless floor-length gowns of an absolutely beautiful Hawaiian material floral pattern. This both surprised and pleased us. (Mahalo, no touristy grass skirts!) A large percentage of our members cooperated by wearing muumuus, Hawaiian shirts and blouses, and ocean shell and faux floral leis. We were having our very own costume party! A surprise for **each of us** 85 members in attendance at the conclusion of the entertainment was to receive a CD with 5 lovely Hawaiian melodies. And Mahalo to both **Vera & Walt Kina**, our Food Coordinators, and their helpers, for the planning and execution of this great fun day!

Incidentally, do plan on attending next month’s General meeting on August 22 and stay for the entertainment: **Mary Spalding Steel Jam** (steel drum player). Sounds exciting! And 2nd VP **Kathlyn Hutt** is to be congratulated for selecting these innovative programs for us.

Still in the “fun” category: **No** September General meeting but we will have our “indoor/outdoor” picnic (delish steaks, etc.) at our usual monthly meeting place, William Walker Recreation Center, Foster City on September 26th. Tickets will be available for purchase at our **July** and **August** meetings: \$10.00 for members, \$15 for guests. Check with our Auditors as you walk in the door.

A very nice letter was received from former UAL SFO employee **Stephen Wasuta**, now 92 years old and living in Turlock, CA with his son (also **Stephen**). He sends his best regards to y’all. His address is: 173 Wayside Drive, Turlock, CA, 95380-3217.

A new angel was selected to leave our earthly vision on June 24, 2011: **Dale “Dutch” Kruckenburg**, a foreman at SFOOV/SFOOW for many years. A memorial service is scheduled for July 23, place and time as yet not available. His former address: 880 Meadow Pass Road, Walnut, CA 91789. (Walnut is a suburb of Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Valley.)

“Bizeeee Bee” Local and International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** still has a couple places available in two marvelous trips: “Norway Coastal Voyage” (September 6-22, 2011) and the cross-country “Route 66” (September 30 – October 13, 2011). And of course, you realize you must immediately if not sooner (!) contact **Ginger** at gingersfo@aol.com or telephone (650) 224-1865. Any new places you’d like to see? Contact **Ginger** with your great idea(s).

Terrific: “Over 50 year” June anniversaries being celebrated were: **Emmett & Mary Gloria Landrum** (56), **James & Helen Goodwine** (52), **Wayne & Marilyn Guenther** (63), and **Donald & Mary Hughes** (58). Many, many, many congratulations!

Inasmuch as the May 2011 cell phone publishing went public, we are informed that we may call 1-888-382-1222 to contact the “Do Not Call” list and remove our cell phone numbers from display. This service may take over 30 days to actually accomplish.

Hard-working Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** visited our June meeting and brought news of the recent Portland, Oregon convention and the October 3 – 7, 2012 Washington, DC retirees convention yet to come. (Note: this is to be only a 5 day convention.) The hotel @ \$99 (plus tax) room rate will be the **Hyatt Regency Crystal City** at Reagan National Airport. The address: 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22207, Tel: +1-703 418 1234, website: www.crystalcity.hyatt.com. There is a complimentary shuttle to the airport (yay!) and Metro transportation is easily accessible.. Also available is an outdoor pool with sundeck and whirlpool, among other amenities. Check it out! (I guess we should all save one of those precious “vacation passes” we’ll be getting next year?)

If you haven’t heard or didn’t take the time to purchase one (approximately \$30) as of July 1st, 2011, California State law requires **carbon monoxide detectors (alarms)** be installed on each level of all single-family homes. California is now the 35th state to enact some sort of carbon monoxide legislation. The AMA (American Medical Association) estimates that 20,000 emergency room visits nationwide result from carbon monoxide poisoning annually. It is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the country. Early signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, including nausea, dizziness and fatigue, are easily misdiagnosed as symptoms of the flu. Don’t wait until it’s too late, please!

Personally Speaking: Have you seen the latest passports? A friend of mine just got his renewed (over \$100!) and it is positively beautiful! The first page is colored in red, white and blue photographs. Each page has extraordinary pictures (light blue) of various locations throughout the United States. I love Pages 20 and 21 with cowboys and horses herding longhorns, and the Alaska one on Page 25 with a grizzly fishing for salmon in a fairly calm river near a large totem pole. I think the one with the American eagle and buffalo grazing nearby must represent Wyoming (?). Each page also carries quotes from famous people, past presidents and documents, i.e. “*Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair*” ~ George Washington.

Calendar:

Each monthly UAL SFO-Bay Area Retiree General Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., 4th Monday of each month (not September or December or if a 4th Monday falls on a major holiday). (Don’t forget the indoor/outdoor **picnic** will replace September’s 4th Monday meeting, September 26.) We’ll see you at the

William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. 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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Summer time and the living is busy, at least with the members of the South Bay RUAEA.

Our annual picnic at Vasona Lake was one of the best ever with 82 members and guests attending plus 15 grandchildren. Red, white and blue decorated the Flag Day theme. The picnic was hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso** and their helpers **Alex & Margie Klaus, Jack & Jean Jenkins, Lou & Jean Marcolina, Ben & Cheri Scales, Dave & Nancy Walb, and George & Ella Sousa. Marion Gaever** added to the decorations with patriotic fans and candy. Included in the day's activities were a wonderful magician Doug Jones and his assistant Trudy who entertained us with some marvelous tricks of magic. The barbeque and bountiful dessert table was enjoyed by young and old alike. The day concluded with "BINGO" and the winners enjoyed the many prizes which were delivered by the grandchildren. The kids loved being involved.

Many have been spending the summer traveling with family and friends. **Lou & Jean Marcolina** cruised on the new Caribbean Princess to Bermuda. **Al & Elfrieda Grossmann** celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family and a trip to Hawaii. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** enjoyed family at the Magic Kingdom in Florida. **Ella & George Sousa** visited family in Phoenix, while **Tony & Sally Urso** flew to South Carolina for a granddaughter's wedding.

Two of our members have moved to new locations. **Jeanette Frederickson** has moved to San Diego and **Ruie Bradley** to Grass Valley. We will miss them at our weekly breakfast meetings.

We'd like to welcome our newest member **Charles (Charlie) Lootens** to our group. We're always happy to have new members join us for our Friday breakfast meetings at Holders' Country Inn in Cupertino, on DeAnza Blvd. across from the Home Depot.

Calendar:

September 12 - Bus trip to Disney Museum in the Presidio of San Francisco. Lunch @ the Beach Chalet - Garden Restaurant at Ocean Beach. Hosts: **Dave &**

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October 5 - Oktoberfest Buffet Lunch @ Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Ave. San Jose. Hosts: **Karen & Bob Devlin** (408) 446 3244 and **Dave & Joanne Saso** (408) 266-9347



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Our June meeting was held on the 13th at Pleasant Hill Park where we enjoyed our annual Picnic. Our regular caterers, Kinders, prepared a sumptuous barbeque of ribs and chicken with all the trimmings. Our members were very generous with appetizers and desserts. The weather cooperated and was wonderful.

It was good to see **Pat Dahs** back and **Barbara Giovanini. Lou Kinkead** brought his wife, **Ruth**, and two daughters, **Cheryl** and **Kathy. Russ Miller** brought a guest, **Serena Teta. Bob Sample's** wife, **Margo** also attended. All in all, 30 attended. Thanks to **Emma Lou Olson** who distributed red/white/blue candies in honor of Flag Day.

Howard and **Diane** recapped the events of the Convention in Portland and encouraged all to attend in October of 2012 at Washington, D.C. The hotel is lovely, the room rate is very good and it is centrally located to all attractions and airports. See, no excuses for not attending!

We were going to have a discussion and vote about changing from Marie Callendar's to the Sizzler, but due to their sudden closure, we will continue at the Sizzler Restaurant.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO members to attend. We have many different departments participating.

Calendar:

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12 - Christmas Party and Toys for Tots



COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Denver Mile Highers celebrated July 4th on July 2nd at the United Air Lines Flight Training Center. The number of attendees was 44, down a little bit from normal, but with the holiday just around the corner, that was to be expected. It was good to see **Richard & Cleora Conner** up from Texas. They have their home in Texas up for sale and plan to eventually move back to Colorado. **Irma Atanasio, Elaine Fluegel, and Jack Green** also joined us.

Virgil & Martha Gooselaw and family just returned from their granddaughter's wedding in Louisville, Kentucky. They rode with their daughter **Deniece Morris**, her husband **Bryan**, and grandchildren **Tessah, McKenna** and **Trent**. And they reported that they all got along. Glad to have you all back! **Jim Spate** is home recovering from MOHS surgery and doing very well. **Herb Johnson** was in the hospital for medication problems; he is home and doing great now.

Tom Goodyear reported no change in the new pass policy and it will become effective sometime after the first of the year. He also reported that many items must be resolved before the United and Continental merger is complete. Also the word from the folks who met with the company representatives on June 28th said that they realize the pass policy is an issue, but they are now focused on getting the merger done and will probably have another survey for the pass policy next year.

The question concerning an insurance rebate was raised as some have received a letter from the Benefit Service Center indicating that. **Virgil Gooselaw** mentioned that this came up during the Benefit Panel discussion, at the Portland Convention, and the word was that there will be a letter sent out and that we should follow the instructions in the letter. The letter was supposed to be out the last of June, but has been delayed in order to workout the fine details. So, whenever you get it, be sure to follow the instructions. Also, Virgil said that he did not know if everyone was getting a rebate/letter and that he has not got one yet and neither has Tom Goodyear. Stay tuned!

Irma Atanasio informed us that all World War II vets have an opportunity to visit the War Memorials in Washington, DC; courtesy of an organization called "Honor Flight Network". If you are interested, go to their web site at <http://www.honorflight.org/> and investigate it. Thanks, Irma for this information.

Don't forget the indoor, ant and bug free, picnic August 10 at Blossoms, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO 80014. Social Hour, with cash bar, will be at 11:00 to 12:00. The picnic will begin 12:00 PM. Food will be beef brisket, chicken with BBQ sauce, baked beans, potato salad, fresh fruit salad, buns, potato chips, and all the condiments. There will also be complimentary ice tea, coffee, and lemonade. The dessert will be brownies. All this for only \$13.00 per person and this includes tip and tax. What a deal! Please send your check to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone (303) 477-2918. If you are bringing a guest, please show their name on the check. Make the check out to RUEA Denver Chapter. The dead line is August 3.

Vic Andreatta won the 50/50 3 times and he generously returned the winnings to the chapter. **Charles Hassler** also won; he also returned his winnings to the chapter. Thanks!

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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!



PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

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We had a regular lunch meeting on June 27. It was a short meeting with a few people. Discussions were about computers and retirees insurance status. On the local scene, about 16 displaced, separated and retired COSOZ employees met at BJ's Brewery for dinner and discussed families and moves. Some who are still on furlough since 2006 are trying to transfer to United stations before the merger.

Our meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. **Please RSVP to Chuck.**

Calendar:

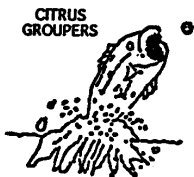
July 25 – Regular lunch meeting
August 22 – Regular lunch meeting
September 26 – Regular lunch meeting



FLORIDA

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Don Nellans, President of the Citrus Groupers, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 in attendance. **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Regional Director, gave a report of the RUAEA Convention. 410 people attended the Convention and they enjoyed boat rides, Mt. Hood, Blue Spruce Plane, and many interesting places. Guest speakers were representatives from Medco, and CO/UA Personnel Reps. They spoke on prescription prices being reduced recently, and the proposed travel passes. Some discussion ensued at our meeting and it is obvious there is a lot of confusion regarding the new pass policies.

We welcomed two new members, **Jean Lebo** and **Pat Townsend** of the Villages.

Charles Wirth gave a Treasurers Report: \$552.00. A motion was given and seconded to donate \$200.00 to the Flight 93 UAL Memorial Fund.

Don Nellans asked members to vote on what they would like to do as members in the coming months. The results were: 1. Day Tours; 2. Christmas Party; 3. Florida members convention; 4. Picnic; 5. Ocean Cruise.

The subject of name badges came up and it was decided to think about it and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

A show of hands was asked regarding the meeting location and it was voted to keep the meetings at the Nancy Lopez Country Club in The Villages. The dates are July 28, August 25, September 29 and October 27. There will be no November meeting because of Thanksgiving. The Christmas party location will be decided in the near future.

June Birthdays: **Jo Beck, Richard Elick, Nancy Henderson, Lois O'Hara, Mary Wimmer.**

June Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. **Dale Fernandes**, Mr. & Mrs. **Henry Gefrois**, Mr. **Jim Hurst** & **Joan Berge**, Mr. & Mrs. **Don Nellans**.

Calendar:

The last Thursday of every month (**June 30**), 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy. 42, on Buena Vista Blvd.



SAND "DABS"

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On my way to the meeting today, I got a free car wash, as the rains were pouring down. There were 14 of us present at the meeting, which included our Area Representative **Paul Brown** and **Mary Maxwell**, a guest who is a friend of Penny Logan. Vice President **Steve Moddle** opened the meeting. He gave us an up-date on our President **Dick Coughlin**, who is in the process of getting radiation treatments in Orlando. He seems to be doing very well through this ordeal, except for some sores in his mouth, which is understandable. We continue to wish him well. A card went around for people to sign for him.

Emily Veracka was in Boston. Her granddaughter was due to have a very serious operation. The **Gammills** are in Wisconsin, and will be back with us in October. **Bud** mentioned it's getting harder and harder to do all the work up there on the grounds, cottage, boat and deck, etc. Welcome to old age! A card also went around to be signed for **Bill Lowry**. He is recovering from an operation he had recently. We all wish him well for a complete recovery. We learned his pathology report came back with no cancer invasion. So it looks good for him.

A card went around for us to sign for the **Thomases**. **Nancy & Frank** left for Gilroy, CA, along with their carry-on of a little dog and a parrot. The parrot was a story in itself. After having a bit of trouble getting the bird on board, things worked out and all arrived safely and their son picked them up. They are happy in their new home which they bought sight unseen. However, through all of this their son, who will be watching out and helping them, had a heart attack and had to have three stents inserted. So, let's hope everything goes well for them from now on.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** reported that we have enough money, we will be able to bless some charity soon with a nice money gift. We had no real agenda so there were no birthday or company anniversaries acknowledged but **Lillian & Steve Moddle** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary together with their whole family on a Royal Caribbean "Oasis Of The Sea" cruise ship. Steve gave some interesting facts about the boat and all its beautiful features as well as other facts men would be interested in such as engines and draft, etc. They had a great time together with their family and sounds like they had great fun together.

Paul Brown gave a report of things connected with the company and RUAEA. There are a few changes in

the next convention; it will be in October instead of May, only 5 days instead of 7, only one buffet dinner and some other changes. Next convention is in DC. The company pass policy hasn't been completed, especially for retirees. The companies still have a lot to resolve before the two can become one. There seems to be different philosophies that need compromise. RUAEA is having some financial difficulties and membership is shrinking. We should all be concerned about what can be done to keep us going for the future.

Steve had some trouble getting **Rick Johnson** to laugh at joke time, so we'll try harder again next month. Our guest Mary drew the 50/50 ticket for **Al Warner** to win some dollars. Those traveling recently said that the airport security is very high, so take note of that. Our food service was very slow this month at the restaurant. It gave us more time to talk and share together, but some of us had places to go, people to see, and things to do. We finally got in line to pay our bills so we could scoot out of there. That was a joke to laugh about. On this note, we all said our good-byes and were on our way for another month.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY ~ Have you noticed that some people like to always sit in the front of the bus, the back of the church, and in the middle of everything else?

Calendar:

August 7 - 1130 - Red Lobster
September 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster
October 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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Attendance at this month's meeting was quite low, only 26 members. Must have been they were home with eyes glued to the TV awaiting the verdict in the Casey Anthony case. However, those present were able to know the outcome as soon as it was announced thanks to **Angel Montalvo's** cell phone alert. Even our ever faithful secretary was unable to attend due to out of town visitors. Therefore, the ever faithful treasurer is doing double duty this month. We welcomed back from their travels Pres. **Richard Llewellyn** and wife **Cathy**, who brought along Cathy's niece and her husband and daughter, Marion, Ray and Morgan McFeely. After welcoming everyone, the first order of business was to recognize the July birthdays being celebrated by **Mary**

McNeill (17th), **Ted LeGrand** (20th), and **Julia Montalvo** (25th). We wish them many more! Surprisingly enough, no anniversaries this month.

Discussion took place about whether we would like to consider creating a website for our group. It could be used for posting meeting notes, photos, info on upcoming activities, as well as keeping everyone informed about the latest happenings within the group. Everyone was told to think about it and we would discuss our options at the next meeting.

Ken Michels gave us an update on pass travel benefits. Unlike United's policy of putting all the pieces in place before announcing a new policy, current management believes in implementing it piecemeal - when an issue is decided upon, it is announced.

Cheery Get-Well Wishes and Prayers for **Ernie Vosges**, resting comfortably after having surgery to correct arterial fibrillation of his heart and to **Lou Gaydos**, who is also having heart problems. We miss you both so hurry up and get well. Lucky **Richard Armistead** won the 50/50 raffle. (Everyone in attendance felt they had a better chance of winning since Elaine wasn't there. Don't worry, Elaine, you were missed!)

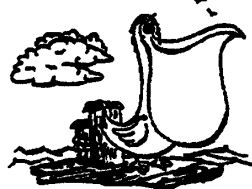
Our next Restaurant Outing will take place on Tuesday, July 19th at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty which is located on the north end of Patrick AFB on A1A. Starts at 4:30 PM. Let **Nan & Jim Multeri** know if you plan to attend. Phone (407) 281-7922, or email to nhmulteri@cfl.rr.com. Hope to see many of you there. Meeting ended after we all enjoyed some of Rich's humorous email jokes.

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.
 Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road
July 19 - Restaurant Outing - see above.
August 2

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Seven Pelican Drop-Ins met at Perkins restaurant in North Fort Myers on Friday, July 1st for breakfast. Perkins gives us a nice private room with windows on two sides of the room. We always have a good time together. **Rosemary Blake** was with us. She told us about her upcoming trip to Germany to visit her son and

his wife. She will be there for three weeks. She bought a ticket so she will not have any undue stress.

Jim Sciple was a guest of **Sally Sciple**. Jim is Sally's brother and lives in Fort Myers. Sally has recently been to Olomac, Czech Republic, Budapest, Hungary for three weeks last month. Sally also rode on the "Eye" while in London.

Marilyn & Tom McNabb just returned from their annual 6 week visit with family and friends in southern Wisconsin. Their son's wife had a very serious accident. Tom & Marilyn are planning on leaving for Tennessee on Tuesday to help their family.

John & Nancy Dainus were also there along with **Bee McCarthy** and **Joan Gilkison** from Punta Gorda. Joan had just returned from a vacation in the Outer Banks of NC with her family. She is leaving for a three week vacation in San Diego.

Mel & Linda Volz were planning on attending but Mel had some unexpected tests. He will not know the results immediately.

Our next breakfast will be Friday, August 5th at 9 A.M. We will again meet at Perkins 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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As you know, we are all on vacation for the months of July and August, one way to beat the heat and do other things in our life that need attention. Needless to say, we like to keep in touch with everyone and hope everyone is well and happy.

We want to wish Happy August Birthdays to **Al Popek** (8/1), **Maureen Carragher** (8/4), **Jane Wise** (8/13), **Frank Wise** (8/27), and **Constantinos Xifaras** (8/25). Wishing all of you many Happy and Healthy Years ahead.

Just a reminder, at the September meeting, we will be collecting Membership dues unless you are 85 years young!

On the lighter side:

☺ *Live today for tomorrow is not promised!*

☺ *The easiest way to find something lost around the house is buy a replacement.*

☺ *The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.*

☺ *Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "THE" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS"!*

☺ *Do you realize that in about 40 years, we will have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?*

If you know some retirees, please bring them to our Luncheon/Meeting, we have lots of fun, information and the food is good and the company even better.

Remember to Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking!

Calendar:

August – On vacation, no meeting

September 6 – Mulligan's Jensen Beach, 1230PM - (Dues will be collected)

October 4 – Mulligan's Jensen Beach, 1230PM - Luncheon/Meeting (Picnic?)

GEORGIA

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Our last meeting before the summer break of July and August was held June 1 at the Broadway Diner with 28 members and 2 guests in attendance, the **Elks'** grandson **Joy Marshall** and **Tina Meyers**. Sissy couldn't attend but Tina brought a platter of decorated sugar cookies to make up for her absence. **Joanna Myers'** mother will be having right hip replacement planned for July 27th. The Flyers wish her a speedy recovery.

Wormy Bowling had surgery for acid reflux and a hiatal hernia repaired. Speedy recovery to you, watch your diet, no salads, don't lie down for 30 minutes after you eat, that comes from the letter writer, the nurse!

Our server Rosie drew the 50/50 winner, being **Bruce Broderson** who donated his \$20 to the Promise Place. After the meeting, **Bill Elk** collected hygiene products for the ladies shelter, they are grateful to us for

our monthly donations.

This year's roll call dwindled to 43, compared to last year's count of 55. **Cathy Carrington** had knee surgery in May and **Tony** is proudly providing nursing care at home!

On the saddest report of June, **Kim Schmidt's** wife, Darby, passed away in May. Also, **Jewell Cron**, wife of 50/50 director, **Fred Cron**, passed away June 25th. She was cremated and Memorial Service is scheduled for July 23, 2011, 11:00AM at Bethel Baptist Church River. Fred's address is 6418 Forest Haven Ln., Riverdale, GA 30278.

Jim Blair, husband of **Joyce** of Wedowee, AL, passed away. He was very well liked by his co-workers of the different departments he worked in. His crematory church service was well attended by UAL retirees from Atlanta and Alabama. Those desiring to send condolences, address to Mrs. **Joyce Blair**, 222 Oak Hill Dr., Wedowee, AL 36278.

Calendar:

September 7 – Meeting at Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, 2PM.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems had an extra luncheon gathering at the Pad Thai Restaurant in Boise on June 28. Fourteen members were in attendance.

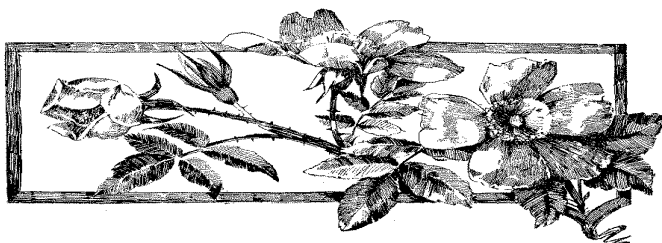
Due to the July 4 holiday we did not have a luncheon business meeting.

Calendar:

August 1 – Luncheon meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian, 1:30PM

September 7 – No Luncheon Business Meeting. We will have our Memorial Picnic at Phillippi Park, 2299 S. Phillippi Street, Boise, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. More information on the picnic will be provided in August.

October 3 – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.



ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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A nice crowd of 23 attended the Southside breakfast including guests **John Pasakarms** and **Lutricia Gant**. Besides the extra conversation, we also had extra raffle money including money from those that forgot their badges. Winners were **Javier Chavez** (twice), **Sylvester Gant**, **Mary Brandt**, **Bill Adams**, **Rudy Maki** and **Al Broderson**.

Former regulars we hope to see in the future are **Lydia & Ernie Codilis**, **Florence Constance**, **Al Eberhart**, **Mel Fischer**, **Barbara Kavouras**, **Darlene Wank** and **Bob Carra**. Maybe they were on some trips I don't know about.

On June 24th, husband Al and I attended a luncheon of retired Storekeepers at the Champps restaurant in Schaumburg. Included were **Lidia & Pedro Franco**, **Ed Klee**, **Pat & Jim Malloy**, **Jerry Davenport**, **Jeanne Simkus**, **June Parkinson**, **Judy & Carlton Hibbert**, **Henry O'Beid** and **Bill Grippe**. Some have joined Skyliners but for \$5.00 yearly, I hope to see the others also join and also see some at the Northside breakfast. Check your RUAEA Newsletter for time and dates.

The **Hibberts** took a car trip East to Plymouth, MA to check the Genealogy library to look for Pilgrim relatives. They also checked the local casinos. To top it off, they took a side trip to Niagara Falls on both the American and Canadian sides. That's a good car trip considering gas prices.

Celebrating mutual wedding anniversaries in Honolulu were **Phyllis & George Kordecki**, **Virginia & Carl Monaco**, **Joyce & Frank Calderone** and **Arlene & Jim McCray** (now living in Vegas). Sounds like they had a good party.

I received an email from **Karen Mitchell** who advised her aunt **Joy Geddes**, a retired Flight Attendant with both Capital and UAL, is now in the memory care unit at the Moorings in Arlington Heights. She would enjoy visitors and the cards or notes can be sent to Karen at 524 King Drive, East Dundee, IL 60118.

I left this sad news to the last since it was a great personal sadness to me and Al, the passing of **Don Jiskra**. I, along with **Marie Krakowski**, **Don**, **George Niemeyer** and **Paul Clevenger**, journeyed to EXO, the 20 mile trip for almost 20 years since we all moved to Clarendon Hills when the company went to the North. Don died on June 23rd at the age of 79.

While you may not have known him personally, you

did know him as you watched the takeoff and arrival screens on our planes. He was a part of the Audio-Visual team of photographers. He was never able to talk me into being one of the subjects in their movies because four AM is too early to make a screen debut.

The team did a marvelous job of advertising, photographing cities and cultures in an American city and a similar foreign city, contrasting one with the other. Soon after, he became very ill with a mystery bug but he survived death after three months in Hinsdale Hospital. Retirement came after this. After his recuperation, he and his fellows created a huge 16' x 4' photo mural depicting the seven days of creation, now hanging in the hospital's entry, making them local celebrities.

We were fortunate to be invited to the dedication reception with doctors from the 50 United States. The hospital was so impressed with the mural, they commissioned one for the maternity floor. Our car pool was lucky in that we were all compatible as were our spouses so we could all continue at what else? Food Fests! The upcoming one was not to be with Don. He'll be feasting with his heavenly Father.

The one part of his job he was not happy about was having bags always ready to do the sad job of photographing humans and physical remains after a plane crash. Attending his wake were his photo buddies **Peter Rosendalk, Jerry Trahan, Sue Kazlaw/Nelson** and her husband, **Jack Costello** and **Mike Masuka**. Many who knew Don or were photographed by him can send cards to Gloria at 1100 Bristlecone Court, Darien, ILL. 60561.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**July 26 & August 30**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café & Backereaia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**August 10**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month

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I attended the 2011 UAL Annual Stockholders Meeting held at EXO in Elk Grove Village on June 8, 2011. The small meeting room for 170 was filled plus an auxiliary room with a monitor for the overflow where most employees were relegated. The business part of the meeting took 20 minutes with 15 minutes allowed

for questions and discussion. The entire meeting was over in just 40 minutes.

Last year in 2010, 30 minutes were allowed for the questions and answers and in 2009, an hour was used. There was a time when the Q & A period was unlimited so with 15 minutes this year, only three questions were able to be asked.

With new signs and new management faces, the only presence of the old UAL in the room was the Gerswhin music playing in the background. The new CEO, Jeff Smisek addressed the room for 10 minutes with the topic being the simple "Forward Plan" to run the new airline.

There were pickets outside the building with informational signs by Flight Attendant and Pilot protesters who are angry at the lack of new contracts.

Calendar:

August – No luncheon scheduled

September 21 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

October – No luncheon scheduled

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Brilliant bursts of screaming, booming multi-colored fireworks streaked across the sky in celebration of 235 years of freedom, "because of the brave". Has the American dream of freedom from tyranny and freedom of opportunity and expression been a success or failure? Or, has the dream become the beginning of a domino effect of democracy for the rest of the world? What do you think? What do your children and grandchildren think? I watched three different shows on television on the 4th of July celebrating this event: Washington, D.C.; New York and Boston and it gives one a wonderful feeling to see all the flags waving, to hear familiar patriotic songs and see people enjoying the evening with their families and friends. Just like Christmas, I wish the "feeling" could go on every day.

Ron & Cheri Innis spent a day in St. Louis on the 2nd of July, picking up their grandchildren for their summer visit. Their day was enhanced by attending St. Louis' air show as part of St. Louis' holiday celebration. There was a "Mustang and F18" flyby that was thrilling. Ron & Cheri will be spending a week in Oklahoma City when they return the children.

Gail Allen's grandson, Tony in the Air Force, and his new bride returned to a wedding reception of family and friends on June 25th in Indy. **Gail & Warren** are traveling to a local tourist attraction in Shipshewana, IN for several days of flea market pickings. They expect to meet with friends from Michigan and Ohio who winter at the same location in Texas as they do.

Dimple Rihel, Mary Chandler and I enjoyed an evening of music from the 50s and 60s by the Van Dells, a rock and roll group, as part of the holiday celebration week in Brazil, IN about 60 miles from Indianapolis. The group was great, see them if you have the opportunity since they travel the country putting on their show. The next day, Dimple stood by for a flight to Tampa, FL to visit with her son. She is anticipating becoming a grandmother again in October. Mary Chandler is headed to Hawaii for a short visit with friends. She is definitely enjoying her retirement and is our group's world traveler.

The annual Indy Racers picnic in June was truly a fun day. Our theme this year was a luau. Thanks to the committee members: **Cheri Innis, Gail Allen, Dimple Rihel, Eli Barnett** and **Charles Theiss** for all your help and support. From the birds chirping in the corner and the Hawaiian music lifting though the room, the effect and décor was great. Gail and Dimple led in some line dancing (not exactly Hawaiian but fun) and Charles and **Jim Gibson** won the hula dance contest. As always, kudos to the cooks, the food was sooo delicious and too much to completely devour. Newcomers **Ken Boeke** and **Roy Janniche**, United retirees, and their wives attended our luau. Eli, although she was on the planning committee was unable to attend since she and hubby, **Ralph** (Bud) were headed to California to visit their families for her birthday.

My latest trip was to Pittsburgh with a return to Cleveland for the 50th reunion of Capital Airlines, Cleveland employees. What a super evening! So many familiar faces, but "what's your name? Let me check out your name tag". About 70 people including spouses and friends were there, many not seeing each other for 20-30 years. Reminiscing over earlier days of the "exciting airline" industry. And for this group, we experienced many firsts: first time living time away from home; first apartment; first roommates; first car, first love. This was the era of the 50s and early 60s; we were young and energetic, sharing exciting adventures and trips when standby space was readily available. For many it was the beginning of lifetime friendships. Treasured memories.

Calendar

August 9 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Hwy 36), Avon, IN. Room is available from 1:30 PM. The meeting begins at 3:00 PM. We welcome all

United as well as Continental employees/retirees.

September 13 - IHOP Restaurant

October 11 - IHOP Restaurant

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters June 22 luncheon was held at the Colonial Hilton in Lynnfield, MA, a seminar on estate planning, long term care, wills and retirement income. Organized by **Bob Santos**, former UALer, BOSCU, now with Merrill Lynch and assisted by Dave Correia, LLP. Timely info for retirees and seniors with a free lunch provided. **Mercedes Hersom, George Mavreles** and **Peter Fusco** brought guests. Most regulars were present with the exception of **Elaine Vanderwal**, who normally never misses a meeting. **Don Latter** came dressed for summer, orange golf shirt and bright orange sneakers. Sharp Don! This day was the first day of summer, but the weather was cold and serious rain made driving tough. The rain continued for the next four days, trying to rival PDX. Some contrast to our extra hot spring weather.

Anthony Posale & Edwina had a grandchild fly in from Chicago for a mini vacation. They hope they don't have to do that again! Anthony wants to relay info to any RUAEA member heading to New England this summer. Visit the town of Stockbridge, MA, made famous by Norman Rockwell's 1955 Stockbridge painting. (Town still looks like the painting with historic interest). Also don't miss the Rockwell museum close by. It's a show worth the stop. Anthony also says "Hi", to all his fellow workers at SFOWE (jet shop).

I just found out that **John & Peg Delello's** (both UAL retirees) son, **John** works at BOSCS the past 20 years. Keeping it in the family!

Eddie Aldo, home after a prostate operation, may be having related problems. He is getting some retesting, and asks all to say a prayer for him.

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

August's anniversaries: **Bob & Judith Austin** (52 years), **Tom & Dolores Blackwood** (28 years), **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (42 years), **Fred & Rita Casey** (55 years), **Bruce & Priscella Casassa** (55 years), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (62 years) and **Dick & Dayle Vee** (30 years).

My Cardiologist's diet; if it tastes good, spit it out!

Calendar:

August – Annual Summer Picnic

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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19 Escapees and 1 guest gathered at the Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores July 7, hosted by **Dollie Sellers**. The weather was fantastic and the dining on the waterfront made for a perfect afternoon meeting day. We welcomed for the first time this year, **Charm Nicolle** and our host, **Dollie Sellers**.

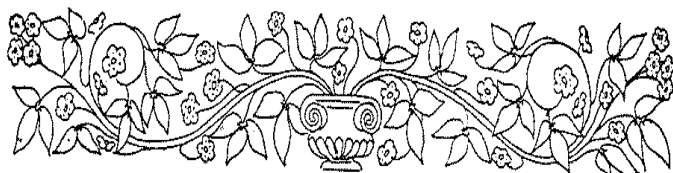
It has been a heart-breaking month for many in our group as three have lost their beloved husbands, plus others have watched their kin & loved one cross over to their new and eternal life. Our love and prayers for all to help them cope in these trying times. **Ruth Short** @ 2632 Edsel Dr., Trenton, MI 48183, lost her beloved Bob, **Alma Seaborn** @ 515 N. LA Brea Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036, lost her hubby, Louis and **Carol Buechin** @ 1492 Anthony Rd., Pentwater, MI 49449, lost her Mike on Jul 4. In addition, **Nancy Harris** (DTWRR) passed Jun7 and **Barbara Higgins** (DTWRR) lost her mom.

Our love & prayers also to **Kathy Franz** @ 10804 Andrews Ave, Allen Park, MI 48101, who lost her younger sister quite suddenly. When Kathy found her sister, the shock caused Kathy to have a minor heart attack. Kathy is home now and is taking it easy for a while. **Nina Szuch** @ 23896 Walloon Way, Brownstown, MI 48134 is very busy caring for her mom, who suffered a heart attack.

Some good news; we have 2 new retirees this month; **Martha Dombeck** and **Sue Smith**, plus I heard that very soon **Pam Shamey** & **Chris Babik**, will join the good life and it is rumored that **Sandy Cox** & **Karen White** may also enjoy this life of retirement, before the end of the year. We are hoping all will join the RUAEA team.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail (except for May).



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The June news was provided by co-secretary **Mary Brennan** (again) while your usual correspondent was gone fishin' to Lake of the Woods, which straddles the border of Minnesota & Canada. **Nel Brawner** & **Rich Glattly** were my boat-mates & we had a wonderful time! We had good weather & great fishing, including a 10-lb, 30-inch walleye which **Rich** says is going on the wall. (He's been hunting for one of those for years!)

The assembly was happy to see some faces that hadn't been there in a while; **Steve** & **Ida Mayo**, **Randy Cirksema** & **Dave Wiley** all made it to lunch. The **Mayos** have a goodly drive up from Fairmont, MN, so we only get to visit with them a couple of times a year.

We've got quite a sick list this month; put these folks on your prayer list, OK?

- **Earl Budahn** is not doing well in his battle with cancer.
- **Tom Krieger** was found to have metastasized bone cancer & is being treated with chemo.
- **Rita Stang** had joint replacement surgery & is recovering.
- **Dorothy Alderman** is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- **Joe Balogh** is recovering slowly from surgery, but some meds caused temporary loss of hearing.
- **Gordy Olson** is recovering from stent surgery after suffering a heart attack.

Our condolences to **Rick Jones** & his family on the death of his beautiful wife, **Lavonne**. She lost her battle with cancer in June. Notes & cards may be sent to the family at 248 Kings Pointe Drive, Delano, MN 55328.

We've received word of the death of our friend, **Mike Beuchin**, member of the Northwoods Loonies. What a great guy! He'll be sorely missed when the Loonies meet again. Our condolences to his wife, **Carol** and their family.

Mary & **Jim Brennan** had a horrendous start to their Independence Day weekend when a major summer storm came through Danbury, WI, uprooting trees & damaging their home. The same storm made a swath through central MN, too, before getting to their area. Not officially a tornado, but some pretty nasty winds made life miserable for several communities.

Our president, **Lee Storlie**, made a valiant attempt

to get to PDX for the convention, but after standing by for several flights (including using a ZED ticket on Delta) & not getting outta Dodge, he gave it up & went back home. I guess it just wasn't meant to be. Maybe he'll have better luck next year when the convention will be held in October in Washington, DC.

Speaking of ZED fares ... **Lee & Diane** mentioned how well they've worked for them in prior trips. **Rich & Connie Glattly** used ZED tickets to fly from Duluth to Detroit for the Northwoods Loonies event in May & found it to be MUCH easier than driving to the Twin Cities from their home Up North for the iffy trek through ORD. Sure hope that when the dust settles on the merger with Continental, retirees will still have access to ZED tickets.

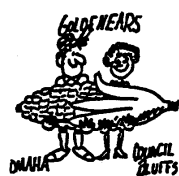
Steve Mayo sat at the table where **Sonja Gunderson** usually sits. You guessed it; he was one of the 50-50 raffle winners! When **Sonja & Lyle** finish with their bus trips around the country, they may find that they have been displaced at that table!

Lunch at 11:15AM on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494.

Calendar:

August 10 - Annual picnic at **Jim Simon's** in Chetek, WI.

NEBRASKA



GOLDEN'EARS

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We had 32 for our outing at Cooper Farm. It was great to see **Carolyn Kraft** and **Sena & Don Jensen**. Thanks to **Toddy & Cary Manson** for hosting. Actually, Toddy won the 50/50 for \$31.00. Speaking of attendance, I was looking through the RUAEA Newsletter as to how many people from various Chapters attend. Other than the larger Chapters, they run anywhere from 20 to 30. Even though our attendance has dropped, due to deaths and members who are homebound for one reason or another, we normally have at least 30 who attend.

Susan Marella (**Gene O'Brien's** daughter) advised that her stepmother, **Carol**, passed away March 11 after suffering a severe stroke. She said her dad was married to her mom (**Becky**) for 31 years and after her death, he met **Carol Dawn** and they were married 35 years. As Susan said, "Two wonderful marriages".

Myrtis & Brack Olds have a very sad heart. Their daughter, **Myshell**, and her husband, **Chris**, had a little

girl, **Peresphone Grace**, born 5/24 and she passed away on 5/26. She was 4 weeks early and weighed 5 lbs and was 14" in length. She was born with a disease called Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Our sympathy to Myrtis & Brack, and their family.

I had a note from **Dean Barr**. He said he keeps in touch with us through the RUAEA Newsletter. He said it had been 40 years since he left OMA but he has very fond memories of Omaha and the people he worked with. He said since he left OMA he worked at DSMCS; SFSOW (with **Frank Thomas**); IAHCS and PHXCS. He now spends his time at the Sun City Elks Lodge and the Sun City golf courses in Arizona.

Please update your roster to a new address for **Jake Hutchinson**. He moved from Aurora, CO back to Minnesota to be closer to his kids. His new address is: 4763 Eagle Ridge Lane, Monticello, MN 55362. Actually, the same place as when he was there before.

Have you seen the spread on the Internet about The Villages, Florida? It was taken from a CBS show on May 22 about the "Town of Custom Golf Carts." They actually make some carts which cost between \$6,000-\$20,000. I was hoping to catch a glimpse of **Bob & Kathy Faust** but maybe they weren't out driving around that day. People don't drive cars there – just golf carts!

Calendar:

August 2 - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

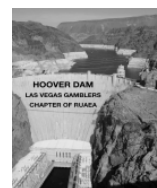
September 6 – Macedonia, Hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

October 4 – Sons of Italy – Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

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Submitted by Eleanor Vasko

20 members attended our June 14th meeting, a very poor showing for our chapter but everyone wore red, white and blue for Flag Day! After the Pledge of Allegiance, we had to guess a State flag contest – **Max Miller** got 6 out of 11 correctly, **Koji Takeuchi** got 5 of 11. John read a report about the RUAEA Convention sent by **Chris Czaplewski**, many questions remained on Retiree Pass Privileges. Treasury report was read. **Ingeborg Levy** told another funny story (our own stand up comic).

50/50 Raffle had 3 winners of \$10.00 each.

I received a call from **June Martinez**; **Dan Martinez** is still suffering from bronchial asthma.

Our next luncheon meeting will be on August 9th at 11:30 am. Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV, (702) 258-5200. Menu: Salad, tilapia, rice, beans and sherbet w/ fruit.

We are finally hitting over 100 degrees. Stay cool!

Calendar:

October 11 - 11:30 am.

December 13 - 11:30 am, Christmas party.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 18 members and 1 guest in attendance. The guest was **Mark Mischker**, son of **Ralph & Nina Mischker** and a Delta pilot. Sadly, their daughter **Nancy Ann** passed away recently. On a happier note, **Maurine Williams** had a wonderful time in Italy!

John also provided a brief summary of the Portland convention. Attendance was about 400, with about 300 at the dinners on Friday & Saturday.

There will be the annual Maintenance get together in Carson City in August. Everyone who worked at the Maintenance Center is encouraged to attend.

There was some discussion about whether to move to Jack's (in the old Austin's) restaurant in September. Those with an opinion are asked to share it with us via phone or email. The winner of the 50/50 was **Jim Meeks**. Good to see you again Jim. June birthdays were celebrated by: **Aidia Keller**, **Eva Havelik**, **Ann Batty** and **Larry Reid**.

Picnic Time – Please be sure to return sign up sheets to **Barbara Leusing** this year.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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Pres. **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held for EWR Flight Attendant **Karen Mazuer** and EWRSW **Herb Reid**.

Our Regional Director Treatie has finished her term and Jeri Juth is taking her place. We will invite her to one of our meetings, so she will get to know us.

Pass Policy was discussed again, all Continental co-workers, retirees, early outs and eligible pass riders can now pass travel fee-waived in economy class, regardless of their years of active company service on all US CO and UA domestic flights, including Alaska and Hawaii.

IAM representative **Ike Mc Govern** briefed us on the various elections that will be taking place between Continental and United employees between July 7th and August 11th. **Vi Etler** read the minutes and **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

All those that went to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse had a great time with the Branson Country revue. The next show will be November 9th, Xmas Show.

Our annual picnic will be August 31st at our usual place, Merrill Park in Colonia, NJ.

From **Diane Johnson**, EWRSW, Retired, Clipped Wings, Newark, NJ ~ It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the loss of retired EWR Flight Attendant **Karen Mazuer** this month. During her career, Karen became the most experienced Flight Attendant negotiator in our industry and most recently, served on the United Negotiating Committee. She was a Flight Attendant for forty-one years beginning in July 1969 and was an AFA representative for thirty-seven years, holding almost every position available. In recognition of her distinguished service to our Flight Attendant union, this year, Karen was conferred the Association of Flight Attendants "Ada Brown Greenfield Lifetime Achievement Award". Karen was only the fourth person to ever receive this award.

Also this month, **Herb Reid** from EWRSW passed away. Herb was an Inflight Supervisor at the time of his retirement in 2001, after thirty-three years with United.

Calendar:

September 28 - Meeting at Snuffy's

October 26 – Meeting at Snuffy's

November - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

December 14 - Holiday luncheon at Snuffy's.

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June 15th, 21 Chipper's met at Hirsch's Restaurant, Williamsville, NY for Lobster Fest. What a great eve-

ning, those with allergies to seafood had to satisfy themselves with Barbequed Baby Back Ribs. A good time was had by all.

The sick list included **Corrine Golombek**, who was home recovering and, **Jackie Gaydos**, who had cataract surgery this morning.

Clyde Butcher and his group had two musical engagements today and the **Lofferts** were on an extensive trip, trying out their new Buick to PIT, CLE, OMA, DEN and the Black Hills before heading for home.

It was great seeing **Carol Wise** whose husband, **Jim**, passed away in February. **Judy Wagner** joined us following her bout with sickness and looked her very best. **Doug & Gail Dannebrock** joined us on their summer vacation to Buffalo and Southern Ontario while escaping the Florida heat.

Now that the rainiest spring ever is past, the weather has settled down and a glorious summer is upon us.

Calendar:

September – Meeting, details will be announced in August

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Seems we just got done visiting DTW and we're already planning our October get-together. **Marie Cook** did a **great** job of taking care of all of us for three days.

Our next gathering will be in Galena, IL October 11-14. We will be staying at the DeSoto House, 230 S. Main Street, right in the middle of the historic district. We have booked 24 rooms at the rate of \$90 per room plus tax. Since this is a busy time in Galena, reservations must be made by August 11. Call the hotel and ask for the Northwoods Loonies rate. Phone is 1-800-343-6562 or 1-815-777-0090. Then call or email us to let us know you are coming so we can send you further information.

The DeSoto House was opened in 1855 and is the oldest operating hotel in IL. We've been told the hotel is haunted, so a ghost tour may be one of our activities. Also planned is a trolley tour, a lunch/tour on board a paddlewheel boat on the Mississippi River. We're still working on the activities, so plan on joining us.



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Happy Fourth of July! Here in Ohio, we had really beautiful weather to celebrate the holiday. On the sixth of the month, our group of 60 gathered at Bianca's Restaurant and enjoyed our "Italian" luncheon. From salad to dessert everything was great. We want to thank **Sharon Gatesman** for hosting this month and taking care of all that goes into having everything run so smoothly! **Dolly Taucher**, our president, led us in prayer.

We have new and returning members this month, we want to welcome **Mary Londahl** as a new member and **Ronnie & Eddie Hammer-Huber** as returning members. We hope you enjoy our times together!

Wishing Happy Birthday to all of our members celebrating this month. Joining us for our luncheon were **Elda Jeskey**, **Sandee LeMasters**, **Ellen Skinner**, and **Barb Vauls**.

Anniversaries were celebrated by **Jeff & Judy Spooner** (46), **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** (50), and **Rudy & Marie Pivic** (56). Our best wishes go out to all you "Buckeyes" wherever you are who are celebrating this month.

A big "Thank You" to **Jeff & Judy Spooner** for taking over the Fifty-Fifty this month. Can't imagine what we would do if there was no one to take over fifty-fifty! Our winners this month were **Arlene Taylor** and **Steve Pytel**. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Reminder to all members: Our annual picnic is August 3rd in the Metro Park at the Chalet in Strongsville. The chapter is providing Chicken and coffee. This is a pot-luck, so don't forget to bring a dish of your choice to share with the group. Also, this year we are going back to bringing our own utensils, plates, napkins and drinks, (No alcoholic beverages allowed in the Metroparks). There are picnic tables outside and we will eat there. In case of rain, we will go inside. This is a new site for us this year and we hope to see all of you there.

**Even Moses was once a basket case.*

Calendar:

August 3 - Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Metroparks - Mill Stream Run, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**. Gathering: Anytime **after** 10:00AM. Serving: Chicken will be delivered approx 12:00 noon. * Don't forget

your potluck dish and bring your table cover, plates, utensils, & napkins.

September 7 - Old Oak Bible Church – Hosted by **Gene & Jacki Craig**. Gathering 11:45 am – Luncheon 11:45 am. Prepaid – Deadline August 25th

October 5 - Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center. Prepaid – Deadline – September 24th

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Our speaker at the June meeting was Tracy Madsen from the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross. She gave us information about what is happening in our local community besides areas in other parts of the United States. She also mentioned preparedness for local disasters (earthquakes in our area) including floods and hurricanes elsewhere. A collection was made and the chapter contributed \$138 to the Red Cross.

Winners of a free lunch this month went to: Door Prize - **Jerri Blodgett**, Men's Birthday - **Frank Bullis**, No Women's Birthday, Anniversary - **Mike & Diana Thomas** (41 years), 50/50 - **Bob Charon**.

There was a Dew-er's board meeting on June 20th and the following items will be brought before the members at the August meeting for discussion and be voted on in September: Donation of \$250 for the Chapel at the Flight 93 memorial site and changing the by-laws to coincide with national RUAEA and allow Continental employees to belong to Dew-er's.

I was invited to a thank you luncheon for volunteers who work the PDX travel desk. It was a lively group and I would like to mention those attending, although there were some who were unable to be there. Attendees were **JC & LaVaun Hinton**, **Frank Bullis**, **Susie Clack**, **Tina Lewis** (who is the person in charge), **Kathy & Paul Russell**, **Louise Robillard**, **Joyce Garrett**, **George Thomas**, **Rosalie Betschart**, **Nadine Holten**, **Inge Pempeit**, **Ruth Larson** and **Bill French**. I know your willingness to volunteer is appreciated throughout the system.

Hurray, no serious illnesses to report.

There will be a speaker at the September meeting from Elders-In-Action. I am certain everyone can relate to this topic. The speaker will discuss what is available for seniors in our community and will allow time for a question/answer period after the talk.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00

PM, Mon, Wed and Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

August 10 - Social

September 14 – Speaker, Elders-In-Action

October 12 - Ice Cream Social

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The June 3, 2011 OUR Club luncheon and quarterly business meeting was held at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass and was hosted by **Harry & Barbara Horne**. There were 24 in attendance and everyone enjoyed good eats and great company. **Marge Calkins** held the winning ticket for the 50/50. Acting president **Neal Appleton** conducted the quarterly business meeting, during which he shared the highlights of the Portland Convention and talked about the upcoming new United/Continental pass policy. **Alberta Randall** gave the treasurer's report. In addition to routine business, we also heard updates on **Gidget Walcha's** recovery from spinal fusion surgery and **Norma Ross's** condition.

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I report that **Norma Haines Ross** passed away in Medford, OR on July 3 after a five-month battle against a brain tumor. She was 81. She waged the good fight with her humor shining through all the way then, mercifully, slipped away peacefully in her sleep.

Norma was born in Marysville, CA and raised in Hayward. Shortly after graduating from San Jose State University, her roommate insisted Norma come with her to a United Airlines call for flight attendants. The ever-adventurous Norma, who was going to be a teacher, went along and was hired by United almost on the spot. She subsequently flew for United for 31 years and was based mainly at SFO. One of her proudest achievements was flying the MAC flights throughout the war in Viet Nam.

Norma married **Lowell Ross** in 1974 and continued to fly until she retired from United in 1982. She immediately went back to school and became a medical transcriptionist - a position she held for the next 11 years. She and Lowell lived in Hillsboro, OR where they owned a business; Hayden, ID; Middletown, CA; Grants

Pass, OR; Hot Springs, AR; and returned to Medford, OR in 2008. Lowell & Norma had been members of the OUR Club chapter since 2004, and Norma served a term as treasurer.

Lowell passed away in August 2010. Norma is survived by a brother in California, a sister in North Carolina, several nieces and nephews and many devoted friends. At her request, there will be no services. Her hearty and always-ready laugh, her sense of adventure, her wry wit and humor, her sparkling smile and loving heart will always be cherished by those who were lucky enough to be her family and friends. She will be deeply missed.

Calendar

August 5 - Bob & Miriam Lindberg, TBA

September 9 - Steve & Cyndi Austin, annual picnic

October 7 - Sue & Steve Osborn, TBA

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Twenty seven UAL PHL retirees, spouses and friends met at the Ramada Inn for our annual indoor picnic on June 13th. This was our last meeting till the fall. BINGO is always enjoyed by us seniors. **Dick Ems** won 4 corners, **Frank Egges** the "X" game and **Dee Burrs** coverall.

Joe Bradley and **Dee Burrs** made reports from the convention. They all had a wonderful time in the lovely (overcast) city of Portland.

Dick Ems won the free lunch drawing and **Kaaren Fox** hit the 50-50 jackpot.

Great news from **Bill Carmen**, he had super news from his doctor. **Al Edwards** is being treated for back pain. The plane trip to Portland did not help his aching back. **Marsha Ems**, **Paul Lynn**, **Leo Neelan** and the **Hubers** remain on the sick list.

Walt & Lynn Sonderman's grandson, **Matt Sonderman**, was honored June 11th at the Philadelphia Union Soccer game by operation first response. He had received life threatening injuries in Afghanistan in 2008. Matt and 5 other heroes received VIP treatment and a standing ovation from 18,728 fans. Gratitude and thanks to all our troops.

See you at the flight 93 memorial recognition in Shanksville from September 10th through 12th. Many thanks go to **Frank Egges** for his unceasing work for the chapel.

Calendar

September 12 – Meeting at 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn Essington



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As I look forward to my new position "newsletter correspondent", Pit-Stoppers, I wonder if I can follow in **Jeri Juth's** footsteps. She did a great job. I will have a tough act to follow.

I was the Northeast RUAEA Director for the last four years. I want to thank all of the Chapter Presidents: **Ken Wolfe**, **Joe Brad**, **Jimbo Richardson**, **Dick Confer**, **Marge Segal**, **Carleen Eddy** and **Jerry Stevens** for their kindness, cooperation, hospitality and accepting me as part of their group. Continue to be the good leaders that you all are.

A belated 56th anniversary to **Bill & Ruth Redfern**; wishing you many healthy and happy years. Bill also will be reaching another milestone this month, his 80th birthday! His family is taking him and Ruth camping to celebrate his special day.

On a sad note, our dear Pit-Stopper member, **Dorothy Atchison**, 88 years old, passed away June 19 at home, surrounded by her family and friends. Dorothy was the mother of **Mary Jane Stewart** (PITRR-CLERR and COVIA). Cards may be sent to Mary Jane, Box 393, Westland, PA 15378. Our sympathy to Mary Jane and family. Dorothy was a very special friend of mine for many years. To Dorothy, I was her adopted daughter. I will miss her.

Another member of our United family passed away. William Forsythe, 85 years old, worked at PITFF. Our sympathy to his family.

On the sick list is our past president, **Ken Wolfe**. Ken is having some heart problems and is in and out of the hospital, he is now resting at home. Get well cards may be sent to Ken at 1461 Dormont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

I attended the convention in PDX. **Jack & Nancy Hooper** and their committees put on a great convention. It was a fun time for all. I met three co-workers I haven't seen in many, many years: **Miriam Takamatsu** (SFOTR), **Ruth Larson** (SFOTR) and **Harvey Larkin** (PITCS). Ruth still has two dresses I loaned her in 1984 (?) to go on a cruise. I told her to keep them as they probably wouldn't be in style or fit me. We had many laughs over that. That's what conventions are all about. Seeing friends from years ago and making new friends.

The convention in 2012 will be in Washington, D.C., October 3 thru October 7, at the Hyatt Regency at Crystal City. The room rate is \$99.00 plus tax. What a great city to visit. There are three major airports in the D.C. area. From PIT, we can drive; take a train or a bus. Mark your calendars now; let us have a good showing at this convention. October will be here before you know it. Start making plans now.

We would have had our annual picnic July 7. All the details of the day will be in the next Newsletter. You'll read what a great time was had by all and regret not attending.

We have no future plans for our October and December luncheons. Put your thinking caps on and give your ideas to one of the officers.

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On July 5, 2011, 14 chapter members met for brunch at *Johanna's Kitchen* in Sandy/UT. Present were: Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** & wife **Judy**; Treasurer **Frank Christenson** & wife **Susan**; **Rich Papworth**; **Pete Loyola**; **Mike Brown**; **Patricia** & **Don Graves**; and **Lila Maughan**. As promised, **Art Scott** and friend **Carol** joined the group after missing last month's meeting due to a vacation trip. Chapter VP **Kip Lufkin**, with husband **George**, called in this month's report details, as the regular chapter correspondent had to go to another appointment and, therefore, missed this jovial get-together. Thank you, **Kip**, for your update on the meeting, which included a discussion regarding the upcoming *Sugar House Park* picnic on August 2, 2011.

As was done last year, the festivities will be enlivened by a raffle game and a 50/50 drawing. Dinner will be served at 5:00 P.M. It was suggested that we come early to visit with our former coworkers and share old memories. When checking with **Judy Anderson** on the telephone, she advised that a chapter newsletter will be sent out within a week to give more info on the *Joe Morley's* catered August picnic; Price of the meal: members \$8.00; non-members \$13.00.

Also touched upon was the future of our local chapter: Many of our old-timers have left us and, generally, the numbers are dwindling. At the picnic, a new chapter officers' election will be initiated - our present team has been doing a marvelous job for the past three years. Thank you, **Clair**, **Kip**, and **Frank**!

The subject of this year's Christmas Party was brought up and it was announced that it will be held at the *Apple Pie Junction* facility. More information will follow at a later date.

Today, we are closing on a sad note: Our long-time chapter member and former Chapter Treasurer, **William "Bill" Grover Ottman**, passed away June 6, 2011 in Taylorsville, UT. Long ago, during WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Calendar:

August 2 - Picnic (catered) - 5pm, Sugarhouse Park, 2100 S. 1500 E., SLC.

September 6 - Coffee and Donuts - 10AM, 10 East 6150 South, Murray

October 4 - Lunch - 2PM - Menu Price at Totem's restaurant - 538 S. Redwood Rd., SLC.

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News from the Pacific Northwest is pretty slim, as the Emerald City Slickers in Seattle do not meet during the summer months. The annual August picnic, enjoyed in the past, has been canceled for this year due to lack of interest. We'll see everyone again at the Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington, on the second Tuesday in September. In the meantime, keep the sunscreen and insect repellent handy.

Bob Howard organized and hosted the annual Emerald City Slickers United Airlines Retiree Golf Tournament at Allenmore Golf Course in Tacoma June 22. Of the 41 players, 33 are United retirees or active employees. Others were spouses, other relatives, and close friends. Though cloudy and chilly, the weather was **dry**, a fact much appreciated by Seattle golfers.

Winning teams included the first place group made up of **Tim Joslin**, **Ron Locken**, **Denney Narog**, and **Howard Nettleton**. Congratulations!

Second place went to the team of **Cliff Gray**, **Bob Howard**, **Paul Maki**, and **Joe Schneider**. Those **Liesse** men - **Ed**, **Dave**, and **Ken** - were the third place finishers. Coming in fourth was the team of **Chuck Delsing**, and **Chuck & Marla George**.

Kirk Ann Neil came closest to the pin on the 2nd hole to take the ladies' honors. For the male contingent, **Ralph Martenson** came closest to the pin on the 8th hole and **Chuck Delsing** took the honor on the 12th.

Those achieving the longest drives were **Margaret Brown** on the 6th hole and **Larry Weeks** on the 17th. **Chris Bevan** recorded the lowest gross score with a 78. Nice shooting!

A total of 13 birdies were recorded and those golfers were each rewarded with a sleeve of golf balls. Golfers already are looking forward to next year's tournament!

Earlier this year, we reported the serious illness of **Renae Patterson** and regret to report her death in June. **Renae** had worked in SEARR and will be remembered by many local retirees from that department.

In other sad news, we report the death of **John Court Staffeld, Sr.** While not a United employee, **John** was well known to local retirees as contracted Manager of UAL Security at SeaTac until his retirement. He headed up terminal security checkpoints for United before 9/11 and TSA. His red hair and mustache were familiar sights, as he ambled about the terminal and administration building. **John** grew up in New England before moving to Bellevue, Washington, with his second wife, **Barbara Lea**. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Boston University. Writing poetry and his extensive garden were favorite hobbies.

Anniversary greetings to the following August couples: **Richard** (SEAFF) & **Helen Clement** (58), **Ed** (SFOED) and **Gay Liesse** (54), **Ron & Erma Lucas** (55), **Sidney & Rita Reynolds** (SEAOZ) (55), and **Theo** (SEAHH) & **Mary Sluys** (57). That's 279 total years of wedded bliss!

Celebrating August birthdays with a peridot birthstone and gladiolus flower-of-the-month, are **Phil** (SEACG) **Andersen**, **Erma Lucas**, **Louise Story**, **Ken Walters** (SEAMM), and **Bob Whitworth** (SEAPV).

Calendar:

August - The annual picnic has been canceled.

September 13 - Luncheon Meeting - Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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The Dulles Loungers has no report for this month.

Calendar:

August - No events scheduled.

September 14 - 12 Noon, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109

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I really think that summer has arrived in the Midwest area, we hope?

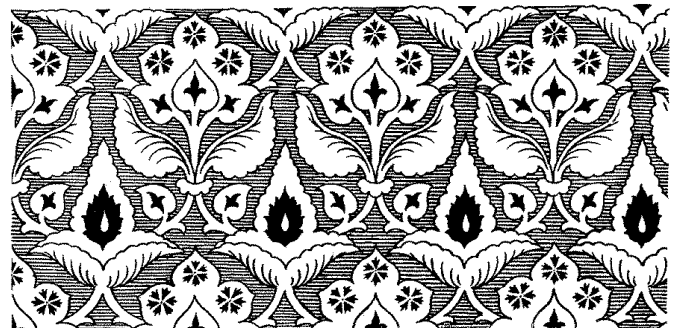
Flight 93 Memorial: September 10th & 11th ~ the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Services in Shanksville, PA. September 10 has been chosen as the day for the Dedication of the "Permanent Memorial", September 11th is the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Service at the impact site. There will be many of the Clipped Wing members who will be attending and we hope to see some of the RUAEA members there as well.

Special Olympics: As you know, the Clipped Wing National Charity is Special Olympics. We have donated \$29,000 for the Parents Grants. There were, at this time, 20 families who received our help to travel to Athens, Greece to see their athletes perform.

Retiree Leadership Meeting: **Barbara Vincent**, our National President, represented Clipped Wings at this meeting. For individual questions regarding the Pass travel, please check mypasstravel@united.com.

Our supply of Clipped Wing scarves is almost gone - what we have left to sell are a few Ties (Airplane) and some scarves with the (Stewardess-Flight Attendants) on them. We will not be ordering new scarves or ties due to the future change in the Uniform. Hopefully, we can come up with a new design for the future. If you would like to order either the Tie or the Scarf, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), rjen-sen148@aol.com.

If you were a former United or Capital Airline Stewardess or Flight Attendant and are interested in joining Clipped Wings, please check out our website www.clippedwings.com. I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at omachristl@aol.com. We would love to have you join us.



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- 5) Address

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

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Retiree – **Capone, Elizabeth Marianne, (Betty)**, on 6/2/11, EXOAC, mother of Tony Capone, 3 Melbourne Ct., Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

Retiree – **Forster, Raymond R.**, on 5/20/11, BOSCG, husband of Wanda Forster, 172 Haverhill St. #222, Andover, MA 01810

Retiree – **Kunze, Albert Charles**, on 5/10/11, SFOEG, husband of Harriet Kunze, 751 Vega Circle, Foster City, CA 94404

Retiree – **Nichols, Marie**, on 5/18/11, LAXRR, survived by Heidi Nichols, 1631 W. Buena Vista Ave. Anaheim, CA 92802

Retiree – **Preble, Edson B.**, on 5/22/11, PHXMM, husband of Beverly Preble, 115 Red Oak CT., Mountain Home, AR 72653

Retiree – **Selva, Blaine**, on 5/15/11, SFOCG, husband of Luciene Martin, father of Antoinette Lilley, 4518 Bonsai Ave. Tracy, CA 95377, Steve Selva, Gary Selva

Retiree – **Spruill, Aubrey Rhodes**, on 6/11/11, BWIMM, husband of Rose Spruill, 10907 Coronada Place, Kensington, MD 20895, father of Thomas Spruill

April 2011 SkyNet Listing

Aguinaga, Tommy S., SFOOV 04/30/11

Arakaki, Thomas S., SFOPI 04/21/11

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Bell, Morris D., SFOOR 04/29/11

Colon, Guillermo, JFKHH 04/13/11

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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Letters Editor

Hi members,
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.

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

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

Colin A. Cooke, Clermont, FL, vectis24@aol.com)

Recently, I took my first trip in five months to NYC. Winter or summer, something can disrupt travel and it's usually ice, snow, heat, storms, or raining like a teetotaler's convention. The quickest way from FL to New England is through IAD, DC and for me it was overbooked so I went the long way around through ORD, Chicago.

My opinion is that your chances of being bumped are greater through ORD. At 2PM, I was told I was #1 standby for the 3PM flight, and to "stick around". Alas, at 3PM, I was suddenly #58 as revenues showed up for the next flight. All flights to LGA were by then delayed two hours and then were cancelled ... and so it goes. The 3PM flight was now set for 4.15PM so I rushed off to the other end of the concourse, a good hike and got

the **last** seat on a UAX to White Plains, NY. A word about White Plains (HPN), it's a wealthy area and attracts chauffeur driven Wall St. types from Greenwich, CT, but while it has female toilets on the public side of the ground floor, the men's is up on the third floor ... and hurry, HPN used to have a public phone on the ground floor but it never worked, so they moved that up to the third floor - and it still doesn't work.

If you listen carefully, without effort, you can hear some strange conversations while traveling. Overheard, "*I belong to the First Church of the Last Laugh and we serve beer, whiskey and nosh.*" I wonder where it is. Also, "*I was in a car accident. The other driver was a psychopath.*" Aren't they all! NYC suburbs in the Spring (very short this year) is where my eyes itch and I sneeze half hourly. The trees in late bloom were Hickory and Locust; and the flies are as big as bumble bees.

For former New York city retirees reading this (I hope) it now costs \$8 cash one way on the G.W. Bridge on the Verrazano bridge going West - \$13. The White-stone Bridge is \$11 r/t. I don't know about the Spuyten Duyvil bridge, named when NYC was Dutch territory it means "Fight The Devil". The fight still goes on.

Does anyone remember an early days TV entertainment show in the 1960's where the M.C. had a tall sidekick known for his dry humor. Was it the Arthur Godfrey show? The sidekick's name was Arthur Treacher and he founded a chain of Fish and Chip shops, Surprise. One is still going in Yonkers, a NYC suburb. I met a family from Texas who bring their two youngest to NYC to practice and compete in Irish Dancing. Not much of that in Texas. Irish dancing calls for great discipline as you may well know from watching the leader of Irish dancing world wide - Chicagoan Michael Flatley. Anyway, the Texan's house is on 750 acres (of course) and they were bothered by Coyotes and Bobcats. He solved that problem, not with a gun, but hard to believe, a few free roaming Donkeys. Mild mannered, they have a natural hatred and fear of wild animals. They confront and bite and kick to death the Coyotes and Bobcats. Also good at killing Mountain Lions if confronted are Mules.

According to the NY Times, there are now eight hundred languages spoken in NYC and 1.8 million who don't speak English. Which perhaps is why New Yorkers do a lot of mumbling and that includes my two grandsons. Press On Regardless.

Robert Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

I have reached the age of 87. I extended my Drivers License for another five years. Most of my body parts are still working, thanks to the modern supply of pills. I still volunteer several days a week at our local Senior Center. Ocean fishing has declined due to rising costs,

fewer boats, less fishermen and limited catch. It is more successful to take a trip to food market. I haven't been on or near an airplane for some time but still look up when one flies over head. Stay healthy!

Mardele Celestin, 15579 Miami Lakeway N, Hialeah, FL 33014

Thank you for keeping our big family connected. I attended the convention in Portland and was happy to see old friends and make some new ones.

Keep up the good work, we appreciate it.

Clifford W. Chaney, 904 Lizzie Lane, St. George, UT 84790

My personal bio will explain something about the history of United Air Lines in its early period.

In 1940-41, I had a small flying school in Sacramento, CA, flying an Aeronca Chief and an Aeronca Defender. After December 7, 1941, all civilian flying was suspended within 150 miles of the west coast. My school of course, was affected. I closed the business preparing to join a former student who was an Air Force officer who transferred from Mather Field to Long Beach, CA. He was to set up a ferry command and asked if I would be interested. If so, come to Long Beach for indoctrination.

I usually drove to Los Angeles on Highway 99 to the Los Angeles area. This time, however and fortunately, I chose to take Highway 101. This one small choice changed my whole life. Driving down, I saw a large sign which read "Airport" and also the words "United Air Lines". I drove in without hesitation, entered the building and looked around. I noticed a gentleman coming out of Seely J. Hall's office with a long yellow legal pad and pen in hand. He introduced himself as **Ken Gallagher** and asked if he could help. My answer was, *"Yes, I would like to apply as a pilot"*. *"Come with me"* was his immediate reply.

Ken Gallagher took me to a conference room, excused himself to get some papers. He asked that I fill out the required Holmes Wadsworth Test. As I completed each sheet of questions, he graded them. When finished, he took me to Dr. Ladd in the Medical Department. I was given a complete physical at that time. I passed the physical and they sent me home to wait for the Sacramento Station Manager's pass indicating that I had been chosen to attend the Boeing School of Aeronautics, a subsidiary of UAL, training co-pilots with the emphasis on becoming captains. Needless to say, my trip south to Long Beach went no farther.

Boeing School of Aeronautics had been relocated from Tracy, CA to Cheyenne, WY. My class was "eighth" at Cheyenne. During that time, from March until May, the school was humming with activity. **G. I. Meyers** was the Director of Flight Training. And there

were a number of instructors. I was assigned to **Bud Jordan** for my cross country work in a Ranger Fairchild 24. **George Wilbur** was my instructor for instrument training. The DC-3 and Boeing 247 check out was conducted by **Nat Messer** and **Charles Doyle**.

Our ground school consisted of meteorology, instrument training, and the Link Trainer. **Doris Langher**, a "99er" with many hours of cross country races to her credit, was the instructor with Link Training. I have 270 hours of Link Trainer time. At that time, simulator experience was very new. Mr. Orendorf was my meteorology instructor. His philosophy was that we know 280 "bits" of information. By ""bits", I learned he meant paragraphs! For our final test, the information was taken off a teletype, we drew a weather map and forecasted the weather at the stations to which we were flying. Although it was a very tough test, we ended up as senior meteorology forecaster, which has helped me all through my career and beyond.

Upon graduation, I was assigned to Pacific Operations as a navigator-in-training. The navigators that were hired had not finished their training. This group from the Boeing School was trained in everything except celestial which we took with **Ned Simpson** instructing. Ned had been a navigator with Pan Am until transferring to UAL as a co-pilot. To finish our course, we went to Oakland Naval Base to be taught Morse code. Fifteen words per minute were necessary to send and receive. At this point we were assigned crews. But, since the airplanes from the Army Air Force had not arrived, we were reassigned to SFO as DCS co-pilots.

March 1943, I was reassigned to Pacific Operations as a co-pilot checking out in the C-87 (a B-24 converted to cargo). I recall it held 35 passengers and 4000 pounds of cargo. The crew consisted of a Captain, First Officer, Engineer, Navigator, Radio Operator, and Purser. Remembering some of my first captains during those early years were **Larry Letson**, **Jimmy Johnson**, **R. T. Freng**, **George Boyd** and **George Douglas** whom I flew with in transitioning to the C-54 (better known on the line as the Mainliner 230). During this period, we flew under the auspices of the Air Transport Command. My 13 month tour at that time took me from Hamilton Field to the South Pacific, Hick am, Canton Island, Fiji Island, New Caledonia and Brisbane, Australia. We also flew into Guadalcanal, Port Moresby, New Guinea, Auckland, New Zealand, and sometimes, Attutaki, Bora Bora, and Samoa Group. These were wonderful experiences.

In March 1944, to continue my co-pilot duties and to start my captain training, I transferred to PDX. **Bill Groen** was the Chief Pilot. He informed me that I was now being transferred to MDW, Chicago. Foolishly I said I wanted to go to LAX, since family was there. He was very clear. His answer was *"You have a choice,*

either go to MDW or I was fired." My answer was quick and very clear. *"What time does the train leave for Chicago?"* If any of you knew **Bill Groen**, you will understand.

In January of 1945, I was graduated to three and a half striper captain, cargo only. In July, I took my check ride for passenger four striper captain and was upgraded on the DC-4 -6-7, Convair 340, Douglas DC-8, Boeing 720 and Boeing 747. I flew the Boeing 747 from 1972 until July 15, 1978.

During the Korean War, I flew Mac Charters, and during 6 years of the Viet Nam War, I flew DC-8 Charters. So my navigation training was put to good use. After retiring in 1978, I had the opportunity to fly for 17 years for Mercy Flights Inc., an air ambulance company in Medford, OR. The insurance company happened to notice I was then 77 years old and thought that was much too old. However, it was my good fortune to acquire my flight instructor rating. My wife, Phyllis, had encouraged me to get this rating along with CFI, CFII and MEI. In 1987, I started instructing and am still doing so now. I have given left seat time in the DC-3 and DC-4 using my ATP. They did that way back then. I really enjoy the challenge of instructing a student who has never flown and watch them blossom into a fine aviator. Tomorrow, my student will be flying a Lance. Each student brings an enjoyable challenge.

During my career with UAL, I had the privilege of being Council Chairman of Council 57, LAX. I saw the airline grow from a small seedling to the beautiful airline of the 60's and 70's when ocean to ocean service was the epicurean delight and people travelled in attractive attire. I hope this bio helps to show the training and background of most of the UAL pilots during those early years. Their skills and dedication brought UAL the coveted title of "the on-time airline".

I will have some fun stories for next year - especially one about **Marv Stolley** and the monkey. My Phyllis has been really busy with her knitting designs. She now has 17 dress forms in her knitting studio, each wearing one of her creations and there are more to come she says. Tatiana, our Coton de Tulear, keeps us both delighted and amused all the time. Love to all, Cliff Chaney

Bill Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472-6380

Greeting to one and all, a big thank you for all the wonderful work you do in keeping us informed of all the changes coming up with the passes etc, as we do not have a computer.

Bill really looks forward to getting the monthly newsletter. His health is not that good. He just spent a week in the hospital but is doing OK now. We can still laugh and that is the main thing.

Joe B. Harris, 703 Atlantic Ave., Apt. 243, Alameda, CA 94501-2189

In my opinions, "Meals on Wheels" is something that I do not recommend. They put together a lunch something like a TV dinner that is really not a balanced meal. Old retired people need five (5) vegetables combined with fruits each day. Orange juice in the morning is a must, fish once a week is good for oil in the skin. Nuts from trees are good too to help with regularity. Raisins and peanuts once a day are good to fill in for the (5) servings of fruits and vegetables.

On another subject: I went to work at United's jet engine shop in August of 1963. I was assigned to work with a mechanic by the name of **Raymond McDonald**. He knew the jet engines very good from the Air Force. I was trained in Illinois on jet engines and jet aircraft. Then my licenses were changed from A&E to A&P. McDonald did not have a license but had planned to get a P license so United could give him the inspection engine part test so he could become a jet engine parts inspector. I took the test and passed it and worked for 18 years as an inspector. I worked 6 years as a jet mechanic and retired with 23 years of service.

Jack Hersh, 212 Beverly Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070

This is a story that will be understood by retirees I call, "**old timers**". It took place sometime between 1966 and 1970 during **George Keck's** Administration; I was in Chicago with a team of mechanics repairing a damaged airplane. I had a very good friend in Chicago who was an Instructor in the Education and Training Department at the Headquarters building. At this time, I had been with UAL somewhere between 18 to 22 years and had never been to the Head Office. My friend showed up at the airport and told me he could not understand how anybody could work for UAL that long and never been to the Headquarters. He insisted that I go with him to that Building for a tour, so I went with him.

We toured the Building and then came to the section where the President's offices were. He told me this was hallowed ground and we couldn't go there. I poked my head around the corner so that I could see down the hallway. There was a desk in the hallway with a lady sitting behind it. She saw me and asked if she could help me. I told her I was a visitor and my friend had said I couldn't go into that section. She laughed and said, come on in, there is nobody here and I will show you the offices. My friend refused to go down that hallway, so I went alone. The first Office she showed me was George Keck's. He was the President that took the office in 1966 after William Patterson retired. She then showed me the conference room and told me that William Patterson had cried because they had to shorten his favorite walnut conference table in order to make it fit this room

when they moved the new Headquarters. She then told me to go into Patterson's office where he had a glass case with many mementos in it. I went in there alone and was bending down looking at all the mementos when there was a tap on my shoulder. I turned around and much to my surprise, it was William Patterson. He was just returning from his daughter's American Airlines stewardess graduation in Texas. It was the first time I had seen him in person and told him I thought he was a myth. We had a nice chat about people we both knew in San Francisco. I don't know why but I felt uneasy and told him I had to get back to the Airport to make sure the job was going OK. The reason I am telling this story is because what he said when I told him I had to leave, it was one of the saddest statements I will never forget.

He said, *"that's the problem, nobody has time for me anymore"*. This statement came from an industry wide, well respected man that practically built United Airlines.

For people that are not familiar with that era of United Airlines, it would pay you to go to Google and type in, "United Airlines President William Patterson". You will be amazed at the difference in the way United was managed at that time compared to the way it is managed today. I believe the retirees from that era worked in the "golden years".

Paul Lemrise, 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 informed and 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.

Vikki Young, 15401 W Echo Canyon Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374-2077

You are wonderful with keeping us all informed. United has changed and not the same company that I worked for and retired from 1967-2002, how sad. Now the pass travel program is changing. I am thankful for all the years my family enjoyed the pass travel. Next year I will travel on Southwest. Ha!

*We appreciate your letters.
Please keep them coming!*

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On Jan. 1, 1945 the Civil Aeronautics Board ordered the 4 airlines "to show cause" as to why the Air Mail subsidy of 60 cents per

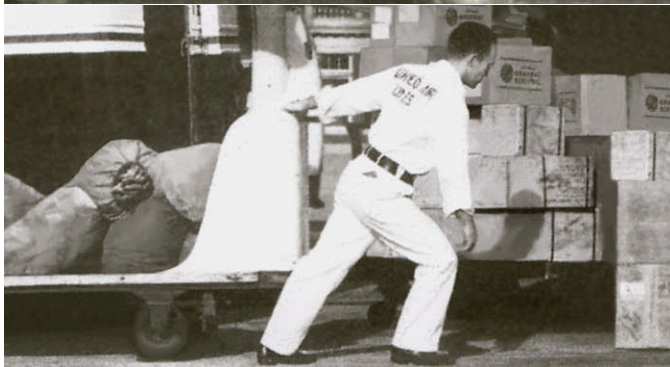
ton-mile should not be reduced to 32 cents per ton-mile.

Based on the Air Mail postage rate of 8 cents an ounce, the CAB estimated the government was paying the airlines \$2.40 per ton-mile. The CAB felt this was a substantial profit for the airlines without direct benefit to public. The resulting adjustment caused a 25% decline in United's 1945 mail revenue - \$3,100,000 less than would have been earned without the adjustment.

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