



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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## Pictures from RUAEA 2013 Denver Convention!



*Members on Tour bus*



*Saturday Night Banquet*



*Frank & Angie Dellinger  
Sherill & Sydney Morgan*



*Hairnet required at Celestial Seasonings Tour*



*Olympic Training Center*



*Banquet servers  
wore UAL Flight  
Attendant  
aprons*



*Inside Air Force Academy Chapel*



# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



**Hank Gosselin**

Hello Fellow Members, I wish you all holidays to enjoy to the fullest. May the holidays be the beginning of a whole happy year to come for you, your families and friends.

All who were at the Convention did have a great time, including myself. Next year we can meet in San Diego, a wonderful city to vacation in. So start making your

plans. More information will be in our Newsletter soon.

Hopefully, you were all able to accomplish the 2014 Benefits Enrollment without any problems.

Hank Gosselin  
President – RUAEA

### From the Vice President, Conventions



**Marilyn Marcy**

As you may have heard by now, the Convention in Denver was highly successful and for that I have to thank those volunteers previously mentioned in the October issue. There were many more at the Hotel that contributed their time and energy, so a big **Thank You** to them also.

Imagine to my chagrin that at the banquet in recognizing all these wonderful helpers, that I

neglected to mention the one and only **John Koehl**. He and I have been involved with planning and executing this convention since its inception in February.

John put together the proposal to Hilton, helped decide on which hotel, negotiated the best rate possible and used his local knowledge to plan the tour package. He was a constant source of encouragement to me these past months and I will always be grateful to him for helping me through this process and the planning of our next event. Love ya John!

Marilyn Marcy  
Vice President RUAEA - Conventions



### Annual Benefits Enrollment Reminder



The 2014 Annual Benefits Enrollment medical ID cards will be sent mid-December for use beginning January 1, 2014. You may contact Aetna at 1-800-334-0110 for any questions related to the Aetna Medicare Medical Plan or the Retiree Medicare Select Plan. For those in

Aetna plans, prescription ID cards will not be reissued, you may contact Express Scripts for a replacement, if necessary. Please call the United Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central time for any benefit-related assistance. To speak with a benefits center representative, please consider calling during off-peak times such as, Tuesday- Thursday, morning or late afternoon. For prescription drug questions, please call Express Scripts directly at 1-877-701-9945.

### Flying Together Access Reminder

Keep in mind, that your login password to United's Flying Together website must be refreshed every 90 days. If you do not access the website very often, here are some steps to resetting your password online.

1. Use Internet Explorer as your browser (if you are accessing the Your Benefits Resources web site, do not access with an Explorer 10 browser – it is not compatible.)
2. Go to [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) website
3. At the login page, select the “password reset” link in the grey area at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts to reset your password.

If you experience any login issues, please call the United Help Desk at 1-800-255-5801 or 1-847-700-5800.

### Seasons Greetings from the Denver Office



It is that time of year again. Where did the time go? As the proverbial saying (Time flies when you are having fun.) So we must be having fun!

The newsletter is still being published in Roseville, CA by **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**. They do a super job. The enhancements can be seen in

the Newsletter every month. **Martha Gooselaw** is still doing the letters for the Letter Section and is one of the proof readers. Remember when sending in your letters, make them as legible as possible. **John Chu** continues to do a super job with graphics, formatting and generally putting the Newsletter together. John's expertise is very much appreciated.

Something new has happened since October. RUAEA now accepts credit cards for payment of dues. Our Computer Technician and Assistant Membership Manager, **Cas Spokas**, has been diligently working on the data base to reflect all of the changes that were put into place. To pay your dues online, go to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and follow the instructions.

There are five secretaries, **Juliana Alfonso, Carol Bare, Carole Longbella, Marilyn Hanson** and a new secretary, recently added, **Sharon Burbank** who retired from IADCS. Sharon works mainly with the credit card input. These ladies are dedicated volunteers that keep up the data base by inputting dues, address changes, new member records, and answer and return phone messages, handle email and still keep an eye on the office. They do a great job and are very much appreciated. But, we must remember that they are volunteers and only spend about one day a week in the office.

Sharon's husband **Don Burbank**, who recently retired from DENLM is also now involved with RUAEA as the Airline Liaison. Don will be working with Hank Gosselin looking at ways to enhance the RUAEA relationship with all retirees. He is becoming familiar with RUAEA, the way the Denver Office works, since it is the hub of the organization, regarding membership and etc. Both Don & Sharon are welcome additions!

The New Year is fast approaching and we look forward to the changes and challenges that the final stages of the merger will bring to us, good or bad.

We want to extend to the membership our thanks for the many kind words and expressions of good will. We hope the Holiday Season and the New Year brings joy to all of you and your families.

Virgil Gooselaw  
Membership Manager

### From the Denver Office



Virgil Gooselaw

**Some lingering questions that are commonly asked:**

**Q:** "I got notice that my dues are due, but it's not my birthday".

**A:** Birthdays as a renewal date haven't been used for years. If you submit your dues prior to your renewal date your membership will be advanced 12 months from the renewal date. If you pay your dues after your renewal date your membership

will advance 12 months from the date the Denver Office processes your dues.

**Q:** "When are my dues due?"

**A:** On your Newsletter mailing label above your name there is a date of month, day and year MM/DD/YYYY. That date represents your membership expiration date. Also when it is time to pay your dues there is wording in red, on the label. This advises you of renewal time one month prior and the next notice you will get, if you didn't pay on the first notice, is the expiration month. Note: disregard these notices if you have sent your dues.

If you get your newsletter online, and it's time to pay your dues, notification will appear when you access the

Newsletter. Again, if you have already sent your dues disregard the notice.

**Q:** "I'm a widow/widower can I become an associate member?"

**A:** Associate Membership has been discontinued. The surviving spouse automatically becomes a regular member at the death of the retiree and the time left on membership will continue on until the expiration date. At that time you may remain a regular member, if you desire, by simply paying normal dues. We encourage the surviving spouses to continue as members of RUAEA. RUAEA is a great source of camaraderie and information. Many of the spouses have as much of a connection to retirees as the deceased retiree/member did.

**Q:** "What happened to the obituaries?"

**A:** The Company ceased supplying the information. We may or may not be given this information after the merger is complete, we don't know at this time. You can submit an obituary for publication – see the guidelines in the Obituaries section.

**Q:** "Can I pay by Credit Card?"

**A:** Yes, as of October 2013 this feature is available. Simply go to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and follow the directions. Note: The file number to use is the one RUAEA uses. Look at your mailing label and the number above your name on the left side is the number to use. The system is simple, works great and saves you a lot of time and a postage stamp. Take advantage of it. Also note that there is a box for contributions. RUAEA is a non-profit organization and doesn't make any money. RUAEA is always struggling to pay for the Newsletter printing, web resources, postage and organization expenses to accommodate the membership. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

### Requests from the Denver Office:

**Please supply your File Number and Phone Number with all correspondence:** This includes your dues, questions by email, written and/or phone or submissions for the letters section. We want to be of service to you but we need a clear method of communication back to you if needed.

If you are leaving a message on the phone recorder, please leave your file number and phone number; speak slowly and clearly, especially when leaving your file number and phone number. It is best if you repeat the number. Remember most of us hung around airplanes for years and our hearing isn't the best. Ha!

**The Letters Section:** Please send your letters by email if possible. If you don't know how to do this ask one of your kids or grand kids. A young neighbor will probably be glad to help. It is very difficult at times to decipher long hand writing.

**General:** When sending letters, articles or items you are requesting to be considered for publication *please do not double space or send in all caps*. These items, for the most part must be manually reworked. You can send your items by email and we can convert them to word documents, but again please no double spacing or all caps.

When sending letters for the Letters Section, if you have email send the letter to Martha Gooselaw at [marthagoose@comcast.net](mailto:marthagoose@comcast.net). You can also copy the Denver Office at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net).

Thanks and as always if you have questions let us know.

We wish you all a good Holiday and the best for the coming year.

The Denver Office Staff

### **If It's Time To Renew**



If you haven't paid your dues yet you can pay online. RUAEA started taking credit cards on October 1, 2013. Paying online is simple, go to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and on the Home Page click on the link "Pay your dues online, current and new members - READ MORE".

By entering your file number and requested information, the system will recognize you and then simply follow instructions. The file number we have on record, for you, is located on the upper left side of your mailing label just above your name. This is the number you must use when paying online.

Thanks and if you have questions please feel free to contact me at [vgoose@comcast.net](mailto:vgoose@comcast.net).

Virgil Gooselaw  
Membership Manager

### **RUAEA Annual Business Meeting**

**Saturday, October 5, 2013**

**Double Tree by Hilton – DEN Stapleton North**



President Hank Gosselin called the meeting to order at 0805.

President - Hank Gosselin

- ❖ Hank welcomed all members to the annual Business meeting. As there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the March meeting, a motion to approve as published was seconded and by majority approval and the reading waived.
- ❖ Because of Howard Lackey's illness, the Board recommended that Hal Klobe finish Howard's term for Southern California and with Paul Brown's passing, recommended Don Nellans finish Paul's term for Florida.
- ❖ Membership continues to decline. CO retirees are most welcome to join RUAEA. With the declining membership, revenue also declines.
- ❖ Relations with WHQ continue. ETC issues seem to be quieting down. The UA/CO HR departments have been consolidated.

### **Past President – Ron Bertacini**

- ❖ A total of 693 votes were cast in the election versus 840 in 2012 or a 17.5% drop in voting. This may have been because some of the candidates had no one running against them. Electronic voting 455 and 260 manual. The successful candidates are Linda Scriven - Southeast, Treatie Karwoski - Northeast, Chuck Cole - Mountain, Bob Hallden - Arizona and Jack Hooper - Northwest. For 2014, we will have five officer positions along with the following regions: Florida, Midwest, Southern California, Northern California/Nevada and Western.
- ❖ The Retiree Badges issuance continues to be going strong. They must still be done online and a picture scanned at a cost of \$35.00. These are not mandatory.
- ❖ Retiree brochures were sent to the UA office at WHQ. These were to be included in the new retiree retirement package. Unfortunately, it has been difficult to determine if any of these brochures have actually been included in any retirement packages. On the plus side, the company has put a listing of all the retiree groups and a link to their respective websites. This is within the company website 'Flying Together' under 'Employee Services' and then 'Retiree Organizations'. With the advent of accepting credit cards for dues, a new version of our brochure will be available soon.

### **Executive Vice President – Mike Richards**

- ❖ Mike reiterated the membership decline. We encourage CO retirees as well any former UA employees to join. RUAEA applications are available from any of the Regional Directors.

### **Virgil Gooselaw – Membership Manager**

- ❖ Effective October 1, 2013 we are accepting credit cards for dues, contributions and new membership payments. These transactions are on the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Cas Spokas worked with ARC7 the last week in September for a "soft entry". There were very few glitches and it is working well. This is a very secure system. Your FN is very important, five digits only. Please feel free to call the Membership office or send us an email if you have need of assistance. Leave your name, phone number and file number. Sharon Burbank has been added to our secretarial group acting as a credit card liaison.
- ❖ We again ask that the Letters to the Editor be in legible handwriting or typed.

### **Francis & Veronica Domaratius – Newsletter Mgrs.**

- ❖ The Chapter Correspondents are very important. Let your local chapter know if you would like information in the Newsletter. We encourage you to subscribe online. You can go back to any issue you wish from 2003 on and find information you need. The company will contact us to include information in the Newsletter. Be assured that the

Newsletter General News is “vetted”. All information in General News is accurate – be wary of other sources of information.

- ❖ A reminder that we do not accept advertisements in the Newsletter. To do so would be to jeopardize our USPS rates.

#### Jim Sommerfield/Toni VanKampen – Website Mgrs.

- ❖ We are continually upgrading the Website, adding additional information on features such as Senior Discounts, Android/Phone usage, Retiree Badge, Travel Tool Documents, Mainliner Club and currently, Online Dues payment via credit card.
- ❖ Most downloaded files are: 1) UA Travel Regulations 2) UA Pass Travel Chart and 3) UA/CO Merger integration.
- ❖ Contact us if you have any questions or recommendations. We encourage all members and potential members to peruse the website and see the many features.
- ❖ Currently there are 38 Retiree Resource links and 19 Travel Links available.

#### Treasurer - Tony Seidl

- ❖ The Board has taken action to reduce costs.
- ❖ As of 9/30/13: Saving Account Balance \$58,112, Cash Deposit: \$35,519 and Checking Account Balance: \$22,703. Total: \$116,334
- ❖ YTD Interest and Dividends: \$631.00. Expected to remain at historic low rates due to the low bank rate (current rates: 0.648 Checking/0.698 Savings/0.847 CD)
- ❖ Membership decline is consistent with trend observed over the past several years, averaging about 500 members per year. Unless reversed, we may cease to exist within a decade or so.

#### Vice President Conventions – Marilyn Marcy

- ❖ 350 registered for this Convention.
- ❖ The tours were very successful with the cooperation of the weather. Major flooding as well as the Federal Government closure, had impacted the Rocky Mountain Tour. Rerouting was necessary; however the Estes tour was well accepted. The tours will make money.
- ❖ The Austrian band and yodeler were a great success at our Beer and Brats party Friday night.
- ❖ The beautiful table decorations you will see at the Banquet tonight were done by Martha Gooselaw and her three daughters.
- ❖ Please leave your badge holders in the designated boxes as you leave tonight as they are costly and we will reuse them.
- ❖ The 2014 convention will be held Sept. 28 - Oct. 4 in San Diego. The temperature should be moderate. It will be held at the Town and Country resort ([www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com)). It is family owned. The rate will be \$109.00 per night which includes a full breakfast buffet. Parking will be \$2.00.

John Stilwell circulated a get well card for Howard Lackey.

We encourage attendance at the Benefit meeting today. There will be good representation from Travel and Insurance. There will be breakaway sessions with each after their meeting for specific individual questions.

RAFA numbers are declining also.

All new retirees will have badge and RUAEA applications available.

A motion was made to adjourn – seconded and approved – we adjourned at 0915.

Minutes submitted by Diane Griego – Secretary –  
Approved by Hank Gosselin - President

### All About Me

The latest information on HR (Human Resources) and “All About Me” from **Kirk Moore**, Chairperson, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee. “All About Me” has moved! Please let everyone know it is now here: <https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/AAM.jsp>

To find it, log onto to Flying Together and select the “Employee Services” tab near the top of the page. Once you are on the Employee Services page, go to the left column and select “My Info / All About Me”.

On the “My Info / All About Me” page several items are NOT AVAILABLE FOR RETIREES, but the important ones that do work are:

Under “Travel”: Pass Riders

Under “Benefits”; Your Benefits Resources (YBR) and Dependents-Healthcare Note: To have “MyInfo / All About Me” appear on your Flying Together home page (so you don’t have to click through Employee Services) simply do this:

- 1) On the Flying Together home page, go to the “My tools” tab in the left column and click on “edit”.
- 2) Be patient, the “My tools” page will load, then click on “Add more tools”.
- 3) On the “Add more tools” page, just click on the yellow plus sign next to “MyInfo / All About Me” from the list beneath “All co-workers”.
- 4) Now a “MyInfo / All About Me” link should appear in the left column under “My tools”. You may customize the links in your Flying Together> My tools column ... adding or deleting whatever you want.

### Enrolled Friends

It will soon be enrollment time for 2014. From the end of November/beginning of December, (exact date not available at RUAEA newsletter printing) through Monday, December 30, 2013 (7 pm CST) eligible retirees may decide between three options for the 2014 calendar year. Eligible Retirees may:

- 1) Register up to two new enrolled friend(s) for the 2014 calendar year
- 2) Keep their current enrolled friend(s) from 2013, or
- 3) Remove current enrolled friend(s) to start 2014



without an election which will ensure the ability to register someone at a later time in 2014. Enrolled friend(s) registered during the enrollment period will be added to the travel profile on January 1, 2014.

Enrolled friend registration is completed online through My Info/All About Me from the Employee Services tab on Flying Together. Inside the Travel section, click on the Pass Riders link and then in the red box click on the word “enroll” on each line to begin the process. **Note:** If no action is taken, your 2013 enrolled friend(s) will automatically roll over on January 1, 2014. We strongly suggest being certain of your choice. Sometimes it’s better to start the new year without an enrolled friend(s) until you are confident of whom you would like to register for the 2014 calendar year. Once the enrollment period is closed, no changes will be permitted to those that have named an Enrolled Friend. For details, see the Enrolled Friend Program in the Travel section on Flying Together.

### **Third-quarter results show UAL has a lot of work to do**



United’s quarterly profit of \$590 million\* and \$10.2 billion in revenue may sound like impressive numbers, but for a company its size and versus its competition, they are not good enough, as Jeff said on a conference call with analysts and reporters.

The gap with UAL’s competitors is significant. Delta Air Lines posted earnings more than double United’s this quarter. The good news is that UAL has identified several key reasons for its disappointing results and is taking steps to fix them.

“We have a lot of work ahead, but our team knows what we need to do to address the revenue and cost issues we have and to accelerate our improvements in financial performance,” Jeff said.

First, UAL has learned that the demand forecast it inputs into its revenue management system was biased toward accepting too many low-yield reservations early in the booking curve. This filled airplanes with a weak yield mix, which resulted in lower revenue.

To remedy this problem, United initiated the first of two recalibrations to its demand forecast that will reduce the number of low-yield bookings it accepts further out from departure. This will help United maintain the appropriate amount of seat availability to accept more close-in bookings that typically come from business travelers. The next recalibration, which United will implement in November, will update its demand forecast to be more weighted to recent demand trends than prior-year trends.

“Together, these changes will enable us to capture more higher-yielding traffic than we have recently,” said Vice Chairman and Chief Revenue Officer Jim Compton on the call. “We anticipate realizing accelerating yield improvements during the first half of 2014.”

A second key step United is taking to improve its revenue performance is putting the right airplane on the right route. For last summer’s schedule, United moved its Boeing 747s to SFO to invest in more preventative maintenance checks. While improving the reliability of the 747s, this did not produce optimal revenue. Starting next March, United will restore those aircraft to their optimal routes, such as those originating at ORD, where it can use them to better match capacity with demand.

Finally, United has seen increased competition in the lucrative Pacific region, especially in China, where it is the largest U.S. carrier. Demand remains strong there, but capacity is rising rapidly. United faces similar competitive capacity challenges in U.S. transcontinental markets.

While its service between the U.S. and Asia is strong, “We continue to look for opportunities to expand our presence while maintaining overall capacity discipline,” Jim said.

\*Including special charges, United reported third-quarter 2013 net income of \$379 million, or \$0.98 per diluted share.

### **Customers may now use PEDs throughout flight**



UAL has received government approval to allow its customers to use their portable electronic devices (PEDs) during all phases of flight from gate to gate. United began offering electronics-

friendly cabins on all domestic mainline flights arriving or departing within the 50 United States after receiving FAA approval November 6, 2013.

With this change, customers can now safely use their lightweight, handheld electronic devices - such as tablets, e-readers, games and smart phones - in non-transmitting mode from gate to gate, unless a flight attendant instructs them otherwise. Larger electronic devices, like laptops, must still be stored securely in an overhead bin or another approved stowage area during takeoff and landing.

For United’s flight attendants, the new policy means ensuring that customers safely secure or properly stow their PEDs during takeoffs and landings.

Flight attendants also must tell passengers when it is safe to use PEDs or if the captain has directed customers to turn them off.

United is providing its flight crews with updated onboard announcements reflecting the new policy and will soon update its onboard safety videos, the safety information in Hemispheres and the safety information cards we store in the seat backs.

United is working with its regional partners to extend the benefit to United Express flights by the end of the year. Voice calls to or from cell phones or VoIP-enabled devices are still prohibited during taxiing, takeoffs, landings and while the aircraft is in flight.

### When customers can use PEDs

*U.S. destinations are the 50 United States, excluding its territories (Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, etc.)*

Departure/Arrival	US/US	US/Int'l	Int'l/US	Int'l/Int'l
Phase of Flight				
Boarding	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Door Closure	Yes	Yes	No	No
Taxi	Yes	Yes	No	No
Inflight	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prior to Landing	Yes	No	Yes	No
Taxi & Arrival	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### International SOS services available on mobile app



Co-workers using our International SOS service may now access it by using an app for iPhone, iPad, Blackberry and some Android devices.

Designed to keep co-workers safe, International

SOS provides assistance if you become sick or injured while traveling abroad. While the service has been available to co-workers via a phone line since 2011, the new smart phone app provides another way to access this pertinent information.

The app features a one-click dial to the closest International SOS alarm center from wherever you are, travel advice, instant access to the latest medical and security alerts for your destinations and travel security country guides.

The program provides medical and security services to crew members and other co-workers on non-revenue positive space (NRPS) itineraries. Certain services also are now available to co-workers and their eligible pass riders while traveling for leisure.

You can download the free app by visiting [app.lk/sos-member](http://app.lk/sos-member) or do a search for "International SOS" in your app store. The member number to submit when prompted is 11BYCA000027.

You can find more information about this unique service on the Travel tab > International SOS.

### Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Egges



Things are happening in Shanksville at the Memorial Chapel.

Following the new roof and upgrading the interior, plans are moving forward to purchase additional prop-

erty for the Chapel. The Board of Directors is planning to expand the area, with your support and donations. Keep up

the good work. The plan is to discontinue with the tent and build an auditorium in its place.

Last month's donations were received in the amount of \$800.00.

Thank all of you retirees for your continued dedication and support to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. To achieve our future plans, your continued support will be most appreciated.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

To donate: Make check payable to, United Airlines Flt. 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to; Frank J. Egges 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note**: *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next News-

letter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA

### GULF COAST CHAPTER



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What problems the Government shut-down caused us! We normally meet at the Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL but with the shut-down, we were forced at the last minute to find another meeting place. I put the word out to our group that I needed help finding another place since we live just West of Mobile, AL and are not familiar with restaurants in the Pensacola, FL area. **Conrad Hamilton** came to our rescue and found us a fabulous meeting place at The Pensacola Yacht Club. So, on October 17, we had 19 members and 1 guest attend at this beautiful club overlooking the water and boats. Those attending were: **Nancy Aldrich, Jim & Penny Alston, Conrad Hamilton** with his guest, **Gayle Furlow, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Ray & My Owens, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, and Harold Stofko**. We were thrilled that **Harold Stofko** was feeling up to joining us again. We missed **Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**. She is recovering from some eye surgery and **Steve** stayed home to take care of her.

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 12:40 PM after we had finished lunch and what a lunch we had! Our buffet consisted of mixed salad greens with several toppings, seafood gumbo, steamed fresh vegetables, baked mahi mahi fish, hamburgers with all the fixings, and a luscious chocolate cake for dessert. We were very impressed with our meal! **Bob** thanked **Conrad** for setting up the Yacht Club for our meeting and then asked him to introduce his guest, **Gayle Furlow**. We hope she will join us again in the future.

**Bill Hayden & Barbara Serra** sold raffle tickets to everyone. The winner was **Ed Southworth**. He donated his winnings back to our chapter's treasury. Congratulations, **Ed**, and thank you!

**Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary, read a very nice thank you note from **Paul Brown's** widow, **Helga**, thanking us for our donation to the American Cancer Society in his memory. A discussion was held about how dangerous skin cancer can be and it was suggested everyone should go in once a year to be checked.

Our October birthdays are **Ray Owens** (1<sup>st</sup>), **My Owens** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Billie Learned** (10<sup>th</sup>), **Ann Delavan** (11<sup>th</sup>),

**Jim Alston** (22<sup>nd</sup>), **Bill Delavan** (23<sup>rd</sup>), and **George Atteberry** (27<sup>th</sup>).

Our November birthdays are **Bob Schwartz** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Penny Alston** (17<sup>th</sup>), **Maureen Hurst** (25<sup>th</sup>) and **Jeanne Reinoehl** (30<sup>th</sup>). Happy Birthday to all of you!

It was asked if we might continue to meet at the Pensacola Yacht Club so the manager, **Scott**, came in and told us they would love to have us and the cost would be \$14.50 for the buffet lunch and if possible, he would prefer a different day for our meeting since he is so busy on Thursdays. There is another room we can choose to meet in that is closer to the water and overlooks a canal plus the boats and has a covered patio. **Ed Southworth** made a motion and it was seconded by **Rick Herrick** that we change our meeting date to the third Tuesday of each month and continue to meet at the Yacht Club for now and the lunch price be \$15.00 with 50 cents going into our treasury. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bob** announced he had met a representative of the Civil Air Patrol at the club and he would be willing to speak to our group in the future. Everyone thought it would be great.

Our chapter will now meet on a new day! Our meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month but we will continue to meet at 11:30 AM to chat, with lunch starting at 12 Noon. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL - East to Mississippi border - West), please come join us at our new location.

### Calendar:

**November 19** - 11:30 am

**December 17** - This date may change

### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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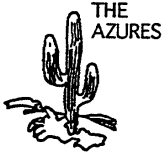
Our October meeting was held October 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Keith & Charlotte Gibson** in Trussville. The members joining the Gibsons were **Jim & Donna Gooch, Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Travis & Zoe Glass, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Joe & Jane Jones, Anne Simmons** and our guests were Charlotte's parents, **Wayne & JoAnn Benton**. A special treat when visiting the Gibsons are the pies that Charlotte makes, with possibly some help from her Mom!

A discussion about the change to Aetna for the United retirees medical insurance was the main topic. There seems to be a lot of questions how this will affect those of us still using this insurance. Most people felt the change would not be to our benefit, surprise, surprise! However, this did not affect the fellowship we all enjoyed and especially having **Anne Simmons** back with us after missing several meetings.



Two of our members were a bit under the weather, **Joe Duncan** and **Bill Preston**. We hope they can join us for the November meeting. We welcome ALL United retirees and their families to join us every second Monday at 11:30am. For more information, call **Bobby Cox** at (205) 833-0850.

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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Our October 26 picnic at Beardsley Park was a success as usual with 54 members in attendance. Unfortunately, three new members: **P.J. Blaney**, **Pat Burnett** and **Shirley Peebles** couldn't find the ramada we were at due to so many other groups and a failure by the park to put our name on the marquee. We missed meeting them but, hopefully, we will see them at Briarwood Country Club which is our next luncheon date on November 16.

Briarwood will be a celebration of the Thanksgiving season with a "turkey and all the fixings" luncheon. The chef at Briarwood does a wonderful job with our lunches and really makes us feel special. And, the food is delicious.

The December activity will include a lunch and show at the Arizona Broadway Theatre which will be The Sound of Music. Right now we are negotiating per ticket price and possibly changing the date instead of the December 14 date planned to a date with a less expensive ticket price. We will keep the members posted on the changes.

**Mike Richards** has agreed to remain as the President of our Azures group for another year since no other member "stepped up to the plate". We will try to lessen some of his duties since he has enough responsibilities as RUAEA Executive Vice President. **Joe Hopkins**, **Don Brei** and I met to discuss and pick some of the luncheon venues and we think the Azures will be happy with our choices, including a couple of new restaurants.

We are saddened by the death of our beautiful **Joan Derbas** who passed away after a battle with rheumatoid arthritis and breathing problems. Joan was an avid "beader" and made beautiful jewelry. And, she faithfully collected greeting cards to send to the troops. We will miss her. Cards can be sent to her husband, Phil, at: 15845 W. Starview Lane, Surprise, AZ 85374.

The Board wants to give a special thanks to our "unofficial" membership secretary, **Tim Everhart**, for his continuing work on the membership list, keeping us up to date on addresses, phone numbers, but, especially, email address changes. Tim, we thank you for your patience. I don't know what we'd do without you!

December birthdays: **Lowell Neal** (12/1); **Pat Paulson** (12/2); **Mike Richards** (12/4); **Ken Paulson** (12/22); **Rose Barry** (12/18); **Carol Brei** (12/31). **Dick & Jean Wood's** wedding anniversary is 12/5. We wish you many, many more.

Breakfasts continue every other Tuesday morning 0800 at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City West. December dates are December 3 and December 17. I'll leave the December 31 date up to the regulars to decide if they will meet or not. **Jim Bechtold** is still taking reservations at (602) 885-6523. Call him by the Monday night before so that he can let Coco's know how many members will attend. Now that the "snowbirds" are coming back to town, the numbers will increase.

### Calendar:

**December 14** - Arizona Broadway Theatre - The Sound of Music

**January 11** - BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Glendale, AZ

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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The Holidays are fast approaching, are you ready? It seems like the stores all come out with their Christmas things earlier every year. Guess they want us to start buying a lot sooner. We're having our annual Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club, 10801 San Tan Blvd. in Sun Lakes on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forth coming from **Carol & Skip Ward**. Their email address is [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com). Definitely make a point on attending this luncheon. You will be glad you did; plus it gets you in the Christmas spirit!

The RUAEA Convention in Denver in early October was really great! Everyone raved about the tours. The Friday evening Beer and Brats was really fun as a German Band entertained us with dancing and singing. Everyone really seems to enjoy themselves. The meetings on Saturday morning were very informative. I attended the correspondents meeting on Thursday morning and **Shirley Claggett**, our President, went to the meeting they had for all the Presidents of all the chapters. One of the things we learned was our total membership is really decreasing, which is too bad, as it's such a good way to reconnect with fellow employees and share a lot of memories. To renew your annual dues or become a member of RUAEA, you can now use a credit card; such as Visa, Master Card, or Discover; instead of mailing a check for your dues. Just check the website for further information at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). The annual dues are \$25 per year. Be sure to include your UAL/CO file number. If you wish to mail in your dues, the address is RUAEA Office, 7401

MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. The banquet on Saturday night's food was very delicious and the table decorations made by **Martha Gooselaw** and her daughters were very pretty.

Next year's RUAEA Convention will be held at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, in San Diego, California. This will be held from September 28 – October 4<sup>th</sup>. This should be a great Convention in a beautiful city. There are 1,000 guest rooms, 4 Restaurants, 3 Swimming Pools, Spa and Fitness Center. Adjacent to the resort is a 27-hole championship golf course, Fashion Valley Shopping Center and San Diego's light-rail trolley station. You can walk to the trolley stop to travel downtown from the hotel. Just minutes away from the hotel is SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo, and the white sandy beaches. Be sure and mark your calendars about this upcoming Convention; it should be great. Maybe you might want to invite some family members or other friends to come to San Diego at the same time.

We lost another member of our Re-United's Chapter recently ~ **Kit Kouchis**, died October 5<sup>th</sup> from Multiple Melanoma. She worked for United Airlines for 41 years and retired to Sun Lakes, AZ. The funeral and interment was held in Altoona, PA. She will be missed by all of us.

Our October Breakfast at the Black Bear Restaurant in Gilbert, AZ had 23 members in attendance. **Bob Irwin** won the prize for the scariest Halloween costume. **Shirley Claggett**, our President, gave us some information she learned while attending the Presidents Breakfast at the Convention. She indicated for TSA Pre-check at the airport, you can use the special check-in line, which is normally shorter, and also, you don't have to take anything off, such as belts, shoes, etc. Your standby pass will show **TSA Pre-check** at the top. By October 28, United was mailing information about the new insurance plan with Aetna. United is self insured and Blue Cross, Blue Shield has been administering it for UAL, and now Aetna is taking it over. **Bob Hallden** also passed some information regarding travel with United, make two bookings, one for going and the other for returning. If you aren't able to get on a flight you listed for, make sure the agent rolls you over to the next flight. Fed Ex will give us a discount on any two day air service. **Peg Snowdall** talked about the Fantasy Flight and the need for socks and mittens for the children; also individual blankets. The Fantasy Flight is December 6<sup>th</sup>. Because the December breakfast is getting close to Christmas, it was suggested that we move it to December 13; but the majority wanted to continue on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

Don't forget to pay your Re-United's Chapter dues of \$5.00 each, which is due January 1, 2014. You can mail your check to **Rita Zarek**, our Treasurer, at 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120, or else see her at one of the meetings. If you have any change of address, phone number, or email, please give her that information too, so when the new Membership Directory is printed up, we will have the correct information for you. Thanks for

your help on this matter.

The November 6<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** had 33 members attending. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, thanked the **Rockenhauers** for all their help at the Convention in Denver. **Rich Vehring** talked about the upcoming Fantasy Flight. We have been doing the Fantasy Flight for 18 years. We have received grants from different groups, which helps offset the cost of this project. It was mentioned that flash cards are needed to give out to the children. This year there will be some Navajo children from Monument Valley participating. There was a large group decorating the concourse on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Many hands make light work.

When listing or changing names of those people who are eligible to use our passes, it was mentioned that you make a copy of the form for your records in case there is a question later on. **Ted Higley** reported on a recent trip he took on Southwest Airlines to Houston, Texas, that they had a large mock-up of the space station there that really was something to see. Another person mentioned we can fly on Hawaiian Airlines direct to Honolulu from Phoenix. **Natasha Schmidt** is looking into a place to hold our Luncheon in January. The **Pedones** are making plans for our February luncheon in Tempe. **Shirley** mentioned the upcoming Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes and more news will be coming from the **Wards** on this. If you wish, bring something that would be nice to be used as a raffle item at the luncheon. Remember to bring any puzzles, books, or magazines to the breakfasts for an exchange each month. Be sure to look at what items are available every month.

We have a lot of Birthdays in December. They are: **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Nancy Myers** (12/15), **Doreen Cloud** (12/16), **Irma Furtney** (12/18), **Patrice Rowan** (12/18), **Ron Wiloughby** (12/18) **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Janet Burns** (12/25), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), and **Peg Snowdall** (12/31). Happy Birthday to each one of you! The following have Wedding Anniversaries, **John & JoAnne Griffin** (12/18/83), **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier** (12/18/93), and **Jim & Bonnie Fauber** (12/31/77). Congratulations to all the couples!

#### Calendar:

**December 4** – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Clubhouse in Sun Lakes, AZ, hosted by **Carol & Skip Ward**. For further information, contact them at (480) 883-0832, or by email at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com).

**December 6** – Fantasy Flight at Phoenix Airport

**December 20** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 480-396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**January** – Luncheon to be announced later.

**January 24** – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner.





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Our October luncheon at Shlomo & Vito's was amazing. It was a beautiful day for eating outside and the food was delicious. Thank you, **Ed Kokot**, for organizing this luncheon for us. Twenty three members and two guests, **Amy Maehler**, niece of **Mary Garrahan**, and **Ron Ris-mou** (Alaska Airlines), guest of **Dora & Gordon Star** joined us. Our lucky 50/50 raffle winners were **Don Jorgenson** and **Peggy Kuhn**.

We will be decorating a Christmas Tree at the Reid Park Zoo again this year. Please bring non-breakable ornaments and yarn, string or ribbon to fasten the ornaments to the tree. Following our decorating outing we will be having lunch. Plan on meeting in the parking lot at 10:45AM and we will all go from there.

November's luncheon will be held at the Desert Diamond Casino at the Agave Restaurant. Our hosts are **Mary Garrahan** and **Marian Dietrich**. From the North take I-10 east to I-19 south. Take exit 80 for Pima Mine Rd. The address is 1100 W Pima Mine Rd., Sahuarita, AZ. Contact **Mary Garrahan** at (520) 625-8406 or [mary-garr@cox.net](mailto:mary-garr@cox.net) by November 19 if you are planning to attend.

Our Christmas celebration will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tanque Verde Ranch. The buffet luncheon will be held in the Mexican Room from noon until 1:30PM. The Roadrunners Chapter will be contributing to the luncheon, reducing the cost to \$11.00 per person for members. As always, guests are welcome to join us. The cost of their lunch will be \$21.00. **Rich & Pat DiLallo** will be our hosts. This luncheon is prepaid. Your check for \$11/\$21 per person should be made out and sent to **Pat DiLallo** at 14740 N. Palmwood Dr.; Oro Valley, AZ 85755 by no later than December 6<sup>th</sup>. Tanque Verde Ranch is located at 14301 E. Speedway in Tucson. Take Speedway East to the end of the road and turn left to the ranch.

### Calendar:

**November 20** - Christmas Tree decorating at Reid Park Zoo

**November 21** - Desert Diamond Casino hosted by **Mary Garrahan** and **Marian Dietrich**

**December 12** - Tanque Verde Ranch hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**



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We met on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at The Vineyard House in Santa Ynez with 16 attendees. Thanks to **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, who volunteered as hosts. **Mike Zoldak**, our President, opened the meeting. Several things were brought up, and one of the more important items was that PBGC will continue as it has in the past. As retirees, this was great news. Mike mentioned that the IAM \$10,000 Life Insurance should include a beneficiary; otherwise there would be no payment. On good news, Mike talked to **Howard Lackey**, and he said he is now home and able to drive. We all signed a card that Mike will be sending to him. After what Howard went through, he must be making remarkable recovery.

Mike turned the meeting over to **John Stilwell** who attended the Convention in DEN. He passed out flyers from the hotel in SAN where the next convention will be held during Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The daily rate is \$109 plus breakfast. The possibility of taking a train instead of flying seemed to appeal to some of us.

John was able to attend the Presidents meeting only, since the Correspondents meeting was held at the same time. He said that there was 350 attending the convention and 18 attended the Presidents meeting. John called me before going to DEN, to ask if I had any concerns that he could bring up at the meeting. It seems that we all had the same idea, and that was trying to increase membership. Apparently, new retirees are not interested in joining RUAEA. There are approximately 34,000 retirees.

John said to check your boarding pass for the TSA mark. If it has one, then you would be able to go through the Fast Entry gate. It seems that airline members are considered a safe choice to fly.

There are about 120,000 Blue Cross/Blue Shield members that will be transferred to Aetna on Dec. 31, 2013.

Any Buddy Passes that cost over \$600, the IRS will be sending out a 1099.

John did say that his trip from LAX to DEN had a minor problem. He checked the seating at noon, on the day he was to travel. He saw that there were 47 open seats, but when he checked in, the plane was full. He checked with the ticket agent, and he was told that the next flight was cancelled and those passengers were moved to the earlier flight. He did get out however.

I only reported some of the hi-lites of John's report. I'm sure the Newsletter will contain a lot more from the Convention.



Mike asked for the Treasurer's Report. **Marcia Stanger** said that our finances are in good shape, and we will be able to send \$200 to the Toys 4 Tots again this year.

There was no Secretary's report, except I mentioned that I received an email from **Hal Klobe**, the So. Ca. Regional Director. He wanted to know when our Dec. meeting would be since he might have conflicting meetings that he has to attend. John said that he met Hal and it seems the Dec. meeting in SAN is on the same day as ours, so he will be attending theirs.

This pretty much covered the business part of our meeting. At this point, **Jack Cunningham** got up and said that he has reached the ripe young age of 94 and he and **Eleanor** have been married 72 years. Jack gave his longevity to his loving wife who has kept him going all these years. Maybe next month we'll get Eleanor's side of the story.

**Nina Powers** traveled again and this time it was in a train from YVR across Canada. She almost lost her luggage, but fortunately it was delivered to her prior to boarding the train. The trip was fine and she said that there was a lot of nothing to see during part of the trip, like going through Nebraska.

As I reported last month, **Bob Wagner** had a heart problem that required placing two stents where it was needed. He said that it was a two hour procedure. He had a similar situation he had done before and the operation was done through the groin area that kept him down for several days. This time the stents were installed through the wrist and he was able to go home the next day with no discomfort. The only thing he said that covered the wound was a band-aid. He looked real good at our meeting and he said he was feeling fine. His wife, Pat, was not able to attend. I did find out that Bob's physician was the same one that gave my wife and I a stress test. After reading the results, he needed to see my wife one more time. I asked him what my results were and he said they were OK more or less. He never told me what the "more or less" meant, but I'm not seeing him again.

**Peter & Joan Schaefer** were with us, and Peter was not able to get his back operation done. He had other complications that would not allow surgery, and until that is cleared up, he has to wait it out. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them.

It was great to see **Mike Zoldak's** wife **Bridget** with us. She had surgery done several months ago and it is always good to see her. She helped Mike with the 50/50 drawing that was won by **Bob Wagner**.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach, hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. When leaving, John said that there would be something special for the **Cunninghams**. We don't know what John has in mind and his wife Barbara is just as interested since this is the first she heard about it.



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There were 10 members that met at Marie Callenders for lunch. **Elida Rivas**, President, called a short meeting to order at 12 noon. We discussed our health insurance and everyone seemed to be satisfied with their plan that they already had since there were no significant changes. We have one birthday for November, **Millie Barnett** on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

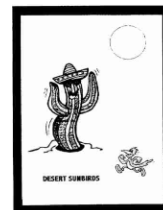
We voted to have our Christmas party at an Armenian restaurant, which will be a new experience for some of our members, who have never eaten Armenian food. We also voted to change January's meeting from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>.

There were no jokes, but a lot of good laughter while eating lunch. Of course, lucky **Dick Shryock** won the 50/50 raffle again! **Nile Jones** won a bottle of wine and **Elida Rivas** won ½ bottle of wine. It seems that while we were eating our lunch, someone opened one of the wines and drank or served half the bottle.

Thanks go to **Dick Shryock** for hosting the meeting and giving each of us two big candy bars.

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**Melinda & Ron Lerg** were the Sunbirds' hosts for our October Meeting/Luncheon. A great group of forty seven members and guests were present to enjoy their choices of Steak Sandwich, Monte Cristo, Chicken and Cranberry Salad, and Seafood Louie.

Guests this month: **Mary Frank** brought her son **Tom** and her usual guest, **Dick Milford**; **Maureen Williams** brought her daughter, **Shirley Roberts**; and I, as usual, brought Marji, now known as **Marji Lamas**. Some members, whom we haven't seen in a while, were in attendance: **Barb Harrison**, **Brad Sydow**, and **Siv Adams**. The **Pattersons** were there, despite the fact that there was a flood at their home due to a broken water pipe. To further complicate things, it will not be repaired until January. Hang in there, **Gil & Marianne**. There are better days ahead. We were also happy to see **Jerry Waiss** at the luncheon, after his heart surgery in September.

**Louie Horvath** sent his greetings from Spain; and then he was off to the South of France for two weeks. You'd think he was a travel agent or something. Oh, that's right. He is!

Congratulations to **Jim & Liz Clapper**, who will

celebrate their 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

President Mike reminded the group that we still haven't got hosts for several luncheons next year. No hosts - no luncheons!

This year, the Desert Sunbirds will again be donating toys to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for Christmas. Members can bring their toys to either the November or December Meetings.

**Jim Clapper** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing, with **Flo Silvestri** taking home the extra \$21.00. Birthday winner was **Val Tinus**. Extra door prizes (wrapped, so I didn't see what was in them), donated by **Shirley Spitler**, were won by **Maureen Williams**, **Marji Gomez**, **Barb Harrison**, **Liz Clapper**, **Brad Sydow**, **Maureen Schultz**, and **Judy Ford**.

#### Calendar:

**December 11** – Hosted by **Patti Sica** & company

**January 8** - TBA

#### GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers along with the Solano Flyers met on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the City Sports Grill in Vacaville. This was hosted by **Harold & Barbara Mitchell** and **Bob & Michiko Allen**. We had 28 Gold Diggers and 30 Solano Flyers attending. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Mitchells and Allens for hosting. The Mitchells provided cupcakes for dessert in honor of October and November birthdays.

#### Officers' Reports:

*President* ~ **Hank Wikstad** asked the officers to give their reports.

*Vice President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** said he is in need of hosts for next year for all months except February. He received volunteers for July (Sonda) and December (Wikstads) also.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** said that there are no anniversaries over 50 years for October. Anniversaries for November: **Charles & Martha Szekretar** – 50 years. The anniversary song was led by **Harold Esola**.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** was not here but Hank gave our Chapter's balance.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** will bring our picture albums to the next meeting in December.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** said he still has a few rosters left if anyone needs one.

*Sunshine* ~ **Alice McPeak** was not here but **Penny Greenacre** filled in for her. She told us that **Margie Fulkerson** fell and broke some ribs and is in a convales-

cent home. Bob & Margie hope to be at our Christmas luncheon in December. Also, there was a good showing of Gold Diggers that made it to Darryll Stroud's Memorial Service.

**Terry Greenacre**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented our slate of officers for 2014: President ~ **Orville Harshbarger**, Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak**, Vice President ~ **Phil Frank**, Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton**, Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola**, Roster Keeper ~ **Jack Raynor**, Treasurer ~ **Judie King**. Motion was made to elect these officers. Motion carried.

**Ron Bertacini** reported on the convention in Denver held the first part of October. They had 350 registrations. He talked about the Oktoberfest that was held on Thursday night with a German band and German beer. They had lots of dancing. During the business meeting, they said open enrollment will begin November 4<sup>th</sup> and ends November 15<sup>th</sup>. Next year, the convention will be held in San Diego at the Town & Country Resort. The room rate will be \$109.00 with breakfast included. Parking will be \$2.00/day.

We had a guest from Clipped Wings, **Cheryl Jensen** who came and talked about their fundraiser for Special Olympics. She showed us two different scarves they were selling and each one was \$20.00.

We concluded with our raffle.

#### Calendar:

No meeting in November because of Thanksgiving.

**December 11** – Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley

#### HANGTOWN MINERS

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Elastic waistbands - yup, that's what you need to wear when you come to our luncheons at the Red Hawk Casino! A hearty "Thank You" goes out to **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** and **Joe & Lynda Lima** for arranging this luncheon for us. Please note: If you planned to attend a luncheon and find that you need to cancel, you need to contact the person(s) hosting the event. It is their responsibility to adjust their information for the restaurant and to adjust your meal payment. The host works directly with the restaurant and if you "just don't show up", your meal has already been paid for, so, be sure to give as much advance notice as possible should you need to cancel.

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** welcomed five guests. **Pilar Perez** brought a friend, **Adrian Anderson**. Rudy & Cindy brought **Charlie & Carleene Hyde**. **Bill & Jane Gibson** brought **Tom & Gerry Boyle**. We are pleased to welcome both the Boyles and the Hydes as our newest Hangtown Miners members. Also a Happy Birthday to Carleene!

*Vice President ~* **Bill Dinette** talked about the PBGC issued statement during the government shutdown.

*Secretary -* **Jane Gibson** did not have a report. However, **Ann Czapkay** is our person in charge of ordering our member badges. These are really nice badges - the magnetic clip doesn't damage clothing plus they look great! If you need a badge, please contact Ann to order yours. (530) 642-9868 or email: [zap3@mindspring.com](mailto:zap3@mindspring.com).

*Treasurer ~* **Tom Kenny** gave a "follow up" report regarding our non-profit status. It "only" took about 14 months to receive our official status paperwork but it's done! Tom will look into any extra requirements that may be needed for the state. Currently, we have \$1,630.61 in our checking account. Tom also made note that long time member, **Jim Raber**, was at this meeting - good to see you, Jim.

*Sunshine ~* **Jeanette D'Amico** is off on an extended vacation so **Jane Gibson** will be filling in for her. Jeanette reported that one of our long time members, **Darryll Stroud**, passed away September 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a memorial service on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 at the Eureka Masonic Lodge of Auburn (956 Lincoln Way Auburn CA 95603). Darryll has been a member of the Hangtown Miners from the beginning as well as the Gold Diggers. Jeanette sent a sympathy card to his wife, Dorothy, from our group. If you would like to send your own sympathies to Dorothy, her address is: 11524 Mikado Court, Auburn, CA 95602, (330) 268-1221. Dorothy, our thoughts and prayers are yours. If there is any way we can help you, please let us know.

If you know of any Hangtown Miner who may be ill, healing from an operation, going through a difficult time or may have something great going on - let our Sunshine person know!

*Historian ~* **Lynda Lima** will be bringing the chapter' albums to the November meeting. Be sure to take a few moments to browse through these books. They are very well done and highlight our chapter's years.

*Old Business ~* Rudy talked about the change from BC/BS to Aetna.

*New Business ~* If you have any pass travel questions, here is a contact for us: Betty Gutierrez, Employee Travel Center - HR. Telephone: (713) 324-5555, option 5.

Okay, time to put your "thinking caps" on. In November, we will be nominating our choices for 2014 Hangtown Miners officers. Consider who you would like to have representing our chapter and come ready to put that person on the ballot.

December's luncheon is looming before us and will be here in no time. **Thom Biro** is heading up this event and is getting things organized. **Bill Gibson** motioned that we give the VFW Memorial Building (where we will be having the dinner) group a donation of \$100.00. **Bill Dinette** seconded the motion. Vote passed the motion.

Next Thom needed to know what our choice of meat to accompany the turkey - prime rib or ham. Well, it wasn't unanimous for the prime rib, but almost! The caterer

will provide mashed potatoes, beverages. It was suggested that our wonderful cooks provide salads and desserts! So, per another suggestion, we are going to divide the alphabet. If your last name falls between A and J, you get to make your favorite salad. If your name is between K and Z, we will look forward to your delicious dessert. There will be a "sign-up" sheet at the November luncheon so we have an idea what will be coming. Following our tradition, we would like to collect toys and non-perishable foods for those less fortunate. The toys should not be wrapped, could be for any age and gender. If you would care to do so, a store gift card (i.e. Wal-Mart, Target, clothing) is great for some of the older children.

One last thing - past years we have made donations to various charities/causes. We did not do so last year because we were in a holding pattern over the non-profit issue. Since that is not a factor this year, we will be taking suggestions at the November luncheon for groups you feel warrant the help. Bring information about the group as well as contact info.

Wow, this was lengthy, but I think I covered everything. Next month our luncheon is hosted by **Bill & Pati Kenney**. They have made arrangements for us to dine at the Cascada Restaurante and Cantina in El Dorado Hills.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Judy Fitzpatrick** won the donors prize. Our thanks go to those who brought items for the raffle: Dinette - wine; Boyle - candles; Gibson - candy plate; Ouchi - wine; Lima - basket; Blazius - glasses; Fitzpatrick - wine; Czapkay - crow; Wolfram - candle holder; Guinn - lotions; Ames - wine and disk; Buschman - pumpkin candy dish; Kenny - poultry sheers.

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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President George announced we had only 19 members and 1 guest at our delicious buffet luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont on October 10. George said we may be small in numbers but we have everybody's back. Many of our regular attendees were at the RUAEA convention.

George welcomed everyone and thanked **Marji Matchinegg** for helping **Lois** & him host today's luncheon.

Vice President Brandon is at the convention so President George introduced **Helen Furber**, guest of **Jan Baty**.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported we are still in the black, but barely. The total balance as of 9/12/13 was \$630.85 of which \$92.64 is in the general account and we have \$538.21 in the Charity Fund.

Barney reported he and Clare have been buying discounted tickets rather than trying to stand by. If you buy

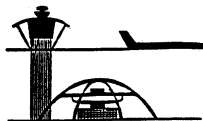


really early, the price is not as high as it gets close to departure dates. The discount is 20% off of whatever the fare is the moment you buy a ticket. There is no charge to check bags with this type of ticket. You go to employee reservations and click on the link to discount travel and then click on book now.

George and Barney are serving on the nominating committee and we need volunteers for all four positions. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President is the MC at the luncheon each month and the VP is in charge of buying the wine for raffle prizes and introducing the guests at the luncheon. The secretary just records the minutes and emails them to the following month's hosts and to three people in Denver and the Treasurer deposits the Raffle and Charity money each month and reimburses the members for their expenses each month. Please let Barney or George know if you are interested in serving. If we do not get some volunteers for these positions, we will not have a chapter in 2014.

Our Sunshine lady, Verda, was away this month so **Valerie Hulsey** announced **Oscar Chambers, Al Ben-tham, Mary Underhill** and herself were the Birthday honorees. Valerie was the only one present so she received a free lunch. Oscar & Joan are also celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

As always, the raffle was fun and lots wine, candy and cute Halloween centerpieces were given away. Next month's luncheon will be on November 14 at the Fountain Grove Inn. **Brandon & Pat Maus** will be our hosts and our guest speaker will be Tony Castle's One Man Show.



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Christmas is coming and we're looking forward to this special holiday. This will be our last luncheon at the Proud Bird restaurant; which is very sad. Its location permitted us to watch planes landing on the south runways at LAX. The hallways are lined with photos of operations of the Tuskegee airmen during World War II. And surrounding the building are many of their aircrafts that assisted in their memorable success! We truly hope that this location will be preserved as a museum for everyone to enjoy in the future.

We have some exciting news! Our VP, **Howard Lackey** is back at home to stay and we are thrilled. It'll be a while for him to resume his duties; but just having him in the room is encouraging!

Our Pres, **Hal Klobe**, is already spending time in San Diego with **Betty Tomaino** and her group. We will be working together on the RUAEA Convention in 2014. Both the Re-LAX-ers and the RESANS are well ac-

quainted with each other and we all appreciate what the city has to offer. It's a great location for the whole family to enjoy. So, plan to bring the kids and grand-kids too. Everyone will love it.

We are thinking of many of our friends whom we miss at the various luncheons. We send our love and prayers to **Peg Ballagh, the Crisciones, Lois Hamilton, Al Tschirhart** and all of our out-of-towners that are so special too.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### Calendar:

**December 5** - Christmas luncheon - Proud Bird

**December 7** - 20<sup>th</sup> celebration of Fantasy Flight in Los Angeles too. Everyone will love it.

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Our breakfast had a few surprises for us. **Heidi & Dudley O'Connel** joined us for the first time. They have been living in Panama and have returned to the states and now making their home in Show Low, Arizona. We also made the announcement that we will be hosting the 2014 RUAEA Convention. **Betty Tomaino** told us that we were selected at the Denver Convention. We will have an exciting year, working to make it the best ever.

There were several November birthdays: **Doris Ailshie, Bill Krefft, Greg Krok, John Cunningham, and Roberta Parisi**. Twenty four attended our breakfast and **Al Soderberg** won the 50/50 raffle.

It has been voted and accepted that we will do Toys for Tots at our Christmas lunch. RESANS has not participated in this event for several years.

I am fighting a deadline to get this in so it will make the December newsletter. Will sign off and send this on its way.

Until next month! I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work!

#### Calendar:

**December 5** - Monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226 0255.

**December 11** - Christmas Holliday Lunch, Hunter's Steakhouse, 2445 Hotel Circle Place, San Diego, CA 92106, (619) 291-8074.





## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Travel, a picnic, and more travel! Our annual picnic was held September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Foster City, in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. The steaks were well cooked by our master chefs **Jerry Underhill** and **Bob Ahrens** and assorted kibitzers who greatly enhanced the flavor! Many thanks to the volunteers who helped serve the meal: **Mary Ann Monson**, **Ginger Dahlberg** and **Kathy Hutt**. **Vera & Walt Kina**, our food coordinators, are grateful for all the help. It's the cooperation that makes our chapter function successfully. Our biggest thanks go to **Vera & Walt Kina** who will be winding down their stint as food coordinators this year. Thanks to **Mary Ann & Monte Monson** who have stepped forward to take over the job in 2014.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, we were back to our regular monthly meeting. We acknowledged a number of milestone wedding anniversaries: **Marie & Milt Cavalli** (75 yrs!), **Lillian & Al Christian** (63 yrs), **Leona & John Clothakis** (59 yrs), **Margaret & Rex Reelfs** (55 yrs), **Dorothy & Don Reuszer** (52 yrs) and last but not least, **Betty & Aubrey Bliss** who celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss! Congratulations to all!

Now to the travel corner ... **Ginger Dahlberg** recounted the fun and frolic on the last two Mystery Trips. In July, we headed towards Sacramento, then boarded a train and rode along the Sacramento River which included a train robbery! The trip included a visit to the Train Museum in Old Sacramento, yummy BBQ, and a stop at Fenton's on the way home. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Mystery Trip started down Highway 1 through the new tunnel near Devil's Slide in Pacifica. The first stop was a goat farm including cheese tasting. The llamas we passed are actually watchdogs at the farm! We then headed past the Ritz Carlton Hotel to the Golf Club Restaurant, where everyone raved about the food. There was salmon, steaks and more! Stay tuned for more Mystery Trips coming up.

Other business ~ Charity Chairman **Harriet Kunze** is planning a "Toy Drive" for Christmas. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl to our November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The toys will be donated to Shelter Network in San Mateo. **Shirley Campbell** will be stepping down as Local Newsletter Editor. A volunteer is needed to start in 2014. Sunshine Lady **Jacque Ahern** is still in Texas to be with her 4 year old granddaughter who is responding well after surgery. Get well wishes to **Gene Walter** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Sad news with the passing of several of our members: **Margery Donovan**, **Charles Laba**, **Eleanor Lindquist**, **George Okada** and longtime member, **Mildred Reed** – may they rest in peace and know that we share the sorrows of their families.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Ralph Trullinger**. Entertainment was provided by **Daryl Coe**, who is an aficionado of antique German organs and a delightful performer.

## **Calendar:**

**November 25** – Next meeting at 11am - 2pm

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Seems like the year has flown by and here it is time to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Our chapter is celebrating the holiday season with a lunch at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be hosted by our 2013 officers. The Bella Cantorium singers from Fremont High School in Sunnyvale will entertain us. We will have a silent raffle/auction organized by our treasurer **Cheri Scales**. Toy donations benefiting Toys for Tots will be collected. This is always a wonderful event for our members and guests.

We had a great turn out for the convention in Colorado. Here's the group, smiling for the camera.



We'd like to thank our officers for the past year. They have done a fantastic job making our events and meetings interesting and informative. Thank you to President **Bill Reichard**, Vice President **Dave Walb**, Secretary/Correspondent **Rosemarie Reichard**, Treasurer **Cheri Scales**, Photographer **Alex Klaus**, Sunshine Lady **Zelma Kibler** and her alternate **Marian Swanson** and Historian **George Sousa**. A hearty thank you also to all our numerous members who helped with our special events.

**Harry Willever** has been collecting for the Veteran inpatients at Palo Alto, paperback books, pens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sundries, decks of cards etc. We

have been bringing the items to our meetings and he takes them to the VA hospital.

We have a few members **Jean & Jack Jenkins**, **Vi Mattscheck**, and **Geneva Schaller** under the weather; we hope they will soon be feeling better and back with us.

Congrats to **Sam Cramb** and **Maureen Snyder** for winning the best costumes at our Halloween themed breakfast. Sam came as an undercover agent for the Royal Canadian Mounties and Maureen as a Scottish Clown.

**Larry Jorgensen** was honored with a cupcake from Holder's to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations!

We meet every Friday morning at 8 AM at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino/San Jose, followed by a short meeting at 9 AM. Please join us.

#### Calendar:

**January 29** - Ladies' Winter Luncheon at **Nancy Walb's**, 11:30 AM



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Our October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, hosted by **Bobby Wood** (with **Nancy Buddington** manning the raffle desk) was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Modesto. President **Jack Walls** gave a quick opening and we temporarily adjourned to go get our meal. We had 34 members in attendance.

The meeting was rejoined with **Bob Blair** showing his new "A-frame" sign for outside our meeting locations. This was much needed and is such a professional appearing sign. Thank you, Bob.

After a call, **Fred & Joan Verbaere** agreed to host the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at Thomi's in Jackson. The Christmas meeting (December 12<sup>th</sup>) will be at the Conference Center in Sonora, hosted by your officers.

Discussion on the "new" insurance offered by UAL proceeded, with all agreeing we know nothing "official" but have heard plenty of rumors. Apparently all agreed it will be handled by Aetna. **Joy Blair** said she had called all her doctors in their area to find out if they would take patients with Aetna, with mixed results.

There was discussion possibility of a suit being filed by some of the Flight Attendants, with the request for people interested in joining in a class action or donating. For additional information see the Facebook account "Protect United Airlines Retiree's Seniority and Boarding Priority", or contact **Sherry Lavonne Wyatt**, 4224 Masonboro Loop Rd., Wilmington, NC 28409.

**Rudy Reyna** presented out Treasurer's report indicating all current bills paid. We agreed to think about where we want to make our annual donations, and how much

money to donate. It will be decided at our December meeting.

A member noted that if you use FedEx and show your retirement ID, you will receive a discount.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073, for meeting information. On November 14<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at Thomi's restaurant in Jackson.

#### EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our October meeting at the Concord Sizzler was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and had 21 attendees, slightly less than most months. We delayed for a week so those of us who attended the Convention had time to get back. We had great representation at the Convention; 11 members from the East Bay Diablos.

We reviewed the events at the Convention and how enjoyable the tours were. The Friday night Beer and Brats was a rousing success with a great band and a yodeler. A discussion was also held on the Benefits meeting.

We are going to El Tapatio for our November meeting. We are looking for different venues if anyone has suggestions. Howard will notify members by email of any changes.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday on each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. In December, we will meet again at the Back Forty restaurant in Pleasant Hill for our Christmas Party/Toys for Tots. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We would also like to encourage current active employees.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition, we accept new and used greeting cards. **Carol Parks** has kindly offered to accept them.

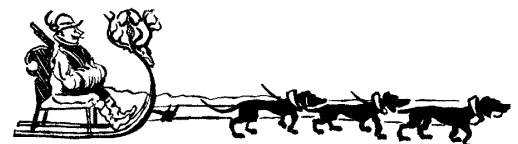
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**December 9** - Annual Toys for Tots and Christmas Party

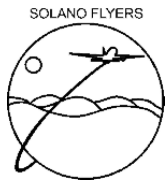
**January 13**

**February 10**

**March 10**







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Well, it's getting to be old news but I missed the October meeting of the Solano Flyers, again! We met, that is **THEY** met, at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield, CA. Someone won the 50/50 drawing and I offer him my congratulations. I understand that we had two new members present, **William Schafer** and **Kenneth Dado**.

A format for name tags was selected so I assume we'll be getting brand new brass name tags in the near future. Best of all, the cost will be borne by the chapter!

We enjoyed the combined meeting of the Solano Flyers and the Sacramento Gold Diggers in late October. I saw several old friends and made several new ones. They seem to be a little more efficient than our fledgling group, but we're learning.

We will be electing new officers in January. To quote President **Al Pochop**, "*Election of all chapter officer positions will be held in January. The sign up sheet will be posted during the November/December meetings for a membership vote in January. It is anticipated that many will place their names for election to one of these prestigious positions!*"

I know the name of one which not be included. It's been fun but I'm getting too old for such responsibility!

To be serious, forming a new chapter of RUAEA hasn't been easy and **Al Pochop** has done a yeoman's job of getting this chapter airborne. (Like that aviation reference?) We have approximately fifty members but only about half that number show up for the meetings. Still, we are growing.

## **COLORADO**

### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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We met at the United flight training center on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30. We are able to purchase breakfast items that include coffee, juices, and items that we can warm. I did notice that some visitors had brought in some of their own choices for snacking. Yummy! Anyway, we love being there and can always enjoy the camaraderie. We had 55 in attendance this month.

We had two first time visitors join us, **Karen Lockemer** and **Pam Graham** (newly retired for one week). **Doug** & his wife **Frances Colbert** also joined us.

Alliant Credit Union representatives, **Bill Cassidy** and

**Bob Elliot**, joined our breakfast meeting. They spoke about the credit union and welcomed everyone to visit the new financial planner at the Stapleton office.

**Tom Goodyear** thanked the Mile High Chapter members that volunteered at the RUAEA convention in Denver in October. We hope everyone enjoyed the fellowship and information that was shared at the convention. **Doris Hall** made tea bag holders for each person at the convention. For our dinner at the convention, **Tom Goodyear** thanked **Karen Lockemer** and **Laura Coats** for their assistance with the United Historical Foundation in having the servers wear **United in-flight aprons**. Our own **Tom & Nancy Goodyear**, along with **Mike Richards** wore their German attire for the beer & brats dinner. Of course, the guys wore their lederhosen and Nancy wore her German Dirndl dress (which she says that she has had for over 30 years and it still fits).

We were notified that **Pam Palea** passed away from Lou Gehrig disease (ALS). Her service was November 5<sup>th</sup>.

There was no mention, during the meeting, of anyone who is ill but after the meeting, **Martha Gooselaw** received a letter from **Debra Rees**, **Lee Rees'** daughter, see the letters section. Lee is still in St. Andrews Village Health Care, 2670 S. Abilene St., Room 215B, Aurora, CO 80014.

The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn Denver – Cherry Creek, 455 South Colorado Blvd. on December 4. Happy hour is at 11 AM, lunch at 12 noon.

The menu is your choice of grilled salmon, roast pork loin, stuffed chicken Florentine, salad, fresh vegetable with fresh corn, baked potato and a choice of dessert which is pumpkin or pecan pie. All this for \$19.50. Please write menu choice on check, name(s) of Guest(s) & their menu choice. Mail to **Harriet Ahr** no later than December 1 at 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. **Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child age 4 to 8.**

The 50/50 drawings were won by **Robert Ahr**, **Paul Miller**, **Don Burbank**, and **Marv Olsen**. Everyone returned their winnings to the chapter. Since we do not collect a membership fee, the donated funds are greatly appreciated. We also collect recyclable aluminum for the treasury. **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** take all the aluminum cans, clean pie tins and foils to be recycled. So bring your aluminum to the next meeting.

The Mile High Chapter wishes everyone a **Merry Christmas**.

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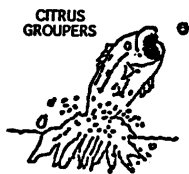
Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be at the United Flight Training center, 8:30 on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The entrance is located on 35th Ave, just East of Quebec. If this is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA breakfast.



## FLORIDA

### VILLAGE CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on Halloween at our usual meeting place, Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages Florida. Due to the holiday, we had a smaller than usual group, but we still enjoyed our gathering. It was good to see **Charlie & Eileen Cochran** back after Charlie completed his summer lecture series. **Claus Brinitzer** won the 50/50.

Thirteen of us were in attendance. Our President **Don Nellans** called the meeting to order after lunch was finished. We started as we always do with the Pledge of Allegiance. Don & Mary were just back from the RUAEA convention in Denver, and Don had a lot of news to share. He updated us on the two upcoming open enrollment periods for benefits as well as for enrolled friends. He went over the change to Aetna from Blue Cross/Blue Shield coming January 1, 2014, as well as many other issues that were covered at the convention. Don also informed us that he had accepted the position as RUAEA Director of Florida Region.

We voted to not meet in November due the Thanksgiving Holiday being so close to our regular day. The December meeting will be a Holiday gathering at the **Nellans'** house. The chapter will provide ham, rolls, soft drinks and dessert. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Our January meeting will be back at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages on January 30, 2014, with lunch starting at 11:30 AM. If you can join us, you are always welcome. If you have questions or need directions, call **Don Nellans** at (352) 861-8486 or email him at [nellansdon@aol.com](mailto:nellansdon@aol.com).

### SAND"DABS"

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There were 23 Sand"DABS" at our meeting today, counting one guest **Ruth Andresen**, who is a friend of **Marion Johnson**, and worked in EWR Customer Service. **Steve Moddle** forgot the date, and **Emily Veracka** was busy. **Rick Johnson** had a doctor appointment; he is having some back problems. President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with our usual flag salute and a prayer. He had a note and information from our new Area Representative which Dick read. Our birthday celebrants

were **Larry Horton** and **Penny Logan**. They were serenaded, of course, with our usual off-key Happy Birthday.

Everyone seemed to want any news of the health care changes we'll have. Looks like most of us will have no real changes in care except to go from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Aetna and pay a higher fee. There was some talk about where you can get some medications cheaper than the program. If you have any problems or concerns, call the Benefit office, especially if you do not receive a new ID card by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Frieda Coughlin** won the 50/50. We made a decision to send some money to the Make A Wish Foundation. Prez Dick had a few funny jokes for us today. **Marion Johnson** will see to it that Rick gets to hear them. We found out the next Convention will be held in San Diego, and that the company now has 120,000 employees, wow!

Since it took quite a long time for our food orders to come, it gave people more time to visit with one another. A conversation in one area got going about the old-time TV programs and comedians of long ago. I think it was agreed that we all miss Johnny Carson the most.

Please take note that our December meeting date has been changed to the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Red Lobster instead of the Yacht Club, same time. Bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to one of the local food banks. Also the January meeting will be one week later on the 9<sup>th</sup>, same time and place.

It started in January 2000 that I began writing these articles and it has been a privilege, but this will be my last article for Sand"DABS" after these thirteen years. **Gloria Marcantoni** will start writing them in January 2014. I wish her well, please support her. I will be away for the holidays with family. Blessings to you all for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year! And remember time is more important than money, you can always get more money, but not time. Do spend time with your families.

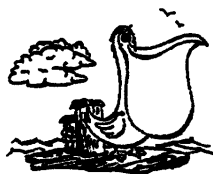
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**December 12** - 11:30 - Red Lobster - note the date change  
**January 9** - 11:30 - Red Lobster - note the date change  
**February 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

### SW FLORIDA

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The regular luncheon meeting was held at noon on Friday, November 1, at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral. Attending were **Bill & Margie Burg**, **John Dainus**, **Jerry & Peggy Kliner**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Bee McCarthy**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, **Jerry & Sandy Pryde**, **Sally Sciple**, **Wanda Schmoyer**, and **Ray Winterhalter**.

As usual, there were many lively discussions prior to our lunch service. The Affordable Care Act was mentioned and different insurance options were discussed. **John Dainus** told of his experience traveling round trip Fort Myers to Kona, Hawaii as a revenue passenger. Going over, the couple stopped in San Francisco so the trip was broken up. Going home, they left Kona at 1 pm one day and arrived at 11 am the next day in Fort Myers with 3 or 4 segments and hours between each one. Besides being costly, it was a very tiring trip.

President **Bill Burg** reported on the RUAEA Convention, and encouraged the members to attend next year's convention in San Diego. Because of so much conversation, no 50/50 tickets were sold, and it was decided not to bother after lunch.

This was our second month at the new restaurant and members are very satisfied with the food and service. Since we seem to be settled in this location, an ad was inserted in the Fort Myers News-Press inviting United and Continental retirees to join us. There is a special menu with 4 or 5 items for individual choices. The cost is \$15 per person which includes entree, drinks, dessert, tax and gratuity. We'll be bringing Toys for Tots to our December 6 Christmas luncheon and will also do a white elephant gift exchange which is a lot of fun. Guests and new members are always welcome.

#### Calendar

Luncheon meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of October – April at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, Cape Coral  
Breakfast at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers June - September

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Our first luncheon of the "season" was held on October 10 at the Samurai Steakhouse in Bradenton with 9 Sand Dollars in attendance. Many of our members were still "up North" so our group was small, but lively!

We were sad to hear from retiree, **Betty Bishop** that on July 5, **Tom Sherman** passed away. Betty is relocating to South Carolina to be near family. We will miss them both.

We celebrate birthdays of our members: **Ted Mavis** (10/3), **Joanne Wasser** (10/5), **Dee Jones** (11/12), **Joanne Bauman** (11/20), **Bob Newcomer** (11/8), **Delma Newcomer** (11/3), **Loretta Marvett** (12/15) and **Gretchen Bulin** (12/27).

Hats Off to **Vivian & Harvey Rucker** who celebrated 54 years of wedded bliss on 10/23!

#### Calendar:

**November 14** - 11:30 luncheon, IMG Academy, 5500 34<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, FL. (941) 840-8092

**December 14** - 11:30 luncheon, Peridia Golf and Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd., E. Bradenton, FL. (941) 758-2582



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We had our annual picnic at Anderson Park. There were 31 attending with 4 guests. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker was our charity donor, Gabrielle, who has had juvenile diabetes since she was five years old. She explained where our donations go and how JDRS (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund) have walks to raise money for research.

Treasures report given by **Lillian Sawyerl**. **Terri Breslin** sent sympathy card to **Helga Brown**' family, **Paul Brown** was RUAEA Director for the Florida Region. **Barbara Riece**, **Beverly Alderdice**, **Jan & Bob Lindstrom** went to his memorial service in Orlando. Terri also sent a get well card to **Bob Noe** as he had heart surgery.

We had several birthdays this month. We all sang Happy Birthday to **Noemi Guzman** today. **Ethel Cargill** and **Terri Breslin** (10<sup>th</sup>), **Carolyn Lodge** (13<sup>th</sup>), **Peggy Manuel** (15<sup>th</sup>), and **Bill Linehan** (24<sup>th</sup>). **Carolyn & Dave Lodge** also celebrated their anniversary this month.

**Barbara Riece** read a law suit filed by the flight attendants to reinstate their benefits. **Pat & Jim Hottel** flew to Washington, D. C. for his 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion with no problems.

The officers had a board meeting prior to picnic. We reviewed and changed bylaws as needed. Copies of changes will be available at next meeting.

**Mary Martin** asked for help making new name tags. **Terri Breslin** gave everyone an invitation to the Christmas Party at Spartan Manor December 3.

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Our meeting this date of November 5 was attended by 22 members and what a meeting we had indeed. Of

course, you have to know I took a different route to Wahoo's and got lost and didn't arrive until 1:05PM instead of 12:30PM. When I entered the room, everyone started clapping, what devils!

**Bob Langevin** sent out reminders as usual but this time, he requested a reply as to whether or not members would be attending and it worked, bless his heart. The obvious reason was to help the wait staff know exactly how many places to set up and be able to know ahead of time what to expect in numbers, certainly a good manners approach for the establishment.

Ten of our members attended the convention in Denver and aside from the fact that they had a very enjoyable time they also learned a lot about upcoming programs. We look forward to meeting once again in San Diego and to be with friends we worked with many years ago.

The Treasure Coast Group would like to congratulate **Don Nellans** as the new Regional Director of the Florida Region.

After the business meeting and the luncheon, the Manager of Wahoo's met with us to discuss the Holiday/Christmas Party. He was kidding our President **Al Popek** on the huge meat tenderizer and jokingly mentioned that he knows when the meeting is coming to order since he can hear the bang in the restaurant. Oh Well!

Much discussion was done on going through customs, the discount card, Aetna Insurance which incidentally had an incorrect 60 percent instead of 80 percent coverage, of course **Ed Snyder** picked it up and called Aetna and they had just been notified of the incorrect info. Also discussed was the Holiday Party, those members that are on the sick list and their progress, dues and other bits of information.

**Mary Kay Wellington** attended and advised us that her husband has an advanced case of Alzheimer's, our hearts and prayers are with her and **Merrill**. So very sad indeed.

The 50/50 was won by **Ed Snyder** and the Progressive was won by **David Lingdren**. Since David was not in attendance, it goes back for the next drawing.

The Birthdays for the month are **Doris Lakso** (11/15), **Pat Williams** (11/19), **Ed Snyder** and **Bob Williams** (11/22), **Soni Bodner** (11/23) and **Dick Knapp** (12/2). Happy Birthday to all!

Wedding Anniversaries are **Tom & Sharon Kolibab** and **Michael & Maureen Carragher** (11/16), **Paul & Diane Liebisch** (11/18), **Bob & Pat Williams** (11/26) and **Jack & Glenda Boisseau** (12/1). Happy Anniversary to all!

Please note dues are DUE, please send your check to **Frank Wise** ASAP, his address is 268 Cherry Street, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 and make checks out to "him" Not the UAL Retiree Club.

Since our Holiday Party is on December 12, we will not have a monthly Luncheon Meeting.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Stay well and we look forward to seeing you at the Party.

Remember to Live, Laugh and Love the clock is ticking. Today was a present, tomorrow is an unknown. Live today like it is your last day.

#### Calendar:

**December 3** – No meeting

**December 12** – Wahoo's Holiday Party, 6PM, Stuart, FL

**January 7** – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

**February 4** – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

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The monthly luncheon was at our usual Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA at 2PM. The Blessing of the meal was said by **Don Shelley** whose recent shoulder operation is healing nicely. **Fred Cron** led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Fred's guest this month was **Melba Turna**. **Bill Elk** gave us some latest UAL happenings like ATL/SFO nonstop in a 737-800 on December 1<sup>st</sup> as well as ORD/SJU daily services. Note: *I hope this makes sense to you who are reading this, because it makes no sense to me who types it.*

**Suzi Boswell**, granddaughter of **Mary Brodersen**, came as a guest. We also had our Alabama representatives, **Tommy & Elaine Harris**, and **Joyce Blair**; we really enjoyed seeing them. **Kim Schmidt**, **Bob Shaw**, **Dave Belavance** and **Wiley Foles** returned so we rounded out with 37.

Our 50/50 of \$45.00 was won by **Don Shelley** who gave his \$22.50 to our charity, Ladies in Distress. Several members contribute paper products, toiletries and oral hygiene products.

On a sad note, **Jane Brown** passed into the friendly skies and was buried November 8, sad to lose a long time member.

**Sandy Lis** was absent because of cataract surgery, we hope for a speedy recovery.

Belated birthday to **Jane Manley**, **Margi Cebula** (11/1), **Joanna Myers** (11/8), **Barney Knotts** (10/28), **Diane Thompson** (11/7), and **Sharon Wagoner** (11/7).

Annie Kuechen Meister of Kaiser Permanente gave a good talk about Kaiser Permanente and fielded questions from the group. She was able to answer all the questions, **Gary & Glenda Tuttle** have been very satisfied with their services for 15 years.



Calendar:

**December 4** - Meeting at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, 2PM. At this meeting, we will collect gift cards for our charity.

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A small group met for the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, again at Jerry's State Court Café. We all enjoy the private space provided us, as well as the great food and kind service. Those who attended were **Bud & Pat Peters, Louise Duvall, Susan Wallace, and Gloria Hubbert**. Friends from the East spent four days with the Peters, discovering that Boise is a beautiful city and much larger than they had thought.

As for us, David & Carol, we were in Dighton, KS, on that meeting day, visiting friends. The following day we left for Denver to attend the Convention, more about that in the next RUAEA newsletter. We had a fabulous 21-day trip, covering 3757 miles, and seeing many friends, as far east as Hannibal, MO. Our country's scenery never ceases to amaze! (a side note: I didn't know so many states grew corn!). A personal highlight for me was attending a church in Central City, Nebraska that my grandfather served as a pastor in the early 30's. One lady, who was a young child then, remembered his name. Later that day we were able to visit another of his churches, this one in Villisca, Iowa. It's nice to be home again!

Calendar:

**December 10** - Annual Christmas Party at Jakers in Meridian, beginning at 1:30. (This is in place of our regular meeting).

**December 13** - Fantasy Flight

**January 14** - Monthly meeting at Jerry's State Court Café in Boise at 11:30

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December, the month of a trillion twinkling lights. The most popular holidays, of course, are Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We don't really know the exact date of Jesus' birth. It was chosen because it was the Roman winter solstice from the Julian calendar. Now the winter solstice is the 21<sup>st</sup>, the longest night of the year. Then it starts getting lighter longer, yeah! We can't forget December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, the day that changed the world, a day that will live in infamy. That war changed the way we do many things. Now we're called the Greatest Generation. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, it's Human Rights Day. It's also the day of our Skyliners' Luncheon. As *Humans*, we have a *Right* to have a good time, hope you all come to the party. December 31<sup>st</sup> is Unlucky Day, hmmm. You get the chance to get all the bad things out of the way, so next year will be happy, healthy and prosperous. I'll drink to that!

Did everyone manage to get through the new Insurance plans? Nothing like turning our lives and minds upside down. Hope it all works the same. First timers at our North side breakfast were **Carol & Charlie Lewis**, EXOKU, also **Osman Razvi**, WHQKF. Do drop in again! Traveling last month was **Virginia Kondraros**, to Greece. **Tina Acoba** went to her school in Lanai, celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She was born on Maui. **Gil & Mary Kay Wojtal**, EXOWS, will be staying in Green Valley, AZ, for the winter. See you in May, you're going to miss the snow, oh, yeah! The **Lewis** traveled to Spokane to visit their son's family, with twins, double the fun. EXOKT's **Jerry Tippereiter**'s son visited from PDX. **Judi Felde**, EXOWS, became a great-grandmother in October to **Jacob**, her granddaughter's first son.

Two more employees have joined our Skyliners, **Rich Holke** from the Credit Union, and **Jackie Monilaw**, from Res. Terrific news! We need more members, or we will cease to exist. You can get your friends to join online. Just go to [Chicagoskyliners.org](http://Chicagoskyliners.org), look on the top, it says. "Join RUAEA", press that, follow directions, you can even join and/or renew online with a credit card. How much easier can it be?

At the South side breakfast, we happily re-greeted ladies we haven't seen in a few months. **Leona Gasiorowski, Betty Doran, and Mary Brandt**. Mary

brought her beautiful daughter, **Monica**, from SLC, who was in town for a wedding. It was great to see you all again. A whopping 21 people were at Jedi's and shared in the raffle. Winners were **Leona Gasiorowski**, **Betty Doran**, **Bill Adams**, and **Jan Gawenda**. **Gwen Brookins** brought a piece of jewelry for the raffle that her daughter-in-law made. **Al Broderson** won, but gave it to **Monica Brandt**. What a gentleman, thanks, **Al**.

The RUAEA convention in DEN was so much fun. Good to see many people I haven't seen in a while. There were about 400 people there; the group has diminished over the years, unfortunately. **Marilyn Marcy** and her group did a wonderful job. So good to see us "old timer UAL'ers" still working together. Next year, the convention will be in San Diego, at the end of September. People are still talking about our Aloha Reunion in Schaumburg. There were 420 people in attendance, more hugging, kissing and laughing about the good old days. Thank heaven for name tags. One woman had three ORDCS name tags, one for each marriage. What a wonderful month of re-connecting and merriment. We need more parties!

The ORDMM breakfasts had one newcomer, **Richard Purcell**, from ORDMT. **Roy Johnson**, ORDMM, came back to the breakfast after a long time away.

We lost some very good people last month. From CHIRR, **Kit Kouchis**, who had multiple myeloma, **Charles Hostert**, ORDGQ, also, **Steve Kotschi**, WHQKF, **Bruce Whiting**, SOC Supervisor. **Harry Burk**, EXOAU, **Al Schroeder**, ORDPV, and **Ron Artman**, ORDMM. Ron had a heart attack on the beach in Cozumel. He was on the Planning Committee of the Skyliners. Ron was a fine man and always had a joke or two. It was my privilege to work with a few of these people. So sorry to hear they've left our world. Addresses that I have are: **Kit Kouchis**, 25833 S. Beech Creek Drv., Sun Lakes, AZ, 85258. **Sally Hostert**, 19504 Wolf Road, Apt A, Mokena, IL. 60448. **Jenny Kotschi**, daughter, 1229 S. Belmont Ave. Arlington Heights, IL. 60005. **Liesel Schroeder**, 826 Tures Lane, Des Plaines, IL. 60018. **Pat Artman**, 703 Victoria Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

Since the Loop Group has disbanded, I'd like to thank **Liz Mallstrom**, for all the work she and her late husband, **Roe**, did to keep the group together for 16 years. I understand why it had to end, as there were not enough people interested, for various reasons. But we had a lot of fun going downtown and seeing Chicagoans from all around the city and suburbs. **Roe** was a supervisor in ORDSW for many years. We used to meet at Trader Vic's in the Palmer House before it closed. It always made me feel like I was in Hawaii. Aloha to another event leaving our lives.

Our treasurer, **Charlie Lewis**, asked if we could go over a few points. When sending in your money for membership, or to our events, please print in block letters. Entering your email address can be very confusing because of certain letters looking the same. I.E., a small letter, 'l' looks like the number '1'. The letter 'o', could be mis-

taken for the number '0'. We know our penmanship, but other people don't. When he tries to send an email, it comes back, 'no such person/account'. Also, please add file numbers, complete addresses, and refrain from taping or stapling your check to the reservation form-the check isn't going anywhere. **Charlie** is a 'treasure', let's keep him a happy person and frustration free. He thanks you deeply and humbly.

A funny story ~ As I was going through TSA security last month, on my way to DEN, the agent asked if he could look through my purse. "Yes, of course", I said. He looked, then took out more things, looked again. He sent it through the x-ray machine, again. Then he smiled at me, and asked, "You don't happen to have any weapons on ya, do ya?" Ahh, NO ... thought of all sorts of smart-aleck remarks, but didn't want to end up in jail. It must've been my gray hair and cane that made him suspicious.

Have Happy and Healthy Holidays! Talk with you all next year! Don't forget to send me your news.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**December 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**November 26**) Last Tuesday of the month.

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00

### INDIANA

#### INDY RACERS

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Indy Racers **Mario Bre-gante** and **Lew Presly** (pictured) contributed to the Marine Corp's Toys for Tots Program at our October meeting. **Charles The-iss** placed a collection box for toys at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill where the group meets each month. Restaurant patrons contributed toys through the month of October, and the Indy Racers donated additional toys at the November meeting before the Marine Corp representatives collected the toys for distribution to needy children in December.

Also during the meeting, Sherry Hollingsworth, a retirement planning advisor for Fundamental Insurance, provided an informative Power Point presentation that ex-

plained Medicare coverage gaps and other areas of medical insurance concern for retirees. Several Racer members asked for additional consultations with her to address specific personal concerns.

The group also approved the re-election of the officer group for 2014. **Chris Johnston** was named President; **Wanda Bryce**, Vice President; **Dimple Rihel**, Treasurer; **Hannelore Brabo**, Secretary; and **Shary Johnston**, Correspondent. In other business, the Racers agreed to keep the annual dues for regular and associate memberships at current levels. **Wanda Bryce**, who won \$34 in the 50/50 Raffle, also announced that a "bus trip" to the Hoosier Park Casino in Anderson, IN. Members present at the October meeting included: **Ralph "Bud" & Elly Barnett**, **Ray & Hannelore Brabo**, **Mario Bregante**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Jack & Carol Conway**, **Bob & Ruth Duffey**, **Ed Duffey**, **Bob Duty**, **Chris & Shary Johnston**, **Tom & Jane Lane**, **Ed Loftus**, **Lenny Kurtz**, **Lew Presly**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Charles Theiss**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**.

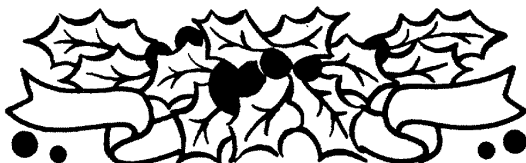
The Indy Racers will celebrate the holidays with a fun meeting at The Milano Inn on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. A "Secret Santa" gift exchange, with the value of gifts not to exceed \$15, will be held for those who wish to participate. For additional information about the party, contact **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4406.

Several of our members have been travelling. **Jack & Carol Conway** enjoyed a trip to Michigan to visit with friends and family and stop by some of Michigan's famous apple orchards. **Tom & Jane Lane** enjoyed camping at several of Indiana's State Parks this fall. **Frank & Rita Prins** headed to Austin, TX for a visit as **Charles Theiss** and his family travelled to Tennessee to participate in a baby shower for his great grandchild that is due in January. **Bob Duty** skipped the Indianapolis Colts vs. Denver Bronco game to go to Pittsburgh for the Steelers vs. Ravens game. **Dimple Rihel** is looking forward to a Bahamian Cruise with her kids and grandkids later this month. And **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** announced that their grandson has graduated from school in Hawaii and is headed to San Diego where he is entering Marine Corp Boot Camp.

Happy Birthday wishes to our members born in December. They are **Margaret Bregante** (12/6) and **Dennis Hall** (12/26). Anniversary greetings are sent to **Ralph "Bud" & Elly Barnett** (12/19) and **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** (12/21).

#### Calendar:

**December 10** - Christmas Party at the Milano Inn in Indianapolis from 1 to 4 p.m. Call **Chris Johnston**, (317) 694-4406, for directions or details.



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In last month's report, I complained about the lack of interest by most Nor'Easters about their chapter. On the other hand, it's time to recognize those regulars who attend nearly every meeting: **Bill & Norma Better**, **Carleen & Bruce Eddy**, **Peter Fusco**, **Ron & Joyce Heisler**, **Don Latter**, **Andy & Carol Montalto**, **Bill Shailor**, **Lew & Sylvia Shakley**, **Helmut Umbley**, **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** and **Dick Vee**. People who attend more often than not: **Fred Casey**, **Bob & Sue DePippo**, **Frank & Janet DeStefano** and **Oscar Bauerle**. Thank you all!

Again, I realize not everyone can make every meeting. But, members could put more effort to do so. To help, publishing our meeting dates at the beginning of the year may make this easier to juggle commitments. For 2014, we have decided on only 4 meetings, spring, summer, fall and winter. All will be held on the first Tuesday of the chosen month. The exact dates will be provided by January, 2014. Remember, it's only our chapter, when we, the members participate!

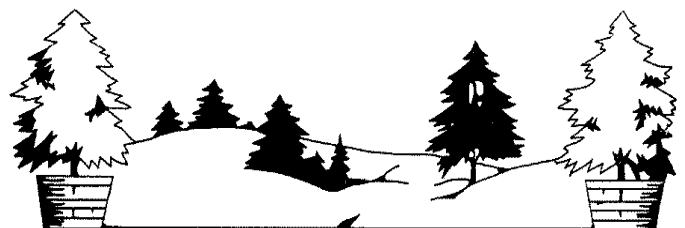
As we age, our friends and family in this mobile society have dispersed. I might add, helped by us, airline people. I, like many of you, remember Christmas celebrations in day of old, surrounded by large families and friends, now mostly replaced with long distance phone calls. Despite the new and upcoming generation around us, our lives have changed. With the loss of our parents and the generation surrounding them, along with some of our traditions, I can see a way of life may end with our age group, sad as that may be. However, good memories cannot be erased. We can only hold them dear and enjoy what we now have. Each day is a blessing to be enjoyed! I can only hope the next generation is as lucky as we!

December's birthdays ~ **Oscar Bauerle**, **Jack Casey**, **Thomas Snyder**, **Roy Templeton** and **Ralph Torres**.

Merry Christmas to all UAL retirees and employees. May 2014 be your best year ever!

#### Calendar:

**December 4** - Christmas Party, Angelica's, Middleton, MA



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10 Escapees gathered at P. F. Chang's China Bistro in Northville today, hosted by **Carol Shaffner** and **Joan Benoit**. We welcomed for the first time ever, **Katherine Bash**, who has moved back to Michigan from LAS, to be near family and grandchildren.

Approx. 14 Escapees reunited at our "Up-North Semi-Annual" meet. It was great visiting with all and I was happy that **Rhea Jaguszewski**'s daughter brought her up to join us. Rhea is now residing at a senior assistance center; Curry House @ 5858 S. 47 Mile Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601.

Also, **Sallie Reithel**'s brother left our world to live with the angels. Love and prayers to Sallie @ 2955 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

### Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call

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**Janet Meyer**'s and **Al & Mary Kilian**'s efforts last month to roust out some of our long-unseen members paid off, because in October we saw not only **Ray Thoreson** and **Tessa Leseberg** again, but **Marlene Overpeck** and **Maureen Baines** as well! Good job! That rounded out our number to 32 that meeting.

**Jim Simon** has sold his home in Chetek, WI and is scrambling to be able to close on October 25. His comment, "*I never knew how fast I can accomplish something until the incentive was there*". He's been making the usual three piles ~ give or sell, pitch & pack. He wrote and presented a poem to the chapter about his feelings for the people of the group and the camaraderie he's felt since moving back to WI from CA. Good luck in your transition to be near your family, Jim!

Re the sick list: no further news about **Frank Ehr**; hopefully his situation has improved. **JoAnn Eichacker** has taken a turn for the worse after making progress following two back surgeries last winter. For some reason, she's suddenly unable to stand or walk and **Chuck** has his

hands full now (not that he didn't before with our **JoJo**). At our last communication, they were consulting a variety of doctors to try to figure out what's going on. Keep all of our friends in your prayers, OK?

Someone brought up the fact that we haven't seen **Dorothy Wood** since **Don**'s death. El Presidente, **Lee Storlie**, said that he was pretty sure that she doesn't drive. So you folks who live out on the west side, somebody give her a call and bring her along the next time you attend a Northern Lites meeting! We miss her and want to catch up.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> month in a row, we were charged a variety of prices for our meal at the Old Country Buffet. The left hand doesn't seem to be getting the scoop from the right hand and we're stuck in the middle. So **Lee** asked the manager to join us and asked him some hard questions. After all, it's not as if that's the only place we can meet and we've been spending money there for many years. The manager assured us that a set, group price of \$9.25 including beverage applies and that he would make sure his staff was aware of it. Stay tuned!

Good news for MSP: the company is adding two new nonstop flights to LAX starting in April. They'll be operated by UAX in RJ equipment. Too bad it can't be mainline aircraft, but beggars can't be choosers, I guess.

The continuing saga of **Sonja Gunderson** and her lucky/unlucky chair took a new turn this time. She decided that since *other people* were coveting her chair that she'd just keep moving around the room until she finds herself another one which is just as lucky. Bless his li'l pointy head, **Lyle** moved with her and they settled in at another small table in the rear. At the appointed time for the 50/50 raffle, the assembled group waited with bated breath to see if she'd been successful. The 2<sup>nd</sup> number called was **Sonja**'s and she stood and took a bow, much to everyone's delight.

Travelers in the near future ~ **Gene & Kookie Delvaux** and **Diane & Lee Storlie** are taking a cruise in November around the Caribbean. Even though **Gene**'s just coming off heart surgery(s), ya can't keep a determined cruiser down! **Al & Mary Killian** are flying to PHX for their granddaughter's wedding. No standby travel for them, they're taking Southwest.

Before we all boogied away, **Lee** proposed that we make an annual donation every September to the Flight 93 Memorial but everyone had their heads into leaving or further visiting so no decision was made at the time. Tabled until next month. Or whenever.

In case it hasn't been said, Thank You, **Steve & Ida Mayo** for representing our chapter at the RUAEA convention. It was really fun to see your smiling faces on the cover of the November newsletter!

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





## NEBRASKA



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Great turnout at Sons of Italy numbering 46, including 4 guests from United/Eppley: Station Manager, **Greg Jones**; **Terry Hainey**, **Mike Renteria**, and **Joe Rice**, Supervisor. Also attending were **Terry's** husband, **Mike**; and **Joel Edwards**, son of **Marge Edwards**. Our thanks to **Gary Procopio** and **Linda** for hosting and special thanks to **Linda** for the Halloween treats.

**Greg** said we have 28 daily flights and business is good. He is always great about taking questions so we are informed as to what is going on with United. A couple of us were talking to **Greg** after the luncheon and he said he and his wife, **Bethany**, are expecting a baby boy in November. Pretty exciting time for them, especially being first-time parents.

Congratulations and a big thank you to **Eileen Holly** for accepting the position of being our Treasurer.

With sadness, **Dean Barr** passed away October 5. **Dean** had been suffering with Acute Leukemia (a blood disorder) since January of last year. **Dean & Donna** spent their retirement years in Sun City, AZ. **Joe** and **Dean** worked together when they were both with United in Des Moines. **Dean** wrote me a card about 3 years ago and told me he always followed the Omaha people through the RUAEA Newsletter. Our sympathy to **Donna** and family.

Those celebrating birthdays for November are: **Rose Langan** (8); **Marilyn Weak** (19) and **Russ Meyer** (28).

I talked to **Ruth Jeppesen** to see how she was getting along. She has quite a few outside flowers to take care of. In fact, she measured a pink mum she has and it was 52" in diameter. I have never seen a mum plant that big – must be quite beautiful. **Ruth** was 89 August 7.

I talked with **Roger Jensen** and he told me he has cancer. He said he has had so many tests to find out what was wrong and how to fix it that he is getting worn out. He was told that chemotherapy normally does not work on the type of cancer he has and that it is pretty aggressive so will undergo surgery. Our prayers are with both **Roger & Carol**.

**Don Jensen** is being moved from Brookestone to the Elkhorn Care Center for further rehab. He broke his foot while at Brookestone and until that heals, he cannot go home. **Don** had been at Brookestone since June when he broke his hip.

### Calendar:

**December 3** - Anthony's Christmas Dinner, Hosts **Ev & Shirley Payton**



## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS

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Meeting was called to order by our President, **Rosemarie Restivo** with the pledge of allegiance and luncheon being served. Thirty two members were in attendance. Our Secretary, **Baldor Ziel** was vacationing in Brazil.

Nominations for Secretary were requested with no response from our members. **Baldor Ziel** will therefore, continue as our Secretary. Likewise, zero nominations for Vice President and **George Fox** will continue in that position again as well. Congratulations to both Baldor and George. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Request for all 2014 dues be paid by December to **Christine Earl**. President Restivo introduced our new members ~ **Donald Rutkowski** from SFOMM and his wife, **Georgia**.

Get well card was signed by all our members for Arizona Charlie's Catering Manager, Jean Delano, who is recuperating from knee replacement. **Eleanor Vasko** reported on **Michael Vasko's** condition from knee replacement. He is improving slowly but surely. Happy birthday wishes were extended to all members celebrating October birthdays. Table prizes were awarded to several of our members.

Menu for our December Luncheon is: Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Pork Loin stuffed with Apples and Cranberries, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Sweet Potatoes w/Rum Butter and, Yule Log for Dessert. Next meeting/Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Everyone is requested to bring to our December luncheon, a non-perishable food item/s to be donated to a local food bank.

With no further business, our meeting was adjourned  
Minutes taken by **Christine Earl**, Treasurer.

Note from Baldor: I went to Southern area of Brazil, visiting relatives, used UAL Vacation passes from LAS to ORD and from there to GRU, São Paulo. The CS Agents at all stations treated me very nice and the Flight Attendants did an excellent job, it is nice to fly with UAL again. Rio Grande do Sul State is a fertile land and the Wheat Crop was almost ripe and every little place had wheat growing.

### Calendar:

Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200

**December 10** - 11:30 am.

**February 11** - 11:30 am

**April 8** - 11:30 am



## RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 16 members at our October meeting. The October newsletter is being sent as a "snail" mail to chapter members because enclosed is also the sign-up sheet for our Christmas luncheon. The deadline for reservations is November 25, and the luncheon itself is on Monday, December 2. The location is the Tamarack Junction Casino on So. Virginia St.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Barbara Leusing, Donna Perkins, Pat Nettles** and **Bob Hall-den**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Barbara Leusing**. Way to go, Birthday Girl! Thank you also to the 2 gifts donated for our drawing by **Ann Batty** and **Barbara Leusing**, which were won by birthday girl **Donna Perkins** and **Larry Reid**.

Baker extraordinaire **Bill Perkins** had homemade muffins for all. What a nice treat.

The date for the Christmas party is Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tamarack Junction.

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at Jack's at 11:30a.m.

## NEW JERSEY

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The meeting was opened with a flag salute by **Dick Confer**. A moment of silence was held for **Bill Hafer**, an old timer from EWR and DCA maintenance. He will be missed. **Rich Creighton** from Local 914 reported that the contract for Ramp, Stores and Customer Service was approved.

**John Deily** talked about the origins of Veterans Day. Since many of us came with our "old service hats", John asked us to stand and take one more salute. I was surprised to see how many ex-service people we have. **Dick Confer** ended the meeting with a "Semper Fi". I think that says it all. **John Murphy** gave his finance report and as usual, we are still afloat. **Phil Steinbacker** won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas luncheon. It will be on December 11 at 12 PM at Snuffys in Scotch Plains. Everyone is urged to be there on time, as we need a head count. It is also time to bring in Toys For Tots

sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve. There will be no meeting in November.

*\*It takes a lot of money to buy a fine dog, but it takes a heap of kindness to make that dog wag its tail!*

PS. The National Park Service has awarded a \$20 million contract to complete the United Flight 93 Memorial at Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS



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Most of us 42 Metros arrived at the Milleridge Inn hearing for the first time that **John Muller** had died on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was very sad and shocking news. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to **Laura** and the family.

**Frank Thompson** is not doing well and does not want phone calls or visits. **Harold Koch's** wife is confined to a wheelchair. **Rosemary Totaro** reported that dear **Mary Shephard**, widow of **Arite**, had died in January of this year. Sadly, we did not know until now. Since their daughter will no longer attend our Christmas luncheon, it was decided that we would discontinue the award they always came in person to present in his name. We received a Thank You from **Paul Duran** for the cards and flowers for his father Dan. Our prayers to all of them!

On a happier note, many Happy Birthdays for the month, but since **Nadine Cordes** sits at our table, she gets honorable mention. Our best to the rest!

**Frank Ferrara's** nephew Adam is busy filming next year's episodes of Nurse Jackie. There was an article and picture of him in the magazine section of the paper recently, our very own celebrity.

I don't know what Sandy blew over us or washed up in her wake last year, but I can't believe the intensity of this year's fall foliage. She may have felled hundreds of thousands of trees, but what she left grew to a lushness of gorgeous color, and I'm not alone in this thinking.

Winners for our drawing went to **Ron Weick** (1<sup>st</sup> prize), **Nick Manfredo** (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), who took off for "Upstate" (which means any place north of NYC or LI) with the money and a winning scratch-off lottery ticket. Third prize went to **Emma Milazzo** and 4<sup>th</sup> to **Lee Ricci**.

I can't believe I have to go back to sad news, but I just received a phone call informing me of **Charlie Kaczinski's** death. He was our source for news as the frequented JFK in connection with the Mainliner Club. He was also our joke teller. Rest in peace, Charlie!

Christmas Luncheon at Milleridge Inn on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you let **Dee Talochino** know if you are attending at (516) 623-8225.



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Here we are in the beginning of November and the leaves are turning beautiful colors and falling like crazy. It looks like a picture postcard everywhere you look. What a wonderful day for a luncheon. And that is exactly what we did. We were at Tony K's with 81 members (including 1 guest) in attendance. The guest was **Diane Johnson** of "Clipped Wings" who came all the way from New Jersey. She tries to attend at least once a year and we think that is fantastic.

A big "Thank You" goes out to **Tom & Helen Hockett** for bringing us back to Tony K's and hosting this luncheon. This has become one of our favorites. Good food, great service, a large room with a beautiful view of our lovely fall day. Before we were served, **Arlene Taylor**, our VP, led us in saying "Grace" in the most beautiful way.

**Dolly Taucher**, our President, opened the meeting with a reminder of the United enrollment dates. She suggested that if anyone had questions, they should call United Benefits for help. Dolly also informed the members that the RUAEA Newsletter is the best place to keep up to date with what is going on at United, and if they do not receive the Newsletter, they should join RUAEA.

Our 50/50 drawing, kept honest by **Dave & Marie Placko**, won by two lucky members, **Carol Waldron** and **Bill Althouse**. Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to **Carole Hamlin**, **Carrie Kercel**, **Nancy Oncu**, **Dave Placko**, **Lee Rak**, **Lillian Schabel**, **Marian Sturgeon**, **Beverly Templeton**, and **Carol Waldron**. I'm sure they loved being serenaded by us!

A big congratulation to our almost newlywed couple, **John & Elda Jeskey**, celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this month.

*\*Tact is the ability to make people see the lightning without letting them feel the jolt!*

#### Calendar:

**December 4** - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Earl & Arleen Taylor**

**February 5** - Stancato's Italian Restaurant, hosted by **George & Mary Lou Kuretz**



## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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There were 62 members at our October meeting where I filled in for **Nancy Hooper** while she and **Jack** were at the RUAEA Convention. Most of us should have gone home on a "sugar high" as **Louise Robillard** and **Linda Tracy** covered the tables with candy. They also had small pumpkins on each table to be given out at the end of the meeting.

**John Donaldson** and **Harold Miller** were unanimously elected to the Board of Directors for the Dew-er's starting their terms on January 2014 for two years. Our thanks go out to **Cliff Blare** and **Nadine Holten** for all they have done for us the past two years.

It seems the sick list has grown the last couple of months. This is the latest I have on the following members: **Merle Pitman** is in a care center but is scheduled to go home on 11/11. **Kathy Russell** is doing well after her double mastectomy. **Tommy Walker** is using a walker to get around and is going to physical therapy for his right leg. **Carol DeFord** was hospitalized and they found she was suffering from vertigo, but is doing fine. **Coral Harper** fell and injured her ribs. **Pat Ogden** had hip surgery in October. Let's remember all of our members during the holidays.

There was only one anniversary in October. **George & Elaine Thomas** have been married 57 years. Men's birthdays were **Jim Reichert** (81), **Bill French** (73), **Carl Gruenberg** (77) and **Bill Shaw** (83). Women's birthdays were **Ophelia Nunley** (90), **Linda Tracy** (70), **Elaine Thomas** (78) and **Barbara Heidegger** (80).

Winners for free lunches were as follows: Door prize ~ **Betty Aiff**, Men's birthday ~ **Bill Shaw**, Women's birthday ~ **Ophelia Nunley** and 50/50 ~ **Jerri Blodgett**.

Please remember to bring desserts for our Christmas Luncheon. There will be no special lunch but I am certain Nancy will come up with one to please everyone. Plan on Santa Claus being with us and he will bring gifts for us to compete for prizes. It will be a lot of fun.

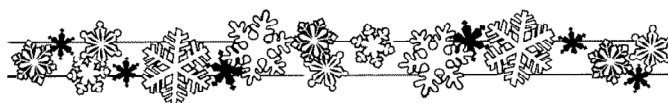
#### Calendar:

All meetings are scheduled at Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd in Portland

**December 11** - Christmas party & luncheon

**January 8** - Social

**February 12** - Social





## OUR CLUB

Grants Pass, OR  
Gidget Walcha

As you may or may not have noticed, it has been a while since any news was reported about our Southern Oregon chapter. Our two major officers, **Neal Appleton** and his wife **Sonnja** have both had a very rough year and **Jane Frincke** has been busy tending to some serious health issues with her husband **Jim**. Combined, they are the heart and soul of OUR Club. We could always count on them to step up when we all stepped back from the fear of holding office. It is time for other members to step up now so there will be some changes voted on next month at our Christmas party. We all want our chapter to continue. **Alberta Randall** has agreed to continue her position as our Sunshine Lady which was good news.

A small group of OUR club members met at the Black Bear Diner on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The luncheon was hosted by **Jim & Elaine Ellis**. We heard updates on both **Neal Appleton** and **Jim Frincke** and our hearts; prayers and thoughts go out to them and their families. We miss them very much at our meetings and hope they know how much they mean to all of us.

**Linda Althouse** spoke about her venture in Portugal while **Ric & Gidget Walcha** along with **Jim & Elaine Ellis** had conversations about their RV trips and cruise to Alaska. **Marge Calkins** and **Alberta Randall** also talked about cruises they have been on and Alberta announced she may be going on two this coming year. Seeing her husband Russ was not at this meeting I wonder if he is aware of her plans! I think at our next meeting we should go around the table and have each person update the chapter on what they have been doing as there were so many conversations going on that I just could not hear them all.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party which will be held at Roux 26 in Grants Pass on December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. This also will be a quarterly meeting and an election of "new" officers.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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**wards**, **Marge & Frank Egges**.

Back row ~ **Dave Voit**, **Steve King**, **Tom Anderlonis**, **Al Edwards**, **Joe Bradley**.



Our retirees, friends and relatives enjoyed our October meeting at the Clarion Hotel, Essington. Thirty two came. **Lanie & Cameron Kennedy**, **Kathy & Al Edwards'** grandchildren, won the two bingo games. **Gail Bradley** won the free lunch and **Carol Barnett**, a guest of the Bradleys from Seattle won the 50/50.

We had two couples attend the Denver convention. The Bradleys and the Voits had a wonderful time and saw spectacular scenery. They had no difficulty with pass travel.

It was our privilege to serve "October Fest" to the families and some patients at the Ronald McDonald House at I.E. DuPont Hospital in Wilmington, DE. We had a wonderful group of volunteers led by **Shirley Roberts** and **Kathy Edwards**. The other volunteers were **Al Edwards**, **Dee Burrs**, **Steve King**, **Joyce Lindenmuth**, **Gail & Joe Bradley**, their granddaughter **Samantha Chambers**, **Marge & Frank Egges**, **Tom Anderlonis**, **Elaine & Dave Voit**, **Dot Marvin** and **Winnie Garvey**. The last two ladies are two of Kathy's red hat friends. A big thanks to all who donated funds to provide the dinner.

We all enjoyed the Christmas show at the American Music Theater in Lancaster. 29 tickets were sold for the November 7 show. We met at Crackerbarrel for lunch first. Please bring your shoebox unwrapped with small gifts in it for the veterans Christmas to our December meeting. If you know of a needy family, give the name to our treasurer so he can donate a gift card to them for Christmas. Some families are going through tough times.

### Calendar:

**November 11** - Luncheon at the Clarion in Essington. Collecting canned and dry food for the Loaves and Fishes at Prospect Hill Baptist church. They serve the Ridley and Interboro school districts. A former V.P. from WaWa will be our speaker.

**December 9** - Christmas luncheon at the Clarion. Reservations required. Check your email for information. Get your items together for the silent auction.

No more meetings till March. The luncheon price will increase to \$15 next year.







## PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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December! Ahhh, the hustle and bustle of shopping, baking, decorating and the rest that goes with it. We must not forget to give to those that do not have. The spirit of Christmas is giving. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Here is one for the record, **Bob Frye** just completed 57 years in the airline business. His tenure with United Air Lines was 38 years at various stations (PITCS was one of them). Following his UA retirement, he started working for the airline distributor, Michael Lewis Co. He is still working for Mike and just celebrated 19 years on his second career. He is handling distribution in Europe for UA and US. **Bob**, you outworked **Treatie**. I worked for UA 35 years and retired from Hallmark December 31, 2012 after 17 years. Keep up the good work **Bob** but you must still enjoy life. **Bob** has a new address: 2520 Sapphire Greens Lane, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

I spoke with **Ken Wolfe's** wife, **Jean**, and she told me **Ken** is expecting to return home on Friday November 8. He has completed his therapy at a nursing home and will have to take it easy at home for awhile. I'm sure **Ken** would like to hear from you, his address: 1461 Dormont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Phone (412) 341-5735.

It is with much sadness that **Olga Karmazyn's** favorite nephew, **Michael**, 50 years old died peacefully at his home surrounded by his family, October 23, 2012. He battled cancer for one year. **Michael** worked 26 years as a ramp serviceman in Denver. He was a loving husband and father. He played football on an athletic scholarship at Indiana University of Pa. in 1986. He coached his sons football team the Spartans Gold Youth and led them to a championship season in 2008. He was known as "**The amazin' Karmazyn**" in high school. **Michael** affectionately known as "**Maze**" to all who knew and loved him. Good-humored and kind-hearted. **Michael** will always be remembered as a father who was endlessly devoted to his children. He was active in many sports and was the commissioner of several fantasy football, baseball and basketball. It is so sad that such a vibrant young man was taken away from this world. Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to **Olga Karmazyn** 1938 Broadview Place, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

**Gwen Detwiler** took a fall, had to have some therapy, she is mended and **Gwen & David** are off to Chicago to visit their grandchildren.

United carries a \$10,000.00 life insurance policy on some retirees, perhaps you didn't know that. One catch ~ there are no beneficiaries listed, so if you die, the policy dies as well. Here is how you fix that. Phone the UAL

benefits center (800-651-1007) and just keep clicking until you get a live person. They will ask you for your password that you use for Skynet etc. If you don't have one you will still be helped. Tell them you want to list beneficiaries on your Retiree Life Insurance Policy. This is what you will need:

1. Beneficiaries full name each one's social security number and birth date
2. How do you want the benefit split among your beneficiaries (50-50 or however)

Once this is recorded, they will send you a written confirmation of this in approximately 5 days. Not everyone gets this benefit, why, benefits will explain it to you.

I must mention my nephew's wedding (reason I did not attend the convention) was absolutely beautiful. They got married in a park in OAK. Weather was perfect, the bride was beautiful and of course my **Anthony** was so handsome. I shed a few tears for my dear little nephew, 6' 1" and 29 years old. He is now in the hands of a lovely woman.

Our December birthdays ~ **Bob Wagner** (8), **Marge Morton** (12), **Mary Jane Stewart** (18), **Vic Ference** (23) and **Georgia Garcia** (24). Happy birthday to all! We have no anniversary celebrations this month.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held Friday, December 13. You will be receiving your information soon. We hope to see all of you at this special occasion.

The Interline Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 14 at the Montour Country Club. There will be music, dancing, raffles and lots of fun. Anyone interested call **Ellie Masters** at (412) 264-2522.

I'm sorry to say this is my last article I'm writing for this newsletter. I am now RUAEA'S Northeast Director and will be on the road again. I hope you enjoyed my articles and they weren't boring. **Jeri Juth** will be the newsletter correspondent. Be nice and have lots of news for her.

A favorite Christmas movie or TV special can calm a frazzled holiday mind.

### Calendar:

**December 13** - Pit Stopper Christmas Luncheon at J. W. Hall

**December 14** - The Interline Christmas Party at Montour Country Club

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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I am writing this on a beautiful day in November. The leaves were really beautiful this year. This past week

was the best viewing; we had a lot of wind the other day, and most of them have found their way into our driveway.

We did not have our October breakfast at Mimi's. There weren't enough members able to attend on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Herman had his Pet Scan that day and we are happy to report that there were no "hot spots". He has three more chemo treatments to go, with the last one scheduled for the first week of December. He is really anxious to get them over with!


**Mike Chapin's** surgery was moved to October and we understand that he is doing well and should be back out on the golf course next year. Unfortunately, we have another death to report ~ **Jack Ball** passed away on October 12. We do not know his daughter, Dana's, address for condolence cards. Jack's wife, Peggy, passed away back in May. Our luncheon meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeside Tavern at the Concord Marina will be reported in next month's issue. We are looking forward to it as it's been two months since we saw all our United friends.

#### Calendar:

**December 19** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in the Turkey Creek Shopping Center

**January 16** - Hosts, Location and Time to be announced.

### WASHINGTON

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While a few of us were on our way to the national convention in Denver, The Show Went On, as President **Dave Jones** welcomed 43 members and guests to the October meeting of the Seattle Emerald City Slickers at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington.

**Tom Holford** filled in as secretary pro tem for ailing **Carol Soffel**. Best wishes to **Carol** while she recuperates from cataract surgery and a knee replacement.

**Dave** related his recent experience at the SFO Airport Museum in the International Terminal, where the DC-3 was the featured exhibit. After sharing a flyer and poster describing the artifacts, **Dave** suggested that attendees share *their* experiences with that historic aircraft. Reminiscences elicited a lot of good laughs.

**Rita Reynolds** will coordinate a list of available medical equipment that Emerald City Slickers are willing to lend to others, hoping to reduce medical costs to members. Crutches and walkers, anyone?

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month before conducting the door prize drawings. Winners included **Myrt Armstrong**, **Mike Bratovich**, **Bob Brumfield**, **Dick Clement**, **Gail Cochrun**, **Bill Gordius**, **Sally Holford**, **Tom Holford**,

**Noreen Krawczyk**, **Phyllis Lindblad**, **Sharon Penwell**, **Ed Rousso**, **Helen Stanger**, and **Otto Wieland**.

The October 50/50 cash prize went to **Bud Dice**. A second drawing, courtesy of **Bob Brumfield**, made **Jim Small** the excited recipient of \$165 worth of shredded currency **Bob** had obtained direct from the grinder at the US Mint in Denver, Colorado.

An article in *Contrails*, the local newsletter of the Emerald City Slickers, told of Raisbeck Aviation High School, part of the local Highline School District. Aviation and aerospace-themed, the school serves about 400 students in grades 9-12, and focusing on preparing students for college and careers in those fields and citizenship. After being located for several years at a number of temporary addresses, the school opened in the fall of 2013 in new facilities at Boeing Field next to the Museum of Flight. The three-story school building provides access to the museum's resources and puts it on the doorstep of 200 flight-related businesses operating in the area.

*Contrails* Snowbird Editor **Vicki Shumaker** and mate have flown south to their winter home in Arizona. With no local newsletter due until the end of December before the January meeting, **Vicki** will have time to get organized for preparing the newsletter and getting it to **Phyllis Bowman** for production and distribution. Thanks to the whole crew for all your dedication and hard work.

The November newsletter listing of Emerald City Slickers attending the Denver convention inadvertently omitted **Howard & Ruth Ann Clark**. They're another pair of snowbirds who can't attend Seattle meetings because we don't meet when they're in town. If these birds don't fly south until October, perhaps they'll put the 2014 September luncheon on their calendar. **Howard** was a big "jackpot" winner at one of the convention's drawings.

Besides Christmas, four Seattle couples will celebrate their wedding anniversaries in December. Those who tied the knot during the holiday season are **Don & Jeanine Anderson**, **Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad**, **John & Mary Luke**, and **Floyd & Jeanette Schlau**.

We extend December birthday greetings to **Phyllis Bowman**, **Mike Bratovich**, **Jim Hafterson**, **Joy Heritage**, **Corky Ives**, **Rosa Koller**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Anita Malco**, **Harold McGuire**, **Thelma Parks**, **Sidney Reed**, **Rita Reynolds**, and **Otto Wieland**. These celebrations are second in number only to our September babies.

No matter which holidays you celebrate this season, we send fond and cheerful greetings to RUAEA members and their families everywhere! We'll see you in January.

#### Calendar:

**December** – No Meeting –Enjoy your Holidays

**January 14** – Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

# happy holiday

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

May we wish all our retirees a joyful and safe Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing you in 2014.

A large crowd assembled on October 9 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, Virginia. The beautiful fall weather brings out visitors who come to enjoy the Washington area at its best. The warm days and cool nights are to be enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

Our Chapter President **Linda Scriven** was away at RUAEA Convention in Denver, her deputy **Mari McCall** took her place and handled everything with aplomb!

We had a guest speaker, Francesca Connor from Kaiser Permanente and she spoke to us about the changes in our Medical Plans in 2014. Francesca had plenty of brochures and handouts available and she stayed after the luncheon to answer any questions.

Our Dulles Loungers member **Larry Knaub** (IADRR) did very well, he won the 50/50 (24) and he & Wanda both enjoyed free lunches! They have a long drive from Berryville, VA so a little extra cash was put to good use!

#### Calendar:

**December 11** – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

**January 8** – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

### NATIONAL

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As I write this report, the snow is falling and what a great time to leave Colorado for travel to Tuscany, Italy. If any of you are interested in seeing the most beautiful landscapes and tasting great food and wine, Tuscany is the place! I will be happy to recommend a fabulous place for you to stay. The people are friendly and they speak Italian and English as well as being great tour guides.

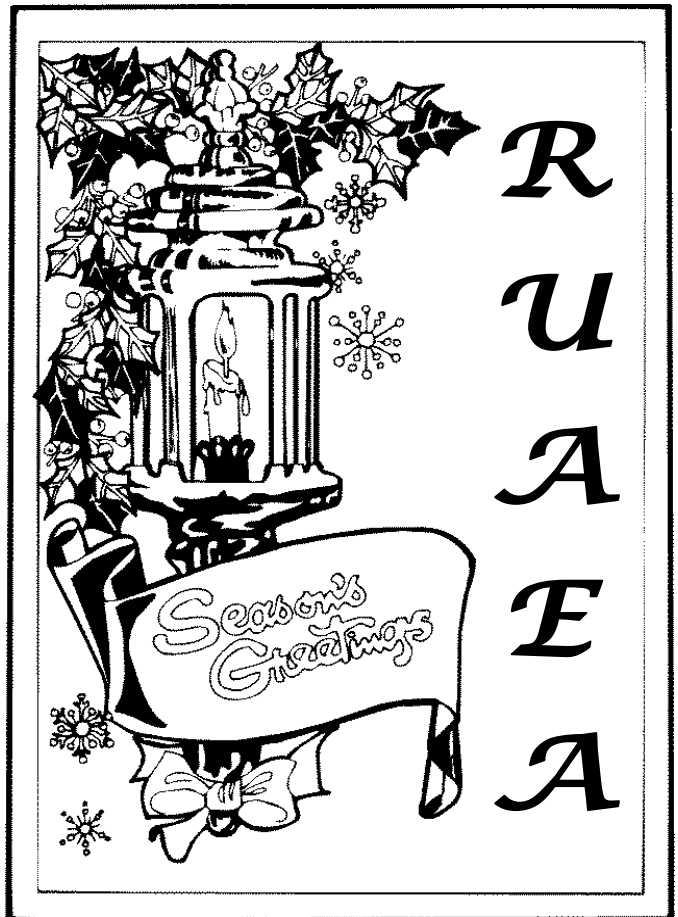
We invite you to join us. Former Capital and Continental Flight Attendants are welcome as well as former and present United Airlines Flight Attendants.

The website: [www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org) has a Membership Contact Form that is easy to complete. Our "First Time" membership is growing and we are seeing an increase in returning members for 2014.

We celebrate Founders Day this month – **Jackie Jos Ceaser**, Founder.

We have the airline scarves for sale. Do you have yours? Contact **Cheryl Jensen**, [RJensen148@aol.com](mailto:RJensen148@aol.com). (**Great Christmas/Birthday presents**)

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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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### WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

### **Nancy Aldrich, 2342 Colonial CR, Pensacola, FL 32514**

It was a pleasure to see Capt. **Emily Warner**, in the picture on the front page of the October issue. She is one of my biggest heroes; and has been an inspiration to me. However, having said that, she is not the "first female airline pilot". She is, of the modern age, but **Helen Richey** was hired in 1934 by Central Airlines, which was one of the many airlines making up United Airlines! Please see the article posted under my name, at

[www.20thcenturyaviationmagazine.com](http://www.20thcenturyaviationmagazine.com).

Central Airlines asked permission from the CAA to hire Helen Richey. She was a very popular figure at the time and was hired primarily as a publicity stunt. The company planned to let her fly on a few trips then sit her behind a desk pushing a pencil. After several months, the CAA wanted to know why she was still flying. The company explained that she was so popular with the public, they feared bad publicity if they took her out of the cockpit. The CAA then gave them permission to keep her flying, but under stringent rules: she could only fly in good weather. They did not think a woman could handle the extra stress of IRA conditions; and, she could only fly three trips a month.

After a few months, the new rules, along with not being allowed by the men to join the union, Richey became so frustrated with her lack of flying that she resigned her position as a First Officer in April 1935. Just thought I would tell you about **Helen Richey** in case you have never heard of her. You see, actually, United (or one of the bundled airlines that became United) was the first to hire a woman, way back in 1934!

**Cornelius Berghout, 2410 Memorial Dr., Bryan, TX 77802**

Time passes so fast. Next February, I will have been retired for 22 years. I often think of the wonderful time we had working for the Old United. What a good company it was to its employees.

I enjoy the newsletter we receive, with all of the news and things that are going on at the New United.

Thanks to all who keep us up to date on what is going on.

**Mary Frank, PO Box 998, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240**

I am the spouse of deceased **Thomas Frank** (1/25/01) who worked at LAX, Ground Equipment for 23 years, retired 6/16/84. He enjoyed this magazine and I have also since he has been gone. It is wonderful to read about people we knew in different states and especially the ones who worked with him at LAX.

We enjoyed our retirement flying to lots of exciting places. I am still living in our home we built, in 1989. I love Desert Hot Springs, my church, and the many friends I have made.

You all do a beautiful job of letting us know about what is going on with 'our' Airline. It is much appreciated.

**Jan Gawenda, 920 Ridge Sq. #208, Elk Grove, IL 60007**

Someone sent me an email about their going through security at the airport. They got a "speeded up" version of the TSA check. They asked me about it, and I did some checking. I got a hold of a person at one of

our UAL numbers. Don't ask me which one, I was passed on and hung up on so many times; it was like on a merry-go-round, pushing buttons and ending up on the original number I called 25 minutes ago.

But, what I found out was, the TSA organization has access to every airline's passenger lists, of course. Every day, they randomly choose a certain number of names that can go through the Pre-Check line at all airports. It could be both, you and your spouse, or just you alone. There is no rhyme or reason. This is not UAL, it's the TSA people. So, if you get chosen to go through the short line today, doesn't mean you will get the same check on your DM card on your return trip tomorrow. You don't have to remove your shoes, go through extra checks, etc. This is something relatively new, no one is advertising it. I have no idea if it's a permanent thing, or if it will last forever. There will be a notation on the upper left corner of your DM card, I think its PSC, or PC, you can probably see it when you get your ticket/card printed out. Not sure if it works on your smart phone when you have your PNR scanned on that.

I thought you might like to know what I found out. You can do more checking on it if you want. I'm not sure we're even supposed to know or pass it on. After I asked a few of my friends, they said they had that experience in the last few weeks, it was just initiated recently. It's a great service and very convenient.

But, if you want to have the Pre-check all the time, go to your computer, put in [goes.com](http://goes.com), Global Online Enrollment System. Fill out the form, it will cost \$25.00, but if accepted, you will not have to go through the long security line again. (So they tell me.)

Good luck on your next trip.

**Gus London, 1705 Rogers Dr., Tupelo, MS 38804**

I just celebrated my 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Aside from the usual complaints at this age, I am doing well. I am still active in my church. I am a member of the Board of Directors for Sanctuary Hospice House, here in Tupelo. It is a wonderful organization that assists people facing the "end of life issues."

**Allan Pochop, 119 Carlsbad Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687**

It is great to read of other chapters around the country and see some names of people that I recognize.

As we have a time share, we made reservations for a week in September, to Orlando. Online I found that the United employee 20% discount fare, from Sacramento, (SMF) to Orlando (MCO) R/F, was over \$100 more than Southwest. This is supposed to be another great UAL retirement benefit.

Southwest, not only gave us free drinks, but two snack packages on the flights, honey roasted peanuts & cheese nips.

Thank you all at RUAEA, for the generous time you spend for us retirees.

**Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120**

I look forward to the newsletter every month.

We have traveled a lot this year and we still love it! Even though, it gets harder and harder to get on planes. It is even hard when my husband is "still working at ORDMM". He now has 43 years seniority; and plans to retire in 2 more years. The "boarding process" is so messed up! I am wondering why do CO employees get positive space on flights?

In January we flew to Cape Coral, Florida to visit friends for a week. In February, we took a great 14 day Cruise from LAX to the Hawaiian Islands with **Jim Kristoff** (ORDMM) and his wife, **Sandra** (ORDCU). It was very relaxing! We got a great "interline rate". But it is getting harder and harder to get on planes even when we are # 1 and #2 on the boarding priority list and get terrible seats. CO rules to board.

The end of March, we took our youngest granddaughter, Molly on her 10-yr. old trip. She chose to go see Great Britain after watching the "Royal Wedding" last year. We had a great time in London and showed her all points of interest on this educational trip!

In April, I went on a Groupon trip to Ireland with a girl friend that is Irish, **Ginny Welch** (husband was ORDMM). We had "confirmed air", a rental car, and stayed in castles for 6 nights, all for \$ 1,200! It was great, but very scary for me to drive *on the wrong side of the road*; especially on the way to find the Castles in the country on "narrow roads". But the Castles were so beautiful!

In May, we went on a cruise in the beautiful Greek Islands with retiree **Carl Meizner** (ORDMM) and wife **Roxanne**, plus **Irmie Tokar** (ORDCS) and **Alyce LaBuda**.

In June, our 18 yr. old granddaughter, Rachael graduated from high school. A few weeks later, her mother finally let her go on a "trip with Grandma"; she could not go when she was 10 yrs. old. We had a super duper time, spending a week in Paris and at a Fashion Show.

In September, we took a wonderful 10 day cruise from Dover, England and ended in Rome, Italy. It was a full-fare cruise because we wanted to go on a certain small Princess ship that only held 690 passengers. We hate the big ships! We really love the small River Cruises in Europe, for next spring. When we flew home from Rome to Newark, the seating was horrendous! We were #1 & #2 to board on the Standby list. George got 5A and I got 8K. There were many SA's that boarded after us "also in First Class" and they got first. What is wrong with getting seats, side by side? After all, we are traveling together.

My husband George loves to go to Vegas, so we will go at the end of Oct. with Virginia (ORDCS) and Carl Monaco for 4 nights.

Happy Holidays and a very healthy New Year to all our United friends.

**Debra Rees, PO Box 448, Strasburg, CO 80136**

*Debra is the daughter of Lee Rees.*

Lee has been in and out of the hospital 12 times since last October; and in 3 different rehab facilities. He is currently at St. Andrews Village Health Care, 2670 S Abilene St., Aurora, CO 80014, Room # 215B.

Although Lee has not been home in 3½ months, we are anticipating his return home in the near future.

Visits and phone calls would always be welcomed. His phone has been a challenge but after 6:30 PM works best. The room number (303) 369-4534. He is regaining his strength, so now he may be able to pick up the phone, even if he is not right beside it.

He has been so strong for so long. But since he cracked his upper dentures and lost so much weight and strength, he was not able to walk.

**Paul Weatherford, 14458 S. Vandalia Ave., Bixby, OK 74008**

Blessed are those who expect nothing, for they shall never be disappointed.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, I had an accident in my driveway due to black ice. I fell and injured my right leg. I thought it to be nothing, but how wrong I was. It became a hematoma and the right leg became swollen three times normal size. I have just begun to be sufficiently recovered to write and let anyone who recalls me of my illness. Eventually, the hematoma was operated on April 5<sup>th</sup> and it has taken until now for the incision to close. I discovered I had venous failure in my legs and I will be addressing that in my left leg next. The blood that goes to your feet must be returned to your heart, but my system did not and that caused potential problems including swollen legs. I will have laser surgery and should fix the problem and not require a long recovery.

So, my life has been occupied with this healing process since I became 84 years of age. Things have gotten better now. I had dropped all but essential activity including my membership with RUAEA and the Chicago Skyliners.

There is no Chapter here in Tulsa, so I decided to join them as I lived in Elk Grove Village from 1960 until 1992 when I moved to Fountain Hills, AZ where I belonged to the Phoenix Re-Uniteds until moving to Bixby, OK in 2007. My wife/employee; **Regina B. Weatherford** died of Alzheimer's, in February 2006.

Keep up the good work with the Fantasy Flight, Phoenix Re-United. I wish all of you the best in this life. I wish I could be there in Sun Lakes for the Christ-

mas Luncheon Dec.4<sup>th</sup>. You don't know me, **Al Broderson**, but I knew your wife and I wish you all the best. The Christmas Luncheon at the Avalon in Elk Grove Village would be nice to attend December 10<sup>th</sup>.

I have not flown for some time. I am trying to get reconnected with [flyingtogether.ual.com](https://flyingtogether.ual.com) which turns out to be an https prefix. Strange they won't assist me unless it is after 5:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. The system setup has become so complicated since Continental came onboard. Now, apparently overseas travel is in jeopardy.

Wish I might attend The Aloha Reunion on October 20<sup>th</sup> @ Chandlers Restaurant from 12:30-6:00 P.M. Sounds like a real Party!

**Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgeville, WV 25427-3469**

Thanks for the nice newsletter. It looks like United is doing well. They say that United flies to more destinations around the world than any other airline.

I have reached a new milestone in my old age at 72. My son and his wife, Vicky made me a grandpa this past August 19<sup>th</sup>. They had a beautiful baby girl, Brooke Danielle; and she is a real chatterbox.

I just recently had my cage rattled; I learned from my urologist that I have an aggressive type of prostate cancer and will be starting treatment soon.

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



*Holiday Wishes*

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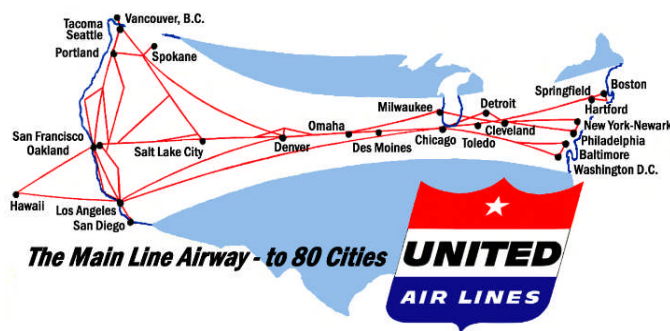
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