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*I love humpback salmon
Good ol' humpback salmon
Caught by the good Swede fisherman.*

Is There Something Fishy About Seattle?

You bet! You can have Red Salmon, Red King Salmon, White King Salmon, and Silver Salmon. The famous Copper River Salmon from Alaska should be starting its season when you are here. Whoops! I forgot to mention Cod and Halibut and the list goes on!

*Give me crab or shellfish.
They sure make a swell dish.*

Have you ever tasted Alaska King Crab? Yummy! The Dungeness Crab here is delicious. Try a Dungeness Crab Louie or a Crab Caesar. We can offer you shrimp and prawns, oysters, clams or mussels. Even Calamari.

Seattle has many restaurants that specialize in seafood. Some are American, some with the Asian influence and some with Mediterranean, Spanish and Italian influence. Seafood restaurants abound in Seattle. They can be found on the waterfront of Elliott Bay, on the shores of Lake Union and Lake Washington, in the suburbs and right in the heart of the city.

*I don't like T-bone steaks,
From the steers in Texas
Just give me fish,
And I don't give a darn if I do pay taxes.*

I guess not everybody is crazy about seafood. No matter your tastes folks, we have the right food for you. If you love beef, the Metropolitan is the restaurant for you. This restaurant was rated number 5 for beef in the U.S. If you are a family that likes seafood and other kinds of entrees, try The Brooklyn. There are just two great restaurants out of many to choose from. As we get closer to May and our Convention date, I will continue to mention other places to eat. Don't forget, you are going to be well fed at the Convention.

Lu Gardiner, Publicity, RUAEA Convention 2004

Note: I was raised in Alaska, and grew up with the song "I Love Humpback Salmon". I have checked the internet and friends but cannot find the rest of the lyrics or the writer.

Dates of the Seattle Convention are: MAY 23-30, 2004.

Place: Double Tree Airport Hotel.

GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The primary activities of RUAEA are the publication of a national newsletter and to conduct an annual convention. I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you about how a convention is planned and what it will take to keep this important part of our organization going.

The convention site selection committee starts two to three years in advance of a convention talking to hotels that have enough rooms available to hold a convention, usually a minimum of 500 rooms, reception space & banquet facilities for 1,200 people, meeting space for committee meetings, and most important, the price of the hotel rooms. It is very hard to predict how the economy will affect the price of the hotel rooms two years in advance, but the contracts must be signed this far in advance to get the dates we need for the convention, also the price of the hotel rooms that our members can afford.

We must commit to between 1730 to 1850 room-nights during the convention to acquire the additional concessions we need for our meeting and banquet rooms. Failure to meet these room night commitments means we must pay a penalty for any unused rooms. It is very important that you stay at the convention hotel to support RUAEA for the next convention, also future conventions, and you will not miss any of the fun times.

As you know, 2004 convention is in Seattle. The room rates are very good - free shuttle service to the hotel and free parking, so come early and stay late - May 23 to May 30, 2004. The criteria for a convention city to meet are:

1. Attractive hotel, beautiful city and great tours.
2. Transportation on United or United Express.
3. Local group strong enough to operate a convention. Seattle has it all.

The RUAEA Executive Committee, the Board of Directors & staff extend to you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

UNITED WILL STAND.

Jim Fauber, President, RUAEA

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

RUAEA'S Denver Office

The charter and bylaws of RUAEA state: "The purpose of this organization is social, to maintain the friendships & associations of its members. Additionally, the Association shall function as an information source between United Airlines & the RUAEA membership..." The Policy and Procedures Manual states, "The primary activities of RUAEA are the publication of a national newsletter and the conduct of an annual convention." In this issue Jim Fauber discusses the importance and intricacies involved in the annual convention. I will briefly discuss RUAEA's Denver office.

The Denver office has two main functions: one, it publishes & mails RUAEA's monthly newsletter; two, it manages & maintains all correspondence to RUAEA, membership records, processing & files.

You all know Jo Madden, our editor of RUAEA's newsletter. She is ably assisted by Bonnie Ceperley & Shirley Smith. Jo collects information from all chapter correspondents, the convention committee, various sources in United Airlines, the Membership Secretaries, letters and comments from members, plus any other source she can find to glean information she feels would be of interest to retirees. The "stuff" she receives includes neatly typed notes, articles, hand-written notes, scribbled comments on scraps of paper & most anything you can imagine. It's incredible how Jo, Bonnie & Shirley pull all that together to produce this newsletter you are reading. (As I reviewed all this with Jo the past month, this is a Herculean job. I must say we, RUAEA members, are getting our money's worth.)

Once the newsletter is "in the can" on a computer disk and a paper copy ready for reproduction, Mel Conine, Office Manager, goes into action. DENTK "print shop" prints, collates, staples & produces about 10,300 copies ready for mailing. The Membership Secretaries provide Mel with a disk of current members' addresses. On the last Sat. of every month a group of 40-50 retiree volunteers meet at DENTK to affix mailing labels, bundle newsletters by ZIP code, sort & bag them in U.S. Mail bags ready to be transported to the Post Office. Mel, with help, does all the preparatory

work, follows through with the Post Office to assure your newsletter is "in the mail", also makes sure that all bills are paid.

Our Membership Secretaries are Harriet Ahr, Adele Fishler & Bev Strand. They handle and process correspondence, payment & deposits of annual dues, changes of address, special requests, etc. They update all RUAEA records at least three times per week. Other than conventions & financial, they manage & maintain the official records & files of RUAEA.

Dean Moberg has provided the technical computer support. He has had to resign from this support due to health reasons. Howard Tress, with help from Harvey Collin, is moving in to provide this support.

The recent development of the RUAEA website has added a significant dimension to the Denver Office operation. The newsletter & membership data are coordinated with our website developer. We are still in the early stages of developing a truly comprehensive website. We currently are resolving some everyday "bugs" striving to make it more reliable & consistent. We are looking to develop it much beyond publishing the newsletter electronically. We are looking at features that will provide retirees with more information about the company, benefits, industry & leisure activities to name a few. Next month we will include an article in the newsletter addressing the many questions many of you have asked about our website.

To support the Denver Office operation we have assessed what we need to do to be more effective & efficient in serving our membership. We are up-grading our Denver Office to provide these volunteers with the tools they need to do their jobs. We will keep you informed on our progress and developments.

Marlin Lade
Executive Vice-President
RUAEA

UNITED INTRODUCES DAILY NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN WASHINGTON, D.C., & SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

United will launch daily, nonstop service to San Jose, Costa Rica (SJO), from its hub at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) effective Feb.

12, 2004, pending government approval.

This move follows United's expansion in the Caribbean, which includes flights to the regional leisure destinations of Grand Cayman, San Juan, Aruba and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. In addition, service from Washington Dulles to Cancun, Mexico, will begin on Feb. 14, 2004, pending government approval.

According to David Leib, manager-Network Strategy, "The success of our nonstop service from Dulles to Mexico City and our recent new services to Buenos Aires & Sao Paulo led us to explore more opportunities in Central & South America. We have been developing the San Jose-U.S. market on a one-stop basis -- via Mexico City & Guatemala City -- our data shows that traffic has grown to the point where it can support nonstop service."

The new service will use Boeing 757 aircraft. The southbound flight will depart Washington daily 5:25 p.m., arrive in San Jose 9:22 p.m. The return flight will depart daily from San Jose 10:15 a.m., arrive in Washington 3:37 p.m.

Special Note: To listen to Glenn Tilton's EYE-ON-UA Message to Employees, call toll-free in the U.S., #1-800-393-6682 & select Option 2.

COMPANION TICKETS

All retiree sponsors must list their companions for standby travel, #1-800-825-5478 in the U.S., or they can use Apollo. Although companions cannot list themselves for standby travel, they may change an itinerary by calling 1-800-825-5478. To use this service, companion travelers must provide their sponsors' Employee ID (file number).

For additional information regarding travel policies, refer to the travel section on SkyNet.

Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff

ADELE FISHLER, Membership Secretary, was employed by United Airlines 9/8/86 as a Customer Service Agent in Denver Reservations Dept., retired 11/1/01 as a CSR at the Ticket Counter - DIA. While she was working in DENSW as a Clerk in Inflight, Adele received a recognition award, "Best in the Business" - 1993.

Volunteer involvement is quite extensive:

International PGA Golf Tournament at Castle Pines 1999-2003, John Elway Celebrity Golf Classic - 2001-2003, President of the UAL Ladies Golf League, also volunteers at the Channel 9 Health Fair.

Leisure activities: golf, crocheting, water exercises, fishing, and, of course, traveling. Her husband, James R. Fishler deceased 7/14/02. They were married 38 years, had 3 children, 2 work for United: Paul (DENCG), Barbara (DENCG), Karen - home & commercial cleaning business. 7 grandchildren: C.J., Randi, Kylene, Dakota, Montana, Talara & Sierra (several of her grandchildren are very active in 4H - swine & lamb projects.)

Adele has a routine of taking each grandchild to Honolulu when they reach the "magic" age of 15. (We think she enjoys the trip more than the grandchild!)

Oh, she has Bronco season tickets - which makes Adele very popular with the family.

Adele - Welcome to the RUAEA Staff - we are happy to have you join us.

RETIREEES - For Denver Mainliner Club information (events, etc.) log on to www.denvermainlinerclub.com.

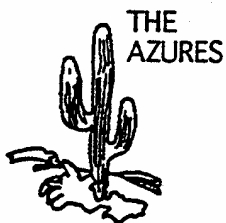
NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Jan. 2004 are due in DEN by Fri. Dec. 5, Feb. reports by 1/6/04, March reports by 2/6/04. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is: 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. If reports are more than one page, list name of Chapter at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, please address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays - especially at holiday time.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

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The next few months will

be very busy for the Azures. Nov. 8 was the annual Thanksgiving luncheon at Luke Air Force Base. On Dec. 13 the Christmas luncheon will be at Briarwood Country Club. This is always a very special treat, so plan to be there. Make your reservations & send your check for \$15 p/p to Ginny Meyer at 17810 N. Mountain Laurel Trail, Surprise, AZ 85374. Ginny's phone number is 623-975-4111.

There were 44 people attending the Octoberfest - the food was great. Thank you Pat Paulson & Ginny Meyer for making the arrangements.

Mel Hofer had a setback due to congestive heart failure but has everything under control now. He & Mildred have their house for sale but will be moving close by into a retirement facility. Good luck with your move. Horst Heinig is recovering from colon surgery, doing much better.

We just returned from attending the breakfast at Coco's. There were 26 in attendance. Chuck & Tuffet Sharp are back and attended the breakfast. Frank Callahan advised that plans are all set for the United Airlines Retired Golf Tournament that he has had for years. The date will be May 9 for check-in & golfing for the next three days. The tournament is held at the Oasis Hotel in Mesquite, NV. Anyone needing information call Frank at 623-815-6899 or e-mail him at UARGC@COX.NET. This tournament has always been a fun time.

Joan Aaronson informed me that the Fantasy Flight is scheduled for Dec. 5. The school chosen for this project is the Thomas Pappas School for the Homeless. Joan said they could always use donations to help fund this wonderful Fantasy Flight that gives kids the experience of flying. Thanks, Joan, for all your help. Corine Drop dressed up as a little Dutch girl for the 25th Anniversary Parade for Sun City West. I heard she was very "cute". She even made the newspapers.

If anyone has any information to share, please let me know.

PHOENIX METRO

RE-UNITED

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PHOENIX METRO



The annual Octoberfest was a huge success. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed it! We all enjoyed great German food & fantastic German beer. Our host, Hank Falk, also surprised us with a guest speaker, Tony Espinosa. Tony has been carving Kachina dolls for many, many years; his talents are displayed in museums around the world. His introduction & training was done by a Hopi Indian. These dolls are carved from the root of the Cottonwood tree and are a teaching tool for the young Native Americans by their ancestors. Each doll, with the different colors, designs & details all mean something from the three horn Kachina which brings the rain to the prickly pear Kachina which makes "sweet" things. There are over 256 different Kachinas. Tony & his wife were nice enough to bring numerous dolls for display and sale for our group. If you missed this, but would love to treat yourself or a loved one with a doll, contact Hank; he can put you in touch with Tony.

We were advised that Ginny Hallden is still doing chemotherapy, but that her spirits are high and is anxious to be done with this. Please keep her in your prayers. Haven't heard of any other illness so have to believe in the old adage that "No news is good news!"

Our local chapter dues are due in Dec., so please remit your monies to our new treasurer, Fred Rockenhauser. We are also in the process of trying to update our membership book, and would appreciate any new addresses, e-mails, phone numbers, etc. Please submit those to yours truly or Carol Ward by the end of Dec.

Make sure you have marked your calendars for the annual Christmas Party at Palo Verde. It is a gorgeous setting with great food, drink & ambiance. It is Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m.

Here's wishing everyone a super Holiday Season & a healthy New Year from all of us at the Re-Uniteds in warm & sunny Phoenix!



TALL PINES

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Our Oct. meeting was held at Coco's with a very good turnout of 18

members. Frenchy Bourgeois had lunch with us, but we missed his lovely wife - Millie. We hope to see them both again very soon.

Vi Larson filled in for Jeanie Risdon, who with hubby, Earle, are on a trip to Washington, D.C. Vi presented us with the invitations for our Christmas party to be held Dec. 10. Vi also collected our annual dues for the Tall Pines Chapter.

We would like to express our condolences to Don Toppen whose wife, Joan, recently passed away.

Our Tall Pines group would like to take this opportunity to wish all UAL retirees and their families a Very Merry Christmas & a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Calendar

Dec. 10 - Christmas Party, Pine Cone Supper Club, happy hour 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00

Jan. 26, 2004 - Next regular meeting, Coco's, 11:00 a.m.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Roadrunners enjoyed our monthly luncheon at The Red Sky Café on Oct. 16.

Oct. was our "Adopted Road" clean-up which we do twice a year. Gordon Starr is our leader for this event; this time he had help from Hank & Alice Belzer, Lyn & Roger Callihan, Hank Dykhuis, Carolyn & Merritt McLothlin, Stephanie Rayburn & Dora Starr.

With the holidays fast approaching, plans are in the air starting with tree decorating at the Tucson Zoo for the Festival of Lights which will run for the first 2 weeks of Dec. this year. Before we decorate, we kick off the day with a coffee & donut tailgate party.

Once again we will adopt our Christmas families from the Air Force Base in Tucson.

Calendar

Dec. 11 - Annual Christmas party will be a luncheon held at the Oro Valley Country Club.

CALIFORNIA



Pismo Beach
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Bill & Dana Noyes hosted a festive luncheon at the Elephant Bar & Grill in Goleta, with 23 members & guests in attendance. They had invited a special guest, Charles Foley, who is the Manager of the Central California Hub for the FAA. He gave a most interesting account of events of 9/11, relating to how the air traffic controllers were able to get all of the planes in the air diverted & safely on the ground. He also gave us information of what is happening in innovations & current changes relating to air traffic. Our other special guests were Arica Lubin, granddaughter of Betty Rupp; Bob Stranger brought his mother, Isabel. We welcomed a new member - David Conway. John Stilwell is making progress in providing new name badges for us & should have them at the Dec. luncheon.

The Christmas luncheon & party will be hosted by Gary & Cathy Anderson (805) 481-8551, Dec. 17 at the Shore Cliff Restaurant, Pismo Beach. We will have a gift exchange, \$10 limit. The chapter has voted to contribute \$200 to Toys for Tots.

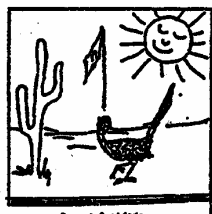
For chapter info, contact Pres. Al Rybar (805) 595-2532.

John Stilwell is compiling a Central Coasters e-mail list. He requests Central Coasters to send their e-mail address to him at Stilwellpismo@charter.net.

Palm Springs Area

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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We had 26 attending our luncheon in Yucca Valley on Wed., the 8th, hosted by Lynda Davis. We should have had more but a few last minute cancellations. Barbara Rowe had worked the election the day before so was too tired to make the trip over there. Lyn Morrow & Dave Podnar

canceled because they were painting. The Osgoods were unable to go because Miriam has Hepatitis A. As a result, neither could George & Loraine Lantz because they ride with us. Elmer & Billie White are both ill and probably won't be able to come back for the winter. They summer in Gardnerville, NV.

Our director & spouse, Bob & Marion Owens, were there. Also, James & Vivian Rotella whom we hadn't seen in quite a while. Sandy Sereno was back after having cataract surgery. Melinda Lerg & Jan Kellerhals were using canes. Roberta Craig was a no-show.

Ron Lerg won the 50/50 again. Merle Pool won the consolation prize which was a really ugly wall clock donated by Lynda Davis. Now Merle doesn't have to look around for a white elephant when we have the white elephant meeting. Mary Butler won the free birthday lunch.

Calendar

Dec. 11 - Monterey Country Club, sponsored by Elaine & Ron Aggson, (760) 340-9542

Jan. 14 - will be sponsored by Roberta Craig, TBA.



SACRAMENTO **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Oct. Luncheon Meeting was held Oct. 29 at Rudy's Hideaway in Rancho Cordova. Pati & Bill Kenney and Jeanette & Joe D'Amico co-hosted the luncheon. Jeanette & Pati made Fall/Halloween table decorations, treat bags with cookies & chocolate kisses for everyone. There were 80 Gold Diggers & 5 guests present. Dan & Roberta Ouchi were guests of Joe & Lynda Lima, Joe Marte was guest of George & Darolyn Maker, and Jim & Elaine Ellis were guests of Ruth & Karl Stannitz.

Pres. Forester Sinclair introduced the new members: JoAnne Dilks of SFOEP; Pilar Perez, SFOSW; & Dan Ouchi, SFOPD, who had come to the meeting as a guest & left as a member.

Forester told the group that on Sept. 30, Rosie Rosenthal & Zelma Kibler were married in LAS.

The officers elected for the year 2004 are:

Pres.	Ron Bertacini
Co-V.P.	Colleen & Harold Esola
Treas,	Judie King
Sec'y/ Newsletter Editor	Alice McPeak
Sunshine	Francis & Veronica Domaratius

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The group is going to do a toy drive at our Christmas luncheon meeting. Everyone who brings a toy gift will be given a special raffle ticket. The toys will be distributed to the various areas' Toys for Tots.

Judie King gave the treasurer report; anyone needing a nametag see Judie.

Sec'y Jeanette D'Amico & husband Joe took a trip in Oct. to Kitty Hawk & Kill Devil Hills, NC to visit the Wright Brothers National Memorial since this is the centennial year of the first flight.

Forester gave the sunshine report, as Marge Raynor was not in attendance. Sympathy cards were sent to Bob Cuff on the loss of his sister & to Carroll Lowe whose wife Doris passed away on Oct. 2. Get well cards were sent to Margaret Eggert who had foot surgery & Vi Robinson who had back surgery. Cards were also sent to Wayne O'Kelly who had surgery & to Mary Bushcman who is recovering from a hospital stay for pneumonia.

RUAEA Director for Northern California & Nevada, Bob Cuff, had a picture of the last flight of the Concorde. Bob encouraged all Sacramento Gold Diggers to join RUAEA. RUAEA is working closely with United Airlines. RUAEA members were asked to use the website to access the newsletter to save RUAEA some money on printing & paper costs.

Ed & Rose Rheam celebrated their 51st anniversary.

Calendar

Dec. 10 - Christmas Luncheon Meeting at Beale Air Force Base hosted by Dick & Vi Robinson assisted by Ron & Barbara Bertacini and Bob & Jo Cuff.

Jan 28, 2004 - Luncheon Meeting at Luau Gardens in Rancho Cordova hosted by Alice & Glenn McPeak.

The Oct. 9 meeting was held at La Gare Restaurant. Table decorations were very appropriate & the food was excellent.

Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order, thanked the hostess Ivy Cardinaux & co-hosts Oscar & Joan Chambers. Patrick congratulated Rosie Rosenthal & Zelma Kibler on their recent marriage. A celebratory drink was given to the happy couple.

Patrick referred to the obituary for Raymond Kelly. He was 102 years old and had a long list of accomplishments during his life & his many years at United.

V.P. Ron Huhn introduced our guests: Elaine Loy, guest of Ruth Loy; Trudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell & Joanne Milano, guest of Matty & Marge Matschinegg.

Ron also announced two new members, Delbert L. Clark & Doug Saunders.

Christmas is coming & the goose is mighty thin. Please put some stuffing in the Charity Box. George Smith suggested that you could make a donation to the Charity Box by sending in a check. This met with approval. Michael & Dianne Quinn are the first ones to mail in their 2004 dues.

Sunshine Lady: Clare Hagen substituted for Verda Burr who was off to a golf tournament. The Lignettos are well & keeping busy. There were 4 birthdays; winner of the lunch was Vic Kristen.

Patrick & Donaldeen Cadden made a special presentation to Vic & Elaine Kristen for their 60th wedding anniversary. Patrick offered his apologies as this event was missed last month. Vic & Elaine were childhood sweethearts. They have 2 daughters; Vic says the secret to their longevity is separate bedrooms.

The Charity Committee, Phyl McDonald, Joyce Carey, Joanne Huhn & Naomi Tolf, are hoping to meet the same donation level as last year. If you wish to name another charity, contact one of the committee members.

Naomi Tolf is Chairperson of the Nominating Committee; members are Dan DeFord & Les Carey. Naomi presented the list of nominees:

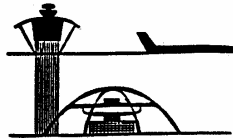
Pres.	Ron Huhn
V.P.	Naomi Tolf
Treas.	Nick Van Kruining
Sec'y	Clare Hagen
Sunshine Lady	Verda Burr

There were no nominations from the floor. Donaldean Cadden moved, Dan DeFord seconded a motion that the slate be approved as read. Motion was carried unanimously.

Thought for the day: *If you are not failing now & then, it's a sign you're playing it safe.*

ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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What a busy summer this has been! So many members are still on the move. Our tour lady, Barbara Smith is cruising with friends from BOS to MSY for 12 days & will go on to visit family members in FL for a few more. Fellow cruisers are former Hollywood CTO mainstays, Lu Friel, Lee Price, Bob Curran & Mardelle Celestin. We wish them a Bon Voyage!

We have been seeing more and more friendly faces from times past appearing at our luncheons. These new members include, Louise Prairie, Caryl Mindler, Becky Booker-Weidner, all of LAXRR. We have a slew of CS people - Betty Crowley Sulej, Betty Tomaino, Dee Ashby, Jean Frasco, Sue Labassiere, Marcia Perry, Martha Schalk, Mary Lynn Anderson & Marhta Drexel Punche. Welcome dear friends!

In late Sept., the LAXRR/LAXTO Depts. Gathered for their 4th annual reunion. Attendance grew to above 200; we were so fortunate to see many out-of-towners. The evening ended with a skit humorously presented by our hostess, Linda Robbins & Dan Salada, whom she had coaxed in from AZ. Well done, Linda! Another successful get-together!

Our last luncheon brought several guests whom

we had missed due to health problems: Mitch Mitchell & Mary Louise, Gene & Lou Gawenda and Bob & Clarine Schmiedeke. It was wonderful to be able to welcome them again. The flu kept Frankie & Al Tschirhart away, but they're on the mend & feeling much better. Our Southwest Director, Bob Owens, attended and shared with us some of the most positive information regarding the bankruptcy that we've heard yet!

Ray Ginocchio's newsletter advised that Kay & George Marinoff are struggling with health problems. We want to wish them better days ahead.

We send love & good wishes to Ed Clay & his wife, Ginny, as her health declines. These are very difficult times for these wonderfully warm & caring people. Send your fond wishes to them at 3025 Via Borica, Palos Verdes Est., CA 90274.

Our last check on members of Re-LAX-ers & Re-Sans groups that live in the enormous fire area, assured us that for the present at least, everyone is safe. We pray for the continued safety of all, including those brave fire-fighters, in the days to come.

Parking Notes: Barb Smith reports that some folks that used their tags for the LAX employee lots "E" and "D" early in the month, would be willing to share them with those needing tags for later in the month. Let Barbara know; with a little luck you could get a good deal.

Travels: The group is off again to see the fabulous Follies in PSP on Apr. 8-9, 2004. This time it will be a Thur. matinee which is popular. Immediately following the show, you can browse the equally fabulous PSP Street Fair. (no junk here - just great stuff). Return to L.A. after lunch next day. E-mail attachments will be sent to "wired" members, flyers will be sent out shortly...

Barbara advises that she has interesting information about travel cancellation insurance. Call or e-mail her at bjsLAXtours@aol.com.

Calendar

Dec. 11 - Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary (note date change to 2nd Thur. in Dec.)

Feb. 12, 2004 - luncheon, location to be advised

Apr. 8-9, 2004 - Palm Springs Follies tour.

The way to avoid criticism: See nothing; do nothing; say nothing!



ReSans

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FIRESTORM-SAN DIEGO COUNTY

For those of you who have been reading about the devastating fires in San Diego County, which began 10/26, we would like to thank one & all for your thoughts and prayers. It is the most heartbreaking occurrence since the 1906 earthquake, the worst fire in California history. So many good people lost their homes & all of their lifetime treasures. Some folks had barely 10 minutes to gather personal items, which may have taken a lifetime to acquire. Every day was like twilight all day; by 3:30 p.m. we would have total darkness. Occasionally the sun would show through all of the smoke as a huge orange ball. It was so very eerie. We now have help from No. CA, AZ, NM, UT, CO, OR & other states. Also C-130s for water and retardant drops. So with all of that manpower & equipment available to help, the fire **SHOULD** be contained early Nov., barring a return of the heavy winds & hot temperatures, which turned the fire into a firestorm. Up to now, 8 volunteer firefighters lost their own homes while fighting to save the homes of others.

At news letter time: 1 firefighter from Marin County was killed, 16 people were killed when they could not outrun the fire, 2,337 homes were lost, 391,856 acres are burned - an area larger than LAX. Never in the history of firefighting here in CA have so many come to help. 4,275 personnel are now on hand. Most are being sheltered at a mini-city quickly set up at Gillespie Field, (an airport for private planes), in El Cajon. An appeal went out for cots, blankets, pillows, toiletries & food. So many residents responded that shortly after the appeal was made, another announcement thanked everyone for their response, said that there was no more space for donations.

Our Halloween Party was held at the Fireside Restaurant in Escondido on Oct. 30 as planned. It was touch & go as to whether we would be able to do so due to the fires & the unhealthy air quality. Pres. Marian Owens, asked for a moment of silence in respect for all those who lost their lives &

homes. The folks who attended the luncheon are all so fortunate as to have no other damage to our homes than all of the ash & soot which have been swirling around since 10/26. Even with your home closed up tight, you could still smell & inhale the smoke and soot. Our families are also safe; that is the greatest blessing.

Bob Owens passed along new information on the progress United is making to exit bankruptcy. He explained the latest information on the retirement pension & health plans.

Winners: Larry Hoover & Larrie Semon won the two lovely wine & cheese baskets.

Planning is in the mill to hold a joint picnic on Mission Bay with the Clipped Wings & ReSans,.

Sick Call: Marjorie Willis is undergoing daily radiation treatments.

New Retirees: We enjoyed the company of a number of new retirees: Annette Manion, Flight Attendant; Gloria Jordan, Flight Attendant; Betty Tomaino, S.D. Red Carpet Room; Barbara Drews, Customer Service; Bob Mukomela, Ramp; Larry Hoover, Baggage Service.

Holiday: Ralph & Olga Wilhelm are enjoying a Mediterranean cruise.

On the move: Bob Sheraton moved to Fort Mohave, AZ. Mike Cheney will be moving to Buffalo, NY shortly. You will both be missed, but we wish you the best of luck in your new homes.

Our Christmas Party is already on the schedule for Dec. 5 at Tom Ham's Restaurant on beautiful Mission Bay. It will be a buffet. We will have volunteers at the serving table to assist folks, who may find it difficult to carry a plate to their table. Our White Elephant sale is again planned, as well as the 50/50 raffle. Please remember to bring an unwrapped child's gift.

Time is running short to sign up for our tour of Ireland in late April. Anyone who may be interested may request a flier at the above telephone number or contact me directly by e-mail at CarolynH777@aol.com. Ireland is a spectacular country to visit with friendly people & beautiful scenery.

Calendar

Dec. 5 - Christmas Party at Tom Ham's on the Bay

Apr. 2004 - Spring Fling

Summer 2004 - Picnic on Mission Bay

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There was some orange & black scattered around the room as a few of our members dressed & decorated their tables for Halloween at our Oct. meeting. We had 163 members & guests present. It looks like the cards Carol Walters, our membership secretary, sends out to recent retirees are still getting results. Carol reminded us that it's that time of year again - our 2004 dues should be paid by Dec. 31.

1st V.P. Ken Wahl thanked everyone for their help with the picnic which was a big success. Harriet Kunze, our charity coordinator, thanked everyone who helped to fill & wrap shoe boxes for Christmas gifts for needy children. We have been selling tickets for 3 months for a beautiful afghan that was made & donated by Rita Wahl. Today was the day we drew the winning ticket. The winner was - our secretary Helen Cain. Congratulations Helen! The money goes into our memorial & charity fund.

Our program for today was the "Bay Bells". The music was beautiful. The bell ringers were fun to watch as well as listen too. They were all very talented. Next month we will be entertained with the Peninsula Choraliers, another talented group.

I am sorry to report that we lost several of our members recently. Elizabeth Kessler passed away Aug. 19. Cards can be sent to her daughter, Carol Ulreich at 6617 Wedgewood Ln., Willowbrook, IL 60527. We lost Stuart Ranicar Aug. 13. Condolences can be sent to his wife Gladys & daughter Marilyn Hedges at 974 So. La Bellota, Green Valley, AZ 85614. Helen Gilbert (201-1111 Glemore Trail, S.W. Calgary HB, Canada T2v-4c9) died at the age of 96 & Betty Harris (1833 Lakecreek Ave., Eugene, OR 97406) left us Oct. 13. Both ladies kept up their membership even though they had moved out of the area. Arthur Avila, who worked for UAL for 45 years, had been an inspector, passed away the end of Oct. Send your cards to Joanna Grable, 780 Folsom Ave., Hayward, CA 94544.

We also lost one of our oldest members, Ray

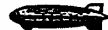
Kelly at the age of 102. Mr. Kelly had not attended a meeting for a long time, but he always had his dues paid up years in advance. He became interested in aviation in 1901 after a barnstorming flight in IN. As a civil engineer with the Army Air Corps he collaborated on instrument flight with Albert Hegenberger & Jimmy Doolittle. He started working for Boeing in Air Transport in Cheyenne, WY, in 1930, which eventually merged with 3 other companies to form United Airlines. He retired in 1967 as Director of Technical Development at United in SFO. Mr. Kelly received many professional awards during his lifetime and was inducted into the Aviation Hall of Fame in 1971.

Travel info: Pres. Walt Bartkowiak & Sec'y Helen Cain presented Shirley Dickinson with a world globe with a plaque engraved with the words, "Thanks for the Memories" in appreciation of the many years she worked as one of our tour directors. We will miss your trips Shirley. Ginger Dahlberg has some trips planned; one is a Canada trip in 2004. Call her at 650-345-5548 or e-mail gingersfo@aol.com for more information.

Calendar

Singles Club - 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce - 650-593-7328.
Retirees General Meeting - 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA., Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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Gene Eggert, head of our Nominating Committee, announced that it was time to elect new officers for 2004; they are: Bill Copley, Pres.; Alex Klaus, V.P.; Lois Rodriguez, Sec'y; Gerry Frisch, Treas. & Wilma Sandy, Sunshine.

Vic & Elaine Kristen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Alaska, given to them by their children. They had a wonderful time.

Our guests for the month of Oct. were: Betty Rupp from Santa Barbara; Arlene & Jack Brownel, friends of Duane & Joan Dahl; Carol & Ron Lenahan from Rochester, NY. Carol is the daughter of Lynn Bucholz.

We want to wish the best to our friends who are under the weather. Anne & Vice Venture are getting out & about; they send their "Hello" to everyone. Adele Funston, we wish a speedy recovery. Harry Willever is starting tests again. George Dye is back after a long absence. Deloris Burda & Bert Swanson (Marian's husband) are on chemo therapy treatments.

Our sincere sympathy to Marion Gaevert for the loss of her brother in Sept.

Michele Ashen was a guest speaker in Oct., gave us a presentation on "How to Protect Our Assets."

Our best news & congratulations to a wonderful life together, are the newly weds Zelma Kibler & Francis (Rosie) Rosenthal on Sept. 30. They were married in LAS with family members present.

Our latest adventure was a visit to Angel Island in San Francisco Bay on Oct. 29. It is called the Ellis Island of the West. There were 36 present for tour & lunch on the Island. Then shopping in Sausalito. Everyone had a great time. Our hostesses were Marion Gaevert & LaDonna Eggert. Thank you for a great trip.

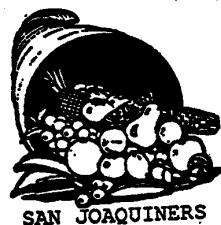
We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving & wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 DeAnza Blvd., San Jose, CA, 7:30 a.m., meeting 8:25 a.m. For more information contact Pres. George Sousa (408) 245-0498.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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46 lively members attended the luncheon at the Peppery restaurant, Sonora, hosted by George & Gloria Gemberling. Guests were Dennis & Judy Willie, Caroline Hoffman, Dorothy Daniel's sister

Carol Campbell, Jack Oden and Ina & Joe Lindeman. My pleasure to make acquaintance with Don & JoAnn Nesje; hope to meet other new members.

Along the health line - Nancy Hoffman mentioned Lifeline Screening & said more information can be obtained by calling 1-800-407-4557. Guy Hoffman reminded us to write our congressmen regarding House Bill 2719, which allows the airlines to stretch pension payments over a period of 5 years.

Doug Daniels is back on his feet, reports his hip surgery was a piece of cake.

George & Gloris Gemberling have just returned from their yearly trip to PA. Among other matters they found that starting now any luggage weighing over 50 pounds must be paid for the overage.

Bob & Sandy Brooks were with us - he has the distinction of being kin of the famous Garth.

San Joaquiner member Ray Harm from Sonora, CA area joins 10-15K other bike riders on Iowa's annual "River to River" ride called "RAGBRAI" an acronym for Registers Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa. It's a week long ride, each night tenting in a different town, about 10-15 miles apart. Miles for weeks ride varies from 450-500 miles. Lots of families participate; all states plus 15-18 foreign countries participate. If interested in riding, or just curious, look on internet at ragbrai.com, route published early Feb. & must register by late March. It is reported to be largest organized bike ride in the world; come and see a farming state up close, count the corn & bean fields, see the beautiful farms, meet the curious & friendly folks of Iowa up close and in persona. You will be only one of about 10-15 thousand other riders.

Calendar

Dec. 12 - Christmas party, Giovanni Conference Center. Hosts Guy & Nancy Hoffman.



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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their Oct. meeting with 21 members & guests. We welcomed new attendee, Tom Cunningham, who retired from the Walnut Creek ticket office & Glorian Rutherford from VLORR and the Ticket Offices.

A report by our Treas. Tom Costa, advised that we have \$110 balance in our account.

We are sad to advise that Art Read passed away last month after complications of back surgery.

Ed Bingle is ill and was unable to attend. Jack Smith is recuperating from a broken leg. Richard & Georgia Bouska were unable to attend due to the ongoing recuperation of Georgia's mother, Muffy.

Howard & Jo Payne just returned from a delightful cruise on the West Coast. Howard will be bringing information on Interline Cruise discounts to the next meeting.

Ever wondered what the Boarding Priorities were? BP6, BP8A, BP8B, BP8C? Enclosed with your Companion Tickets is a wonderful brochure issued by WHQHR 9/2003. It tells you all you need to know.

We encourage any of the retirees to "come on down" to meet with us. We have a diverse group (mechanics, flight officers, reservations, ramp, customer service, etc.). Our meetings are on the 2nd Mon. of each month at Baker's Square Restaurant on Willow Pass Road in Concord (across from Park 'N Shop), 11:30 a.m. to about 1:00 to 1:30. No advance notice required.

Calendar

Dec. 8 - Christmas Party

2004 Meeting Dates: 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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On a foggy cold morning, 60 retirees & guests attended the Mile Highers 11/5 breakfast.

First-timers were: John Sausen, Mike Troub, Bill Eaton, Maxine Richardson & Larry Cannon. The following retirees donated their 50/50 winning

to the stamp fund: Don Osburn, Si Seim & Don Pinzenscham. Thanks!

Laura Coat's mother Freda Peckens from Detroit, MI & Earl Horner's sister & brother-in-law Betty & Dick Erickson from Harrisburg, PA were guests. Good to see Bob & Irene Davey after a 4-year absence.

On the "Sick List" - Ron Siemsen is recovering from a broken hip. Bill Brehmer is recovering at home after having a five-way bypass heart surgery. Bob Hagedorn had colon surgery, recovering at home. Lyle Burkholder is at home recovering from pneumonia. Our best wishes to all for a speedy recovery.

It was nice to see Harriet Ahr at the Nov. mailing after a long time. First-timers were: Virgil Gooselaw, Don Pinzencham & Don Sellon. Welcome - and join us again.

United Airlines is looking for help during the Christmas holidays from retirees. If you would like to volunteer helping United customers in the main terminal (DIA) - call Tom Goodyear - #303-696-7001.

Christmas Luncheon Dec. 8, Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden Ave., Denver. Social hour 11:00 a.m. (cash bar) with drink specials: Bloody Mary & Screwdrivers \$4.95, glass house wines \$3.95 plus tax. Lunch 11:45 a.m. Menu choices: Mixed Grill, chef's choice of two different fish with sauce \$18.95, Chicken Picata \$16.40, Lemon Caper Halibut \$20.20, Prime Rib \$22.75, Coconut Shrimp \$18.95. Entrees include salad, potato, bread/butter, dessert (cheese cake), coffee, tea or soda.

Check payable to RUAEA-Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211 (phone 303-477-2918). Reservations need to be made by Dec. 4. List menu choice on check, please bring an unwrapped gift for Santa's Sleith Ride, boy or girl ages 4-7. Include batteries if needed.

Beginning in Jan. cost of the breakfast will be \$6.00, due to rising food costs.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon. Details in column.

FLORIDA

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GROUPERS



CITRUS GROUPERS

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On Oct. 23, the Groupers met at the Pasta Faire, in Belleview. There were 24 members present. After a long absence due to his health, Ralph Nardone was back with us. We also welcomed back Jeanne Albright. Marge Frazier is planning to be away for a while, first on a Caribbean cruise, then on a domestic trip & a trip to HWI.

At our meeting we had a presentation by Nick Morgan, of the American Protective Insurance Corp. He talked to us about different plans of long term & home care policies.

Calendar

Dec. 4 - We will meet at Katie Bell's Restaurant, 996 Del Mar Dr., in the Villages, at 11:30 a.m. This is a combination Dec. meeting & Christmas party. Bring a wrapped gift, marked male or female, for distribution at a nursing home.

Jan. 22, 2004, 11:30 a.m., our meeting will take place at the New Hong Kong Super Buffet, 1314 US Hwy 41 N., Inverness.

SW FLORIDA

PELICAN DROP-INS

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44 Pelican Drop-Ins & 3 guests attended the Nov. 7 luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club. The highlight of the meeting was our speakers. John Dahl, former station manager of RSW, now station manager of TPA, talked about his time at RSW and his move to TPA plus the current situation with United Airlines. Ann Miller, present station manager of RSW, talked about news of United Airlines & flight schedules of United at RSW for the upcoming season.

Jerry & Sandy Pryde attended the luncheon for the first time and joined the Pelican Drop-Ins. Jerry started with United at Midway in 1960, retired from WHQKA. He & Sandy live in Elgin, IL during the summer & in Fort Myers, FL during the winter months. Jo Beck, another Pelican Drop-In, was in a car pool with Jerry years ago from Elgin, IL. Dick Miller, husband of Ann Miller our featured speaker, attended the luncheon for the first time and joined our group. Dick retired from MIAOO. Ann & Dick now live in Fort Myers.

It was nice to see Jo Beck at our meeting. She now lives in The Villages, FL & is also a very active member of 2 other United Chapters. Bee McCarthy, a former member of the Pelican Drop-Ins, also attended the luncheon as a guest.

Pres. Carrie Belluso opened the meeting with the singing of "God Bless America". Sally Sciple wished "Happy Birthday" to all the Nov. birthdays. Harry Walton, Southeast Region Director, announced that all checks & correspondence to RUAEA should include your file number. Genevieve Stokes has been in the hospital recently for pulmonary problems. Mel Volz & Linda Luchynsky announced their engagement to be married. Linda has a beautiful new ring.

The members of the Pelican Drop-Ins were very generous with their Thanksgiving collection for Tice Elementary School. We collected \$70 plus many boxes of food. For Christmas our Chapter brings wrapped Christmas gifts for the children of Tice. This is in conjunction with the employees at RSW.

Tom McNabb had a freak accident & completely tore the tendon in his knee. He had surgery & will be in a brace for along time with 4 to 6 months of therapy.

Calendar

1st Fri. of the mo., luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May). Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.). For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers - UALMKE@aol.com), Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda - jgilkison@comcast.com), Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) Tutupapa1@aol.com.



**THE ORLANDO
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On a rainy day in Orlando, Pres. Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting for 63 attendees at the Golden Corral. Guests were the daughter & son-in-law of the Butcherts, Sandi & Paul Lolgerman and Elaine Tillman from Reservations.

New members were Freddy & Sandra Gonzalez and Ray Rivera.

We had 5 birthdays this month: Chuck Grant, Richard Armistead, Marlin Lade, Nancy Jewby & Freddy Gonzalez. Anniversaries are being celebrated for Jim & Audrey Weeks, Stan & Barbara Halterman and Charlie & Sharon Ringer. Whew, quite an exciting month, Nov.

The new "Let's Go, I'm Taking You to My Favorite Restaurant" was held on Oct. 15 at the High Tide Harry's. 22 joined the festivities; all had a great time!

Our next get-together will be in Jan. as the holidays are close upon us. We will then try to do 6 months in advance.

Volunteers for the Nominating Committee for next year's officers were Char LeGrand, Stan Halterman & Sidney Edelman. Ernie Voseges took on the Picnic Committee; our next picnic will be April 7. It was suggested we have 2 picnics each year.

Marlin Lade gave us an in-depth review of the article on the state of our pensions in the Nov. National Newsletter. He also urged us to begin planning for the May 23-30, 2004 convention in SEA.

We were reminded that our Christmas Party is on Dec. 3, 1:00 p.m., at The Plantation Gardens, Conway Road & Underhill. The Mainliner Club Holiday Party is Dec. 6 at the Hyatt Orlando Airport Hotel. See Ted LeGrand for tickets.

Calendar

Dec. 30 - Dixie Stampede

Jan. 10 - Orlando Broadway Theatre, *Nunsense Nutcracker Suite*

Mar. 13 - David and the Technicolor Dream Coat

Spring 2004 - Trip to Branson
Fall 2004 - Trip to New England

For more details & tickets contact Stan Halterman, 407-852-6773.

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Jon Wilkinson opened the meeting at Buddy Freddy's with the Salute to the Flag. Ed & Joan Hufgenal were introduced as visitors by Bill & Jean Lineham. The Hufgenals are from DEN & have a winter place here.

Terri Breslin informed us that all details of the Christmas Luncheon are in the Newsletter. It will be held Dec. 8 at Spartan Manor, 11 a.m. Total Sounds from Gulf High School will be providing the entertainment. Cost is \$14 p/p

Sadie again announced that Jo Madden will be our speaker at the West Coast Luncheon in Jan. to be held at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. Jo will be staying with Edith Polito. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 p/p for a choice of lamb shank, prime rib or chicken. Although the cut-off date is Jan. 10, Sadie will take reservations up to the day before the luncheon. She has to give Pappas Restaurant a hard number by the afternoon of the 18th.

Terri Breslin reported that she had sent get well cards to David Fitzgerald who had heart surgery & John Hargraves who suffered a stroke. Both are home recuperating nicely. Everyone signed a card for Ruth Farley who recently was diagnosed with cancer.

John Riecse reported that his bad travel was really good news - all flights were full with paid passengers; he & his lovely wife Barbara had difficulty returning from HWI. Kathy Cornwell, Senior Victim Advocate for the Aging, (from the Attorney General's Office) spoke to us on various scams, identity theft, how to stop junk mail, marketing phone calls, how to protect yourself from scams & identity theft. She also told us how we could receive reimbursement for money/property stolen from us. She works in Pasco County & will go to court with any elderly victim

who has been scammed, robbed, etc. She left much information. If you did not get it, call the Senior Helpline at 1-800-861-8111.

Jon briefed us on several UAL things.

Calendar

Dec. 1 - Monthly meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor - see newsletter for details.

Jan. 19 - Florida West Coast Luncheon.



TREASURE COAST

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On 11/2 we had 20 members, & it sure was a lively meeting. Big discussion was the pension, but after our Pres. Al Popek explained it to the membership there was a sigh of relief. Our latest topic was the Airline Christmas Party; at least 12 of us plan to attend, some for the first time. We can't all leave at the same time, or we will never get there, so we have to plan who will be flying out with whom. You know (seniority).

My mistake, Doris & Ron Brodis do not live in Wellington; their correct address is 5248 Espana Ave., Boyton Beach, FL 33437. Sorry, Diane!

Our Christmas party will be held at Johnny's Restaurant on Dec. 2; members' cost will be \$15, guests \$20. There will be 3 choices on the menu, a glass of wine, & hot hors d' oeuvres, plus cake & ice cream. There will be a cash bar for drinks. All are asked to bring an unwrapped gift to be donated to the Toys for Tots program.

Gus & Barbara Dodenhoff have purchased a new 25-foot boat and are waiting for a lift to be installed prior to the boat being delivered to their home. Barbara does not want her new boat in the dirty water.

Marge Nehls had another hip replacement; even though she has pain, she's down at the studio sitting in a chair practicing the new steps for the competition to be held in Jan. Boy, she sure has guts. She belongs to The FootLites Tapping Group.

We had a terrible storm here 11/1. I believe Nicholas the hurricane made a detour & came on back to FL. The thunder & wind & rain were horrible. One thing for sure, my pool had an awful

lot of worms in it this morning. My next house will have less glass & no skylights.

The Coradinis are going on another 7-day cruise next week.

We hope to see all of you at the airline Christmas party. Till then God Bless & continue the great job of keeping us well informed.

Calendar

Meetings 1st Tues. of month, 11:30 a.m., Johnny's Restaurant, 1780 Federal Highway US1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952-7112, (772) 878-2626

THE VILLAGES **AIRLINE RETIREES**

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43 members & guests met in Albertson's parking lot to board the bus for Dead River Vic's to take the luncheon cruise. The boat had been hand made by the Captain & purchased by Dead River Vic's Restaurant for luncheon & dinner cruises on Lake Harris. It seats comfortably 50 people when a meal is served; everyone enjoyed the lunch. Dead River is very short with no current; it's purpose is to connect two large lakes to make navigation possible between the two. My seat partner for the trip just happened to be a new member - & fairly new to The Villages within the past six months. In our conversation we found a number of United employees that we both knew; I had worked with her husband when he was in the Planning Center at EXO. (That is back when it was called EXO.) She had worked in reservations and recently retired. Her name is Carol Christensen. We will have more catching up to do on the happenings since I retired. The weather was just perfect for the cruise; everyone had a good time.

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BOISE GEMS

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At our Nov. 3 meeting Bud Peters welcomed 39 attendees, including new members Ossie & Louise Haugen (822 Cairn Dr., Nampa, ID 83651), & Diane Beck, F/A, who retired in Apr. Her address is P.O. Box 1025, Cascade, ID 83611. Since Diane was the only person to write anything on the "News for Newsletter: pad", we can say she keeps busy during the summer months, *working cattle!* This winter, in-between shoveling snow, she'll be doing substitute teaching. We also had a guest, Andy King, who is currently a UAL mechanic based in SFO visiting Joe & Joan Varady in Garden Valley, The GEMS membership now stands at 102.

With great sadness, we must tell our readers of the death of Malcolm MacCoy, 72, on Oct. 11, at his home in Meridian, surrounded by his loving family. On Oct. 16, a beautiful memorial service was held at the Meridian United Methodist Church, attended by a large group of family, friends & fellow UAL retirees. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, June & the MacCoy family.

Our old friend Al Cox is at home (3883 N. Tumbleweed Pl., Boise, ID 83713), recovering from hip surgery, & is doing very nicely. His phone number for those who will want to call him is (208) 376-9193.

Bud told us of receiving a letter of thanks from Sue Paul, co-owner of the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa, together with a receipt for \$400, which included Kirt Miller's generous contribution. The money raised by the Boise GEMS will be used to buy a display case for UAL memorabilia. He added that he is updating our membership directory for 2004. If you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail, advise him by e-mail or phone.

Our annual Christmas banquet will be on Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m. at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. Guests are welcome. Bud has extended an invitation to Ray Davis & his staff at BOIOO to join us - the more the merrier. Choice of entrée: Top Sirloin Steak or Maple Roasted Salmon Fillet, with all the trimmings. Price for either is \$25 p/p, includes tax & gratuity. Please designate your menu choice; make your checks payable to Wilma Anderson, & mail to her at 2702 Southside Blvd., Nampa, ID 83686, *no later than Dec. 1*. Anyone desiring overnight accommodations, call the Owyhee Plaza at 343-4611 or 1-800-233-4611 & ask for the special room rate of \$61.54, single or double occupancy, including taxes.

Good news from the meeting-place committee (Ron Hamman Carol Birt, Marlene Croghan, Lil Jolly & Wilma Schell). Since early Sept. they've been seeking a larger facility for our breakfast meetings, & they've found it! Starting Jan. 5, 2004, we'll meet at the Holiday Inn, 3300 Vista Ave., Boise, ID. As before, the date will be the 1st Mon. of each month, 9:30 a.m. We will have our own room (at least 3x times the size of the room at Perkin's), with a set breakfast menu priced from \$3.99 to \$8.99. Our thanks to Ron & his group for canvassing BOI, finding an ideal facility, & beating the Jan. 1 deadline.

Bud again announced that his two-year term as chapter president is up Dec. 31, that nominations for his replacement will be asked for at our Dec. 1 meeting, & a vote taken on the nominees. An earlier suggestion was that we elect a Pres., V.P., & perhaps a 2nd V.P., for either one or two-year terms to be decided by those elected. At the end of term, the V.P. would automatically be elevated to the president's position, 2nd V.P. would advance to 1st V.P., & nominations taken for 2nd V.P. This would assure us continuity in leadership. There being no objection, the plan was accepted. If you are unable to attend & wish to nominate someone, obtain their approval, & send their name/s to Bud Peters via e-mail at budpat68@aol.com.

Calendar

Dec. 1 - Breakfast at Perkin's on Franklin, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 8 - Christmas party & dinner

Jan. 5 - Breakfast at Holiday Inn, 9:30 a.m.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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Our Northside Breakfast at the Artemis Restaurant always has a massive attendance where we find new retirees. In our Oct. event, we found 4 guys who were working at O'Hare in ORDMM, ORDFB & ORDCB: Bob Smuz, Jim Vitte, James Sloan & Jerome Adams. This was their first time visit. Another guy came from Springfield, IL, who retired in April, 1995 - Arnold Ward, telephone

#217-427-2104. If anyone remembers him, call & ask him to see us again.

We recently received a letter from R. Gustafson, 1992 Hurricane Ln., Homestead, FL 33033, who informed us that, through this monthly newsletter, he was able to contact an old pal, F. Fraudfinder, & renew their friendship.

Here is a comment from Wink & Penny Warren: "We are having a great time in retirement but have no travel plans at this time." Call them, 847-882-5286, if you want to help their travels.

From our friends of long acquaintance, Nick & Angelina Romeo, we hear that daughter Juliet arranged a 59th wedding anniversary renewal. Unfortunately, Nick was recently stung by a bee which caused a big swelling, corrected by Medical Emergency.

In a trip to Boulder, CO, Joan Olsen reports that the aspens were at their peak color "just beautiful". Also says the flight home on a 777 was wonderful. "United is the very best."

Sandy Wick, Flight Attendant, based at LAX-SFO-LAS-ORD, served 40 years, 5 months. Congratulate her, 847-754-5857, or write to 828 S. Bristol Ln., Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

At the Southside Brunch, there were 28 persons attending who enjoyed receiving a small pumpkin with candy inside. This was provided by Carmen R. Chavez who wished us all "Happy Halloween." Also, our standby Rudy Maki distributed little candy bars to everyone.

There were 3 oldsters from ORDFF who were 1st-timers: Bill Belmonte, Jr., Robert Casale & Perry B. Pahl.

Bob & Agnes Pearson took a 12-day motor coach tour in Oct. covering the Eastern Seaboard.

To Ray Klinke: We Midwesterners would like to know if the southern CA fire & smoke raised a little dickens on your golf score.

Calendar

Southside Brunch - Last Tues. of the month, 10:00 a.m., Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL

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

Dec. 9 - Christmas Luncheon, Itasca County Club.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters Oct. luncheon at the Leaning Tower Restaurant in Saugus turned out to be our most attended meeting with 87 members & guests. Previously, the summer picnics & Christmas luncheons were the most attended. This was our second time at this spot; both were well attended. Must be the location; however, the food was good, entertainment great.

Effective Nov. 1, Bill Vanderwal took over as chapter treasurer from Tony Berardi. Tony has served us well & kept the chapter in the black for 3 years. Thank you Tony! George Mavreles & I will stay on as V.P. & Sec'y. Now it's time for someone to step into the position of president, vacant for a year, since Bill Betters moved on to RUAEA Conventions.

The Nor'Easters is a good chapter, growing in the past 3 years from 89 people to 172. We've done nice things & had a lot of good times. Being an officer is not as hard as one might think. Past officers say the secretary's job is the hardest, yet I'm still here, willing to go on. It's your chapter; everyone should take a turn. Don't let us slide - volunteer!

For the year 2004, we ask each member to find, set up & arrange an establishment for a luncheon meeting. This would provide a larger area & prevent meetings from always being in the same locale.

Please send in 2004 membership renewals ASAP.

Calendar

Dec. 9 - Christmas luncheon, Jimmy's Allenhurst, Route 114, Danvers, MA.

REMEMBER

*You have to "do something"
to make a mistake!*

MICHIGAN



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Mix Loonies, Northern Lites & Escapees together in TVC, for 3 days, stir in beautiful fall colors, antiques, unique galleries, wine tasting, delectable meals, memories & friendship -- you turn out another good time for all, thanks to our hosts Diane Good, Don & Hope Hayden and Mike & Carol Buechin.

Now a suggestion; take it or leave it. I had heard a retiree was billed for pass travel in error & was in contact with HDQ about it. The problem was not resolved within the 90-day period, and she lost all pass privileges for 12 months. I suggest if this happens to you, it just might be wise to pay the bill within the 90-day period - then continue to argue with HDQ.

Lastly our love & prayers to our CA families that have suffered so much loss due to the outrageous fires this season.

Calendar

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

MINNESOTA

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Our Oct. get-together was held in Red Wing, MN at Treasure Island Casino. The Casino sponsors boat trips on the Mississippi River nearby, so 36 Northern Lites arrived on a sunny, although breezy day to partake of the autumn colors. Wildlife along the river is still there, even with the encroachment of a power plant & a casino. We enjoyed watching the eagles soar from tree to tree, keeping pace with the boat. After the trip, we adjourned to the casino's buffet for a sumptuous

lunch & visiting. No minutes were read, no Treas.'s report was given. We all just had a good time & skipped the Robert's Rules "until next time". We were particularly happy to see Bill & Eileen Cotcamp, who have been among the missing at our monthly luncheons; enjoyed having Melissa Noonan, still-active at MSP Customer Service, join us.

Several of the Northern Lites traveled to MI to join in the Loonies' autumn gathering. Nel Brawner & Jim Simon rode over with Jim & Mary Brennan; the Glattlys met them in Manistique, having driven the northern route through Duluth & Ashland, WI. Together they convoyed over the Mackinac Bridge, down to Traverse City. The colors were wonderful for most of the trip - truly spectacular on the eastside of Lake Michigan. The hosts of the 3-day get-together, Don & Hope Hayden, Diane Good and Mike & Carol Buechin did a wonderful job of making us all welcome, providing a beautiful venue and very nice lodging for the event. We had a terrific time and the weather cooperated for a change.

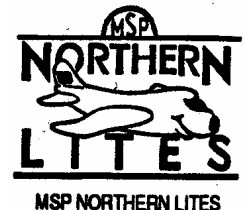
By now, we will have been able to assess the virtues or warts of our new meeting place in West St. Paul. Should the membership decide that it has more warts than virtues, a notice will be sent out to all, by e-mail to those who have it & by snail-mail to those who don't. Remember, the assessment will be made by those who show up for lunch, so grumbling if you weren't there to vote carries no weight!

Calendar

Lunch at Old Country Buffet, West St. Paul, at Hwy. 494 and Robert St., 2nd Wed. of the month, 11:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA

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GOLDEN'EARS
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There were 30 attendees at Upstream Brewery. Thanks to Larry & Peggy Weare for hosting, also for the Halloween favors. Ken Larson & his wife

from DEN were there. Ken worked in OMA until 1979, then transferred to DEN where he retired in 1985. Also in attendance were Charlie Cromling and Don & Sena Jensen.

Tony Sortino got in touch with Penny Sophir. Penny had ear surgery a few months back; we haven't seen her since, so wondered how she was doing. She had a hole in her ear which apparently never completely healed after surgery. THEN she came down with shingles. Tony said she has been attending her meetings for the Omaha School Board. She was to have surgery again on the ear to try to close the hole on Nov. 4. Our best wishes to Penny that this time it will take.

Talked to Mickey Koewler & asked her how her new medicine was affecting her. She said so far, no side effects. She went to the doctor on Oct. 10; he said the tumor was growing, but since she had only been on the medicine 3 weeks, that's not enough time to see what it is going to do. She is not taking radiation or chemo. The doctor did tell her she was very anemic & has started her on a medication which will build up her blood. She sounded up and very optimistic, said she would definitely be at her favorite place - The Bohemian.

Calendar

Dec. 2 - Anthony's, cocktail hour 6, dinner 7.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Ron & I were unable to attend the Oct. 14 luncheon since we were cruising East Coast & Canada on Norwegian Caribbean Cruise Line. Jim & Arlene McCroy plus Jeanne & Lou Olszewski and Joyce & Frank Calderone (Illinois RUAEA) were also on this cruise with us. Foliage was in full color. Just beautiful! In my absence Madeline Meierkort took meeting notes for me. Thank you Madeline. Aldo & Josephine Natoli have recently returned from a cruise of HWI Islands, which they enjoyed immensely.

We'd like to welcome the newly elected

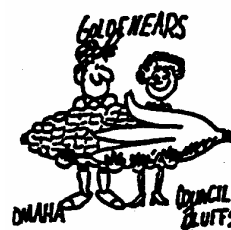
officers of our chapter who will be volunteering their time & efforts during 2004 & 2005. Chris Czaplewski will serve as Pres.; V.P., George Fox; Baldor Ziel will be Sec'y; Winnie Stone will retain her position as Treas. Eleanor Vasko is staying on as our Sunshine Lady. Mike Vasko our Travel Man. Thanks to all of you!

Our Sunshine Lady, Eleanor, reports that Winnie Stone was in hospital for surgery, now doing fine. Lois Fox had carpal tunnel surgery, also doing well. Ike Berger had cataract surgery. Lillian Wiper is having tests. MaryLou Littlefield doing better after eye surgery, glad to see her at luncheon.

Calendar

Dec. 13 - Christmas Party, 11:30 a.m. at the Castaways Hotel & Casino.

NEW JERSEY



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The regular meeting of the NJ Gardenstators was held on Oct. 29 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ with 70 members & spouses in attendance. Pres. Dick Confer held a moment of silence for our departed & sick members.

Richie Tolen passed away; George Wittmann has been in and out of the hospital. There was no meeting in Nov. as it will be combined with our holiday meeting on Dec. 10. The current officers will serve for another year; they are as follows:

Richard Confer	Pres.
John Deily	V.P.
Violet Etler	Sec'y
John Murphy	Treas.
Gene Boyer	Sunshine

Several members brought in toys for the "Toys for Tots" being sponsored by the Marine Corp of Red Bank. At our next meeting we will have two Marine Reservists explain all about the Toys for Tots. Last year they received \$28,000 in donations & \$23,000 in toys. Readers Digest reported that the "Toys for Tots" is the top charity for children. They

are given out to needy children of those organizations that ask for them. An increase of dues is needed; we have been subsidizing Huntington Playhouse, the summer picnic, & 121 post cards are mailed out each month as meeting notices. A motion was made to increase the dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00. All in favor.

If you are planning a trip out of Newark Liberty Airport, the security has been increased at the Haynes parking lot. A letter is needed & the bus driver will also check for I.D. or letter. Rose Sietz is the person to contact for the letter; her telephone number is (973) 961-5049. There were 3 first-time members in attendance: Leonard Bolton, Howard Seaman & James Safer. A letter was read from a former United Employee who is renting homes in Rancho Mirage for the "snowbirds".

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The Metros had a great turnout for the Nov. meeting at the Millerridge Inn. Very surprising because the Long Island weather was not at its best. We had 81 attending, 1 guest, Nadine Cordes, niece to Mabel Bittar & Yvonne Guella. Also Eleanor Locastro finally retired to join her husband Anthony. The new attending retirees were: Barbara Shatner-JFKFF, Mary Helen Kloter-JFKCR, Fran Trella-JFKCS, Susan Lemerise-RCR, Barbara Modafferi-JFKCS, and Fred Zehend-LGACS. Welcome all! A little reminder - friends & spouses are welcome to join the Metros as Associate Members. The annual dues - \$5.00.

Joe Totaro, our Pres., opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, then read the minutes from the Oct. meeting. The chapter is still in shock with the passing of Martha Mongelli. Martha was an inspiration to all who knew her. She had guided me when I took over the job of Recording Sec'y. An excellent role model who celebrated life to the fullest. A thank you note was received from the Mongelli family.

Nov. birthday list is topped with Nell Napolitano who was 83 years young on the 18th.

Martha & Vic Auletta celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on the 15th. Great going folks! Happy Birthday & Anniversary greetings to the other Nov. retirees.

The address & telephone list & the bylaws will be distributed at the Jan. 2004 meeting.

Charlie Kaczinski informed the Metros on United Airlines happenings & told his new jokes, which we look forward to hearing each month.

We'll be having the announcement of the new directors at the next meeting. Once again, Martha Mongelli did most of the behind the scenes work. We'll need several people to fill her shoes.

Calendar

Dec. 3 - Holiday Banquet, 12 noon at the Millerridge Inn. A reminder there is a \$5.00 surcharge for guests & unpaid dues members....Please contact Rosemary Totaro if you plan on attending so we'll have the correct number of tables set up.

Dec. 9 - The Marathon School Christmas Party. Gifts & cash contributions for gifts will be collected at the Dec. meeting.

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The 14th biannual meeting of the Northwoods Loonies was very successful. 34 members met in Traverse City, MI on Oct. 15-16-17. Hosts were Mike & Carol Beuchin, Diane Good and Don & Hope Hayden. We met at the Traverse Bay Resort near downtown TVC. The hotel provided us with a hospitality room that saw a lot of use during the three days we were there. We welcomed new members Gayle Harlow, formerly of DCA/BAL FF; Howard & Joan Mattson, now living in Grand Haven, MI; and Mrs. Ilene Swan, Fort Collins, CO. We missed charter members Bob & Pat Brainerd and Ron & Barb Millard, also long-time members Allan & Donna Olson and Diane March. We had hoped to meet Warren Mastenbrook, now of HI but formerly worked MKG,TVC & GRR. We were happy to have many members of the Detroit

Escapees & MN Northern Lites join us in the fun and games.

Lot of socializing for all 3 days, plus tour of two peninsulas north of TVC. The colors were spectacular; the trees were in all their glory. The ladies got in antique shopping & most enjoyed wine tasting at a few of the wineries in the area. Two delicious dinners at restaurants selected by Diane Good.

Now for the good news - the next meeting will be in Door County, WI, northeast of GRB, hosted by Norm Wilderson. Anyone who cares to join us is more than welcome. Remember, no dues, no officers except pres. for life, Clyde Johnson. The dates will be May 19-20-21, 2004.

OHIO



BUCKEYES

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Our luncheon was held Nov. 5 at Marcal's of Middleburg Hts.. Don & Kathy Elster hosted. Food was delicious along with great service. Thanks again for the great job. There were 80 members present. We "Welcomed" a recent United retiree Jerry Laco. His wife Kathy was unable to attend. We look forward to meeting her soon. It was so nice to see Joe Rowan. He thanked us for the card. He really appreciated it. Mary Ellen Pekar is on the mend & is now able to take calls. I want to mention that retired UAL visitors Sharon Zamansky, Mardell Leeper, Marilyn Chaplin from CHIRR attended our Oct. meeting. Also, Debbie Vecchico, WHQSE, accompanied them. We enjoyed having them.

We acknowledged 6 Nov. birthdays. A sympathy card was mailed to the family of Sue Dunford. She was not a current member but was well known & thought of by UAL Ohio Buckeyes family. I was recently informed by John Kerchel that John Message of IAD passed away unexpectedly in Oct. Many of "The Cleveland Gang" worked with John in IAD. This past year we have lost Mary Alice Mullen, Adele Spencer, Pat Dean, Verner (Sandy) Sandstrom, Sue Dunford. Our thoughts and

prayers are with every family. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

On Dec. 10, our Annual Christmas Party will be held at Piper's Three Restaurant. Vic Taylor will be collecting for St. Herman's at the Christmas Party. There will be no meeting in Jan. FYI, the info. for the months March-July is due to Carol by Jan. 15. The new packets, hopefully, will be done by Feb., but no later than March. Annual dues for 2004 are due, must be paid by May 1. Local dues are \$5.00 p/p or \$10.00/couple. Make check payable to Ohio Buckeyes. Mail to Dolly Taucher, 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

Carol says "Thank You" to all who have done such a wonderful job of organizing activities this past year. Thanks to all on the committee for supporting Carol & the chapter.

The Ohio Buckeyes want to wish our United Family a Very Merry Christmas. We want to express how we feel about this season as Christ is the reason for this holiday. We know we are not politically correct, but it is the truth. In these times, we must take a stand of why this country was founded. Our forefathers made sure that GOD was on every important document & building. There must have been a reason these men made GOD our center. So you do not agree, but for those of us who are tired of all the politically correct hogwash, we have rights too! One of these rights is to say "MERRY CHRISTMAS". So, as you celebrate Christmas, realize how much has changed since you were a child full of excitement of the magical Christmas morning when you believed in everything!

RETIREMENT

Retirement presented me with a watch that ticks only in free time. Guide me as I commute on the wings of prayer from old days to new ones, where I'm a rookie again. First day on the job, Lord, of savoring my investment of well-earned time. Let's spend it joyously.

Calendar

Jan. 2004 - There is no meeting in Jan.

Feb. 4 - Dimitri's Restaurant at 12:30, 1830 Snow Rd., Parma, OH. This is NOT PRE-PAID. Must pay your own check. The callers will notify you to get a count.

OREGON

DEW-ERS

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There was quite an agenda for the Sept. meeting. Mary Ann Walton sang a tribute to the United States & 9/11 with assistance from her husband Labe, followed by Ed Clevenger, PDX Airport Manager reporting on a new program that will be started at PDX. Of course, the highlight was the ice cream social with a variety of ice cream & toppings. We welcomed new members John & Nancy Richardson and Bob & Patrice Rowan.

The new program being initiated at PDX is called "Ask a United Retiree". Jim Fauber, RUAEA Pres., has been the liaison with WHQ, the retiree organization & PDX was selected because the Dew-ers with a membership of 320 is the largest chapter. Training started in Nov. The program will in no way interfere with the volunteer assistance at the PDX airport. UAL retirees will work only in the UAL area & will show the traveling public how loyal the retiree group is towards the airline.

There was a lively group of 38 on the Mt. Hood Railroad trip up the mountain. We met at Hood River but only a few brave souls spent time in the outdoor car as it was an overcast fall day. Everyone enjoyed their picnic lunches at Parkdale. Many purchased apples & pears to bring home. It was a fun trip.

Carol DeFord & Bob Woods were elected to continue on the Dew-ers' Board of Directors for another two years.

Our condolences to Mary Webster & her family on the death of her husband Dave. He worked as a mechanic for 40 years retiring at PDX in 1993. You will always be able to remember Dave by his long gray beard.

Our Mr. Sunshine committee person was on the sick list this month but is doing fine. He says it was a medicine reaction. Alex Cooley & Mary Shepherd had surgery. It is always nice to have a short report.

Those that are interested are asked to bring a

dessert to the Christmas luncheon.

Where has 2003 gone? I can't believe I am saying this but...Merry Christmas everyone!

The travel desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503-249-4142 & 4143). Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services. The staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

Calendar

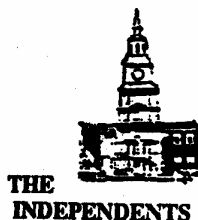
Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

Dec. 10 - Christmas luncheon

Jan. 14 - TBA

Feb. 11 - Valentine's Day luncheon.

PENNSYLVANIA



Philadelphia, PA
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Our committee met on Oct. 24 at Kathy & Al Edwards' home. Sorry that Al couldn't join us as he is again having some health problems.

Attendees included: Pres. Bernie McNamee, Kathy Edwards, Marge & Frank Eggles, Tom & Pat Lyons, Ron & Joyce Lindenmuth, Shirley Roberts & Dee Burrs.

After the meal, we discussed the upcoming Dec. meeting.

Our Nov. theme was Veterans Day & Thanksgiving. Our speaker was Joseph Locke, Fire Marshal for Delaware County. Unfortunately, Vince Bonino, who was scheduled to speak about his experiences at Pearl Harbor was not able to do so, due to failing health. Our thoughts & prayers are with you, Vince.

We are asking for a non-perishable food product to be donated to the hungry. So please bring a can or box of food to the Dec. meeting.

Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers

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Happy Holidays to one and all. Our next edition will cover all of the Dec. festivities along with the results of the election of officers.

Our Golden Girls Luncheon was a great success thanks to Patti Ellis' hard work organizing it. 11 of 15 members attended; each donated a toy to the annual Toys for Tots drive. We missed our co-members, Joan Madden, JoAnn Schneider, June Schiralli & our commuter, Mac Crampton. Joan & Mac were both tending to their better halves. Let's hope Pat & Bill are soon on the mend.

Patti (Irish Rose) Ellis has returned from her 1st trip since her "heart event" in April. She traveled to PDX to join an Elderhostel group to study the history of the Corp of Discovery. Patti straightened the group out when they talked of the voyage beginning in St. Louis or St. Charles, when we all know it began in PIT - a little late a/c the shipbuilder was always drunk. They ventured physically from there to the Pacific Ocean via Astoria, OR. Patti is now a great Lewis & Clark fan and found a great respect for the Oregon rainforests. One of the men that documented the journey, Patrick Gass, who lived to be 99 years of age, is buried in Wellsburg, WV, so Patti was proud to brag about that, being that she is a mountaineer.

Our condolences to the families of Zeke Mihalik who passed away recently - Zeke worked in PIT prior to transferring to EWR. Condolences also to Kay Ike & Lil Bungo on the death of their sister Mary Barna, mother of former PIT & DEN mechanic Bob Barna. Condolences also to Sophia Connovitch on the death of her husband Joe. Condolences also to the family of Claude "Bud" McCoy.

Bill "Pappy" Duvall had a slight mishap, is recouping at the home of his son David. Cards can be sent to Bill at RD #1, Box 314-D, Smokey Hill Rd., Tionesta, PA 16353.

John Crooks is going to be undergoing treatments; I know he & Bea would love to hear from all of his friends - address: 10 Elco Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, John.

Congratulations to our good friend Dave Lucas, PIT Station Manager, on his promotion to Station Manager-Miami. We'll miss you, Dave.

Calendar

Dec. 5 - Dinner honoring new retirees Jeanette Lee, Andrea Wisenauer, Jay Weimer, Norm Kopicko, Thomas Polando & Lee Snuffer.

Dec. 18 - Christmas luncheon, election of officers

Dec. 19 - Jeri & Bernie's annual open house.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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Oct. 15, 30 chapter members met for a congenial lunch at the Bountiful Chuck-A-Rama. We welcomed Mary Blackhurst & Dick Dahl, as well as Darlene Cantonwine who, with a change of medication, is making a great health comeback.

Tony/Dorothy Brown, Maria Apperson, Frank Ayrton, Lila Straley, Bob Faydock & a few other regulars were missed. Lila Maughan, as reported by Betty Davis, was suddenly asked to fly to CHI on a probate court matter regarding her lifelong friend, now deceased.

Kiyoko Olsen caller earlier, mentioned she had been hospitalized for some more Big C surgery; she hopes to be again up-to-par soon. Get well, Kiyoko!

RUAEA business: Betty Davis (Mel's widow) was unanimously voted in as "*The Salt Lakers*" next chapter V.P. It will be nice to work with her. Congratulations, Betty!

A raffle to augment our chapter finances was held and - wouldn't you know it! - Betty won the beautiful little "*Nordstrom*" travel clock that will serve her well when she visits her West Coast relatives.

There was another "raffle"; this time the "winners" were invited to tell the chapter members of their career & family. It gave the listeners some insight into their friends' accomplishments. The first speaker was Nancy Tronier who recently retired after serving United for many years. She is married to Keith, also a UALer. Then Bill Berg spoke. He worked at various airports on the UAL system before retiring in the 1990s; his wife Jewel is still gainfully employed outside United.

Art Scott, our SLC newsletter editor, is a trim,

active tennis player; he recently won a Gold Medal in the World Seniors Tennis Tournament. Congratulations, Art!

Shirley Ottman (801-942-1901) was once more chosen to coordinate our Christmas potluck lunch.

Correction: In last month's RUAEA report, this correspondent inadvertently left out that chapter pres. Pete Loyola retired after working the last 10 years of his long career in SLC.

Down Memory Lane: In the April 1956 "UAL News" the following caption explained the photo with three F/A: *"Techniques of United's stewardess service were passed on to two West German sky-girls recently when they attended the company's Cheyenne Stewardess School. From the left - UAL Instructress Donna Marheine showed Gerda Rommelsberg & Jutta Koemmerer of Lufthansa how to serve meal aloft."* (Correspondent: Although LH was one of the first in aviation history, Western Allies did not authorize LH's operations until 1955.)

Calendar

Dec. 10 - Christmas Potluck, 12 noon, Cornerstone Community Center. 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan, UT

VIRGINIA

Roanoke, Virginia

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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On Oct. 10, the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter met at Ridgeway Park, Wynesboro, VA with 18 present for our Fall picnic. What a beautiful place it turned out to be. Being a cool morning we had a wonderful fire at the pavilion. We say thanks to Otey & Mary McCray and Jim Sarsfield who brought wood for this. We thank Jim & Mary also for reserving the park pavilion & opening the gate for us as well. We thank those who provided specific directions so we wouldn't get lost in the mountains. It was the beginning of "Fall Leaf Season", a great time to be out enjoying the scenery.

We missed Pres. Gene & Kathryn Calvert who had previous plans for traveling. Our picnic table included everyone's favorite dish plus hot chili, hot coffee & cold drinks; various desserts & a special candy treat completed our picnic for the day while we enjoyed the warm fire & conversation.

Bob Carter brought pictures of his son Bob, Jr. to entertain us & his Air Force Military Group flying out of Oakland, CA. who go to Texas every year in Sept. to park & fuel World War II aircraft belonging to the Commemorative Air Force (formerly known as the Confederate Air Force) parked at Midland, Texas. We enjoyed the pictures, know how much he likes participating & caring for these historic airplanes. Mary Carter's grandson has reached his greatest goal & is now employed in the Attorney General's office. This is a real success story for a fine young man.

Calendar

Next meeting plans to be announced.



TIDEWATER SEAGULLS

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Our luncheon at Locks Point had a good turnout (30 in all). New members included Mike & Faye Omera, retirees from SEA. Bob Collins conducted the meeting due to the absence of our pres. Hosting the luncheon were Bob & Barbara Callis. Decorations on the tables were in the Halloween mode. Treasury report given by Claire Karlson; she told us that the pig roast was profitable. Bob Collins thanked everyone who made that day. Our 50/50 raffle was won by Tony Washington & Pat Gieger. Table decorations won by Riggs, Temple, Chasey & Washingtons (2).

Hosting next month's luncheon will be the Washingtons. Dick Temple will now be sending meeting notices. Vi Hildebrand gave a list of hosts for the upcoming months. We meet the 3rd Thurs. of every month. If interested in attending call me, (757) 490-7326. It was good to see the Drakes once again. Guests included Bob Caviness & Mike Williams.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The monthly luncheon Oct. 7 at The Yankee Diner in Ballard had only 49 enjoying lunch by the water. Carol Soffel made table decorations of witches standing on a yellow moon. They became door prizes along with some extras.

JoAnn Olanyk, Jean Bock Ramsey & husband David became new members, in addition to Billie Smart who reinstated.

Lu Gardner conducted a short business meeting in place of Ken Rudzinski & wife Barb who were in the Midwest for a family get-together. They managed to do a Volkswalk in Kansas, toured Independence, raved about Truman's family home, Hannibal, MO & walked in footsteps of Huck Finn.

Leo Zajicek, SEAMM, passed away Oct. 29, 2003 at age 92. Leo's seniority date was Nov. 14, 1928. He was number 2 on the UAL Seniority List. He began with National Air Transport, a predecessor of United Airlines. He spent most of his working years in Aircraft Maintenance Dept. in SEA. A memorial service is planned sometime.

Martin Anderson, husband of Lucille, SEARR, passed away. Sarah Harris, SEACS, SEARR, SEATO & SEAFE, also passed away Oct. 29, 2003. She was known for her pretty smile from ear to ear, quick wit, love of music, sewing & caring for her mom as well as others. A memorial will be held on her birthday Jan. 2004 at a favorite restaurant. Cards to the family of Sarah Harris - 1015 S. 233rd Pl., Des Moines, WA 98198

Ann Simmons had hip surgery Nov. 3. She is doing well, should be home from assisted living within 2 weeks.

Ken Rudzinski mentioned another possible tour at the end of convention next May, a 3-day package on the YYJ Clipper to YYJ, hotel behind the Empress Hotel, seeing world famous Buchart Gardens - more later. This might appease those who don't want to take the 7-day cruise SEA to Discovery Bay, Alaska. He brought this up at a monthly convention meeting Nov. 5.

When you want a friendly voice to help with

travel plans please call (206) 433-4218 Mon/Tue/Wed&Thur between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Calendar

Dec. - No luncheon, Christmas chores, happy holidays with family & friends.

Jan. 13, 2004 - Luncheon at Fairwood C&S

Feb. 10 - Monthly luncheon at Maxi's in the Double Tree Hotel.



LILAC CITY FLYERS

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Our Nov. dinner was held at the Olive Garden in downtown Spokane. Lance & I hosted the event on Nov. 2. By coincidence Tim Shea, the manager of the Olive Garden used to be the Manager of the flight kitchen at the airport when I retired 10 years ago March 31.

Dale & Terry Burgess were able to attend. Lance & I have missed Glad & George Press since they left for Newfoundland for the summer. Paul & Marlene drove from Chewelah, as did Bob & Edie Clark who drove from Ione, WA. Many of our retirees choose to live north of Spokane in the mountains.

Winter finally reached us in the Pacific Northwest with temperatures getting into the low teens the past few days.

David & Theresa Reisenhauer went to CHI to see their newest granddaughter, Grace Marie.

Ed Meadows, his guest Kay & Pauline Miller who is moving in the next week made it to the dinner. Good luck on the move, Pauline. Fran & Warren Smith celebrated Warren's 80th birthday on Oct. 24. We sang Happy Birthday to him; we must admit he looked mighty chipper.

Sharon & Gary Holmes attended & reminded us of helping with the Fantasy Flight on Dec. 6. That is being held at a hangar at Spokane International Airport. They need volunteers to help get the gifts for the children back to the YWCA. Lance is going to help with the hauling as we have a truck. Let Gary or Sharon know if you can help in any way.

A new face was Dan Wynia, a retired pilot with UAL. One of our favorite invited guests who didn't

make it was Peg James, GEGOZ Manager.

The Christmas party will be held at the Chic-A-Ria hosted by Les & Vera Graham. Date is Dec. 13 at 3:30 in the afternoon. Any other information you may need will be given to you when the Grahams call. Remember everyone brings a gift for exchange (2 people attending bring 2 gifts). Also remember that dues for 2004 will be collected at the Christmas Party. If you cannot attend, please mail a check to my home, as Lance & I leave for Palm Springs the 1st week in Jan.

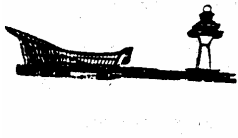
Calendar

Jan. 3, 2004 - Dinner will be hosted by Fran & Warren Smith. They will be calling you with place & time.

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On Oct. 8, 60 members of the Dulles Loungers assembled at the Golden Corral to enjoy a tasty lunch & to hear about the various trips & tours that our members enjoyed over the summer months. Many members confined their travels to visiting their children & other family members around the U.S.

Our guest speaker was Viki Kinsman from Travelers Aid at Dulles Airport. Many of our members are currently volunteering at Dulles & are well acquainted with her. Viki spoke of the challenges of dealing with many international passengers & the services they need. As more and more people return to flying, the need for advice & assistance grows each month. Travelers Aid provides training & free parking. The volunteers are asked to work one three-hour shift each week. Various types of clothing is provided; volunteers wear a teal apron so that they can be easily identified by the passengers. Personal items are secured in a locker & the volunteer retains the key. Volunteers must be fingerprinted and complete the airport badging procedure before a badge is made available. Viki entertained a question & answer

period; we hope some new volunteers will sign up soon.

The 50/50 was won by Jean Kerman - \$30.00.

Calendar

Dec. 10 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

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NOTICE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to print the list of postage contributions. This information will be listed in next month's newsletter.
Spouse-**BERKLITE, Edna L.**, on 10/20/03, wife of

OBITUARIES

Robert L., EXO, 14826 Jacana, La Mirada, CA
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Retiree-**EHRINGER, Leslie**, on 8/3/03, husband of
Mary, 2115 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown,
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Retiree-**HUBBARD, Herbert**, on 9/9/03, husband
of Marion, 25352 W. Lakeshore Dr., Barrington,
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Retiree-**KILLINGER, Evan K.**, SFO, on 10/11/03,
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Retiree-**LAWLER, Edmun "Ted"** on 7/5/03,
husband of Linnie, 31 Parsons Rd., Freedom,
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Retiree-**MAYER, Richard W.**, EXO, on 7/27/03,
husband of Sara, 144 Cooper Dr., Stuarts Draft,
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Retiree-**NOBBS, Walter "Bud"**, on 8/19/03,
husband of Shirley, 2942 Amblegreen Dr.,
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Sheila Weir, Emily Bernardoni, Thomas Boyle, Sally
Harris, Charlotte Wossidlo, Ruth E. Short, Laura

LETTERS

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

Ehas, Sanford Pinkiert, Pat Trice, Glen C. Johnson, Al Schroeder, Gene O'Brien, Raymond S. MacIntosh, Geraldine F. Bernert, Robert Jackson, Dorothy Eichers, Elizabeth Malwitz, Carol Winterhalter, Gwen Murphy, Beulah Ditzler, G. Kaneoka, Sandy Steinbuck, Ruth Larson, July Hollander, M. Cardacino, Shirley T. Criscione, Marian L. Gaul, Jean R. Landrieu, Diane D'Andre, Rose Salomon, Pat Fattes, Mary Anne Owen, Joan Murphy, Frank Polasek, Fred Hinkle, Katie Barker, Audra Jessie, Betty Salisbury, Betty Vickrey, Elroy H. Schmitt, Jolene Jenkins, Tom Webb, "Betsy" Jeanne Hamblin, Marlene Rosenberg, Joan Anderson, H. Vande Wetering, John Leineweber, J.A. Ross, Vern Allen, Harold Smith, Joe Balogh, Margaret Claey's, Rosemary Milyko, Wm. Jones, Jr., Trudy Winkler, Dolores Tagariello, Jim Cameron, Maureen Anderson, Lois Edmiston, LaVerne Gongol, Ned Cash, Joanie De Marais, Ray LeBeau, Don Kruse, V. Ruth Chappel, Norma Chapman Henning, Gladys F. Smith, Barrie Hooley, Terri Breslin, I. Ross Turner, Peggy Hallsted, Gordon Kibbe, Candice Kelly, Eleanor Williams, Ben & Marilyn Bogucki, Raymond V. Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Robinson and Philip Derbas.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Nick J. Romeo, 308 Highland Av., Elmhurst, IL 60126-2245

Approaching my 16th year of retirement & 81st birthday. My wonderful wife, Angelina, & I have celebrated our 59th anniversary - great life.

I like the color red, especially letting me know it's time to pay my annual dues. With no complaints.

I have so much back-log of reading material but the RUAEA Newsletter is first. Our 1487 retirees CHI chapter is increasing with larger numbers. Walls are bulging - may need to expand.

Again, wonderful crew & wonderful job.

Charles Lewis, 801 E. Thomas St., Arlington Hts., IL 60004-4923

Greetings from Chicagoland.

This year has been very good to Carol & me. We both have been in very good health. Within the past month our doctors have given us a clean bill. What more could we ask?

Our second son was married in Scottsdale, AZ this past May so we turned our being there into a driving vacation. We visited parts of TX, NM, AZ, CO & NE that we had never been to before. Northern AZ is a spectacular part of the country. I'm glad the wedding was out there instead of the D.C. area where they are now living.

We returned home just in time to attend RUAEA's annual convention in our hometown - Arlington Heights. We enjoyed Mr. Tilton's talk. He made us feel good for a change. We're looking forward to next year's convention in SEA.

In July, 18 of us flew on AA to Anchorage for a cruise to Vancouver. The weather was cool - but dry. The scenery was beautiful everywhere, especially the inside passage. We did not see too much wildlife; that was a disappointment. We had a wonderful time. Flew home from YVR on UA. Nicer service.

I'm deeply sorry to hear of Otho Masterson's passing. He was one great guy. I enjoyed working with him at EXO, also seeing him at various RUAEA functions. I will miss him.

To you, the entire staff in DEN, my heartiest thanks for a super job. Without your dedication we wouldn't have the quality newsletter that we enjoy reading & our membership records would not be in such good condition.

Carrol Husted, 7808 NE 51st St., Apt. 250, Vancouver, WA 98662-6211

It has been a year since I moved into a retirement residence. This is certainly a change from what my life used to be, but who doesn't have to make changes as life goes on? Everyone is very friendly; adjustment was not difficult.

I would like to travel, but my children do not want me to travel alone. It would be difficult, but I still have the desire. One of these days I may succumb to the temptation and take advantage of one of the cruise offers that keep coming. A knee & hip replacement will have to take place first. Maturity is not all that great, but I am not complaining.

Thank you for sending the printed Newsletter. I am still too computer illiterate to use the internet.

Ed Dawes, P.O. Box 383897, Waikoloa, HI 96738

As of Feb. 2004 I will have been retired for 20 years. Still enjoying life after two heart attacks, prostate cancer & chemo shots.

We moved to the Big Island Jan. 2003. Our condo overlooks part of the 14th Fairway. I have started playing (hacking) again. Life is good. Thanks for the Newsletter each month.

Rod Smith, 6626 Moss Court, Arvada, CO 80007-7042

Thanks for the annual reminder. Another year, another birthday -- this one a milestone in that it represents three-quarters of a century. I can still remember receiving my Quarter Century Certificate from United Airlines & thinking what a long time that was. Now I have achieved an even bigger milestone. Health is still good for both Gertie & me. We still travel both by car & airplane. (Love that First Class on the B-777).

This year we did a lot of revising of our landscape to make the yard more drought resistant. Took out a lot of sod, replaced it with plants. It is amazing how things grow. When your home is new and you plant trees, etc., you don't always visualize how big they will get & the fact they will be too close to the house. Oh well, that part is now done so we can watch everything mature.

Thanks for continuing to do such a wonderful job with the newsletter. I concur with what so many others have said, that the newsletter is our continuing contact with what goes on with United. The media, particularly here in DEN, always seems to report how bad the company is. The newsletter helps keep the problems in perspective. Thanks, Jo, to you & all the others who put the newsletter together.

John Rafter, 9460 Bay Colony Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016

The Happy Birthday red stamp is here again - and I'm a survivor! It hasn't been a good year, but not too bad. I've had vision problems again with detached retina, surgery & 5 months of recovery, mostly at home because I live alone. I am now out & about with limited restrictions.

To Mel, Jo & all the dedicated staff, I send my heartfelt thanks for all the work & effort you extend

to give the senior employees (who built the airline) the much appreciated news & activities of those we worked with for many years.

Maurice E. "Mo" Alston, Sr., 7822 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71129-4402

There is a request that the name "Mo" be added to my name of record. During my tenure with United very few fellow workers knew me by Maurice, but everyone knew who "Mo" was! I enjoy the Newsletter.

Norm Kirby, 107 Challenge Court, Foster City, CA 94404

Retired 3 years, the time has just flown by. Time again to thank the dedicated people who produce the excellent newsletter each month. You have become an important link with the company,

I am still in Aircraft Leasing at a major bank. Not a lot of fun the past two years. After repossessing 4 corporate jets & 11 planes from U.S. Airways, the unthinkable happened. United filed for bankruptcy, closed Indy & OAK maintenance centers, laid off thousands, grounded & sold & returned to lessors over 130 aircraft. The bank has over 40 planes with UAL. We're still in negotiations - awkward & frustrating for me personally.

The industry is slowly recovering, but the yields are low in spite of the planes being full - except that center seat we see all too frequently, a small price to pay for the survival of our company. Here's hoping this time next year UAL will be out of bankruptcy & on the way to a strong recovery.

Bob & Shirley Griffin, 3205-93 Costa Alta Dr., La Costa, CA 92009-6063

Time seems to go faster with each passing year. We are thankful for each day that God allows us to awaken. My health is good for an 82-year-old, but Shirley is plagued with too many aches & pains. She did manage to get the energy to allow us to have some fun at the CHI Convention, also a visit with our oldest son & family in Palatine. We managed two short cruises & a 10-day visit to our cabin in the Sierras.

We're planning to make every effort to attend the SEA Convention. The previous SEA Convention was our first; it was a great one.

Thank you all for your work on the Newsletter.

**Roger Schonewise, 1660 N. LaSalle, Unit 1701,
Chicago, IL 60614**

I enjoyed the CHI Convention, seeing friends & hearing Glenn Tilton's remarks. I'm moving, so please change my address to the above. Thanks for all your work to keep RUAEA going!

**John & Bobbie Rieck, 615 Yupon Ave., New
Smyrna Beach, FL 32169**

We are doing OK, right now enjoying a little cooler weather in FL. Got my house painted (myself), but maybe that is the last house I paint (mine or anyone else's).

We are planning to work the convention in SEA next year - should be interesting.

Thanks for all your work & effort in getting the Newsletter out each month. Hope you don't decide to put the Newsletter all on the computer. We are not that good on the computer.

**Ario & Rosemarie Gregori, 1258 Balboa Ave.,
Burlingame, CA 94010, phone 650-343-7009**

I retired in 1997 & am trying to locate a previous United employee, Juan Roberto (Bob) Rivas, last known address was Miami, FL. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please contact me. Wife's name was Loti & daughter's name is Dinah.

**Bob Riggs, Windward Towers, 7501 River Rd.,
#12-A, Newport News, VA 23607**

Thanks for publishing the Norfolk celebration announcement in the RUAEA Newsletter. We had 62 people to attend. We were hoping for a larger turnout, but, we are happy we had 62. There is talk of making it an annual affair. The attendance will probably increase each year.

**Kay & Augie Weber, Box 1376, 6253 W. Sharlyn
Rd., Pine, AZ 85544**

Great job by all staff putting out a great Newsletter keeping retirees informed. Augie & I have been retired almost 2 years from O'Hare. We are enjoying our new home in Pine, AZ, 2 hours north of PHX. Would enjoy hearing from old friends.

**Francis J. "Tek" Tekavec, 701 I. St., Mountain
Lake Park, MD 21550-3320**

Thanks much for the great job you are doing to keep us informed on the "goings-on" with UAL.

Wish all who "hang-it-up" would join the group. It would let us know where you end up enjoying your "free time".

**Joe Kollar, 330 Hillside Ave., Nutley, NJ 07110-
1116**

Nothing exceptional to report for this year. I continue to teach part-time at the Flight Safety International at Teterboro, NJ, also do some contract flying in the Falcon 50s & 900 EX.

I started some projects at home and am looking for a place to build a log cabin. I still take advantage of New York City's amenities, enjoy the operas & ballets. This leaves very little time for "retirement". Many thanks to all of you who keep this organization together.

**Dave Tamaccio, 4827 Alamanda Dr.,
Melbourne, FL 32940**

Thanks folks! You do a great job for the greatest of airlines. I may be wrong, but I believe I see and feel a return of that "old" UAL spirit as I travel during these difficult times. It's a beautiful thing to see! Maybe the good old days are returning and the active employees are getting the chance to feel the pride that we all felt.

**Charles & Anne Becker, 405 Vicksburg Ave.,
Kerrville, TX 78028-2779**

Our 20th year of retirement! Charlie & I are still enjoying good health. Still volunteer at local hospital & church. It is two years since we moved to Kerrville and have not tried to take a trip by air. Many interesting areas in this location with driving range. Thanks for keeping us posted about the goings-on at UAL. We appreciate all you do to make this such a great Newsletter.

**Al Drehman, 389 Laurel Heights Lane, Tyron,
NC 28782-6643 Aldreh@Alltel.net**

I beat you to the punch this year by sending in my dues early, first time.

We both are in fairly good health, but certainly not as spry as in earlier years, but then who is!

I noted in the last month's edition, someone said they had taken early retirement at 50. I too can claim that, plus I had over 32 years seniority. Actually there were quite a few people who did that, as in Oct. 1981 UAL agreed to allow retirements to people who had 25+ years seniority.

Company Reg. had that provision on the books for years, but almost never allowed it, except in dire circumstances. They allowed it for about a month, then stopped it. I believe permitted it again in early 1982 for a short time. I heard that they lost too many valued people to continue the policy.

When will we be able to opt for the computer version only? That would sure save money in printing & postage. Will we be able to view the past & current month editions?

I noted someone commented on the flight charges; what happened to letting the retirees pay half the charges? We don't get raises any year. The charges too, I think, are excessive. Most of us carry on our luggage; the seat was empty anyway and there are few meals on the flights. I can't agree with the figures quoted for SA travel.

Thanks again for your fine work putting out such a great newsletter.

Charlie E. Brooks (O'Hare Terminal "Lead")
131 Lakeview Dr., Palmetto, FL 34221-5417

Hello. I did not see red on my Newsletter, so here is my dues, late as usual. Love to read about old friends at O'Hare Field. I read George Sainer was still looking at airplanes. Not new, he would always inspect DC-6s before he would fly in one. Hi, George.

Marlin & Marilyn Lade, 2141 Goldfinch Ct.,
Oviedo, FL 32765

It's that time that you reminded me again that the calendar suggests I'm one year older. I thank you for all the work you do in maintaining the operation of RUAEA's DEN office, the current records of our membership & the publishing of the newsletter. The chapters' news & letters you include from members enables a retiree (like me) to continue to keep in touch with many friends I have worked with & known over the past 50+ years. Marilyn & I look forward to getting the newsletter every month - as a matter of fact, we fight over who gets to read it first!

In order to keep the newsletter coming, effective Oct. 28, please change my address to above.

We are looking forward to spending the winter in FL sunshine. We will be returning to the Colorado mountains again next April.

Al & Beverly North, 1525 West 153rd St.,
Gardena, CA 90247

Thanks for all your hard work in getting the retirement newsletter out to all of the retirees. I look forward each month for it's arrival.

Retirement has been great for Al & me. We are enjoying our spare time - doing the things that we have always looked forward to doing.

We enjoy being around our family & seeing their successes; however, our grandchildren are in different parts of the world. One in Portugal on a mission for our church, one in London with his work, & one close by.

Mort Wax, 2438 Burgundy Lane, Northbrook,
IL 60062-7024

It's that time again. I've now reached my 10th anniversary of retirement. Another 30 years & I'll have equaled my tenure of active UA service. When I retired I felt that what would be missed was the associations I had made over the years rather than the content of the work. I was right! What didn't occur to me was that the new relationship with RUAEA would bring an entirely new group of friends that I would probably never have encountered during my active service to join those I had known previously.

I see now that RUAEA membership has grown to over 10,000 from the 4,000 or so that were on the roles when I first joined. I hope all of us appreciate the efforts of the officers, directors & office staff, all volunteers, who keep our organization fiscally sound and efficiently operating. I know I do. I particularly appreciate the efforts of the mailing team who are dealing with a greater work load than they probably bargained for while efforts are underway to switch the Newsletter access to our new website.

E.J. O'Brien, 1645 Delta Wind Ln., Lincoln, CA
95648

My sincere appreciation for the many years you have provided the newsletter, a vital link for us retirees to Company & old friends. Have moved, new address above.

Bob Bruns, 1000 Garlands Ln., Unit #1140,
Barrington, IL 60010

Enclosed is my dues check for another year of informative, helpful & downrite fun stuff. It's been a year since Betty & I moved to the Garlands as the first couple to move in. Since then there have been

2 more UAL retirees to move here, namely, Doris Meyer & Warren & Helen Mellin (seems that there is no place that they can't be found)

The fall weather is great. The leaves are putting on their vibrant colorful coats. I have volunteered to assist Ed Tolle in the important mission of harnessing the wisdom & experience of the retirees in turning around UAL's struggle to again be the best airline in the world and perhaps also the largest.

Ken Case, 204 Orchard View Dr., P.O. Box 307, Chelan, WA 98816-0307

Another pleasant year of retirement, number nine. Nothing new or earthshaking to report from the middle of the state of WA. I won't repeat what everyone else has said about good old UAL, but will repeat the often proffered thanks to all of you who go to the trouble to put out this newsletter to keep us together & informed. I guess one bright side to the closing of all of the city ticket offices is that we can now order off line tickets over the phone, pay with a credit card & have them mailed to us. I just did so, had the tickets within a week. Certainly no consolation to all of the good folks who lost their jobs!

S. Kodera, 4-8-3 Sumiyoshi Yamate, Higashinada-ku Kobe 658-0063 Japan

Past 10 years I've enjoyed reading RUAEA newsletter. Now I can obtain UA news by e-mail. So please discontinue sending newsletter to save postage charges. Thank you very much for your newsletters all the past years.

Ed Burke, 33 31st Fire Road, China, ME 04358

Thanks for the reminder for my dues; I would not want to miss the Newsletter.

Most of my friends from the Northeast (my age) have moved South, but I have decided to move North to China, Maine. My wife & I bought a home on China Lake - real quiet & pretty - to live out the rest of our retirement.

In the Oct. Newsletter there was an article on Joe Veracka (New Smyrna Beach, FL). If it is the same Joe that worked in BOSFF with me, my prayers go to him for his health to improve, and if not, that "Joe" has an extra prayer to help him in his recovery.

Tony Acoba, 251 E. Vallette, Elmhurst, IL 60126

Another birthday coming up and since I don't want to see that "red stamp reminder" on my next issue decided to send my dues now.

Sorry to have read in the Sept. issue about Mary Ann Wallace resigning her position with RUAEA. We hope and pray that she will overcome whatever health problems she has.

So a big "Mahalo" for the rest of the DEN staff for your work in publishing the newsletter.

Gene Eggert, 1355-A Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

The RUAEA Newsletter is the best company retiree newsletter that is published by probably anyone in the world, thanks to your great efforts.

I just passed my 85th after 23 years retired - still going - but slower.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120 GEORGEPHYLLIS@juno.com

We enjoy receiving our monthly RUAEA newsletter; your crew does a great job! Jo, nice to have met you at the Chicago Convention. Fun planning it too, & I enjoy being on the Board of the "Chicago Skyliners".

An exciting thing for Chicago - the Cubs were in the playoffs. Sorry they did not make the World Series.

We had our 5th grandchild born this March. It's such a joy seeing & doing things with the Little Ones. When our grandchildren turn 10 years old, we told them we will take them on a trip "anywhere they want". Our oldest grandson loved studying in school about the Great Wall of China, so George & I will take him to Beijing when he is off school for Spring Break in April, 2004. The next granddaughter, wants to go to Paris. Can you tell they are from "airline families"?

We just returned from our 60th cruise, and always go someplace in Europe in Sept. a great time to travel. This time we took a Windstar Ship & it was superb. It's a sailing ship, 300 passengers & the sails went up simultaneously via computers. It was awesome you might say: "Traveling is in my blood". (ha ha) The end of Oct I visit the Greek Islands with my cousin. I believe in taking a trip "once a month". When George has to work, I enjoy traveling with fellow United Airlines retiree friends & family members.

The best news for May 2004, George can retire from ORDMM. I retired 5 year ago, can't wait till

he can join the "life of leisure" & no more alarm clocks. *Happy Holidays to our United friends!*

**Charles Chance, 7278 Parkplace Ct., NE,
Keizer, OR 97303**

Thank you for all the work you do keeping us well informed & enjoying these retiring years.

I have had a really bad summer. I was in the hospital for a while with pneumonia, then a couple of weeks after I got home I had the shingles. I have had bone cancer for a couple of years, but with the chemo they are keeping me going.

My wife is writing this for me. We had our 61st wedding anniversary in Aug.

**Florence H. Constance 5655 S. Monitor Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60638-3619**

This year I managed to take a trip to Mackinac Island which I enjoyed very much, except it was a little early for the Fall foliage. Since I haven't traveled in the past 2 years, I really enjoyed reading about our members' travels in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Thanks to you, Jo, & your staff. 2004 will be a new start for my travels. See you in Seattle.

**Charles & Ardyce Paff, 3735 Florence St.,
Redwood City, CA 94063-4417**

Thank you so much for the Newsletter. It keeps us in touch.

We haven't done a lot of traveling this past year; however, we've been on two cruises. One cruise was out of Honolulu on the Norwegian Cruise Line to the Fanning Islands, then back to HWI to take in most of the Hawaiian chain. Our second cruise was on the Holland America Line, leaving from Tampa to Guatemala & return. We enjoyed both cruises, had no trouble flying on United.

In April we ventured back to DEN & CYS to spend time with our children. The hassle at the airports discourages one from traveling. We recently went with our SFO retirees on a trip to "The Biggest Little City in the World" (Reno) by motor coach. We didn't make our fortune, but we had an enjoyable time.

We celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary with friends on a luncheon cruise on the Bay. It was a delightful day.

**Gerald Massey, 12342 76th Ave., Palos Heights,
IL 60463**

Thank you for the great newsletter. I have been retired for over 7 years now so really enjoy it. I keep active with a hobby of photography. I still do a little flying out of Lewis University Airport. In the 42 years I spent between MDW & ORD I got to know a lot of great people. I just want to say "Hi" to all of you.

**Ed Moran, 106 Carswell Cir., Sun City Center,
FL 33573-5805 edlorimoran@aol.com**

The red stamp was on my newsletter reminding me that I was another year older & I owed a debt to a lot of retirees that work hard to see that we stay in touch and in tune with our friends & fellow workers. Thank you very much.

I retired in 1996 after 36 plus years with UAL, am really enjoying retirement in Sun City Center, FL. I worked in MDW, ORD, BHM, MOB, JAX, ONT, LAS, finished my career in DENCS & Division Training. Now spend most of my time sailing on Tampa Bay, enjoying the good benefits UAL gave us. Also do some traveling to Europe & HWI. Love to read the names of friends & acquaintances from my UAL days. Would be glad to hear from any of them by my e-mail address above.

**Trevor Wolff, 5788 Charan Rd., Rosamond, CA
93560**

I appreciate your labor in putting the newsletter together month after month & getting it to me without delay.

Although I do not know the other members, I enjoy reading about their get-togethers, travel experiences &, of course, any news concerning our airline. I offer you my sincere thanks. Since my hiring I have served the company at LAXJL for 21 ½ years.

**Lowell F. Dennis, 1780 Pinecone Ct., Morgan
Hill, CA 95037-7039**

I just returned from Dallas, TX where I spent a month visiting with my High School sweetheart who said lightening won't strike twice in the same place (or to the same person?) I spend the last week in the Dallas Hospital. Maybe my girlfriend recharged my atrial fibrillation, but things are back to normal now.

Was sorry to see that an old friend from SFOMM days, Art Avilla, just passed away. We

lost a true friend & gentleman with his passing. Thanks to Emmett Landrum (SFOMM) for the information. Any of the old gang (SFOMM & SFOOV) please e-mail me at foxylowell@aol.com

Many thanks to all the people who work to produce the newsletter and keep us in touch with our UAL friends & families.

Svein A. Seljeseth, 210 Toad Rd., Sequim, WA 98383

I thoroughly enjoy receiving the Newsletter every month and look forward to reading what goes on at various stations around the country.

I am now in my second year of retirement (from DENMM, 4/30/02, just a rookie compared to some. My wife, Marcelle & I are really enjoying our life in the Pacific Northwest. For those who don't know where SEQUIM, (pronounced "sqim") is, it's on the northeastern coast of the Olympic Peninsula, approx. 60 miles (as the crow flies), northwest of SEA, a two-hour drive to SEA-TAC by way of Tacoma.

We've done a fair amount of traveling this past year & a half. My family lives in Norway, so we've made two trips there. My wife's family is spread out in Ontario, Canada, from Toronto to North Bay, so we made a couple of trips there. My two oldest sons live in CA, one in SFO with his wife & my granddaughter, and #2 son lives in Hollister with his wife & my grandson. My youngest son lives in Vancouver, BC, as well as many of our friends, so we drive up there 3 or 4 times a year. The rest of the time we enjoy our home here in Sequim with our dog, our cat & our 5 acres; we never run out of things to do.

To the editor & the people responsible for getting the Newsletter out to all of us, thank you for a wonderful job.

Patty Sue Stanton, 7 Spinnaker Pl., Redwood City, CA 94065

Thanks so much for the valuable connection you provide to all of us. Who would've imagined, even 10 year ago, the RUAEA Newsletter would be our major lifeline to United?

Not much air travel this past year but just did the NYC-London cruise on the QE2 with a return on the British Airways Concorde. They are both discontinuing trans-Atlantic service this fall. My late husband (George) & I flew on the BA

Concorde 25+ years ago. Was much more elegant then, but then all airline service was; however, it's fun to fly Mach 2, also fun to get to NY an hour before you leave London.

Thanks to all responsible for doing the labor-intensive job of publishing the Newsletter for a fast growing group of retirees.

Davie Kratofil, 7622 Clovis Ct., New Port Richey, FL 34653

Keep up the good work with all the timely news in these troubled times of UAL. Sounds like they are on a good course to come out of the bankruptcy. Just had 15 years of retirement - enjoying every minute.

Polly Foster, 321 Baird Dr., Folsom, CA 95630-7917

All is well with me. Spent 3 months in Colorado - mostly in the cabin in Taylor Park. California is always interesting & I love our winter weather. Thanks for your good work!

Dorothy Rhodes, 124 Madrona Ct., Oregon City, OR 97045-3832

Thanks so much for the news each month. I really need this because I'm a widow of an employee that knew all the ropes. Also, I feel "sorta" left out because I've never received a (red) stamp to remind me of my birthday. Thank you so very much, but I never want to miss an issue of your (our) newsletter.

Elizabeth J. Page, 581 Dibrell Rd., Pelham, NC 27311

Many thanks for all your efforts for the Newsletter. I have been in good health for an 82-year-old. Went to the Barn Dinner Theatre yesterday to see the Patsy Kline Story. I keep busy with the Homemakers Club & church.

Lili & Dave Pearson, 130 Par Pl. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Thanks for your efforts with the Newsletter. We really enjoy it. All is well with Lili & me. Can't believe we've been retired in Pagosa Springs, CO for 6 years! Best wishes for our struggling Company.

Bernadette L. Carroll, 276-96 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside, CA 92054-1786

My days as a volunteer at the hospital are now over, but still keep in touch with some of my "Pink Lady" friends. Good luck to you & your staff, Jo.

Mary Gabriel, 5151 Pioneer Ave., Apt. 101, Las Vegas, NV 89146-8001

Thanks to all of you for such a great job!

I must tell you that recently I took a trip to Orlando, FL. I sat in coach in the middle seat. I received a bill from United Airlines for \$99.00 (which I promptly paid).

When my husband, Roy Gabriel, took early retirement buyout on April 1, 1982, part of his early retirement package was our health insurance & free passes. I now must pay for health insurance & my passes!

When I called United's Benefits they told me that they can't find his records although I'm getting my pension on his records.

When I took the above mentioned trip, a round-trip to Orlando on Delta with positive space was \$198.00 plus I could have had aisle seating with a little more space for my feet.

Rita Vezina, 7020 Dover St., Bridgeview, IL 60455

I have to drop a note about the billing for travel. Carolyn DeNicola paid her bill & now is waiting for a credit. I will not to do that. I sent a copy of my boarding pass & take off the over charge. I sent a copy with my payment to WHQAK-EMPLOYEE PASS. My son also e-mailed about the error. In Sept. they sent an e-mail to tell me not to send any more because they are still working on July e-mails.

Hi to Laura Coats; I still fly back & forth between DEN & ORD.

Thank you for the newsletter. My husband, Noel, did not get to enjoy them very long as he died a year after he retired.

Paula Miller, 9415 Brentwood St., Broomfield, CO 80021-4520

Thank you all for the valuable information on pensions & changes shared by our new Executive Team. I fully appreciate all of your hard work.

Bob Bledsoe, 89 Michigan Ave., SE, #22, Bandon, OR 97411-9745

Thank you for your dedication & hard work to keep us all informed. It's nice to read that so many

wonderful people got out alive.

Hope someday to join a chapter & attend a convention but for now I am roaming the planet & enjoying the "dog-n-pony" show put on by the government. Sometime it's necessary to leave the theater to full appreciate the performances.

Florence Babyak, 5 Meadowgrass, Irvine, CA 92604

So very sorry, I really thought I sent my Sept. dues in Aug.-guess not!

Here is my dues payment & \$10.00 for wherever you want to use it.

Thanks for your hard work. It is appreciated.

Tom Blair, 1040 Cuesta Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040

To all the great volunteers with RUAEA, don't know what we retirees would do for information if it weren't for you & your tireless efforts to get the newsletter out every month. Thank you so very much.

Algimantas Kubilius, 7121 So. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60629-3010

I flew to Germany, then on to Lithuania in May, my yearly flight to visit relatives in both countries, it is a pleasure to fly United Airlines, very good & the best service onboard.

I retired in 1992, that's 11 years ago. Thank you for keeping us informed about the happenings at United Airlines.

CORRECTION: We were given the wrong e-mail number for Revenue Accounting. This department is responsible for the billing & collection of travel charges. The correct e-mail number is:
employee-pass@ual.com.



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REMINDERS - Here we “go again”! Please list your File Number on all checks. The first three days of Nov. our Member-ship Secretaries received 27 checks without file numbers. Sure - the ladies can look up the F/Ns - BUT - if all members would include this information, their jobs would be much easier.

Another item - please do not post-date checks. This information can easily be overlooked. The bank will not accept the deposit with post-dated checks, which means - back to the office, make up a new bank deposit, etc. Any post-dated checks will be returned to sender.

Check your expiration date.

These relatively small items will be a great help. As the old saying goes: “*We thank you in advance for your cooperation.*”