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FROM THE SHORES OF THE PACIFIC TO THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC.

PRESENTING "A CAPITALE VENT" RUAEA CONVENTION MAY 21-29, 2006

Season's greetings from Washington, DC. Your Convention Committee wishes you a healthy & happy holiday.

We have been holding frequent meetings to plan many interesting events for your upcoming Convention activities.

Our tour organizer, John Koehl, has planned an array of wonderful tours that will offer something of interest for everyone.

One popular feature will be the Arts and Crafts Raffle. At the Los Angeles Convention this year, the committee was delighted to receive over 60 handmade items for auction.

These included a selection of paintings, unique needlework, sculptures, ornaments, ceramics, silver, punch needle art, lovely beadwork, handmade silk scarves & afghans, UAL airplanes & driftwood carvings to name a few.

ATTENTION ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS! Send your donated artworks to the 2006 Chairpersons, Jewel & Gus GIUSTOZZI, 8709 Standish Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308. Telephone: (703) 360-4664. You will receive an acknowledgment also reimbursement for shipping costs.

In May, our Nations Capital will be in full bloom with beautiful magnolias & dogwoods. Our wide boulevards will invite you to stroll from monuments to museums with ease.

We look forward to seeing you & showing you our Nations Capital.

Lucy I. Chatelain
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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many retirees received a Solicitation Package from the Bankruptcy Court. Many are asking even more questions, "What is this all about?", "What does this mean?", "What should I do?"

"What is this all about?" This is all a part of the bankruptcy process. In Sept., United filed the Disclosure Statement and Plan of Reorganization in Bankruptcy Court. Objections were filed by the PBGC, Public Debt Group & U.S. Trustee. United agreed to some changes requested by the parties. On Oct. 23, 2005 Judge Wedolf of the bankruptcy court approved the Disclosure Statement and Plan of Reorganization. Following this approval, on Oct. 27, 2005, the bankruptcy court mailed a solicitation package to all creditors entitled to vote on the Disclosure Statement and Plan of Reorganization. The Bankruptcy Court determined & identified who should get this Solicitation Package and vote. In this Solicitation Package are the Disclosure Statement, Plan of Reorganization, supplemental information, voting instructions and a ballot. Voters have until Dec. 19, 2005 to accept or reject the Plan. (That is, votes must be received by Dec. 19, 2005 by 16:30 PST for votes to count.) The confirmation hearing in bankruptcy court is scheduled to begin Jan. 18, 2006. The court will review the voting results, determine if United has met all necessary requirements – specifically, the Plan is proposed in good faith, it complies with all statutory requirements, it's not likely to be followed by liquidation, there is no likely need for further financial reorganization. If all this is met the court will confirm it and United plans to officially emerge from bankruptcy in February, 2006.

"What does this mean?" That is a very good question. Refer to "From the Executive Vice-President" article.

"What should I do?" We - RUAEA - will not take a position or advise anyone what he/she should do. We will not give any legal advice to "Accept" or "Reject" the Plan. This is a decision each individual must make.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

By now you know that the initial signup period for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage in 2006 STARTS on Nov. 15, 2005 & ENDS on May 15, 2006. That coverage will, if accepted, applies to all those of us eligible for Medicare, however, before you decide to signup with one of the companies certified to provide that coverage in your state, please focus on the following:

IMPORTANT:

- Read & understand the "Medicare and You – 2006" booklet you have already received (particularly pages 44 -45 if you are now covered by an existing medical/prescription drug plan).
- If you are covered by the United Medical Plan or by another plan from a former employer or union, read & understand the Notice of Creditable Coverage they were required to send you (United's was sent dated October 5). If that plan is, on average, at least as good as the Medicare coverage you may want to stay right where you are.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT:

If you decide that prescription drug coverage through the Medicare plan makes sense for you, do the following before you contact any of the companies that will provide the Medicare coverage in your area:

- List the medications you take & the dosage.
- List what you currently pay for your prescription drugs.
- List the name, address & phone number for the pharmacies that you like to use.
- Talk to your family members, health care provider or pharmacist about choosing the best plan for you.

If you need help in understanding your options, call your State's Health Insurance Assistance Program (their number is on the inside back cover of the "Medicare and You – 2006" booklet)

This letter has been placed on the RUAEA web site on Nov. 1 & in the RUAEA Dec. 2005 Newsletter.

Mort Wax
Executive Vice President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

**INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO VOTE ON THE UNITED AIRLINES
REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR PRE-JULY 1, 2003 RETIREES
BALLOTS ARE DUE BY DEC. 19, 2005**

Recently, United mailed copies of its Reorganization Plan & Disclosure Statement to creditors including certain eligible to vote retirees. **These documents are found on the computer disk you received in the mail.** You can also find a copy of these documents at United's website: **www.pd-ual.com**.

In summary, the reorganization plan is a contract between United & its creditors, under which United agrees to pay its creditors. Creditors are entitled to vote whether they wish to accept the plan or not. Only if a sufficient number of creditors vote to accept the Plan, & the Court finds it meets certain legal requirements, will the Plan become binding. The Disclosure Statement contains financial and other information to allow creditors to decide how they should vote. You also should have received a colored paper ballot, a summary of the Plan (the full document is on the computer disk) plus notice telling you what the deadlines are for voting, together with an envelope you should use to return your ballot.

RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFIT RELATED CLAIMS:

Retirees eligible to vote are those who retired before July 1, 2003 & who were enrolled in the UAL medical plan, because they have claims against United for medical benefits that they will not receive. As you know, United asked the Bankruptcy Court to allow changes in the medical plan for its pre-July 1, 2003 retirees. A Retiree Coalition represented those retirees in connection with United's request in negotiations which resulted in adjustments to retiree medical benefits. You have previously been told about these changes which went into effect in 2004, thereafter, a claim was filed against United on behalf of all retirees in the medical plan for the value of medical benefits they will not receive in the future & the increased costs they must now pay for the adjusted medical benefits.

Upon confirmation of the Reorganization Plan, United must continue to offer medical benefits to its pre-July 1, 2003 retirees at the levels negotiated during the bankruptcy case & will not be able to legally change these benefits. These agreements are described at pages 77-78 of the Plan (Appendix A on the disk; Adobe Acrobat page numbers 83-84) also page numbers 139-141 of the Disclosure Statement (the Disclosure Statement is on the disk; adobe acrobat page numbers are pages 144-146).

On the front of your ballot is a box which states “Amount of Claim.” Line 2 in this box states the amount of your “Section 1114 Claim.” The dollar amount listed after the description “Section 1114 Claim” is the dollar amount that United owes to you because it modified its promise to provide you with medical benefits during your retirement. This box also contains two other types of claims which are described below. **The Section 1114 Claim has nothing to do with amounts you will receive in the future for your Pension.**

In its Reorganization Plan, United proposes that all of its retirees’ claims for retiree medical benefits be included in a “Retiree Convenience Class.” The description for how United will treat these claims is found at pages 51-52 of the Plan (Appendix A on the disk; Adobe Acrobat page numbers are 57-58) also page numbers 113 & 139-141 of the Disclosure Statement (the Disclosure Statement is on the disk; Adobe Acrobat page numbers are 118 & 144-146).

YOUR VOTE:

Your first decision is whether to vote for the Plan: If you decide not to vote, and the Plan is approved by the Bankruptcy Court, you will still receive payment for your Section 1114 Claim. United is proposing to satisfy the claims of all of its unsecured creditor retirees by distributing new common stock in the reorganized company in full satisfaction of the claims. The Disclosure Statement explains why United believes you should support the Plan.

Retirees also have two additional decisions to make: United has grouped all of the Section 1114 Claims in a Retiree Convenience Class. United proposes that it be allowed to sell the stock for retirees & distribute the cash. Other unsecured creditors will receive the stock directly. If you do not do anything, United will sell that stock for you, deduct the costs of sale from the money received for the stock & any applicable taxes that would be due, pay you in cash what remains. United has not stated in the Plan what the costs of sale will be or how or when it will sell the stock. If you would prefer to receive the stock and decide whether or when to sell your stock, you must elect not to be included in the Retiree Convenience Class. This requires you to complete & return the ballot form, check the box on the Ballot listed under Item 4 – Optional Election.

In addition, United has stated on the Ballot what it believes the amount of your Section 1114 Claim to be. The Retiree Coalition has reviewed United’s calculations of the claim amounts & agrees with those amounts. You have the right, however, to change the amount, by stating a different amount on the ballot, but if you do, United may require you to go to Court to defend the number you place in Item 4 on the Ballot. If United does so, you will have to appear in Bankruptcy Court to defend the amount you selected. This may require you to hire a lawyer & expert witnesses to support your number. If you do not put anything on the line found under Item 4, your claim will be the amount stated at the top of the Ballot.

SERP CLAIMS AND PILOT NON-QUALIFIED BENEFIT CLAIMS:

Your ballot will only list a dollar amount at the top for “SERP Claim” or “Pilot Non-Qualified Benefit Claim” if you are a retired pilot or retired member of management that participated in the non-qualified plans for retirement benefits.

Mort Wax
Executive Vice President

RUAEA WEBSITE

The RUAEA Website is available to all RUAEA members as well as visitors. It is located on the Internet at WWW.RUAEA.ORG.

It contains important information regarding: What is RUAEA? Who can join? How to Contact RUAEA? RUAEA Chapters, Links to important items or websites that are of the greatest importance to United Airlines Retirees, Convention News, RUAEA Newsletter, & Support.

New Items of immediate importance to retirees are conveniently located on the Websites Home Page & denoted as such.

Regarding the RUAEA Newsletter. One of the websites most important features is that it allows you to access the Upcoming Newsletter online several weeks before the printed copies are delivered via US Mail. The website also has the ability to allow you to view the previous 24 Newsletters online as well.

The current Newsletter is available in one of three formats:

- Single Column, which allows for ease of scrolling & printing.
- Double Column, which provides a viewing format identical to the printed Newsletter.
- Viewing by Topic, by selecting the specific topic of the Newsletter that you want to read from the topics listed in the left margin.

Previous Newsletters are available in either single column, or double column format.

Membership:

If you know of a fellow United Retiree who is not a member of RUAEA, or a current United employee who is about to retiree, please encourage them to visit our website, obtain & submit their membership application & fee, to become a part of our great organization.

Note: Applications: Applications can be obtained by clicking on **Who Can Join** from the home page & following the instructions for the download. After downloading the application, it may be printed.

The completed application along with the application fee, can be mailed to the RUAEA address that may be obtained by clicking on **Contact RUAEA** from the home page.

Key Retiree Information contained on the Website Home Page:

1. Direct link to United's Reorganization Plan
2. Direct link to Medicare Subsidized Prescription Drug Plan Summary.
3. Direct link to United Makes Interline Travel More Affordable.
4. Direct link to Headlines for UAL Corporation.

The home page also contains direct links to Information pertaining to.

1. Retiree Pension Information.
2. Retiree Medical Information.
3. United Bankruptcy Information

Other Key Links available from our Links section that are of great value to our Retirees include:

1. Air Lines Pilot Association
2. Alliant Credit Union
3. Association of Flight Attendants - UAL
4. Blue Cross & Blue Shield
5. Clipped Wings
6. Federal Aviation Administration.
7. Headlines for UAL Corp.
8. Merc Medco Prescriptions
9. PBGC – Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation
10. Retired United Airlines Pilot Association
11. United Airlines Historical Foundation
12. United Airlines Intranet
13. United Airlines Official Website
14. United Airlines Retiree Website

Website Items of Interest:**Key Website Statistics to date:**

- **1,438,748** accesses to our Website.
- **248,546** total visitors.
- **2,037** RUAEA Members have signed up for the Newsletter feature on the Website.
- **934** average accesses per day.
- **161** Average Visitors per day to the website.

Interesting Observations:

The website is being accessed via numerous search engines. Yahoo, Google, MSN, AOL, Netscape are the primary ones.

The sites referencing us the most are RUAEA.ORG, RUAEA.NET, UNITED.INTRANET, SKYNET@UAL.COM.

The top web search phrases used to reach us are: RUAEA, RUAEA.ORG, United Airlines Bankruptcy, United Airlines Intranet, Zed Fares, RUAEA Newsletter, Pension, Pension Primer.

Looking Forward:

The website will have a revised look early next year.

There will be introductory information available for RUAEA members as well as visitors.

Key features will be made available for RUAEA members only, and the Newsletter features will be available only to those RUAEA members who have selected the website option as their method for receiving and viewing the newsletter.

In Closing:

Please come and visit your website often; take advantage of its many features.

Jim Sommerfield
Website Manager

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Hank Gosselin & Bernie McNamee, General Co-Chairman of RUAEA 2006 Convention are seeking volunteers to help during the convention. We primarily need volunteers in the Washington, DC area. If you have plans to attend the convention & are interested in volunteering, we really need your help. Some of the areas help is needed are as follows:

- Airport (Dulles & Reagan) & Hotel Greeters
- Registration Desk

- Concierge People to help direct retirees during the Convention i.e.: Business Meeting, Friendship & Banquet Dinners, Benefits Breakout Sessions.
- Tours
- Raffle Tables
- Hospitality Desk
- Art

If you would like to volunteer & be part of the fun of participation in a great event, please contact one of the following:

- Jeri Juth (Staffing/Recruitment Chairman) – (724) 378-3316, jmjuth@hotmail.com
- Marilyn Marcy (Transportation, Hospitality, Greeters Chairman) (703) 968-8269, MMarcy99@aol.com

Your help will be greatly appreciated by the entire Convention Committee.

Hank & Bernie

UNITED LAUNCHES LIBERIA, COSTA RICA SERVICE

The lesser known Liberia – a resort community on the Pacific side of Costa Rica, far from West Africa – becomes a new United destination in Dec., just in time for the winter holidays.

The new seasonal service between Chicago O'Hare will run from Dec. 15 to April 29, & gives customers in the US access to another sun destination.

The flights operate on Sat. only. United flight #1099 departs CHI 8:30 a.m., arrives in Liberia, Guanacaste 1:45 p.m. Flight #1098 departs Liberia 2:40 p.m., arrives CHI 7:54 p.m. The new flights will be operated with an Airbus 320 aircraft.

UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



Nov. issue of the RUAEA Newsletter explained the service pins. I found out from Barbara Hanson that the first service pins were issued in 1937. The 4 stars at the top of the service pins represent the 4 small airlines that formed United Airlines. They were Boeing Air Transport, Varney Air lines, Pacific Air Transport & National Air Transport. These airlines were among the first airlines in the USA & came into being as a result of the 1917 Post Office air mail contracts for an airmail service transcontinentally between New York & San Francisco. Boeing Air transport won the Chicago - San Francisco section & flew it successfully using 25 Boeing B-40a biplanes.

National Air Transport won the contract for the Chicago - New York section of the route & service was started using single-engine Curtiss Falcon biplanes, which could also carry passengers.

Pacific Air Transport won the Seattle - San Francisco - Los Angeles section of the mail route & began its operation with the Ryan M-1

Varney Air Lines was awarded the Elko-Pasco leg & flew it using the famous Swallow Biplane.

United Air Lines Inc. of Chicago began on March 28, 1931 as the holding company of these 4 mid-1920s US air carriers.

Now we know what the 4 stars mean in the service pins.

Tom Goodyear

KATRINA HURRICANE NEWS

RUAEA Pres. Marlin Lade mailed letters to all Retirees in the areas of Hurricane Katrina trying to contact them to find out how they were impacted, how they were getting along, offering any help RUAEA could extend & advising them of the "Employee Relief Fund".

We thought our members would like to read some of the letters we have received:

Earnestine Marie Whitney: Thank you so much for your concerns & prayers. My family & I are all well; we were not terribly affected by the hurricane. I'm in Clinton, MS – only experienced power outage for about 1½ days only inconvenienced a short while. I also experienced long waiting periods to get gas for about 4-5 days. My daughter's power was out a week. We lost a little food, they lost time from work & the children from school, however, it was nothing close to the lost of lives & livelihood that so many have experienced. We thank God & still remember those less fortunate ones in our prayers.

Thank you again for your concern, I really appreciate it & was happy to hear from you.

Bob Wendrock: Thanks for your kind interest in United retirees in Louisiana in general & the Wendrock family specifically. We made it through both storms mostly unscathed. The Baton Rouge area sustained lots of rain, wind, power outages for days plus some structural damage, but nothing like New Orleans & points east (Katrina), Lake Charles & points west (Rita). We are blessed & thankful. As you probably know Baton Rouge doubled in size almost overnight causing all the problems that you might expect without the infrastructure to sustain it. The good news is we are now a fairly major city. It's time for United to fly into here like the other carriers are starting to do.

All of our families & friends in those hard hit areas made it through okay as far as we know. Except for 6 weeks of extended family living with us -- a 85 year old, a 3 year old, a one month old with parents, 4 dogs, 2 cats -- and the life style change that causes, we can say we are now back to normal.

Again, thank you for your concern.

Mike Martin: Here is an update on my damages following Katrina. My house had minor damages, but lost a refrig & freezer. I was away from my home for 3 weeks and had some expense. I also lost a home in Mississippi. I have not heard from an adjuster & don't know what will be my out of pocket cost. I am one of the lucky ones & able to live in my home with no interior damages. Thanks for your interest.

Joan Frasier, 107 Coachman Drive, Houma, LA 70360: Thanks for the offer for help. We have been so blessed, just a few limbs off the tree in the back yard, a little damage to the fence and gate. Within just a few miles flooding & devastation everywhere here in Terrebonne Parrish. We're 54 miles from New Orleans, over 300 miles from Lake Charles & Cameron, LA. We also have an RV lot in Pass Christian, MS. We sold our RV there just a few months ago. We lost an 8' x 10' storage shed that was on the lot. All the motor homes & 5th wheel trailers were in 8' of water, all were totaled. Thankfully no injuries or loss of life. Thanks again for your concern.

Thomas Dowd, 18 Downing Dr., Covington, LA: Thanks for the letter of concern for the retired employees in Louisiana & Mississippi. I live 25 miles north of New Orleans; by the grace of God survived the hurricane. All the trees that were knocked down missed the house by inches. We had no water or wind damage to the homestead. We were without electricity for 15 days but by comparison to what you have seen on TV considered ourselves blessed.

United was always a company defined by its employees care for one another. Once again the light shines through witnessed by your letter. We have a lot of employees in the area who I am sure need assistance, that were not as fortunate as myself. I hope your letter finds them & I will also pass the word to other employees I know.

Gerrit Erickson called me on the telephone. He lives in Ocean Springs, MS, across the bay/bridge from Biloxi. Gerrit retired from MSYOZ in 2003. His place caught the brunt of the hurricane. He ended up with 6 feet of water in his house; it suffered extensive damage. They are going through the process of assessing damages, assessing feasibility of salvage, repair, rebuilding or demolition. Currently he is living with his daughter, about an hour away. I discussed ERF with him. He is working with all the appropriate agencies. This will take time. In the meantime he is in good spirits, has a positive outlook & looking forward to recovering. He mentioned several other retirees in the area who suffered extensive damage. I suggested they contact us; & that he discussed ERF with them.

Joan Kadlubowski, 160 Gavin Rd., Wiggins, MS 39577: I live in southern MS, my husband & I have basically lost our home. We are both disabled, have limited income & no savings left. FEMA is slow to help & the cost involved to keep afloat is more than we can afford. Our story is long & involved. We were hit by the hurricane plus tornadoes. We have received nothing from the Red Cross as well! My phone number is (601) 928-7068. My e-mail is tgfp@bellsouth.net. So much has happened here.

Thank you so much from a fellow retired employee who needs assistance.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/STAFF

Carole Longbella, Membership Secretary, was employed by United Air Lines as a clerical worker in DEN – Industrial Engineering Dept. on 9/19/55. Resigned for personal reasons 9/1/60; was re-employed 9/1/61 – same position – same department – retired 5/31/91 from Flight Operations Dept. as a Service Representative.

Carole has been a member of the RUAEA Mailing Team ever since she retired.

Volunteer involvement – Denver Adoption Exchange. Leisure Activities – Theatre, music, football & hockey plus grandchildren functions.

She has 2 children – 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 granddaughters & 1 grandson.

We welcome, Carole, to the RUAEA Board of Directors & as a member of the Office Staff.

FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

Hello Retirees,

The year has passed & it is time to extend thanks to all the good people that are involved in making our Newsletter possible.

There are many volunteers who consistently donate their time & efforts. These folks are responsible for the timely completion & delivery of the Newsletter. They make up local chapters that contribute to the columns that the Correspondents send to the Denver Office on a consistent schedule. In the Denver Office there are the Membership staff & the Newsletter staff. These groups of volunteers work together to ensure a timely Newsletter is published & delivered to the membership. Then, there is the Mailing Team that meets once a month to complete the process of handling the Newsletters for delivery to the Post Office. All have worked hard this year. A hearty thanks to every one.

Also, thanks to you, “The Readers”. Thank you for your submissions, subscriptions, & for being a part of RUAEA. We wish you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

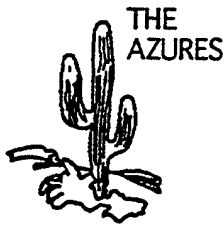
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NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Jan. are due in DEN by Tue. Dec. 6, Feb. report by 1/6, March report by 2/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



The Phoenix AZURES

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If you are attending the breakfast meetings, please call Pat at (623) 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (and you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions call Pat or Sherry.

Attendance numbers are climbing, snowbirds are returning. We had 26 members at the 10/11 breakfast meeting. At that same breakfast we welcomed our newest members Tim & Nita Everhart. Tim retired from SFOEP. We had our Pizza party on 10/8 at the Beardsley Ramada in Sun City West. There were 69 members in attendance. At the Pizza party we welcomed 2 new members: Burt & Judith Firestone from LAXFO. The weather was beautiful. The Ramada was small but it made it even better to get together & chat up our summer travels. The wind really made it cool. Those gusty winds made it hard for Sally & Sherry to hold down the paperwork at the check-in table. All had fun. We thank everyone for their help with setup & cleanup. Welcome back to Chuck Sharp, it is so good to see you. Chuck said the weather in CA was great.

We are sorry to say that Horst Heinig has had to undergo his 3rd cancer operation. He is currently in Del Webb hospital. Kay said he came through the operation fine but very uncomfortable. Please keep him in your prayers.

A complete schedule of events for 2005 - 2006 is being distributed at the Breakfast meetings, & via US Mail. We are beginning to collect dues for this same period. The chapter dues are \$5.00 P/P. Checks are to be made out to the AZURES & mailed to Sally Illingworth, 12522 Prospect, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Calendar:

Dec. 6 – Coco's breakfast meetings: Location – 98th and Bell road

Dec. 20 – Coco's breakfast meetings: Location – 98th and Bell road

Fall/Winter Luncheons:

Dec. 10 – Briarwood Country Club

Jan. 14 – Briarwood Country Club - White Elephant Charity Auction

Feb. 11 – Union Hills Country Club

Mar. - (TBA) Paradise Race Track

Apr 15 – Luke AFB Cookout

TALL PINES

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Our Oct. meeting was held on the 25th at Coco's with 25 UAL retirees. We welcomed visitors Ron Robertson – Director of the AZ region & his lovely wife, Shirley also Scott Teich of Lincoln Financial.

Ron discussed UAL's exit from bankruptcy, our pensions & the PBGC also the prescription drug plan offered by Medicare. Scott who is a financial advisor spoke of the different plans that Lincoln Financial offers & their business relationship with Alliant Credit Union.

Jeannie Risdon discussed our Christmas Party on Dec. 6 at the Hassayampa. Menu selections were passed out. Jeannie also brought up the subject of our "All Arizona" picnic held in Sept. at Goldwater Lake. Because of a low turn out over the past several years from our other AZ Chapters & an increase in fees for the Ramada, it was decided that our Chapter could no longer continue having the picnic.

Our luncheon has been changed from the Lone Spur due to their closing on Mon. & Tues. to Coco's. Also a big thanks to Vi Larson for arranging at the last minute the Oct. luncheon at Coco's – she only had 1 days notice. Good job, Vi!

Note: The old mail lady from LAX is alive & well in Prescott, AZ – (928) 778-9215.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 - Christmas Party - Hassayampa Inn - 5:00 PM Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner

Jan. 24 - Luncheon - Coco's

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Kathy Shurtleff hosted a festive Halloween luncheon at the Chumask Casino in Santa Ynez, with 23 members & 7 guests in attendance. Kathy always makes certain that everyone has a great time. Garver & I were sorry that we had to miss all the fun. My thanks to Dana Noyes for providing the info. for this column. One of the group was a big winner in the casino even before lunch; many stayed after to try their luck. Pat & Bob Wagner were back from a Caribbean Cruise, fortunately, missed all the hurricanes. We are happy that the Wagner's have decided not to spend so much time in Iowa from here on.

The chapter voted to donate \$200 to Toys for Tots for Christmas. The Christmas luncheon & party will be on Dec. 21 at the Pelican Point Restaurant in Pismo Beach, hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell (805) 550-7716, with the usual gift exchange in the price range \$12 – 15, man for man, woman for woman.

The slate of officers nominated for 2006 are Pres. Bob Stanger, VP, John Stilwell, Secy./Correspondent, Al Rybar, Treas., Dana Noyes. The vote will be taken in Dec.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

BRAZEN RAISINS

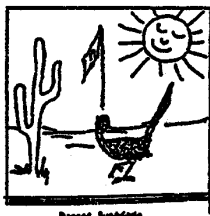
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The Brazen Raisins' Nov. meeting was hosted by Elida & Reuben Rivas who managed to return from all their travels long enough to host. There was a brief discussion of the packet most of us received relating to a ballot due Dec. 19; it was agreed that we would again discuss this at our Dec. meeting. Curt Follansbee & Robert Frost each entertained with one of their many stories. The BR Christmas party was discussed & settled. Brazen Raisins officers for 2006 were elected as follows:

Jack Hartman – Pres.

Don Nessling - VP
Pamela Hartman - Secy
Donna Nessling - Sunshine Lady
Dick Shryock - Corresponding Secy/Treas.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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This report is submitted by Elaine Aggson:

On a beautiful Oct. day, 42 Desert Sunbirds & guests gathered at the Two Bunch Palms Resort in Desert Hot Springs. Lunch was served on the patio under colorful umbrellas at tables beautifully decorated by hostess, Maureen Williams. The lovely centerpieces (made by Maureen) went to 1 lucky winner at each table. Following lunch we were given a short tour of the facility. Two Bunch Palms, built in the 1920's is a secluded retreat built among groves of tamarisk trees with hot springs meandering through the property. It has long been a hideaway for celebrities seeking privacy, the spa & the hot springs. It was a favorite of Al Capone & his "merry men". His suite remains virtually unchanged including the bullet hole in the bedroom mirror. An observation deck on the roof of the suite allowed his body guards to watch for any approaching police to allow Capone to escape through an underground tunnel.

We welcomed our newest member, Dee Wright. Dee, a former Re-Laxer has moved to Palm Desert. Dee and his late wife Pat were frequent guests at our Christmas parties; we're pleased to have him as an official member. Guests included Sally Kolar, Patsy Kolar's sister & Marge Slavik, friend of Sandy Sereno. Joan & Ron Tate brought Tony Kahalis & Geri Batista who was visiting from Chicago. Barbara Napier attended her first meeting since she & Ron joined. Several of our regulars were missing. Marie Slater was attending her high school reunion in Chicago, Joyce Bossio was in New England, Judy Ford was touring Italy, Lynda & Tony were off fishing. Miriam Osgood was a late cancel as John was in the hospital. Also, Marianne Patterson's plans to attend were interrupted by unexpected gall bladder surgery.

Dave Podnar won the free birthday lunch. It was his first appearance in several months - we knew he'd show up on his birthday! It was Liz Clapper's lucky day as she won the first place 50/50 drawing of \$50 AND the second place drawing of a beautiful fall flower arrangement.

Calendar:

Dec. 14 - Annual Christmas Party at Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert. Call or Email Elaine Aggson at 760-340-9542 or luvgoff@aol.com.

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Ron Bertacini reporting for Bob Sample: Oct. 26 luncheon was held at the Woodcreek Oaks Golf Club in Roseville, hosted by Else and Dennis Carr with 83 in attendance including 3 guests. Harold & Colleen Esola were on a cruise, therefore, Ron Bertacini conducted the meeting. Ron & Patty McDuffee were guests of George & Jan Cram. Maria Messina, mother of Rosalie Ward was a guest.

There will be no luncheon in Nov. due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Dec. Holiday luncheon will be at Alta Sierra Country Club near Grass Valley. Please note the date, **Thurs., Dec. 8**. This is a change from our usual Wed. luncheon meeting day. We will again support the 'Toys for Tots' drive. For each toy you bring to the Dec. luncheon you will receive a ticket for a special drawing outside of our normal raffle.

We have sponsors for the Jan. through April luncheon meetings. Jeanette D'Amico also encouraged members to consider hosting the open months for next year. She has an informative paper with guidelines for hosting a luncheon for anyone interested. The months needed are June, July, Aug., Sept. & Oct. If you would like to host a luncheon next year, please contact Jeanette.

Treasurer Judie King will be collecting 2006 dues at the Dec. luncheon. Checks are preferred. Our fiscal year is the same as the calendar year, Jan. through Dec.

Veronica Domaraius reported that Velma Stough recently had surgery for a heart valve & pacemaker. She is home and doing well. Velma sent a card to the Gold Diggers thanking them for their cards & prayers.

Alice McPeak informed us that Richard Smith passed away.

RUAEA Regional Director Bob Cuff reviewed information regarding pensions. He touched upon the problems at Northwest Airlines in that they have reduced their number of mechanics & plan to outsource some of their flight attendant jobs. Bob then highlighted the RUAEA information. The organization will continue to support the travel desks in PDX and SEA. Ed Tolle continues as the liaison between RUAEA & WHQ. Ed has been able to assist retirees with individual concerns with the company. Bob reminded us about the Convention next May & that several officer positions will be up for election. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact Bob. Just like with the Gold Diggers, these are volunteer jobs but are needed to keep the organization going. The RUAEA web-page is a good source of information. If you are a member in good standing you can access the RUAEA newsletter online. He also told the group that there would be information coming from United in the near future regarding prescription drug coverage & the new Medicare prescription drug service. He advised to read everything carefully before making any decisions.

Chapter Officers for 2006 - The list was compiled by a committee of the last three presidents, namely Ken Norton, Forester Sinclair and Ron Bertacini. Candidates are:

- Pres. - Harold & Colleen Esola
- VP - Jean Turley-Sinclair
- Secy. - Bob Fulkerson
- Treas. - Judie King
- Sunshine - Veronica & Francis Domaratius
- Historian - Shirley Drumheller.

Ron asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were none, he asked the members present for a voice vote. The listed candidates were unanimously accepted.



**Redwood
Empire
Retirees**

REDWOOD EMPIRE

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The Oct. meeting was a buffet held at Quail Inn in Oakmont hosted by Marge & Mattie Matschinegg. Pres. Les Carey thanked Marge and Mattie for a job well done. Tables were decorated with orange felt, miniature stuffed scarecrows, orange candies & candy corn. It was a very festive Fall/Halloween décor.

Marge announced upcoming trips to the Pacific Northwest, Discover Europe including Iceland, Greenland & a cruise to Europe, also a Mekong River Cruise. For more information contact Marge.

VP Norm Burnett introduced the guests: Maurine Bennett, guest of Inara & Heino Witt; Rita Kent, guest of Corrine Geppert; Dorothy Buckingham, guest of Ruth Lay & Kathy Housh, guest of Howard Dickinson.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the Oct. Birthdays. Pete Bilsich was the winner of the complimentary lunch. Anniversaries are Jack & Betty Radican, 61 years; Franj & Joan Olsson, 51 years, and Oscar & Joan Chambers, 53 years. She sent cards to Patty Smith, who is fighting breast cancer & to Nick Van Kruining, who has developed a staff infection & low blood pressure after heart surgery. Sympathy cards were sent to Veronica Trites who lost her husband Jack in Aug. & to Roger Casterline, whose wife passed away recently.

Nick & Maria thanks all for the cards, calls and prayers that have been received from members.

A TOY COLLECTION will be held again at the Dec. meeting. Toys should be new & unwrapped. Barney Hagen will see that the toys get to the main Santa Rosa Fire Station collection site.

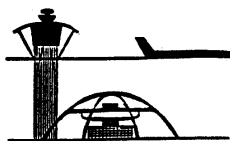
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: THE INCOME TAX HAS MADE LIARS OUT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
MORE THAN GOLF HAS - Will Rogers

Calendar:

Dec. 8 – Christmas Party - Quail Inn - Oakmont - 2005 Officers

Re-LAX-ers

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The Oct. luncheon was lightly attended (about 80). You-all who missed -- missed a very good meal and meeting.

At the meeting, after Pres. Hal entertained us with his usual great collections of jokes, I was able to announce an upcoming overnight tour to PSP. The trip will be Mar. 28-29. This time we'll be staying in the heart of the city, one block from the theater where we'll attend the evening performance of the Fabulous Follies. We'll enjoy lunch at the same very

good restaurant we used for the Convention PSP tour. Before returning to L.A., this year's extra feature will be a trip to the nearby Living Desert Museum. All the material I have seen plus reports from friends who've been there assure that this is a great place to visit. At the museum is an excellent display of the native plants & live animals of the area. For out-of-towners who missed this tour in May, come the night before, we can help you get LAX hotels for very good rates. Or if you're brave enough to stand-by for UA Express to PSP, we'll help with connections to the group. PSP area residents can join us for lunch and/or theater. I'll email a flyer soon as I get the contract & pricing firmed.

We're looking forward to the Queen Mary Christmas luncheon. At this gathering we forego the raffle prizes for members & bring gifts for children. The organization we support does wonderful things for children & families in a lower income area near Venice, CA. If you wish to attend from out-of-town, we'll try to help with hotel accommodations. It is much appreciated if each attendee brings a gift (valued at \$5 or more) for a child – ages from toddlers through teens. We have a wish list available & a descriptive flyer about the recipient group – to get the lists, contact Hal or Donna at (310) 306-7415 or haldonna@peoplepc.com.

Dec. Christmas luncheon reservation notices will come before you know it. So **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS – You need to return the bottom stub part of the Christmas Luncheon meeting notice because it includes a space for 2006 dues payment. DUES PAST AND UPCOMING ARE DUE!!** About Feb. we will update our roster. At that time we delete those who didn't pay the previous year! A big bunch of folks got a free ride in 2005 because we were up to our eye-balls in the convention planning. We're being very nice & generous by not asking for make-up dues. ☺ **SO EVERYONE -- get out an envelope, stamp it, address it, put in a check for at least \$5 for 2006 dues.** (Of course, the check will be for more if you're attending the party). No check for dues by Feb. 1 --- your name goes in the "inactive" drawer – no more words of wisdom from ReLAXers – a real loss, as you well know!

Speaking of upgrading our roster – we need all the email addresses we can get as we are hoping sometime in 2006 to be able to set up a partial e-mail system for the ReLAXers notices & tour flyers. According to the present number of names on the member e-mail list we could save our chapter nearly \$500 for a 12 month period. We promise ReLAXers will never send spam of any kind if you give us your email address. If you have email & have not received an email notice in this regard, please let me know asap – my address is in the heading of this column.

Reports of the 6th Annual LAXRR Reunion give it rave reviews. There were 80 attendees enjoying their once a year catch up conversations helped along by good food & drinks. There may be a few of the former LAXRR folks who did not receive the correspondence about the affair from Linda Robbins. She did try, but had several of her mailings returned as undeliverable. So she's looking for: R. Agurto, C. Blancett, S. Boulware, J. Frazier, J. Guidry, T. Wheat, T. Smith, L. Macomber, R. McDavid, J. & T. Paciolla. Call Linda at (818) 763-5749.

Now about people: After retiring, Fran Goodrich moved to the southeast to be near her daughter, Melissa. For many years Fran has fought & won battles with cancer. But the latest rounds of treatments have not been effective; sadly, her doctors can help her no further. She is now under Hospice care with her daughter living with her. Marilyn Hubbell, her long time closest friend & former Culver City neighbor will be leaving to visit her on Nov. 1. I know cards would be welcome: Frances Goodrich, 124 Kemper Lane, Fairhope, AL 36532 – (251) 990-9666. Melissa's email is twins1986@comcast.com.

Ken Skare is in a nursing home, not doing well, suffering weakness & depression which his doctors say are the result of radiation treatment. He is being visited by 4 of his nieces & nephews who hope to help bring him up to par. His cancer is in remission & he is under the loving care of friends, the Huffmans. Cards to Ken at 127 Emperado Way, Hot Springs Village AR 71909.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Jerry Napoli (once of LAX Res.) who died in an auto accident on Oct. 27. Many of you remember when Jerry & Donna Napoli left UA in the early 80s to open "Papa Napoli's" marvelous Italian restaurant in Santa Maria CA. For the immediate future, the restaurant will be closed. We will let you know of the family's plans soon as we hear of them. Send condolences to Mrs. Donna Napoli & Family. Jim Ferrance's "News to Share" issues has details. If you are not on his mailing list, contact him for a copy of at resrat@aol.com.

Ed Clay's wife has not been doing well for some time, to make matters worse, on Oct. 10 she fell and broke her hip. They estimated she'd be in a cast for 3 weeks. Then, about the same time, their daughter, Karen was surfing on Maui, flipped – as surfers do at times – resulting in a broken back. She will be in a brace for 3 months. Cheering up cards or notes to: Ed Clay 3025 Via Borica, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 – (310) 541-6337.

Eleanor Jones, our commuting member from TX reports that she & family drove all over that part of TX to avoid the infamous hurricanes. Got home – everything was fine! We're sure glad to hear that! Hope she'll be able to get to the Christmas party on Dec. 1.

Ray Ginocchio had back surgery on Nov. 8. He's at 15505 Yukon Av, Lawndale CA 90260. By the time you read this he should be recovering nicely!

Calendar:

Dec. 1 – Famous Queen Mary Christmas Party.

Feb. – Luncheon meeting – location T.B.A.

March 28-29 – Palm Spring Tour – (See beginning of column).



Re-Sans

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Our ReSans members enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant on Oct. 13. This is the first time we have used this restaurant but those in attendance felt the food was excellent & the decor very much in tune for folks who have spent many years involved in airline work. 44 members attended, we enjoyed a delicious luncheon & good company.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party at Tom Hams Restaurant on Harbor Island Dec 2. Members who would like to do so may bring an unwrapped gift for a child, also, an unwrapped White Elephant Gift.

Marian Owens requested that nominations for the post of Pres. of ReSans should be mailed to Carolyn Hastings at the above address.

Bob Owens mentioned that there is still much confusion regarding our pension payments. If you wish to contact the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, their Customer Service number is 1-800-400-7242.

Bob also announced that the next RUAEA Convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, VA. The closest airport is Reagan National, with Dulles & Baltimore also being options.

To list for your flights you may wish to contact the volunteers at PDX Travel Desk on Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10 to 2 Pacific Time. Toll free number is 1-888-278-7038.

Volunteers in SEA are also available on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. from 10-2 Pacific Time. Their number is (206) 433-4218.

Calendar:

Dec 2 - 11:30 a.m. Christmas Party - "Tom Hams Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Dr., SAN.

UNITED AIRLINES

RETIREES - SFO AREA

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Our greeter at the Oct. meeting was Mike Mewkalo. Mike entertained us with an impromptu dance, when he wasn't shaking hands. Pres. Ralph Trullinger opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Our Treas., Gene Walter announced that 2006 dues can now be paid, Carol Walter asked for birthdays & anniversaries for Sept. & Oct. Charles & Ardyce Paff celebrated their 61 year anniversary in Sept., Joe & Olive Butera were married 52 years in Oct. We had one new member, Dennis Schofield.

I sent a card to Helen Speetzen who has not been well & a "Missing You" card to Joan Jervis who is not able to attend our meetings. I also sent a card to Clarence & Mary Juett who haven't been able to be with us. Alma Crist is in Sequoia Hospital; I sent a card to her. We were sorry to hear that Bill Stephany passed away Oct. 28 at the age of 90. Send your condolences to his wife Pat at 921 Fiesta Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403.

1st VP, Bob Taiclet, thanked everyone who helped with the picnic last month; their help made for a very successful event. Harriet Kunze showed us a beautiful blouse that Helen Cain painted & donated for our raffle at the Nov. meeting, the money to go to our charities.

Tony Hutt introduced the program "Broadway by the Bay". This was a group of 3 who danced & sang songs from Broadway Shows, that have been performed on the Peninsula this last year. As always they put on a good show.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg announced that if you are interested in the Copenhagen to New York Princess cruise, Sept. 22 to Oct. 7, 2006, with stops in England, Ireland, Scotland, Iceland, Greenland & Newfoundland, it is not too early to sign up. This looks like it will be a very popular cruise & it is filling up fast, even though it is a year away. Ginger's cruise

to the Pacific Northwest is a 7 day small ship cruise and will be limited to 30 passengers so you may want to sign up for that one too. This will be from June 22 – 28, 2006. Contact Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com for a flyer on these trips. Ginger is planning a Vietnam trip in March of 2007. That was the earliest date she could get. More information later.

Betty Garner is planning a Reno Snow Train trip in 2006. Her Mexican Riviera trip was very successful. Everyone had a good time. Betty can be contacted at 650 355-4195, email garnerbee@yahoo.com.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am 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.

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Mile Highers' breakfast was Nov. 3 - a beautiful day in DEN with 54 folks attending. There were 6 first timers: Chuck Korw, Ted Gielas, Sel & Ellen Hewitt, Nancy Ficht & Lanna Fishler. Come back and join us next month. It was nice to have Lora Coat's sister, Linda Minel from North Carolina.

Pres. Tom Goodyear reported he had been hospitalized for 2 days with another case of pneumonia, however, is doing very well now. He also reported Dick Martino passed away 11/7/05. He was in Stanford Medical Center, Stanford, CA (Arrangements later). The funeral & burial will be at Fort Logan in DEN. The Martinos' address is 4789 South Danube Circle, Centennial, CO 80015. Dick had received a heart & kidney transplant on 10-17-05, had been doing well until late last week.

Nancy Goodyear was a "hospital customer" for a few days – is now recuperating at home. Address: 9341 E. Jewell Cir., Denver, CO 80231-3456.

We welcomed Martha & Virgil Gooselaw's granddaughter as a 1st timer at the 10/29 Mailing Team session – also Aggie Holcomb who had not been with us for a long time.

Here are the schedules for Ramp Service & Customer Service monthly breakfast in the DEN area:

- Ramp Service (North) - Village Inn at I-70 & Federal the 2nd Tues. each month; 08:30
- Ramp Service (South) - Village Inn at Tower & Hampton the 4th Tues. each month; 08:30
- Customer Service (North) - Village Inn at I-25 & 120th. The North meets the odd numbered months on Mon. 08:30.
- Customer Service (South) Egg-ception Eatery, 2790 S. Havana. The South meets the even numbered months on Mon. 08:30.

Calendar:

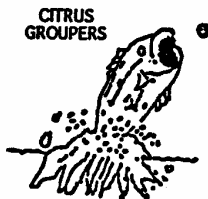
Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

Dec. 6 – Christmas Luncheon.

FLORIDA

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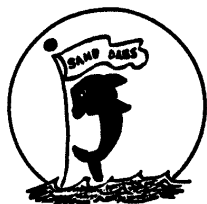


The Citrus Groupers met on Oct. 28 at Sony's in Inverness with 28 members & guests attending. Betty Smith's daughter & son-in-law graced us with their presence. Fred & Leta Muir had a new grandchild & were "beaming". Ralph Nardone finally got a clean bill of health from his doctor & is going back to do his volunteer work.

Calendar:

Dec. 8 – Yearly Christmas party at Jo Beck's home located at 1717 Oak Forest Drive in the Villages.

Jan. – Olive Garden on Rt. 200 (College Rd.) across from the Paddock Mall.



SAND"DABS"

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Nov. 7, 23 Sand"DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster. It was a happy & jovial group. Good to see Honeylou Funkhauser back after a long absence. The meeting was opened by Prez Dick Coughlin. Birthday celebrants present were Emily Veracka, John Rieck, Bill Oliver & Penny Logan. We gave them our usual off-key rendition of Happy Birthday; afterwards the guys blew out the candle on our no calorie "wooden" cake.

Dick had some funny jokes for us again as usual. After our 50/50 drawing we had another drawing for a Thanksgiving prize, which Penny Logan won. Since we depleted our treasury quite a bit in sending money to help the Katrina hurricane victims, it was decided there was not enough left for any kind of sizable gift to our usual charities at Christmas because of our "lack-a-mula". Perhaps during the coming year there will be something or someone in need to help.

Everyone in our group seemed happy to know that United will start flying into Daytona in Feb. As far as any other company information, it was more-or-less a "wait and see" what transpires.

Information was given regarding the West Coast luncheon on Jan. 16 to be held at Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater. If there are a number of us from our group who want to go, we can arrange to get table seating together.

Rick & Marion (Fazio) Johnson have moved to new digs. Their new address is Ormond Heritage Unit 316, 1 John Anderson Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176.

Election of new officers: Dick Coughlin will remain as Prez; Steve Moddle remains as VP; Bobbie Rieck remains as Correspondent; our new Treas. is Penny Logan.

Our Christmas meeting will be held at Halifax Yacht Club on Dec. 1. Please get your money to Frieda as soon as possible as she has to have an accurate count to make reservations. Remember to bring a \$10 grab bag gift - guys for guys/gals for gals if you want to participate in the gift exchange.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Love & time are two things that cannot be bought - only spent.*

Calendar:

Dec. 1 - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club

Jan. 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, Daytona

Jan 16 - West Coast luncheon, Clearwater

THE ORLANDO

REAL McCOYS

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VP Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting of The Real McCoys with 40 in attendance.

Char LeGrand read a letter from the Central Florida Children's Home thanking us for our Fairway sponsorship of \$100 also filling us in on their new children; Betty Davidson is in Texas with her son who is coming along fine with therapy.

Congratulations to Joanne & Paul Levell on the birth of their grandchild on Sept. 26.

Condolences were extended to Barbara Halterman on the recent deaths of both of her parents.

We received an invitation from the Tampa Bay Chapter for their 29th Annual Florida West Coast luncheon. Information & reservation forms are available for those wishing to attend the Jan. 16 festivities.

Guests this month were Joe & Barb Fitak's daughter, Lori & Ted LeGrand's brother & sister-in-law Ron & Penny LeGrand. Also visiting was Elaine Tillman who invited us to attend The Mainliner Christmas Dinner Dance on Dec. 3 at the Florida Mall Hotel. Cost is \$35.

The 50/50 was won by Jeff Olson. who thoughtfully donated it to our Charity Fund.

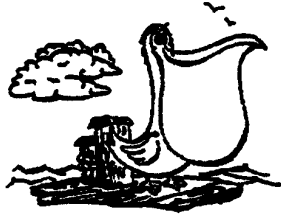
Ted LeGrand led a discussion on the Bankruptcy Notice received in the mail. It was decided that it would be better if we all waited before doing anything. Ted would make further inquiries & Char would e-mail all with information discovered. This would be prudent since votes are not due until next month.

On Dec. 7 we will be having our Christmas Party at the United Methodist Church located on Conway & Anderson. Bring a dish to share, turkey will be provided. Please note that the time is 12:00 NOON. Dues will be collected next month - \$10. New officers will be elected at this time.

Stan Halterman trip plans include the following:

- Feb. 15-26 - Cruise West Indies on the MSC Lirica. Cost starting at \$989.
- March - King Tut & Fort Lauderdale Getaway 2 days/one night.

If you have an interest in any or all of the trips, call Stan Halterman, (407) 852-6773.



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA **PELICAN DROP-INS**

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Nov. 4, 30 Pelican Drop-Ins had lunch at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club. We were fortunate to have Marlin & Marilyn Lade visit our Chapter. Marlin talked to us about 3 items - United bankruptcy, the impact of Medicare part D on our medical benefits & the future of RUAEA. He also talked about the 2006 convention in Washington. Marlin answered several questions from our members about their medical benefits & the ballot recently received from the Bankruptcy Notice Center.

Our Christmas Party will be on Fri., Dec. 2. We will have a very special luncheon. Pres. Carrie Belluso requested members to bring either an unwrapped gift for children or a cash donation for Salvation Army. In previous years we had adopted the Tice Elementary School for our Thanksgiving & Christmas toys & food. Since there are no longer United employees at RSW we no longer participate in that program.

Fred Bauer had his rotator cuff repaired on Nov. 3. He had been in considerable pain since he fell and injured his shoulder.

Fortunately none of our members had a catastrophic loss when Hurricane Wilma visited us. There was more damage to trees than to buildings with this hurricane. Quite a few of our members were without power, phone service, some had to boil water. Three more weeks and the hurricane season will come to an end.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May) - (Reservations are required)
Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

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THE SAND DOLLARS

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Our first meeting of 2005-2006 season took place on Oct. 13 at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Sarasota. 21 members arrived, eager to start a new series of meetings. Our Pres. Tim O'Donnell started the meeting with a brief discussion of the PBGC, & the new procedure of the Medical deductions. He also talked about the very sad loss of his wife, Bette, who passed away so suddenly this last May. The entire membership will miss her with her lovely smile & gentle ways. Due to Tim's great loss, he told all of us, that he was stepping down as our Pres., which he had been for the last 4 years. Tim, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your past service. We share your grief & offer you our full support.

Our former Pres., Pat Trice & his lovely wife, Betty, have stepped forward to fill the vacancies of Chapter Pres. & Treas. The members also elected a new VP, Ed Moran. We also felt the need for a sunshine lady & chose Betty Johnson, who always shows just the right disposition for the task. On behalf of all our members, I extend our gratitude to all the newly elected representatives of our Sand Dollars Chapter.

Our next meeting will be announced via email from Pres. Pat Trice.



TAMPA BAY

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Thought I would send in an update on our upcoming parties. The Tampa Bay Chapter Christmas Luncheon Dec. 5, will be at Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey, same place as the past couple years. Cocktails 11:00 a.m., Lunch served at 12:00 noon. You have a choice of fried grouper or baked ham. Total price \$14.50 P/P, including tip & tax. Send checks to Terri Breslin, 7885 Cherrytree Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34653. NO WALK-INS. Indicate each person's name & their choice of entree included with your check. We will be entertained by Genesis Ringers. All retirees & spouse or friend are invited.

Our "29th Annual West Coast Luncheon" Jan. 16, 2006 will be at the beautiful "Feather Sound Country Club". Chairman Michael Marvette has checked it out and says it is wheel chair accessible & you will find plenty of parking places around the Country Club. The Cash Bar will open at 11:00 a.m. or what ever time you arrive. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The menu will be a choice of Chicken Marsala, Filet of Flounder or Pork. Price is \$18.50 P/P, including tax & tip for a complete meal. Mail checks with choice of entree to Michael/Loretta Marvett, 3076 Eastland Blvd, #402, Clearwater, FL 33761. Deadline for RSVNS is Jan 4, 2006. Note the change of address for the Marvettes as they have moved recently.

Speakers will include Marlin Lade, RUAEA Pres. & John Dahl, Gen. Mgr. TPAOZ. OH YES, there will be a special mystery speaker. All UAL Retirees, family & friends are invited. We are looking forward to seeing many of you from other regions. Come join us & your old buddies for a day of FUN, FOOD & FRIENDSHIP.

Calendar:

Dec.5 - Christmas Party - Spartan Manor 11:00 a.m.

Jan. 2 - Buddy Freddy's - Holiday, FL 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 16 - Feather Sound Country Club, 11:00 a.m.

Feb. 6 - Buddy Freddy's - Holiday, FL 10:00 a.m.

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Once again, we are recovering from yet another hurricane, & we will be waiting for the repair folks to show up. Wilma was her name - she wasn't very nice! Undoubtedly that was the reason for the small group that attended our Nov. 1 meeting. We are thankful that it wasn't a Katrina. We had all our sick list folks in attendance. Bob Taylor had his surgery, doing well, Gus Dodenhoff is well on the mend, & Allan Popek is getting around on his two hips with tenuous dexterity. I'm waiting for the re-screening people to show up.

GEORGIA

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DIXIE FLYERS

There were 30 Flyers & 1 guest at our picnic lunch at Jay & Gail Chambers home in Gainesville, GA on Oct. 5. Ryan Copland, Jay & Gail's grandson age 13 & a very nice young man, was a great help to his grand parents, who went all out for us to make it a great day. The picnic was at poolside. The Chambers prepared hamburgers, hotdogs, & provided the drinks. The members brought covered dishes & deserts. It was a beautiful warm

sunshiny day, everyone enjoyed the food & fellowship. VP Sandy Lis, did a great job filling in for in for Bruce Brodersen who was on the sick call list that day.

30 Flyers & 2 guests were present at the luncheon on Nov.2 at the Sage Woodfire Tavern in Alpharetta, GA hosted by Carole Webb and Marie Sadlowski. Our Guests were Bob Andreoli & Jan Jester who worked at Atlanta Reservations in the 80's & enjoyed renewing old acquaintances, as we also enjoyed having them with us. We also had a new member join us that day, Patty Meadows retired from ATLCS, who traveled a long way to be with us at the Sage. Welcome aboard Patty, glad to have you with us.

Jeannie Barber passed along a "Thank You" card from The Promise Place, an organization that provides shelter & safe harbor for battered women & children. The Dixie Flyers, along with others, support this group all through the year also at the end of year holiday time by their donations of food, money, & gift certificates to those in the shelter, until they are once again able to stand on their own.

The Christmas Lunch this year sponsored by Jane Brown, our Sunshine Lady, will be held at The Village Café in Fayetteville, GA on Dec. 7, 12 noon. Last year's lunch was a buffet style and was most popular, so it was voted to have the same this year.

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Calendar:

2006 Annual Steering Committee & Volunteer Fun Meeting - Jan. 10 - 10:00 am, Lounge at 999 Wilder Avenue
(Individuals or teams who wish to coordinate our Feb., June or Sept. luncheon are urged to attend. More details will be included in the Dues Notice later in Dec.)

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Since the deadline for the Newsletter was Nov. 4, & our regular monthly meeting isn't until Nov. 7 (by our choice), this month's offering will be short & sweet. We did have one very pleasant outing at the Sandbar River House Restaurant in Marsing, overlooking the Snake River & Lizard Butte. The Sandbar is a stone's throw from Nampa & Caldwell, & about 30 miles SW of Boise. The dinner was attended by 23 jolly GEMS, including guests.

Because this was Gloria Trotter's first visit to the Sandbar, we had to point out the "lizard" atop the butte on the east side of the river. Once it was a well-rounded hill, but through time, its peak was eroded, exposing black-lava rock in the shape of a giant lizard sunbathing on a large mound of ID terra firma. Gloria was accompanied by one of her 2 sons, Steve.

Another guest was LuAnn Lyon, friend & neighbor of Bill Jones. LuAnn owns 70 acres of prime horse-grazing land, south of Marsing. North of Marsing by only 3 miles is some of Idaho's prime grape-growing country, & home of Ste. Chappelle Winery & its award-winning wines.

Our next big event is the GEMS annual Christmas party & dinner on Dec. 13. This year it will be at El Korah (Shriner's) Temple, 1118 W. Idaho, Boise ID, starting at 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Bar opens at 5p.m. Choice of entrée is prime rib (\$24 p.p.) or shrimp (\$18 p.p.), which includes tax & tip. Please make your checks to Shriner Oasis, & give to Ned at our Dec. meeting, which is on the 5th. Oh yes, & please write on your check what it is you are paying for, i.e. 1/2 Prime Rib Dinner/s, 1 or 2 Shrimp Dinner/s, or a total of \$42 for 1 Prime Rib & 1 Shrimp Dinner.

Calendar:

Dec. 7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

Dec. 13 – 6 p.m. Christmas Dinner in Boise

Jan. 2 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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Another one of our golden years has passed. Where did time go? Even with all the time in the world that we are now supposed to have, it seems that when anyone talks about their daily activities there just isn't enough time to get things done. I thought retirement life was supposed to be a time to lay back. I thought wrong. Looking ahead to the next year there will be some exciting things planned for our Skyliners. Don't forget the annual RUAEA Convention in May. I look forward to this convention especially because of all the history that surrounds the D.C. area.

This year, again, door prizes will be given to those attending the Dec. breakfast. Come & start your Holiday Season beginning with the luncheon at Avalon Banquets on Dec. 13. Then come & enjoy breakfast the next morning at Artemis with more door prizes. Or if you're a Southsider, visit the group at Grandma Sally's on the 27th. If you haven't been to any of these activities during the year, come to at least one you will enjoy the friendship that exists among our retirees.

The Oct. Northsiders breakfast was lightly attended, perhaps because of the Octoberfest Luncheon the previous day. It is wonderful to see first timers: Jane Yaguchi, who retired in April 1984 from Refunds, says that every day now is a holiday. Thanks for joining, Jane. Remember if you know of United friends who have never attended a breakfast, please bring them & have them join our group.

Thanks to all of our generous retirees from the Northsiders Breakfast Group who brought canned goods & paper products for our semi-annual Food Pantry Collection. At this time of the year it is fitting that we can reach out to those in need. All the contributions are appreciated, I am sure there will be many happy people giving thanks for our donations. Our next food collection will be in the spring.

On Dec. 9 retiree volunteers are needed at World Headquarters Cafeteria to assist with the acceptance of the gifts purchased by UAL employees, in the continuation of the Holiday Giving Project. Volunteers will insure that employees returning gifts will have their names logged, to make sure that all pledged gifts are received. This is a very rewarding & fun program that benefits children receiving the gifts. To volunteer or for additional information call Debbie Bridges of Community Service at World Headquarter, phone (847)700-6814.

Remember that the Skyliners annual dues of \$5.00 are now due for 2006. Make your check payable to "*Chicago Skyliners*", send to Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL. 60018. Remember to include your file number on your check. If you have any questions, Ken can be reached at (847) 836-5157. It is also important to include any changes to your zip code, telephone number, e-mail address, etc., so that this can be updated on the Skyliners master list.

Please remember that the parking lot across from the training Center is no longer available for over night or travel parking. The property has been sold. You may park directly across from guard shack.

The Southsiders group of 21 that attended brunch at Sally's Restaurant enjoyed the company of 3 retirees from the O'Hare group & the Halloween treats. Those wishing to know what happened to the Pumpkin Patch Doll that Bill Adams won, you will have to ask him.

The annual dinner at the Chicago Food Depository this year was prepared by the cooking students at the school in the Depository. There were 13 of our retirees that attended to see Ron Pryer accept the award on behalf of United & the UAL volunteers for the many hours of volunteer service, also for the Grant money United has given to the GCFD over the past years. The beautiful ceramic plaque award was then presented to Debbie Bridges. Also congratulations to Ron Artman who was a \$50,000 Grant recipient for his contribution of volunteered hours at the Food Depository.

Calendar:

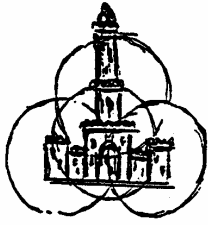
Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (Last Tues. of the month) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview

Loop Group – Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m. Downtown Chicago. (The Gathering is the 3rd. Wed. of every other month. The next Loop Group Gathering is in Jan.)

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (2nd. Wed. of the month) at 9:00 a.m., Golf & Busse Hwy. in Mt. Prospect

Skyliners Christmas Luncheon – Dec. 13 – at Avalon Banquets, 1905 East Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village. This is at Oakton & Rt. 83. (Less than a mile from World Headquarters). Cocktails 11:00a.m., lunch will be served at 12:00. Holiday entertainment will be featured.

Holiday Gift Giving Project – Dec. 13. Volunteers needed at World Headquarters Cafeteria to help with the Christmas Gift Sharing Program.



LOOP GROUP

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Surprise ... Why not, it was a wonderful, very congenial luncheon. It was so good saying "hello" again to Anita & Ted Junf back from their holiday trip to Europe, also & Roe Mallstrom back from their annual escape to Mexico, greeting Mary Szabo & Norm Pearson, Ginny & Fran Vlach, Stephanie & Ron Madsen, Beverly Connor (slipping away from Marshall Fields). We missed Mary Gray, Tony & Helen Stefanos. Helen was especially pleased that lamb chops were on the menu, best of all – seeing Muriel Bergsma & her husband who was very entertaining with some stories. All in all, a very happy friendly luncheon.

I have received many inquiries about Pat Schaeffer. Pat is recovering from her stroke very nicely. She & her husband John now live in Sun City, FL. I know she would love to hear from you. Address & Phone #: Pat Schaeffer, 434 N. Faire Dr., Sun City, FL 33578 - (313) 642-8667

One more important thing, the next luncheon will be held Nov. 16, however, not at the Palmer House but a new spot, Costas in Greek Town. Address is: Costas, 340 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL

Calendar:

Nov. 16 - Loop Group Luncheon, 1:30 PM, Costas 340 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL - (312) 263-9700.

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Oct. meeting went quite well at our new meeting place, the Golden Corral in Plainfield. We had 20 members attend, all went home stuffed after hitting the unlimited food bar before the meeting. Some of us double-dipped by starting their meal all over again after the meeting at 4:00 when the dinner menu becomes available.

We discussed & planned our Christmas Party, which will be held at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville on Dec. 4 from 4:00-11:00. The Lodge is a great place to meet during the winter as it will be decorated for Christmas, has a large fireplace & a very cozy atmosphere. Our chapter will provide the meats as well as soft drinks, coffee, etc. We are asking for those attending to bring a dish to complete the meal. A \$3 P/P fee will be taken at the door that evening to cover some of the extra costs. We will also have a gift exchange with a \$10 limit P/P.

Our regular meeting will be held Dec. 12 at the Golden Corral. Please bring an **unwrapped** gift for Toys for Tots as the Marine Corp. will be with us during our meeting & take our gifts to the appropriate location as they did last year.

Jim Gibson & Christine Steele will not be with us for our next meeting as they will be in Lima, Peru for Jim's son's wedding. Wow, the extent some people go to just to get away from the winter months! That's OK Jim & Chris as we're saving the snow for when you return!

Hope to see you all at the next Indy Racers meetings on Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13 at Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., Plainfield, within 2 blocks of I-70 & State Rd. 267. Meeting begins at 3:00, we have the room reserved starting at 2:00 so you can eat first.

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NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters Nov. meeting was attended by 33 members at Sue Chang's restaurant. Always good to see fellow members after skipping a month's meeting. Extra good to see Paul Newcomb & Josephine Pazzino, both absent for some time. After a good meal our meeting consisted of discussions on upcoming chapter officer elections, next year's meeting info being sent via e-mail, new meeting locations for 2006, by-law voting & the Christmas luncheon.

We all missed our Executive Administrator, George Mavreles, still recovering from hospitalization. George has his own method of mingling & keeping members upbeat at meetings. Easy to see why he's missed. George, please come to the Christmas luncheon.

Bill Shailor won the 50/50, Peter Fusco won the free lunch. Seems they are both becoming regular winners. We lost 2 members this year, Stanley Koziel & Gereda Biglin, who moved to VA & MD respectively. The Nor'Easters loss will be another chapter's gain. Our Chapter Pres. Carleen, is now mother to a new puppy saved by being adopted.

Calendar:

Dec. 13 - Christmas luncheon, Angelica's, Middleton MA.

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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23 Escapees & 1 guest, Helen Venn, gathered at the Senate in Northville Oct. 13, hosted by Kay Smith. 1st timers this year included Sally Reithel & Ken Smith. Our big discussion was the dual checks deposited in our accounts; most claimed they were getting more than they had before. I thought I was getting \$144 more. Then, those that had checked closer than some of us, told us to re-add including what was sent to Uncle Sam as they found the PBGC & Met Life had short changed our Uncle. After checking again, I found this was true - that now it added up exactly the same. I am truly glad I did not wait until April 15 to realize this. You can call the PBGC @ 800 400-7242, they will send you a form so you can change your withholding back to what it was before or whatever amount you want to be withheld.

Nov. 3, 26 Escapees & guest, Helen Venn, (Joanna O'Brien's mom), met at Rocky's of Northville, hosted by Joan Benoit. We welcomed for the first time in 2005, Bill Wade, Elaine Clynych plus Fred & Carol O'Keefe. Helen very proudly showed off day by day pictures of her first great grandchild. Guess who is now a very proud grandma ...

Several Escapees had another wonderful time in Stillwater, MN with the Loonies. Only downer was it took us 12 hours to get MSP DTW. I think, I'm glad to see UA filling their seats with revenue passengers. If we still had our free privileges it would'nt hurt so bad... Anyone listening?

I received a beautiful "Thank You" from Joyce Gilmore, signed by each family member. She claimed they were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, gifts, financial assistance, clothing, phone calls & overall generosity from so many including UA Employees & Retirees. They still continue to experience emotions of sadness, helplessness & uncertainty, but not without Hope also know with God's help they will rise again. 14 family members have left for DAL to start life over so only 9 members are still with her sister that took in all 23 family members. Joyce plans to start over in Gulfport, MS as she has no family left in MSY. Please keep Joyce and her family in your prayers, along with all that were punished by Katrina.

Other hurting Escapees to keep in your prayers: John Auld (broken hip), Julie Felix (thyroid operation), John LeRoy (tumor removed), Sue James (broken knee cap) & Ken McComb. Get Well Quick to all.

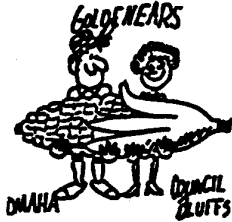
Lastly, our Love & prayers to Carl Saville on the loss of his wife Barbara, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. She passed away Oct. 7 surrounded by family. Condolences to Carl & family @ 23011 Bernard St., Taylor, MI 48180. Also in need of our love & prayers, Eileen Succar,

(DTWRR) whose son, just 29 yrs, passed very suddenly Oct. 16, in the Hospital Emergency Room. Concerns to Eileen & family @ 6281 Potomac Circle W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

NEBRASKA



GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 41 at Old Country Buffet. We were happy to see Nick & Judy Nekonchuck & Nick's son, Mike from Ft Collins, CO. Even though Nick has lost a lot of weight he seemed to be in pretty good spirits.

Peggy Casbeer had reconstruction of her thumbs, also carpal tunnel on Oct. 10. She will be in some form of a cast for at least 6 weeks.

Talked to Mary & Jim Beveridge. Jim said he is still taking treatments 4 weeks at a time, then is off 4. He said he found out he drank a lot of water after each treatment, it more or less flushes those chemicals out of his system. As you will remember, Jim has cancer in his back but said it has not traveled any further.

Stan & Helen Taylor will be celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on Nov 5. We send them our best wishes.

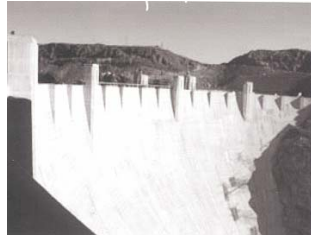
Calendar:

Dec. 6 - Anthony's - 5:00 P.M. - Hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton

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The Las Vegas Gamblers' Oct. luncheon/meeting was enjoyed by 37 members; including 2 new joiners, Bob & Colleen Fullmer (SFOPK). They retired here to the desert about 3 yrs ago; we're happy to have them as part of our group.

Thanks to George Fox (VP) for conducting the meetings through our transition to new officers. Winnie Stone & Chris Czaplewski are again serving as Treas. & Pres. for the coming year; along with our Secy., Baldor Ziel.

Joe Pickett, "brew master" for Ellis Island gave a short & interesting talk to introduce us to the all-natural root beer, which is brewed and bottled for the Casino. I understand there are free "tastes", you can purchase a jug to take home with you.

Food was delicious, with a fresh peach cobbler for dessert. There was a write-up in the LAS Review Journal on this fine cobbler. Larry, our chef, & Manny, our host always do their best to try to please us "ole" retirees.

Eleanor Vasko reported that Felix Cicco is doing a little better with his recent surgeries & illness. I'm sure Donna & Felix would appreciate a note or card: 4997 Mascaro Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89122.

Dan Martinez had some serious problems with blood clots, but he's doing better. We were happy to see him at our luncheon.

Lois Fox had cataract surgery, developed an infection & had emergency Vitrectomy surgery 4 days later to save her eyesight. She now has her sight back improving everyday.

Sue James fell and broke her knee cap which needed surgery, she is recovering & doing fine.

Ken McComb (LAXRR), who lives in Mesquite, has had some recent medical problems. His friend, George White (way back UAL employee) reports that he is in assisted living care in Mesquite. Hopefully, we'll have more to report on his condition next newsletter. Thanks to Lili Iwamoto for this information. Guess Lili, Ken, George, & Howard Payne were all buddies way back in LAXRR days.

Winnie Stone had a great trip recently, cruising to Alaska, touring through the inland passages, flying back from Anchorage. She needed this time away, as her husband, Fred, keeps her busy at home with his heart & other medical problems.

Baldor Ziel is doing well since his heart attack in Feb. He's looking good, as he has lost some weight, & watching his cholesterol intake. That's difficult to do with all these wonderful buffets in Las Vegas! Speaking of LAS; our weather at this time of year is so beautiful. This is how we get through our hot summers, looking forward to these nice days.

Chris Czaplewski ran into old friends at the May Convention – Chris & Bob Taylor. Bob retired from LASMM many years ago, now lives in Port Lucie, FL. Their home was wiped out last year by the hurricanes; hoping that this year they are all right.

A note about a different place for our meetings, it will cost about \$24 P/P to get a place with a better atmosphere, remember that the rental of the meeting room has to be included in the meal price.

Calendar:

Meeting Place: The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109 – (702) 733-8901

Dec. 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 14 – 11:30 a.m.

April 8 – 11:30 a.m.



**RENO SIERRA
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Mary was unable to attend the meeting today – she was resting up for her arthroscopic knee surgery on the 21st. In addition, Patricia Steenrod has been in the hospital since Oct. 2. Her stay at St. Mary's in Reno was for 6 weeks, after which she will be undergoing rehab. Get well cards on behalf of Sierra Roundup members has been sent to both ladies.

Flyers for our Dec. Christmas luncheon will be going out soon. They will be sent separately. The date of the luncheon is Dec. 12. At this meeting, there were no suggestions as to change of menu, so look for the same – Prime Rib & Salmon.

The winner of the 50/50 was Ann Batty. We bid farewell to our regular waitress Stacy, who leaves the Red Lobster for an office full-time job & night shift at the Red Lobster. Jim Compton shared a joke about driving a car without a license & registration.

Oct. birthdays were celebrated by: Joyce Wiese, Pat Nettle, Larry Nagley.

Calendar:

Dec. 12 - Christmas Luncheon

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting of the Gardenstaters Oct. 26 at Snuffys Restaurant in Scotch Plain, NJ. A moment of Silence was held for Retiree Nick Spedoto who passed away. Dick reported on the numbers of employees at Newark Liberty International Airport, 29 Mechanics, 90 Ramp Service, 66 Customer Service, & 9 Store Keepers. The numbers have dwindled greatly. Jerry Confer thanks everyone for bringing in toys for Toys for Tots. Don't forget, you can still bring them in at the next meeting, but not at the Dec. meeting. Cut off date is Dec. 14. There was an e-mail about Medicare Part D, Prescription Plan, if United doesn't recall the medco plan, you were advised to keep that one.

Dick did not have a meeting with the Manager of Newark Airport, but Retirees will no longer be able to park at the UAL parking lot (the old Loomis Building), due to liability & insurance. This is happening all over the system.

For those that want to go to the dedication of the memorial for Flight 93 next year, these are the hotels available if you want to stay overnight, Hampton Inn, Quality Inn, Holiday Inn & the Best Western.

Welcome back to Eileen Eaton who has been out sick & a big hello to Bill & Marion Hafer also to Marion's sister who attended this meeting.

Calendar:

Dec. 14 - Holiday Luncheon. Special menu of Prime Rib, Shrimp Scampi & others for the same price.

NEW YORK



NEW YORK METROS

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We had 57 members attending our Nov. meeting at Antun's of Hicksville. It was great to see Peter & Edythe Dollis at the meeting. We didn't get to see much of them this year. Welcome Back! Diana Arena is taking a much needed trip to visit her son in FL. She is forsaking flying by taking Amtrak all the way to Davie. I also heard that she plans to visit a Casino in the Davie area, besides the local Bingo parlors. Good trip!

We have 14 members celebrating birthdays this month. On the top of the list are Leo Talochino 81 on Nov. 1 & Nell Napolitano on the 18th. Nell just advised us she has two aliases & never knew it. The 1920's was a swinging era! Happy Birthday Nov. babies!

Ann & George Maertz will be married 50 years on the 12th. They were talking about a Hawaiian cruise or a trip to Germany. Martha & Vic Auletta married 66 years on Nov. 15. Vic & Martha are honorary N.Y. Metros, they're now living in sunny FL. Best wishes for many more years of wedded bliss to both couples.

Charlie Kaczinski gave his monthly update on the happenings at United Airlines. There was a deep discussion about the PC disc received by most of the Metro members. A few of the members spoke with their lawyers about its contents. Most members don't have PC's (personal computers) to run the disc.

Metro Pres.-elect, Jim Richardson, gave a report on the reunion of the LaGuardia Customer Service Agents that was held last month. 64 former LGACS came back to see familiar faces & talk shop. They came from across the country & Europe. Another reunion is being planned for JFKCS this coming spring 2006.

The Marathon School Christmas party is Dec.20, 09:00. The school's location is on Marathon Parkway & 61st Av., in Queens. Unwrapped toys & money are being collected at the Dec. Christmas Banquet.

The past recipients of the JOHN PUCILLO AWARD selected LEO TALOCHINO for this year's recipient. Congratulations Leo for your outstanding work for the local chapter, N.Y. Metros of RUAEA.

2005 Life Members are Jean Zito & Dan Mahon. Best wishes to both.

Honored guests for the Christmas Banquet are Linda Guliano & Irene Parker daughters of John Pucillo. Also life member Mary Shepherd & her sons Ronnie & Denis.

Mary Butera is having knee surgery Dec. 12, (718) 357-6061.

Calendar:

Dec. 7 - Christmas Banquet - 12noon at Antun's in Hicksville. Fee is \$20.00 PP

Jan. 4 - 12 noon at Antun's in Hicksville

Feb. 1 - 12 noon at Antun's in Hicksville

OHIO

BUCKEYES

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Nov. 3 we met at Bain Cabin in Fairview Park for a buffet Luncheon. John Kowalski entertained us for 45 mins. prior to being served. His music was very up lifting. He played Oldies but Goodies. The cabin was located in a beautiful setting, we couldn't have asked for a nicer day. VP Sharon Minelli hosted this event, also the food was delicious. Whatever you didn't eat you were able to take home. Thanks again Sharon!

Our VP, Sharon Minelli is filling in for our Pres. Carol Hacker. She opened with a prayer followed by luncheon.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to those celebrating Nov. birthdays. Also acknowledged Nov. anniversaries.

We acknowledge 1 guest. Arlene Taylor brought her sister Eleanor K. She enjoyed our socializing so much that she volunteered to be our mascot. It was so nice to see Mark & Sharon Gatesman & Vic Taylor. Welcome back!

We have quite a few members with illnesses this month! Pres. Carol Hacker is still recovering from her bout with Oral surgery & shingles. She thanks everyone for cards & calls. She is now able to have visitors.

Treas. Dolly Taucher fell last month at home. She has been diagnosed with a broken left shoulder. Cards may be sent to; 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

Stan Novak says "thank you" for all the cards he received during his illness. Carrie Kercel had surgery Oct. 28, is now home from the hospital. She is doing well. I just learned that Frank Wachs is home from the hospital. George Novak husband of Betty, is now in rehab. Please keep these people in your prayers & that they will continue to improve & will be on the road to recovery soon. God Bless!!

Thank you Shari Herman & Betty Taylor for setting up & manning the craft table. Members donated the various items. All proceeds will be donated to St. Herman's House in CLE. These items will be available at the Dec. meeting. Donations will be accepted at the Christmas party. Many thanks to the Taylors & Hermans for their time & effort for this worthwhile project.

We received a "Thank You" letter from the Salvation Army for the donation made on behalf of Ohio Buckeyes. Carol Hacker also received a phone call thanking the chapter for the generous donation to the Katrina victims.

I can hardly believe that another year is about to come to an end. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you wonderful United people. I truly feel blessed to be a part of this Chapter. Bernie & I will not be able to attend the Christmas Party but we would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays.

Remember there will be no Jan. meeting. Callers will call about the Feb. meeting being held at Dimitri's Restaurant.

Calendar:

Jan. - No meeting

Feb.1 - Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., callers will contact you. Cash

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I'm thinking Thanksgiving; however I realize when this column is read everyone will be getting ready for the Christmas & Hanukkah holidays. Wow, where did 2005 go!

Our Oct. meeting was a spellbinder. Al Haynes gave the group a marvelous presentation on the crash of Flight 232 in Sioux City. He gave a lot of information most of us had never heard before, plus a tape of the conversation between the control tower & cockpit. I hope other chapters have the opportunity to host him in the future.

Welcome to new members Curtis & Patricia Neal of SFOPD.

Two members had surgery in Oct., Dorothy Shanley & Mike Thomas. As of this writing I know that Mike is home after successful brain surgery; however I understand Dorothy will go into a convalescent center to recuperate.

It's that time again, the 2006 Dew-er's chapter dues will start being accepted at the Dec. meeting. It is necessary to have your dues paid by March to have your name listed in the 2006 membership directory. Dues are \$7.50 single or \$10 for a couple. For those not planning to attend a meeting in the near future you may send you payment to Dave Smith, 8310 NE Brazee St., Portland, OR 97220.

The Christmas party will be on Dec. 7, so remember there will be no luncheon on Dec. 14.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 & (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

Dec. 7 - Christmas Party 4 to 8 PM

Jan. 11 - TBA

Feb. 8 - TBA

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Our Columbus Day Luncheon was well attended & very informative. Speaker was Thomas Carroll, a Triage Clinician from Chester-Keystone Health System who explained the new Medicare D prescription program. Since the presentation was rather involved, we began immediately after Pres. Joe Brad, offered the blessing.

Following that presentation, Kathy Edwards gave information on the Veteran's prescription plan & had information available for residents of NJ, DE & PA. Lew Meyer discussed hearing aid availability from Coatesville, PA Veterans Assn. Treas. Tom Lyons said dues were due in Nov. He also announced that you must contact the PBGC about taking out the proper tax. Past Treas. Frank Egges explained our intention to match any donations to the memorial for flight 93.

We collected items to be sent to the GI's in Iraq & for the Veterans' home. Jere Snyder has been moved from the hospital to Bryn Mawr Rehab in Wayne, PA. Mary Ann Breaker passed away.

We welcome new member, James Ruppert - PHLJL

Kathy & Al Edwards hosted the Oct. 24 committee meeting. In attendance were: Pres. Joe Brad, Bernie & Mona McNamee, Frank & Marge Egges & Dee Burrs.

We discussed filling more boxes to send to the GI's in Iraq. We have 7 names of those who are related to United Retirees. We are also putting together gift boxes for the Veterans' home for Christmas.

We discussed making our own get-well cards for the retirees that are under the weather & having everyone sign them at the general meeting.

The centerpieces for the Washington DC convention were discussed at length. A proposal was made to rent a van to go to the convention rather than taking so many individual cars.

Joe said the RUAEA Newsletter asked the questions, "What is of value?" and, "What else can we do?" We plan to pose the same questions to our local membership.

Christmas is almost upon us so we are planning for another spectacular party.

A reminders for those who plan to attend our local meeting, please Email the Edwards at: al_kath_edwards@yahoo.com. The restaurant would like to be better prepared.



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The leaves have all turned to beautiful colors. Hopefully we'll not have had too much of the "white stuff" by the time this letter is hot off the press.

The Oct. luncheon was certainly enjoyed by all that attended. Treatie & her staff did a great job, especially without 2 of our mainstays absent. Barb Seaholm was recuperating from her recent hospitalization. We certainly missed our 1st VP Skip Weiss who lost his battle with leukemia. Vic & wife Joan Ference, along with Mitch & Doris Abbas did a great job in keeping the luncheon going.

Thanks for a great job!

I must have jinxed our good buddy Rich "Cake" Guida, stating he was coming along after his surgery. Rich fell in the shower getting ready for the luncheon. He suffered a broken leg (the same one he had a knee replaced) that wasn't enough they also had to insert a pacemaker. Rich will be laid up a long while (he swears he will be at our open house). Cards can be sent to: 195 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

I'll devote the remainder of this months column to our roving reported Ken Wolfe. His comments follow.

The month of Oct. is somewhat of an anniversary. In 1982 4 guys from PIT decided to meet for breakfast. At that time one was working in PIT, one in ORD, one in DEN & the fourth had retired.

They originally met when the person from DEN was able to come in. In 1985 when the pilots were on strike, that couldn't happen. The breakfast that year happened to be on the 4th Thurs. in Oct. Everyone there at that time felt that Thurs. was as good a day as any to meet & that became the day except for Nov. & Dec. because of the two major holidays. In its prime there were as many as 35 people that came. Now we are fortunate if 10 can make it. Some are no longer with us & some cannot make it because of health.

A second group of retirees, when it started, active guys started getting together on the 1st Sat. Once again some are no longer with us, some cannot come because of health.

Both are not gender specific or group of employees specific.

Thurs.'s gathering is at the Lat N' Park on Steubenville Pike at 08:30.

Sat.'s is at Janoskys Garden Restaurant on Rte 30 in Clinton at 09:00.

If you are of a mind, come & meet some of your fellow UAL'ers

Coming soon – News updates from our friends in CRW, ROA & CKB

Calendar:

Dec. 9 - Christmas Luncheon - Hydeholde Restaurant

Dec. 16 – Jeri & Bernie's 33rd Annual Open House

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What a wonderful season we've entered here in East Tennessee! Long springs & long autumns are 2 of the many seasonal attractions of this area. We're now in one of them. Due to an extended warm period & recent dry weather, the peak of our fall color will be a little later than normal. More to enjoy before our so-called winter is upon us.

Our Oct. 20 breakfast had a good turnout - 17. The Emmels of Sharp's Chapel (on Norris Lake) came from the greatest distance away, a little over an hours drive. Most of us had heard the news that broke the day before about a new destination from TYS. UA announced that on Feb. 8, they will establish new, daily non-stop service to DEN. The new service will be provided by United Express with CRJ-700 regional jet equipment with 66 seats, offering 1st class as well as economy seating.

UA will enjoy some financial assistance in launching the new service. The Airport Authority will waive landing fees for 9 months, worth \$40,000; also offered up to \$70,000 for marketing expenses. Did I mention that we're looking forward to this new non-stop destination?

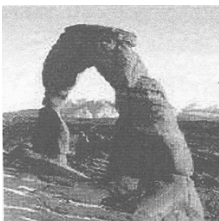
Calendar:

Dec. 15 – 9:30 am EST, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Jan. 19 – 12:30 EST or 11:30 CST, hosts & luncheon/meeting site to be determined.

Feb. 16 – 9:30 am EST, breakfast at Shoney's in West Knoxville.

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On Oct. 19, 23 chapter members met at the Jumbo Buffet in Murray. It was a nice get-together with great fall weather. Art Scott took lots of pix to be added to future local newsletters. Thanks, Art.

We missed our newly elected chapter Pres. Doug Peterson. Also missed were Tony/Dorothy Brown; Doug Roberts; Bud/Kay Nelson, Kiyoko Olsen. We hope to visit with them next month at the Murray Heritage Center.

It was good to see a few of our regulars getting on with their health: Beverly Farrington & Shirley Ottman, both doing well without the help of a cane after serious operations. Ken Tronier's left hand, injured when a screwdriver buried itself into the palm of his hand, is again ready for his usual hard work. Nancy Tronier, whose 3 children live & work in HOU,

reported them to be all right after hurricane "Rita." Nancy, who is a good friend of Maria Apperson now residing in HOU, will soon get in touch with Maria to see how she is doing after the devastating hurricane & promised to report back to this correspondent. Aletha Cannon was again joined by her son Kenny, the Sheriff's Deputy, but without her daughter Shirleen.

Lila Maughan had family visiting with her, therefore, not able to attend. At the Nov. 16 chapter meeting, potluck menu items will be discussed for the Dec. 7 (12noon) Christmas party at Lila's condo community clubroom (254-7213). Chapter VP Betty Davis is also available regarding menu info (562-0216).

Calendar:

Dec. 7 - Potluck Christmas Lunch - 12noon, 1627 Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan, UT.

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Oct. 4, our chapter held a picnic with 21 present at Stuarts Draft Park. We all send our special thanks to Margaret & Jim Sarsfield who arranged everything in advance for us. The catered food was delicious. It was a fun time for all of us to relax in the Fall season.

Pres. Gene Calvert spoke briefly about UAL pension payments & compared notes with those present. Next meeting plans were discussed for our Dec. Christmas meeting. John Rice will have more information for us later. Treas. Milton Westover accepted donations for the treasury use. Bob Carter shared some new information on computer safety, viruses & the like. We can all use that information.

We missed the Sterretts, Meadows, Ennis Fulcher, the Britains & Gordon Simmons. Also, we are very happy to have Juanita & Don Gartzke, Tom Melgaard and Loreto & Catherine Constantino back with us after several illnesses & other things. It was nice to have almost everyone present at our picnic.

Calendar:

Dec. - Meeting to be announced.



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Luncheon was held on Oct. 20 at Locks Point Restaurant with 18 members in attendance. Not able to attend were Paul Chasey (stroke), Claire Carlson (health problems). Restaurant has new owners & menus. Hosting was Betty Chasey. 4 table plants were won by Gieger, Temale, Richard & Collins. Bob Collins is back with us after a brief illness. 50/50 was won by Pat Gieger's daughter-in-law who was one of the guests including Bob Williams, son of Jane Williams. Meeting opened with a joke from Bob Collins. Hank Gilbert showed old pictures of Capital Airlines far back as the DC-3's. As the pictures were sent around memories & stories were shared by all. We now have 21 paid members. If interested in attending our next lunches, please call Mario Quaglietta (757) 490-7326 or write me at above address.

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The Oct. meeting was held at Maxi's Rooftop Restaurant at the Doubletree Hotel near the Airport. We had 55 people who enjoyed a delicious meal. Guy Lamond hosted the event but unfortunately was unable to attend due to a cold. He worked with the catering office via telephone. Thanks, Guy.

Jim Sundmark was introduced as a new member. He retired from SEA Passenger Service in 1985. A guest, Irene Barrett, came with member Marian Matthews.

The honor for the longest commute goes to Judy & Ted Higley who drove from the Lake Chelan area. This may be their last trip until Spring since the snow on the passes will determine whether they will be able to attend. In fact as I write this today, all passes report early snow & may open for skiing, snow boarding & snow activities a week or more early. Last year was a poor dry year for the Cascade Mountains.

Our Northwest Representative, Hank Gosselin, gave a short update on the forthcoming convention in Washington DC. Good news! Hank said that we should have an 800 number for the SEA Travel Desk - This should help relieve the pressure on PDX.

Bob Brumfield spoke that the Port of Seattle is just about doubling the square footage price on facilities in the airport terminal. SEACU will be moving to a new location on International Blvd (a.k.a. Highway 99). He did not have a date or location of the move. Either Bob or SEACU will keep us advised. For retirees it will mean we can visit the Credit Union without paying \$2 to park. American Airlines is closing their Admiral's Club out on the new concourse A due to the high cost associated with the price increase being imposed by the port. Bob indicated that with these increased costs that Seattle - Tacoma is now the most expensive airport that United operates. What a dubious honor! We are also the only non hub city that flies one flight a day to Narita, Japan. Also, it goes out full every day between passengers & cargo. We still have 1 Flt. a day to ANC.

Our 50-50 was won by Lu Gardiner who also won a door prize. Lucky Lu! Other door prizes were won by many happy members.

We are hoping to see Guy Lamond & Dick Waterous at the Nov. luncheon. Both are still recuperating from long illness & will be picked up. It is doubtful if Bob Brumfield will attend due to a successful hip surgery the last part of Oct. Card & phone calls are most welcome (allow a few rings). Bobs address is: 1107 First Ave., #1506, Seattle, WA 98101-2947; (206) 682-4059.

Don't forget our Travel Desk (206) 433-4218. We are here Mon./Tue./Wed./Thurs. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pacific Time.

Calendar:

Dec. - Merry Christmas

Jan. 11 - Lunch at Maxi's

Feb. 14 - Lunch at Fairwood C & G

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Ed Meadows hosted the Nov. 13 dinner held at Boston Gourmet Pizza in the Spokane Valley. As Ed said it's not just pizza, it is Italian! It was our first time there, it was great. Thanks Ed!

Lance & I just returned from a month in Sedona & Palm Springs. Had a great time, weather was fantastic, including the day we spent visiting the Grand Canyon. Drove home with snow on both sides of the highway. Winter is not far away. We visited with Chris & Lee Anders & their 8 yr. old daughter Ali. Lee is feeling pretty good & Chris is busy with Girl Scouts, gymnastics & quilting that she does beautifully. We also saw Bud & Joy Brown, another UAL retiree couple from PHX, now also residing in Prescott. Joy is a retired F/A, Bud, retired from Customer Service.

Wes Nearing just brought his wife Laura home from the hospital after a two-week stay with gastro intestinal surgery. She is recovering nicely. The good news is that it wasn't cancer & Laura will make a full recovery. We probably won't

see the Nearings before the holidays as they live in Princeton, ID. The two lanes, winding road to Spokane in the winter is usually less than pleasant & not recommended as a stress reliever.

Vera Graham, Fran Smith & Pauline Miller had lunch with Elsie George last month (at the Worley Casino). Elsie is still grieving the loss of her husband K.D. but says she plans on staying on the mountain this winter where K.D. built their home in St. Maries, ID. She has wonderful neighbors that will keep her plowed out if we get lots of the white stuff. Also Elsie has asked us not to call her for upcoming events if they fall on Sun., as she would not be available to attend.

We welcome 2 newcomers to our group. They are Jim & Joyce Wilkuski from Bayview, ID. They moved here Oct. 17 from CO. They actually live on Lake Pend'Oreille between Bayview & Sandpoint. Joyce is a retired F/A.

Les & Vera Graham are hosting Dec. Christmas Party at the Chic-a-Ria. They will be contacting you with details. It is currently planned for the first Sun. in Dec. Don't forget to bring your dues & a gift to exchange for each person attending!

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85 members welcomed key representatives from AFLAC to our Oct. 9 meeting.

AFLAC, a supplemental medical insurance company, answered many of our members' particular questions regarding their benefits & coverage amounts.

Tracy Wiedman gave an inspiring & interesting presentation about a little known program provided by the Fairfax County Police. The Citizens' Police Academy provides 10 weeks, one night a week, training & education for any who are interested. A security check is a pre-requisite for this training which consists of a board & varied curriculum. Some of the evenings touched on in Tracy's talk were:

- An evening at a shooting range
- An evening at the Animal Control Center
- An informative talk on Drugs & Gangs
- An evening at the 911 Control Center

Mari McColl & Kerrie Schneider discussed a holiday program for the 40 plus families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. These families will be spending the Holidays here in the Washington Metro Area, far from their homes. We want to ensure these families have a wonderful Christmas, with the knowledge that our Chapter cares about their loss & their continued progress toward recovery. At the Nov. meeting, Kerrie & Mari brought paper angels inscribed with a name, age & sizes. Anyone who wishes to participate in our "Christmas with Neighbors" may draw a paper angel. This should be returned at our Dec. meeting with your chosen gift. For any who would like to participate, but were unable to attend the Nov. meeting, call Kerrie at (703) 369-1561, or Mari at (703) 471-8218 for a paper angel.

We look forward to our Dec. meeting, which will be on the usual 2nd Wed., Dec. 14.

Calendar:

Dec. 14 – Regular Meeting: "Christmas with Neighbors" paper angels, "details in column".

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

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I hope this message reaches you. Probably the first one from Antarctica. I am well & fully recovered from colon cancer.

Passed all my physicals required by Raytheon Polar Services, then granted a waiver by the National Science Foundation to return to McMurdo in Antarctica for my sixth season driving shuttles. I arrived here on Oct. 5, 2005 & will leave for DEN on Feb. 20, 2006. Just thought you might like to know there really is a future for cancer survivors.

Velma Stough, 170 Treasureton St., Colfax, CA 95713-9023

I'm recuperating from a heart valve replacement & a pacemaker implant.

Still miss my husband, Mike, who passed away in Jan. I tell people we're 2 of the oldies – starting with United in 1945 & 46.

We made a lot of wonderful friends during those years. Have loved receiving the RUAEA Newsletter to keep track of them; so thank all of you who keep us informed on our friends by sending us our Newsletter every month. We sure appreciate it.

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Thanks for all the hard work put forth in publishing the Newsletter. Your team & the different chapters always provide interesting reading.

I have a United Retiree Get-Together twice a year in the Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, FL area. This is a renewal of an older group which became inactive when "THE FUN SHINERS" chapter was discontinued.

We meet once or twice a year for dinner or lunch with 30 to 55 attending. We had 30 retirees attend our luncheon on Sept. 30.

Peggy Hallsted, 243 Caseco Ln., Port Orchard, WA 98366-4701

Here are my dues for the coming year. Thanks for reminding me via the RUAEA website when I came online to check the latest newsletter. The website is wonderful & well done. Easy to maneuver through also find what I need. I appreciate all you folks at RUAEA that keep all of us up-to-date & informed. I know across the country & around the world all of United's retired family appreciate your efforts for all you do for us.

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

Just came back from LAS with a few bucks in my pocket so I thought I should share some along with my dues money.

I took the non stop out of Boston to SFO, then back to LAS, it seemed like the best way to go for the loads were very heavy out of ORD.

My point is that I was in complete shock at our service on the friendly sky, 2 cookies & cup of coffee on a 6-hour trip. Things sure have changed.

Mary Gabriel, 4201 S. Decatur Blvd. Apt. 1083, Las Vegas, NV 89103-5878

Thanks a million for all of the hard work. I recently made a round trip from LAS to SFO – no long lines. With the kiosks & pre-boarding, I was able to get a boarding pass before the plane was loaded which helps not to stand around looking like a pass passenger. I have an e-mail if any friends would like to correspond – jetttt@peoplepc.com.

Rose D. Nigro, 1907 25th St., Kenosha, WI 53140-4917

Thanks to Jo Madden & staff for their continued dedication producing our RUAEA newsletter!

LAX should be proud of their successful convention. We sure plan to attend the DC convention.

MaryAnn Fazio, 1 John Anderson Dr. Unit 316, Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Whoops, the red stamp. Almost missed it. We have been busy packing & will be moving the end of Oct. Our new address is above.

We have been doing quite a bit of cruising, it's not so easy because of all the ports in FL. One of our most memorable was a 51 day, Holland America cruise. Luckily my husband & I both love the luxury sea life.

Thank you for the great Newsletter you put together to keep us in touch with happenings at United & other retirees.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120

Thanks, Jo, & the crew for the great job on sending out the monthly newsletter. I sure look forward to getting it every month! Enclosed is my \$20 check for dues. Thank you.

My happy travels started right after New Years Eve to spend a few days at the wonderful Biltmore Estate.

Then my husband George & I took our May trip to Europe, went on the Wind Surf Cruise starting in Lisbon, Portugal, ending in Malaga, Spain, going south to Morocco, stopping in Safi & Casablanca, which were both very interesting places to see! We went with United people, Marilyn (Mr.) Chaplin; Jim Kristoff & Sandra Forrester; Jim Kulik; also my cousin & husband joined the United group.

June, we went to visit a friend who lives in the beautiful Palm Springs Area. Sept., I went to HNL for 6 nights, stayed at the UAL Seaside Hotel, with retiree Virginia Monaco (ORDCS). Very good price & location for UAL employees & retirees only.

I was bummed out about turning "Social Security Age". My husband sure had a surprise for me. After returning from HNL, he said he had been pricing new vehicles for me & wanted me to see them. Well, after getting to the dealer, there it was! A new silver metallic Ford Escape with a huge red bow on the hood, 2 balloons, & a sign on the windshield saying: "Happy Birthday". Wowie, George sure is a sweetheart! So this was my "best birthday".

Two weeks later, I took a cruise to Bermuda which was my cruise #65. There were 9 people with me. The end of Oct., we took a shortie cruise, with 12 ORDMM men & their wives. One man's daughter is getting married at the 1st port of call, on the beach in Key West.

At the beginning of this year I had a bad car accident on Valentines day; we had to stay home for several months after I had knee surgery, then therapy. While we are well, we will continue to keep traveling as often as we can. Thanks to both of us having United careers, me at CHIRR & George still working at ORDMM.

Marilyn Lydon, 1403 Whitespire Ct., Naperville, IL 60565

I attended the Loonies get-together in Stillwater, MN in Oct. Since Gene passed away, this is the 1st trip I've taken without him in 22 years. I'm sure he was there in spirit with all the Loonie friends we've made over the years.

I especially want to thank Jim Simon for putting together such a fun, well thought out reunion. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, it didn't put a damper on our fun outings. Stillwater is a beautiful old town with many things to see & do. I also want to thank Norm Wilkenson & Diana March for inviting me to ride to MN with them. (Norm is an excellent driver!) Also, thanks to all of the other Loonies who made me feel comfortable & saw that I had a good time. This group is really special. I'm looking forward to the Spring meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Wallace O. Wegner, 2915 S. Bandera Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76302

I really enjoy reading the Newsletter. I agree 100% with Art Swiatek's comments in Oct. Newsletter. Art was my foreman when I retired as a shop inspector at SFO nearly 20 years ago. My how time flies.

Since moving to Wichita Falls, Marge & I volunteered to do a Prison Ministry with a chaplain at Allied Prison.

Then later we joined with several other people in a rest home nurseries here in Wichita Falls & surrounding areas. We really enjoy this Nursery Home Ministry. After several years that came to an end when our gospel singer passed away & Marge came down with Alzheimer. Then this past June, she suffered a minor stroke which affected her throat & vocal cord. She had trouble swallowing & couldn't talk for a couple of weeks. After a couple of months of therapy, she got her voice back; & is able to speak & get around pretty good although quite slowly.

I had a mini stroke almost 5 years ago but with good doctors & a lot of prayers, have made a full recovery.

I would like to attend some of the convention but under the present circumstances, that is not possible.

Margaret Claeys, 904 W. Hintz Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Enclosed is a check for my dues plus \$5 for postage. Thank you for the excellent work you do on keeping us informed. I pray United will survive!

Gus Harrison London, 8782 Bronson Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746

Each month I receive the Newsletter I am reminded once again, of the many friends & memories shared through the years. Thanks to you & the great staff at RUAEA for keeping us so well informed.

All of us appreciate the open line of communication.

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

22 years of retirement & slowing down due to health problems. Charlie was in the hospital in May for cancer surgery so we missed what sounds like a great convention in Hollywood. We look forward to Newsletter. It contains the only information we receive on UAL. Hope UAL enlarges schedule out of San Antonio. Flights are going out full. Only trip we took this year, here in TX, to Mustang Island before Rita. We enjoyed sunny days & larger waves than usual.

Thank you for all the hard work you do to make this such a great Newsletter.

Elizabeth (Betty) Winchester, 555 Ashland St., Hoffman Est., IL 60194

Thank everybody for your dedication to bring us all the news & keep us all in touch in this troubled world we seem to be in. I can't believe it's been 25 years since I retired from EXO-Personnel Dept. I don't seem to feel any older than 25 years ago, as a matter of fact, I went on top of my roof last week & painted my chimney.

I'm busy with my 5 year old great grandson – play baseball & soccer with him. Having fun keeps you young. I'm getting 2 more great grandchildren, one any day & one at Christmas, so there is a lot of work to do, but I love it.

Dianne Meyerson, 744 Garfield St., Denver, CO 80206

I would like to tell you about a wonderful experience we had in London this last May. We stayed at a delightful B&B that is operated by a former DENCs agent & who is now a LHRCS agent. Dr. Garrie & Constance Williams run this B&B which is located near the Boston Manor Underground which is on the Piccadilly line about 15 minutes from Heathrow, about 20 minutes to central London. They have lovely rooms that are furnished with many antiques, very comfortable, quiet plus they serve a very filling continental breakfast.

Their website is primrosehouse.com & their e-mail address is primrosehousebnb@hotmail.com. They accept credit cards plus give an airline discount as well as a 7-day stay discount. They also informed us they know of a very reasonable car rental near them in case you want to do any day trips to the surrounding areas such as Stonehenge, Oxford, Blenheim Castle, just to name a few.

Both of them are very helpful regarding touring or local restaurants – even a nearby laundromat. I had the pleasure to work with Constance in our Red Carpet Club in DEN, admire all the hard work & dedication she & her husband have given to this wonderful B&B plus she is still working for United at Heathrow.

Many employees know of her place but would like to advise the retirees of this very clean, reasonable, helpful, quiet location. It was easy to get in & out of central London; felt like a home away from home.

Uel Soward, 5071 Scherbel Rd., Black Earth, WI 53515

There is no RUAEA chapter near me, but I keep up a correspondence with various members of the Central Coasters. Wilma Sandy told me on the telephone recently that at least 2 members plan to come to my party when I reach one hundred years! That will be 4½ years from now. I have selected an MC who is a relatively well known band leader in this area. I wanted someone who would be familiar with

the operation of a microphone. When I asked him to do the honors, he said, "For you, Uel, the cost will be nothing!" That's the attitude of most of the people here in WI ... they have adopted me.

At a county fair not long ago, I was selected to ride around in a Model T Ford. As I was going along, I heard one lady say, "There goes that man who furnished all those nice pictures for our new home." She was referring to more than 2 dozens photographs I furnished at the request of the North West Dane Senior Services. That was something I enjoyed. A Nikon digital camera on a tripod is a machine of delight. I use my HP printer. Most people think prints off a computer printer are dry when printed. NOT SO. They will collect minute amounts of dust while drying. While prints were drying, I stored them in a special box I created.

Needless to say, I am enjoying life.

Linda Davis, 9630 Meadow Rd. S.W., Lakewood, WA 98499

You recently asked for newsletter ideas. I would like to see a travel information section. It wouldn't have to be in the newsletter, but it could be at the website.

For instance, my daughter & I just came back from HNL. We stayed at the Aqua Marina Hotel in the heart of Waikiki for \$80/night, 1700 Ala Moana Blvd. (808) 942-7722. The facility is considered low-budget, but it's clean. It's a condominium, so has a kitchenette & is located directly across from the Ilikai. The airline rate gives you an ocean-side unit, the view is fantastic. The bus stops right in front, so you can get anywhere on the island ... walking distance to the Ala Moana Shopping Center.

With our pensions reduced, it would be wonderful to be able to travel on a budget.

Thanks for your hard work!

Paul Dillner, 3014 3rd Ave. W., Seattle, WA 98119

Thanks for the Newsletter, it helps keep alive the memories of the golden age of air transport. You caught me traveling, so I'm a bit late. We took a road trip from SEA to LAS & returned via the Grand Canyon, both south & north sides. We also visited Bryce Canyon & our favorite Zion National Park. Wish we'd done that one 40 years ago!

We are back home again, hunkered down for the rainy season & catching up with the bills!

Note to Roger Anderson: Guilty as charged. I was the Paul Dillner in DENOD. Seems my training helped a bit. Thanks again to all.

Arnold H. Hansen, Jr., 409 Oakwood Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534-1488

Keep up the very informative newsletter about the company during its trying time & the upcoming convention in Washington, D.C. But mostly about the excellent employees & friends who retired from United Airlines.

Thank you for another year.

Tarina Murray, 7619 Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305-1250

By the middle of the year I started drafting this letter in my mind in order to pay my dues with a short note a couple months in advance to beat the "Red Stamp"! Last year I had managed to get it in just in time but I was still very proud of myself. To my dismay this year I seem to be 2 months behind. They say "better late than never" but this does not justify an excuse, late is late.

Earlier in the year I experienced 4 surgeries for torn rotator cuffs on both shoulders, 3 on the right, 1 on the left. I have quite large scars but since I don't plan to enter any Miss America pageant, I don't think it really matters at this point.

Due to some medical complications this past year I lost 47 lbs for no logical reason, after several tests they only found a minor thyroid condition which has been controlled by oral medication. I have gained 14 lbs. (So I went up to 119 lbs).

I was not able to attend the Hollywood Convention here in LAX but my husband Charles & I did take the post cruise from Long Beach. We even stayed the night before on the Queen Mary, we had a wonderful time, in fact we already booked again for a 7-night cruise with Carnival Cruise Line in July, 2006 to the Caribbean.

I was discharged last week due to some bladder complications & severe pain. After a few days with fluids & IV antibiotics I was discharged & re-admitted that Mon. for surgery for bladder stones. Hopefully I will return to my “semi” tip-toped happy-go-lucky self. For now all I wish for is a little more energy.

In the meantime our 2 live-in grandchildren are doing fine. Anna “banana” is in the 4th grade & Althane is in his senior year at St. Bernards High School.

Thank you for all your fine work. After a few years we should not have to be reminded with the Red Stamp, we only have one birthday a year. But a guess – as we get older so does the memory portion of our brains!

I have nothing but fond memories from my short 25 years wit United Airlines at CHIRR, LAXRR & LAXTO. I also look forward to the fond memories I relive by reading RUAEA Newsletter every month. I don’t think I even have the words to thank you enough. Just continue the wonderful good work all of you do.

P.S. I’d love to hear from any UAL friends from over the years.

Norma Chapman Henning, 14 Old Coventry Lane, Bedford, NH 03110

Thanks so much for all you do to keep us together & informed.

Special thanks & much admiration for the Convention Committee. I made it to the SEA & LAX conventions, both wonderful! We had a great time in spite of all the worry & sadness about UAL. I’m looking forward to DCA in 2006.

My thoughts & prayers are with all the hurricane & flood victims. Let’s all say a prayer for our company & our country.

Aubury Bliss, 1191 Compass Lane, #112, Foster City, CA 94404

Greetings & Best Wishes; to all who participate in “putting to bed” the RUAEA Newsletter. To Jo Madden, Editor, Mailing Team, & various chapter contributors.

It’s amazing how many “orchid letters” are written expressing appreciation in receiving a great newsletter.

Getting ready to enjoy my 80th year including 19 years of retirement. Don’t do much traveling (none by air) but enjoy local activities & day trips. No more basketball with the DEN UAL team in the Industrial League, no more softball with the UAL SFO Ramp Team, nor tennis with my friends in DEN & SFO.

Lots of “TV”, Starbuck coffee & going to our local chapter’s lunches & outings.

To all my work associates & friends – a fond “hello” & remember the “good old days” in DEN & SFO.

Anna Crisci, 2410 Camino Vida, Palm Springs, CA 92264

Hooray another birthday and I’m still here to celebrate. Happy to enclose my birthday check and to let you know my new address above.

Thanks for all the hard work & devotion for keeping us all united & informed.

We were blessed while working for UA & we are still blessed receiving the benefits UA has provided.

Marilyn Gossler Hanson, 1176 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206

I’m a life member but am enclosing a check to help with mailing, etc. expense. Thank you for all the work that you do to keep us in touch with each other.

I have been retired several years now, from SFOOV & SFOCS. My fondest memories at the Maintenance Base are of the crazy softball team that we women had. There were several teams at the MOC; the women never lost to any of the men’s teams because of the crazy rules we had.

The teams even went to CHI & HNL to play against their teams. One of the fellows, Emery Kovacs, made up funny names for each of us & for the teams, also published a weekly newsletter. It was a grand old time!

Guy Lamond, 945-22nd St N.E. #161, Auburn, WA 98002

After 5 months of hospital stays & rehab I am now walking again, feeling much better. Lucky to be alive after the last hospital stay when I had a stroke. I was told I would never walk again, but us old timers don't always believe what we are told.

Mrs. Marshall Gebert, 17925 Cabela Dr., San Diego, CA 92127

It was great to see Jo holding court at the LAX Convention – looking good.

Hoping the DCA Convention includes a tour of the new WWII Memorial.

The Newsletter crew continues to do a super job keeping us informed.

Kudos to all.

Bonnie & Ed Meyer, 2702 Meadow Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

We became members of RUAEA 2 years ago with my husband's retirement from UAL.

We enjoy the company of its members, are very impressed with the talent & hard work of its committee members in organizing the luncheons & conventions. We really enjoy them.

On a personal note. Ed & I celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary in June. We went to Alaska for 2 weeks spending one week on a land tour, the second week on a cruise ship. It was the best present we gave each other.

We look forward to the newsletters & compliment those involved on a job well done.



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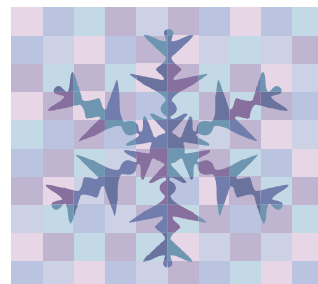
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