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***Come to Central
California & Explore***

No visit to the Sacramento area would be complete without some time spent in beautiful Yosemite National Park. It was designated a National Park Oct. 1, 1890. The park is approximately 200 miles east of SFO & 170 miles south of Sacramento. It is difficult to compete with Mother Nature, but the National Park Service & a team of landscape architects have done a pretty good job of it near the famous Yosemite Falls.

The falls are one of the signature views of Yosemite - a creek that drops 2,425 feet over cliffs in three giant leaps that together make the highest waterfall in North America. To put this in perspective, one might envision Niagara Falls times 10 in height. The falls are at their fullest in May & June while the winter snows are melting. Sometimes by mid-Aug. some of the falls are entirely dry when there is a light snow-pack in the high country.



The Yosemite Valley is only a fraction of the 1,189 square miles of Sierra wilderness that make up Yosemite National Park. The valley is only a mile wide & seven miles long. In the high country surrounding the canyon are great bald domes of granite, jagged peaks reflected in countless icy lakes, pleasant meadows & groves of giant redwoods. Through the valley & High Sierra, wind more than 700 miles of trails plus over 200 miles of roads. These trails & roads accommodate the nature requirements of rock climbers, backpackers, fishermen, campers, motorists & cyclists.

There is a variety of lodging accommodations within & around the park. The most famous hotel is the Ahwahnee Hotel. The hotel opened in 1927. The famous 7-course Bracebridge Dinner, first celebrated on Christmas 1927 & a traditional Christmas event that continues on Christmas Eve & Christmas day. The Ahwahnee re-enactment is based on Washington Irving's account of Christmas Dinner at Bracebridge Hall in Yorkshire, England in 1800.

The Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite is a deluxe mountain resort property located in the southern heart of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, 2 miles from the south entrance to Yosemite National Park. The Lodge has earned the prestigious AAA Four Diamond award every year since opening in 1990. A modern facility with natural décor, the Tenaya offers guests the perfect mix of modern conveniences & old fashion charm.

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Periodically, we receive requests from members or survivors of members for information needed to resolve benefit questions. Many of the contacts can be found in information provided by the Company, on its Website at SkyNet/Retirement and Money Matters, on our Website (www.ruaea.org), or in correspondence from various of the benefit providers. As an aid to those who may have questions, following is a list (probably not all inclusive, but I've tried my best) of the principal contacts & what benefit issues they cover:

- Benefits Service Center – 1-888-825-0188 – Traditional Medical, HMO, Life Insurance, Death Reporting, Travel
- BlueCross/BlueShield – 1-800-535-9825 - Medical Plan Claim Status
- Fidelity Investments – 1-800-245-9034 – 401(k) Information
- Frank Russell Trust Company – 1-800-433-4389 – Pilot Directed Account Plan
- Medicare – 1-800-623-4227 – Death Reporting
- Social Security Administration – 1-800-772-1213 – Death Reporting
- Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation – 1-800-400-7242 – Death Reporting

Finally, in last month's Newsletter, the Re-Sans & the Re-LAX-ers reported the passing of Bob Owens, past-Regional Director for Southwest California. The Board & I would be remiss in not reflecting on the loss to RUAEA of Bob's advice & counsel. We have previously expressed our condolences to Marian & the family. I take this opportunity to again repeat that message on behalf of the entire membership.

Mort Wax
President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The spirit of the Holiday Season is in the air & never fails to bring to mind the divine words "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to men". So, while

we exchange good wishes & entertain visions of a better future for us, United & everyone else, we dedicate ourselves to whatever is in our power for the realization of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to men." Drink a toast to our fine Men & Women in our Armed Forces, Pray for them, Wish them well.

I can only conclude by wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday season.

Hal Klobe,
Executive Vice President

OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

A reminder from last month, our tour committee is working on a pre-convention & a post-convention tour. The pre-convention tour will begin from a hotel near SFO, include sight-seeing & a layover en route to Sacramento. The post-convention tour will leave from Sacramento, involve sight-seeing & possible entertainment en route back to the SFO area. Other tours that are being worked on include local museums including art, mansions, aviation, gold mines in the area, wineries & river cruises.

An option on getting to Sacramento is purchasing a ticket on United with the employee/retiree discount of 20%. When booking the flights be sure to tell the agent you are a retiree & use the special code which is **S*PMO/EMP20**. Another option is to use a senior fare on Southwest. These fares are at least 50% of the standard fare, are changeable & cancelable with no penalty. You can check them out at www.southwest.com. You do have to be 65 or older. There is also Amtrak. We have heard from several that they are planning to arrive by train. The Amtrak station is about a dozen blocks from the hotel. Finally here is a recap of the space available options. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount - Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest & US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example is DFW to SMF is \$31 each way. To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets, contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon. - Fri. & 0700-1900 CT Sat. & Sun. Last but not least, Jet-

Blue & Southwest offer retirees standby fares \$25 OW, \$50 RT plus taxes. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept., 1-888-825-0188.

Lastly, the Hyatt is now open for booking convention reservations. This can be done in several different ways. You can call their 800 number, 800-233-1234, call the hotel direct 916-443-1234 or go to the RUAEA web-site at www.ruaea.org, there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night plus taxes.

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STOUT AIR SERVICES Cont.



Some of Wm. Stout's inventions & innovations:

- ✈ The "Imp Cyclecar" (V-2 motorcycle engine, friction drive & 4-speed automatic transmission)
- ✈ The first cantilevered internally-braced all-metal airplane wing (and the equipment to build it)
- ✈ The "Batwing Plane" (above, right 1918)
- ✈ The all-metal "Torpedo Plane"
- ✈ The Stout Air Sedan, first commercial all-metal airplane built in the U.S. (and with folding wings!)
- ✈ The 4-bolt attachment for rapid airplane engine exchanges
- ✈ The divided airplane landing gear (no solid axle)
- ✈ The "first" Ford Tri-motor (above, left 1926)
- ✈ The "Bicar" motorcycle (two-speed auto-

matic shift & side-saddle seating for women)

- ✈ The railroad "Pullman Railplane & Club Car"
- ✈ The rear-engine "Scarab" automobile (1932)
- ✈ The sliding automobile seat
- ✈ The first rear-engined passenger bus (1934)
- ✈ The first motor-home
- ✈ Prefabricated housing
- ✈ The "Skycar" flying automobile (below, 1930)



In 1954, Stout bought rights to the Ford Tri-motor design from Henry Ford II, intending to manufacture a modified version, however this venture failed.

By Marvin Berryman: Top 2 photos & info. from "So Away I Went", W. B. Stout, Arno Press 1951; www.coachbuilt.com; Skycar photo from "The Architects of the Aviation", Maurice Holland, Duell, Sloan & Pearce 1951.

WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES - DISPLAY II



On Oct. 31, a DEN UAHF crew installed this

United exhibit in the "Colorado Aviation Historical Society Heritage Hall" at the "Wings over the Rockies Museum at Lowry". This second exhibit of the series covers "The Formative Years" 1934-1940.

A 1939 United Stewardess uniform (left photo) & a 1937 United Pilot's uniform are displayed on manikins. The pilot's winter coat on the manikin arm has been loaned by the family of Ralph Stewart.

The summer Stewardess uniform on display belonged to Ethel Anderson "Andy" Green. Andy flew from 1934 to 1941. Thanks go to Andy's family; Shirley Ellgaard & Pamela Berding for providing Andy's uniform.

The cases' walls hold a recently-acquired display of this era. A DC-3 passenger blanket & other artifacts of the period cover the floor.

Photos of this display are in "UAHF Displays" at <http://community.webshots.com/user/dawson30>

WANTED: Realistic male or female manikins for our next WOR display, contact Tom Goodyear.

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Phones: UAHF at DENTK (303) 780-5537, Tom Goodyear cell (720) 696-1655, home (303) 696-7001. Visit our Website at: www.uahf.org.

UNITED REINFORCES CAPITAL-TO-CAPITAL FOCUS WITH NEW WASHINGTON, D.C. – ROME SERVICE

- ✈ Pending foreign government approval, United will offer daily service between Washington Dulles & Rome on April 1, 2007.
- ✈ This service & the 2 inaugural flights we will launch later this month from Dulles to Kuwait City & Tokyo Narita reinforces Dulles as our international hub on the East Coast. In addition, we will serve a dozen world capitals directly from Dulles by Nov.
- ✈ We continue to wait for government approval on our proposed service between Washington, D.C. & Beijing.
- ✈ By Nov., we will have increased our international & U.S. domestic service from Washington Dulles by 39 new flights, which represents

roughly 14% increase in departures over last fall.

CAPITAL-TO-CAPITAL SERVICE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. TO KUWAIT CITY & TOKYO TAKES OFF

United's focus on capital-to-capital service revs up as inaugural flights from Washington Dulles to Kuwait City & Tokyo Narita take off. The new service reinforces Dulles as our international hub on the East Coast. In addition, we will serve a dozen world capitals directly from Dulles by Nov.

- ✈ United Flight 982, the first nonstop commercial service by a U.S. airline to Kuwait City, departed Dulles on Oct. 28, at 9:51 PM.
- ✈ United Flight 803 to Tokyo Narita, United's first ever between D.C. & the Asia-Pacific region, departed Dulles on Oct. 29, at 12:20 PM.

Providing service from Washington, D.C., to other world capitals boosts governmental, business, academic & cultural relations between the U.S. & other countries.

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UNITED MAKES CHANGE TO IMPROVE INTERLINE PLEASURE TRAVEL TICKETING PROCESS

Effective Nov. 1, 2006, U.S.-based employees, retirees & their travel dependents will be able to contact Detroit Reservations to build a passenger name record (PNR) for same-day, immediate-need interline reduced-fare pleasure travel. Once created, the PNR can be presented to a ticketing representative at the airport. Previously, same-day ticketing was restricted solely to an airport lobby transaction.

This change was made based on feedback from traveling employees & retirees. The Travel Advisory Committee & customer service staff, that obtaining same-day interline pleasure travel tickets at airports was difficult due to the complexity & time needed for the ticketing transaction in a busy airport lobby.

Eligible employees & retirees may obtain inter-

line pleasure travel tickets in three ways: by calling Detroit Reservations at 1-888-874-1581 at least two weeks prior to travel; by visiting any United-operated airport ticket counter; or by calling Detroit Reservations for same-day, immediate-need tickets.

Retirees must arrange interline travel well in advance as tickets are paper & the preferred method of ticketing is by mail (Call the above Toll Free Number for Office Hours). If airport pickup is required, try to allow ample processing time (ideally 72 hours) as customer service representatives (CSRs) may not be immediately available to issue interline tickets during peak travel times.

Retirees must do their flight research & have an itinerary available before requesting interline tickets. Neither reservations sales & service representatives nor CSRs are able to assist with trip planning.

For complete information on the interline ticket process, visit "Interline Travel Benefits" from the Travel page on SkyNet.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

There are some great websites that have information to help us during our travels.

Since Nov. 2006 the restriction regarding carry on liquids/gels has been relaxed. The Transportation Security Administration has a website at www.tsa.gov with information & instructions that tells us what we can & what we cannot carry on board.

On the home page you will see "3-1-1 on Air Travel". Just follow the links to get all the information. The **3-1-1 on Air Travel rule** is:

- ➔ **3** ounce or less size containers of liquid or gel
- ➔ **1** quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag holding 3 ounces or less containers
- ➔ **1** bag per traveler placed in the security screening bin.

By understanding and practicing the **3-1-1 on Travel Rule**, your trip through security will be easier.

It's best to use the **3-1-1** rule for short trips. Most liquids, etc are better off being checked. And, even on short trips, if in doubt, be safe & put your liquids in checked luggage.

Some larger quantities such as prescription medications, baby formula & milk are allowed in

quantities exceeding 3 ounces & are not required to be in the zip-top bag, but you should declare these items for inspection at the checkpoint. It's better to give the security people a heads up & ask if the items are permissible than to be bogged down in the security process.

It's a good practice to come early & be prepared to wait. The volumes are heavier now & the increased security calls for patience.

Another good website is **FlightArrivals.com** at www.flightarrivals.com. This website is advertised as "*The internet's most comprehensive, independent source of arrival and departure information*". Flight Information, such as checking a flight's status within a two-hour window by airline, flight number, city, airport etc., is a breeze. Just go to the site and follow the links. It's easy.

Confused about Travel Documents? Go to the U.S. Department of State website at <http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport>.

The State Department site explains how to obtain, replace or change a passport. User can download applications & forms. It also details how much passports cost & how long they take to get. For visitors traveling abroad, the site contains foreign entry requirements, such as whether a visa is required.

Note: Beginning January 8, 2007 all citizens arriving by ship or air from a foreign country must have a passport. Your local Post Office will also have application forms.

You may wish to save (bookmark) these websites to your "Favorites" for easy future reference. After opening the website click on the "Favorites" icon at the top of your screen & click on "Add to Favorites". It's a done deal!

If you have questions or comments concerning Travel Tips by Bob, please e-mail me at mrb50@qwest.net.

Happy Traveling & Seasons Greetings.

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FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

As with all things, time creates changes, so it is true here at the Membership/Newsletter office. The following information will be important to all our members. Over several months we have been up-

dating the current database. This database, written in 1995, contains information on each member. All of this information is critical to the RUAEA organization. These changes are going to improve our service to our membership by being more accurate. Some of the changes you will notice, but for the most part, many of you won't. These will be the ones that are internal functions only.

There are many reasons why we are doing this. The most important is that it will give us an accurate look at who is active, who isn't in the organization, & will help us control our operating costs.

One of the immediate changes that everyone will see is on the front of the Newsletter & on the mailing label. As all of you know, when your birthday month comes around, there is a red stamp on the newsletter. It's there to wish you Happy Birthday and to remind you that your annual dues are due during this month. On the label, it also says *"It's time to renew"*.

Under our current procedure you would continue receiving your Newsletter for two additional months even though you have not paid your dues on time. Starting Jan. 1, 2007 this process will change. Effective in Jan., you will still receive notification of time to renew on your birthday month as mentioned above. But, on the issue after your birthday month, if you have not paid your dues, you will also be notified that your dues are due, the statement on the label will say *"This will be your last issue"*. This notice is in effect letting you know you are in arrears & this will be your last issue until you reinstate your membership. Any delay in reinstating will delay restarting your Newsletter. The RED stamp will be the same for both birthday month & month after issues. It will simply state **"IT'S TIME TO RENEW - READ YOUR MAILING LABEL"**. (Similar procedure will be implemented for Web users).

The main reason for this change is printing & mailing costs. There are many of our members who do not renew their membership in a timely fashion. These extra mailings cost the organization additional funds. This policy is no different than any other periodical you may be receiving now; hopefully this notice will assist you in preventing an interruption to your Newsletter delivery.

Although changes are taking place, there is one that isn't, it's the Holidays. The Holiday Season is upon us. From all the Membership & Newsletter

Staff, may this be the **HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS** for you & yours.

Membership Secretaries

Dixie McCay

Carol Sostarich

Carole Longbella

Juliana Alfonso

Lonna Fischer

Newsletter Staff

Jo Madden

John Chu

And all the volunteers

who assemble for the mailing.

Last but not least,

Virgil Gooselaw & Howard Tress
The Office Managers

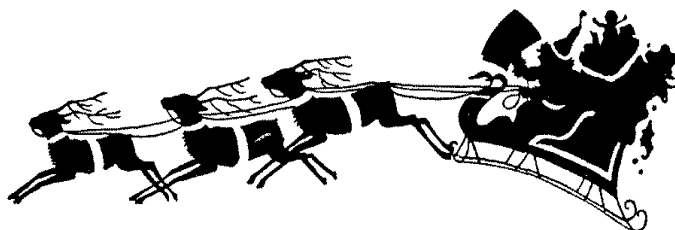
FREE OVERSEAS PHONE CALLS (By Tom Goodyear)

Anyone interested in free overseas phone calls to approximately 50 countries?

A company called Future Phone offers free overseas phone calls after you place the original call to a center in Iowa. What's the catch? None that I can determine. The limited research I was able to do indicates that this really works. To take advantage of it go to www.futurephone.com & follow the instructions. The only cost is the long distance call to the Iowa Call Center, if you don't have free long distance service.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Jan. are due in DEN by Wed. Dec. 6, Feb. report by 1/5/07, 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



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please contact Mary Toppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regulars' list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at (623) 214-1504.

At breakfast on Oct. 24 we had 18 attendees. It was good to see Pete Clanton, Elsie Dikeman & Enza Scarso. Dick & Jean Woods just returned from another trip to Laughlin. Eleanor Patterson is back in assisted living. Her home address is 13840 N. Desert Harbor Dr., Peoria, AZ 85381. I am sure she would love to hear from you.

On Oct. 14 we had our annual Free Pizza Party at Beardsley Park in Sun City West with 55 in attendance. A good time was had by all. We had beautiful weather also lots to chat about. The officers asked for & received volunteers to staff an election committee for new offices for the 2007 - 2009 term. Thanks to Dave Berry, Shirlee Fraser, & Carol Lilts who were willing to take on this assignment. The Nov. 18 afternoon dinner theatre trip is full, 30 of us will be seeing the show "South Pacific". We have a full schedule of events for this year - hope you all plan to attend the luncheons. "Welcome back" to all you snowbirds.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell road

Dec. 05 - Coco's

Dec. 19 - Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons

Dec. 9 - Briarwood Country Club - Sun City West

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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PHOENIX METRO



Re-United's Oct. luncheon was held at Zur-Kate German Restaurant on Oct. 6 with 27 members in attendance. The food was good; we should do it again next Oktoberfest. Ed Dawes & his wife Loretta have returned from HWI & will be rejoining our group. Skip Ward is looking & feeling good after his illness.

We still need a Secy., Joanne Gaudioso has taken on a job so she can no longer do this. Jim Zarek asked for volunteers, but there were none.



TALL PINES

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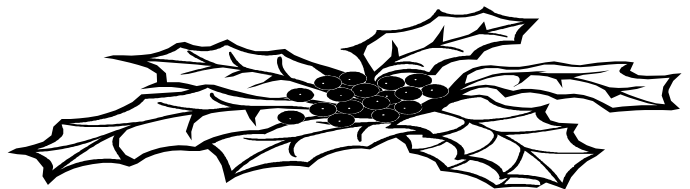
Another cordial get-together was held by The Tall Pines group on Oct. 24 at Coco's.

Discussion was held in regard to our Annual Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 12 at the Hassayampa Inn - 5:00 PM Happy Hour, 6:00 PM dinner. Jeannie Risdon passed out our menu selection which sounds delicious & reminded us that we have reserved a larger room this year with our own bar & bartender. We need a great turnout like last years - so come on you retirees - let's make this a great Christmas Party - hope to see every one of your beautiful faces on the 12th.

The Risdon's just completed a 5,222 mile auto trip across our beautiful USA, believe it or not - still married & still talking to each other - miracles never cease.

Calendar:

Dec. 12- Christmas Party - Hassayampa Inn. 5:00 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner.



TUCSON **ROADRUNNERS**

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A great Oct. luncheon hosted by Ron & Shirley Robertson was enjoyed by 46 Roadrunners at the Saddlebrooke Country Club. Ron Robertson, our Arizona Director, gave us a report on items discussed at a recent RUAEA board meeting.

Alice Belzer reports on the lame, the halt, & the ailing:

- Armand Johnson has an upcoming visit to a retina specialist.
- Barbara Johnson will have physical therapy on her shoulder to get that rotator cuff working properly.
- Hank Belzer had a growth taken out of his mouth & neck. He is fine, but will probably need further treatment.
- Pat DiLallo's mysterious ailment gave her a scare, but she is home. Doctors will continue testing to try to find the cause of her problem.
- Peggy Kuhn is undergoing radiation.
- Donna Kuehn had knee surgery on Nov. 8.
- Mary Howard had gall bladder surgery.
- Bill Howard recently had hernia surgery.
- Hans Radtke had the nail removed from his left big toe.

Calendar:

Dec. 7 - Christmas luncheon at Oro Valley Country Club hosted by Beverly Goodlow.

Feb. 15 - Gaslight Theater.

March 14 - All Arizona Luncheon at The Property - Casa Grande AZ. Our theme this year is Las Vegas. Our flight attendants are hard at work getting things underway. Don't forget they will need help, so PLEASE plan on attending the luncheon.



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"THE NATURALS"

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A great big FALL hello to all of you! It is quite beautiful here in the "Natural State". The foliage has outdone itself this year, everyone is out & about enjoying the lovely leaves also the cool weather.

Our Oct. dinner meeting was held at Terrace on the Green, part of the Granada Golf Course, attended by Diana & Jim Huffman, Pat & Richard Jester, Linney & Fred Rohrer, Bud & June Millard, Gwen Whitfield & Linda Nichol.

Evelyn & Roy Nielson were unable to attend because Roy has been ill. Our thoughts & prayers to both of them. Several of our other members were still traveling out of town.

Discussion was raised as to the charity we were going to pick for Christmas which was eventually narrowed down to 2 choices: a local family with several children or a voluntary medical facility in Hot Springs in dire need of help procuring medical supplies. Diana is investigating their exact needs & will report back.

We're looking forward to our annual Christmas party which will be held at the Dec. 9 at 17:30 at the Pegasus. Any of you finding yourself in this area around this time will find a warm welcome if you would like to stop by. Please call (501) 922-0928 in advance as reservations are necessary.

CALIFORNIA

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We had another exciting chapter meeting at the Chumash Casino on Oct. 25 hosted by Kathy Shur-

tleff. She had furnished table treats with casino gambling chips for some lucky members. Every meeting is more informative & interesting than the month before, 31 of us, with guests, had a very enjoyable time.

Kathy Shurtleff brought Gene & Fritz Draeger from Santa Maria along with her husband Bill. Bob Wagner brought a friend, Stella Welesko. Mike Zoldak brought Frank & Angie Dellinger from the Sacramento area. Also Howard Lackey, the So. Cal. Regional Director, visited us. Howard encouraged us to send a letter to the U.S. DOT, Mary Peters to support UAL's application for service between Washington D.C. & Beijing, China. He gave us pre-printed letters that were handed out to those wanting to mail it. Our favorite guest, Isabelle Stanger, joined us & went away a winner at the slot machines. Dana Noyes heard from the Sandys. With their car modified so Garver can drive, they are hoping to make our Christmas meeting. We are all looking forward to seeing them.

We voted & approved a donation to the "Toys for Tots" again this year for \$300, that Dana Noyes will send to them. We have done this for several years; this year we have been able to be more generous for such a worthy cause.

We were able to attend the Huntsman World Senior Games at St. George, Utah with Marcia & Bob Stanger on Oct. 16, 17, & 18. This was the first year I attended. If you have not heard of it, it is a two week tournament of all games including golf, baseball, volley ball, etc. It is so popular that over 300 teams were turned away due to time & playing fields. Marcia Stanger won a bronze medal for gross score in golf for her flight. Bob & I showed up.

Bob & Pat Wagner just got back from their 7 day cruise to Mexico. Bob said the trip was great but hot. His arm wasn't in a sling any longer so pulling the slot machine handle wasn't a problem.

Esther & Bob Bartlett won the best Halloween costume award presented by Kathy Shurtleff. Jack Cunningham came in a close second dressed as the "Gambler", but he dresses like that all the time.

We have to mention that Jack & Eleanor Cunningham got married in Nov. 1941 which makes it 65 years. An award should definitely be given to Eleanor for putting up with Jack for so long!

Our Christmas meeting is scheduled for Dec. 20. The usual exchange of gifts will be made with

a limit of \$10. This is always the hi-lite of the year with appointing new officers & showing our appreciation for those completing their term.

Last month's trivia question: Why is a flight recorder called the "Black Box"? Because the black box's predecessor - the air position indicator - was black & considered as valuable as "black magic" by World War II air force fighters.

Next trivia question: When did Gene Autry get the idea for the song "Here comes Santa Claus"?

BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' Oct. 2006 meeting was hosted by Ethelda & Robert Frost who decorated the meeting room in a Halloween motif. RUAEA Director Ron Bertacini & wife Barbara attended; Ron gave a rundown of his UAL career & discussed the 2007 RUAEA Convention to be held in Sacramento. Ethelda Frost conducted a Halloween trivia quiz, won by Pamela Hartman.

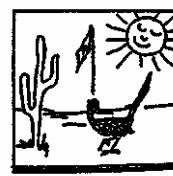
The Brazen Raisins' Nov. 2006 meeting was hosted by Elida & Reuben Rivas who decorated the meeting room lavishly in a Halloween motif. Donna Nessling returned to the fold after her bout with pneumonia, almost back to normal. The 2007 RUAEA Convention in Sacramento was discussed. Pres. Jack Hartman volunteered to research all information regarding the convention & present it to the BR members at a future meeting.

The current slate of officers was re-elected for 2007 as follows:

- ➔ Pres. - Jack Hartman
- ➔ VP - Don Nessling
- ➔ Recording Secy. - Pam Hartman
- ➔ Sunshine Lady - Donna Nessling
- ➔ Corresponding Secy./Treas. - Dick Shryock

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Submitted by Elaine Aggson

It was another small gathering for our Oct. meeting at the Uptown Grill in Palm Springs hosted by Jan & Fred Kellerhals. Unfortunately Jan became ill the night before & was unable to attend so Fred handled the host duties by himself. Many Desert Sunbirds are still off on their summer travels. Mary Butler was on a trip to OH & NC until Nov. 1. Roberta Craig is spending some time in the SFO Bay area taking care of grandchildren. She does a lot of that with 9 children & many grandchildren. As she says, "Family stuff takes a lot of time!" Mary Frank was back after her stay in SEA. It was good to see Mike Bailardo after a lengthy absence due to his busy schedule of magic & hypnosis performances. Ron Napier was the only birthday celebrant attending, so he enjoyed a free lunch. Sandy Sereno went home with the 50/50 winnings.

With our winter season approaching, many retirees will be visiting our area in the coming months. We invite you to join us at our luncheons which are held the 2nd Wed. of each month. For information, call or email Elaine Aggson at (760) 340-9542 or luvgoft@aol.com.

Calendar:

Dec. 13 - Annual Christmas Party at Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Our Oct. luncheon was held at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville, CA. Hosts were Dennis & Else Carr with 76 attendees. Co-Pres. Harold Esola immediately turned the meeting over to Ron Bertacini & Forester Sinclair. Ron reported on the status of 2007 Gold Digger officers. He said Jean Sinclair had agreed to be Pres.; Bob Fulkerson will take over her previous position as VP; Judie King will continue as Treas.; Francis & Veronica Domaratus will continue as Sunshine Persons. A request for a new Secy. by Forester Sinclair, during the meeting, brought assents from 2 lady members who will share the position, Colleen Esola will do the Gold Diggers' Newsletter "Gazette Flyer" &

invitations, Barbara Bertacini will handle the RUAEA letters. Jack Rayner will continue taking care of the roster, Shirley Drumheller will continue as Historian.

VP Jean Sinclair reported on the need for future luncheon hosts for 2007; Pres. Harold Esola reminded us that unwrapped gifts for "Toys for Tots" would be accepted at our Christmas luncheon; Secy. Bob Fulkerson listed the Nov. wedding anniversaries, Rose & Ed Rheam will celebrate 54 years together.

Ron Bertacini announced the airlines that are scrambling to get routes to Beijing & United was in the mix. Ron also mentioned that United was looking to hire more flight attendants; life insurance, previously provided by United, are for the most part no longer available; plans for the 2007 convention in Sacramento are going well.

Calendar:

Dec. 13 - Christmas Luncheon - Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley, hosted by the Bertacinis.

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Merrill Gardens Retirement Community was the setting for our Oct. luncheon. Pres. Norm Burnett thanked VP Patrick Cadden and Ron & Joanne Huhn for hosting. He also thanked Sandy Truesdell, our Merrill Gardens host, & her crew.

Patrick introduced the guests: Sherri Quock, guest of Diana Quinn; Nely & Cor Kemp, guests of Nick & Maria van Kruining; & Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell. **WE NEED HOSTS FOR JANUARY!**

Treas. Oscar Chambers, along with wife, Joan, were vacationing in HWI so his report was given by Ron Huhn. A reminder that 2007 dues are now being accepted. You may mail them to Oscar or pay in person at the Nov. meeting.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the Oct. birthdays. Pete Bilsich was the Birthday Luncheon winner. Notable anniversaries are: Oscar & Joan Chambers, 54 years; Bob & Pat Tayler, 50 years.

IT IS TIME TO BEGIN THINKING OF THE TOYS FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE COLLECTED AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON. PLEASE BRING THEM UNWRAPPED.

Sandy then told us about Merrill Gardens' activities, services & took those interested on a tour of the facility.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

GOOD JUDGEMENT COMES FROM EXPERIENCE: AND A LOT OF THAT COMES FROM BAD JUDGEMENT.

Calendar:

Dec. 14 - Quail Inn, Oakmont - 2006 Officers

Jan. 11 - RER NEEDS YOU!

Feb. 8 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Charlie & Bernice Anderson

Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

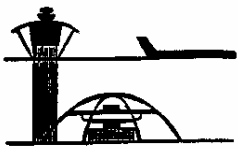
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People news to share:

Natalie Frayne was at Cedars Sinai hospital for 10 days for a variety of procedures. This wasn't exactly a first for her - she did have a hospital stay for a tonsillectomy - at age 4! She went in on 10/28; finally came home on 11/4. She went in because of severe pain which was from broken ribs, but the procedure to check the ribs discovered cancer on a lung. They were unable to remove it at that point so she'll be going through radiation treatments soon. She would love to get cards - 435 S. Curson Av., #8H, L.A. 90038. She's not answering the phone, but try emails at natsy@webtv.net.

Ginny Clay who has been failing for some time, passed away on 11/4. Ed has spent many hours with her at the care facility. You can send cards to him at 3025 Via Borica, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 / (310) 541-6337. We do not have more details at this time.

Peter Criscione finally had the surgery to remove the cancer from his esophagus; it was done successfully. His hospital stay was 21 days so he & Shirley are very happy to have him home again. They are both getting used to the new eating regime

due to his smaller stomach & esophagus, both are adjusting well. He'll see his surgeon on about 11/10 & is looking forward to having the feeding tube removed so he can take a looong shower! Cards for Peter can be sent to 453 W. El Norte Pkwy #212, Escondido, CA 92026 / Cbaby-shirley@aol.com.

We had heard from Ellis Pohlman when he moved to LAS & how happy he was with the move. Since his move there last March, he had to be hospitalized for clots in the arms and lungs. So he has now moved back east to live in a convalescent home near his daughter. Cards can be sent c/o her address, she'll take them to him: Ellis Pohlmann, 35 Harbor View Lane, E.Hampton, NY 11937.

Our Oct. luncheon was well attended. It was at one of our favorite spots, the Proud Bird Restaurant located across a broad boulevard from the touch-down spot of the south runway at LAX. This time we tried their buffet lunch - everyone went home very well fed! We had a birthday cake for Ed Clay for his 90th. It was great to see him - his loving care for Ginny having kept him too busy to be able to attend for some time.

The tour to PSP (the 6th we've done) was quite a success. Staying at the downtown hotel location as really great. The Fabulous Follies show this year was one of the best I've seen yet, starting with the feature performer, Gogi Grant. At 82 years old she looks terrific, her voice is as great as at 22! Unbelievable! The other acts were also good - some of the best I've seen. This was a perfect time to go - the tourist season hasn't begun so there were no crowds anywhere, the weather was a comfortable low 80s (perfect in the desert). The visit to the Living Desert Preserve in Indian Wells was enjoyed by everyone, even a couple who said they'd "been there" - found it "boring". When they got back on the bus they told me they'd been very wrong - loved it! We had a passenger group of UA retirees & neighbors in Leisure World. The UA folks were quite impressed with our "little city". Betty Houck & I are always encouraging friends to move close by - we keep saying it was the smartest move we'd ever made! Interested? Let me know - I'll send you a brochure.

Next month - reports on the annual Queen Mary Christmas luncheon & the retirees' role in the Fantasy Flight which is complete with a fire truck which doesn't fly, but no airplanes which do fly!

Calendar:

Dec. 7 - Famous Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary. Flyers already in the mail. All welcome

Feb. 9 - Luncheon, location T.B.A.

Apr. 13 - Luncheon, location T.B.A.

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ReSans members enjoyed our lovely Halloween luncheon on the sun porch of the 94th Aero Squadron on Oct. 19. We had a good group in attendance & enjoyed a very pleasant meeting. The food was excellent, served buffet style with all you can eat.

ReSans Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 1, at 11:30 am at Tom Hams Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive overlooking the beautiful bay. A flier will be mailed to all shortly.

Please bring a gift for a needy child. It can be wrapped or unwrapped. It is to brighten the season for a needy child. If you wish you may also bring a white elephant gift for a fun exchange with others.

We have received a lovely note from Shirley Criscione that Peter is doing well following surgery. By the time you read this, he should be home. You may send cards to him at: 453 W. El Norte Pkwy #212, Escondido, CA 92006. Please continue to keep Peter in your prayers.

A beautiful memorial service was held for Bob Owens on Oct. 15. More than 300 family, friends & former associates attended, all had many interesting stories. It was a beautiful & very dignified Celebration of Life.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Robert J. Owens may be made to Sharp Hospice Care, PO Box 158, La Mesa, CA.

On another sad note, we have received word from Rosario Zepeda that Rick passed away on Nov. 1, 2006. Services for Ricardo "Rick" Zepeda were held on Nov. 6 with Rosary at Garden of Angels in Santee. Reception following the service at the Zepeda home. Cards & notes to the Zepeda home, 8642 Rumson Dr., Santee, CA 92071

Calendar:

Dec. 1 – Christmas Party at Tom Hams Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive.



**GOLDEN GATERS
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Our name is no longer United Airlines Retirees - SFO Area. We are now the **GOLDEN GATERS - SFO AREA**. We had 32 entries in our contest for a new name. Some contestants sent in the same name; so after the Board voted for our favorite entry we had a drawing to pick the winner. And the winner is Emmett Landrum. His prize will be a free sandwich at our Nov. meeting. (Instead of a potluck in Nov. we will be having deli sandwiches for \$5 each).

We had 116 at our Oct. meeting. It was announced that starting next year we would end our meeting at 2 P.M. instead of 3 P.M. Actually our meetings have always ended at 2 P.M. so this shouldn't be a problem. We just won't have to pay for the extra hour. The doors open at 11 A.M. and the meeting starts at 11:30. It was requested that we not arrive before 11 A.M., since an exercise class is using the room before us & tables have to be set up for our group.

We had 2 over 50 anniversaries that we acknowledged. Felix & Beatrice Menconi celebrated 56 years, Joe & Olive Butera have been married for 53 years. Congratulations everyone. I sent a card to Pauline McCann who was hospitalized with an allergic reaction to a medication she was given. We hope she is back with us soon.

Charity coordinator Harriet Kunze announced that we are collecting toys for children of all ages, at the Nov. meeting. We are doing this instead of filling shoeboxes or Christmas stockings with toys. They will still be sent to the Shelter Network.

The "Peninsula Choraliers" entertained us today. This is a ladies choral group whom we have back every year - hope to have them back for many more years. Their music is beautiful. Janet Guntherson is the director, we are honored to have 2 of

our members, Helen Cain & Magda Frei sing with them.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg said her Copenhagen to New York City cruise was a "Super Trip" with beautiful weather. She is now planning a New Zealand & Australia Cruise aboard the Sapphire Princess Jan. 21 - Feb. 2, 2008. Yes, 2008. One needs to plan ahead for these trips. Ginger has a wait list for the Vietnam trip, Feb.13 – 27, 2007. She also has a cruise on a small ship from Seattle to San Juan Island to Lake Louisa, July 5 – 11, 2007. Contact Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com for more information.

Betty Garner reported that the Yosemite trip was great. Good weather, beautiful views – what more could you ask for. Betty still has a "7 Night West Coast Wine Cruise", April 27 - May 4, 2007. Call Betty at (650) 355-4195 or email: garner-bee@yahoo.com for a flyer.

I have to mention that "Day at the Races" organized by Betty Bliss was a big success. We had a beautiful day - some of us won a little money.

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.

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Oct. has not been a good month, health-wise for some of our members. Barbara Ferrell was back from her recent illness; also Marion Gaever, who subsequently was out again after undergoing extensive foot surgery. Marian Swanson underwent foot surgery. Geneva Schaller who is still recovering from her hip surgery was able to come to our Oct. 20 meeting with her daughter Jennifer Schaller, who came to take care of her. Geneva has been getting excellent care, Jennifer has her PhD in nursing.

The Fahls are here from NV, Gary had knee

surgery here in the local area. Jean has been coming to the meetings, says Gary isn't doing as well as hoped.

Lew Bacheller had a heart attack, had a stint put in & now home from the hospital.

Jack Fredricksen also had surgery, then pneumonia.

Dwayne Howze is at home, but his health situation has not been getting better.

The Burdas also made a trip to the hospital, Deloris for a medi-port & Don for a "jump start" to his heart.

We were also sad to hear that Dee Kolman is going to be starting chemotherapy & radiation.

Our sympathies to the Sousas on the recent passing of George's sister and nephew.

Let's keep all of our ill members in our prayers & hope that things will be much better soon for all of them.

Ruie & Bob Bradley are collecting food items again this year to be passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. People are being asked to bring their donations to the 2 meetings preceding the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our Ladies Holiday Luncheon, hosted by Sally Urso, LaDonna Eggert, Joan Dahl & Margie Klaus was held on Nov. 28 at the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 7:00, meeting begins at 8:15. All UA retirees are welcome. Call our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548 for details.



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Bill & Sophie Feaster and Charlene & Bobby Woods hosted the luncheon at The Peppery, San Mateo, CA. 46 members & 1 visitor (Dee Keshner, daughter of Jane & Darrell Silvers) attended. Good to meet & have her with us. Aren't they lucky to have this relative so close? Sat with Hans & Regina Weber, Don & Dixie Powlesland & Re-

gina's sister Theresa Hellenberger - a lively group.

Now we have that adventurous couple Guy & Nancy Hoffman. Their trip started at Columbia, AK, the Yukon & Northwest Territories over dangerous roads & drop-offs, Dempster Hiway, Dawson City, across the Arctic & finally at the beautiful sea. Bravo Guy & Nancy! Once-in-a-lifetime trip & lived to tell about it!

Bobby Brooks is looking for a candidate for VP to help him with the trials & tribulations of his Presidency.

I had a nice surprise letter from Ruth McMahon who was the wife of N. McMahon (also known as "Mac") who was head of the Purchasing Dept. in CHI, as well as SFO. She & one of her daughters live in San Jose. Now that she is retired, she spends much of her time traveling & baby-sitting grandchildren & great grandchildren. She loves it, as well as doing the usual fitness programs, Mac has been gone for quite some time.

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Our Oct. meeting was held on the 9th with 33 members & guests attending. The breakfast buffet was a success!

Good to see the Morrisons, Rutowskis & Browns back. Ken Price has had a busy summer with visits (to mention a few) from Texas to Alaska, Washington to Chicago & Canada.

We were pleased to have Tom Payne as a guest speaker. He is a financial consultant & was most welcome. Our Pres. Howard Payne & his wife Jo, were pleased to see him also.

Some web sites you might find interesting:

- ✈ www.seatguru.com - All about seating charts for over 21 different airlines (leg room, width, pitch, proximity to the bathrooms, etc.).
- ✈ www.visa.com/atms - Want to know where the nearest ATM is in Beijing? Tulsa? Paris? Check it out.
- ✈ www.flightarrivals.com - Domestic and Canadian airlines - very accurate!

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. Lunch & business from 12:00 on. No reservations are required.

Calendar:

Dec. 11 - (Christmas Party & Toys for Tots)

Jan. 8 - Meeting

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

There were 55 people in attendance Nov. 1 at the monthly breakfast at the United Airlines Flight Training Center. Tom Goodyear reported on the condition of Jo Madden. She is getting along quite well with her broken wrist. She has therapy twice a week - hopes to have her cast removed in about 4-6 weeks. Just a reminder, United's new service to Kuwait City from Dulles is very full. There might be problems traveling standby.

We all sang Happy Birthday (off key) to Marie Cosby, Kenny Larson, & Ruth Marston. Kenny & Velma Larsons' 2 daughters also attended the breakfast. Their daughter Mitzi Hendrick brought her husband Jim. Their other daughter Leo McKenny is a flight attendant for United. Long-time-no-see to Tim McKernan, the "Barrel Man" from the Denver Broncos. He got his name because someone bet he would wear only a cowboy hat, boots & a barrel to a Broncos football game. He became famous & became part of the Broncos' cheerleading team in the stands. Two of his barrels are on display at the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH. Tim is now retired from the Broncos and United!

Good to see Paul Miller again. First timers were Kilian Zerr & Richard Conner. It was Richard's first day of retirement. He promised to come back. The following folks returned their 50/50 winning to the chapter: Harriet Ahr, Bill Brehmer, Charlie Hassler, Mitzi Hendrick (Ken Larson's daughter), Russ Savig & Ray Shoultz who won

twice. Thank you folks! The Mile Highers do not have dues. They make their money on 50/50 & pop cans.

Tom Goodyear also announced that he & his wife Nancy are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 24. Jo Madden & her late husband Bill attended their wedding.

Don't forget our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 5th at the Holiday Inn, 455 South Colorado Blvd. On the South side of the hotel is lower level covered parking, the North side has 2 levels of parking. Elevators are close by the lobby area. Social hour is at 11:00 a.m., lunch is at 12:00 noon.

The cost is \$18.00 P/P. Menu choices are Grilled Salmon Filet or Marinated London Broil. Each choice includes, salad, chef's choice of vegetables, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee or iced tea. Reservations need to be made by Dec. 1st. List menu choice on check. If you are bringing a guest, please include their name. Checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

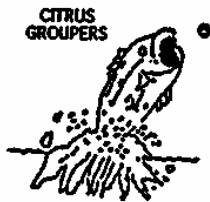
Dec. 5 - Christmas Luncheon – Details in column.

Dec. 6 - Breakfast Meeting

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The Citrus Groupers met on Oct. 26 at Katie Bell's restaurant with 14 members attending. During lunch we were surprised to have live musical entertainment. We welcomed a new member, Dick Miller, who retired 3½ years ago from the Miami control center. The Woods did not attend the meeting because Frank had a doctor appointment. We welcomed back the Dulans who had been away for

over 2 months visiting in Rochester.

We will have no meeting in Nov. Our next meeting will be on Dec. 14 at 11:30 in Jo Beck's house at 1717 Oak Forest Drive in The Villages for our yearly Christmas party. We ask that everyone bring a wrapped gift marked male or female which will be distributed to a nursing home.

Calendar:

Jan. 25 - Meeting - 11:30 at the International Buffet Restaurant, 2259 N. Citrus Ave. (Hwy. 27) next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg.



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There were 30 attendees at our Nov. 1, Annual Fall Picnic at the East Lake Fish Camp. It started out as a rainy day, but that didn't matter since we were under the Pavilion. The sun did come out later - turned out to be a wonderful day. A delicious meal of fresh hamburgers & sausages were provided hot off the grill. Thank you to everyone for bringing such fantastic food to share. Again, our sincere thanks to Richard Llewellyn, our Food Prep Man, Ken Michels, our Bartender, Charlie Ringer, our Produce Man, & Mack Chandler, our Entertainer. Thanks to Ted LeGrand who filled in for his wife, Charlotte as Treasurer.

We welcome back Jane & Chuck Grant! We missed them both; we are so pleased to see Chuck doing so well. Chuck, keep up the good work! Get well wishes go to Sharon Ringer! We all missed you at the picnic. We hope you're feeling better soon.

The United Airlines Mainliner Christmas Party will be held Dec. 2 at The Florida Mall Hotel from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The cost for retirees is \$35.00 P/P. If you pay before Nov. 21 there is a \$5.00 savings. The deadline for signing up is Nov. 28.

Next Chapter Luncheon Meeting is Our Annual Christmas Party, Dec. 6 - Noon. Location is the Conway United Methodist Church, 3401 South Conway Road in Orlando. Our Chapter will be

providing the entrees of Turkey & Ham. We ask you bring a covered side dish or dessert to share. Also we will be having our Christmas Drive for collecting non-perishable items for children's lunches, toiletries, cleaning supplies & paper products for the Central Florida Children's Home. Please be generous! We will also be holding our elections at this meeting for our new board members for 2007.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 - Christmas Party Luncheon - Conway United Methodist Church - 3401 S. Conway Rd. - Orlando

Oct. 12 – 24, 2007 - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on these trips please contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

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There were 30 members & our guest speaker at the Pelican Drop-Ins luncheon meeting Nov. 3. The turnout was somewhat disappointing since we have 76 members including spouses in our Roster. We have identified several that are breaking free of snowdrifts or traveling abroad that will show up next month. After lunch we welcomed back a former member, Terry Santino-Alves, who re-joined our Chapter. Terry retired from ROCCS. She started as a flight attendant, worked 38 years for United in different capacities.

After lunch, Pres. Terry Gilkison, introduced the "thank you" committee. This committee made the gift selection for the McNabbs. The committee then presented Tom & Marilyn McNabb with a theater gift certificate & a card signed by most members. It is difficult to properly thank the McNabbs for all their work in forming our Chapter & continuing leading us for 19 years.

At our Oct. meeting the members present were asked if they would like to take a cruise to a barrier

island, Cabbage Key, in place of a monthly meeting. A show of hands by all resulted in inviting Captain Ralph Allen, to be our speaker at the Nov. meeting. Captain Allen is owner of Kingfisher Cruises in Punta Gorda. Cabbage Key was the former winter home of Mary Roberts Reinhart, author; it is now a restaurant accessible only by boat.

Following Captain Allen's presentation the majority of the members present voted in favor of a luncheon cruise in Feb. Our E-Mail newsletter preceding the meeting resulted in an E-Mail from Jerry & Sandy Pryde en route to FL & a phone call from Sally Sciple, touring in southern Germany, to sign them up for the proposed cruise.

Ray Winterhalter, informed our chapter that Fred Dillon, who retired from BUFGS & a past Pres. of our Chapter, is terminally ill with cancer. Fred passed away later Fri. afternoon. Our hearts go out to Anne & their family. Fred's smiling face will be sorely missed. Cards may be sent to Ann Dillon, 721 Via Formia, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Aug.)

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Our monthly meetings resumed on Oct. 12 with 23 members & guests attending. Several more contacted our Pres. to assure him of their return by next month. Lois Kline was back after knee replacement surgery, doing well. Bill Stubbs is home from the hospital after back surgery. Speedy recovery, Bill!

Congratulations to our Past Pres. Tim O'Don-

nell & his bride Barbara on their recent marriage.

Pat Trice agreed to continue another year as Pres., with Ed Moran as VP, Alice Parker, Treas. Betty Johnson, Sunshine Committee. Ginger Hyde will take care of name tags & photography.

Calendar:

Dec. 14 - The Twin Dolphins Marina Grill, 1200 1st Ave. W., Bradenton, FL.

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Nov. Chapter Report:

35 Flyers & 6 guests showed up for the Picnic at Sweetwater Creek State Park in Lithia Springs, GA. Guests were, Krissy Reed & daughter Rachel Gene and Jeanne Barber's granddaughter & great granddaughter who is 7½ months old. Richard & Diayne Thompsons' grandchildren Anna, Rebecca, & 3 year old Josiah Storie from Denver, CO. & Ezra Thompson - 9 months old. This is only a few of Richard & Diayne's total grandchildren, they are blessed with quite a few more - 12 with a 13th on the way to be exact. That is a really great family indeed.

Everyone enjoyed having all of them in attendance. It was also great to see Bill Carlson, & Bobby & Harriet Jones out & about once again. The shelter was very accommodating. It was screened in with a great grill for our very own "Grill Sergeant" Ray Owen. Ray grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, &, of course, his famous "Red Hots". There was plenty of food, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, baked beans, salads & numerous deserts. A great feast to say the least. Many thanks to Sandy Lis, Barbara & Frank Russey, Stan Cebula, & all the others who helped to make our only picnic this year a great success. Sandy Lis held a short business meeting. Topics of conversation were IADRR closing, possible mergers, latest stock distribution information, & Ray Owen had learned from another retiree that the

PBGC publishes a newsletter for some of the other groups of retirees that they administer for. It is not known whether it is a monthly, or quarterly newsletter, but we have people that want to research this. After the business meeting Stan Cebula & Frank Russey ran a very lively game of Bingo which all enjoyed. The prizes were gift certificates to local area food stores & restaurants. About 20 Flyers & guests enjoyed winning these useful gifts.

Dec. Chapter Report:

Lunch was at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnsville, GA. hosted by Pres. Sandy Lis. The buffet was good old country cooking with a wide variety of delicious food. No one went away hungry. 31 Flyers & 1 guest: Ezra Thompson, Richard & Diayne Thompsons' grandson, showed up for the lunch. Sandy Lis held the business meeting to determine where the Christmas lunch would be held & choice of menus were decided upon. Suggestions for where the next year's lunches, sponsors were asked for & submitted. Still no permanent place has been procured. Willie Folles related to his recent trip to HWI during the earthquakes that rocked the Islands. He was wearing his tee shirt that stated "I survived the Hawaii earth quake 2006". Willie had been to some of the other islands as well, & reported that there was significant damage to some of the buildings on all the islands involved. Willie had worked in HWI for a couple of years & knew his way around. He has relatives in HNL, & was there visiting, when this thing struck. He said the building he was staying in was shaking & swaying, but fortunately had no damage. Willie said that every time he goes to HWI, tornados, & volcano eruptions occur. First earthquake though. Willie says maybe the Hawaiian gods are trying to tell him something! Ray Owen, & Don Sullivan, also related amusing stories of travel over the years. It has been announced that Detroit Reservations as of Nov. 1, 2006 will accept non rev travel listings. This should help retirees that do not own or have access to a computer. Sandy also noted that the PBGC is now publishing a newsletter that is mailed to retirees. Ray Owen first discovered that other retiree groups had been getting quarterly newsletters, & wondered why United retirees did not receive these also.

Calendar:

Dec. - The Village Café, Fayetteville, GA.

Jan. - Three Doller Café, Peachtree City, GA.

Feb. - Ryan's Steakhouse, McDonough, GA.

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BOISE GEMS

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As this is being written Nov. 6, the Boise GEMS' UAL Retirees' Christmas Celebration is just a month away, on Dec. 5. It will be at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel (Terrace Room), located at 1109 Main Street in downtown Boise. Festivities start with a no-host happy hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served soon after 6:45 p.m. Deadline for signing up was 11/6, but for questions or changes in your plans, please call **Rick or Shirley Dempsey** at (209) 939-1713, who live in Eagle. We look forward to seeing you at the party.

Our monthly meeting was attended by 42, including several newcomers. **Sharon Kolins** welcomed: **Lois Rodriquez** who was a Planning Analyst at SFO. She now lives at 2383 W. Quintale, Meridian, ID 83646, phone (208) 888-1584. Sharon also welcomed **John & Carole Bell** from CA. John worked in the Turbine Shop, with a tour of Service Center & Docks. Their address is 2410 Kirk Ln, Payette, ID 83661, phone (208) 642-4698. Email: bell83661@yahoo.com

Sharon reminded us that our next monthly breakfast would be as planned on Dec. 4 at JB's, although our Christmas party is the following evening. She figures some members not attending the party, may appreciate having the breakfast meeting.

Sadly, we said goodbye to **Ann & Ted Pumphrey**, who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Nov. 1. They will be returning to WV on or about Dec. 1, to be near her sister & "lots of nieces & nephews." The decision was made after the untimely death on Sept. 13, of their beloved son Richard. We expressed our sorrow at their loss, & wished them God speed on their return to their home state of WV. Their new address will be RR1 Box 32-B, Augusta, WV 26704.

Margrit Robertson had difficulty getting the Newsletter several months following Dave's death.

This was straightened out, by signing her on as an associate member. Is it asking too much of RUAEA to include a notice with the final mailing, in such cases? Maybe even a small sympathy card, with notice enclosed? At the very least, a rubber stamp as is used to remind members that it is time to pay annual dues? These are trying times, as many of us know, & the spouse may or not remember what they were supposed to do to continue receiving the Newsletter. Now in touch, Margrit said that she made a trip to DEN to visit her son & family, & attend a wedding. When she checked in at BOI, she was surprised when the passenger agent suggested a wheelchair. But, when she learned it was a long walk to the gate, she gladly accepted, thinking, "How could they build this nice, new airport terminal without putting in a moving sidewalk?" "At DEN," she added, "I made it through the airport on my own."

Pat & Bud Peters spent a week visiting his mother. "She was doing well while there," Bud writes, "But four days after we left, she fell & is currently in a convalescent/rehab hospital regaining her strength." Bud also attended his 50th class reunion, while there. "Going to STL was interesting," Bud added, "we bought tickets using our 20% discount, so we had positive space. Good thing. Checking in at BOI, we learned that our flight to STL via DEN had been canceled, as was the ORD nonstop. This was because of severe weather in ORD area the night before. Called UAL reservations (somewhere in India) & got rerouted on a 1:40 p.m. departure to SFO, then to DEN, & then to STL. Instead of arriving STL at 1:30 p.m., we got there at 10:30 p.m. One good thing, we got Economy Plus all the way."

Carol Birt visited her son's family in GA. **Marlene Croghan** played chief cook & bottle washer in her cabin near Cascade, while her sons & friends went searching for the elusive deer & elk, during the hunting season. **Walter & Wilma Anderson** drove to McMinnville, OR, visiting friends, the Spruce Goose Museum & the OR coast where they could see the whales close to the shore. **David & Carol Adams** (with Dave taking time-out from his charter bus trips) made an annual pilgrimage to Lexington, MO, for homecoming at Wentworth Military Academy. Dave said that was his home for 7 "great years." Carol later flew to PDX to see their daughter, son-in-law, & 3 granddaugh-

ters.

Yours truly was the guest of **Jim & Linda Kennedy** for Sun Valley's 17th Annual Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jamboree, Oct. 18-22. Nostalgic music resonated from 13 different locations in the Valley, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Busses carried the fans from one venue to another, in Olympic Games fashion. If anyone thinks ragtime, jazz & swing are dead in America, you haven't been to Sun Valley. Talented musicians, vocalists & guest artists came from far & wide to perform. Fans from all corners of the earth came to be entertained. There was dancing, even dance lessons. I counted 39 different bands & groups. It's a world event, in a beautiful Idaho setting. Thank you, Jim & Linda.

Calendar:

We meet on the 1st first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m

Dec. 4 - Breakfast meeting.

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Our Nov. gathering at the Northside breakfast had a small turnout, most likely due to the large number of attendees at the October Fall Luncheon held at Meridian Banquets, however, there were some new faces - retirees who came out on a drizzly morning to mingle with the breakfast group. Carlton Hibbert who retired from ORDJL Feb. 1998 - said retirement is "Great." There was Robert Bellhomni who retired in June 2003 from ORDPY; Ralph Wiggins from ORDPV whose retirement was in April 2003; there was Richard Bellhomini from ORDJL who retired in June 2003 from Stores, Willie Hayward who left ISD (Computer Operations & Support), now working for Illinois Department of Transportation. Willie said that he was happy to see fellow retirees all together enjoying friendship.

The Skyliners Fall Luncheon held at Meridian Banquet Hall brought out many familiar faces. There were over 175 who attended a delicious

luncheon followed by a raffle. Thanks to the committee: Marge Daily, Don Kramlich & Bill Moore. They are part of the many groups who have organized & put these luncheons together for the Skyliners. A big thanks to the team of Ginny & Frank Vlach who help with the distribution of the luncheon nametags. Also thanks to Jan Gawenda, Bob Faust, & Gloria Goetz who handle the raffle.

Congratulations to our newly elected Skyliners officers. They are: Bob Jacobson, Pres.; Phyllis Kordecki, VP; John Koehl, Treas.; Ken Thiede, Secy.

Some of the Food Depository volunteers attended the annual recognition dinner & awards presentation held at the Chicago Food Depository in Oct. The group toured the Depository, including the freezer & cold work areas for perishables, which is now located in a brand new warehouse facility. This is a very impressive first class facility with all of its storage & work areas under one roof. Volunteers from the Chicagoland area perform various tasks of sorting/packaging of perishable & non-perishable foods that is made available to food pantries for the needy in the Cook County area. In the group attending Angie Halama won the door prize of a Bar-B-Q grill.

Thanks to all of our Northsiders Breakfast Group who brought canned goods & paper products for our Fall Food Pantry Collection. We think of Nov. as a time to be thankful, we surely did good reaching out to those who need help. All of the contributions were appreciated, I am sure there will be many happy people giving thanks for our donations. We would like to extend this donation period to include the Dec. breakfast, which will allow a collection of food for the Christmas season.

The Southside Group reported that a good number gathered at Grandma Sally's for their monthly brunch. Halloween treats were enjoyed from both Javier Chavez & Rudy Maki. Javier came to the brunch without his wife, Carmen, as she has been ill for several weeks. Javier expects her to return to the brunch in the near future. Betty Doran advised that Stan Grybas is recovering from a broken hip. Friends can send Stan a card to Marian Joy, 20 West 171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL. 60187.

There has been no further information from the Department of Children and Family Services at World Headquarters concerning our retiree volunteers helping at the Holiday Giving Project. Volun-

teers who have helped in the past will be contacted by World Headquarters.

The 2006 Skyliners Holiday Luncheon will be on Dec. 12, at the Avalon Banquet Hall, 1905 East Higgins Road, at Oakton & Rt. 83. This is the same place as last year, located less than a mile from World Headquarters in Elk Grove Village. Our gathering begins with Cocktails & the sale of the 50/50 raffle tickets at 11:00 a.m. This is a charitable raffle, half of the proceeds being donated to worthwhile cause. The other half is given to the lucky winners. Our festive luncheon starts around 12:00 with Holiday Entertainment afterwards. There will be an early visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus for those that wish to ask Santa for a something special.

It's time again to renew our annual dues to the Skyliners Chapter for the year 2007. These dues can be included with your holiday luncheon reservation. The dues are \$5.00. Make your check payable to *Chicago Skyliners*, send it to *Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL. 60018*. As always, please remember to include your file number on your check. If you have any questions Ken can be reached at (847) 836-5157.

I'm looking forward to the 2007 Convention in Sacramento, CA. Please come, join in the fun & start the winter season with our Holiday Luncheon at the Avalon Banquet Hall on Dec. 12. The next day, Dec. 13 there will be a holiday raffle at the Northsiders breakfast, everyone is invited. If you haven't been at a breakfast recently, come back. We miss you.

As you know from previous columns, Linda Fredrick of Westminster, CO. wrote to the RUAEA Newsletter requesting support for her campaign to raise needed funds to help supply New York City with teddy bears in honor of the 5th Anniversary Memorials for 9/11 Victims & others stricken by devastation. Our Northsiders responded generously to a collection for this worth while cause. Linda has now forwarded to us the following letter from the City of New York Fire Department in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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October 2, 2006

*Ms. Linda Fredrick
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Dear Ms. Fredrick:

The teddy bears arrived & they are lovely. We are very grateful to you for sending them. We hope that the anniversary of your daughter's birthday is a time of peace, knowing that you have helped so many.

Thank you again for your generosity and support at this critical time in New York City.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Jean Smith

Family Assistant Unit

It is so gratifying to hear of results of the outcome of our participation in a cause like this. I thank everyone for their generosity.

Bill & Magee Moore are on the move again. Their new address is 6635 Beechwood Court, Downers Grove, IL. 60516 - New telephone exchange (630) 769-6136.

Eugene F. Wagner who had a 37-year career with Capitol & United Airlines passed away Nov. 2 at Northwest Community Healthcare. He was also a winner in the \$50,000 Grant from United for his volunteer service at the Chicago Food Depository for many years. Our deepest condolences to his family & friends, we will miss his big smiles. Cards can be sent to: The Wagner Family, 1465 Village Dr., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Ron Madsen had a second surgery on Oct. 4 & is holding his own. Cards are always welcome, can be sent to 8040 Cardinal Lane, Waconia, MN 55387. Thanks Darlene (Gertrude) Felske & Cecelia Yates for their letting us know the status of Ron.

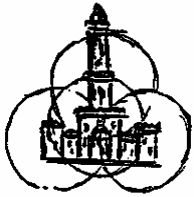
Our winter season is sometimes long & cold, let's remember to keep tabs on those less fortunate or the elderly that are home bound during these cold times. They would appreciate your visits.

Calendar:

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

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

Skyliners Holiday Luncheon - Tuesday Dec. 12th – Avalon Banquet Hall, 1905 East Higgins Road, at Oakton & Rt. 83, (Less than a mile from World Headquarters) Elk Grove Village, IL. Our gathering and Cocktails at 11:00a.m. and lunch at 12:00. Holiday Entertainment will be featured along with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.



LOOP GROUP

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I was at the Oct. Loop luncheon which was very good. We had a panoramic view in front of us, sunshine & great autumn day in the city.

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Nov. is already here and my mind is still back in May somewhere, & when I find it I will let you know where it's been. The change of seasons is progressing as it should but I'm not caught up yet. Maybe the rest of you are having the same difficulties ... then again ... maybe not! Who knows? This might become a new therapy group we can start up. After all, most of us reading this have all the time in the world for therapy sessions if we could just remember when, where, and why. Okay, enough of that. I'll just write about the things I do know, which isn't a whole lot.

Good news I do know is that Bob Duffy underwent open heart surgery Oct. 2 & is doing great. He was out of the hospital & home in less than 5 days after surgery. It continues to amaze me how the medical field has advanced so much. We hope to see you at the next meeting Bob ... keep up the

great work!

I am happy to report that our Indy Racers Chapter has ordered and received T-shirts with our proud logo on front & back. Winter is now here, so I've been told, so we ordered sweatshirts displaying our chapter logo as well. Those of us who are going on the "Christmas Las Vegas style" trip on Dec. 4 can wear them. We'll look so pretty!

Christmas on my mind, I've got to tell you about our Christmas Party on Dec. 16 at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. We held our party there last year & enjoyed the Christmas tree, the warm fireplace, the gifts, loads of food & the greatest gift of all, friendship. This year we will be having the **get, lose, then regain** it again gift exchange. We had a great time doing this last year & as before, there is a \$10.00 cap on the amount spent for a gift. Our chapter will provide the meats as well as soft drinks, coffee, etc. We would ask that you bring a side dish to share & a large appetite. Call Wanda Bryce at (317) 821-8862 or myself (317) 745-3332 for directions or additional information.

The Indy Racers Dec. 11 meeting will still be held as usual except that the Marine Corp will be joining us, not all of them, just maybe five. Please bring an unwrapped gift if you so desire, for Toys for Tots, or as many as you want, and the Marines will take our gifts to the appropriate location as they did last year and the year before. A good cause.

Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members also those just passing through. Hope to see you there!

Dec. 11 – Meeting

Dec. 16 – Christmas Party

Jan. 8 – Meeting

Feb. 12 – Meeting



MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters Nov. 1 meeting was held at East Bay, a restaurant overlooking Plymouth, MA harbor. It was the most beautiful Indian Summer day, yours truly drove to & from with the convertible top down. Even a stroll along the sea jetty was delightful. Unfortunately, despite such beautiful surroundings & excellent meal, the member turnout was an all time low with only 21 present.

After lunch, our business meeting, headed by VP Lew Shakley, Treas. Bill Vanderwal, Secy. Dick Vee, past Pres. Don Simard, members Andy Montalto & Bob Lincoln, discussed several options for future meetings that may boost attendance. Most noted, was the fact that a majority of the chapters have a regular place for meetings and only deviate on special trips. A good consideration that would require driving directions only once & perhaps increase attendance. Currently, we are searching for a prime central location that will also offer good affordable lunches.

Our most senior member, Bill Shailor celebrated his 25th year of retirement this month, after 38 years of service, a remarkable achievement. He advised his son Jonathon, a Prof. at U of Wisc. will be running in the next Boston Marathon. Not to be out done, his mother-in-law, Clair Pappas will be 100 years young in Jan. Congratulations are deserved. Charlie Staula advised he talked with Judy Kelly, a member of an Arizona chapter. Charlie & Judy worked at BOSTO in the good old days. Way back when, I worked with Judy at BOSRR, in fact, she was my trainer.

Rumor has it that Mercedes Hersom finally has a potential buyer for her house in ME. Once sold, she will no longer be driving between her new NH home & the old one in ME. It was good to see Gerald & Margaret Peters who haven't attended a meeting in some time. The 50/50 winners were Don Latter & Sylvia Shakley. The free lunch winner was Carol Montalto. A special thanks to

Helmut Umbley, who shares a ride with a fellow member who can no longer drive. Our newest member is Gina Marotta, BOSMK. Welcome Gina!

Our bit of sad news is the passing of Betty Cummings on Oct. 18. Bill, her husband, formally BOSFF passed away in July this year.

By now, all Nor'Easter members should have received their 2007 membership renewal application. If you haven't filled out yours & mailed it back, please do so now! If you misplaced yours, please contact your secretary for a new one. Stay current as a member & help your secretary keep sound records. A reminder, if you change your e-mail carrier or address, please advise me. I'm getting notices of e-mail addresses undeliverable. PLEASE advise of any changes!

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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13 Escapees plus 2 guests of our host; Marlene Jeffrey, her 90 year young Mom & sister Colette gathered at 'Sinbad's on the River' Nov 2. Much to everyone's delight Marlene, who works for a convention committee, obtained discount books for all, which included a buy one get one free entrée at Sinbad's. Our wonderful waitress even packed Marlene a free take home meal since she elected to be the odd number. A most delectable meal & the 'Price was Right'. Everyone wanted Marlene's mom's secret for looking & staying so young.

All were elated to see John LeRoy. He says the new treatments for his returned cancer seems to be working & has had little side effects. Please continue to keep John in your prayers for a complete recovery as he continues treatment for at least a year.

Calendar:

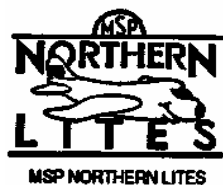
1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.



MINNESOTA

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Oct.'s gathering of the clan was pretty small & there was not much going on in everyone's lives. In fact, it was one of the quietest lunch meetings I can remember!

Some visiting, of course, anticipation for the Loonie's autumn event for those of us who were participating, but not a lot going on.

Add Jan & Bob Hannah to your prayer chain, everyone. Jan's Mom has reached that stage in her life where she needs help but doesn't want it. Don't forget about Jan & Dick Meyer, too. Any of you who have had to deal with aging parents - who among us hasn't? - understands what they're going through. Look ahead, folks, that may be us next year.

The Northwoods Loonies gathering was fun again. It was held in Fish Creek, WI, a lovely little village in Door County which is a peninsula that juts out into Lake Michigan east of Green Bay. The Chambers of Commerce in all the small towns have banded together to make the place special. You won't find a McDonald's or Home Depot anywhere; you know what? I didn't miss them at all! A big thanks to Norm Wilkinson & his wife, Diana March, for all their efforts to make it memorable. The Loonies' motto is "if you worked for UAL & live in the upper Midwest, you can be a Loonie". Several of us from the Northern Lites have been welcomed with open arms & now attend their (our!) events regularly. We're just as loony as anyone.

We're hoping that our friend Arlaine Franzmeier, retired flight attendant who commuted to ORD for many years, will be able to join us for lunch one of these days. She's running a ranch on the outskirts of Minneapolis & provides horseback rides for emotionally & physically troubled children. The Northern Lites have placed her enterprise on our preferred list of charities.

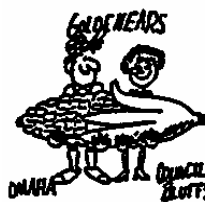
Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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What a great day for 33 to drive to Gretna for lunch - weather temp 89. For this time of year, a very nice surprise. Thanks to Jackie & Tony Sortino for hosting. We were happy to have Larry Sortet join us. Hopefully he will become a member.

Sandy Bender had macular hole (eye) surgery at the UCLA Medical Center on Oct. 11. She has to lay on her stomach 24/7 for 10 days, she can't walk much for 2 months. Our best wishes to Sandy that she will have complete recovery.

Jackie Vassios had back surgery on Sept. 27. She has had severe back pain for a long time, the doctor wanted to do a procedure to try & rid her of some of the pain. We certainly hope she is feeling better.

I talked to Paul Steuri, he said he fell & broke his elbow in July, was in a cast for several weeks. He is now able to drive, he & Humble plan to attend our luncheon at Piccolo Pete's.

- Mary Winkler e-mailed me saying Bob Hatcher's wife, Carol, passed away. Her services were held Nov. 11 in Half Moon Bay, CA. Bob started with UAL in Omaha in 1954 & transferred to SFO in 1966. Our sincere sympathy to Bob & his family.

Keith & Jan Cornish just returned from a lengthy trip to Amsterdam, Budapest & other great places.

Calendar:

Dec. 5 - Anthony's, Hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton. This is our Christmas Dinner at 5:00 P.M.

Jan. 9 - USA Steak



NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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We had our Oct. meeting with a loud outcry to keep it going the way we did so far. 43 attended this meeting, guests were: Nelma Gutwald's mother - Mrs. Cox, Winnie Stone's friend - Maurice Alston worked at LASHH, Dan Martinez' friend - Al Hutchinson.

All were concerned with the fate of this Chapter. It was decided that we will continue to meet every other month, but our Feb. meeting will be held at the Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel on February 13th, 2007 11:30 am. Then, with the approval of the members that will attend this meeting, we decide to continue our meetings at Arizona Charlie's for the rest of the year.

We have a new Chapter Board:

- Pres. - John Albert - Phone # (702) 258-4299
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- Treas. - Jean Frasco - Phone # (702) 242-9614
- Secy. - Baldor Ziel - Phone # (702) 616-9690
- Sunshine Lady - Eleanor Vasko - Phone # (702) 898-0561
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The Christmas party will be held at the "South Point Casino". All other information will be available at the end of Nov. when my letter to the Chapter Members will be sent. So far 54 persons will be attending this event, non Chapter member fee for this event is \$ 31.00 P/P.

A very big **Thank you** to the two Officers that did a tremendous job for this Chapter: Chris Czaplewski that is leaving the Presidency, plus Winnie Stone who worked very hard as Treas. for quite a few years.

The 47th International Airlines Extravaganza Christmas Party will take place at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino from Dec. 6 to Dec. 13. Reser-

vations are limited, for info & booking, call 1-800-634-3101. Say you are with the International Airline Extravaganza - Code PCIINAE. \$ 43.00 a day P/P Double occupancy, \$ 76.00 Single occupancy, plus one \$ 15.00 Party registration. Cutoff reservation date is Nov.14.

That is all, Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year.

Calendar:

Dec. 12 - Meeting - 11:30 AM at the South Point Casino, 9777 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas. Phone - 796-7111.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 21 attendees at our Oct. meeting at the Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia Street. The overall comments continue to be positive so we met there again in Nov. REMEMBER: MEETINGS ARE THE 3rd MON. OF THE MONTH, EXCEPT DEC. WHICH WILL BE DEC. 11.

The Treasury balance continues to be healthy at \$782. The chapter likely will be able to subsidize part of the cost of the Christmas luncheon.

United Airlines continues to make news as they discuss their interest in merging with another carrier. The unions have each put together teams to discuss seniority & other issues should this talk materialize into anything substantial. Happy to report UA did not suffer any damage in the recent HWI earthquake other than about 22 cancelled flights. Also good news, it does not appear that any UA employees suffered losses either. RUAEA is now part of the UA home page on the internet with links to their newsletter, travel & 2007 Convention information. A national audience was able to get a view of how a large airline works by tuning in to NBC on Oct. 18 as American Airlines let camera crews tape all the various activities that occur during a daily airport operation.

The Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 11 at the 19th Hole. Social hour noon, with the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. As reported previously, we will col-

lect food for the Food Bank at our luncheon. Our goal is to surpass last year's haul of 170 lbs.

We were sorry to report that Jim Hellmer passed away. He was buried in Ben Lomond, CA during a private ceremony attended by his family. Pat Steenrod continues to recuperate at home & hopes she is finished with surgery. We hope to see her at our Christmas luncheon.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Gardenstaters met on Oct. 25 at Snuffy's restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. He welcomed all in attendance back to Snuffy's restaurant, since it would have been too costly to remain at the Wil-lows restaurant.

Jerry Confer discussed pertinent facts of Toys for Tots. The Gardenstaters have participated in this program for the past 4 years. Last year the Pocono detachment received 80,000 toys & distributed them to 8,287 children. The money they receive goes to the older children who go to the malls to pick out something for themselves i.e. Timex watches. This year Jerry was promoted to Commandant of his detachment in Stroudsburg, PA. This detachment will coordinate all the toys for the state. The Gardenstaters received 4 certificates for their donations. He asked that everyone bring in toys to the next meeting on Nov. 29. Donations will also be gladly accepted. Distribution to the children will be Dec. 18. Toys for Tots donated pencils & rulers for all in attendance thanks to Jerry Confer.

The RUAEA convention for 2007 will be in Sacramento, CA May 27 to June 2.

For your information, UAL headquarters has moved from Elk Grove to downtown CHI according to the news reports.

The minutes were read by Lena Confer in the absence of Violet Etler. A thank you note was read from Diane Johnston for the flight 93 pin given to

her from the chapter.

Door prize was won by Tony Da Silva, the 50/50 was won by Terry Schultz.

Calendar:

Dec.13 - Meeting.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS



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"The Metros" last meeting at the Asian Buffet for 2006. Our Nov. meeting had the largest attendance since the 2005 Christmas party. We had 74 members & guests enjoying the Chinese cuisine.

Pres. Jim Richardson does a great job at the monthly meetings, he announces the monthly birthdays, then a famous historical person and/or celebrity sharing the same date with the member. Nell Napolitano celebrates her 86th birthday on the 11th with Mickey Mouse. While, Leo Talochino was 82 on the 1st with Larry Flynt.

Ann & George Meartz were married 51 years on Nov. 22. Best Wishes for many more years together.

Peter & Edythe Dollis will be happy to hear from the chapter members. Peter had a set back & hasn't been able to attend our monthly meetings (718) 366-3765. Peter worked as a B&M mechanic before retiring in 1981. He & Edythe have been married for over 66 years.

We can't forget Mike Schroeder (631) 472-1553 & Mike Maddi in North Carolina (919) 342-6374.

At the last meeting Charlie Kaczinski accepted the position of VP for another 2 years. Also, Paul Cohen will continue to be the N.Y. Metros chapter Treas. Pres. Jim Richardson is very pleased with Charlie & Paul for the great job they're doing to help run the chapter smoothly. Jim also acknowledged the great job Diane Talochino & Rosemary Totaro do collecting the luncheon & raffle money each month.

The Metros voted to cancel Jan. monthly meeting. Too close to the Holiday celebrations. They

also voted to have a 2nd summer picnic in Aug. as well as July. A pleasant change for the membership!

Van & Janet Vancleemput spoke about the great time they had on their 20 days in mainland China. The Great Wall, River Cruise & the terra cotta army were magnificent. They were disappointed with Beijing, too much smog. The Chinese capitol has stepped into the 21st century.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 - 12 noon – Annual Christmas Party - Millerridge Inn, Jericho, N.Y.

Jan. – Meeting cancelled.

Feb. 7 - 12 noon Asian Buffet, Hicksville, N.Y.

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The 21st semiannual meeting of the Loonies was held at Fish Creek, Door County, WI Oct. 17-20. There were 41 of us in attendance at the Homestead Suites, where they gave us exclusive use for our entire stay of a conference room where we held our meeting, played games, ate, drank, talked - visiting/reminiscing is an important part of our get-togethers.

Another fun part of our meeting is food. Each lunch & dinner was in a different location, so we visited restaurants in all the major villages on the peninsula, including Al Johnson's in Sister Bay with 5 goats grazing on its sod roof.

Activities included a guided tour of the Door Peninsula Winery, oldest & largest in the county, followed by much tasting; a 1½ hour narrated scenic trolley tour including 2 stops in lovely 3,776 acres Peninsula State Park; a traditional fish boil dinner; one afternoon free for members to explore, shop, gallery hop, go antiquing, or whatever sounded fun. There was a marathon cribbage tournament with Connie Glattly/Jim Brennan against their spouses Rich/Mary. Ted Mc Caffrey did an admirable job as the only man in the dominoes game.

This meeting was special for several reasons. It began with a period of silent reflection/prayer for Loonies Charter Members Pat/Bob Brainerd, for Chet/Bonnie Fleming, & for RUAEA Newsletter Jo Madden. Pat Brainerd was diagnosed with colon cancer in March; is on hospice care as this is written. Chet has a serious kidney problem which will probably require dialysis soon. Jo had planned to attend her first Loonies meeting (with Marie Cook from Great Lakes Escapees/Loonies), but as the whole RUAEA world likely knows by now, Jo broke her wrist a few days before our meeting. Our thoughts & prayers are with each of you.

Another special feature of this meeting was the presence of first-timers Muriel/Ken Bergsma from McHenry, IL; Jacque/Jim Sontheimer from Roselle, IL; plus Ethel/Bob Johnson from Minneapolis, MN. Member Donna Gray brought her mother Beatrice Bjerkstrand & a friend Victoria Zahn, who brought her granddaughter, 5½ month old Athena, who charmed us all.

Midwest Director Carol Faust with her husband Bob are regulars at our meetings, but this time they brought us a very special treat, Marlin & Marilyn Lade. The Lades have shared a Loonies experience before, but it has been a while, so it was wonderful to have them back. Marlin made a very interesting & informative presentation at our business meeting, then graciously answered all our questions.

Special thanks to the Lades & to all our first-timers for the positive energy you contributed. Thanks too to Hope Hayden who embroiders Loonies logos on our shirts; to Marie Cook for being our official photographer/historian - also for that delicious pumpkin bread; to all who contributed food for our buffet tables; to Dian Storlie for the "Iowa's Wild Places" books. Curt/Sharon Gaffor came with a gift for us - Sharon made a beautiful 27"x32" Loon wall quilt which will hang in a place of honor at all future meetings. Thank you very much, Sharon!

Finally, the biggest decision we make at each meeting is who will host the next one. This time Connie/Rich Glattly volunteered to assume that responsibility. They have planned the meeting for May 15-18, 2007 at Bayfield, WI on the Northernmost tip of the state. Thanks you two - see you there.



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Nov.1, 68 Buckeyes met at Maya Restaurant (formerly La Hacienda) in Berea for a luncheon. Our host this month was Bill Gatesman. I was unable to attend, but I heard the food was great! Thanks Bill for a good job!

Our Treas. Dolly Taucher opened the meeting, with Dave Placko saying "Grace". After lunch the meeting continued.

Nov. birthdays along with Oct. birthdays were acknowledge since there was no meeting in Oct. The traditional "Happy Birthday" song was sung to those celebrating birthdays.

Pres. Carol Hacker suffered a stroke on Sept. 27. We are happy to report that along with God's grace & her determination, she is recovering. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers, along with many cards & beautiful flowers. She feels truly blessed to have so many friends. At this time she is unable to use the computer. When she is up to it, she will be sending out Thank You cards. If you would like to send her a card her address is: Columbia Mobile Home Park, 16 Church St. Olmsted Twp., OH 44138-3019.

Many of our members are experiencing health issues in their families. Please keep Sharon Minelli's family, Joseph & Bette Rowan, Victor & Betty Taylor along with Ron Palley in your prayers, that soon they will be on the road to recovery. God Bless!

Discussion at the meeting led to all in attendance agreeing that the checks for our monthly meeting should be mailed no later than the 15th of each month. This makes it much easier for the person(s) hosting the meeting.

Calendar:

Jan. - No meeting.

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

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As always, the Ice Cream Social was a success with 93 members enjoying the different flavors & toppings. The election of officers was held for the years 2007 & 2008. The winners were George (Jack) Hoober, Pres. who so graciously agreed to another term after having a 2 year respite; no one came forward to run for VP, Patti Gurski, Secy., Nadine Holten, Treas. & Merle Pitman, to serve on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to all of you, I know your dedication to serve is appreciated by all of us.

George & Elaine Thomas celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Oct. Congratulations.

I mentioned last month that Joan Brotherton had been ill. It seems last month she had to undergo gall bladder surgery. Get well Joan! Also, Mike McMorrow had been recuperating in a health care facility, was getting ready to move to a home where he would receive lesser care; however he fell & had to return to the hospital. He is currently at Gateway Care & Retirement Center at 39 NE 102nd, Portland, OR 97220. I know that he would enjoy hearing from his friends at UAL.

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Dec. 6 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. I inadvertently gave the date last month as the 13th - I am sorry for the error. The dinner will feature your choice of prime rib, salmon or a vegetarian dinner with all the trimmings.

Kathy Russell made an appeal at the last meeting for members to contribute articles to Plane Talk, our quarterly newsletter. If you don't feel you could write an article maybe you could tell her about one of your experiences with UAL. She could help you write it or get someone else to do it for you. I know there must be some great stories out there.

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 from outside our

(503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

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

Dec. 6 - Christmas Dinner 4 PM to 8 PM

Jan. 10

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day



OUR CLUB

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Marge Calkins hosted the OUR Club luncheon on Oct. 6 at Tacos Locos Restaurant in Grants Pass. In addition to 17 OUR Club members, we were delighted to welcome first-timer Harry Horne as well as Herb & Mary Crees' son, Harry, who was visiting from Houston, TX. As would be expected with a United Airlines group, conversation frequently turns to travel. This month members shared details of a cruise to the HWI islands & plans for a biking tour through Holland.

Between hanging up our Halloween costumes & carving the Thanksgiving turkey, 18 OUR Clubbers gathered at Wild River Brewing & Restaurant in Grants Pass on Nov. 3 for the monthly luncheon. The travel talk continued with tales of a broken toe at Disneyland, luggage stolen in the Houston, TX airport. On a happier note, a fun reunion in Branson, MO.

It was with special joy we welcomed back Walt & Peggy Wilson after a lengthy absence for medical treatment. Happiest wishes to Alberta Conger & Russ Randall for their upcoming wedding. Well wishes to Elaine Ellis after her recent surgery.

Jim & Jane Frincke and Robert & Judy Machado are planning the Dec. luncheon & quarterly business meeting for 12:00 noon on Dec. 1 at Olive Garden Restaurant in Medford. We hope everyone in southern OR and northern CA will be able to join us as we kick off the holiday festivities & elect chapter officers for 2007.



Calendar:

Dec. 1 - Details in column

Jan. 5 - Potluck luncheon hosted by Lorraine & David Presley

Feb. 2 - TBA hosted by Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels

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The Executive board of the Pit-Stoppers met & discussed the final plans for our annual Christmas luncheon. Lee Snuffer will host the event this year. The yearly dinner honoring the "new" retirees has been incorporated into the luncheon, the two recent retirees will be honored at this time. The 2006 retirees are Ellie Paine & Yvonne Burstein. The board is planning to have our election of officers - so please plan to attend.

Our prayers to Russ Potts, former RSM lead who is seriously ill at home. I am sure Russ would love to hear from his friends - 456 Bocktown Cork Rd., RD#2, Box 66E, Clinton, PA 15026. Happy to hear Jim Doolan is now at home - doing much better. Keep it up, Jim. Please continue to pray for our good friend Lou Kroeck. Lou enjoys getting cards & well wishes from his many friends. Jayne reads them to him, I know he loves hearing from you all. His address is 1494 Oak Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116.

Ken McQuiston is convalescing in a nursing home, Betty asks that you keep him in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Ken at 2101 Maratta Rd., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Thanks to Super Sleuth Jerry Stevens the Andy Bungo, a mystery has been solved. Seems like Andy & Lil decided to relocate & forgot to let all of their E-Mail buddies know. Thanks Jerry.

Calendar:

The Christmas luncheon & Jeri & Bernie's open house will be covered in next month's newsletter.



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It was a foggy, gloomy morning on Oct. 19, however, 12 members showed up for our usual Breakfast Buffet at Shoney's Restaurant in West Knoxville. We welcomed Patricia Peshak to our gathering. She worked at World Headquarters & in Reservations before retiring. She & her husband Gary have recently moved to Tellico. Everyone enjoyed breakfast & visiting with each other. Betty Shipe reminded everyone that our Luncheon in Nov. is one hour earlier than usual (11:30 EST). We'll be meeting for lunch at the Downtown Grill and Brewery before proceeding to the Tennessee Theater for our tour of the renovated theater. Everyone is looking forward to this great event.

Calendar:

Dec. 21 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Jan. 18 - 12:30 EST. Lunch to be hosted by Jackye & Don Jeacock (865-995-9367). Meeting theme will be "Antiques". Further details to be announced.

Feb. 15 - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On Oct. 18, 22 chapter members met for a congenial lunch at the Golden Corral restaurant. We were glad to welcome Tony/Dorothy Brown; Hank/Mary Bons; Pete/Jackie Loyola; Bill/Shirley Ottman; Lila Maughan; Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown -

all of whom had not been to our regular meetings for some time.

Our group missed Chapter Pres. Doug Petersen; he & his wife went to NYC on a short vacation. Chapter VP Betty Davis, as well as our regular visitor Doug Roberts were not present. We hope all is well with each of them. Knowing Betty Davis, though ... she is probably traveling again! Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine, their daughter Judy & retiree-hubby Clair Anderson were missed. Darlene was not feeling too well; Judy was busy with other projects.

We visited Aletha Cannon at Cottonwood Hospital where doctors performed surgery on her second knee; she will, according to daughter Shirlene, spend another week recuperating at Aspen Ridge Convalescent Home at 6400 South. A visit was paid to Leoma Williams at her Evergreen Av. Home, she is always glad to have someone come & see her, now that she is pretty well tied to her wheelchair.

On a more serious note: UAL retiree Ernest Rowbotham, 80, died on 10/08/06, & SLC retiree George Dalton was asked to do the honors as pallbearer. Dale Street; Grant Beutler; Sandy Cantonwine, & this correspondent went to the funeral. Our group's expression of sympathy to wife Marjorie for the loss of her husband.

This correspondent was elected to be editor of *Clipped Wings'* Members-at-large chapter for the next 2 years, with the first MAL newsletter having just been USPS'ed to CA. 150 members, nationwide - even reaching as far as HWI & Japan. The *Clipped Wings'* larger "Quarterly" edition contains news from CA. 34 National F/A chapters. Congratulations to our own RUAEA retiree, Mrs. Chic (Roni) Adams, as CW's MAL President!

Calendar:

Nov. 15 - Coffee - 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr.

Dec. 6 - Potluck Christmas lunch, 12 noon - 10194 Cornerstone Dr., S.Jordan, UT.



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Doesn't seem possible to be writing the last Newsletter of 2006. SEA has made up for over half of its rainfall of Nov. within the 1st 6 days of the month - usually get 5 inches of rain.

Pres. John Haferbecker has stepped up to the plate for George Weseman & doing a wonderful job. George is at Highline Regional Hospital with his tracheotomy & other care. His family is keeping us updated every week with emails. No visitors allowed for some time. Cards to their home are appreciated along with prayers.

The Oct. luncheon at Fairwood Golf & Country Club had 52 attendees, hosted by Lyle & Johanna Myers. Don Hanson brought his new fiancée, Sharon Penwell. Marian Matthews brought Irene Barrett. John announced Fern Lockwood was moving to SEA, giving up her job of taking reservations to Delores Steger. Another volunteer, Noreen Krawczyk will take over Charlotte Russo's duties as Assistant Treas., coordinating meeting attendance & entrée selection.

Martin Dicke of the Flight Kitchen passed away Sept. 12; John Alexander of Ramp Service on Sept. 27.

Just learned Marlene Sherman had a stroke in Jan. 2006. Jean Ramsey also had a stroke, both ladies are at home. Pat Wagner is improving in a care home 2 blocks from where she & Ken live. Missy Hess of Black Diamond, a retired Customer Service is battling lung cancer. Geri Shippee is struggling with C.O.P.D.

On Oct. 21, 110 people attended a host party at the Kona Kitchen for anyone who had worked in SEARR. Judy Higley drove over from Lake Chelan, Mary Carson flew up from TPA, she now works for Air Canada. Lost of hugs, addresses & phone numbers were exchanged. Cheryl Rogers, a SEA secy., her husband Bill Rogers, retired SEA Sales Air Freight, Darlene & Gus Mercer came over from central WA; Jerry Rowles, former Res. Mgr. came in his wheelchair. So many came that

we took over the restaurant. Sue Crane & Chris Legasse promised to have another get-together. Russ Casson, a Trainer, brought his pretty wife.

At the Oct. luncheon, Bob Brumfield gave us his wonderful update & few jokes. Bob is now writing a column for the RUAEA Newsletter.

Ken & Judy Storey missed the luncheon as they conducted 11 people to Sicily & Malta. They will tell us more at the next luncheon.

We had a speaker in Sept. - Jim Schultz talked about a 55 & alive from AARP on driver safety. Pres. John is hoping to get a group together at \$10.00 each - they give a certificate for 10% off your car insurance.

Don't forget our Travel Desk - Local (206) 433-4218 or outside the SEA area 1-888-826-3375, Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Pacific Time.

Calendar:

Dec. - Nothing planned.

Jan. 9 - Fairwood Golf & Country Club

Feb. 13 - Fairwood Golf & Country Club

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Our beautiful fall weather in Oct. has now gotten in the low teens at night. It has turned just plain cold with blue sky to keep the blahs away.

We lost another of our retirees on Oct. 19. Floyd Miller was 87. He helped open United Airlines stations from Catalina to Spokane, retired in 1981 after 35 years of service. Floyd was preceded in death by his wife Annabelle & his daughter Candace. He was survived by his son Michael & grandchildren. He will best be remembered as "The Fisherman" one of his life's passions. Services were held at the LDS church on Oct. 28.

Fran Smith had knee replacement surgery last month. This was her second knee surgery. After painful therapy & discomfort prior to getting it fixed, she is on her way to recovery.

Nadine Logsdon-Bogart spent 5 days in the hospital with a kidney infection. She is home, recovering nicely.

Wanda Lipscomb is now living at Cheney Care Center, 2219 N. 6th. St. Cheney, WA 99004. She will not be able to live by herself as she did for so many years. I'm sure she would love getting a card in the mail or give her a call at (509) 235-6196.

Our sunshine lady, Vera Graham saw to it that they received a card & flowers. Les & Vera just returned from a trip to St. Louis. Not to be different, Les had a problem getting on a flight – he spent some choice overnight hours at SEA waiting to come home. He had sent Vera home on the only seat on the airplane before him. His seniority is 1947 & if he can't get on!

Lance & I leave the first week in Jan. for PSP. It is our "home away from home". We will return the end of March.

The Fantasy Flight 2006 is Dec. 9. Setup is on Dec. 7 & 8. They still need volunteers for escorts, workshop positions, camera elves, etc. Please contact Gary or Sharon Holmes 924-4959 or by e-mail at ghshic@quixnet.net. Gary & Sharon just returned home after 18,000 miles in their motor home.

Our annual Christmas party is being hosted by Les & Vera Graham. They have been hosting it for many years, it truly is appreciated. It is Dec. 3. 4 pm at the Chic a Ria. It was planned for the first Sun. of the month as to not interfere with the Fantasy Flight that is the 2nd Sat. in Dec. Many of the retirees participate.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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OBITUARIES

Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.

Retiree – **CICCO, Donna**, LAX, on 8/18/06, wife of Felix, 4997 Mascaro Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122-8108

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LETTERS

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

Joyce Josepher, Lorraine Presley, Donald S. Chang, Myrtle C. Poggensee, Cheryl Rutenschroer, D. T. Meyer, Janice Beavan, Carl Johnson, Dee O'Donnell, Norma Kopel, Peggy Kuhn, Linda Flanagan, Jesse J. McNeice, Suzanne Reese, Hibernia Kim-mich, Chris McGoughran, Lucille Garton, H. R. Jahnke, Lawrence G. Smith, Francis J. "Tek" Tekavec, Ethel Batiste, Anne Coble, Jackie Corr, Myron Gavula, Dolores Tagariello, Carol-Ann Delancellotti, Dottie M. Kopec, Mercedes C. Hersom, Gwendolyn Williams, Betty Winchester, Nancy S. Humphries, Marlene Rosenberg, Richard Knotts, Betty Ballash, Gernot H. Luneberg, Monte & MaryAnn Monson, James C. Hale, Georgeann Auer, Eileen E. Brown, Hector L. Medina, Dave Kratofil, Sue Sealey, John A. Vyszwan, Beatrice Caudle, Jody P. Jenkins, Inez A. Davies, Ardell Furuta, Pauline D. Foster, Milford Jones, Arnie & B. L. Schaetzke, Joan Foote, Dooley & Sylvie Baxter.

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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We explored with Betty Garner the splendor of Yosemite National Park & the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Upon arrival, we took a scenic ride aboard the Yosemite Mountains Sugar Pine Railroad. These excursions took us into the Sierra wilderness along tracks that were used by logging trains at the turn of the century. While we rode into history, our conductor recalled the exciting past. Upon our return to the station, we enjoyed a delicious lunch. After our lunch, we proceeded to the Chukchonsi Resort & Casino, nestled in the Sierra foothills with its "Western Mountain Lodge" décor, for our next two nights accommodations. On day two we took the Yosemite Valley Tram tour and experienced the splendor of the glacial gorges which exhibit the sheerest walls, the most distinc-

Happy Holidays

tive sights, the flattest floor, the widest meadows and the fine arrays of waterfalls, before returning to Chukchonsi.

On day three, we made a stop at the Hilmar Cheese company for a hosted lunch and tours. A spectacular trip that we thoroughly enjoyed! Being a lifetime member of RUAEA – I surely enjoy the newsletter.

Bill R. Swift, 1 Cedar Pond Dr. #10, Warwick, RI 02886-0802

My thanks to all who make the Newsletter possible. I always look forward to its arrival. I hope you never cease the publication in favor of getting it on the internet only. At my age, I do not plan to get into that (the internet that is)!

I continue to be interested in how UAL is doing & aside from an occasional blurb in the newspaper, the Newsletter is only good source for the news about the company. Please keep us informed. I also enjoy news reports of the individual chapters.

Gordon Kibbe, 330 Lakeview Way, Emerald Hills, CA 94062-3317

Again, many thanks to all for making the Newsletter possible. Beat the red mark by few days, at least. Almost 18 years retired and still going strong. (but slower)

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Thank you to everyone who works so hard to put together the very informative RUAEA newsletter. I cannot imagine being without the newsletter which keeps me up-to-date on our UAL benefits – also keeps me up-to-date on NYCRR employees which brings back many wonderful memories!

Marie A. Blackwell, 474 Linden Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666

To all the individuals who made this newsletter possible. I want to say “thank you”. It will be 2 years on Dec. 31 that I retired - I don’t regret it, however, I miss all the wonderful people I met & worked with during my 36½ years. Every time I get together with some of my co-workers we call each other our “United family” because we spent more time with each other than we did with our families during our working lives. We helped each other during good times & bad, marriages, di-

vorces, having children, losing children, sick & elderly parents; last but not least, living through Sept. 11th & EWR flight 93. I was at work that horrible day - the emotions are still with me. We will always have that.

W. A. Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024

The purpose of this short note is twofold - first to pay up my due dues thereby erasing any doubt that I’m a cheapskate, second to ease any tension that might exist in Holiday shoppers scurrying about looking for last minute gifts. I think I have the answer. Forget Victoria’s Secret, forget Tiffany’s, forget Marshall Field’s - oops, whoa Nellie, Macy’s. In lieu thereof get yourself a gift wrapped, highlighted, personalized, informational RUAEA member Seniority List delivered to your door. It’s quite simple to do - merely send me your name, address & DATE OF HIRE, that’s it. Oh yes, for such an outstanding deal you would have to include a check for \$3.50 made out to me at the above address, however, if you prefer to just be entered in the List (no hard copy), just send me the above info & you’re listed. It’s FREE, NO CHARGE - that’s simple. Those with computers could inform me at WAShattock@comcast.net Who said there’s no Santa!

I think I should mention that this note is not addressed solely to the last minute shoppers, but that this fantastic offer extends ad infinitum!

Charles A. & Anne M. Becker, 405 Vicksburg Ave., Kerrville, TX 78028

23 years of retirement and Charlie’s 88th birthday. Parkinson’s disease for 5 years has slowed him down. We don’t travel much now - miss the convention but enjoy reading & seeing all the pictures of them.

Our son rented a condo in South Padre Island & drove us there. It has really built up - condo, hotels & restaurants. A great vacation spot with white sand beach & ocean. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date on UAL.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trl., Elgin, IL 60120-7009

In April this year another grandchild turned 10 years old. Bryanne wanted to go on “her special trip” to Paris & see the Eiffel Tower. She had a

wonderful time on her spring break at school. We did all the touristy things, plus the last day I took her to a "Fashion Show" at the Lafayette Galleries - she loved it.

The last day of April, & 2 weeks of May, George & I took a Celebrity Trans-Atlantic cruise with many UA friends. Our first stop was in La-Havre, France, we spent the day in Normandy. It sure was great. We ended the cruise in Dover, England, spent overnight there, took the Chunnel & spent time in Paris for several days. All the history is so impressive & awesome.

We returned home the end of Sept. after staying in Venice, Italy for a few days, we took a cruise to Greece, Turkey, & our last port-of-call was Dubrovnik, Croatia. We love that city the BEST. It's a walled city & fascinating. This was our Cruise #70. We still love our cruises. After the cruise we wanted to get to a "United city" for our return flight, then spent a few days in Amsterdam before going home.

Things have changed with United benefits, as we all know. So fortunately, my husband George is still working.

I sure look forward to receiving my monthly Newsletter. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

John "Scotty" G. Thomas, 810 Gonzalez Drive, #7K, San Francisco, CA 94132

This is the only bill I pay that I actually smile as I am writing the check. You bring so much pleasure to so many people, I thank you for that.

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

You do an excellent job!

It's been 5 years since Marv died - he was in the original Industrial Engineering Dept. The Dept. name changed many times in the 33 years of his service. I keep hoping to read about people we knew throughout those years. I just had my 82nd birthday - doing fine. I would love to hear about any of you from that era!

Ferrol Hilsabeck, 1206 I Ave., Grundy Center, IA 50638

It's awfully easy nowadays to scan & scroll through the monthly newsletter on your website without realizing all the hard work you folks do to

get it there. Thank you so much for your efforts & the ongoing improvements in making the newsletter so readily available.

John & Hilda Steckel, 6 Homestead View, Washington, MO 63090-4641

2006 marks 25 years of retirement. Since John's last birthday (88) we have sold our home & moved to a 2 bedroom cottage with assisted services - dining room, bus service with hoist, medical supervision & entertainment. We cook most of our meals, exercise daily on our own equipment.

John uses an electric scooter to go shopping & for doctor appointments.

There are very few UAL retirees in our area - so thanks to RUAEA news for keeping us in touch.

Diana M. Kaiser, 448 San Nicolas Way, St. Augustine, FL 32080

Sorry to see IAD Res. Center close. I spent my entire UA career working in Sterling & miss the friend I made along the way.

Just want to let friends know Larry & I have settled in St. Augustine, FL. The weather is terrific. We're both doing much better health-wise. We now have 2 grand children.

Both of us are retired & busier than ever. Let us know if you are down this way - St. Augustine is a great place to visit.

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

Have just returned from a 3 month trip to Canada. Since the end of June, I have driven almost 8,000 miles which included 2 round trips from home to my cabin in British Columbia plus 2 side trips to Vancouver Island. I have had enough driving to last me a long time. Sadly though, it is probably the last time I will make that trip as I sold my cabin which I developed & enjoyed for the last 38 years. All the friends I had there that I used to fish & socialize with are all gone. Life has a habit of doing that.

This past March, I had my left hip replaced. Not much different from the airplanes I used to work on. When a part wore out you just replaced it & released it for service.

This is my 25th year of retirement from UAL which amazes me. So much has taken place in those 25 years that the UAL period is almost like a

dream. In reading the letters from retirees I am surprised at all the different areas of the airline that are covered. In the 34 years of my tenure, it very seldom got past maintenance & flying. Live & learn. I have the wonderful Newsletter Crew to thank for teaching me more about what makes an airline tick. Keep up the good work, you people are very much appreciated.

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

Thanks for the Happy Birthday Dues Time Stamp! I believe I am batting 3 for 3 on that one. The Cubs should be so lucky!

My wife & I really enjoy the local & national RUAEA activities; really appreciate the efforts of all involved with the conventions & newsletter. This organization does a terrific job of enabling us to stay in touch with friends & colleagues also to meet new friends from different cities.

Thanks for all you do.

Peggy J. Hallsted, 243 Caseco Lane, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Thank you one & all for what you do for us throughout the year. You provide us with so many answers that are readily made available through a wonderful website! I appreciate your efforts. I may not know your face or names but am grateful just the same!

Velma I. Stough, 170 Treasurton St., Colfax, CA 95713-9023

It's nice to still see your name on our Retirees Newsletter.

Boy! The years sure creep up on you. I'll be 85 this year.

Got acquainted with United in 1945-SFOMB. Made a lot of good friends along the way. But that's United, isn't it?

Thanks again for all your help with our monthly newsletter.

Harvey H. Bruning, 1010 N. Race Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Got my red stamp issue ... another year gone since retirement. This may come to you a little later than usual because we were away on a 3 week driving vacation back east. Among other things, such as seeing many historic sites plus Acadia Na-

tional Park, we went to see the fall foliage in New England. I try to drive instead of flying whenever time permits. As a result, we have seen most of the country since I retired, instead of flying over it. I intend to drive to this next convention also, as I have to all but one of the others.

Hope to see you all there!

M. Johansen, 1812 W. Lincoln, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Thank you to all of you for all your work on the Newsletter.

Norm Kirby, 107 Challenge Ct., Foster City, CA 94404

Well, it's that time again, another year has flown by. But this one has had significant changes; some good - some bad.

Good -- UAL is out of bankruptcy, the flights are full, they're making money - recalling pilots & flight attendants.

Bad -- They've laid off people in other areas, fuel prices are still too high, the competition, especially with LCC's, is fierce, restrictions with carry-on's & liquids - non rev flying is difficult.

Good -- my health is good.

Bad -- my job at Bank of America Commercial Air Leasing in SFO is being eliminated. Like GE & several other large leasing companies, to avoid US taxes, B of A is setting up an off shore company in Dublin, IR. With all the corporate taxes saved by off shoring, tax cuts to the rich, it makes you wonder whose taxes are running the country, must be all of us middle class folks.

Good -- I'm going to take this as an opportunity & retire. Until now, I've only read about the retiree activities; now hope I'll have time to join in some of them. Wishing us all a good 2007.

Thanks again for the wonderful & dedicated staff that put together the RUAEA Newsletter; I know it's been a life line to UAL for a lot of us over the years.

Ken Storey, 16039 12 Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98166

To Jo & all the staff - Thank you for the birthday wish. You are the first. We just returned home from 3 weeks in Malta & Sicily. We really enjoyed the 2 countries. They go back to 500 B.C. & earlier. They claim they have been invaded by every-

body but the Irish & the U.S.A.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

**Rollin Drayton, 16655 SE 80 Bella Vista Cir.,
The Villages, FL 32162**

Just celebrated by 63rd birthday - retired from UAL 3 years ago. Living in a place so close to paradise, I have to pinch myself every day to make sure I am not dreaming.

I enjoy reading the newsletter, however, I rarely see any of my old buddies from UAL IADFF. You are all doing excellent jobs keeping us well informed.

Eugene & LaDonna Eggert, 1355-A Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

How can we thank you for what you are doing to keep us informed on the day-to-day activities of such a huge organization? It's fabulous.

LaDonna has been on oxygen for over 7 months with pneumonia & emphysema, I also had my problems during this time. Her niece flew up from Mexico (vacation) to take care of us for 2 weeks. LaDonna is back to normal now.

We hope to start flying again soon - to HNL, etc. It's our favorite place.

I'm a great-grandfather with one daughter (former UAL flight attendant), 3 granddaughters, 4 great grandchildren - 2 to 9 years of age.

Just past my 88th birthday. Doing great except for my feet. Every step is a torture. So much for that.

Wish I could hug all you great people.

Dear RUAEA Members:

The mere words "THANK YOU" are just not adequate to tell you how much I appreciate all the Cheering-up/Get Well cards I received after my bad fall, breaking my left wrist, which caused an operation, a short hospital stay & many weeks of learning how to cope without my left hand. It is amazing how much a person can do with one hand! All of your good wishes certainly helped with my recuperation. Another big "Thank You".

THANK YOU

*Sincerely,
Jo Madden*

Important Phone Numbers



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1-888-825-0188 (M-F 7AM - 5PM Central Time).

<https://www.ualretirees.com/>

<https://united.intranet.ual.com/>

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1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

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1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478)

For flight information and to list yourself and companions for travel.

Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

1-800-393-6682

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1-888-278-7038 (M/W/F 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

Seattle Travel Desk - Toll Free

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PBGC

1-800-400-7242

<http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

<http://www.ssa.gov>



Annual Convention Survey

1. Do you attend the Annual Convention? **Yes** **No**
If **No**, Why? Cost, Travel, Health, Other,
Explain –

2. Do you like having the Convention yearly? **Yes** **No**

3. Would you like the Convention located in the same city yearly?
Yes **No** If **Yes**, **Which City?** _____

4. What would be the preferred length of the Convention?
a. Current Schedule - 7 days (Sun.-Sat.)
b. Number of Days? _____
c. Actual Days of the Week? _____

5. Is the present time of year OK? (Last week of May to first week of June)
Yes **No** **Other/Explain** _____

6. Do you like having tours? **Yes** **No**

7. Do you like having two banquet nights? **Yes** **No**

8. Do you enjoy the present agenda (Business Meeting – Panel Discussion – Breakout Sessions – Hospitality Room – Art Displays – Raffles)?
Yes **No**
Suggestions Please!

Other Thoughts or Suggestions you may have?

Circle the appropriate answer. Any and all suggestions are appreciated. **Please help by filling out the Survey and return to:**

Hank Gosselin – Vice President Conventions
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