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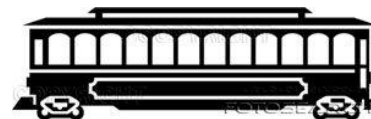
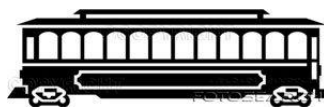
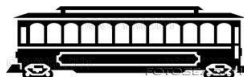
*Let's Go RUAEA - Let's GO - Join us for
our RUAEA 2008 CONVENTION -
friendships you may meet in Pittsburgh!*

Buckle up RUAEA - here we GO - Pittsburgh: Imagine What You Can Do Here! *The New York Times* calls Pittsburgh, "the only city with an entrance." Visitors entering Pittsburgh through the Fort Pitt Tunnel will surely agree - breathtaking skyline, sparkling rivers and friendly people! Our RUAEA friends will be looking forward to greeting you at the ***Pittsburgh International Airport which is (#1) in the US and (#2) in the World!*** Pittsburgh is getting ready to party for an elaborate, 250th Anniversary celebration.

Close your eyes and imagine this - Pittsburgh tour **by trolleys** to the **Duquesne Incline from Mt. Washington**, for a spectacular view of the downtown skyline. Standing atop Mt. Washington, sightseers enjoy the unforgettable panorama reflecting the buildings and skyscrapers on the three rivers. **Just picture this** - You can view no fewer than 15 bridges crossing the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers flowing together to create the Ohio River at the **POINT**. There, one of the World's tallest fountains with its 10,000 gallon reservoir is supplied by a fourth underground river which is (unknown to many!) Can you imagine - the night time view from the top of the incline overlooking the view of Downtown Pittsburgh's beautiful "Golden Triangle", the second most beautiful view in America. We will also be going to the **North Shore** - Andy Warhol Museum, **Oakland** - filled with medical complexes, UPMC hospitals, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. The **Nationality Rooms** - 26 nationality rooms highlighting Pittsburgh ethnic heritage - through examples of architecture and décor. PITT University is an internationally recognized center of learning and research. **Downtown** - part of the charm of Pittsburgh lies here with many cultural arts institutions; we will be sightseeing the **PPG Building** (home to an ice skating rink) and in the warmer months replaced by a fountain! The **Strip District** - busy streets with a unique collection of antique shops, ethnic food markets and specialty stores. Savor the smells of roasting coffee, fresh pastas and cheese, biscotti cookies hot out of the oven and homemade ice cream! **Gardens of Rodef Shalom** - largest botanical garden in North America. Visitors are able to experience the land of the Bible in a setting that includes a waterfall, a desert, a stream and the JORDAN, through the garden from Lake Galilee to the Dead Sea. Plants are labeled with biblical verses! **RUAEA - lunch**, we go to unique **PENN BREWERY** - (Pittsburgh's Microbrewery) making the best beer not the most beer! German food and beer ... **Imagine - One of the best perks about shopping in Pittsburgh is in the "Burgh" - no tax on clothing, shoes, groceries, or specialty foods in Pennsylvania!** Let's Go SHOPPING RUAEA LADIES! - LET'S GO!



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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

One of the goals of RUAEA is to embrace all segments of the United Airlines retiree population. Starting with this issue, there will be a Clipped Wings article located in the Local News section. We are extremely pleased with this development and want to be a source of encouragement.

Gail A. Preston, Clipped Wings, National Vice President will be the present correspondent. I have never met Gail, personally, but we have had some great discussions and we are both excited about the prospects of this relationship. This kind of relationship is what brings us (Retired and past UAL employees) together. We want to encourage the "people relationship" that was so much a part of working for United.

Gordon Starr
Executive VP

SATURDAY CONVENTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

Many of you mentioned in our survey that the Benefits Panel and Business meeting were too early in the AM. So we have revised the schedule, we listened. The new Events Schedule for Saturday morning is as follows:

- (*RUAEA Business Meeting: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM*
- (*Benefits Panel Presentation: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM*
- (*Breakout Sessions: 1:15 PM - 3:00 PM*

Door prizes will be given out after the Benefits Panel Presentation.

Please plan to attend these meetings; they contain useful information prepared for you.

Hank Gosselin
VP - Convention RUAEA

OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Pittsburgh International Airport has a landside and an airside. Two people movers transport passengers between each side. The airside has four concourses, A, B, C & D. UAL is located on Concourse C, along with the international arrivals. The Airmall situated along all four concourses giving air travelers a chance to shop. It was also voted the #1 Airport for conveniences for air travelers. The landside consists of car rentals, limos, buses, ticket counter, and the baggage claim area. Our RUAEA Welcoming Committee Chairman, **Carl Chiocci**, and his greeters will be at the baggage claim area to help direct with transportation, etc. Our hosting hotel (OMNI WILLIAM PENN) DOES NOT HAVE A COURTESY VAN TO THE HOTEL FROM THE AIRPORT. There is BUS TRANSPORTATION from the airport to downtown Pittsburgh (BUS 28X) that runs every 30 minutes from the Airport to Downtown PIT (No Charge) and will stop at 7th Street and William Penn (which is near the hotel). FOR THOSE OF YOU OVER 65 – BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE (FOR IDENTIFICATION) - NO CHARGES ON THE BUS TRANSPORTATION. Free transportation is funded by the PA Lottery for seniors over 65.

Pittsburgh Airport is serviced by the following airlines from major cities and offer discounts to retirees (as you all probably know):

- (AMERICAN - Chicago, Dallas, Miami, NY LaGuardia (ZED) fare.
- (UAL - Chicago, Denver, and Washington Dulles.
- (CONTINENTAL - Cleveland, Houston, Newark (ID90)
- (DELTA - Atlanta, NY Kennedy, Salt Lake City, Cincinnati (ID90)
- (USAIRWAY - Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and NY LaGuardia (ZED)
- (NORTHWEST - Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis St Paul (ID90)

- (SOUTHWEST - Baltimore, Chicago Midway, Las Vegas, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa, and Phoenix (\$25 one-way – (need a letter of proof of past employment from UAL)
- (AIR TRAN - Orlando, Atlanta (\$25 one-way)
- (JET BLUE - Boston, NY Kennedy (\$25 one-way with letter of proof of past employment from UAL)
- (MIDWEST - Milwaukee, Kansas City (ID90)
- (AIR CANADA - Toronto to PIT

Heard about a lot of talented **Artists and Crafters**. **RUAEA members: Arts and Crafts' Raffle** will be a part of Pittsburgh's **RUAEA's Convention 2008**. Please consider donating your arts & crafts, so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts (Monongahela/Hospitality Room). Thanks to all the crafters who have already sent us donations. For further information, please contact **Chair, Arts and Crafts - Gwen & Dave Detwiler** at **(724) 626-9558**. Please forward all Arts and Crafts: **284 Kelley Road, Connellsville, PA 15425** or email - davydee2@gmail.com.

Guess what is happening at the Convention party - we will have a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday till 4:00 pm - Drawing will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday! (Chairman, RAFFLE – Bill Redfern). More to come.

Other items for consideration:

- (Bus Trip to PIT - SOME OF OUR EASTCOAST OR NEARBY CITIES ARE GETTING A BUS TRIP TO THE PITTSBURGH RUAEA CONVENTION 2008! If possible, some of the closer cities may want to consider this as an option for traveling to PIT!
- (Passports – YOU WILL NEED THIS FOR A TOUR TO CANADA/NIAGARA FALLS POST TRIP FOR 2-NIGHTS AT THE NIAGARA FALLS/CASINOS! (More details will be coming with our tour descriptions).
- (Walking shoes for tours.

We will try to keep you informed on current information to make your visit to PITTSBURGH a memorable convention!

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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES AFFECT MILLIONS, UNITED EMPLOYEES AMONG THEM

Pete McDonald, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, shared the following update with all employees regarding how our local employees are affected by the southern California wildfires, and ongoing efforts to assist them.

Dear fellow employee:

The destruction caused by wildfires in California has been a major event in the U.S. this week. More than a million people were asked to evacuate their homes. Some of our own people were among them, mainly in the San Diego area.

Thankfully, we have no reports of harm to any of our nearly 4,000 United employees or their families based in southern California. There appears to be only a small number who have suffered damage to their homes. Others were impacted by difficulties in getting to airports in the region, and I'm sure that everyone will be glad to see the wildfires extinguished, so they can resume their normal lives.

Employees who had difficulties getting to their designated airports are working with their managers and supervisors to make arrangements for time off. We are working with employees who were subject to mandatory evacuation to provide appropriate pay protection. For those who lost their homes, we are providing two weeks of initial pay protection. We'll continue to stay in touch with our local management teams to ensure that we're providing the appropriate support in the days and weeks ahead.

Not surprisingly, our people rose to the occasion to address the challenges caused by the wildfires. Employees opened their homes to each other and their families, picked up trips for colleagues who couldn't make their scheduled flights and offered other forms of assistance. Stations offered help to each other with manpower support. Al Turner, SAN station manager, even reported that some employees slept over at the station on Monday evening to ensure that the operation was covered on Tuesday. Scott Dolan, Senior Vice President of Airport Operations, was in SAN on Tuesday and said that the team was doing a great job in the face of adversity.

From an operational perspective, the impact has been minimal. And that's important because, as an airline, we play an important role in areas affected by natural disasters and events such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and, of course, wildfires. We provide transportation back home, or to friends and family or to other destinations out of harm's way. Our customers depend on us. Without the dedication and commitment of our people, we wouldn't be able to do so.

I thought it was important to let the organization know that the majority of our people and their property are safe, and we are helping those who need assistance. I want to thank everyone for their role in enabling us to continue to serve our customers and support our colleagues.

*Sincerely,
Pete McDonald*

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF S. CALIF - HOWARD LACKEY REGARDING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRESTORMS

Winston Churchill once made a profound statement, which certainly applies to the southern California fire situation: *"NEVER HAVE SO MANY, OWED SO MUCH, TO SO FEW"*.

He was referring to the RAF in WWII, but the fire fighters on duty during the first days of these fires (too many to count) do, as well. I spent five days working for the Red Cross at the evacuation center in San Bernardino. So many stories, some happy, some very sad, some heroic, but most important: **EVERYBODY WAS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**

I am sure there are many stories still to unfold, as we finally learn the true extent of what the fires destroyed.

I will close with this recommendation: If you have not recently thanked your local fire fighters (regardless of where you live), now is certainly a great time to do so.

Howard Lackey
Director - S. Calif.

UNITED ENHANCES PLEASURE TRAVEL / NRSA POLICY EFFECTIVE NOV. 1

As previously announced, United is enhancing its pleasure travel policy for United, United Express and Mileage Plus travel-eligible employees, **retirees** and travel-eligible family members effective Nov. 1, 2007.

Following are the new travel program changes:

- (First, we will no longer assess service charges in United Economy for domestic and international flights on United and Ted. We will continue to waive service charges for travel in United Economy on United Express. Applicable transportation taxes and fees will continue to apply.
- (Second, we have simplified the way pleasure travel service charges for United First and United Business are calculated that, in many cases, will reduce the cost. Premium cabin travel prices will be based on a new zonal approach, matching the Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) structure used across the industry - including United in many cases - to develop interline fares. ZED pricing is based on each flight segment by the mileage between a point-to-point origin and destination.
Premium cabin prices will be discounted 65 percent off of ZED fares for domestic travel and discounted 50 percent off of ZED fares for international travel. The cost for travel to Hawaii, which we have traditionally priced separately from other domestic travel, will be calculated in the same way as mainland domestic.

To assist employees in determining service charges, the Service Charge Calculator on WebList was updated on Nov. 1, so you can quickly and easily view the new pricing.

To make premium cabin pricing more consistent across United's network including mainline, Ted and United Express - we will be introducing the discounted ZED service charges for travel in the United First cabin on United Express.

In the first quarter of 2008, United employees, retirees and travel eligible participants will board United Express flights based on company hire date or years and months of service, according to United's travel policy. This will replace the current boarding at BP-8C, same day, time of check-in policy.

As before, United Express employees will board first on their own carrier, before other non-revenue, space-available travelers. For example, when the aircraft is operated by SkyWest, the boarding priority would be the SkyWest traveler, the United traveler, and then other United Express partner travelers.

You can find revised and updated information by visiting SkyNet/Travel and clicking on: “*Enhancements to NRSA Policy FAQs*” in the Travel News section, and “*Service Charge Waived Unlimited Pleasure Travel*” in the More Travel News section.

Under Service Charge Calculator beginning November 1, you’ll find a new link to the ZED chart and other information.

You may also contact the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central time.

UNITED INTERNATIONAL AMENITY KITS FEATURED AS “BEST OF AMERICAN CARRIERS” IN BUSINESSWEEK REPORT

In September, BusinessWeek reported that United’s international amenity kits were rated the best in-flight goody bags among American-based carriers. Both United First(R) and United Business(R) amenity kits were lauded.

Presented in sophisticated document holders or drawstring bags, the kits include such items as socks, eye masks, ear plugs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, mouthwash and, in United First, rejuvenating skincare items from H2O Plus, a Chicago-based brand.

“Amenity kits give us a chance to differentiate ourselves in a small but significant way,” said Tom McGrane, managing director, Customer Experience. “They are functional gifts that serve as positive reminders of United.”

Packaging design as well as H2O Plus item selections will change annually, with seasonal color variations every six months.

ILLINOIS SENATOR DURBIN MEETS WITH UNITED LEADERS

Illinois Senator Dick Durbin, a longtime supporter of United and a frequent customer, joined a group of United’s managing directors and senior officers last week for a reception at the United Building in downtown Chicago.

Referring to United as a “success story”, Senator Durbin talked about the importance of United to the Illinois economy, particularly as a key employer.

“*How significant to be honoring you here today*”, said Glenn Tilton, United’s chairman, president and CEO, referring to our Chicago headquarters. He thanked the senator for his support during bankruptcy, for his leadership on modernization of O’Hare airport, and discussed the company’s long-term plans to strengthen its core business.

The event also afforded United the opportunity to discuss key issues facing the airline industry in Washington, particularly our priorities for modernization and funding of the Air Traffic Control system (see NewsReal from Sept. 25, 2007). The issue of passenger rights also was discussed, including the proactive actions taken by United with its updated pledge to enhance the customer experience, described in the revised “Our Customer Commitment”.

UNITED SIGNS CODESHARE AGREEMENT WITH TAM, EXPANDS BRAZILIAN FLIGHT OPTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS

United and TAM recently filed a codeshare application with the U.S. Department of Transportation and Brazil’s ANAC (the Brazilian National Agency for Civil Aviation). Pending government approval, the partnership will expand destination options for customers of both airlines, and will enable them to earn and redeem frequent flyer miles on the partner carrier. The partnership enhances service to Brazil by adding codeshare flights from Miami (MIA) and New York (JFK) to Sao Paulo and Manaus.

TAM customers will be able to purchase tickets for United flights from Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo to Chicago O’Hare (ORD) and Washington-Dulles (IAD). This agreement, which is subject to the approval of the U.S. and Brazilian governments, will enable customers of both airlines to earn and redeem frequent-flyer miles on the partner carrier.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

Topic for this month is the new Service Charges on pass travel. The "Base Fee" is \$0.00 for Economy travel for the entire UAL System. **All Employees** and **Retirees** will pay the various Fees/Taxes where applicable. There are many different Fees/Taxes as you will see in the Service Charge Calculator details in SkyNet.

Want to know the Fees/Taxes? It's easy: Sign into SkyNet >> From the Home Page click on **Travel** in upper Right >> and look down the Right Column to **Service Charge Calculator**. Enter Origin and Destination cities and you will see complete Fee/Tax details. You also can see if companions are eligible for travel, and the charges. **Note**: The total charge is for **each** segment. If you fly from A to B and have an intermediate stop, you will then be charged for the segment from A and the segment to B. The exception is if the same flight number is maintained and you are listed as a "through" passenger.

The fare base format is new and the calculation is based on interline ZED (Zone Employee Discount) and a percentage discount. Some cities with different mileage will be the same fare as they are in the same zone category. Compared to old fares, they are quite similar although some will be more and some less. The variance I found was in the range of +/- \$5.00, with the exception for International through fares. The overall service charge for International fares is not easy to track and the bottom line is "They are what they are".

Happy Travels!

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FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

The year is nearing an end and the Holiday Season is fast upon us. The Staff, who works in the Denver Office, has been busy throughout the year with all the details involved in maintaining the membership database and producing the Newsletter. There have been many changes this year, and probably more will be coming next year. The biggest change has been the reformatting of the Newsletter, which allows for commercial mailing.

The Denver Chapter had supplied the volunteer force for almost 30 years for the monthly Saturday mailing. Everyone looked forward to coming out and lending a hand. The postal service made new mailing schemes and an increase in postage, which made it impractical for us to continue to do it as we had in the past.

A hearty "thank you" goes out to all the volunteers, who over the years, faithfully attended the Saturday mailings.

We have another group that consistently sacrifices their time to bring news to us. They are the Chapter Correspondents. We have 55 of them and they are located across the country. Their dedication and timely submissions are greatly appreciated.

Then too are others, too many to mention, that consistently rise to the challenge of volunteerism, on behalf of RUAEA, and are there when needed. Thanks to one and all.

We wish you and your family the best for the coming Holidays and the New Year.

From the Denver Office:
Carole Longbella
Carol Sostarich
Lonna Fischer
Juliana Alfonso
John Chu
Howard Tress
Virgil Gooselaw

RUAEA SENIORITY LIST

Many of our retirees spend a lot of time helping the rest of us. Art Shattock is one. Art compiles a RUAEA seniority list and it is accessible to anyone who wants it. See the following article by Art explaining the list; how to get on it and how to acquire it.

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"Out of sight, out of mind". This age old adage rings true insofar as the RUAEA Seniority List is concerned. It's been six months since I last appealed for new listings and since that time, activity in the "List" has become dormant. So to get things rolling again, I would like to address all the newcomers to RUAEA and let them know how simple it is to be listed. Here's how - just send me your name, address, and by all means, your DATE OF HIRE to the above address and "bingo" you're listed. And there's NO CHARGE! If you're a computer buff, you can even save on the postage by sending me an e-mail at WAShaddock@comcast.net. Another outstanding feature I should mention is that, if you choose, you may obtain a printed copy of the List. To receive your copy, use the same procedure as mentioned above - with one small addition - you would have to include a check made out to me in the amount of \$3.50.

This message sounds as though it pertains to new members only - not so - anyone not already on the List can partake in this wonderful offer. A good many years ago, I asked the Manager of the SFO Cafeteria how he could make any money selling coffee for 10 cents a cup, and he replied "I lose money on every cup, but make up for it on the volume". I'm afraid the "List" is approaching that category, so order now and SAVE before the price goes up.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

LOCAL NEWS

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As picnics go ... the Beardsley Park picnic (our first lunch/get-together of the season) was a real success! We had 63 people (including a few guests) in attendance and I don't think anyone left hungry. Sally did a great job getting Atlasta Catering, who provided a good amount of food, drinks and dessert.

We had an informative meeting and got hands raised in approval for renting a bus with a possible stop at a casino on the way (or way back) from Casa Grande in March. We want the Azures to be well-represented at the All-Arizona luncheon since we are the "hosts" this year. Since it's a far drive for some of our members, we thought a bus (or carpooling) would be an alternative. If we can coordinate with a casino, we might get the bus cheaper.

Oops ... only 14 attendees at the last breakfast on October 23. Everyone must be outside enjoying the NOT SO HOT temperatures. Your author had every intention of attending; however, United's loads were full on Monday, so the ORD-PHX trip was made on Tuesday ... too late to make the breakfast at 08:00.

Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm the Mon. before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary, if you are not attending.

Most of our members received the 2007/2008 luncheon schedule via e-mail. If you plan to attend a luncheon, don't wait until your caller gets in touch with you, just contact **Laura Ehas** and she will let you know the amount to submit. Laura needs a "count" of attendees usually a week before the luncheon.

Calendar:

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

Dec. 4 - Breakfast meeting

Dec. 8 - Briarwood C.C. - 1100 cocktails/1200 lunch, featuring the Mellotones singers from Pebblecreek Golf Resort.

Dec. 18 - Breakfast meeting

Jan. 12 - Union Hills C.C. - 1100 cocktails/1200 lunch, with our popular White Elephant Sale (bring your wallet)

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Our October 11th luncheon was held at the Bavarian Point Restaurant, with German food being the menu of the day. There were 25 members present.

The Fantasy Flight, to be held Friday morning, December 7th, was discussed. **Rich Vehring** has T-shirts and polo shirts to sell, with the profits going to Pappas School. He was also selling raffle tickets and other gift certificates. **Peg Homfeldt** still needs teddy bears, fleece throws, socks, and gloves for the Fantasy Flight. Contact Peg at (480) 396-3317, if you are able to contribute anything.

Bud Hubbard gave the treasurer's report at the meeting.

Bonnie Fauber, was reported to have been in the hospital, but is back home now and hopefully feeling much better.

Encouraging new members to join our chapter was discussed. If you know of anyone who is 55 years or older, having worked, or is still working for United Airlines, please invite them to join us at any of our get-togethers. Information is always available in our calendar listed below of future meetings. Any questions, please contact Pres. **Jim Zarek**, at (480) 288-6685. jzarek1@msn.com or **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226, hbfalk@juno.com. We would love to see some new faces! Check us out!

The November luncheon was held November 15th, at the Landmark Restaurant in Mesa, hosted by **JoAnn Fearing** and **Jim & Rita Zarek**. More news concerning this will be covered next month.

Calendar:

Breakfasts will continue on the 4th Friday of each month at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Hank Falk** (480)-893-1226 or **Jim Zarek** at (480)-288-6695 by the Wednesday before the breakfast.

Dec. 11 - Annual Christmas party at Palo Verde Clubhouse in Sun Lakes, starting with cocktails at 11:00 a.m., with the luncheon being served between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. Hosted by **Skip & Carol Ward** and **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak**.

Jan. 16 - Luncheon at the Granview Steak House at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa. Social hour will start at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. **Stephen Jacoby** from our Alliant Credit Union will give us a presentation on "Identify Theft". Hosted by **Rita Zarek**, **Linda Koltz**, and **Peg Homfeldt**. This restaurant is handicapped accessible.

Feb. - TBA

March - All Arizona Luncheon, hosted by the Phoenix Azures.



TALL PINES

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Our Tall Pines luncheon at Coco's was held October 23rd with 16 retirees present. It was especially nice to have **Nadine Weller** in our group again as she has been having some health problems. Nadine presented all the ladies with a beautiful long stem rose, which was very much appreciated by all.

Menus were passed out by **Jeannie Risdon** for our December 5th Christmas Party at the Hassayampa Inn - hope all can attend - we always have such a good time.

Calendar:

Nov. - No meeting due to Thanksgiving

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

Jan. 22 - First Meeting of the New Year - Coco's - 11:00 AM

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"THE NATURALS"

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I'm sad to report that in mid October, **Robert (Bob) Piggott**, husband of **Lola**, suffered a massive stroke from which he failed to recover. He passed on just a few days later on October 12. Robert had been with UAL in Advertising for 26 years. He has a daughter, Nancy Calderone who lives in Hot Springs and a son Donald Piggot from Chicago. Our thoughts and prayers to Lo and the family.

Needless to say, it was a wild and crazy summer, lots of people traveling and a heavy supply of "hot" weather. Fortunately for all of us, the fall has been quite delightful. It does seem however, that no matter who you talk to, everyone has been knee-deep in company! Family and friends from all over, love to come and see the fall changes in our corner of the world and with the weather cooperating, we rolled out the welcome mat!

Our October group dinner, turned out well although somewhat lightly attended, in most part due to our unlimited supply of company! Now all of you out here, please don't misunderstand, we really do love you and enjoy playing host and showing off.

Well, guess what? It is about "that time" once again. Time to get out your party clothes and shine up your shoes! The next meeting will be the group Christmas party slated for December 5 at Tranquillo's Restaurant. It is early this year but because scheduling gets to be such a problem for everyone, we opted for a hassle free date. After all, we're retired now so ... Wednesday ... Saturday ... it really doesn't make any big difference.

For any of you in the area visiting or just passing through, we would love to have you join us for drinks, dinner and frivolity. You can call me and I'll pass the word along.

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Our October meeting was held at the Chumash Casino with 20 attendees. I was unable to attend since we had a family reunion in Hawaii. **Dana Noyes** took notes and I want to thank her for that.

Howard Lackey was to attend and tell us about his "Fantasy Flight". However, he was called away by the Red Cross to make a trip to San Diego.

Our chapter voted to send \$200 to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund. We also voted to send \$200 in increments of \$100 each to buy toys for kids in our area for Christmas. One check will be given to **Bob Wagner** to distribute and another check to be given to **Dana Noyes** to give to her church for their charity.

We missed **John Stilwell's** wife **Barbara** due to illness and **Marcia Stanger** who was in New Jersey on family business. **Betty Rupp** has been ill and we hope she gets better and will be able to attend our next meeting. **Nina Powell** returned from her trip to Italy, she said that the 4-star hotels were not that at all and she wasn't too happy with the tour group. **Mike Zoldak & Bridgett** attended their son's wedding in Reno and also visited Yosemite with friends.

For those of you planning on flying out of SFO and don't want the hassle of parking at SFOMB, I was able to use the El Rancho motel accommodations. For one night's stay you can park your car for 14 days at no extra cost. They got us to the airport in plenty of time and when we returned, all we did was call them on the courtesy phone and within 20 to 30 minutes they picked us up. We gave the driver our car reservation number which he called into the office before leaving the terminal. When we arrived at the motel, our keys were given to us and we were then driven to where our car was parked. They were very well organized and made things very easy for us.

As for flying to and from Hawaii, I will admit we don't fly that often and I wasn't looking forward to going through check-in and security. I was very much surprised and pleased in how fast we checked in and the security wasn't that bad. The agents were very helpful, which was great to see, and they made it very easy to find the right lines and checking us in. I went into the WebList before we left and all the flights were full or oversold. I wasn't too confident on getting out since the agent made an announcement that the flight was full before boarding started. I had already planned on "sitting it out", when my name was called and my wife & I were able to get on at the last minute. That was going to HNL and then we had the same procedure from OGG to SFO. Even though the flights were shown full, we waited for the first flight and luckily all the standbys got on..

While we were gone, I had a phone message on our answering machine from an old friend at SFOJJ, **John Tiefel**. He left a message that he was in town and tried to get together with me while he was passing through. I hope he reads this, since I don't have his e-mail.

Marcia & Bob Stanger attended the golf Senior Games again in St. George Utah. **Marcia** was a gold medal winner in her flight, congratulations are in order, since she had to beat out a very large field.

We will not meet during November, but we are all looking forward to our Christmas meeting Dec. 12th hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. Bring gifts, around \$15, and designate for a man or woman.

Calendar:

Dec. 12 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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For those of you who love fried chicken – Murph's Gaslight Restaurant at the Bermuda Dunes Airport is the place. The Desert Sunbirds enjoyed lunch with about 40 of their friends this October. Many people are returning now to the desert, so each meeting will have more friends to catch up with about their summer activities.

We were happy to welcome **Gwen Craven** back to the group. She is still slowly improving from her hospital stay. **Joyce Bossio** was not present due to recent foot surgery. All of the missing Sunbirds had returned from their September trips. All healthy and happy.

We passed next year's sign-up for the luncheon and filled every month except one. The Sunbirds will once again be supporting the Hemet/CV rescue mission for our Christmas charity. We will start collecting next month and finish at our Christmas party. The Christmas party will be hosted by our usual hosts - **Ron & Elaine Aggson** at Monterey Country Club on December 12th. If you are in the area, please join us for a wonderful time.

Our winners for the month of October were: Birthday lunch - **Marge Lenz**, 50/50 club - **Sean Foley**. Sean and his wife, **Marilyn** are celebrating 49 years in October. Also of note is the 57th anniversary for **Ray & Rose Ricke** - what a team!

Calendar:

Nov. 14 – The Beer Hunter in La Quinta hosted by **Ron & Barb Napier**, (760) 771-1589, or email Bjnapier@verzion.net.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers October 31st meeting was held at Luau Garden in Sacramento hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak** with 61 Gold Diggers and 4 guests. Our guests include **Helen Kalezynski**, guest of **Ken Stephenson**; **Hines & Alberta Leonhardt**, guest of **Alice & Glenn McPeak**; and **Carla Moss**, guest of **Jean & Forester Sinclair**.

Pres. **Jean Turley Sinclair** welcomed those attending and thanked the McPeaks for hosting. There were no new members with us today. We received a thank you note from the SGD Puppy Raising group that was here last month for the donation we gave them.

We now have new 2008 officers:

- (President - **Bob Fulkerson**
- (Vice President - **Francis Domaratius**
- (Secretary - **Colleen Esola**
- (Treasurer - **Judie King**
- (Sunshine - **Angie & Frank Dellinger**
- (Historian - **Shirley Drumheller**

Our President asked if anyone wanted to get up and share anything before we get on to the Officers Reports. **Alice McPeak** stated that she talked to **Shirley Drumheller** this week and wanted to thank everyone who sent her a card after her open-heart surgery.

Officers Reports:

VP **Bob Fulkerson** - The hosts for 2007 is pretty much taken care of. There will not be a luncheon in November. The next luncheon will be on December 5th at the Alta Sierra Country Club; 2008: January will be hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola** at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova and February will be hosted by **Forester & Jean Sinclair**.

Treas. **Judie King** gave our chapter's balance.

Secy. **Colleen Esola** gave the anniversaries for October. Those over 50 years are **Verbaere & Akin**. **Bob Eggert** lead us in singing the anniversary song.

Sunshine **Francis Domaratus** said that **Harry Caldwell** had open-heart surgery and is doing fine.

RUAEA Director for Northern California and Nevada **Ron Bertacini**, reported on the RUAEA Board Meeting earlier last month. One highlight included encouraging RUAEA members to receive the newsletter via the Internet (www.ruaea.org) to save cost of postage and printing. The other highlight was the improvement of the website. On the company scene, he talked about United getting the SFO-CAN route in 2008. He said that the company is the only airline that doesn't have an order in for new airplanes and this was thought to be a good move by Wall Street. He talked a little bit about travel and what number to call to get a special rate on a hotel room, should you have to layover at an airport. You can go to www.airportrooms.com or 1-800-935-5995.

We have a new chapter in Placerville, CA and now one in Chico, CA. He recently went to Chico's meeting and they had 30 plus people attending.

He handed the mike over to **Bob Cuff**, who is part of the RUAEA nominating committee, reporting on the open positions on the RUAEA board for 2008.

Bob also told us about his experience with identity thieves since last March. He wants us to include it in our Gold Digger's newsletter "How to Fight Identity Thieves".

Our Pres. reminded us we won't meet again until our Christmas Luncheon on December 5th and wanted to mention about Toys for Tots. They need to be new toys and unwrapped. We had a neat raffle table last year with home-baked goodies and really nice prizes.

Ron Bertacini reminded us again about the voting for RUAEA officers and how important it is. There will also be electronic voting, along with mailing them in.

Calendar:

Dec. 5 - Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley

Jan. 30 - Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova

THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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We held our luncheon/meeting on November 5th at Fifty Grand Restaurant in Pollock Pines. Pres. **Harry Caldwell** was unable to be with us, as he is in the hospital after having undergone bypass surgery and a heart valve replacement. Harry is holding his own and is fighting pneumonia. It looks like it will be a long recovery period for Harry and we pray that God will bless him.

VP **Rosemary Heier** welcomed everyone and we had a very nice buffet lunch. There were 46 members and 5 guests present. **Bill & Donna DeLage** were guests of **Andi & Tom Stuchell**, **Dutch & Barbara Wyre** were guests of **Sherrie & Irv Wolfram** and **John Bird** was a guest of **Thom Biro**. **Harry & Jean Caldwell** were the hosts but in their absence, **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** stepped up to the plate and did a fine job.

After the luncheon VP **Rosemary Heier** conducted our meeting. She thanked **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** for making our RUAEA sign and the wooden raffle barrel. Details for our Christmas party in December were announced. We are going to have a collection of gifts for Toys for Tots. Members were asked to sign up to host next year's luncheon/meetings.

Secy. **Jeanette D'Amico** reported on the progress of our logo. She asked that all members fill out an application, so she can complete the roster for Roster Keeper, **Jack Raynor**. **Shirley Drumheller** had called Jeanette and asked her to thank all of the Hangtown Miners who had sent her speedy recovery wishes. She is doing much better and is in Cardiac Rehab.

Dick Czapkay gave his report on our bank balance. The raffles we hold have really helped to keep us solvent.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** said he had sent a card to **Harry Caldwell**. Irv "Is the Man" if someone is in need of some sunshine and well wishes.

RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** reported on what is happening with RUAEA and UAL. Ron had been in Chicago for a meeting in October. He stated that United had \$700 million year to date profit. There are many rumors floating around about United but that most of them are just that - *rumors*. Ron gave other pertinent information regarding travel desks, the UAL Historical Foundation, and the election of the five primary officers at the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh in May 2008.

The Hangtown Miners welcomed some new members **into the fold. They are Tom & Suzanne Kenny (both UAL retirees), Reva Gordon, and John & Carolyn Campbell.** If anyone is interested in joining our fun group, please contact **Jeanette D'Amico** at (530) 676-7368 or jmdamico@sbcglobal.net.

Calendar:

Dec. 3 – Christmas Luncheon/Meeting - Hangtown Grange, Placerville hosted by the **Heiers** and the **D'Amicos**

Jan. 2008 - No Meeting



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Pres. **Patrick Cadden** welcomed 50 members and guests to the Quail Inn in Oakmont. The views from the wall of windows were lovely. He thanked **Matt & Norma Stilman** and **Corrine Geppert** for hosting the luncheon. We enjoyed a choice of Beef Stroganoff, Red Snapper or Cannelloni with mushrooms, ricotta cheese and sauces. For dessert was "Chocolate Kiss" a warm soufflé-like cake with raspberry sauce.

VP **Judy DeFord** introduced the guests: **Bill & Sally Ryan**, guests of **Pat Cadden**; **Bob & Eleanor Flandermeyer** and **Prudy Wilcox**, guests of **Ted Bell**; **Karen Van Dyke**, guest of **Ron & Joanne Huhn**; **Bill & Beryl Haxton**, guests of **Matty & Marge Matschinegg** and **Judy Toque**, guest of **Diana Quinn**.

We are in great financial shape per Treas. **Oscar Chambers'** calculations. 2008 dues are now payable.

Verda Burr listed October Birthdays and anniversaries. Of note are **Oscar & Joan Chambers** with 54 years. She has sent cards to **George Schwind** after a heart attack, **Maria Van Kruining** for an eye procedure and **Clare Hagen** for shingles. All are doing better. **Bill Furber** is quite ill and a card was sent to him. Oscar was the birthday lunch winner. Verda entertained us with her witty stories.

The September minutes were approved without discussion.

Patrick reminded everyone to donate to the Charity Fund.

A discussion was held regarding meeting at Quail Inn a minimum of 5 times during 2008 and receiving menu selections less than would normally be charged. No charge for banquet room rental would also be included.

It was moved to do so by Verda, seconded by Ted & approved. **Joanne & Ron Huhn** will also check with La Gare about scheduling 3 months there.

The drawing was held. **Matt Stilman** and **Nick Van Kruining** announced the winning numbers. Prizes were distributed by **Ron Huhn & Matty Matschinegg**.

The November luncheon will be held at Josef's in Santa Rosas's Railroad Square hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: I THINK WE ARE WELCOMED. BUT IT WAS NOT A PEACEFUL WELCOME - G. W. Bush on the reception of American forces in Iraq Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 12/12/05.

Calendar:

Dec. 13 – Quail Inn, Oakmont - The 2007 Officers

Jan. 10 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - **Ron & Joanne Huhn**

Feb. 14 - Quail Inn, Oakmont - **Matty & Marge Matschinegg**

March 13 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - **Charlie & Bernice Anderson**

Re-LAX-ers

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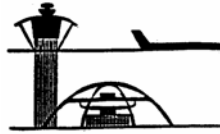
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I was happy to hear from **Chuck Johnston** recently, who advises he now has a roommate, **Bill Gibbs**. Bill worked at United Vacations. It is a tremendous help for both Chuck and Bill, as Chuck has been alone since Margie died and a help for Bill who has terminal cancer. Despite Bill's illness, he is able to get around some with Chuck. In his email, Chuck related an experience which will ring a bell with OLD-timers from LAXTO and LAXSS – *"I happened to go downtown for some reason a few weeks ago and drove past 6th and Olive and drank an imaginary toast to all of us and the 510 building where Margie held forth. Happy times!"* Guess he forgot he held out at 510 W. 6th, also!

Another voice from the 6th and Olive past - **Warren Roper** - and an interesting story of his life recently. Rope was one of my supervisors, when I moved to that office in 1955, where I worked until about 1979 or so. I don't recall the year that Rope left us for DEN, but we worked with him long enough to get to know him and his family well. Rope has a great sense of humor and we loved to hear his stories of his son, Allen. After Rope's wife, Virginia, died, we got the word of his move to a seniors' apartment complex with the help of Allen. And he still brags about Allen - (he advises he's not bragging per Dizzy Dean "If you done it, it ain't braggin'") - who lives in SFO, has 2 Masters, a Doctorate degree, and two great jobs! Day job in SFO training judges etc. in communications skills (far as I understand it), and night job playing guitar under the name of Jinx Jones.

When all else fails, talk about the WEATHER, right? Well, we've had a lot of it in these parts this summer and fall. Our drought, worsened by the awful heat spell of the century with horrendous winds was topped by the whole of Southern California ablaze. While most of the beach areas were not torched, it seemed like it was all around us. RUAEA Director **Howard Lackey** advises that two members of ReLAXers and ReSANS were evacuated, **Marion Owens** and **Kit Fogelman**. They have been able to return to undamaged homes, thank goodness, but I'm sure they are still struggling with digging out the dust and the ashes. We didn't hear from any other retirees in dangerous area, so are hopeful that all is well. Even here on the coast, quite a few miles from a blaze, we had to sweep up sand piles and ash heaps every day for a week. But it's finally settled into a cool, sometimes foggy fall. Let's hope the weather holds nice and calm through the holidays, so one and all can get on the roads or planes to visit friends and family.

Holiday planning includes Betty and my working at the USO on Thanksgiving Thursday. Neither of us has family nearby, so have always been fed by long time friends. But my buddies and hers are all away this year, so we decided to help the very young military kids that are away from home. Then the Fantasy Flight will be at LAX at the Terminal 7 rotunda on Dec. 1. This is followed by the ReLAXers Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary on Dec. 6.

Year end reminder: ReLAXers dues are due!. Don't automatically toss your December luncheon meeting notice if you cannot attend the meeting! Use the form included to send in your \$5 dues. Don't forget. Those who forget, get erased from the roster list in about Feb. or Mar. and good grief; you don't want that to happen!

Calendar:

Dec. 1 - Fantasy Flight. LAX, Terminal 7 rotunda. All day affair.

Dec. 6 - Christmas luncheon - Queen Mary.

Feb. 8 - Luncheon, location TBA



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To all of our wonderful ReSans members, we offer a prayer for your safety and survival from the trauma of all the fires here in Southern California. None of us have escaped totally as even if our homes are intact, the air quality has been horrible and makes it very difficult to breathe. Hopefully, all of you have escaped with your homes intact. It has been the year to remember with 1,400 homes destroyed and counting in losses.

Congratulations to our lovely Pres., **Marian Owens**, who now has proudly welcomed a Great Great Grandbaby, Dustin, who is now 4 months old.

Marian also has a very real tale of survival of the fires to tell all. In the middle of the night, her phone rang with orders to evacuate. While she was dressing to do so, the electricity went out and it was a very frightening and difficult scramble for her to reach her flashlight. Of course, her garage door would not open, so she flagged another lady down and asked for a ride to the local K Mart, where her daughter, Linda Linaker was to pick her up. Well, Linda could not get into the area, so she called the local Sheriff's Dept and Marian was escorted to the local shelter in a Sheriff's car.

Her home is a mess from all of the soot and ash, but luckily it is intact.

Your treasurer, **Kit Fogleman**, and her husband, **Frank**, also had to evacuate their home and were lucky to be invited to stay with friends. Their home is also intact.

Announcements of our Christmas Get Together will go out in the mail just as soon as arrangements are completed. We are looking for a very good turnout for this lovely function.

GOLDEN GATERS

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It's time again to be sending out our annual holiday greeting cards. I just received an email from a young friend of mine with a big heart. She is recommending that if you can, address a card or two to "**A Recovering American Soldier**" in care of **Walter Reed Army Medical Center**, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20307-5001. Or, better yet, send your hand-written greetings to your local veterans hospital. Here in the Bay Area, you could mail your good wishes to either (1) **Veterans Affairs Medical Center**, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, or (2) **Veterans Administration Hospital**, 3801 Miranda Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

Congratulations to another addition to our RUAEA family up in Chico, CA and brave new President **Merritt Odor** and his plucky staff. This proves we're still one big family, come what may.

Belated (September) wedding anniversary congratulations can still go to **Jim & Bev Thivierge** who just polished off their 57th year of hugs and kisses.

One of our members has gone to be with the angels, **Mrs. Lillian (Lilly) Anderson**. Daughter **Sylvia Michiels** is receiving cards at 2227 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070. Donations may go to the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**, 1390 Market Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94102 or to the local chapter in your area.

Brazenly speaking for all **Corresponding Secretaries**, we plead with you to notify us promptly by telephone, email, snail mail or pony express when another member is ill; has had an accident or surgery or passed on. We don't mind if we get four or five calls about the same unfortunate person who is suffering. But please, let us know as soon as possible, so we can send a timely card of encouragement and love that one family member sends to another. Remember, we're all in this together.

Ready to get out of town for a while? International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has limited cabin space for you and a couple of kangaroos (?) on her *New Zealand – Australia Princess Cruise Line* Jan. 21 – Feb.

2, 2008. Also a delightful *Barge Cruise* through the Burgundy region of La Belle France is available Apr. 26 – May 2, 2008 with an onboard chef who will create culinary masterpieces to satisfy any palate. All daily shore excursions are included on this one, so don't miss the boat ... oops, I mean "*barge*." We're still trying to wet your appetite with a *5-Days-On-The-Ground Alaska Cruise* that you could look into. Or, for the really adventurous spirit in you, there is a *South Africa Safari Tour* in the works for late August or early September, 2008. This trip with Victoria Falls included is starting to roar like a lion so put your claws and paws to work and contact **Ginger** right away. Email gingersfo@aol.com or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Domestic Travel Coordinator **Betty Garner** has space on her Mar. 29 – Apr. 5, 2008 West Coast Cruise with stops at Astoria, OR, Seattle, WA, Vancouver B.C. & Victoria, B.C. Email her at garnerbee@yahoo.com or telephone (650) 355-4195.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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We had a bit of an earthquake in this area of California, thankfully there were no injuries and no members suffered any damage to their possessions.

We had a few visitors in October, on the 6th were **Jean & Gary Fahl** from Nevada, as well as Gary's sister **Betsy Walters** of Hawaii; on the 19th we had Bonnie Baker, daughter of **Ella Sousa**; and Royce Bradley, son of **Ruie & Bob**; on the 26th we had Jennifer Schaller, daughter of **Geneva Schaller**.

We welcomed **Lois White** back at our October 5 meeting. It was nice see **Charlie & Barbara Brown**, **Floyd & Virginia Phillips**, and **Dee Kolman** at our meeting on the 26th. Dee had not been well enough to attend our meetings for some time, and it was a celebration to see her back.

Dave Saso gave a presentation on Native American history - starting from 20,000 BC when there was an immigration from the Bering Sea, down to the time Christopher Columbus discovered America. Dave Saso always has extremely interesting pieces of research to speak about.

Dee Carlson broke her collar bone, had surgery; she has since been released from the hospital. We understand **Garver Sandy** is doing better, is able to drive around town. **Bob Bradley** had a stent and a pacemaker put in, is recuperating in a convalescent home, we hope to see him back soon.

Calendar:

Mark your calendars now for our Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5. All UA retirees welcome. Details will be forthcoming. The ladies Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 13. Call **Joan Dahl** (408) 996-2161 for information.

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Stan Kolman** (408) 736-1775 for details.

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Hello again! This is my third article for the RUAEA Newsletter and hopefully, “the third time’s a charm”. I really enjoy the challenge to write for the newsletter; so, hang in there with me and I’ll give it my best!

We held our October luncheon on October 11th at the East Sonora Conference Center in Sonora. The luncheon was hosted by our good friends, **Don & Joyce Temple** and **Jack & Rosie Walls**. We had a delicious lunch. The Conference Center always does a wonderful job in feeding us whenever we go there and no one goes away hungry.

There were 42 people who attended our luncheon and we were pleased with the attendance. We were very happy to see the following members who have not been able to join us for awhile: our good friends, **Jo & Ken Silva** who brought their grandson, Anthony; **Ken Wesela** and his friend, Carol; **Dick & Carol Thomas**; **Skip & Betty Sonderman**; and **Art & Jean Moore**. It was so good to see these members and hopefully, they will be able to come and join us again.

Jean Moore was leaving for Washington, DC to attend the presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor for her grandson, Cpl. Jason L. Dunham. Jason was 22 years old and killed in Iraq on April 14, 2004, when he covered an enemy hand grenade with his helmet and then his body to shield his fellow Marines from the blast. In addition to the Medal of Honor, the Navy announced it would name its next destroyer, the USS Jason Dunham in his honor. This young man was truly an “American hero”.

Several of our members mentioned they will be having surgery. **Doug Daniels** was going to the University of CA in San Francisco for another surgery on his back. **Don Nesja** was going to Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento, for open heart surgery for a repair of his aorta valve. **Larry Brinsfield** was going to the Sonora Regional Medical Hospital to have his vertebrae fused. **Larry McGee** was released from Stanford Hospital after having a cancerous tumor removed, along with his kidney. **Charlie Passarell** was having eye surgery and radiation for cancer. We hope and pray that everyone had a successful surgery and hope they are all on the mend, so they can come and join us once again for our luncheon.

Bob Brooks read off the names of the people who celebrated their birthday and anniversary in October and there were many! VP **Joan Verbaere** and her husband **Fred** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Wow! That's wonderful! Congratulations to both of you!

Several years ago, Jack & I met a couple who had just celebrated their 53rd anniversary and we asked them what the secret was to a happy 53 years together. The husband immediately answered and said “*I learned from the very beginning to say “yes dear”!*”

Several of our members had just returned from traveling around the U.S. **Don & Joyce Temple** drove back east, 6,000+ miles, to visit their son and also some friends; **Don & Joanne Nesja** drove 8,000+ miles in their truck and 5th wheel to visit family and friends, **Bobby & Charlene Wood** traveled for 77 days in their truck and 5th wheel to the northwest and then to the east coast. **Guy & Nancy Hoffman** traveled to the northeast for about 7 weeks in their motor home. We are happy to hear about their travels and glad they all had a good trip and safely returned home.

Guy Hoffman talked about the closing of the Maintenance Center at SFO. United has hired an outside firm to draw up strategy options for maintenance, repair and overhaul operations. This will take awhile.

One of our members, **Betty Sonderman**, was a prisoner of war in the Philippines. She was imprisoned from the age of 3½ to 7 years, along with her family. She wrote a book titled “By The East Wind Driven” about her trials and tribulations while she was in the internment camp. She was able to keep her family’s memoirs and war records and later wrote her book. If anyone is interested in purchasing Betty’s book or if you would like more information, please call Betty at (209) 694-8422. Her book was published by RoseDog Books and is available through: **Elizabeth (Betty) Sonderman**, P. O. Box 924, Soulsbyville, CA 95372.

The San Joaquiners meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in various locations. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends.

December 13th - East Sonora Conference Center, Sonora. Christmas luncheon hosted by the officers of the San Joaquiners' Club

Calendar:

Dec. 13 - East Sonora Conference Center, Sonora. Christmas luncheon hosted by the officers of the San Joaquiners' Chapter

Jan. 2008 – No meeting.



**NEW NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**

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A chapter-forming meeting of Northern California UAL retirees took place in Chico on October 30, with 27 members plus **Ron Bertacini**, No. California Director of RUAEA attending.

After a nice lunch and introductions of each person attending, most of the discussion was regarding actually forming a chapter. It was the consensus of the group that we need a chapter in far-northern California. The distance range of those in attendance was Oroville to Redding, Berry Creek to Orland.

Ron Bertacini filled the retirees in on current information regarding UAL – travel policies and company business.

Merritt Odor was unanimously voted in as President. **Billie Jorgensen** volunteered to be secretary, and **Richard Skelly** volunteered to be VP. Other officers will be elected as the chapter gets underway. Much discussion was held about meeting places, dues, frequency of meetings and chapter name. These items will all be addressed at the next meeting which will be held at Jedidahs Restaurant in Chico on November 30 at 11am. All North State retirees are welcome. For further information, contact Merritt Odor @ moko1830@sbcglobal.net, or Billie Jorgensen @ cicjorg@sbcglobal.net.

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

The 1st Sat. in Nov. was a bright sunny day for the Mile Highers' breakfast. 58 retirees, wives, sons, grandsons, granddaughters and friends attended the breakfast at TK.

First timers were **Phil Ecklund** and **Ehma Wieched**. Ehma lives near Omaha and is a good friend of **Ledene Chambers**. We also had grandchildren as special guests: **Carole Longbella's** granddaughter Nikki Longbella. **Joe & Lynn Pettrow** brought their grandson, Brody Gardoa. Brody won two 50/50s. **Lola Wallace** brought her son, Dick Wallace from Montana. Another first timer was **Paul Miller's** wife **Yvonne**. Three retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Harriet Ahr**, **Charlie Hassler** and **Steve Wasuta**. Thanks folks. **Irma Atanasio** handed out left over Halloween candy.

One of RUAEA's most devoted members, **Marie Cosby**, has been specially honored as a WW2 veteran. In 1944, Marie took a leave of absence from her job in Flight Ops - DEN to join the Navy and was in the service until 1946. She was in training in New York and Iowa, and spent much of her duty at the Naval Air Station in Hutchinson KS. Of course, Marie returned to UA and continued a very active career until her retirement in 1975. Our local CBS affiliate, KCNC - Channel 4, produced a brief tribute, and Marie was honored along with other women veterans from WW2 at ceremonies at Wings Over the Rockies Museum. Many friends also honored Marie's ninety eighth (that's 98th) birthday with a reception at Heather Gardens.

Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 5 at Holiday Inn Select, "Colorado Room". 455 S. Colorado Blvd. (Elevator available from Parking Areas.)

Cash Bar, same as last year. Prices: Beer - \$3.75, Wine per glass - \$3.75, Mixed Drinks - \$4.00. Social Hour - 11:00AM, lunch served at 12:00 Noon. \$19.00 P/P.

*Menu Choice: **Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin** or **Chicken Cordon Bleu**. Includes salad, chef's choice of fresh vegetable, rice or potato, roll, butter and dessert. Regular or decaffeinated coffee, hot tea and preset ice tea on*

each table.

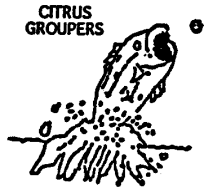
Reservations no later than Nov. 28. Check payable to "RUAEA Denver Chapter". Write menu choice on check. If bringing a guest(s), include name(s). Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone (303) 477-2918.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. 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 - Holiday Luncheon – Details in column.

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The Citrus Groupers held their monthly meeting on October 25th at the International Buffet in Leesburg, Florida, with 8 members in attendance and six visitors: The **Solomans, Ethel & Dan** who retired from Maintenance at O'Hare; **Jo Beck's** granddaughter and husband and two great-grandchildren joined the group for lunch. **Joe Cantillos** reported that his flights going over and from Germany were first class and business class. They were the lucky ones for travel accommodations!

In lieu of gift exchange for the Christmas luncheon, all attendees are requested to bring a gift for either a man or lady and so marked to be given to a nursing home in the area.

Calendar:

Nov. - No luncheon planned due to Thanksgiving.

Dec. - Christmas luncheon

SAND"DABS"

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Twenty Sand"DABS" and guests gathered at the Red Lobster on Nov. 1. We all found a little packet of candy corn at our table places. Our guest was **George Parker**, a friend of **Jane Kress**. **Rick Johnson** was meeting with his son and grandson, so **Marion** had a day alone with us. Pres. **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting sharing an email he received with pictures from former member **Jesse Jernigan**, who had been out on a deep sea fishing trip and hooked a really large fish. Bet that was exciting!

Birthday celebrants present were **Larry Horton** and **Penny Logan**. Penny got to blow the candle out on our calorie-less "cake". We had a second drawing after our 50/50 drawing. The **Heesackers** won a fall plant. **Jo Sanders** had a good tip - listen to radio station 1380 AM daily for travel bargains. VP **Steve Moddle** read some military quotes he received via email. They were very good - I got goose bumps when he read them. Prez. **Dick** had a few funny jokes for us. I liked the one where the lady went home from the restaurant with 2 raw eggs.

It was good to see **Bud & Karen Gammill** back from Wisconsin for the winter. Bud had hurt his back, so Karen said she did a lot of the driving back to FL. We got an update on their son David's long recovery from a motorcycle accident. **Dick Coughlin** also gave us an update on their son John's long recovery from an industrial accident. He is still in a lot of pain and has some nerve damage and will be having more surgery in late Nov. We wish these two men a full recovery.

Our Treasury report from **Penny Logan** was good. Our money is building up and we will be able to give some away for Christmas to a local charity. There was no earth shattering news about the company or the airline industry in general.

Our Dec. 6th meeting will be held at the Red Lobster this year. Instead of our traditional grab-bag gifts, each one is asked to bring an unwrapped toy to this meeting which will be donated to Toys for Tots for needy children for Christmas.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: When everything is coming your way, you can be sure you're in the wrong lane.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 - 11:30 – Red Lobster

Jan. 3 - 11:30 – Red Lobster

Feb. 7 - 11:30 – Red Lobster



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Pres. **Paul Brown** welcomed 40 members and guests to the November 7th luncheon meeting! **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** brought relatives visiting from San Antonio, TX. We also welcomed **Joan & Lou Gaydos** and **Sheila & Larry Munsch** – both guys retired from MIAMM. It was great to see them all!

Get Well Wishes are extended to **Stan Halterman**, **Al Mollet**, and **JoAnn Hall**. Thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery to you all!

Paul reminded us that Veterans' Day is coming up and as he called each branch of the armed services, those members who had served stood to rounding applause! There were many that served in the Army, Navy, Air Force and just one Marine, who is quoted here as saying, "Well, you only NEED one"!

A big congratulations to **Jim & Audrey Weeks** celebrating 50 years of marriage on November 17th!

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm *** NEW TIME ***.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Luncheon at the Conway United Methodist Church, 12:00 Noon. Ham and Turkey will be provided. Members to bring sides and also donations for the Central FL Children's Home.

May 23 - June 4, 2008 - 12 Night Alaska Land & Cruise aboard Carnival Spirit. For details contact **Stan Halterman** at (407) 852-6773

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There were 22 Pelican Drop-Ins at the November 2nd meeting. The speaker from the Lee County Sheriff's Department gave a very interesting talk. She spoke about protecting yourself from burglary, fraud and gave many other useful hints.

This was the first meeting with **Bill Burg** as President along with the other new officers. At the next meeting **Bill & Marge Burg** will be in Thailand to visit Bill's son. From there they will be going to Singapore.

Because there is money in the treasury, the Chapter decided to donate \$250 to the Salvation Army for Christmas gifts for the children. Way to go! There were many prizes for the drawings. **Rip Patisini** donated quite a few of them.

Fern Burmeister passed away on October 31st. She was a former member who was with the Pelican Drop-Ins when our Chapter was started years ago.

Terry Gilkison, our former Chapter president, recently had lung surgery because of cancer. He is doing reasonably well and plans to be at the next meeting.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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THE SAND DOLLARS

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To kick off the “snowbird season”, we had our first meeting of the fall at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar - Landside. Due to family and health concerns, not everyone that was expected was able to attend, however, there were 16 members and guests. A special welcome to first timers **Diane & Bill Taggart**, both retirees out of Tampa, Diane from Customer Service, Bill from Ramp Service. **Pat Bell** will be joining us in January, while **Skip & Terry Ritter** have moved away.

Pres. **Pat Trice** passed around the treasurer's report. Since there were no questions and we trust Pat implicitly, it was accepted as presented.

By the way, Pat did not let the grass grow under his feet this summer. He compiled a survey, regarding restaurants and activities, and compiled the results. Furthermore, he spent hours on the road, searching for new places to meet. He came up with a number of suggestions, which will be decided upon when more members are present.

*2nd Report submitted by **Pat Trice**, 7020 Alderwood Dr. Sarasota, FL. 34243, (941) 355-4237. Fastrice12@aol.com.*

The Sand Dollars November Luncheon was held on 11/8 at the Beach House Restaurant, overlooking the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. We welcomed back many of our winter members as they return to “Sunny” Florida.

New chapter officers were elected for the 2007-2008 season:

(President - **Pat Trice**

(Vice-president - **Betty Johnson**

(Treasurer - **Alice Parker**

(Correspondent Secretary - **Inge Phillips**, with **Vivian Rucker** filling in when Inge is unavailable.

Our thanks to **Ed Moran** who has serves faithfully as VP for several years.

Next month we will have our Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 13 at the Peridia Golf & Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. E. (approx. 3½ miles west of I-74 off of State Road 70) in Bradenton, FL at 11:30am.

We invite all UAL retirees and friends to join us. This is a prepaid event so call (941) 355-4237 for menu and information.

Calendar:

All luncheons starts at 11:30 AM

Dec. 13 - 11:30 am - Peridia Golf and Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. (off State Rt. 70), Bradenton

Jan. 10 - Ruby Tuesday, 8303 Tourist Center Drive, Bradenton, FL.

Feb. 14 - Mattison's Riverside 1200 1st Ave, Bradenton. FL.

Mar. 13 - Lee Roy Selmon's, 8253 Cooper Creek Blvd. Bradenton, FL.

Apr. 10 - TBA

May 8 - Annual Picnic, South Lido Park, Sarasota

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Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Pres **Lindstrom** and with the welcoming of 35 members and 3 guests. Our guest speaker, Pasco Co. Sheriff's Detective Jeff Gray, then talked on the duties of the juvenile division. His talk was very interesting and lasted almost 1 hour.

This was followed by the reading of the minutes for Oct. which were approved as read.

There was one anniversary - **John & Pearl Quinn** - 13 yrs. Birthdays - **Bob Taylor** Nov. 1 (84), **Edith Polito**, Nov 25.

The treasury report was read and approved.

Travel - A report was given on the Seaside Hotel in HNL. There was discussion about the availability of seats for pass riders.

Committee reports - The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Spartan Manor on Dec 3. Cocktails at 11 AM followed by lunch at noon. **Mike Marvett** reported on the West Coast Luncheon which is to be held at the Seven Springs C.C. on March 17, 2008 (St Patrick's Day). Cash bar at 11 AM with lunch at noon. The Tampa Bay Chapter is proud to host the 31st annual luncheon. We would like to invite any and all RUAEA members to join us. The price is \$17.00 P/P.

This was followed by Pres Lindstrom's facts of interest. He had several subjects for today's report.

Calendar

Dec. 3 - Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor - 11:00 a.m. Cocktails and 12:00 lunch. Entertainment by the Hudson Middle School Jazz Group.

March 17, 2008 - West Coast Luncheon at Seven Springs Country Club. More details to follow.



TREASURE COAST

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Our October meeting was attended by 13 members and 3 guests.

Constantinos & Celina Xifaras are new members and new residents of Port St. Lucie. Constantinos won our 50/50 and our Progressive Winner was non-other than Pres. **Al Popek**. Now, the clincher here is Constantinos drew his own winning ticket and one of our guests, Mary, drew Al's ticket. Hmmm!

We finalized our Christmas parties, yes PARTIES ... We decided to try something entirely different. A Dinner/Dancing 3-hour cruise with a live band on Dec. 8, boarding at 6:30 PM and sailing at 7:00 PM, at a cost of \$38 P/P including tax. A full service cash bar will also be available. All this on a paddleboat cruising up the river.

If this isn't enough celebration, we will have another party at RJ Gators on Dec. 11 at a 6PM Cocktail Hour (2 for 1 drinks with full service bar) and Dinner being served at 7PM at a cost of \$25 for members and \$30 for guests, this amount includes tax & tip. Don't forget a "Toys for Tots" donation, unwrapped please. Everyone is invited to attend either or both parties.

Please remember the chapter yearly dues of \$6 P/P is due by Dec. 31 to keep a member in good standing.

Perhaps you heard some of these on a recent flight:

- ☺ *Welcome aboard XX Flight 000 to Tampa ... To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised.*
- ☺ *Thank you for flying XYZ Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride!*

- *On landing, the Flight Attendant said “Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you’re going to leave anything, please make sure it is something we’d like to have!”*

Calendar:

Dec. 8 - Paddleboat Dinner/Dancing Cruise - 6:30PM

Dec. 11 – 6 PM - RJ Gators Holiday Party

Jan. 2 - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

Feb. 5 - Palm Beach Princess

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Twenty one flyers and four guests were in attendance at the luncheon at Partner's II Pizza Restaurant in Peachtree, City, GA hosted by **Andy & Marylou Ryabik**, on November 7th. Our guests were **Kim Pilote**, friend of **Marylou Ryabik**; Ezra Thompson and Alexandra Thompson, grandchildren of **Richard & Diayne Thompson**, and Dar Thompson, Richard & Diayne's son. The meeting room was open but quiet enough to have a business meeting and hear the speakers. The food was very good, with a wide variety of sandwiches and pasta dishes. The most favorite was the pizza and salad bar that every one seemed to enjoy. Pres. **Sandy Lis** held a business meeting and **Bruce Brodersen** reviewed some of the topics of importance from the Board of Directors meeting he had just attended. Bruce answered questions about the new travel policies, and interline agreements that have just been implemented; he discussed 2008 convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Sandy informed us that she had talked to chapter VP **Ron Heider**, and Ron, due to some very serious health problems, sadly was going to have to relinquish the office of Vice President. Fortunately, **Ray Owen** has volunteered to assume the position and was unanimously voted in. We were so glad to see **Fred Cron** back with us. Fred runs our 50/50 and had our guest Kim Pilote draw the winning ticket. **Stan Cebula** was the lucky winner and donated his winnings to the Promise Place, our favorite community organization.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of **Jeanne Barber**'s passing on October 25, 2007. She was doing well after undergoing shoulder surgery and died suddenly from heart failure. Jeanne retired from United Airlines in June of 1988 after 27 years of service, and was a charter member of the Dixie Flyers. Jeanne loved the Flyers and had served as President, Secretary/Treasurer and Editor of the newsletter. For the past several years, she was the Flyers' representative to the Promise Place and reported the needs of this ministry. Jeanne will always be remembered for her dedication and devotion to getting the job done for us all. She is survived by her husband **Gene Barber**, a daughter, 5 sons, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. A visitation and memorial service was held October 27th. Gene has asked in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Heart Association. Jeanne will be missed by all who knew her. Our hearts and prayers go out Gene and his family.

Calendar:

Dec. 5 - Christmas Lunch, The Village Café, Fayetteville GA. 12:00 Noon.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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What a bouncy, enthusiastic group of retirees! You couldn't find a happier, more homogeneous bunch of senior citizens anywhere, than those living in Idaho's Treasure Valley. This includes Nampa, Caldwell, Eagle, Meridian, Kuna, Emmett, Star, Givens Hot Springs, Middleton & Boise. Others live in Horseshoe Bend, Cascade, Sun Valley & Ammon. Oh, we all have our ailments, but not a complaint in a carload. The attraction is Idaho itself, the serenity, the air, the diversity of the state - its high mountains, wildlife, pristine lakes, hot springs, white-water streams & rivers, sagebrush deserts, pine forests, lots of rolling brown hills, & its many outdoor sport opportunities.

In the group is airline talent galore - enough to start our own airline. You name it, we have it. Ground Services, Passenger & Cargo Services, Maintenance, Marketing, Flight (both F/Os & FAs), Flight Dispatch, Technicians of all kinds, and the most charming, talented Store Keeper in the history of UAL (even an old Customer Relations guy). What I'm trying to say is we had a great meeting on the bright sunny morning of Nov. 5, with 31 attendees. **Ossie Hagan** harvested the last of his garden produce just before the first killing frost, and had vine-ripened red tomatoes for everyone present.

At this point our co-President, **Shirley Dempsey** took the floor, laying out our agenda for Dec. & Jan. **Nov. 11:** the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa is having its 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 12, for war veterans & their guests. Several of us will be attending. **Dec. 3:** Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9 a.m. **Dec. 6:** Holiday Dinner Party (we still call it Christmas, PC notwithstanding), Terrace Room, Owyhee Hotel, Boise. No host bar 6 p.m., dinner 6:45 p.m. **Jan. 23:** Luncheon at Fiesta Guadalajara Restaurant, 780 Avalon St., Kuna. Please notify Rick & Shirley of changes in email & mail addresses, & phone numbers, for they will be updating our membership roster in Dec.

David Adams added that he had invited his chiropractor to join us at breakfast on Dec. 3, to show us some simple exercises to ward off back problems. Dave, by the way, continues to enjoy a variety of trips as a charter-bus driver. His customers are often school groups & passengers booked by Harmon Travel. When the winning Boise State Broncos football team plays Utah State, Dave will be chauffeuring the Bronco's defense team.

Bernadette F. Juanich-Llanes, retired SFO F/A (originally from Kona), who is nicely settled in Caldwell, joined us again, & introduced her husband. He is Capt. **Kenny Llanes**, owner & operator of the Lehuanani Charter Fishing service out of Kailua-Kona. Look him up, if you want some good Hawaiian sea-fishing. Very interesting man, but he has yet to catch a steelhead in the Salmon River. (Try Riggins, Kenny). They now have the best of two worlds - homes in Idaho & Kona.

The charming **Gloria Trotter** is having cataract surgery on Nov. 6. We wish her well. Also, we'd like to thank her for finding one of our lost sheep. A belated welcome to retired SFO F/A **Joyce Saunders**. Address is 3487 W. Breneman St., Boise, ID 83703. Phone: (208) 383-3484. Joyce, we'd like to hear more about you & your experiences.

Retired SFO F/A **Lois Rodriguez** has been so busy traveling she hasn't had time to attend our meetings, but we hope she will show up soon, for we'd like to know how she managed two separate FC trips to Japan, and one R.T. to San Antonio, TX (also FC) - *all on standby!*

Calendar:

Details in column.

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Wow! Another year is almost at its end. How time passes when you're having fun, especially us retirees. The Skyliners' Committee extends to our readers, their family and friends a Happy and Holy Christmas Season. The Christmas Holidays are the happiest but when we look back at all the seasons that have passed, Christmas sometimes is a sad time. At our age, we recall the good times that made the past seasons joyful ones. We should never forget those who are no longer with us and remember them in our thoughts and prayers, during this holiest of seasons. That having been said, we can still enjoy the holidays as best we can.

The Northsiders breakfast had a light turnout due to the fact that many attended the October Fall Luncheon held at Meridian Banquets. However, there was one newcomer that found some friends to mingled with: **Gary Peal**, who retired back in October of 1998. He came from COVTL in Apollo Marketing and Vendor support as manager. Gary's future retirement plans are putting his two sons through college and keeping his house in order. Thanks to **Dave White** who on many occasions invited Gary to a monthly breakfast, he finally gave in. It was good seeing **Willie Hayward** of WHQKF, who has not been around for awhile. Guess his job with Illinois Department of Transportation has kept him on the road. Willie said that he was happy to see and visit with so many fellow retirees and catching up on news.

The Skyliners Fall Luncheon was held at Meridian Banquet Hall in October. There were many new and familiar faces. About 200 happy people including relatives and friends that came to enjoy a fancy luncheon, followed with an exciting raffle. Thanks to the committee: **Jan Gawenda, Don Kramlich** and **Marge Daily** who helped organize this year's fall luncheon. A big thanks also to those who always provide support for all our yearly events, including **Pat & Bob Kalicki, Bill Moore, Mary Szabo, Ginny & Frank Vlach, Norm Pearson**, and finally **Carol & Bob Faust**. These folks are also part of the many groups who help organize other Skyliners luncheons. A special thank to **Bill Moore** for the beautiful invocation. It is always a pleasure to hear his jokes and humorous stories. Our Alliance Credit Union surprised us by raffling off two cash donations.

Our recent food collection in November was again a success and we hope the vast assortment of foods will help those in need. Conducting this drive seems only fitting especially during this holiday season. Thanks to all who helped in donating, as this is one of many ways we can help the needy.

Our thanks to the many retirees who volunteer their time each month helping out at the Chicago Food Depository. Besides doing this good deed, everyone enjoys working with others, packaging perishables for other food pantries. The new south side location is a very impressive first class facility with all of its storage and work areas under one roof. Occasionally, other volunteers from the Chicagoland area, come out to sort and package perishable and non-perishable foods along side of us. It's nice to see young people helping out too.

25 attended the October's South side chapter's gathering. The ranks were swelled by the return of **Lavone Halack, Tom Hurley, Al Eberhardt, Marge Caliendo** and **Betty Doran**. We had a visit from our Director **Carol Faust** and husband **Bob**. She advised on all the current issues and their resolutions. Turned out a lucky day for her, since she joined the raffle winners with **Agnes Pearson, Marge Caliendo, Lavone Halach, Javier Chavez, Betty Doran**, and **Ed Ward**. **Bob & Agnes Pearson** told all about their Australia and New Zealand trip besides passing around the pictures they had taken.

There will be no December get-together since it's also Christmas Day. See you in the New Year.

Tidbits for Travelers: For those of us who travel NRSA and get stuck overnight at the airport, there is a website for airline employees/retirees, www.airportrooms.com, which offers discounted rates worldwide for hotels near airports. There is no charge for this service. Another organization is Airport Accommodations (1-800-935-5995) which is available 24/7 and can help you find rooms at most major US cities.

The Department of Children and Family Services at World Headquarters will invite our retiree volunteers to help at the Holiday Giving Project that is scheduled for December 5th in the cafeteria of WHQ.

This years Skyliners Holiday Luncheon will again be held at the Avalon Banquet Hall (formerly The Navarone) on December 11th. The banquet hall is located at 1905 East Higgins Road, on the corner of Oakton & Route 83 about a mile from World Headquarters in Elk Grove Village. Come on out and start your holiday

season with friends you have known for a long time. It will be a good time to revisit with friends, and of course, to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Our luncheon will begin with cocktails at 11:00 a.m., along with the sale of the 50/50 raffle tickets. Half of the proceeds are always donated to a charitable cause. The other half is broken down into smaller amounts and raffled to our lucky winners. Flyers sent out will describe the four choices for dinner. This year there has been a unique entree added for the holiday season.

The luncheon starts approximately at 12:00 noon followed by holiday entertainment. Once again, arrangements are being made for an early visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Be sure you have those long lists ready to give to Santa for gifts and remember to ask for the present for that special someone.

This is also the time that you can include your annual Skyliners 2008 membership dues with your registration mailing.

Frank & Ginny Vlach took **Harold Ogle** and **Norma Damm** on an afternoon drive to visit former retirees, and **Clayton Barto**, who moved to Kankakee, Illinois. It was a lovely afternoon of lunch and reminiscing old times that included laughs of many trips they enjoyed together. The afternoon went quickly but was very entertaining just to see and hear these people enjoying themselves.

Backtracking some months, we would like to extend 50th Anniversary wishes to **Lyle & Lucy Backus**. They celebrated with a trip to California earlier this year.

Once again, it's time to renew your annual dues to the Skyliners Chapter for the year 2008. These dues can be included at the time of your mailing for the holiday luncheon reservation or paid separately at the Holiday luncheon. The dues are \$5.00. Make your check payable to Chicago Skyliners and send it to our treasurer, **John Koehl**, 2 Pepperell-on-Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, and be sure to indicate your file number on the check. For questions concerning application or membership renewal, please call **Phyllis Kordecki** at (847) 717-6120. Remember new retirees are welcome to become members. If you know of anyone planning retirement or a retiree that may be interested in joining, please refer them to VP Phyllis Kordecki.

In the past there seems to have been confusion about payments made for "Dues" as Retired United members. Our Retirees in the Chicago area have two types of Retirement dues: One is to the National organization, RUAEA, and the other is to our local Chapter known as The Chicago Skyliners. Payment of each groups' dues are separate events, as payment for one group has nothing to do with payment to the other group or activities.

RUAEA features:

- (Yearly dues are \$20.00 payable every 12 months and are processed ONLY through the Denver office.
- (Dues are used for mailing monthly newsletters on hard copy or accessing monthly newsletters via the internet. For the monthly newsletters, members may choose one of these delivery options but NOT both.
- (Payment does not cover dues for other Chapter organizations within RUAEA.
- (Chapter dues do not cover RUAEA features.

Chicago Skyliner features:

- (Dues are \$5.00 and are payable the beginning of the calendar year in January by the 31st.
- (Dues cover printing and postage for the activity flyers or correspondence mailed throughout the year.

For example, for someone wanting to join the Chicago Skyliners Chapter AND RUAEA, the total cost to them would be \$25.00, payable to two different locations, generally at two different times of the year. This would enable them to receive the monthly newsletters and local flyers. In order to attend the yearly national convention, one MUST be a member of RUAEA; if not a RUAEA member, they could only attend as a guest.

It is important to include your file number on your check and on any correspondence to the National or Local chapters. It is the desire of the Chapter to encourage members to ask non members to join and also to invite family, friends and guests to our events throughout the year.

It is also important that you keep your family status and address information current, so that flyers and any correspondence can be sent without delay. An audit of our membership list is conducted periodically to update active members' information. These audits include delinquency of dues, change of address, telephone or status. If dues have not been paid by January 31, 2008, members may be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive notices of future Skyliners events.

With the New Year soon to be here, we can look forward to some exciting times that the Skyliners have planned throughout the year. Here are some of the highlights for 2008:

- (Northsiders Breakfast - Monthly, always the 2nd Wed. at Artemis - Spring, Summer, Fall Luncheons.
- (Annual RUAEA Convention - May 18-24 in Pittsburgh, PA.
- (Southsiders Breakfast - Monthly, always last Tues. at Grandma Sally's.

- (Loop Group - Bi-monthly Luncheon at Downtown Renaissance Hotel.
- (Midway-Guys & Gals - Luncheon in September.
- (Chicago Food Depository - Monthly volunteer work (Free Transportation)
- (The Y-Me Race on Mother's Day in May.
- (Holiday Gift Sharing Project - December 2008
- (Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon - December 2008

More information for chapter events will appear in future Newsletter columns when they become available.

Once again we would like remind our readers that the newsletters are comprised of news from YOU, your activities, your vacations, and news you wish to share with others. Please send in your news items to keep our newsletters interesting and informative.

Our Sunshine Lady, **Angie Waunn**, is in charge of sending out get well cards and notes of cheer. If you have information about retirees who may need an emotional lift or the spouse of a retiree who is hospitalized or under the weather, contact Angie at (708) 246-4997. Her address is 4515 Johnson Avenue, estern Springs, IL. 60558.

As we end the year and look forward to a new one, I would like to wish everyone in my last column of the year, a Happy Christmas with many months of enjoying the better things in life.

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.

Dec. 5 - WHQ Children's Christmas Gift Giving. Volunteers will help check in employee gifts at the Holiday Children Giving program at 8:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria at World Headquarters.

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

Dec. 11 Skyliners Holiday Luncheon - Avalon Banquet Hall, 1905 East Higgins Road, at Oakton & Route 83, 11 A.M. Cocktails, 12:00 Lunch. Elk Grove Village, IL. Holiday Entertainment and Good Times are on order with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Downtown Group – 3rd Wed. of the month (ONLY Odd Months) 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Downtown Renaissance Hotel located downtown Chicago at Wacker Drive and State Street.

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I feel as if I have become the official Indianapolis weather person for RUAEA. Looking back over my past newsletters, I realize I speak of the weather of the day, etc. Well, guess what? I'm still going to let you know how our weather is ... just because! So, in getting around to reporting on my favorite subject, I would like everyone out there to know that Halloween was great! No jackets were necessary! What's up with this weather? As I said in October's newsletter ... "Bring on the cold". I meant it too. Last night we had our first middle of the night freeze. Of course, it was during the night so none of us could witness it, but it really did happen. Today, it is near 60° and we might get another cold snap during our sleeping hours. Oh well, what can you do?

The Indy Racers held our October meeting at the Eagles Lodge in Plainfield. We enjoyed it so much that a motion was made to begin having our meetings at the Lodge beginning in January. November 12th's meeting will remain at the Golden Corral and will have the Marine Corp. present as we contribute to Toys 4 Tots. Bringing a gift for a child is not mandatory ... but ... it does bring a lot of joy to those less fortunate as we. Those who care to donate a toy or toys, please bring them unwrapped. Thank you in advance.

I kind of got carried away with the toys, but I need to add information about our move to the Eagles Lodge. Beginning January, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. I also would like to mention that we had two new visitors join us during the October meeting, **Jack & Carol Conway**. Really nice people

and we all hope you continue to be a part of our Chapter. Besides, after meeting all of us and finding how great we are, it would be awfully hard to forget us!

December's meeting will be exchanged for our Christmas party, in other words, no meeting at the Golden Corral. Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th, beginning at 6:00 and lasting to who knows when. For those who want to participate, we have a gift exchange game, usually displaying a crowd of unruly, loud, and at times, obnoxious people if they can't have the gift they want. We have put a \$15.00 per person limit on each gift you bring. We have a great time opening, losing to someone else, and on occasion stealing our gifts back. As I say ... "Let the fun begin!". The party is held at the cozy Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. The Indy Racers Chapter provides the meats, soft drinks, coffee, etc. BYOB if you desire something a bit stronger. We ask that you bring a side dish of your choosing to share. Last year, we had about 44 people at the lodge and believe me they all had large appetites! If you need directions to the Lodge, please call and I'll be happy to help you along.

As always, we welcome all new members and those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Mon. 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. Hope to see you there Nov. 12th. Don't forget Jan. 8 for our new meeting place.

Calendar:

Dec. 15 - Christmas Party at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville

Jan. 8 – Meeting at the Eagles Lodge, 5556 E. Hwy 40, Plainfield. Meeting begins at 2:00, Lunch begins at 12:00.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters November 7th luncheon meeting only brought out 27 members. A rather small number considering the easy location of the restaurant and the excellent food. Good to see **June Alberino**, **Paul Newcomb** and **Gina Marotta**. Again, **Joe Duda** drove the farthest, from Bondsville, MA, out near BDL in CN. **Carleen Eddy & Don Latter** won the 50/50. We had our all time most frequent free lunch winner, **Bill Shailor**, drew the free lunch tickets, the winners being **June Lyon & Gina Marotta**. Of course, we all thought Bill would draw his own ticket.

Bob & Jean Lincoln just returned from Idaho Falls, ID and Houston TX. **Paul Newcomb** has a new grandson, Daniel. **Bill Shailor** lamented the story of his daughter falling while at a seminar in SFO and breaking her leg in 5 places, ouch! **Andy Montalto** said he is finally getting the hang of his new computer and said his friends can e-mail him at MontaltoA73@aol.com. Pres. **Carleen** reminded us that UAX's no longer offer the ID20 PS. **Ron Barkley**, who plays piano, volunteers at two assisted living facilities. While playing at the New Horizons in Marlborough, MA; he bumped into a past Nor'Easter, **Bart Casey**, whom we haven't seen in 3 years. **Lyn Walter** is now home from rehab due to hip replacement. You can cheer her up with an e-mail at LadyLyn22@aol.com.

It's that time again, officer elections for the next 2 years. I know many of you are chomping at the bit to canvas for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Your enthusiasm overwhelms me! Well, you'll have to fight for the secretarial position. I'm not giving it up without a HOT campaign! Don't be shy, stand up and demand your position as a Nor'Easter officer.

I'm going to try something new concerning the 2008 Nor'Easter membership renewal. If you're attending the Christmas Luncheon meeting, please bring a \$10.00 check with you and renew on the spot. Hopefully, this will make our secretary's job easier!

In keeping with the season, I wrote this poem many years ago while working L&F:

*Twas the Night before Christmas and all thru the night, a thing to behold - a terrible sight.
 Bags to my left, bags to my right - some of them falling in unexpected flight.
 When thru the front door came a sight to behold, 8 tiny reindeers and St Nick - so brash and bold.
 He stopped with a laugh and ponderous grin, asking - what are all these bags within?
 I explained really quick about online transfer, missed board and change in itin.
 Your problem, he said – sounds dear to me, but can be solved as quick as can be.
 Simply pick up your phone and make a few calls, tell your passengers, come pick up your bags one & all.
 He jumped into his sled and into the night, leaving rain deer pellets on all bags in sight.
 Off into the night, I can still hear his call, Merry Christmas Lost & Found, to one and all!
 and
 At the ticket counter we used to hang Mistletoe over the bags and tell the passengers;
 “Kiss your bags goodbye!”*

Calendar:

Dec. 12 - Christmas Party, Angelica's, Middleton, MA

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GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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13 Escapees met at Burbos Family Restaurant in Livonia hosted by **Rhea Jay**. It was our first time at Burbos and also Rhea's first time at hosting. Last Jan. when she signed up, she warned me as she was leaving that she had signed up for the first time. Rhea said she did not want me to die of shock when I noticed. The food, service, and camaraderie were excellent and we even had our own private room. Thanks again to Rhea.

We were most delighted to see **Maxine Raymond** looking wonderful and healing after her stressful summer health problems. Also glad to see **Agatha Kelley**, who came after a long absence. We also decided to contribute toys and gift certificates to the Salvation Army 'TOY SHOP' for our Christmas Charity, a slight change from the original plan to 'SPONSOR A FAMILY'. Thanks again to Rhea for organizing and taking on this responsibility.

Marie and sister **Joan**, along with **Jo Madden** and friend **Imme**, all enjoyed a beautiful color fall tour to TVC at the Loonies semi-annual affair. On the return, Joan and Marie also shared childhood memories from our guests, as we took a detour to Stevensville and Paw Paw where they had spent many years in their past. Imme even found the house she was raised in and we took pictures around it. Fortunately, none of us were arrested, as I wondered what the people living there now were thinking.

Keep in your prayers **Rod Jacobs**, **Sharon's** husband who has just spent 20 days in the hospital due to renal failure and blood pressure dropping way below normal.

Sadly, I just learned that **Ken McComb**, DTWRR and several other stations, has gone to his eternal life. Ken had been in a nursing home for some time in NV. I worked many midnight shifts with Ken and also Sharon whom he later married. Our love and prayers to Sharon and family: 280 Riverside, #18, Mesquite NV 89027.

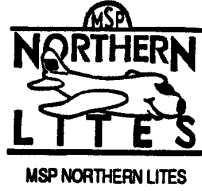
Calendar:

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

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October found the hard core group meeting again ~ 27 members plus **Donna Gray's** Mom, Bea Patz, a family friend Vikki Zahn & her 3 yr-old granddaughter, Athena. Of course, the little one was the star of the show.

Donna had just arrived home from Shanghai at about 0300. We were all astonished to see her there. Her grandson, Sam, was honored to compete in the Special Olympics & of course, the whole family was there to watch him play softball. Although the U.S. team didn't win any gold, the triumph of their accomplishment of *just being there*, was enough. Donna told us about the construction going on all over China. Although the wages are very low by our standards, their economy is booming.

Our pal, **Bill Young**, has been conspicuous by his absence the last few months. The truth came out ~ he's been volunteering at Ridges Hospital in the ER & loves it. He hasn't got time for his old friends anymore!

A reminder that cell phone numbers are now fair game for solicitors & that you pay for the air time for incoming calls, as well as outgoing ones. If you haven't already done so, call the hotline for Do Not Call and register your number ~ (888) 382-1222. You must be calling from your cell phone.

One of our MSP active employees is experiencing big troubles & stress. Her husband must undergo heart/liver transplant surgery and expenses are enormous. This came to light at the Oct. meeting because the airport crew is having a bake sale/silent auction as a fundraiser & contacted one of our members to see if we could help. I'm amazed to say that in addition to several of our group volunteering to help at the sale, the members voted to donate \$200 from the treasury. Before the meeting was over there was another \$310 in personal donations. And it ain't over yet, 'cause the word went out to all of our scattered members & donations of all kinds are flowing in.

Those who attended the Northwoods Loonies autumn gathering in Traverse City, MI once again had a great time. **Hope & Don Hayden** hosted the event & did their usual good job of locating great places to eat & interesting things to see & do. The fall colors were at their peak & even though it was overcast or rainy most of the time, Mother Nature's spectacular show was only dimmed a little bit.

Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA



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Food was great at Jack & Mary's where 33 attended. Thanks to **Bob & Carolyn Kraft** for hosting. It was great to see **Jim & Mary Beveridge**; **Andy Vassios**; **Larry & Peggy Weare**; **Cary & Toddy Manson**; **Penny Sophir**; and **Jim & Elaine Schreiber**.

Jim Beveridge said their nephew was taking them to see the Nebraska Volley Ball team play Kansas State University in Lincoln on October 3rd. Our Nebraska team ranks #1 in the country. What a great thing to do for Jim & Mary, as they love all sports. Following the game, their nephew took them to the place where they have pizza and the team and coaches came in.

Van Van Houten had hip replacement surgery and was discharged from the hospital on October 1st.

Marilyn Weak did have complete knee replacement (thought it may be partial) on October 1, Dick said she did fine and was up doing a little walking the next day.

Ruth Jeppersen called and said thank you to everyone who sent **Karlo** cards for his 90th birthday. She also said their neighbors had a party for him with about 30 attending.

Good news from **Sandy Bender**. She had the cataract on her other eye removed and it turned out perfect. She is very happy about that. The first eye could be better as the center vision isn't very good.

Calendar:

Dec 4 – Anthony's Christmas Party 5:00 PM, Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

Jan. 8 - Old Country Buffet – 144th & Center

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Our October 9th Luncheon had an Oktoberfest type meal to emulate the German tradition of the October festivities with 31 members in attendance, all had a good time.

Nominations for the Executive Board of 2008 were held: **John Albert** agreed to stay another year as our President; **George Fox** continues as our VP; **Jean Frasco** stays as our Treasurer. **Chris Czaplewski** was nominated for Secretary and is unopposed, so this is the 2008 Executive Board of the Las Vegas Gamblers Chapter of the RUAEA.

Several members of our Chapter passed away since our last Newsletter of July, **Grace Rebmann** in August; **Henry Reed** (LGAJL) in September, he was very involved with manufacturing wooden toys and part of the Toys for Tots group; **Dwight (IKE) Brigger** (DCAJL) in October and ex-member **Willie Utterback** passed away recently.

Mike Graziano is OK and now lives in Pennsylvania; **Ray Gibson** was hospitalized in October, **Nelma Gutwald** broke her hip, **Marylou Littlefield** suffers from allergy and feels miserable.

Our Christmas Party sit down Luncheon will be Prime Rib meal with all the trimmings. Member price is \$11.00 P/P, Guest is \$17.00 P/P. UAL retirees visiting Las Vegas, NV around the 11th of December are welcome to attend our luncheon. Deadline is Dec. 7; please contact **Jean Frasco**, (702) 242-9614 for arrangements.

It will be appreciated, if all members pay their 2008 membership dues of \$6.00 for retiree and \$6.00 for spouse by the February Luncheon meeting, preferably on our 2007 Christmas luncheon.

Each couple should bring a toy, new in original package and unwrapped. They will be delivered to the Marine Corp and they will distribute them as discussed and agreed on our October meeting.

Also if you feel like it, bring a raffle prize to enhance our 50/50 raffle.

Calendar:

Dec. 11 – Christmas Party - 11:30 am. Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107, (702) 258-5200.

Feb. 12 - Meeting

April 8 – Meeting



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 27 attendees at our October meeting at the Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia Street. REMEMBER: MEETINGS ARE THE 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH, EXCEPT DECEMBER WILL BE DECEMBER 11. The Treasury balance continues to be healthy. The chapter will be able to subsidize part of the cost of the Christmas luncheon.

Ron Bertacini, RUAEA Regional Director & RUAEA Board Member, was present to discuss the latest RUAEA board meeting. The value of the Mileage Plus Program has been estimated as widely as from \$600M to \$6B. This is not a sure thing yet. He did report there was a settlement of the ESOP law suit and something should be coming soon from the lawyers for ESOP participants for the period 2001 – 2003. There are 2 new RUAEA chapters: Placerville, which started with 23 members and is now at 61, and Chico, which will also invite Redding members to their meetings. The Placerville chapter will host a picnic in April and will invite the SMF & RNO members, as in years past. The convention for 2008 is in Pittsburg for May 18 – 24 at the Omni Hotel for \$96/night. The Pittsburg Chapter has put together a tentative list of tours, including 2 to Shanksville. Also at the convention, it will be time to elect a new President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary & 5 Regional Directors. All RUAEA members are eligible to vote for all offices, including Regional Directors. Ballots will be published in the March RUAEA newsletter and the votes are due by May. As reported previously in this newsletter, the different appearance of the RUAEA newsletter is due to postal regulation changes and subsequent cost increases. The UA Historical Foundation is represented on the RUAEA Board. UAL archives are kept in place and were not declared as assets during the bankruptcy by UAL. The Foundation cannot take possession until they have located more space. It is considered a tax exempt foundation – keep that in mind if considering donations. On the Skynet home page is a new publication – UA Today - that is a bi-monthly publication. It is only available electronically. Also check out the “employee discounts” link, which can also apply to retirees.

The Christmas luncheon will be on December 11th at the 19th Hole. Social hour at noon, with the luncheon starting at 12:30 p.m. In the next newsletter in November, we will include the menu, price and sign up forms.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Mary Withers**. **Ron Bertacini & Nancy Hilz** won canvas brief cases and **Joe Robinson & Pat Flanagan** won Gold Diggers T-Shirts from the recent convention donated by the Gold Diggers. October birthdays were celebrated by: **Joyce Weise, Pat Nettles, Larry Nagley, Barbara Leusing & Donna Perkins** (actually on the 15th!) **Nancy Hilz** was kind enough to donate her husband's service pins for 1 year, 5 year, 10 year and a special shop pin. We still have the 1 yr and 5 yr pin if anyone would like them.

Foreign signs are sometimes pretty funny:

- From a hotel: *It is forbidden to steal hotel towels. If you are not such a person to do this, please do not read this sign.*
- Bucharest elevator: *The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time, we regret that you will be unbearable.*
- Belgrade elevator: *To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.*

NEW JERSEY

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Submitted by Marty Etler

The Gardenstaters met on Halloween, October 31, at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with general greeting to everyone. We had 57 people in attendance, and as the season goes, all the tables were decorated in Halloween Fare.

A few of our members came incognito, to wit **Jerry Confer**, came as a fully equipped mechanic, replete with flash lights, a huge wrench and a hammer to match, but also a crossword puzzle in the side pocket. Not Bad Jerry!

John Deily was dressed up like "Box Car Willie" who has just made the last run of the "Wabash Cannonball". **Kathy**, his wife, was dressed as the "Nice Witch" from the land of OZ. To tell you the truth, all the costumes were great and it was just a good time for all.

Jerry Confer, an Ex-Marine, again urged our group to respond to the Marine sponsored "Toys for Tots". We will still have till next month to bring in toys.

A special thanks to **Lena & Ellen Confer** for setting up the tables for Halloween.

Calendar:

Nov. 28 - Meeting.

Dec. 12 - Holiday Meeting

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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We had 62 N.Y. Metros attending the November meeting at Per Un Angelo Restaurant in Wantagh, N.Y. We were happy to see some old familiar faces we haven't seen for some time. A round of applause to welcome back **Walter Stobe** & his pal **Willy Schuler**, both former auto mechanics at LGA. A special greeting was given to **Mike Schroeder** & wife, **Evelyn**. Mike has been ill for the past few years and has been missed by chapter & former co-workers.

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence for the recently deceased & ill retirees & employees of United Airlines.

Birthday greetings to **Nell Napolitano** 87 years on Nov. 11th. Nell gave up her roller skates, because she lost her skate key. She's now playing jump rope. **Diane Arena** now wants to play with Nell. The start of a great friendship!

Best wishes to **Leo Talochino** who was 83 years old on November 1st. Leo doesn't play sissy games.

Len Pascale had a set back this past month. He had a stent implanted in one of his arteries – (631) 722-2125.

Dave Curtin is recovering from a stroke. There is more improvement each day – (516) 541-1586.

Lou Ricci, also is doing well as each day passes – (631) 293-5997.

A card or phone call will help lift their spirits!

Ann Maertz looks well rested after her three week visit to Germany. Welcome home Ann!

Today was the day the New York Metros voted for a new President and Recording Secretary and a few other positions.

Congratulations to **Jim Richardson**, voted in for a second two year term as N.Y. Metros President. Jim has done an outstanding job finding a new location for our monthly meetings. We have to remember Jim drove all the way in from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, to find suitable accommodation for our monthly gatherings on Long Island. **Rose Schneider** was voted in for the umpteenth time for the Recording Secretary position. Some reminders for 2008:

- (January 2 meeting is cancelled since it's too close to the Holidays. There's a good possibility for those members who want a monthly meeting, Jim will arrange a get together later in the month.
- (The July meeting will be at Belmont Park Race Track.
- (The August picnic will be held at Wantagh Town Park.

Uniform paper ballot voting procedure. The attending members at today's meeting voted via paper ballot for the person most worthy of the annual Arthur Shepherd President's Award. The winner will be announced at next months Christmas Luncheon at the Millerridge Inn.

Also, the person to receive the John Pucillo plaque was chosen by the members who received the award in past years. The award will be presented at the Christmas Luncheon in December.

John & Laura Muller advised that they have a prior commitment and will not be able to attend the Christmas Luncheon. What could be more important than the Metros' annual Christmas celebration? I asked. A wedding in Ireland! They announced. Many happy returns to John & Laura and the happy couple on the "Emerald Isle".

Calendar:

Dec. 5 - 12 Noon Christmas Luncheon - Millerridge Inn, Jericho

Jan. 2 – Cancelled

Feb. 8 - 12noon – Per Un Angelo, Wantagh, NY

NORTHWOOD

NORTHWOODS

LOONIES

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The fall meeting of the Loonies at Traverse City, MI (Oct. 16-19) was very successful with 29 in attendance. We visited a music museum, glass works, several wineries, and a couple casinos. We also had delicious dinners at three world class restaurants.

Resident poet **Jim Simon** wrote the following poem to commemorate our visit:

Loonie Times
The Loonies get together
Every now and then
This time we've all gathered
Back here in Michigan

We've traveled many places
And seen so many things,
I've never enjoyed my trips so much
Even with my United wings.

I've made friends this past decade
Whom I seldom get to see,
Yet we get together twice a year
Because we're just ==== "Loonie"

We seem to be so happy

*And we have such a great time.
And we never, ever argue
And everything's just fine.*

*Hotel prices and gas costs up
Can't seem to keep us down.
This group of ours still travels
No matter where the town.*

*We enjoy the roads we travel
In getting to our destination,
It may take time to get there
But it's a very fine occasion.*

*I think there is a reason
For our dedication true,
We all respect each other
No matter what we do.*

*It's time to pay some tribute
To all who've gathered here
And then to look forward
As we think about next year.*

*So let us thank both Don and Hope,
For what they always do.
When no one volunteers to host --
Somehow these folks come through.*

*And let me say as I close
One thing I wish to do,
I thank you for your friendship
And thanks for being you*

Several regulars were missing due to various health reasons. We wish a speedy recovery to **Chet Fleming**, **Ted & Jan McCaffrey**, **Curt & Sharon Gaffor**, **Rod Jacobs**, **Norm Wilkinsin**, **Diane Marsh**, Mrs. **Warren Mastenbrook**, **Nel Brawner**, and Mrs. **Bob Brainerd**. To all the other members who were unable to attend - We missed you!

Calendar:

May 2008 - Next meeting near Minominee, MI

OHIO



BUCKEYES

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On a cool Nov. 7th afternoon, Pres. **Carol Hacker** welcomed 87 Buckeyes and guest **Don Struk** from Sacramento. Don, we hope you enjoyed visiting with old friends. **Sharon Minelli** hosted the luncheon at Mapleside Farm Restaurant (downstairs) in their "Apple Bin" room. The food was delicious and hit the spot on the cool "Fall" afternoon.

Believe it or not, there were no anniversaries in the month of Nov. We had plenty of Nov. birthdays. The entire group sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Pres. **Carol Hacker** read a "Thank You" note from the family of **Joyce Amaddio**, acknowledging appreciation for the kind expression of sympathy in their time of sorrow. A donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in tribute to Joyce Amaddio was also sent.

VP **Sharon Minelli** received a check from **Rudy Pivik** donated to the chapter in honor of **Johnny Johnson**, a ramp servicemen from CLE & DEN. He was one of the nicest ramp servicemen that Rudy worked with. He passed away several months ago.

Some of our members are still experiencing health problems; please keep them in your prayers.

Calendar:

Jan. – No meeting.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER'S

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It is hard to believe the year 2007 is about to come to an end. Time goes quickly when you are retired and having fun. It is always nice to see how everyone enjoys our monthly lunches. For those of you who have not come recently, I hope you will make an effort in 2008 to mark your calendar and come to a meeting.

There were 82 at our October meeting that ended with an ice cream social. **Harold Miller** and **Jerrilyn Blodgett** were elected to the Dew-er's Board of Directors. This will be Jerrilyn's second term as a director. The door prize was won by **Mel Martin**, anniversary **Frank & Marion (Deasy) Bullis**, birthday **Paul Russell** and 50/50 **Bill Shaw**.

Thinking of you cards were sent to **Lynda Botts** who fell and broke a hip and also to **Pete Clapp**. Please remember to let **Lois** or **Merle Pitman** know when someone in our chapter is ill, so a card can be sent to them. Their telephone # is (503) 635-5341.

Our Christmas luncheon this year is on December 12th and lunch will be served at your table. There is a special menu and the choices are as follows: Prime Rib with Baked Potato \$19.00, Salmon with Rice Pilaf \$16.50 and Stuffed Chicken with Cheese with Wild Rice \$16.50. The prices include dessert. You must make reservations and checks should be sent to **Jack Hooper**, PO Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671. There will be a surprise visit from Saint Nick, Christmas prizes and music.

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

Calendar:

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

Dec. 12 - Christmas Luncheon

Jan. 9 - Social

Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day & Ice Cream Social



OUR CLUB

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Amidst train memorabilia, 21 OUR Club members gathered at the Train Depot Restaurant in Grants Pass for the November luncheon. Some of the talk around the table: **Jim & Elaine Ellis** had just returned from an extended vacation to Albuquerque, NM, to take in the Balloon Festival. Since most of us were born and raised in other states and worked for United in various locations in California, we got going on sharing tales of how we each came to retire in this wonderful area. The reasons were as interesting and varied as the jobs we held before settling here.

Well wishes to **Russ Randall, Alberta Conger Randall, and Ida Rogers**, all of whom have faced some medical issues and are now enjoying full recoveries.

We're all looking forward to the holiday luncheon on December 7 -- with good reason. **Alberta & Russ Randall** are planning a festive occasion at the Clubhouse Grille at the Grants Pass Golf Club. Among other things, we will be holding the election of chapter officers for 2008. If anyone would like to join us, please contact me at the above telephone number or email address prior to November 30.

Calendar:

Dec. 7 – Details in column

Jan. 4 - TBA

Feb. 1 - TBA

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We finally had a “little” rain here in East Tennessee. However, we still are in extreme drought conditions. Our lakes are already lower than our usual winter draw down and TVA has told us they could drop another 12' to 30', depending on whether we get any substantial rain.

Thirteen members showed up for breakfast at Shoney's. **Mike & Barbara Chapin** have found an Irish Band for our November Luncheon/Meeting. Since this is our last meeting of the year, we all thought this would be a great way to celebrate before the Holiday Season.

Unfortunately, we have lost another member, **Jim Jeskey**. It has been a few years since he had been able to attend our meetings. Condolences may be sent to **Barbara Jeskey**, 1407 Canterbury Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

Calendar:

Dec. 20 – 9:30 ET 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. 17, 2008 - Hosts and Location to be announced.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On **October 17th**, 19 chapter members met at SLC's Golden Corral for lunch. **Betty Davis** was in Oregon visiting with her daughters, and thanks to Chapter Treasurer **Bill Ottman**, we had another delicious serving of "Mrs. Fields" cookies. Thanks, Bill! - A later inquiry call to Bill's wife **Shirley** regarding her health yielded that she was doing all right but needed a follow-up procedure. We wish her well!

Our local newsletter editor **Art Scott** brought friend **Carol**. It was nice to visit with them again; they had been on the go during the summer months. **Pete Loyola** related that wife **Jackie**, was out of town tending some of their grandkids. We welcomed **Kip Lufkin**; she, too, is usually busy tending her grandkids. A hearty "Hello!" to **Grant Beutler**, who took time out from his busy schedule to "break bread" with us.

Carl & Lorraine Olson are among our faithful visitors to chapter events: They battle freeway traffic from Layton every time they come to our SLC meetings. Thanks, Carl & Lorraine!

This is a reminder to call **Betty Davis** (562-0216) or **Lila Maughan** (254-7213) for the Christmas Party's menu selection (**Dec. 5 at noon**). We, collectively, appreciate & enjoy these holiday surroundings with all their beautiful decorations!

Sandy Cantonwine advised that his son-in-law & retired UALer, **Clair Anderson**, was having heart problems, and we trust Clair will be all right with proper treatment. **Darlene Cantonwine's** health condition is about the same – not very good.

Calendar:

Nov. 21 - Coffee Time 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

Dec. 5 – Christmas Dinner – 12noon, Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan, UT

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The Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter met on October 18th at T-Bone Jacks Restaurant at Waynesboro, VA. We had 17 present on a very beautiful Fall day in Virginia. Pres. **Gene Calvert** asked about our summer and what all had been doing. **Margaret Sarsfield** came back from a tour of Italy: They flew into Milan, toured Venice one day, saw the palace at St. Marks Square but had to leave because of the high tide that came in. Apparently it was quite high. Later they saw St. Peters and the Coliseum. What a wonderful eight days. It was well worth the 10 hour plane ride home, she said.

Lorento Constantino has spent his summer time trading on the stock market but he didn't give us any good tips. **George & Louise Fuller** went to the Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center at Dulles Airport to view the tremendous collection of aircraft, representing the early aviation aircraft up to the present; a wonderful site for those who love airplane history.

John Rice had a good trip to Germany and France. **Gene & Catherine Calvert** went to Branson where he said he had a wonderful time at the buffet in "Landers" at Branson; a great place to go and then on to St. Louis prior to this meeting. They visited Myrtle Beach in October.

Bob Carter is still enjoying flying his airplane all around; don't know where to next. The meeting continued with a vote for a meeting place for our annual Christmas meeting and lunch. After a vote on several

places, the German Restaurant “Edelweiss” at Staunton, VA was chosen. Hope everyone can attend. **John Rice** announced the meeting will be on December 6th.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 – Meeting at Edelweiss Restaurant, 11:30 am.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Seventy three members and guests attended our October luncheon at the Fairwood Country Club. **Marian Matthews** joined us for this meeting, which meant that she had to drive up from her new home in Vancouver, WA in the southern part of the state. Also with us for the meeting was Marian's guest, Irene Barrett. **Charlotte & Ed Rousso** were back for their first meeting in a while. Charlotte has been recovering from surgery.

Lois Sharpe attended the meeting as well and was accompanied by her guest, JoAnne Portell.

During the meeting we took time to observe some birthdays: **Donna Neumeyer's** birthday was on the day of the meeting, plus **Helen Stanger, Ernie Nelson** and **Ken Storey**; all celebrated their birthdays on the same day – October 21st. Others also had birthdays in October, so we sang Happy Birthday to all the celebrants.

A United Airlines history quiz was circulated at the beginning of the luncheon and during the meeting, we got in the spirit of things and did our best to answer the questions. Pres. **John Haferbecker** had researched the information in the book, *The Age of Flight* by William Garrey and David Fisher, and provided the correct answers along with some background details. Here are some sample questions:

1. In what year did One-Class Service start between CHI and SFO? This is where all the seats in the airplane were sized the same and priced the same – slightly more than the regular coach fare. It fizzled when the other airlines lowered their first class fares to slightly more than United's One-Class fare and drew away our passengers.
2. In what year and in what aircraft type did United inaugurate Hawaii service with a SFO-HNL flight? The answers can be found at the end of this column.

A helpful hint on medical insurance is that if Medicare doesn't cover a particular claim, Blue Cross/Blue Shield or your other insurance carrier *may still cover* it. Call them up and ask them.

Bob Brumfield addressed the group on industry matters. One of the items that came up concerned the rumors that United's management is considering selling the Maintenance Base and the Mileage Plus program and the fact that most employees and retirees would probably oppose such an action. Bob indicated that retirees do not have to re-verify travel eligibles to WHQ at year-end, but if you want to double-check the eligibles listed on your record, call the Retiree Travel Desk and they can check them for you. A "Thank You" luncheon was held for the retiree volunteers who staff the Seattle Travel Desk to show appreciation for their good work. In addition to a nice meal, many of the attendees won door prizes. To show our support, the Emerald City Slickers turned over its share of the 50/50 raffle to the Seattle Travel Desk to help pay their bills.

Richard Devereux handled the 50/50 raffle and door prizes; door prize winners were **JoAnne Walters, Kay Cook, Sidney Reed, Jeff Roberts, Charlotte Binkerd, Dolores Steger, Jerry Gogulski, Corky Ives, Esther Gogulski, Mary Luke** and **Ed Liesse**. The 50/50 winner was **Don Hanson**, who very generously returned 1/3 of his winnings back to our treasury. Thank you Don.

Some passings in October were **August "Tab" Tabacek** who retired from SEAOO after 38 years, and **Dorothy Hayden**, widow of **Keith Hayden** who was a former station manager in Seattle.

In the next issue I'll provide some coverage of the SEARR reunion held in November.

The answers to the history quiz questions: One-Class Service started in 1963. SFO-HNL service started May 1, 1947 in DC-6 equipment.

Calendar:

Dec. - No Meeting

Dec. 8 - 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM, Seattle Mainliner Club Holiday Hoedown, The Rockin' Horse Dance Barn, 11820 150th Avenue, SE, Renton, WA 98059.

Jan. 8 - Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

Feb. 12 - Luncheon Meeting (honoring past presidents), Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

March 11 - Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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By the time you read this article, the Dulles Loungers will be busily preparing for the annual drive to collect money, clothing and food for S.E.R.V.E., Inc. **Jan Hawkins** from that organization will be speaking at our November luncheon. This organization helps the homeless and the victims of domestic abuse. This is the second year we have worked with them. Our drive last year was extremely successful (and satisfying) and this year we hope to exceed even last year's generosity.

In December, the following members will be installed as the 2008/2009 officers:

- (President - **Linda Scriven**
- (Vice President - **Mari McColl**
- (Secretary - **Camilla Warner**
- (Treasurer - **Judy Dunlap**

The officers are the same as the interim officers with the exception of treasurer. **Kerrie Schneider** is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild and plans to be doing too much babysitting to keep our books. Kerrie has done an excellent job of organizing the finances of the Loungers and has promised to give Judy any assistance she may need. Judy is a very capable lady and a welcome member to the team. **Frank Contento** will remain in his position as membership chair, and **Bud Reed** CANNOT be replaced as our web master.

Have you checked out our site lately? www.dullesloungers.com is a wealth of UA information ... and such fun to visit! Our Sunshine Committee Chair is still **Linda Scriven** but I am sure that she would happily give that over to a volunteer since she has been named President again. A little side note: **Linda** and **Camilla Warner** were on a cruise when they were nominated for and voted in as officers. We sure hope they were serious when they said they were "willing to serve".

In Camilla's absence from the October luncheon, **Kerrie Schneider** took excellent notes and passed them on to me. (As Vice President, I was conducting the meeting.) As a result of her excellent notes, my article is going extremely fast this month. (I may have even plagiarized a line or two - a compliment to Kerrie's excellent writing skills.)

It is with great sadness that we extend our sympathies to **Linda Scriven** for the loss of her beloved brother, Eric. Cards can be sent to her at 20946 Tobacco Square, Ashburn, VA 20147.

David Cox is home now after being in the hospital for pneumonia. He is weak and on constant oxygen but was especially cheered by all the birthday cards he received. As Kerrie said "They eased the pain of his pneumonia - and of the Steelers loss!"

Fritz Hafenrichter, 8520 14th Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20783 is also improving after his bout with pneumonia. Cards and calls (301/434-4849) are appreciated. **Max Mossholder** (101 Beverly Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, (540) 667-9245.) had to have part of his right leg amputated due to complications from diabetes. Max has been released from the hospital and is now home with **Annie**.

Gale Heuser broke her foot last month but is on the mend. **Mary & Glen Giddings** continue to heal after their terrible car accident. They are home but still in physical therapy for their injuries. **Judy Carroll** felt well enough to attend the October luncheon. Her Chemo is working and she thanks everyone for their good wishes and prayers. **Jake Philipoon** also attended our October meeting looking quite handsome. You can encourage him in his fight against cancer at 4330C Cannonridge Court, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Thanks to **Frank Contento**, the Dulles Loungers have a new cap with DULLES LOUNGERS embroidered on it. It is really cool and a great gift idea. You can also check it out on our website, and order one if you are so inclined.

Now, with this article I bid you adieu. As new recording secretary, **Camilla Warner** will also be the new corresponding reporter. I wish Camilla all of the luck in the world and hope that writing this column brings her as much joy as it has brought to me over the last couple of years.

Fly safe.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Clipped Wings® feels privileged to be able to report for the first time in the RUAEA Newsletter. We are very excited to be a part of the retired United Airlines Family, and look forward to submitting an article every month.

This month, I would like to introduce our organization, if you have not already heard of us. Clipped Wings® will celebrate their 66th anniversary at their convention in Pasadena, California, on September 24-27, 2008. Our National officers for '06-'08 are: President, **Aurelia Spence Luton** (DCA), Vice President, **Gail Andrus Preston** (MAL), Secretary, **Lavon Parker Cook** (DTW), Treasurer, **Elaine Haley McGann** (DEN) and Editor, **Tina Winland** (DCA).

Who Are We?

A long time ago, there was a time when airplanes had propellers and a "stewardess" who wore wings of United Airlines, cared for passengers. When these young women (no men on board then) got married, they had to give up both flying and their wings. So their wings were clipped.

In 1941, a former stewardess, **Jackie Jos Ceaser** formed a club in Chicago to maintain her airline friendships and to help others less fortunate. It was called Clipped Wings®.

Today, Clipped Wings® is a 501(c)3 philanthropic organization of current and former United Airlines Flight Attendants, United Airlines Stewardess, and Capital Airline Hostesses.

Presently, there are more than 1400 members in the United States, Japan & Canada, with 32 chapters throughout the country, and a new one just starting up in New Hampshire which will make 33 chapters. This includes our Members-At-Large Chapter offering membership to those residing anywhere in the world.

What Do We Do?

We have supported Special Olympics for the past twenty years, and other organizations working with the developmentally disabled; plus we serve in other philanthropic projects. In the past 66 years, Clipped Wings® has raised more than 7 million dollars, and volunteered forty-three years of combined service to their philanthropic causes.

Want to Join Us?

If you are interested in becoming a member of a chapter, starting a new chapter or would like more information about chapter locations, meetings, events or their calendar for the year, please contact the National Vice President, **Gail Andrus Preston**, either by email: windstorm10@sbcglobal.net or, P.O. Box 1697, Twain Harte, CA 95383. Applicants must be a current or former United Airlines Flight Attendants, United Airlines Stewardess, and Capital Airline Hostesses. Check out our website @ www.clippedwings.com.

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Retiree - **BARBER, Lois Jeanne**, on 10/25/07, ATLRR, wife of Gene, 110 Sycamore Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214

The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:

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TUBBS, Andrew E., CLETR 05/16/07
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LETTERS

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

Ethel Batiste, Roseanne Beaudette, Peter Bourlin, John W. Burton Jr., Anne Coble, Florence Constance, Diane D'Andre, Rollin Drayton, Dorothy Eichers, Ray Erickson, John Ferris, Peggy Hallsted, Buck Hilbert, Fred Higgins, Barrie Hooley, Nancy Humphries, William Jones, Robert Kaczor, Gordon Kibbe, Melvin King, Norm Kirby, Connie Koentopp, Algimantas Kubilius, Joseph Lacher, Robert Leeper, Penny Logan, Gernot Luneberg, Teresa McNamara, Kathaleen Marinoff, Patty Meadows, David Meyer, Casimir Mroz, Sam Oshiron, Marcia Perry, Josephine Price, Marilyn Rhinehart, Roberta Russell, Bernard Sandner, Nalini Shah, Phyllis Singer, Doran Soo, Kenneth Storey, Inger Strand, M. Koerner/J. Swift, Dolores Tagariello, Donald Thomas, Pat Tremont, Eugene Tritt, Gloria VanHouten, Lee Webb, Elizabeth Winchester, James Gerrity, Hector Medina, Joe Kollar, Judy Spelts, Francis J. "Tek" Tekavec, Willy Reichmith, Myrtle Pogensee, Joann Mochinal, Marlene Rosenberg, V. Debbie Homer.

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.)

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Hello to the Whole Crew in Denver working on the Newsletter. I love the "new look" of our Newsletter, it looks really nice and THANKS TO ALL OF YOU. I look forward to receiving it every month. I have been retired for 9 years now, time flies.

Our year has been busy with much travel again. Another retiree gal, who went with 6 couples on the 10 night Holland & Belgium Viking River cruise in April, wrote about it already. It sure was GREAT to see those beautiful 7,000,000 Tulips at Kugenhof Gardens. It was the "highlight of my trip"!

In May, we took a cruise from Boston to the Island of Bermuda. We really liked that British Island, and would love going there again to see those beautiful "pink sand beaches". We went there with **James Kristoff (ORDMM)** and his wife **Sandra Forrester (ORDCU)**. Plus we got to visit a friend who lives there.

In June, I went with a friend to visit another mutual friend who lives in Savannah, wife of retiree **(ORDMM) Faith Kofink**. We also spent a few days at Hilton Head Island too, a great place.

In July, I first took a cruise with my aunt & uncle on the Queen Mary 2. What a new and magnificent ship! This was my Cruise #75. Then a few weeks later, I went with my cousin, Donna, to visit another aunt & uncle, who live in Dayton, MT. They live very close to Glacier National Park; that was an awesome sight to see!

End of Sept., George bought tickets for my Birthday Gift, for us to go see the "Celine Dion Show" in Las Vegas. **Virginia Monaco (ORDCS)** and **Carl** will also be going to Las Vegas.

We will also visit friends UA retirees that moved there: **Arlene & Jim McCroy**, **Elaine & Ron Ptak** & also **Gert Pavich** who just moved there in July.

In Oct. is our “much awaited trip”, our Tour to Poland. Since George is Polish, he is very anxious for this Tour! We are going there with friends, who also retired & relocated to PHX, **Wanda & Rocco (ORDMM) Christofaro**. We have to investigate about “King Kordecki” from two centuries ago!

We are going to Warsaw early. **Marlene Dudek (CHIRR)** will join us on this tour with her cousin.

Since George is still working at ORDMM, he only gets seven weeks of vacation, but I get 52 weeks. So sometimes I go away with family or friends without him.

November and December are busy with the holidays; so we usually like to stay home those two months. But we may go visit my sister who lives near San Diego, the beginning of November.

In January 2008, I'll go on a 15 day trip; Cruise from Sydney, Australia to Auckland, New Zealand, with my girlfriend as my Cabin-mate, my Cousin Donna & her husband, and **Marilyn (CHIRR) & Wayne Chaplin**.

I enjoy being on the Chicago Skyliners Board. In February, of this year I was voted Vice President; so that really keeps me busier than before. I sure enjoy it!

Again, thank you for the NEWSLETTER arriving every month. I enjoy seeing names I have known from the “past at UA”. Email: georgephyllis@juno.com.

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I located my colleague/friend **Lonnie Autry** through the RUAEA Newsletter “Letters” section. Here's some of my writing I call “**The History**”. This writing is about my friend Lonnie:

Lonnie: Air Force, School, Pilot, United Airlines Mechanic, Successful Business Owner & Friend:
Lonnie Autry wanted to get a pilot's license. So, Lonnie went to flying school to obtain his flying license and eventually became a commercial pilot. With a lot of effort, hard work and money for tuition, AND while working, he obtained his pilot's license. Lonnie flew from San Carlos Airport in California to South Carolina & Virginia in a Cessna 150, then returned back. That was quite a long trip. Lonnie had qualified for the job of inspector at United Airlines, having obtained his A&P Aircraft and Aircraft Engine Power Plant license card while in the U.S. Air Force. That is what he did until he retired. Then he went into a successful flying business of his own. Now the rules of the FAA state that in order to keep a mechanic's license active, a person holding a license must have worked on aircraft or engines or have been in school within the last 3 years. Lonnie told me, “Joe, if you need some work to do and get your license again, come on down. I have enough work where I can use some extra help that will get you going.”

I told Lonnie thank you for the offer, but I am retired, fully, and I am not interested to go back to work anywhere for anyone. Not even to teach and instruct because I do hold an instructor's license. Lonnie offered me a good opportunity and I am grateful for his excellent friendship.

Chuck Stuller, 1135 Beta Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

I retired in 2003 from COSCS and worked 40 years in YIPRR, SFORR, OAKOZ, SFOTR, LMTOZ, GTFOZ, SHFOZ, and HOUOZ. I am a member of The Bookers Club (YIPRR). Sorry to be late with my dues but I crashed my Harley on August 28, 2007 and suffered many injuries. I had a concussion, torn spleen, bruised kidney and a broken wrist. I was riding from Texas Creek, CO to Cripple Creek, CO, on a clear day. I am healing now. I have a son in high school, and four grandchildren in Houston, TX and Parker, CO.

Marilyn A. Halt, 2427 Sam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216-5050

I am thankful to receive the RUAEA newsletter, as I am a widow this year and computer-less, so I enjoy reading the news.

I went to U P of Michigan, the end of June to bury our **David Halt** (former Mgr. Crew Scheduler ORD) in his home town (Negaunee) family plot, since the “frozen tundra” is unthawed. Dave's long time friend made a replica of a Finnish sauna for his cremation box. I had 40 “Birds of Paradise” flown in from Hawaii, his favorite island.

Also, 10 WWII Veterans did a wonderful Military Honor Ceremony. We had a buffet luncheon for 40 people and had everyone take a “bird” home. The roses and the 1936 Class flowers were sent to a nursing home where 4 classmates reside. Everything went well, considering it was planned from Florida.

UAL treated me very well on the trip there and back. Thank you UAL and the RUAEA for all of your help.

Marie MacDonald, 6 Timothy Lane, Bloomfield, CT 06002-5015

Thanks so much to all of you in the RUAEA office for making our organization what it is today. The effort and co-ordination really show and it is appreciated.

RUAEA has become much more important than in the years before Chapter 11, and the information we receive has grown in importance, as well. The new newsletter format is very professional, and including the retiree names in bold is great. Thanks again, for keeping us UNITED.

Walter Bumberger, 3081 Wheeling St., Aurora, CO 80011-2020

I enjoy the newsletter now, more than ever. I miss the camaraderie of the folks who used to assemble the newsletters for mailing. I participated in the "mailing" since I retired in 1994. Unfortunately, I was unable to help out the last few months, because of illness.

Esther Broderson, 51 Bonnie Lane, Claredon Hills, IL 60514

I would be remiss, if I did not voice the hope that the Sacramento Convention would be a model for the future ones. The hotel personnel, the food and accommodations were outstanding. I wrote an "Orchid Letter" to the hotel. The same praise should be extended to all of the Sacramento, Gold Diggers, working in every capacity. My only disappointment, along with 4 other people, was not finding **Ed Clay** at table 9, so I could have introduced him to my husband. I was happy to find out in the next RUAEA column, that the absence was not due to illness.

Since I am confined to a wheelchair and we travel by van, we continued on to Flagstaff, Sun City, Sun Lakes and Tucson, to visit family and friends. After 4 weeks and over 5,000 miles, we were ready to head for home. I had some loose change left over, so hope it is not too early for my December dues, the mail fund, and a cup of coffee for the crew in appreciation.

C J McCarthy, 6969 Peterson Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952

I send much appreciation for the great newsletter and all the work that it entails. It is a bargain indeed.

My plan for subtracting from my age each birthday, rather than adding a year seems to be working well. I definitely seem to have more zip each succeeding year. I look forward to less pills, and aches & pains.

Of course, the down side to this plan would be the loss of senior rates, social security benefits, and my meager UAL pension. Most dreaded would be the fact that I would have to go back to work again. Maybe, I should rethink this plan! Keep up the good work and I will look forward to my next birthday, age 83 (or maybe not)!

William Hamilton, 2331 42nd Ave. SW Apt 320, Seattle, WA 98116-2557

The newsletter is an excellent and best source for information on all of my UAL retirees and colleagues. It is also good for information about travel and medical benefits. Hope you can visit SEA.

Best wishes for a Happy Halloween and Happy Holidays. Thank you, it is very much appreciated. Aloha!

R. E. Truex, 975 S Lehigh Dr., Anaheim, CA 92807

Hi to all of you. Time seems to fly by and the older we get the faster it goes.

Thanks to all of you for keeping us up to date on all of the happenings!

Bob is doing pretty well. The Dr. seems to have given him medication for his Parkinson's that keeps him going.

Hello to everyone we know out there.

Ardyce & Charles Paff, 3914 Parkview Dr., Cheyenne, WY 82001

We do not have a computer or E-mail and most likely never will.

A little over a year ago, we moved from California to Wyoming, to be nearer our children. The city of Cheyenne is really growing, but it is not a big metropolis yet, making it easy to get around.

We cannot complain about the weather. Last winter was quite mild however, the wind still blows. We've been told that Wyoming has the best air in the country. There is no smog here, so no smog checks are required for the car.

We love the beautiful, blue Wyoming sky, the fluffy white clouds and even the wind. We are slowly getting used to the 6000 plus altitude.

This past summer, we enjoyed a lot of company, especially for Frontier Days. The time went by so fast.

The newsletter reaches us very quickly, as we are right at your door step. We thank you for getting all the UAL news to us and keeping us abreast of everything. Keep up the good work.

We don't see many names we recognize any more. Charlie started working for UAL in Cheyenne, December of 1940.

Glenn Kastein, 500 McHenry Rd. Apt. 241, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1718

Thank you for the newsletter. It is great.

Glenn & I celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary in November.

We are in an assisted living place now. I am on oxygen 24/7 and Glenn has Alzheimer's disease. He still loves to read and is so happy with his three year old granddaughter.

Marlene Anderson, 756 W. Lincoln Ln., Des Plaines, IL 60018-5551

I just wanted you to know that I am really enjoying our new RUAEA newsletter format. It feels like you are reading a booklet rather than a set of papers stapled together.

As a Chicago Skyliner member, I want to commend our local correspondent, **Rich Surma**. When my newsletter comes, that is the first area I read and find that the articles he has contributed to our chapter have been so informative.

He really covers many areas that I never knew about in the Chicago area.

I knew Rich for many years as he traveled through the cafeteria lines at EXO and I was a food server. I never knew Rich was such a good writer.

And not to forget now at our breakfast gathering at Artemis, has changed since he implemented and made the button name badges for our retirees and their spouses.

It is always so nice to see **Joann, Johnny** and **Rich** as they greet people each month with their smiles and offer to hang us their coats.

Ronald Brown, 4147 County Road 31, Fort Lupton, CO 80621

As usual I am late. I have an excuse this year.

On my birthday, September 10th, I had open heart surgery. I had an aorta valve replaced and one bypass.

I am doing fine but confined a little with my activities. I enjoy the newsletter very much.

Mae Alderese, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd. Apt. 330, Twin Falls, ID 83301

I love our get together every month, reading our wonderful RUAEA newsletter.

I have fond memories of working at LAXH for 37 years. I just had a visit from our Chef Dure' and his lovely wife, Rosemary.

Hello to all of my co-workers at LAX.

John & Patricia Schaefer, 434 Noble Faire Dr., Sun City Center, FL 33575-5892

John & I just celebrated our 50th anniversary, September 27th. Time sure does have a way of slipping by. We aren't gadabouts, but we do get around a bit, block parties, dinner dances at our club, dinners out with friends and church is at the top of the list. We've made many new friends. We both "hop" (John's word) around the house with our walkers.

We lost our dear friend, **John Garofulo**, on the 19th of September to cancer. He fought a hard battle for 18 months. It seems that cancer outsmarts every seeming cure that comes along. We will miss him always.

Do try to keep in touch with **Angie** of the "Loop Group". I miss Chicago more than I ever thought possible, especially this time of year, autumn is special for its colors and fragrances. We don't have that here in Florida.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

Don Sellon, #7726 13373 N. Plaza Del Rio Blvd., Peoria, AZ 85381-4873

We appreciate the newsletter very much, and I do miss coming out to TK, to help with the mailing. Tell all Hello!

Our move to a different apartment occurred several months ago, and we get the delivery okay, but like to keep the record straight. We are now, only 2 doors down the hall from **Mel & Mildred Hofer**. We see them every day.

Juergen Brunke, 8820 South East 130th Loop, Spruce Creek CC, Summerfield, FL 34491

Having the monthly newsletter via the Internet is a bit tough for those of us who are not so fluent on the computer, but beneficial saving the papers cluttering our landfills and saving a tree.

I am printing many pages off for my wife to read, we are getting along. Disappointing for our mail person though, most hard paper copies have had the seal broken, indicating that the first reader was my mail person.

An occasional food or coffee stain on the cover, leads me to believe the newsletter was examined by her, on lunch, looking for UAL news.

Looking forward to lots more copies, meaning, being around to enjoy.

Wallace Wegner, 2915 S. Bandera Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76302-1320

How time flies. It doesn't seem that I have been retired for 21+ years.

I am doing pretty well since my heart attack, a year and half ago. I am able to do most of my yard work. Right now I am in the process of picking up my pecans.

Barbara Fiske, 1353 Taft Ct., Loveland, CO 80537

Hi, to everyone. Thanks for the newsletter every month. I know what it takes to get it out. I am doing okay. I have had a few setbacks, but I can still get around. I am not driving too far. I have had a lot dental work done. I took a few trips in September. I had no problems. I miss seeing everyone.

Donald Burda, 1408 Knowlton Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087-3151

Heading into my 15th year of retirement, time flies when you are having fun. Delores & I have had our health problems but continue to live life to the fullest. Her cancer and my heart condition, have not kept us down.

Again, thanks to all of you for the newsletter, I know it is hard work and time consuming but you are doing an outstanding job and we deeply appreciate it.

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

I want to thank you for giving us all the information about all of our friends who have either moved or died and what is going on with UAL in general.

I started work at SFOMG in 1945 and resigned in 1956. My husband worked there and retired in 1980. He passed away in 2005. We made so many dear friends along the way.

Ann Shaffer, 130-89 Glenwood Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703

Forgive me for sending this letter in the old fashioned way, handwritten. But I have not gotten a computer yet.

I love the new format of the newsletter. I find I am very busy, volunteering with my church, and making jams, jellies and pickles, to sell at farmers market in our church yard.

Best thing happened this year. I finally became a United States citizen on April 4th, 2007.

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In early 1924, the Air Mail Dept. of the Post Office opened a competition to design a new air mail plane using the "Liberty" engine. Boeing's entry was the "Model 40". A single "40" prototype was built and bought by the government; however the contract was awarded to Douglas for their "M" series of planes. Boeing then "shelved" the design.

1926 saw major changes in the management of Boeing Airplane Company. President Ed Gott resigned, Phil Johnson became president, Claire Egtvedt was named vice president and Wm. Boeing assumed the chairmanship.

The company had been designing and building various models of military aircraft under government contracts since receiving the "DH-4" modification contract in 1919. In general, business was good.

In the Fall of 1926, Claire Egtvedt was thinking of starting an airline passenger service connecting Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria when Eddie Hubbard told him some exciting news.

The Post Office Department, which had awarded CAM "feeder-contracts" during the previous year, was about to let private contractors bid on the Transcontinental Trunk Route!

The route was to be divided into two legs - San Francisco to Chicago and Chicago to New York. The stipulation for winning a leg was that the successful bidder must furnish 25 planes and begin service by July 1, 1927.

Hubbard believed that Boeing could win the San Francisco - Chicago contract and successfully fly the leg with the "Model 40" (photo).

Substantially underbidding Western Air Express, Boeing won the contract on January 15, 1927.

The design of the "Model 40" was altered to allow 2 passengers in an enclosed cabin and the new air-cooled 410 hp Pratt & Whitney "Wasp" engine replaced the water-cooled "Liberty" engine.

In anticipation of winning the CAM 18 contract, Wm. Boeing organized the Boeing Air Transport company (BAT) with offices in Salt Lake City. Edward Hubbard was hired and named VP of Operations. After winning the contract, the 25 "Model 40A"s were built, pilots were hired and flights began on July 1, 1927.

April 2, 1927, after rescinding the contract it had previously awarded North American Airways, the Post Office Dept. announced that the CAM 17 New York - Chicago route was awarded to National Air Transport (NAT).

NAT flew the CAM 17 inaugural flights Sept. 1, 1927 using Curtiss "Carrier Pigeons" from CAM 3.

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