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DID YOU KNOW ... that the **Rosen Centre Hotel**, located at **9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819, (407) 996-9840 or 1-800-204-7234**, offers beautiful rooms at the special RUAEA rate of **\$99.00/night double**, plus \$20.00 for each additional guest. OR you can treat yourself to the Club Level, where for an extra \$40.00/night, you will receive complimentary continental breakfast and nightly snacks, free internet and access to the fitness club! WOW! The Rosen's reservations agents are just waiting for you to call! Deadline is April 23, 2010.

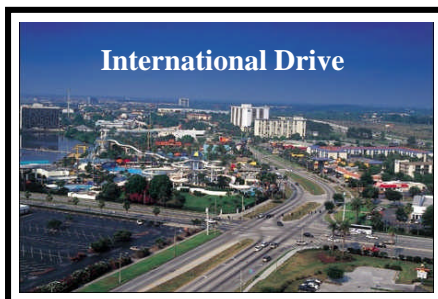
DID YOU KNOW ... that the **I-Ride Trolley** operates daily 8:00am to 10:30pm and picks up right at the Rosen Centre every 20 minutes. **Senior Fare is just 25 cents per ride**. Youngsters (under 65) pay \$1.25 per ride. An Official Guide and Trolley Map will be included in your registration packet. The Trolley can drop you at: **Pointe Orlando** - specialty shops and dining, including Maggianos, Red Rock Canyon, Capital Grill, to name a few. Or choose the shopping stops on **I-Drive**, including the **Prime Outlets**, the **Premium Outlets** and **Festival Bay Mall**.

DID YOU KNOW ... the two evening **Hospitality Suite** get-togethers are going to make you smile! Especially if you have had a long, cold winter! Wednesday night's theme will be "**Beach Blanket Bash**". Find that flowered shirt, clam-diggers, a cute beach cover-up - you get the picture! Thursday, bring your best singing voice and join in our own **RUAEA Karaoke Night!**

DID YOU KNOW ... that one of the treats in store for you are the wonderful works donated by many talented RUAEA folks. Could I be talking about you? If you or someone you know would consider sending a donation for this year's convention, the Arts & Craft Raffle Chairs **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, would be thrilled to display it in our Hospitality Room. Please contact them by email at [myangel007@earthlink.net](mailto:myangel007@earthlink.net) or [jkm1944@bellsouth.net](mailto:jkm1944@bellsouth.net). Or call (407) 240-9255. All of your donations can be sent to: **Angel Montalvo** at 12303 Leeks Court, Orlando, FL 32827.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## The Writers Column - UAL Celebrates Fleet Week, October 11, 2009 – From a woman's perspective!

By Helen Cain

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the San Francisco Maintenance Base (MOC) was a great day, despite the slightly windy, cold and gray cloudy skies. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fleet Week Open House and everyone looked very happy to be there, excited and amiable.

There was parking aplenty and 4 or 5 of us UAL employee/retiree volunteers were at each entrance gate, together with friendly security guards to handle any questions we couldn't. We also diverted some of our guests to them to check out any large knapsacks or otherwise closed cases or bags they were carrying. No one seemed to mind.



The Event Coordinators for Volunteers, **Debbie Van Wart** and **Kathy Smith**, SFOML, were great! They were enthusiastic, patient and prior to October 11<sup>th</sup> had emailed us all the information we needed, updating as necessary. Our pre-event volunteer packets contained a specially designed really bright pink T-shirts with the name "Volunteer" across the back and "United - 2009 Fleet Week Employee Event" on the front. Nice quality material, too. We were also supplied with lunch tickets and our bright pink admission wristbands. The theme color of pink was in support of October's Breast Cancer

Awareness month. We volunteers all wore our new T-shirts but did some "layering" with sweaters underneath or jackets on top ... a bit chilly, it was! So what ... we all survived.

Our only instructions from Debbie and Kathy were to smile, hand out programs printed on pink paper, and to check that all guests coming through our gate had the pink, red or checkered admission wristbands on their wrists. We were also instructed to "have fun". We definitely did.

I worked the first shift at the East Gate entrance, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with **Catherine Goddard**, **Sue Stark** and **John Bogdanoff**. The other 2 shifts went from 1PM to 3PM, then 3PM to 5PM. And a surprise treat at our gate was a visit by a UAL member in a great looking clown face and costume named "Strawberry". He came complete with a big smile and nice warm hugs. It was especially cute to see passing through our gate even the youngest of children proudly holding their wrists up high, displaying their pink entrance wristbands. Actually, they were quicker to appropriately respond than the adults. Adorable!

Finishing up my shift and walking through the Maintenance Base was a trip back to the past. Hangars which used to hold airplane parts and engines today held vendors selling event hats, model airplanes, T-shirts, etc. Our Western Division Director **Roger Casterline** was there at the RUAEA table, smiling and greeting hopefully new RUAEA members. The brightest stars in that hangar, in my estimation, were Sacramento "Gold Diggers" RUAEA newsletter correspondent, **Barbara Bertacini** and **Veronica Domaratus**, promoting the sale of the elegant silk men's neckties patterned with UAL airplanes from the distant past. And you should have seen the beautiful women's silk scarves with a pattern of UAL stewardess (OK, flight attendant) uniforms worn in past years. Or, you could buy the same silk scarves in a design similar to the men's ties, UAL airplanes from previous years. Profits from the sale of these **original** and attractive clothing items are sponsored by **Clipped Wings** and benefit their Special Olympics projects. Interested in obtaining one of these specialized ties or scarves? (I have several!) Contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) at [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com) (\$20 + \$2 shipping).

Further meandering through the crowds evidenced a generously large collection of beautifully maintained antique and classic automobiles and an absolutely fabulous Blue Angel car, "Angel 6", bright and shiny, doors opened straight up, and the hood showed such a shiny chrome-covered engine, it looked like it had never been used.

I had never seen a "plane pull" ... remarkable, "Man (and 2 women) Against Machine" I think you'd call it. And that big bird really did move.

The food vendors were of a high quality. I recognized the (huge) sausage-&-sauerkraut-on-a-bun stand from stopping at their store in Lockeford, CA every year on my way to Sutter Creek. They advertise 20



varieties of sausage, and I personally respected their fine reputation. Additionally, there were enticing stands with Hawaiian, Asian and Mexican delicacies ... the various aromas were quite tempting.



Two performance stages offering 2 very different types of music were popularly entertaining the mob at the MOC. My favorites: the exceptional 9-piece **Fremont (CA) Christian School's "Dixie Dominus" Traditional Jazz Band**. They played many famous and familiar gospel instrumentals and vocals from our past. As a former band vocalist myself, I recognized and appreciated their remarkable skill at such a young age: junior high and senior high school students. In addition to occasional spotlighting of several of their musicians, a great Louie Armstrong rendition was given by one fellow. In fact you had to look up to be sure it really wasn't Ole Satchmo come back to visit. I found them very lively and better than

many professional jazz bands I've heard. And as I looked around at the diversified audience, they couldn't keep their feet from tapping or their hands from clapping in time to the music. **Dixie Dominus** finished with music from a short and quirky old time song, "Jada, Jada" ... remember that one? However, they had cleverly substituted new words they'd written especially for today's UAL event. Want to hear more? Contact Thomas Banuelos, Director of Bands, at (510) 449-7724 or (510) 744-2280, Ext. 357, or write John Abraham, 34312 Alken Court, Fremont, CA 94555.

As I walked past the several hundred people standing in line to do a walk-through and check out the pilot's cabin on one of UAL's airplanes, I decided I would just look over the flight attendant's shoulder the next time I flew anywhere. Another exceptionally wide and long line was over by the 4 Blue Angel airplanes and their pilots. I walked over and squeezed through a 3-deep gathering of people, explaining I only wanted to take a couple pictures and would be out of their way almost instantly. They were kind. It would have been interesting to meet and talk to any of the pilots, but that long line ... not this time and not this gal. A bit later, it was exciting yet deafening to watch them fly overhead on their way north to entertain the San Francisco folks. (Yep, some of us Smarty-Pants Volunteers remembered to bring our ear plugs!)

A great time was had by all! Already waiting for next year, and "Thanks, United Airlines"

### **Continental Joined Star Alliance**



The world got bigger on October 27, when Continental Airlines joined Star Alliance.

In celebration of Continental's entry into Star Alliance, Glenn Tilton will join Star Alliance CEO Jaan Albrecht, Continental Chairman and CEO Larry Kellner, Continental President Jeff Smisek and executives representing the other 23 Star Alliance member carriers in welcome events in the New York area.

Continental's membership in Star Alliance will give United customers improved access to more than 60 cities not currently served by United or other Star carriers, particularly in the southern tier of the United States, in Latin America and in the South Pacific.

*"Continental's entry into Star instantly opens more of the world to United's customers,"* said Mark Schwab, SVP-Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs. *"We are delighted about this opportunity to expand our network and to welcome the many new customers who will be flying with us."*

Continental customers will enjoy new benefits consistent with those offered to all Star members, including the ability to earn and redeem OnePass miles on United flights. In addition, members of Continental's Presidents Club will have immediate access to our Red Carpet Clubs, and Continental's Silver Elite, Gold Elite and Platinum Elite frequent fliers will be entitled to Star Alliance Silver and Star Alliance Gold benefits.

As Continental joined Star on October 27, the airline also will be co-locating with United and Lufthansa in Frankfurt, Germany, facilitating connections, improved baggage handling and lounge access. Continental serves Frankfurt to and from its hub in New York/Newark, and added Houston service on November 1. This move follows similar aligning of ground services at several stations including Chicago O'Hare, Salt Lake City, Beijing, and Shanghai. Continental will join the Star Alliance carriers in the South Wing of Terminal 1 at Tokyo Narita on November 1.

## **United Expands Midwest Network With Service to Four New Cities**



Recently, United announced service beginning in early 2010 from Chicago to Eau Claire, Wis.; Hancock/Houghton, Mich.; Muskegon, Mich.; and Paducah, Ky.

Flights will be operated by United Express carrier SkyWest Airlines on 50-seat CRJ200 regional jets. While the four Essential Air Service-subsidized cities were previously served by Mesaba Airlines, SkyWest placed a more competitive bid to win the rights to serve these cities - allowing United the opportunity to tap into new markets - feeding its mainline network and offering our customers more choices to dozens of cities throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia.

According to the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Essential Air Service program was put into place to guarantee that small communities that were served by certificated air carriers before deregulation maintain a minimal level of scheduled air service. The DOT currently subsidizes commuter airlines to serve approximately 140 rural communities across the country that otherwise would not receive any scheduled air service.

As Senior Vice President - Planning Kevin Knight shares, *"We are excited to offer our travelers throughout the Midwest new choices for convenient service to Chicago and the rest of the world."*

Service from Chicago to Muskegon and Chicago to Paducah will begin Feb. 11, 2010, while service from Chicago to Eau Claire and Chicago to Hancock/ Houghton will start on March 1, 2010.

## **Pilot Decided Long Ago to Retire With B737s; Will Fly Fleet's Final Three Flights for United**



Chicago-based Captain Bob Russo loves piloting the "guppy" so much that he decided long ago that if United ever retired the B737, that would also be his cue to exit.

Bob, who has logged more than 17,000 hours in B737 cockpits, has been a United pilot since June 1978 and except for a few years in the B727, has flown the B737 on milk-run hops ever since. He was the captain on October 28 for three legs of Flight 737, United's last revenue trips for the fleet.

The flight starts at Washington Dulles at 0600 that morning, with Dulles Regional Chief Pilot Walt Clark at the controls. It then flies to Chicago-O'Hare, where Bob took over.

He flew with First Officer Paul Fletcher, to Denver, then Los Angeles, and finally to San Francisco, where he was greeted by a water cannon salute when the plane taxis to the gate at about 1800.

*"We have more modern, advanced planes in our fleet now," Bob says. "But the fact is, the 737 is the most fun to fly, and the most hands-on." "I know that's unusual at an airline like United," Bob says. "Most pilots want to fly the bigger equipment and handle the glamorous routes. But I know I wouldn't look forward to coming to work if I had to fly 14 hours nonstop. I like flying out to the smaller airports, picking up people and taking them back to O'Hare, the busiest airport in the world."*

Bob grew up near Chicago's Midway Airport when it, not O'Hare, was considered the busiest airport in the world. He still lives on the same block.

*"Commercial airliners were always flying over my head, and from as early as I can remember, I wanted to be a commercial airline pilot - a specific type of commercial airline pilot."*

*"When I was 12, I read an article in Flying magazine, called 'The Best Job in the World.' It was written by a North Central Airlines captain flying DC-3s out of O'Hare, and described his typical day. It was all short-haul flying. That's exactly the kind of flying I wanted to do."*

Bob took flying lessons at Midway starting at age 15, and soon earned his commercial and instrument rating. He was a flight instructor and charter pilot during and after college, *"the best civilian way to build flight hours."* When United was hiring pilots in the late 1970s, Bob was accepted and started flight training in Denver in 1978.

United attracted Bob in part because it offered *"such a wide array of routes. It satisfied a lot of what I wanted to do."* It also enabled Bob to stay in his hometown except for his first year, when he was based in Cleveland.

Bob has landed B737s about 5,500 times; when he touched down in San Francisco at dusk on October 28, he was greeted by a rare water cannon salute. He had his wife, Sherry, with him on the final flight. After returning to Chicago, Bob plans on spending much of his retirement time flying his Cessna 182, for pleasure and also as a volunteer for Angel Flight, which provides free air transportation for charitable and medical needs.

*"I understand the hard decisions we need to make," Bob said about the fleet retirement, "but it's really a shame that we're not going to have the guppy anymore. I've always considered the B737, particularly the 737-200, the ultimate flying machine."*

### **United and ACS Partner to Bring Holden Hugyou to Children Fighting Cancer**



It is that time of year -- Holden Hugyou is making his grand debut! For the third year in a row, United is partnering with the American Cancer Society (ACS) to bring bear hugs and smiles to children undergoing cancer treatment across the country.

Through December 31, 2009, United is inviting customers, employees, retirees, family and friends to contribute a minimum of 7,500 Mileage Plus miles or \$50 to have a huggable, limited-edition Holden Hugyou teddy bear delivered to a child with cancer.

The miles collected will be used to fly families needing financial assistance to treatment facilities across the country while the dollars raised will benefit cancer research and crucial ACS programs.

*"This program is so special because it gives our customers and our employees the opportunity to reach out to families and children during their time of need,"* says Roberto Cataldo, Flight Operations Supervisor who participated in last year's bear delivery in Chicago. *"The way the children's faces light up when we walk in the room makes all the work that goes into the program well worth it."*

He continues, *"Our customers get to see their miles and donations go to an extremely worthwhile cause and they get to see that they made a difference in a child's life during the holiday season."*

Bears will be delivered to hospitals across the country in February 2010.

### **Seniority Listing of RUAEA Members**

If you are interested in locating a friend or co-worker then this notice will be of interest to you.

It has been sometime since I last published a notice, letting it be known that I compile a Seniority Listing of RUAEA Members. Established retirees know the procedure to be listed, so this bit of news is directed to the recent retirees to let them know how simple it is to be listed. Merely send me your **Name, Address and Date Of Hire** via US Postage or E-mail, and you're in. I might add, there's **no charge** for the listing, however if you would like a printed copy, there's a charge of \$3.50 to cover expenses. My mailing address is below, and my E-mail is [WShattock@Comcast.net](mailto:WShattock@Comcast.net), you won't be hearing from me again until sometime in 2010, so Merry Christmas to all, and I hope the Seniority List appeals to many of you.

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

### **EASY DOES IT – Myrtle's Cream Puff Coffeecake**

My Swedish mother, Myrtle Thorson Engle used to make this as a last minute holiday dessert for guests dropping in for coffee. In a Swedish home, if you offer people coffee, you always offer something "sweet" to go with it. This is not your usual coffeecake. Yet it's so simple, you won't believe how delicious it is.



#### **Preparations:**

- ☒ If you don't have a double-boiler, just put your ingredients in one pan and place this pan inside a larger pan that already holds a few cups of water.
- ☒ Preheat your oven to 425° F.
- ☒ Generously butter a pie dish across bottom and up sides. I prefer a glass oven-proof pie dish but metal or ceramic will do just as well.

#### **And away we go:**

- ☞ On the stove burner in the top pan of your "authentic" or "makeshift" double-boiler, put 1 cup **milk** and ½ cup (a quarter pound, 8 tablespoons, a cube, stick or whatever else you want to call it) **butter**. Watch carefully until water underneath comes to a boil and milk and butter are melted.



- ☞ Remove pans from heat. Discard boiling water in lower pot. Quickly add 1 cup *flour* to milk-and-butter mixture in upper pot, stirring well. A wooden spoon works just fine.
- ☞ Add 4 *whole eggs*, individually, beating well after each addition. Add ½ teaspoon *almond extract (flavoring)*. Blend.
- ☞ Place large spoonfuls of dough around the inside edges of the pie pan, sides touching so that your as-yet unbaked masterpiece looks like a fat wreath (small hole in center).
- ☞ Bake in preheated **425° F.** oven for 10 minutes. Turn oven down to **400 F.** and bake for an additional 20 minutes.
- ☞ This is where the fun comes in: if you have a glass window in your oven door, you can watch the dough rise and then fall. My grandchildren love this part of the recipe.

**While dough is baking, make the Frosting:**

- \* Beat together: 1 cup *powdered (confectioners) sugar*, 1 tablespoon *butter*, ½ teaspoon *vanilla extract (flavoring)* or use almond extract (flavoring) if you must. Add only enough *milk* (or *cream*) to make the frosting spreadable. Be careful when you add the milk. Too much will make your frosting overly “runny” and you’ll have to add more powdered sugar.
- \* When the “wreath” comes out of the oven, spread *Frosting* gently over the *still warm* coffeecake. Immediately sprinkle *chopped maraschino cherries* and *finely chopped walnuts or almonds* over the top, your choice as to amount. (You don’t have to add nuts but I happen to be very fond of almonds and walnuts.)
- \* You may serve the coffeecake when it cools down a bit. I like to cool mine down in the refrigerator for a couple hours, or even a day earlier.
- \* However, if you feel like “showing off”, and since everybody congregates in the kitchen for coffee anyway, it’s fun to watch your guests’ faces as you easily prepare their dessert right in front of them. I figure I can get 8 or more generous servings from this recipe.
- \* My mother always put crushed eggshells in the bottom of her coffee pot. Later she would put the coffee grounds and eggshells on her very healthy flower plants just outside the back door. She made great coffee.

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**ASK THE DOCTOR – Losing Weight The Safe Way**

The media and medical literature are full of reports, studies, reviews, etc. that describe our overweight population. The articles describe the excess medical costs, the lost productivity in the workplace, the lack of age and sex discrimination, and the absolute necessity for all of us to lose weight and become more fit. The question is how to do this and do it safely with the minimal of consequences to us.

First, some numbers for you to consider. According to a recent study, over 66% of American adults are overweight or obese. Furthermore, another study has estimated that excess weight may lead to about 280,000 – 325,000 excess deaths each year in the U.S. Other studies state that in 2007, people with diabetes lost 15 million work days at a cost of over \$2.6B (yes, billion) dollars to our economy. And, in 1994, there were 239 million excess restricted activity days and 89.5 million excess bed days attributable to obesity. In addition, another study states obese people have a very high risk of developing depression, asthma, sleep apnea, diabetes, cancer, gastric reflux (GERD), gallstones, hernias, osteoarthritis, hypertension, coronary artery disease, etc., etc.. The economic cost of these conditions is astronomical in lost productivity, lost wages, health insurance premiums, and health care costs. One study states obesity costs U.S. businesses about \$12.7B per year, of which \$7.7B is health care. Just think what GM or Chrysler could do with a fraction of that money! How about the other several thousand companies that are on the verge of bankruptcy? I think you get the picture.



**Dr. Reider**

If you want to lose weight, **do not** fall for any schemes that promise you can lose 10 pounds in 10 days, or some other similar too-good-to-be-true offers. That is just what they are. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Now then, what should we do that makes sense, that works and that will **always** work when we want to lose weight or have to lose weight. I do not condemn any well-known and/or well-respected plan that most of you already know; Weight Watchers, Nutri-System, Jenny Craig, etc. All of them have their positives and negatives. I have no problem with any of them that you may have tried and can afford. Most people lose weight when they follow the plans as rigidly as possible. Unfortunately, most people also rebound and regain their weight. So what can we do? What will work and work forever?

Here is some basic math for you to review and remember about weight loss. There are about 9 cal in every gram of fat. Another way of saying that is this – there are about 3500 cal in every pound of fat. When we lose or gain weight, it is the body fat weight that changes, **not** the lean body mass of bone and muscle. A good percentage of body fat is about 15 - 20% for men and about 20 - 25% for adult women. Some well-trained athletes may have body fat of 15% or less. Notice, I said well-trained athletes. **Not**, the ordinary average person. There is about 1 cal in every gram of protein and in every gram of carbohydrate. Keep these last facts fresh in your memory.

From the math, you can see that we can gain or lose one pound of fat (or weight) if we add or subtract 3500 cal from our food intake or exercise program. Most of us know that the usual recommended calorie intake per day is about 1800-2100 cal/day for proper maintenance of physical health. How can we lose 3500 cal if we have to take in 1800-2100 per day? It just so happens that we can divide 3500 by the number 7 and get 500. Now, that is more like it. Now, we have the answer we need to lose weight!

***If we decrease our calorie intake by 500 per day, we should lose one pound of fat weight per week. There it is. As simple as that. We can also lose 500 cal by exercise. So, we can combine fewer calories of food intake and exercise to achieve the 500 cal/day that allows us to lose weight. Easy, right? That's all there is to it. Just 500 cal/day and we will lose weight safely and permanently.***

Now, here is the hard part. If we can continue to keep a 500 cal deficit, we will lose weight. Thus, we will lose about one pound per week. That is a safe weight loss for all of us. BUT, it will take 20 weeks (five months) to lose 20 pounds. You have to commit to that approach or it will not succeed. Your weight will bounce up and down as you vary from the 500 cal/day plan. The key is commitment and patience and support from those around us. There will be setbacks like birthday parties, Sunday brunches, every holiday of the year, weddings, retirement parties, etc. There are countless opportunities for us to have a setback. That is why patience and commitment is absolutely necessary for success. Stay with it. It will work.

You remember I said there are 9 cal in a gram of fat. There is only 1 cal in a gram of carbohydrate (CHO) and a gram of protein. There is the key. Replace fat with more CHO and protein. Read food labels. Be alert in restaurants. Stay on guard at parties. Remember, alcohol has all calories and no nutritional value, so minimize that as well. However, we all know that foods that contain fat taste better and often have more appeal. Compare a fast food hamburger with everything on it to a tossed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing. No argument from me.

Almost all quality diet plans adhere to this formula of keeping fat intake down, exercise up, and consume more CHO instead of fat. We have to adjust our eating habits, and we have to that permanently. Can we teach an old (excuse the word) dog new tricks? I think we can. We are not too old to learn. We owe it to our families. We can succeed. This will work. Try it, you'll like it.

Till next time, fly safe.

*“Ask The Doctor” column is featured every other month. We hope you’ve enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@gwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@gwestoffice.net).*

## Greetings from the Denver Office



Front Row - Carol Sostarich, Juliana Alfonso, Marilyn Hansen  
Middle Row - Virgil & Martha Gooselaw, Nancy Goodyear, Carole Longbella, John Chu, Sue Fedorowicz  
Back Row - Tom Goodyear, Cas Spokas, Carol Bare, Pat Fedorowicz

The older we get, the more we use the expressions “*Time really flies*” or “*I have less time now than when I was working*” and etc. The reality is 24 hours is 24 hours and probably, we just take longer doing the things that have our interest and we are having fun along the way.

The Holiday Season is upon us again and it’s true that it seems like just the other day that we were working on the December 2008 issue. The Staff who work in the Denver office has been busy this year. Early in 2009, we learned of new mailing schemes that became effective in May. Taking advantage of these new schemes has allowed RUAEA to get the best postage rates that are available. We also had the new dues schedule that became effective on June 1, 2009. And now we have another challenge facing us that will take place this year. UAL is closing part of the DENTK complex and the facilities we are currently in are affected. The local management has graciously provided space for us in another building located in

the TK complex that will suit our needs and we’ll also share quarters with the United Airlines Historical Foundation, as we currently do. Our mailing address, email address and phone numbers will remain the same.

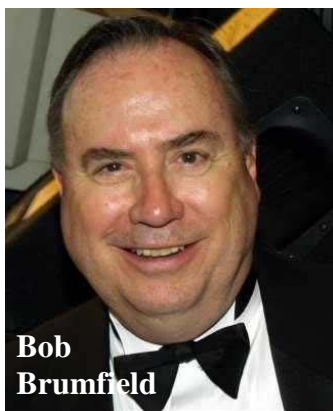
Every year RUAEA faces new challenges, both locally and nationally, and we are thankful for the many volunteers that continually rise to the occasion.

We in the Denver Office want to extend our appreciation to our membership and wish you and your families the best for the coming Holidays and the New Year.

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## Travel Tips by Bob

*Tips when flying Standby:* List yourself on SkyNet 10 days to two weeks before your planned flight. You can check the loads daily on the “Web List” page by clicking on “View PNR” in the upper left-hand area and then click on “Check Load Status”. In the 24 hour period before your departure time, you may check in at home on that same Web List page by clicking on “Employee Check-In Online.” Then go to the airport early and check your baggage at least 45 minutes before your flight departs. If you don’t check in early, your bags may not be loaded because the computers will cut off baggage checking at a predetermined time prior to scheduled departure.



Take an **empty** water bottle to be filled **after** you go through TSA Security. If you have a small hand bag, place your belt, keys, coins, broach pin, glasses w/metal frames, ball point pen, anything metal in the hand bag before getting to TSA Security. It is a time saver!

Travel will normally be less of a hassle; if you fly at off-peak times such as in the early morning or on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Always print out, and take with you, the point to point flights listed in SkyNet. If you should not get on the flight you listed for, the passenger agent should move you to the next flight, but you will still have to make sure your connecting down-line flights, if applicable, are intact. Go to the Customer Service Counter, at major hub cities, and use a vacant kiosk computer to re-list down-line connections.

When traveling with a stroller or an infant car seat. The Gate Agent will put those items on the plane for you, free. And, if you have numerous children you



may need to split-up.

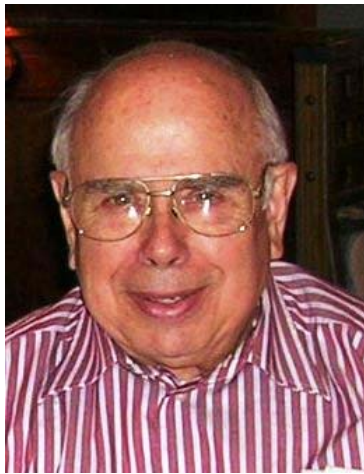
The up coming Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years) does not look very good for standbys as UAL and most other airlines have reduced the flights and number of seats available. May I suggest you purchase "Discount20" positive space "tickets" if you really need to be there! The rules/procedures are in SkyNet under "TRAVEL" in the upper right hand area of the "Home Page."

But, if you do decide to travel on Standby, the best way to get on a flight is to **go** to the Airport and **get** to the gate **early** and **standby**. You can check the status of your flight before you leave home by entering the flight number at [www.flightaware.com](http://www.flightaware.com).

Happy Travels

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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October's meeting was held in Bessemer, Alabama at the Bright Star Restaurant, with 13 of our members in attendance.

**Jesslyn Arnold** was the lucky winner of our cash drawing. We were happy to have **Bill Preston** back with us, as he had a series of medical tests last month. Good news is that Bill is still in great shape. We were also pleased to have **Edna Mann Aronson** in attendance, as she has dealt with an eye problem recently. It was also great to have **Hank Thompson** back with us. Thoughts and prayers went out to **Judy Slover** of Montgomery who recently lost her husband.

Suggestion from **Bev Yeager** that we recognize birthdays and wedding anniversaries was duly noted, and this information is being collected from our members.

Thanks were given to **Herb & Carol Wilbanks** who hosted our September meeting at their clubhouse at Emerald Lakes Resort in Pinson. Herb & Carol cooked hotdogs and hamburgers and everyone brought side dishes.

Tentative plans were made for our November meeting at Brio's Restaurant, Brookwood Mall, Homewood, Alabama, and also for December's meeting at The Cypress Inn located close to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

## ARIZONA

### PHOENIX AZURES

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October has been a surprising month. We had great weather prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> and then summer returned and we got back into the triple digits. We were hoping for some cooler days and then it turned down right frigid by the 26<sup>th</sup>. On October 13, we had only 6 members at our breakfast meeting. I guess many were still resting after our fantastic picnic luncheon at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. We had 47 in attendance. The weather was great, the food was good and we really enjoyed the company of our members.

On October 27, we met with 13 members and enjoyed seeing some of our snow birds returning. We are looking for a volunteer for our chapter's Vice President for this year and next. If you are interested, please contact any of the officers – **Eldon Hostetter**, **Joe Hopkins**, or myself.

We are sorry to say that **Hank Mullman** is still under-the-weather. He has been diagnosed with emphysema and is using oxygen. A card may be sent to him at 3488 N. Snead Dr., Goodyear, AZ 85395. I also want to apologize to Hank for misspelling his first name (Frank), these Ole Eyes aren't what they use to be. We wish him well. **Jean Kerman** had knee replacement surgery on 9/15 and is still undergoing physical therapy. We send her our best wishes and hope to see her up and around soon.

**Frank Grona** is quite ill and we want everyone to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to Frank at 2255 N. 164<sup>th</sup> Dr., Goodyear, AZ, 85395.

We would like to invite any UA retiree or any ex-UA employee who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

The Fall and Winter schedule of luncheons was distributed at the Picnic. It will be sent to all e-mail users. If you need a copy and are not on the internet please contact your correspondent and one will be mailed to you. I will also have copies at each luncheon.

*"Don't look where you fell, look where you slipped"*

### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Roads

### **December 8**

**December 12** – Dinner and the show "A Christmas Carole" at AZ Broadway Theatre. One of our newest members, **Laura Sustrik** was able to secure a fine rate for the Luncheon and show. Best rate we've seen so far! Thanks Laura.

### **December 22**

### **January 5**



## **PHOENIX RE-UNITED**

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The Christmas Holidays are approaching really fast, seems like it comes earlier every year. We don't want to miss all the parties and get-togethers either, so be sure to mark down on your calendars what our Re-United group has planned for in the days ahead. We always have a good time. Hope more will join us each month. Try us out!

If you have any questions, please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com) or try our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt** at (480) 396-3317, or at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

Our October 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Bavarian Point Restaurant in Mesa, hosted by **Hank Falk**, turned out very nice. We had 37 members there. Everyone had plenty to eat, and even brought some home. One of our members, **John Tiefel**, recently returned from a two week bike tour through Holland and Belgium. He said it was great; he expected that they would only do 10-15 miles per day, but averaged 100 Km (62 miles) per day. John, who is 80 years old, brought up the rear of the pack, but for someone of his age to even attempt something like this, deserves a lot of credit.

Our October 23 breakfast at Crackers in Mesa had 24 people in attendance. A guest of **Peg Homfeldt** was **Phil Snowdall**, who has come to our breakfast before. It was announced that Peg and Phil are engaged and planning on getting married next March. Congratulations! Also **Jim & Rita Zarek** brought along their daughter, Vickie, who is in the process of changing jobs. **Ginny Rockenhauser** was to have surgery on her foot in November. Hope everything went well.

The Fantasy Flight was discussed by **Jo Ann Fearing**. It is scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at gates C & D (North Pole), starting at 7:00 AM. Toys for Tots have donated all the toys this year. We expect about 120 children, from ages 5 through 7, to be there. Tickets at \$5.00 each for the \$500 raffle to help support this very good cause are available from **Richard Vehring**. The drawing is set for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bob Hallden** had been in San Francisco at the Maintenance Base for an Open House hosted by United. He also went to Denver to attend a RUAEA Board meeting. The committee is discussing a possible cruise to take the place of a Convention site. Plans for the next RUAEA Convention at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida from May 23 - 30, 2010 are coming together nicely. The Hotel is really nice, and the rate is only \$99 per night.

The following members won money at the breakfast raffle: **Tony Ribeiro**, **Ginny Rockenhauser**, and **Doris Ailshie**. Such lucky people!

**Tony Ribeiro** had surgery on his back recently. The last we knew, he was recovering in a nursing home. Cards can be sent to him at 10405 E. Deerhorn Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. We look forward to seeing you soon, Tony!

Our November Luncheon at the Culinary School at Scottsdale Community College will be in next month's report, 39 members were scheduled to attend.

Our Christmas Luncheon is now scheduled for Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, (*Note: Date change*) at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 a.m. with a no-host bar, and the luncheon being served at approximately 12:00 noon. The choice of entrees are Chicken Chasseur, which is sautéed chicken breast with tomatoes, mushroom, shallots and white wine, or Spiced Pork Tenderloin, pan seared Jamaican spiced pork tenderloin medallions. Each entree will be serve with roasted red potatoes, steamed broccoli, warm rolls with butter, cake, coffee, iced tea and water. Reservations are due Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with checks payable to **Carol Ward**, 26420 S. Pima Place, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. The cost is \$18 per person. If you have any questions, please contact **Skip** or **Carol Ward** at (480) 883-0832 or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com). Wonderful way to celebrate the Holidays!

We have a number of December Birthdays to celebrate. They are: **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Julia Sapelak** (12/4), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Nancy Myers** (12/15), **Irma Furtney** (12/18), **Ron Willoughby** (12/18), **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), **Bob Kraft** (12/29), and **Peg Homfeldt** (12/31). Happy Birthday to all!

We have two anniversaries this month and they are: **Ed & Marie Conlon** (59 years on December 29), and **Jim & Bonnie Fauber** (32 years on December 31<sup>st</sup>.) Have a wonderful Anniversary!



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Breakfast or Luncheon in December! Have a wonderful Christmas!

Calendar:

**Dec. 4** - Fantasy Flight at PHX.

**Dec. 11** - Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Carol & Skip Ward**. Details above.

**Dec. 18** - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 AM, located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa. Note change of date. Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317, [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or President **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031 or [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com) by the Wednesday before the Breakfast (Dec. 16).

**Jan. 14** - Luncheon at Grand View Steak House, hosted by **Rita Zarek, Peg Homfeldt, and Linda Cooper-Koltz**.

**Jan. 22** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa.

**Feb. 9** - Luncheon at Rosati's, hosted by **Donna & Ron Pedone**.

**March 18** - All Arizona Luncheon, hosted by **Rita Zarek, Peg Homfeldt, Shirley Clagget and Sybil Voss**.

**April 8** - Picnic, hosted by **Ron Paluch and Shirley Claggett**.

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Another month has past and another gathering of the Roadrunners this time at the Saddlebrooke Country Club hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson**. This has turned out to be a wonderful place to meet over the past few years and this year was no exception. The food was excellent and the \$3.00 Bloody Mary's were hard to pass up. After the luncheon, **Ron & Shirley** invited all 35 of us back to their beautiful home for cocktails.

It was good to see **Mary & Bill Howard** with us again after missing several meetings. They are in the process of getting rid of years of stuff accumulated, so that they can sell their home and move into an apartment complex. Health is a major factor.

**Donna Kuehn** is back from her trip to Egypt and had a terrific experience. **Alice Belzer** has also returned to the old Pueblo from her trip to Illinois while visiting with family and friends. Others traveling during the month were **Lou & Hank Dykhuis** and **Ray & Ann Wood** who completed a 15 day cruise from San Diego to the Hawaiian Islands and return.

**Clyde & Henny Satterfield** left mid-month on an emergency trip to Germany to be with a very ill family member.

**Howard Hunter** was involved in an auto accident that left him pretty banged up. The vehicle he was driving apparently lost electrical power to the accelerator as well as to the brakes. He had this trouble a few years ago with the same car. The insurance company is investigating. He will be in rehab for another couple of weeks.

Our Christmas giving this year will be for our military in Iraq. Donna has suggested that we purchase handheld gaming devices that our troops can use during their off-hours. These devices should be given to Donna at our December luncheon and she will see that they are shipped to Iraq. The alternative to purchasing a device is to send Donna a check to cover the cost of one and she will do the purchasing. She said the average price would be about \$20.00.

We had three guests at our function: **Mike Richards**, RUAEA Director of Arizona Region and his wife, and **Julie Clark**, who was a guest of **Charles & Erika Williams**.

Tree trimming for the Christmas Holiday will take place on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Reid Park Zoo. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts.

Our next meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, hosted by **Donna Kuehn and Alice Belzer**, will be covered in our next chapter report.

Calendar:

**December 17** - Oro Valley Country Club

## CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter met on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elephant Bar in Goleta hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**. The food and service were excellent and the restaurant accommodated us by having us meet in a room all to ourselves. We also had very nice table treats, and the Cunninghams provided us with the most delicious cupcakes that were the biggest I've ever seen. I had to eat one just to prove I could do it. We reminded **Jack** that several of us had to drive 95 miles because he said the same thing last month to us. **Jack** reminded us that he attained his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in Sept. and he & Eleanor will be married 68 years on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone deserves a medal for that accomplishment, Eleanor definitely does. I think they call that "*Above and beyond the call of duty*" for putting up with Jack all that time. Congratulations on such a milestone.

There were 19 of us regulars attending and we were very pleased to have **Howard Lackey** drive 120 miles to visit with us. Also a long time member, **Joan Watts**, came with **Nina Powers**. I had only known Joan and her husband Bill for a very short time before they moved to Virginia. Bill has since passed away, so Joan is spending her time between Virginia and the West Coast. She may be moving back here eventually. Joan drove all the way from Virginia alone and now she will be driving back also. At our last conversation, she did say that she might be back here for Christmas in time for our next meeting. We certainly hope so.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting by greeting our two guests and then told us that he had an invitation from the South Bay chapter for any of us to attend their Christmas party on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. He passed out the flyers for those interested.

**Mike** then turned the meeting over to **Howard Lackey**. Howard told us about Southwest Airlines' policy on purchasing tickets. No personal checks allowed. Any meals or drinks must be paid by credit cards. He did mention the convention in Orlando next year and there are numerous ways to get there. At question time, **John Stilwell** asked Howard if he knew when the last B737 would be flown on a scheduled flight. Howard said that that flight would originate at DCA with stops at ORD, DEN, LAX, and finally SFO. This flight was scheduled for the end of October. After SFO, the plane will be sent into storage at Victorville. For those of us that worked on or around these aircraft, it is an end of another chapter in our airline history.

We missed **Bill & Dana Noyes** since they were on a trip that had been cancelled earlier. Dana is our treasurer and in her absence, **Mike Zoldak** filled in and also did the 50/50 drawing that Esther Bartlett won. We talked about our future Christmas party that will be hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell** on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. We usually send a monetary gift to Toys for Tots program through the Pismo Beach Moose Lodge. **Bob Wagner** is very involved in that organization and he will be accompanying the procession as they collect toys from various cities in the area. We all agreed that we will support this cause as we have in the past.

During our Christmas party, we will be electing new officers for next year. We usually have a very nice turn out at that time and since we had no nominations from this meeting, we will elect a new board in December. This will be a very busy meeting because we will be collecting dues for next year and also getting hosts for the scheduled meetings in 2010. Is it that time already?

One of the original members of the Central Coasters and a very important one that got us started is **Bob Wagner**. He was hired on May 5, 1965 and retired from LAXMM on Oct. 1, 1990. He went to EXO, OPBOP in the late 1960's for a 30 day vacation relief and stayed for 6 months. He was offered a permanent job there but he took a position at LAX instead. He said it was the best decision he ever made. In 1970 he went to New Zealand for vacation relief and stayed several months helping UAL and Qantas mechanics with UAL procedures and policies. His only problem was trying to get the drivers to drive on the right side of the road.

The holidays are fast approaching and we hope everyone has a joyous and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Things to remember on how to stay young through the years, is to throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctors worry about them, that's why you pay them.

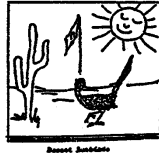
Calendar:

**October 21** – Hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

**December 16** – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

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October had the group finding a new place in La Quinta which created some problems for some. However, everyone found the restaurant - Tea House and Wine Bar - for a wonderful lunch of five choices! The **Kellerhals** played host to the group and the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Desert Sunbirds. Several members brought their dog banks back full for the Paws and Heart Animal Therapy group! Everyone needs to return theirs at the next meeting on November 12 at Desert Island in Rancho Mirage. That is a Thursday!

We had many stories shared about travel - some good, some not so good. The best was a cruise to the Sea of Cortez by **Lynn Morrow** and **Dave Podnar** which they enjoyed. The Desert Sunbirds have decided to support the House of Hope this year, in addition to the CV Rescue Mission for the Christmas season; **Gae Taber** will be accepting checks for the charities. For those interested in helping the Marines from the base to PSP, please go to [SOS.Ride.org](http://SOS.Ride.org) or contact **Mike Bailardo**.

The next year hosts are taken except one month. Great job! **Ron Napier** was the birthday winner since he was the only birthday kid in attendance. The 50/50 winner was **Dave Podnar**.

Calendar:

**December 9** – Annual Christmas Party - Monterey Country Club hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**.



**THE SACRAMENTO  
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President **Francis Domaratus** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting thanking **Harold & Colleen Esola** for hosting the October luncheon at the China Buffet Restaurant in Citrus Heights. Attending were 36 members and 2 guests which included RUAEA member and LAX retiree **Norton Grant** and his daughter-in-law Dawny Alderson. Norton started with United in New York Sales and within a few years, transferred to LAX working various positions in Customer Service. Also attending were new members **Bob & Kay Duerr**. Bob's career with United started in 1955 and went on for 35 years. He enjoyed his time in Sacramento Customer Service and Operations. Kay was in Sacramento Reservations during the 50's when it was located next to the Sacramento Airport.

Vice President **Frank Dellinger** started the officer's reports telling of the meeting dates and locations for the next few months. Recording Secretary **Barbara Bertacini** reported anniversaries which include for September: **Dennis & Else Carr** (41); **Ronnie & Judie King** (46); **Ken & Stephanie Norton** (48); **Roger & Mary Ann Burgess** (49) and **Ernest & Joyce Romero** with 62 years! Those celebrating October anniversaries include **Fred & Joan Verbaere** with 52 years and those with November anniversaries include **Charles & Martha Szekretar** (46) and **Robert & Gail Opdahl** with 50 years! Barbara reminded everyone to plan on attending the Gold Diggers Holiday Social, Dec. 9, at the Alta Sierra Country Club. There will be a table for unwrapped 'Toy's for Tot's' donations.

Treasurer **Judie King** reminded everyone to pay their 2010 dues at the December 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon with checks payable to the Gold Diggers for \$10 per family. Sunshine **Darryll Stroud** reported **LaVerne Haubl's** knee surgery. **Darryll** also mentioned that his wife **Dorothy** was recently seen by their doctor. The doctor's instructions to Dorothy were to do no BLTs "no bending, no lifting, no twisting ... let Darryll do it"!



RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** thanked all who sent cards or called about his recent illness and said that he is doing fine. He went on to report the following:



**Open House at the MOC** - On Sunday, Oct. 11, United hosted an Open House during Fleet Week at the MOC with special guests, the United States Navy's **Blue Angels**. The **Domaratius**, the **Strouds**, the **Zobolis**, the **Bertacinis** along with **Bob Hallden** and **Roger Casterline** manned an information table promoting RUAEA. An adjacent table was manned by members of Clipped Wings promoting their organization and selling their popular airplane scarf and tie. Another adjacent table was from the Mainliner Club and they were doing very vigorous sales. It has been estimated that about 15,000 were in

attendance. There was a great deal of interest in RUAEA with about 1000 newsletters and information packets along with membership applications distributed. Those who are expecting to retire in the next year or so and if they are over 55 were told that they could join us now. It was quite a fun day! There were lots of information tables from the company regarding health and other benefits. Boeing and Airbus also had information tables with handouts. Alliant Credit Union was a popular table as they had a "wheel of fortune" with various trinkets as prizes. A 747-400 in the new livery was on display and available for a walk through. There were hundreds of vintage cars on display and tours of the Jet Shop and even an airplane pull with an A320. Teams competed to see how far they could pull the plane. Of course, the big show was the Blue Angels departure for their show over the Bay and then their return. In addition, a couple of Air National Guard planes awed the crowd with their takeoff using afterburners.

**United** - Reported a third quarter loss of \$57 million, better than expected. Other carriers also reported 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter losses, AA \$359M, DL \$26M, CO \$18M and SW \$16M. United closed the quarter with a total cash of 2.8 billion dollars. United completed a 129 million dollar financing with SkyWest, one of UA regional flying partners. The agreement includes a contract extension on 40 existing aircraft as well as commitments for a small number of additional aircraft. Additionally, it appears that SkyWest has extended an \$80M loan to United at 11%. It was announced that Continental is now a full member of the Star Alliance and Code Share Partner. The last revenue B737 flight occurred on Oct. 28, from Washington to Chicago to Denver to Los Angeles to San Francisco.

**Travel** - More airlines are offering ZED fares. To find out go to **Skynet** and click on **Travel** then **Interline Travel Privileges** then **Interline Pass Benefits** then **Zonal Employee Discount (ZED)**. You will find a listing of all the airlines currently offering ZED fares along with sample pricing. Under **ZED Fares Calculator** you can determine the fares between cities. Back under **Interline Travel Privileges**, you will find how to obtain tickets and other information. You can also go to [www.flyzed.com](http://www.flyzed.com) at this site; the user name is UAL and the password is 016. This site offers schedules and in some cases the ability to do listings. If you are traveling out of the country, you will want to check out **SOS International** in the Travel section of Skynet. Our member number is there and you can print out a card for you to use. Also when traveling out of the country, remember that you are not covered by Medicare. If you have Blue Cross/Blue Shield as your supplement, they can be used as your primary when out of the country. You can go to [www.bcbsil.com](http://www.bcbsil.com) and register yourself and once registered, click on Blue Access at the site. In Blue Access, you can print out a claim form or forms to take with in the event of medical problem while out of the country. If you are covered by some other provider, check with them about coverage. Did you know that retirees are eligible for emergency travel in some cases? Once again, this information is in Skynet under **Travel**. This applies to the retirees and spouse or domestic partner in the case of illness or death. In the case of death away from home, the remains of the retiree are eligible for shipment even if out of the country. More details are in the **Emergency Travel** area of Skynet.

**RUAEA** - There was a Board of Directors meeting in Denver earlier this month. A committee has been formed to thoroughly investigate the possibility of a Convention Cruise. They are to report their findings at the next Board meeting in late January or early February. **Mort Wax**, Past President, related that per the bankruptcy settlement, United can not eliminate the option for Medical coverage if you retired before July 1, 2003. There is no such provision for those that retired after that date. Planning is in progress for the 2010 convention in Orlando. The committee is working on a post-convention cruise. Also with the convention, there will be an election for all of the five officers: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President-Convention, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, five of the ten regional directors will be up for election: Florida, Midwest,

Southern California, Northern California/Nevada and Western. Ron asked “*if any of you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please let me know.*”

If you are not already a member of RUAEA, you should consider joining. Besides the monthly Newsletter which is full of good information, we have an excellent website. Our site has nearly four years of archived Newsletters but a host of other pertinent information and links to just about anything. The latest links made available concern Sports, Weather, Cooking, Arts & Crafts and Gardening. These are in addition to Finance, News, Health, FAA, PBGC, AARP, Medco, Alliant and many others. This concludes Ron’s informative report.

Raffle Drawing was conducted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger** with many items to choose from.

In closing, the slate of officers for the Gold Diggers 2010 year are: **Ken Norton** - President, **Alice Mc Peak** - Vice President, **Sherrill Morgan** - Secretary, **Judie King** - Treasurer, **Angie Dellinger** - Sunshine. **Stephanie Norton** will continue as Historian and **Jack Raynor** as our Roster Keeper. We thank the outgoing and the incoming officers for all their efforts, without them we would not have a chapter.

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 9** - Holiday Social ~ Alta Sierra Country Club ~ hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

**January 27** - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

**February 24** – Spaghetti Factory in Roseville ~ Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**.

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Our November meeting was held at the Olive Garden in Folsom. It was hosted by **Joe & Jeanette D’Amico**. There were 40 Gold Miners present. We welcomed new members, **Bill & Jane Gibson**, **Daniel & Roberta Ouchi** and **Darlene & George Nichols**.

President **Jeanette D’Amico** reminded everyone that we will be paying \$10 for each member for the holiday luncheon. Guests will be paying the full price.

Jeanette also told the group that the present board had met this past month and it had been decided that the Vice President would be responsible for the prizes and conducting the drawing of opportunity. A new position of ticket seller will be established and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** volunteered for this position. Current Vice President, **Jon Somplack** will stay on for the next year as well as Treasurer, **Dick Czapkay** and Secretary/Newsletter Editor, **Suzie Quinell**. **Marge Raynor** has volunteered to be the new Sunshine person. **Jeanette D’Amico** will be taking a much deserved break and **Jack Fitzpatrick** volunteered to be President for 2010.

Vice President **Jon Somplack** noted that hosts for all the luncheon dates in 2010 have been arranged. Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** reported that we have a healthy balance in our treasury. Jeanette reported that **Peggy Bonetti** has had knee surgery and **Marylou Wagner** was involved in an auto accident but is doing well, she hopes to be able to join us soon. **Dorothy Stroud** missed today’s meeting due to back problems.

RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** talked about several issues including the 2010 convention in Orlando, the MOC Open House, Open Enrollment, final determination letters from the PBGC and the RUAEA membership drive.

**Pati Kenney** was the only November birthday and there were no wedding anniversaries.

#### Calendar:

**December 7** – Luncheon at the Cold Springs Country Club in Placerville, hosted by **Dick & Ann Czapkay** and **Jack & Marge Raynor**



Redwood  
Empire  
Retirees

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

### **RETIREEES**

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The October meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at the Quail Inn Restaurant at Oakmont on October 8<sup>th</sup>. **Judy DeFord** and **Mary Hill** were hosts, assisted by **Barney & Clair Hagen**.

President **Oscar Chambers** welcomed everyone and informed us that it was a very Special Occasion as today was **Pete Bilsich's** 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday. After everyone sang the Birthday song to Pete, he received a special gift.

Vice President **Joanne Huhn** introduced the guests; **Fred McCauley** was guest of **Thelma & Lou Legritto**; **Onalee Burlington**, guest of **Judy DeFord**; **Lee Trevelyan**, guest of **Barney & Clair Hagen** and **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**. Joanne also reminded us of our Charity donation recommendation as the Holiday season is coming soon.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the October Birthdays. **Pete Bilsich**, **Al Berthan**, **Oscar Chambers**, **Sal Ortega** and **Vic Kristen**. The winner of the Birthday lunch was **Pete Bilsich**. Anniversaries for the month of October were **Mel & Jan McGraw** (17 years) and **Joan & Oscar Chambers** (57 years). Verda also sent a get well card to **Vic & Elaine Kristen**.

Nominating Committee for 2010 officers are **Norm Burnett**, **Naomi Tolf** and **Nick van Kruining**. Election will be held at the November meeting.

South Bay RUAEA has extended an invitation to all central and northern California RUAEA members to attend their Holiday Luncheon. The event will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Mariani's. Lodging is available with discounted prices. Please contact **Dave Saso** at (408) 226-9347 for details.

Oscar also reminded us of Charity Box as the Holiday season is coming soon, we will be making our donations in December.

The autobiography of the month was **Nick van Kruining**, born in Holland and immigrated to South Africa in the 50's. Leaving South Africa to Los Angeles and arriving in San Francisco on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1960. A few days later, Nick saw an ad in the paper for a mechanic at United Airlines. By July 21, 1960, Nick was working in the Electric Shop at the Maintenance Base at SFO. After 2 years, Nick took the Senior Mechanic test and started working on Dock 7 on the first 720 aircraft. Then it was midnight shift for 5 years. He took the test for planner and landed back on day shift. He worked on many projects including the 737 Thrust Reverser Project, a burn aircraft 9003 in Washington, DC and helped re-write the C-Check specs. Nick retired from United in November 1989 as a Staff Engineer Technician.

### Calendar:

**December 10** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, 2009 Officers

### **Re-LAX-ers**

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**Year End Reminder:** ReLAXers *dues are due!*. Even if you cannot attend the Christmas luncheon meeting, don't automatically toss your notice! Use the form at the bottom to send in your \$5 dues. Don't forget. Those who forget will be erased from the roster list and good grief - you don't want that to happen!

While my name is attached above, ReLAXers really has three additional correspondents on whom I totally rely - and to whom I give big "Thanks": **Donna Klobe**, **Jim Ferrance** and **Ray Ginocchio** for their regular newsletters and timely phone calls from VP **Howard Lackey**.

And here are reports from them all since last time ~ The sad news from several sources about the passing of **Roy Powers** on 10/28. Roy had been retired for some time from his position of operations Mgr. of aircraft maintenance, and was well known and liked by many. We were all so pleased to see him at the steak fry in



August. His sister, **Beverly Samia**, was able to grant him his special request to be there to see his friends. Services were on Nov. 5. Send condolences to **Beverly Samia**, 1020 Birchcrest, Brea, CA 92821.

Howard had to report that **Dave Wilson** is now in hospice care due to terminal cancer with about a three month life expectancy. **Dave & Beverly** had been enjoying as much traveling as possible, but the cancer caught up with him and has left him a paraplegic. He is at Hospice Care Center, Room 230, 3090B No. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Grand Junction, CO 81506, (970) 255-7230.

**Dede Utzinger** somehow managed to break her ankle and ended up at Eisenhower Hosp. over there in the desert for a 3½ hr. surgery. Must have been really messed up. Call Dede and ask her about it – (310) 890-2264.

**Beverly McAlister** lost her mom, Alva, in October after a 9 year fight with Alzheimer's. Alva will be remembered by many LAXRR retirees for her wonderful "monkey bread" which they were privileged to enjoy many times. She was 94. Beverly's address is 5224 S. Verdun Ave., LA, CA 90043

**Cathy Sullivan** passed away earlier this fall. Cathy retired from LAXRR, she had also worked in SEARR in 1981. She lived near me in Marina del Rey for some time, then moved to La Quinta. Condolences can be sent to Mrs. **Virginia Fey**, 1 Northgate, Bronxville, NY 10708. No other details were available.

Jim heard several weeks ago from **Christine Poulet-Basner** (LAXRR/LGBRR Svc. Dir. '88 – '02) that her husband **Reggi** (age 50), was hospitalized with pneumonia and diabetes and is in need of a heart transplant. I have no more recent information. Christine and family are really struggling so they would be comforted by notes from friends - email is all that's available at this point - [twinz2@aol.com](mailto:twinz2@aol.com).

Lots of family and fun trips by members - **Frankie & Al Tschirhart** to MI, **Joan Hoffman** to HI, **Nancy Bessenbacher** (arm in cast and all) to CT, **Gary & Cindi Edson** to several spots, **Barbara Schuster** and sometimes **Pete** to Germany, England, Hawaii, back to Germany for Christmas. As Donna said, the cruise lines' BFF is **Jo Ann Briggs** with cruises to Mex., Alaska, Mex., then flying or driving to Texas and N. Calif. I haven't heard any more news about Jo Ann's daughter, Kathy, who had a heart attack a month ago. She was in the hospital about 5 days, then home with orders to change eating and exercise routines. JoAnn says Kathy is scared enough to obey. The paramedics took her to Harbor UCLA hospital where they said the nurses and Drs. were great. But JoAnn described the reception desk staff as "double uglies" and was waiting a few days to calm down enough to write an opinion letter. Did you ever do it, Jo Ann? **Jim Ferrance** did his usual New York trip in June with family. The **Klobes** to Germany, **Ester & Louis Horompoly** to Colorado. **Tarina Murray** was off again, this time to VA for a wedding. She also reported that on 10/19 she was to have another neck surgery. And to make matters worse, is facing shoulder replacement; but her good news is that she does not need to have the heart valve replaced, which had been diagnosed on the trip to LAS the month before. Yours truly went with local seniors to Oak Glen, CA - big 2 hours+ drive, then will spend Christmas in LAS w/**Lu Friel** and family (gotta book that Jet Blue from LGB to get a decent price). Standby at Christmas -- forget that! I don't have details yet about the LAXRR reunion on 10/10. I'm presuming it was a great time for all.

Perhaps some of you are planning a traditional Thanksgiving - I hope everyone gets to be with friends or family. Since those who've fed me for a gazillion Thanksgivings (Friel & Co.) are off on an exotic cruise around S. America, I will volunteer my day at the USO. I did it last year and had a great time. We had amazing food that day considering it is a stove-less food facility (2 micros, huge freezer/frig and a coffee maker!) and expect the same this year. It is a big help to those service kids - we try to feed them as much as possible. And they get to snuggle down on the big couches or recliners, keeping warm with our donated-down throws and watch big screen or medium screen or lap-tops. Every now and then, you'd even see one of them engaging in a very old-fashioned activity - reading! I will be joined this year with fellow volunteer and ReLAXer friend, **Ester Horompoly**.

And, final note, this was received from LA World Airports - about parking fees. *Employee parking lots at LAX. Effective Feb. 1, 2010:- LOT E -- just east of the Proud Bird parking -- goes from \$15 to \$30 per month per car. LOT D (North or South) -- goes from \$30 to \$50 per month/per person. I'm not sure if rules will change, also, I'll let you know soon as I know. Also, public parking went up Nov. 19, 2009: Lot B - goes from \$8 to \$10/day. Lot C - goes from \$10 to \$12/day.*

#### Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111<sup>th</sup> and Aviation at LAX.

**December 3** - Christmas Luncheon. Bring unwrapped gift for child any age through 16. Notices have been mailed.

**February 4** -Luncheon.

**April 1** - No fooling. Luncheon.

**May 23** - Convention. I'm going - are you?



### **Re-Sans**

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December 8, 2009 is the date for the ReSans Holiday Lunch. We will be at Carvers again, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive. The flyer was sent on Nov. 15 with the menu and price. Don't forget Toys for Tots.

### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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*Mele Kalikimaka, God Jul, Veselyja Syvatkil, Prettige Kersidagen, Gledelig Jul, Joyeux Noel, Froehliche Weihnachten, Feliz Navidad, Zalg Kerstfeest, Prettige Feestdagen, Natale hilare, Linksmu Kaledu, Buone Feste Natalizie, Feliz Natal, Merry Keshmish, Nollaig Shona Dhuit, Kala Christouyenna, Sretan Bozic, Zorionak eta Berri On, Tchestita Koleda, Buon Natalie, Feliz cumpleaños, Maligayang Pasko, Gelukkige Kerstdagen, Glaedelig Jul, Gledelig Jul, Z Rizdvo Khrystovym, Sretan Bozic, and sincerely wishing **all of you** a beautiful holiday season. Busy holidays for all of us ... while taking care of others, don't forget to take good care of yourself.*

We are happy to report the 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday of **Phyllis Maloney**. And it is a double pleasure to congratulate **Felix Menconi** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday *and* a 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebrated with lovely wife **Beatrice**. Additionally, chapter President **Bob Taiclet** and spouse Recording Secretary **Donna** are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss. A darling couple, they are obviously doing something right!

We are pleased to welcome two new member volunteers to fill two very important positions: **Judy Curran** is our newest candidate for the office of Auditor, and **Dolores ("Frankie") Frank** will become Local Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickinson's** "right hand". Bless you, Ladies!

Speaking of magical tour ladies, International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has had to update her Las Vegas to Denver "**Western Frontiers**" (national parks) 10-night 11-day tour to **May 23 – June 1, 2010**. Airfare to Las Vegas and back from Denver is not included. If you need airfare included on your Booking Form, please let **Ginger** know. Transfers from the Las Vegas Airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the Denver Airport are included once your air schedule is provided. If you are making your own air arrangements, tell **Ginger** now - (650) 224-1865 or [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Our General Meeting on Monday, November 23 is usually a potluck ... but not this time! We're renaming it "**Sandwich Month**", catered of course with your choice of turkey or ham. If you would rather bring your own sandwich, that's "OK" too.

In recognition of the generosity and many hours spent volunteering in local civic affairs, our chapter's Food Coordinators **Walt & Vera Kina** have been added to the Foster City Honor List! Our heartiest congratulations to both of you!

Attendance at our October General Meeting was approximately 90 chapter members and guests ... very nice. Please remember there is **no** General Meeting in **December** so we'll see y'all as usual on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the New Year, **January 25, 2010**. A Transitional Meeting for all incoming and outgoing Board Officers and Coordinators will be held on **Wednesday, December 16** at 11 a.m. in our regular Foster City hangout.

A distinct pleasure at our September picnic at Flood Park this year was to welcome **Elaine Brock** who joined our chapter that very day. Must have been the great food at the picnic!

Thanks to the collection spearheaded at our picnic by Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze**, we were able to donate a respectable amount of canned goods and other non-perishable food items to a local charity. We also raised a considerable sum of money for charity at that same picnic. Thank you, retirees.

***Members, it's time to renew your membership. Dues must be in by December 31, 2009.***

**Personally Speaking:** This is for those few of you who probably haven't heard of the "**5-Minute Chocolate Mug Cake**", a.k.a. "**The Most Dangerous Cake Recipe in the World**". Why? Because you are

only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of day or night. I had dinner guests over and thought they might have fun making their own dessert. (I think the men got the biggest kick out of this kitchen adventure.)

USE a **large** microwavable coffee mug, straight sides. **To each mug**, using a table fork, mix thoroughly together 4 tablespoons flour, 4 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons Hershey's cocoa (natural unsweetened). Add 1 egg, mix again. Pour in 3 tablespoons milk; 3 tablespoons oil and 1 small splash of vanilla extract. Now, if you care to, add 3 tablespoons chocolate chips. (I'm not a chocoholic so I don't.) Put your mug in the microwave, cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high). The cake will rise over the top of the mug but don't be scared. Allow to cool down a little & tip out onto a plate. **EAT!** I like mine with a dollop of vanilla ice cream on top. (Unless you have the appetite of a giant, this recipe should serve 2 people. And you will enjoy giggling as you watch your guests industriously ply their cooking skills.)

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: NO December General meeting. Only Board and Coordinators **Transitional** meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 11AM. As of January 25, 2010, regular monthly **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** meetings resume. William 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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The highlight of our month was the October 30<sup>th</sup> costume party. President **Dave Saso** and wife **Joanne** decorated the breakfast room we use at Holder's. A spooky forest theme met us as we entered the door. All the tables had beautiful decorations and lots of candy was provided. The best part of our morning were the amazing costumes: **Jack Jenkins** came as a farmer and his wife **Jean** came as an "udderly mootiful" Holstein cow; **Dave Walb** came as a "Gentleman" of the evening and wife **Nancy** came as Little Red Riding Hood; **Vi Mattscheck's** son, Bob, came as a man with large dreadlocks; **Dave Saso** came as a chef and wife **Joanne** as a Hersey's Kiss; **Marion Gaever** came as the patient (she actually is one right now) and she brought along a student nurse ... very ingenious! We really had a great time – plenty of jokes and lots of laughs.

At the regular meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, **Tony Urso** nominated the following people to serve as our 2010 Officers: **Dave Saso** for President, **Alec Klaus** as Vice President, **Garver Sandy** as Treasurer, **Joan Dahl** (primary) and **Nancy Walb** as Secretary, and **LaDonna Eggert** as Sunshine Lady. If anyone else would like to run for any of these offices, please call **Tony Urso** at (408) 264-8580. The election will be held in December at a regular breakfast meeting.

Several new people attended our regular breakfast meeting; we will announce their names once their applications have been completed. We were to capacity (49 members) during our November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The October list of people who have been "grounded due to a mechanical problem" are: **Vic & Elaine Kristen**, **Carol Copley**, **Duane & Anna Howze**, and **Gerry Frisch**. **Marion Gaever** is an inspiration for all of us – she is like a Timex watch ... takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'. It was so good to see her back to the meeting so soon after her recent surgery. Your calls, cards and prayers will have these people up and flying around soon.

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**December 2** – Quarterly "Ladies Only" luncheon, hosted by **Joan Dahl** (408-996-2161) and **Nancy Walb** (408-867-1112) at the Loon Wah restaurant (1146 S. De Anza Road near highway 85) in Cupertino at 11:30

**December 8** – Save the date! Our spectacular Holiday luncheon will be held at Mariani's. Please plan to attend. We would like to extend an invitation to all central and northern California RUEA members to attend our party. Mariani's has a motel attached and are offering discounted rates to any members from out of town who would like to attend. Don't miss this event! We will have live entertainment, a great menu, party favors and lots of fun. Please call President **Dave Saso** at (408) 226-9347 for more information.



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Hey, I'm back! I missed writing an article last month because Jack & I were on a road trip to Alabama to visit his brother and sister-in-law. We traveled approximately 5,500 miles round trip, had a great trip and stopped to visit friends and family along the way. We also went to Gatlinburg, TN for 5 days and went to several shows and saw the beautiful Smokey Mountains.

Again I want to mention the UAL Maintenance Reunion that was held in August in Minden, NV. There were approximately 80 people there and what a great time we all had. This was the seventh year this gathering was held and Jack & I have attended every one, and we are looking forward to next year. Hopefully, many of you will join us. We want to give a great big thank you to **Jack Raynor** and **Larry Nagley** for putting this reunion together. They do a wonderful job.

We missed the September luncheon which was held in a new location for our Chapter. It was held at the Silver Spur Camp in Sonora and 37 people attended. **Nancy Buddington** hosted the lunch and I understand everyone enjoyed going to a new place. And thank you to **Joy Blair** who volunteered to take the minutes for me.

The San Joaquiners Chapter had a wonderful luncheon on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Jenny's Restaurant in Ceres hosted by **Charlene & Bobby Wood**. We had 43 members and guests there. Sorry to say that several of our members are not well. **Dennis Dergen** continues to receive chemo and is responding well; **Sophie Feaster** is still in a convalescent hospital; and **Barbara Edkin** is in UCSF awaiting surgery.

The Fall weather is beautiful, but soon winter will be here with shorter days. Halloween is over, Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays will soon be upon us. It's time to think about our holiday plans with family and friends. Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. Time does pass by quickly.

Our Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month. We would be happy to have anyone join us if you are in our area or visiting in the area. If you have any questions or would like to know the date, time, and location of our next luncheon meeting; please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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Our October meeting was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> with 24 members and guests present. It was with pleasure and surprise that we welcomed back **Len Hales** - it has been far too long. He promises to be a regular from now on. We also welcomed back **Don Rutowski**, **Russ Miller**, **Adeline Lee**, **Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth** and **Rich & Georgia Bouska**.

Our book/magazine exchange continues to be a success. It was good to see the children's books this time.

Our Racing date at Golden Gate Fields on November 8<sup>th</sup> will be covered in next month's report,

The 50/50 was won by **Jack Smith** and **Adeline Lee** won the pie from Marie Callender's.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

## **Calendar:**

**December 14** - (Toys for Total collection and Christmas Party)

**January 11 - Meeting**

**February 8 - Meeting**

**March 8 – Meeting**

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The weather cooperated for the September picnic of the CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS at Woodson Bridge Sacramento River Park near Corning. California.

We had a short meeting with **John Zoboli**, giving us updates from United Airlines. The rest of the time was spent in good food and great conversation.

The next meeting on November 19 in Chico at the Home Town Buffet will be covered in our next report. This meeting will focus on the Election of officers for 2010. If you are new to the North state, please join us.

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The Denver Mile Highers gathered at the United Airlines Training Center on Saturday Nov 7. We couldn't ask for a better day. The weather was perfect and there were 60 people in attendance.

First timers were **Rosie Melichaiz** and **Richard Markell**, come back and see us next month. Special guests were **Stella Mendoza** from the credit union and **Jill Toney** from DENTK. Jill came to talk about the up coming Fantasy Flight for children from the Star Light Foundation. These are children who are terminally ill and they thoroughly enjoy the activities that surround the "Fantasy Flight" and of course, the presents. After Jill's presentation, Tom suggested that the Denver Mile Highers donate \$200.00 to Santa's Sleigh Ride. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously! Please bring unwrapped toys to the RUAEA Christmas luncheon on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, ages 3 to 9. There were numerous folks that volunteered to help wrap the presents on Dec 9 at 10AM at the Training Center. If you were not at the breakfast and you are interested in helping to wrap presents, please give **Tom Goodyear** a call.

**Jack Helmsteadt** is still having radiation therapy. **Tim McKernan**, the barrel man, at the Denver Bronco's foot ball games has lung cancer and is given 3 to 6 months to live. Our prayers and thoughts go out to these men and their families.

**Tom Goodyear** brought the retirees up to date on the happenings at DIA. United is giving up 3 gates to Continental and 2 gates to US AIR. United will be going down to 148 flights per day in January.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Harriet Ahr, Pat Fedorowicz, Tom Goodyear, Mary Lou Hoffman, Donna Miller, Paul Miller** and **Lynn Pettrow**.

A special guest in January from H & R Block will speak on new income taxes laws and answer questions.

Tom reminded everyone of the Annual RUAEA Christmas Luncheon on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Select. If you get this Newsletter before the cutoff date of November 30, 2009, and would like to attend, see the details in the November RUAEA Newsletter.

Last month we made \$50.00 from pop cans brought in by members.

The Mile Highers wish you a Merry Christmas!

**Calendar:**

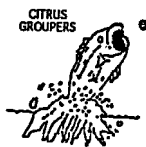
**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

## FLORIDA

### THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS

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There were 27 Citrus Groupers for our October meeting at Golden Corral. We started the meeting with our pledge to the flag and Treasurer **Charles Wirth** gave the financial report. President **Jerry Bell** brought us up on information regarding chapter Secretary **Joan Brandonisio** and her husband **Louis**. Hopefully, both are on the road to recovery and will return to the Villages shortly.

We then had a discussion regarding our Christmas Party. It was determined a letter would be sent to all members regarding the party scheduled on Thurs. Dec. 3 at The Villages Katie Belles restaurant. It will give times, costs etc. Members were reminded, if possible, to bring a wrapped man's gift and ladies gift. They will be collected and distributed to senior homes for Christmas. Due to the fact the party is scheduled for 12/3/09 and everyone's busy schedule during the holiday season, it was decided not to have our scheduled Nov./Dec. meetings.

President **Jerry Bell** gave the attendees a first look at the new Citrus Groupers directory. He asked all attendees to review the information for possible errors and if information contained is OK to publish. He is looking to publish the directory in early 2010.

Recently, **Bill & Mary Wimmer** went to San Francisco so Mary could attend her 50<sup>th</sup> Class reunion from nursing school. While there, they went on a tour of Napa Valley. They then flew to Seattle to visit Mary's sister and brother-in-law in Birch Bay with a short side trip to White Rock, Canada. Two weeks later they went to Virginia to visit Mary's brother and sister-in-law. They visited the new WWII memorial and other memorials.

October Birthdays – **Joan Hurst, Jack & Edith Hellerman, Ethel Solomon, Edward Lawhon, Sandra Janezick, and Karl Joanni.**

Anniversaries – **Jack & Carol Spalding, Joe & Elaine Cantillo, and Bob & Barbara Anderson.**

#### Calendar:

**December 3** – Christmas party at The Villages Katie Belles restaurant.

**January 28** – 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rte. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)



### SAND“DABS”

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We had 16 Sand“DABS” present at our Nov. meeting which included **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Regional Director. Our absentee excuses were either off traveling, playing golf, having company or waiting a new grandbaby's arrival. We had news of **Jesse Jernigan** who now lives in Oklahoma. He misses our group and those friends in Spruce Creek, but he's doing quite well at 82, and taking lots of pills like the rest of us. We also welcomed **Karen & Bud Gammill**, back for the winter.

Our birthday celebrant present was **Emily Veracka**, and our Anniversary celebrants present were **Al & Irene Warner**, married 33 years. Congratulations to all!

Treasurer **Penny Logan** was away. She is ready to give up the job as Treasurer and we need to find a volunteer to take on that responsibility. Any takers?

We have built up enough in our treasury that we need to start thinking of some worthy charity that we can offer our gift to. We'll do that after the holidays.

Between Pres. **Dick Coughlin** and Dir. **Paul Brown**, there was quite a bit of information shared about the company, the airline industry and the coming convention in Orlando. We learned that the last United 737 aircraft was retired, and that Delta is now the world's largest airline. Committees for the Orlando convention have been formed, they will be looking to other Florida chapters to help out on these committees at the convention.

At our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, to be held at Halifax Yacht Club, those who plan to attend, need to get their money in for lunch to **Frieda Coughlin**. It was decided that each attendee should bring an unwrapped toy, which will be distributed to area needy children for Christmas.

Dick had a funny story about how he got Halloween candy FROM some Trick or Treaters that came to his house. Very funny.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *If you say you're 69 and holding, how old would you be if you let go?*

Calendar:

**December 3** - 11:30AM - Halifax Yacht Club, bring an unwrapped toy.

**January 7** - 11:30AM - Red Lobster

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Our meeting was attended by 31 Real McCoys and conversations were lively! We welcomed back our own snowbirds, **Marlin & Marilyn Lade**, who are happy to be playing golf in the warm sunshine again! Another big, "nice to have you here with us" to **Dotty & Lee Cahoon, Betty Davidson** and **George Vernau**!

President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the meeting with a request for all of us to "drink more coffee?" NO, but please save your 3lb plastic or metal coffee cans for the Arts & Crafts Raffle at the RUAEA Convention being held here in Orlando May 23-30, 2010. Bring them to our monthly meetings – we'll be glad to see YOU and your CANS!

Birthday wishes to **Marlin Lade** on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - that's why he came back this month – HO! Big Congrats to our Anniversary Couples – **Jim & Audrey Weeks** celebrating 52 years on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and **Stan & Barb Halterman** celebrating 51 years on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>!

Rich ended the meeting with some great jokes, but I had this short one to share ~ *One day, my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washer?" It depends, I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "Ohio State University!" And they say blondes are dumb.*

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

**December 2** – Christmas Luncheon

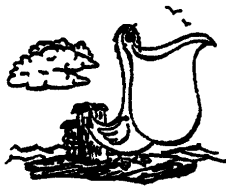
**January 6** – Luncheon

**February 3** –Luncheon

**March 3** –Luncheon

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights are held (usually) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Location varies but the time is always 4:30pm. Email me if you'd like to join us!





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The October 6 meeting had 23 members in attendance at the Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers. President **Bill Burg** welcomed everyone and a delicious lunch was then served. Following the meal, **Jerry Pryde** introduced the speakers, two AARP volunteers, Curtis Hamilton from Cape Coral and Jeff Montgomery from Gateway. They did a “tag team” presentation beginning with the history of AARP’s origin, the present form of organization (2 non-for-profits and 1 for-profit), and the purpose of each. AARP, a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that we all are familiar with, is dedicated to making life better for all people as they age. Their presentation was very informative. AARP provide lots of services and advocacy for all of us.

Our monthly 50/50 raffle was first won by **Mel Volz** who declined it and then won by **Phyllis Allen**. Other prize winners were - **Linda Volz, Ray Winterhalter, Dancy Dainus, Paul Olson, Dick Allen, John Dainus, Ingrid Olson, Maxine Brown, Marge Burg, Sally Sciple, and Joan Gilkison**. Drawing for winners is always a fun time.

There was affirmation for holding another May picnic in 2010. The end-of-season cookout in 2009 was well attended and everyone had a great time. So look for a “repeat performance” in early May next year. December 4 will be the annual Christmas party next month. Each person is to bring a gift-wrapped “white elephant” gift for the member gift exchange. Also, an unwrapped new toy or item for a child (all ages) can be brought to donate to charity. Next year’s RUAEA Convention is scheduled for May 23-30 in Orlando FL. Volunteers will be needed.

The new membership booklet is planned for January 2010. Those whose dues (\$12) are current will be listed. Hopefully, all member email addresses, phone numbers, home addresses will be available at that time. Please notify **Mel Volz** of corrections to be made to your information.

### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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The November meeting was held with 16 members in attendance. Celebrating birthdays this month is **Edith Polito**, 82 yrs young on 11/25. **John & Pearl Quinn** celebrated their anniversary on 11/11.

**Edith Polito** announced that she will be moving to SC near Columbia. Edith is a long time member of the Tampa Bay Chapter, she will be missed. She was wished well by all.

**Ron Wilkerson** told of his 9513 mile trip in Sept. They visited Mackinaw Island and the upper Michigan Peninsula, Mt. Rushmore, Banff National Park in Canada, Yellowstone, The Tetons, Mirror Lake (UT), SLC, and picked up a greeting from AZ in the form of a speeding ticket. The best food was in Cody, WY. Ron stated that every road in the US is under construction.

Thanks were given to all who helped with the fall picnic: **Dave & Carolyn Lodge, Jim & Pat Hottell, John & Barbara Riecss, Jon Wilkenson, Mary Martin, Bob & Jan Lindstrom** and **Terri Breslin**. Also thanks to our resident photographers, **Bob & Jean Linehan**. Mr. Linehan has several sets of photos on the internet. If you did not get them in your e-mail, they can be found at <http://gallery.me.gallery/linered#gallery> or e-mail Bob at [linered@verizon.net](mailto:linered@verizon.net).

Sunshine Committee - **George Grieva** has been ill. **John Quinn** is hospitalized after a couple of falls. He will go to rehab from the hospital, and then be released under the care of Hospice.

Nominations for officers will be at the December meeting. We need nominees for the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary.

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Luncheon - Cocktails 11 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey, \$16.00 P.P. Reservation by November 25.

**Jan. 4** - Tiffany's, 10:30 AM



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On this cooler day, in the 80s, the third day of November, we had 12 members and one new member in attendance. Our newest member was **Catherine Coate** who lives about 2 blocks from Mulligan's and never knew we were there for our meetings, Catherine did not receive the UAL Retiree Newsletter and it wasn't until someone in Ft. Lauderdale gave her my name and phone number, that she called me on Tuesday morning and I invited her to join us for lunch and the meeting. Needless to say, she knew **Artie Frage** since she worked with him in MIA. Welcome Catherine to our little corner of the world!

After everyone had a chance to speak to Catherine and she gave us a short bio, **Al Popek** took out his trusty meat tenderizer and brought the meeting to order.

Several topics were discussed and one of them was the additional parking for Mulligan's. The other topic was, of course, our upcoming Holiday Party which will be held on December 1 starting at 6PM. I handed out invitations to all those in attendance, which gave full details on the dinner selections etc. Anyone who was not there will be sent an invitation in the mail.

**Ron & Diane Brodis** are going to New York for a visit but will be home in Florida for Thanksgiving.

**Paul & Diane Liebisch** and **Barbara Dodenhoff** are going to Las Vegas to visit Paul and Diane's daughter and will be returning to Florida after a week's visit, then Barbara will be leaving to visit her niece in New York for Thanksgiving, Paul and Diane will be here in Florida for Thanksgiving. Oh it's great to be friends with the rich and famous! Too bad they don't belong to the mileage club; just think of all the mileage they could be gathering! These guys no sooner get home then they unpack and pack again for another trip, look at the rush to get clothes together! WOW!

The 50/50 was won by **Barbara Dodendorff** and **Millie Rossi** won the Progressive. I think this was the first time for Millie, congratulations. Looks like **Frank & Jane Wise**'s luck is cold for the time being.

If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so ASAP. Remember you must also call with your selections for the Holiday Party to **Al Popek**, (772) 283-0359 no later than November 25 and send payment for dues of \$6.00 per person to **Diane Liebisch** at 287 Royce Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983, please make the check payable to Diane.

Anyone else in the area or visiting is certainly welcome to our Holiday Party which will be held on December 1 at Mulligan's, Jensen Beach starting at 6PM. Call **Al Popek** for details.

Well, as they say all good things have to come to an end, so for now we will say farewell until next month when we will give you details on our Holiday Party and Toys for Tots.

Don't forget the additional parking for Mulligan's is on Indian River Drive directly across the street from the Bank. Come join us.

On the lighter side:

☺ *The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.*

- ☺ *Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*
- ☺ *Eventually, you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.*
- ☺ *The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.*
- ☺ *Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know “why” I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.*
- ☺ *When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.*
- ☺ *One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.*
- ☺ *Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.*
- ☺ *And finally - If you don’t learn to laugh at trouble, you won’t have anything to laugh at when you are old. Laugh – it’s good for the soul!*

Calendar:

**December 1** – 6:00PM Christmas Dinner Party - Mulligan’s--Jensen Beach

**January 5** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting - Mulligan’s --Jensen Beach

**February 2** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan’s, Jensen Beach

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Thirty flyers and two guests showed up at the I-hop Restaurant for lunch on Wednesday, November 2. Our guests were Melissa Lane and Tina Myers, **Lyle & Joanna Myers’** daughters. It’s always good to see the girls at our luncheon. It was also good to see **Don Shelley** and **Jane Brown** who were absent for a time, traveling and busy with family.

**Sandy Lis** brought some informational pamphlets for the new National Museum of Commercial Aviation near Hartsfield-Jackson Airport in Forest Park, GA. They have moved into a new interim 6000 square foot facility where they have 35,000 objects on display donated by 150 private and institutional donors to date. Once the new campus is completed, they will have aircraft up to a 727 and several historic cockpit on display. The museum has had 4000 visitors come through since it opened. The museum is located at 5442 Frontage Rd. Ste. 110, Forest Park GA 30297. Phone (404) 675-9266, website is [www.nationalaviationmuseum.com](http://www.nationalaviationmuseum.com). They are always looking for donations and have memberships available for volunteers to participate in restoration efforts and the daily operations of the museum.

**Bill Elk** held a business meeting and all members were showing curiosity with the news of possible mergers with other carriers once again. **Bruce Brodersen** talked of the retirement of the UA 737 aircraft and what it might mean to non-rev travel for retirees. United is reported to have an agreement with Sky West to fly the RJ type aircraft as United Express in coming months. United has one mainline aircraft equipped with Wi-Fi service for an added fee, and plans for more as fast as they can get the aircraft outfitted. All the carriers are reporting that the ancillary fees they are now charging helped them to survive in these economic times.

**Fred Cron**, our 50/50 Director assisted by **Sam Mace**, held our monthly drawing. **Jane Brown** drew the winning ticket held by **Barney Knotts**, who graciously donated his prize to The Promise Place, a shelter for domestic violence victims which the chapter supports with monthly donations. Also, our annual elections were held and all officers were re-elected to their respective posts.

Calendar:

**December 2** – 12:00 Noon, lunch at the I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

**December 16** - Christmas Lunch at 12 Noon, hosted by **Ray & Mary Owen** at their home in McDonough, GA.

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Our breakfast meeting was held at JB's Restaurant on November 2. **Rick Dempsey** welcomed 22 members and 2 guests. **Joe Varady** brought **Andy King**, who works in the turbine shop at SFO. **Leon Marshall** attended our meeting for the first time. Leon was hired in ORD in 1964 and retired in BOI in 2003.

No news from the **Perkins** except the fact that their answering machine has died! Please use smoke signals until we save up for a new answering machine.

**Gloria Trotter** is doing fine after parathyroid surgery. She is moving back to Sacramento, CA, to be closer to family members. Gloria hopes to be moved by Jan. 1, 2010, residing in Elk Grove, CA.

The Boise Gems have lost another member. **Barbara Krigbaum** (wife of **Bill Krigbaum**) passed away in October. A memorial service was held in Nampa, ID, on October 29. Your condolence may be sent to **Bill Krigbaum**, 2823 Maryland Ave., Nampa, ID 83686.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held at the home of **Walt & Wilma Anderson**, 2702 Southside Blvd., Nampa, ID, on Wednesday, December 16, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be a potluck lunch and cookie exchange. Please call **Shirley & Rick Dempsey** at 939-1713 to RSVP for the Christmas Party. Members are asked to bring a side dish and cookies for the dessert.

The final arrangements for the Christmas Party will be finalized within the next couple of weeks and an email will be sent to members. Members are asked to bring their cookie recipe to the luncheon as well.

### Calendar:

**Dec. 7** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Party at **Walt & Wilma Anderson's** home, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., RSVP to **Rick Dempsey**

**Jan. 4** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

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179 members and guests signed up for and enjoyed our October Fall Luncheon. On behalf of our President **Bob Jacobson**, the Planning Committee, and the entire Skyliners membership, we want to express our appreciation to the following members for their generous contributions to the Skyliners Postage Fund. **Barbara Andersen, Marlene Anderson, Joseph Boberek, Robert Busos, Joyce Campbell, Marilyn Chaplin, William Churchill, Francis Cinardi, John Cooper, Judith DeBenny, Richard DelBoccio, RoseAnn Domaracki, Pedro Franco, Mary Florant, Jan Gawenda, Irene Groeschel, Beth Guthman, LaVerne Holste, Angie Halama, Bob Jacobson, Robert Judd, Patricia Kellerman, Mary Keenan, Helen Lewin, Charles Lewis, Carol Maday, Terri Martin, Darlene Marsiglia, Ed Meyer, Nancy Meyer, Lee Messina, Casmir Mroz, Patricia Muha, Marjorie Nelson, Harold Ogle, Ruth Opitz, Norman Pearson, Curtis Petrel, Caddice Step, David & Gloria Rinkenberger, Al Rus, Connie Russo, Jean Sampson, Elroy Schmitt, Gloria Schneider, Tony Stefanos, Jim Sommerfield, Barbara Spratt, Marlene Stanek, Mary Szabo, Ken Thiede, Donald Tutt, Mary Ukeja, John Wade, Don Wagner, Frank Whitecotton and Anna Wozniak.** If we missed you in this list, please let us know so we can also acknowledge you.

Skyliners who again enjoyed the companionship of the Loonies were **Ginnie & Frank Vlach, Carol & Bob Faust, Jacque & Jim Sontheimer, Norm Wilkinson, MaryKay & Gil Wojtal, Mary Szabo, Bob Brainard, Norm Pearson, Jan Gawenda, Marge Daily, Bob Jacobson and Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo.** Phyllis returned



from Michigan to the hospital emergency room only to find out she was scheduled for and had surgery for meniscus on her right knee. She advises she is on the mend.

When **Jill Bergner** makes a "bucket list" for husband **Bill**, it's on a grand scale. They started their three week, 6500 mile trip going thru Canada and the Canadian Rockies, then on to Portland, OR to visit their son and his family for three days. On returning home to Mt Prospect, they also visited several National Parks.

**John & Katy Koehl** are going to celebrate their wedding performed at St. Catherine of Sienna church in Denver, CO on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, sixty years ago. **Lorraine & Al Kobler** have their 69<sup>th</sup> coming up in January 2010. May we all be as fortunate as these couples?

Denise Whitaker, daughter of **Sandra Piwowarczyk** climbed Mt. Adams for the Fred Hutchinson cancer research. That was a lofty thing to do for others.

**Richard Lubawy** died Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, four days after his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Christina church, 11055 S. Homan in Chicago.

We were happy to have retired Flight Attendants **Lu Booker** and **Jane Roberts** join our Northsiders breakfast. Hope to see you both again and again.

**Joan & Dave White** spent three days instead of the three weeks they could have used to visit Praha (Prague in English) and see most of the major sights. They rented a car and visited the three towns Joan's father, grandmother and grandfather lived in before coming to the United States at the age of 9 and 10. In three different towns, they located the exact house using the local archives where each had lived. All this in ten days and 700 miles of driving. Happily, no trouble on United or Lufthansa flights.

Among the 24 at the Southside breakfast were **Bob Franson** and **Al Giovanni** who traveled all the way from Schaumburg to join us. Hope the raffles will have them coming back again. We had loads of winners due to the fact that **Mel Fischer** added cash and Lotto tickets to the pot. And the winners were **Marge Caliendo**, **Tom Hurley**, **Mary Brandt**, **Al Broderson** (twice), **Lydia Codilis**, **Ted Guz**, **Wes Roak** (twice), **Margaret Schmitt**, **Bill Brookins** (twice), **Javier Chavez**. Mel left his nine horses and one (Elvis) donkey back at his Arkansas home to visit his Oak Lawn condo and us.

**Helen Collins**, whom we miss dearly, advised in a letter to **Rudi Maki** that she has had cataract surgery. She also sent a big Hello to all her friends here.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**December 29 & December/January 26**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**December 9 & January 13**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**December 1 & January 5**).

**December 7** - Christmas Luncheon at the Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL.



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While there was no luncheon scheduled in November, some of our regular members were on a trip of a lifetime to Peru, in South America. **Carol & Bob Faust**, **Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson** flew to Lima, Peru. They then went on to Cuzco to visit the famous ruins of Machu Picchu. I will have more detailed information about their trip in the January 2010 Newsletter.

There is no luncheon scheduled for December. Since some of the Loop Group Snow Birds will be escaping the Chicago Winter, it has been decided to cancel the next Luncheon scheduled for January 20, 2010.

However, we do plan to meet on our regular March 17, 2010 date with more members and Spring arriving.

#### Calendar:

**December** – No luncheon scheduled

**January 20** – Luncheon Cancelled

**March 17** - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant)  
11:30 a.m.

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Happy Holidays to everyone! May you share this wonderful season with family and friends and enjoy an abundance of health and good cheer for the rest of the year and in 2010! No matter what your age, this is a time of year for travel to or memories of home and family whether actually or deep in your heart!

**Elly & Ralph "Bud" Barnett** toured with their son, a professional photographer, in southern Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee to view and capture on film the fall colors. Elly said it was a beautiful drive. As I write this in early November, the last of the leaves are falling from the trees and any lingering leaves, formerly a riot of color, are now faded to a muddled shade. Could snowflakes be far away?

At our November meeting, we celebrate "Toys for Tots". **Ray Brabo**, as he has done in previous years, has requested several US Marines attend to pick up the toys and join us for lunch. We're also hopeful **Jim Simon**, Midwest Director, will be at our meeting. With flights limited to "express" service, as into many other cities, travel can be difficult. So we will keep our fingers crossed that he can make it. He assured me that if he was not able to visit in November, he would be here in January. Plans for officer election and establishing a committee for the Christmas party are also on the agenda.

At our October meeting, we welcomed **Ruth Duffy**; and new member, **Mary Chandler**. Mary has plans for a quick trip to Australia as she visits a friend traveling on tour with Britney Spears.

We extend an open invitation to retirees and previously employed UAL employees to our Christmas party held at the lovely Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN, on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 5PM. Admission is "just a dish" for paid members of Indy Racers; and \$5.00 for non-members. Please make reservations at (317) 821-8862 by Dec. 1. We also have a fun gift exchange of \$15 per person or per couple if you care to participate.

### Calendar:

**December 5** – Saturday, 1-5PM. Christmas Dinner and gift exchange at Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN. No regular meeting this month.

**January 11** – Monday - Regular meeting, IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

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The Nor'Easters October luncheon meeting, our Oktoberfest, took place at the Marblehead Yacht Club with 29 members and guests present. We got the room free, thanks to yacht club member, **Bill Betters**. The room was in various stages of renovation, as Bill and other members are expanding the meeting space triple fold. Finished walls or not, we had a good Bavarian luncheon. The 50/50s were won by **Jean Lincoln** and our all

time most winning member, **Bill Shailor**. Free lunches were won by **Elaine Vanderwal** and **Frank DeSteffano**. Twin beer mugs were won by **Ron Heiseler** and **Ron Jr.** Good to see **Dorothy Barry** and **Mark Domurat**, both were not seen for some time. **Anthony Postale Jr.**, retired from SFOWR is our newest Nor'Easter member and attended his first meeting. Welcome to our chapter Anthony, we look forward to seeing you at many more meetings.

**June Alberino** is on the road again! She's flying from MHT to SAN, and then taking a cruise thru the Panama Canal with ten days at sea. She'll then fly from FLL back to MHT. Last month, I pointed out Jayne **Regan's** flight itinerary. Well, she advised she got first class seating on all trips. Wow, like the old days!

**Marie Dwyer** advised she is getting a cockapoo puppy. Lots of work Marie, consider a cat, easier to live with. **Don Latter** said he wishes he could tell everyone he hit the big lottery!

I spoke with **Bob Seibold** recently. **Eileen** had a heart attack on October 1, and then Bob came down with pneumonia on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Both are home now and recuperating. Bob is hoping they both can attend the Christmas luncheon. I hope so too!

I talked with **Tony Berardi**. His chemo treatments have slowed him down, but he is feeling good and just had a visit from a sister from California.

I also talked with **Don Simard**. He's still getting chemo treatments, but feels he has turned the corner to better health, saying he feels better than he has in the past three years. He & **Joan**, along with **John & Joan Butler**, attended the AARP convention in LAS. Don said the convention was very informative. Also, this was Don's luckiest year ever in LAS, seemed he just couldn't lose at anything. Good for you Don!

**Tony & Delores Berardi** and **Don & Joan Simard** both said they hoped they would be able to attend the Christmas luncheon.

**Bob Anderson's** older brother by two years, passed away in mid October. Our treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal's** mother Margaret, passed away on all hallows day, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. **Bob DePippo's** mother Tina, passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 31<sup>st</sup> also. She would have turned 94 years young in November.

UA pulled out of MHT on October 24, turning the station over to UAX. Two ladies, **Ann Bouvior & Kristen Hales**, prior MHT employees, decided to hold a reunion of all employees who worked there in our 25 years of operations. We gathered at a banquet room operated by **Chuck Rolocek**, a prior BOSHH employee, who generously provided an afternoon meeting place with complementary hors d'oeuvres. Kristen managed to procure the use of a boarding gate in the original, now mostly unused MHT air terminal to extend the hours of said reunion. She also contacted the captain flying the last scheduled United jet to depart MHT. He had no idea that UAL was pulling out, especially where all his trips into and out of MHT carried excellent loads. He vowed to have his aircraft, an A320 pass by the old terminal to salute us. When he did so, he stopped for a few minutes, opened the flight deck window and gave us a wave. There were 50 of us waving, yelling and flash snapping pictures. I'm sure the captain must have got on the PA system to explain to the passengers who and what was going on out the port side. On our end, there wasn't a lot of dry eyes. We, all dedicated employees, who worked so hard to make UA the best airline in MHT were more than heart broken. Being a line station, everyone was more like family than fellow employees. Most of us are already retired, but needless to say, some of the current employees will now be seeking employment. The real bright spot of the day was seeing all the employees I once worked with in MHT, some were not seen in up to sixteen years. Many flew in from all over to attend the meeting with just a small few who couldn't attend. But all in all, an awesome day!

Years ago while working at the ticket counter in BOS, at Christmas time, one of the girls hung mistletoe over a baggage scale. The first customer came up and set his bags on the scale. He saw the mistletoe and said, "Mistletoe, eh? I guess I can kiss my bags goodbye".

December's birthdays: **Oscar Bauerle, Jack Casey, Steve Cotter, Thomas Snyder, Roy Templeton and Ralph Torres**

December's Anniversaries: **John & Judith Holman** (36 years) and **Timothy & Virginia Howells** (25 years).

The Nor'Easters wish all our fellow RUAEA members a Merry Christmas and safe New Year!

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Nov 5, 15 Escapees gathered at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland hosted by **Rhea Jay**. Everyone received a rubber duckie decked out in Pilgrim attire. A red circle on the bottom of the duck determined the three winners of the seasonal centerpieces. We were happy to welcome **Barb & Bill Libbrecht**, for the first time ever, who managed to squeeze us in between their busy work schedules. We also chose our Christmas Charity this year to be the Salvation Army. Rhea graciously accepted the challenge of collecting and delivery of all our donations. Rhea also reminded us that they are in greatest need of donations with teenagers in mind. They are the forgotten children each year it seems.

Once again, this correspondent and her sister had a great time at the Loonies in Ludington. We missed most of our dual-citizen Escapees/Loonies due to other commitments and illness. As always, our hosts **Mike & Carol Buechin** kept us all busy from morning 'til night touring many farms, plus an apple farm operation and packaging plant. We also learned the history and feast of a wonderful Fish Boil. The weather was a wee bit chilly but we are a hearty bunch and had a great time. At the country dairy, I purchased the largest ordered one scoop ice-cream cone that I have ever witnessed. As I watched the clerk scoop 3 times into the bucket, and advising me "This is one scoop, my dear." I did not complain too much as Loonies do love ice cream.

Many Escapees enjoyed a wonderful day at DTWRR on Oct 21, hosted by co-workers and management, to show us the office changes since we left and reacquaint with those still waiting for their day to retire. A bulletin board with our names and pictures was displayed plus a "Remembrance Board" also with the names and pictures of those that have taken their final flight to their eternal rewards. It was wonderful reminiscing and reacquainting with all and must admit was pleasantly surprised how much we enjoyed this special day.

We were all sad to hear of the sudden passing of **Sue Pongracz**, an active employee at DTWCC (formally DTWRR) on Sep 9. Sorry, I do not have any family contact information.

Our Love and prayers for a speedy recovery to our ailing Escapees; **Sharon Jacob** @ 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake, MI 48386-2827, **John Schick**, 22621 E. 12 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2505, **Pat Jawanda** @ 4462 S. Castlewood Ct., Auburn Hills, MI 48326-1851, **Joan Rogers** @ 23700 Philip Dr., Southfield, MI 48075 and **Pat Janiak**, 35910 Fierimonte Dr., Clinton Twp., 48035.

### Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

MSP/St. Paul

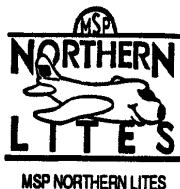
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In October, 33 Northern Lites met on a cooler-than-average day, but then, that's what Minnesota's known for, right? The brisk air must have invigorated a bunch of folks we hadn't seen in a long time & for that, we are grateful. We had the chance to visit with **Joe Balogh**, **Cindy White**, **Andy Holen**, **Dee Korman** and **Glenda Morton**. **Wes & Bette Briest** don't get to the lunches very often, as well as **Marty Arnold**. So whatever spurred them to make the trip to West St. Paul, Hooray!



The **Storlies & Delvauxs** took a trip together to South Dakota. South Dakota, you say? There ain't no such place as South Dakota, you say? Well, guess what ~ they went, they saw, they had a great time. Besides, that's where **Glenda Morton** lives.

**Andy Holen** told us about his wife, **Norma**, making another trip to Africa to do some work for Habitat for Humanity. It takes 28 hours to get there from here, but she feels that it's well worth her time & effort.

There was some discussion about the general health of our group. **John Beveridge** had talked to **Bill Young** recently & heard about some sudden-onset health issues while on a trip. **Joe Balogh** also related some harrowing problems that he'd encountered. We're glad to see **Wes Briest** back having lunch with us after dealing with a lotta "stuff", too.

We were saddened to hear about the passing in September of **Butch Lathrom**, Mainliner Desk reservations agent before Res was relocated to Chicago. His obituary was in the Minneapolis paper about 2 weeks later. Other than a nephew, we don't think he left any other family members.

In memory of **Don O'Brien**, our group voted to make a donation to the American Heart Association.

**Arlene & Joe Kelley** were in Spokane recently & had an opportunity to speak with Capt. Sully. He has written a book about the cancellation of the pension plans by UAL & how it has affected him & all of us. Our chapter intends to purchase a copy to have for our loaning library.

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

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*Submitted by Eleanor & Michael Vasko.*

Our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at noon with only 23 members attended. Guest speaker, Jim Barrows gave many interesting facts and info about "Old Las Vegas". Sunshine Lady, **Eleanor Vasko**, reported that our alternate treasurer, **Jean Frasco**, passed away on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held in Peoria, Illinois.

Our next meeting will be a week later than usual, on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM, the cost will be \$10.00 for members in good standing and \$19.00 for all others. Bring a gift for "Toys for Tots" and gifts for the Christmas raffle.

As per By-Law Change – Dues will be \$6.00 for singles and \$10.00 for couples for the year 2010.

The meeting closed at 1:30 PM

We regretfully report the passing away of **Marge Gibson**, on October 18, Marge is the wife of the late **Ray Gibson**, LAXFO. Marge & Ray were the original organizers of the Las Vegas Gamblers RUAEA Chapter. Prior to being married to Ray, she was married to UAL Pilot, **Robert Harms**, who was the first officer on UAL flight 718, June 30, 1956 that was in a midair collision with TWA Constellation over the Grand Canyon. There is a memorial on site of this accident at the Grand Canyon.

Election for officers will be in February 2010 of the Las Vegas Gamblers.

### Calendar:

**December 15** - Luncheon, 11:30AM at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200.

**February 9** - Meetings, 11:30AM

**April 13** – Meeting, 11:30AM



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There were 13 members plus 1 guest at our October meeting at Austin's. The Treasury continues to maintain an adequate balance. The chapter will likely be able to subsidize part of the cost of the Christmas luncheon.

**John & Pat Zoboli** attended the Open House at the SFO MOC on October 11<sup>th</sup>. They helped man the booth for RUAEA. Several people wandered by that both John & Pat had worked with. The Blue Angels added an exciting touch – they were parked right outside the B29 hangar where the fair was held.

**Food Drive** – It was decided that the Food Drive will once again be a monetary one. This is due to the fact that the Food Bank has relocated out east of Sparks and is not convenient for drop offs. **So bring your cash or checks to the December luncheon and we will send the donation in on behalf of the Sierra Roundup.**

The winner of the 50/50 was **Lloyd Stephens**.

October Birthdays were celebrated by: **Pat Nettles, Larry Nagley, Barbara Leusing and Donna Perkins.**

Thank you to **Joe & Kathy Robinson** for handling the minutes and attendance.

## **NEW JERSEY**

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The Gardenstaters held their monthly meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Halloween. President **Dick Confer** opened meeting with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held for **Rudy Block** who passed away recently. Dick also thanked everyone for the cards and expression of condolences with the death of his brother **Jerry Confer**. He had a coronary arrest in the hospital. He thanked everyone who brought in the toys for the Marine's "Toys for Tots" that Jerry was so active in as a former Marine. We will still be collecting them at the December 9<sup>th</sup> holiday meeting.

Our Halloween decorations went to the one whose birthday is the closest to October 31<sup>st</sup>. A couple of our members came dressed for the occasion as "Digger O'Dell" and a "Ghost".

The Treasurer's report was given by **John Murphy** and the minutes were read by **Violet Etler**. An email was received from **Dan O'Leary** that he will be attending the meetings after finishing his work in November. John reported that we are looking into the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the "Great American Song Book". It is playing starting January 31<sup>st</sup> to March. We need 20 people to attend to obtain the discount tickets.

Members were asking for a copy of the Gardenstaters Membership list. Copies will be given out at the December meeting. There will be no November meeting; the next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Clipped Wings News – September kicked off a new year for the Clipped Wings New Jersey. Members met at the home of President **Kris Sisti Mueller** and enthusiastically discussed projects for the year – once again planning to assemble Holiday Stockings for our Troops, collect for Toys for Tots and wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble.

We would like to say 'Congratulations' and thank you to **Marita Williamson** for becoming our new Treasurer. Also, we'd like to extend a very special "Thank You" to all those who contributed to "The Families of Flight 93" on behalf of "The Ride with the Forty org" motorcycle trip from EWR to SFO in September. There were 102 donations raising \$4,500 in honor of **Lorraine Bay** and the Flt. 93 Crew. We will never forget our Newark based Flight Attendant friends. **Lorraine Bay, Sandy Bradshaw, Wanda Green, Cee Cee Lyles and Deborah Welsh**. Because of their loss, Clipped Wings New Jersey was founded ~ **Diane Johnston**

Calendar:

**December 9** - Meeting

## NEW YORK

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The Metros had 44 members and 1 guest attending this month's luncheon at the Millerridge Inn. Our guest once again was **Dana Rosati**, who delivers **Jean Donahue & Jean Zito** on time to our monthly luncheons. A little birdie told me there's a good possibility Dana will pick up **Pat Gilson** and her sister **Dot Smith** for the Christmas Luncheon. It's been a long time since Pat & Dot have graced us with their presences. I'll keep my finger crossed!

**Fred Jones** is recuperating from back surgery. He is back home and feeling much better, so says his wife **Velma**. The Metros had sent Fred a get well gift basket of fruit to munch on in between his physical therapy workouts – (631) 667-4785.

President **Jim Richardson** announced that **Frank Thompson** went in for shoulder surgery on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Metros wish Frank a speedy recovery – (631) 666-5841.

**Joe Totaro's** sister **Mary Carboni** passed away on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Condolences to the Totaro family – (718) 428-2895

As I mentioned in the October minutes, **Lee Ricci** has a broken ankle and we sent her a get well card to let her know that we're thinking about her. She responded with a big "Thank You" to all and is hoping to join us for the Christmas Luncheon at the Millerridge Inn – 631 293-0582.

Effective with the New Year, look forward to "The New York Metros" new Recording secretary, **Madeline Klos**. She's going to do an outstanding job for the chapter and will need your assistance with the attendance. Putting the names to the faces!

Birthday greetings: **Nell Napolitano** celebrates her birthday on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, she'll be 89 years and still going strong. God Bless her! **Leo Talochino** was 85 years young on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, **Lee Ann Marcus** will be 86 on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day.

**Jim Richardson**, when he took office, has at each November meeting, the Veterans from each of the Armed Forces (Army, Army Air Corp, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and Merchant Marines) stand and be acknowledged. All did with pride.

**Nick Manfredo** took his wife on a perimeter fare to Rome, Italy. They had a great time touring the Vatican and all the local sights that Rome has to offer. While there, the Pope canonized five saints. The "Eternal City" had people from all nations attending the ceremonies the same week while the Manfredos were there. Needless to say, Nick & his better half were stranded for 3 days trying to return to America. Number one and two on standby for 3 days.

Calendar:

**Dec. 2** – Christmas Luncheon, Millerridge Inn

**January 2010** – No meeting

**February 3** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**March 3** - 12 noon Millerridge Inn

## NORTHWOOD

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The fall meeting of the Northwood's Loonies is history. Despite the challenging weather, 44 Loonies made it through outdoor visits to old, historic barns and farms (even visited the County Poor Farm), a sugar bush, a dairy operation, a fruit processing plant, a historic village and even a Fish Boil where we huddled around a blazing fire to keep warm. Our host told us that the fish boil is an old Scandinavian tradition that is enjoyed in all kinds of weather but from some of the comments made about the event planner's sanity, I don't think we had too many Scandinavians in our group. In the end, however, we all learned something about farming in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Loonies were housed in B&B's and seemed to enjoy the experience, except maybe Phyllis, who is vertically challenged. She reported that her bed was very big and miles above the floor. She said her husband struggled to boost her into bed. Some of the Loonies came up with some unique suggestions to help Phyllis.

**Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**, RUAEA Newsletter Manager, joined us and won a door prize for traveling the farthest. Most Loonies are from Northern Michigan, Northern Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota.

Each evening, we gathered at one of the B&Bs to relax, to swap airline stories, and to catch up on what's happening in each other's lives. **Al & Donna Olson** are very involved in local theater, **Diane Good** volunteers at the Traverse City Film Festival, **Clyde Johnson** is driving a school bus (which gives him lots of stories to tell), several in the group volunteer at the United Help Desk. **Marie Cook** had her camera along and took lots of pictures as well as our semi-annual group photo to add to our album.

On a very sad note, we learned that **Don & Hope Hayden's** youngest son, Erik, died suddenly and unexpectedly on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Erik was 42 years old and lived in Simi Valley, CA with his wife and 2 children. For those who would like to send a message of condolence, Don & Hope are at 5700 Hayden Drive, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The Loonies next adventure will be in May of 2010 and probably in Petosky, MI. Stay tuned for details in upcoming RUAEA newsletters.

So this is **Carol & Mike Buechin** signing off and wishing everyone a good winter season.

## OHIO

### BUCKEYES



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71 Buckeyes including 3 guests attended the November 4<sup>th</sup> monthly luncheon at Williams On-The-Lake. **Lloyd Rhea** traveled from Columbus to attend the luncheon. Glad you could make it. **Elda Custer's** two sisters were in attendance, but I'm sorry to say that I don't have their names. A few people who had planned on attending the luncheon including myself were unable to attend.

This is the second year that the **Taylors** hosted the luncheon at Williams On-The-Lake. Last Nov., the group was so impressed with the service and meals etc. that the Taylors decided to reserve it for 2009. I'm told that there were a few tables set aside for individuals to bring in memorabilia for chapter members to look at. What memories this must have brought back to some.

Are you looking for a place to travel to? **Arlene Taylor** told the group about an all-inclusive trip to China that is available in April 2010. They need a total of 20 people in order for this trip to take place. The cost is \$2,099, if interested, please contact Arlene.



Anniversaries and Birthdays in the month of Oct. & Nov. were acknowledged. Anniversaries were: **Joe & Shirley Moses** - 52yrs.; **Gene & Jacki Craig** - 47 yrs.; **Richard & Carole Mullen** - 49 yrs.; **Herman & Carol Gregory** - 50 yrs.; **Ronald & Margaret Pallay** - 49 yrs. Congratulations to all! There were 11 birthdays in the month of October & November.

The 50/50 winners were **Earl Taylor** and **Dave Simpson**. Congratulations!

Elections were held for the 2010 officers at this meeting and results are as follows: Pres. - **Dolly Taucher**, Vice Pres. - **Arlene Taylor**, Secretary - **Mary Lou Kurtz** and Treasurer - **Steve Pytel**.

**Harry Squires** and **Bob Herman** are both receiving Hospice. **Harry Gunther** is home from the hospital. Also, keep **John Jeskey** in your prayers. Prayers are greatly appreciated. I was unable to attend since I had the flu etc. I was told by my Dr. to stay away from large crowds. I am unable to receive a flu shot because of my cancer. I received this email from a friend and I thought perhaps we all could benefit by reading it.

*Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!*

*A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing Algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake." "Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross Mom!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky!" To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad by themselves, but, when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! God works the same way. Many times we wonder why he would let us go through such bad and difficult times. God knows that when he puts these things all in his order, they always work for good! We just have to trust him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!"*

*God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, he'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.*

Thanks to **Carrie Kercel** and **Mary Ann Friedel** for taking notes in my absence. It is greatly appreciated.

I'm told that last month's bus trip was a huge success. I'm glad to hear that you all had a fun filled day. Are you ready to go again?

#### Calendar:

**January** - No Meeting

**February 3** - Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. Gather at noon, with lunch being served at 12:30pm. Pre-paid.

### OREGON

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To those of you who were not at the October meeting, I can only say you missed a wonderful program. E.E. Valkenberg, who served as Chief Communicator on Air Force One under several presidents was the speaker. He was both informative and entertaining as he inserted a few jokes along with the slide presentation.

The big winners in October were: Door prize: **Kathy & Paul Russell**; Birthday: **Tom Walker**; Anniversary: **Frank & Marion Bullis**; 50/50: **Margaret Borbely**.

**Kathy Russell** brought 10 bottles of hand sanitizer in hopes of keeping the group healthy and happy during the flu season. The sanitizers will be available during the winter months. Thankfully, I haven't heard of anyone down with the flu.

A get well card was sent to **Ophelia Nunley** who is having heart problems. I have been unable to get an update about **Rance Ishibashi**, but hopefully will have some news next month.

The travel desk is still having problems getting volunteers. Please, if you could spare one day a month, please call **Tina Lewis** at (503) 287-2546 and she will be happy to train you.

The Christmas luncheon is on December 9<sup>th</sup> and reservations must be in by December 4<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$15 with two choices: flat iron steak or salmon with capers and a buffet of salad, starch, vegetable and dessert. Please mail your check to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR, 97220, tele# (503) 253-2453 indicating number in your party and choice of entrée.

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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

**December 9** - Christmas Event

**January 13** - Social

**February 10** - Valentines Luncheon/Ice Cream Social



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**Jim & Elaine Ellis** hosted the November 6 luncheon at one of Grants Pass' newest restaurants, Las Fajitas Mexican Cuisine and Cantina. Nineteen members attended despite blustery skies and what appears to be Old Man Winter rapping on our door. It was great to see **Sonnica Appleton** back from a month-long trip to her native Peru to visit family. **Ric & Gidget Walcha** had some eyebrow-raising tales about their recent road trek half way across the country. Old Man Winter arrived "there" before he did here.

We're all looking forward to the holiday party which **Alberta & Russ Randall** have generously volunteered to host again. The festivities will be held on Friday, December 4, at The Brewery in Grants Pass and will also serve as a quarterly business meeting and election of 2010 officers.

Calendar:

**December 4** - Holiday luncheon at The Brewery - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

**January 8** - Location and host TBA

**February 5** - Location and host TBA

**PENNSYLVANIA**

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What a nice surprise for our Oct 12<sup>th</sup> get together. **Walt & Lynne Sonderman** brought some visitors, **John & Dolly Taucher** from the Ohio Buckeyes chapter in Cleveland. Dolly gave us a briefing on what they are doing in Cleveland. It was very informative and she gave us some good ideas. She extended an invitation to anyone in our group to attend one of their meetings if we are ever in Cleveland. Dolly and I exchanged Email addresses and snail mail addresses and plan to keep in touch.

Past President, **Jim Fanto**, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Jim looks terrific! He certainly does NOT look 90 years old!

It was good to see **Ben Messer** at the meeting. Thanks to **Bill Vacca** for driving him.

We received some bad news about **Charlie Ferraro**. Charlie fell and broke his pelvis in 2 places and was bleeding internally. By the time he reached the emergency room, he needed 4 pints of blood. He is now recovering at Little Flower Manor, Room 56, Springfield Road, Darby, PA. That was a really nasty fall.

Speaking of falls, **Lew Meyer** (who bicycles all over America) fell at home and broke his arm!

It was good to see **Steve King, Dennis O'Neill** and **Frank Powers** back with us. We had 29 attendees this month. Our entertainment was a George Burns impersonator. Al Fine does an excellent job since he looks like George, acts like George and sounds like George. In addition to the jokes, he sang, "*I wish I were 18 again*", "*Old Bones*", and a song dedicated to his wife, "*Gracie*". After the show, Al, AKA, George Burns posed for photos with some of the retirees that brought cameras.

**Kathy Edwards** gave us our schedule for the upcoming meetings which are listed below in the Calendar section.

**Walt Sonderman** won the free lunch and **Kathy Edwards** won the 50/50. **Kathy** donated her winnings to go toward the Ronald McDonald House dinner.

Our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting opened with the Upper Darby Marine Corps attachment 884 from Secane, PA striking the colors. All the veterans in our group came forward and stood beside the flag. They included: **Jim Fanto, Lew Meyer, Frank Egges, Joe Brad, Mel Manning, Tom Lyons** and **Dee Burrs**. President **Joe Brad** offered a prayer, we recited the Pledge Allegiance and then we all sang "God Bless America".

Our very generous members brought gifts of canned goods, cereal and non perishable food stuffs for the Loaves and Fishes Food bank. Everyone came in with a bag of food and the largess filled one side of the room. **Joyce Lindenmuth** is doing a great job with that program.

For our next meeting, we will bring a shoe box filled with gifts for the Veterans Home as well as a craft or gift for our silent auction. We also received some very generous donations for our upcoming dinner for the Ronald McDonald House scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Kathy Edwards** and I went shopping for the supplies and almost couldn't find space to store all of the food.

**Lew Meyer** gave us an update on **Hal Zerbock**. Let us keep Hal in our prayers.

**Frank Egges** distributed photos and a review of the USS New York. The ship that was built from the steel from the World Trade Center. The ship is very impressive and will stand as a reminder of that terrible day.

**Mel Manning** and his wife, **Maerlene, (Mae)**, are celebrating 60 years of marriage. They received a round of applause and of course some good natured jokes (60 years with the SAME woman?) Maerlene generously offered to provide the music for our sing-along at our upcoming Christmas meeting.

Our 50/50 was won by **Lew Meyer**. Lew kindly donated his winnings to the flight 93 Memorial Chapel fund. The free lunch was won by **Shirley Pilgrim**.

After lunch, we played 4 games of Bingo. **Mel Manning** won the straight Bingo, **Dennis O'Neill** won the 4 corners and the X. We had 3 winners for the cover-all. They were **Mel Manning**, his wife, **Maerlene Manning**, and **Gail Bradley**. It seems Mel was the big winner all around. Treasurer **Tom Lyons**, presented each of the winners with a check.

**Frank Egges** is still accepting donations to the flight 93 Memorial Fund so please make your check payable to "Chapel 93 Memorial" and mail it to: **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address are on your check.

#### Calendar:

**November 23** - Dinner for the Ronald McDonald House.

**December 14** - Silent auction, so bring a craft item. Also in December, bring a shoebox of items for the Veterans home.

**December 21** - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the **Edwards**

**January & February** – No meetings.

**March 8** - Collecting items to be sent to the troops serving in Afghanistan.

**April 17** - Bus trip to Shanksville to the Flight 93 Memorial.



## **PITTSBURGH** **PIT-STOPPERS**

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First and foremost, my apologies to all Marines and former Marines, Belated Happy Birthday! It's so easy to slip up when you're writing a column for the future month's publication.

The October Pit-Stoppers luncheon was held on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cafe Jay in Dormont. I was unable to attend, however, from all reports; the food and the service were excellent and would certainly require another visit. 16 members were in attendance.

**Cathy Matteson** and **Charla McBride** hosted the Golden Girls luncheon on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hofbrauhaus House in South Side. What a treat! The food was outstanding and we were fortunate enough to have **Elsemarie Schiller** in attendance to help explain the menu and the difference between Mettwurst and Bierwurst and Bratwurst. Charla and Cathy treated us to the best zucchini ever along with a gift bag of German chocolates. The "rookies" really did a great job in planning the event. We missed **June Schiralli**, **Rita Uliciny**, **Anita Pawlack** and our founder **Treatie Karwoski** who was out of town. Plans were discussed to meet again in January with a proposed visit to the Rivers Casino. **Bill & Ruth Redfern** traveled to Harrisburg recently to celebrate their granddaughter's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Elsa Schiller** returned from Germany recently where she had gone to assist her family in the passing of her brother. Condolences and prayers to Elsa and family.

Pittsburgh lost two UALers recently: **Pete Constante**, former Ramp Service Man lost his battle with cancer, and **Elwyn "Bo" Bosetti**, former Load Planner lived to a ripe age and passed away this month. Condolences to both families.

We recently received word of the passing of the brother of **Anita Pawlack**. As of this writing, Anita is out of town for his burial. Anita's address is 7922 Walkers Cay, Orlando, FL 32822

Finally, after a long struggle, **Olga Karmazyn**, former PITCG secretary is having knee replacement on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck, Olga!

### Calendar:

**Dec. 4** - Christmas luncheon - Airport Holiday Inn

## **TENNESSEE**

### **TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS**

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It was a rainy, foggy, miserable day for our October breakfast at Shoney's. However, we still enjoyed visiting with those that were able to make it there. It's hard to believe that this article is for the December newsletter. Another year has flown by as it seems each year goes faster than the last.

We are sorry to report that **Danny Norman** passed away on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Condolences can be sent to his wife **Louise** at 911 S. Briarcliff Circle, Maryville, TN 37803.

**Herman Emmel** had rotator cuff surgery on October 29<sup>th</sup> and is doing real well. He faces 6 weeks of therapy and is looking forward to getting out of the sling/pillow that keeps his arm immobile.

Holiday greetings from all the Rocky Toppers to members of the other chapters.

### Calendar:

**December 17** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**January 21** - Location and Hosts to be announced.



**February 18 - 9:30AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.**

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On **November 3**, 19 chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Ctr. in a very tiny room that was awfully hot. Let's just say, it was quite an experience in 'togetherness'! However, our collective good humor carried us through the day.

Chapter officers, **Clair Anderson & Frank Christenson**, donated delicious donuts; **Kip Lufkin** prepared the coffee service, a labor of love she began today for the first time. - **Lila Maughan** brought **Betty Davis** who, in turn, presented the group with a big basket full of *Mrs. Fields* Halloween cookies. - When paying his annual chapter dues & today's fee, **Frank Zoun** also donated \$14.00 to the postage fund. A hearty thank-you to all of them for their special efforts!

Discussion focused on the chapter's upcoming Christmas party, again planned in the community hall at **Lila Maughan's** West Jordan condo complex, where we always had a most pleasant Christmas party! **Clair Anderson & Frank Christenson** are presently negotiating with a few local caterers and will announce the 'winner' in a separate mailing, along with all details regarding \$/person & menu selection.

**Lorraine Olson**, of Layton/UT, agreed to scout for a suitable luncheon restaurant between SLC & Centerville. This new location (TBA) would enable our chapter members living north of our thriving metropolis to join us more easily at our get-togethers. Also, **Clair Anderson** set up a 2010 meeting list that shows a few changes in meeting time & place that were agreed upon at today's meeting; he mentioned that, at a later date, he will put out a revised meeting roster for the new year. The members also voted to give holiday donations to the SLC Food Bank (\$200) and to the Murray Heritage Center (\$50).

We welcomed a few old-timers: **Shirley Scown** and **George Dalton** - and missed a few others: **Tony Brown, Art Scott** and friend **Carol**.

May it also be mentioned here that the RUAEA Newsletter column, contributed by *Clipped Wings®* and authored by **Barbara Vincent**, was a stirring report on the get-together of many United people at the Shanksville, PA crash site of and memorial center for UAL Flight 93. Thank you, **Barbara!**

### Calendar:

**December 1** - Christmas Dinner 12noon (catered?) - Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan, UT.

**January 5** - Coffee Time - **10am (please note the time change)**, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

**February 2** - Coffee Time - **10am (please note the time change)**, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

## WASHINGTON

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



On October 13<sup>th</sup>, vice president **Phyllis Bowman** conducted our meeting at Fairwood Golf & Country Club and welcomed 52 members and guests. **Mary & John Luke** were thanked for hosting this luncheon and we all enjoyed an excellent meal. As it turned out, **Ray Dapp** had hired on with United on October 13, 1942 and

therefore was celebrating his 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary with United the day of our luncheon. Ray retired from SEAFO as a captain. His wife **Jackie** was also present for the occasion.

**Ken & Judy Higley**, who reside in Lake Chelan were able to come over the mountains and join us for this luncheon. Judy retired as City Ticket Office Manager and had previously worked in SEARR. **Carol Soffel's** little granddaughter **Harper** also came to our luncheon and we all enjoyed seeing her. Phyllis took the names of those present who were celebrating birthdays in the September through November period and then we all sang Happy Birthday to the celebrants. Phyllis also discussed the membership directory she's working on.

**Bob Brumfield** addressed the group regarding travel issues and the Seattle Travel Desk. He mentioned that the Travel Desk is in need of more volunteers and also that the appreciation luncheon for Travel Desk volunteers was being held October 16<sup>th</sup> at Sizzler's restaurant. Bob offered to help train members in the use of Skynet; give him a call if you're interested in learning about Skynet or wish to volunteer for the Travel Desk.

President **John Haferbecker** reviewed the status of members who are fighting health issues, including **Mary Lou Barr, Ken Wagner, Dick Waterous** and **Ed Clay**. In most cases, there was progress to report, however, in the case of **Ed Clay**, he has almost totally lost his eyesight due to glaucoma and he also has suffered a partial loss of his hearing. He does have an attendant that works with him to assist in his daily activities. At the time of this writing, **Mary Lou Barr**, after battling a series of health problems was scheduled for surgery November 12<sup>th</sup> to remove her right kidney which contains a tumor. I will give an update on Mary Lou next month. Also, John had brought a copy of the local Kent, WA newspaper that contained a photograph of member **Theo Sluys** and his son **Bob**, who performed musically at an Oktoberfest in Kent benefiting the Children's Therapy Center. Theo plays the accordion and Bob the bass guitar and they both had done a great job of entertaining us at our picnic in August.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** gave her report indicating that we now have 224 paid members, and that our finances are in good shape. She also pointed out that the chapter's portion of the 50/50 raffle in October and April go to support the Travel Desk.

The door prize winners were **Casey Casanova, Dona Westpfahl, Anita Malco, Bob Brumfield, Richard Devereux, Don Anderson, Bud Dice, Doris Spence, Carol Moless** and **Donna Neumeyer**. **Kay Johnson** was the winner of the 50/50.

We learned of the passing of **Evelyn Vrtacnik** on October 17<sup>th</sup> and, she is survived by her husband **Ralph**; and of **Catherine (Cathy) Sullivan** who retired in 1981 and was residing in La Quinta, CA. Cathy had worked in SEARR and LAXRR. Good news was received that **Mike Megill**, formerly of SEARR, who was hospitalized in September with heart problems has learned that his heart is responding to his medications and that he will not need a heart transplant. Mike thanked everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers.

The appreciation luncheon for the Seattle Travel Desk at Sizzler's in Tukwila on October 16<sup>th</sup> was well-attended and was hosted by **Rita Reynolds**, who organized the Travel Desk back in 1995, and **Bob Brumfield**, who provides the training. The attendees had a nice selection of entrees to choose from and everyone received a nice door prize to take home. Bob conducted a business session prior to the end of the luncheon.

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, a SEARR reunion was held at the Kona Kitchen restaurant in Seattle to give RR retirees a chance to get together and catch up on the latest news. **Cris LeGassey** and **Sue Crane** again organized the reunion, which was well-attended and enjoyed by those who were able to be there.

#### Calendar:

**December** – No Meeting

**January 12** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**February 9** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**March 9** - Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA



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**Laquita Bloom** has volunteered to be in charge of the Spokane Lilac City Flyers. I will still be writing the newsletter if our members call me with news. Congratulations Laquita, we all know you will do a great job.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Party at Chic A Ria. **Les & Vera Graham** will be calling with date and time. Bring a present for the gift exchange.

From my side of the world, things are upside down. Lance & I are in St. George, UT. A few days after we arrived, Lance had a severe pain in his shoulder. We went to ER; they did a chest X-ray, found arthritis in his shoulders and a mass in his left lung. He was to get a needle biopsy 5 days later and was having stroke like symptoms so before they would do biopsy they did a brain scan. The doctor came into the room and said no sign of a stroke but they found several masses in the brain. We both had complete physicals 1 week prior to coming to St. George, and no sign of anything abnormal in blood work. Lance has spent 4 nights in the hospital and is home at last, he is taking radiation for the brain tumors. He has lost most of the use of his left side and is using a walker. For those of you who would like to send him a card, our address is 2318 S. Legacy Drive, St. George, UT 84770. All prayers will be accepted with open arms.

Hopefully next month the news will be good.

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Our meeting at the Golden Corral got off to a good start with almost 70 retirees and guests. In the absence of Chapter President **Linda Scriven**, the meeting was conducted by **Lucy Chatelain**.

We had a visit from Sharon Burbank from the Dulles Mainliner Store and she brought some United merchandise. Sharon promises to return in November with new items for our holiday shopping!

Did anyone ask you what you did this summer?

Our member **Frank Mason** (IADCG) was kept very busy assisting veterans who came to Washington DC to visit the new World War II Memorial on the Mall. Frank is a World War II veteran himself and he has been working with the American Legion assisting the visiting veterans by taking them around the memorial (it's huge) by wheelchair. Frank also goes to Walter Reed Veterans Hospital regularly to visit our wounded troops. Well done Frank and thank you for your service.

Our Chapter President **Linda Scriven** and travel buddy **Camilla Warner** (IADRR) have finally come back to earth after a 21 day cruise from Seattle to Ft. Lauderdale. They stopped at many exciting places including Acapulco, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Corinto, Nicaragua, Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, then transiting the Panama Canal from the Pacific to the Atlantic. More interesting stops at Santa Marta, Columbia, Oranjestad, Aruba, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas and then finally Fort Lauderdale and home!

We sadly report the passing of **Norma Bolten** (IADRR) in September.

Our friend **Eugene (Gino) Von Gonten** (IADCS) will be missed by passengers and employees alike. Gino's seniority extended back to 1956.

For more details, contact this correspondent.

#### Calendar:

**December 9** - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm.

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As winter weather arrives and we prepare for this busiest of holiday seasons, we wish all of you a very happy holiday and a very prosperous New Year.

This month is the deadline for members to get dues paid and to submit their contact information to the national treasurer, **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** (DEN) in order to be included in the new roster.

Our Philanthropy Project committee is actively working with the Games Operating Committee (GOC) of the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games, July 16-25, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes, we will also be assisting with the Cessna Airlift. If you are interested in joining this volunteer effort, please contact **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX) at [swissrose@msn.com](mailto:swissrose@msn.com).

The 2010 Convention Committee headed by **Mary K. Doherty Dana** (OCC) has plans well underway for the Grand Ole Convention in Nashville, September 22 – 26, 2010.

The ever-popular Clipped Wings® airplane scarf is still available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We invite you to visit our website at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com).

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**O Toole, Eleanor R.**, ORDMK 07/10/09  
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## LETTERS

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

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

#### **Jean Landrieu, PO Box 329, Ridgefield Pk, NJ 07660**

Thanks for the reminder.

**Rosemary Bechtler and Judy Ferruti.** I haven't seen them since I attended Judy's husband's funeral. We met at a nice seafood restaurant in Manhattan. The weather was fine. A few weeks ago, I had my own private reunion with two of my oldest friends from NYCRR, looked more beautiful after all these years.

I think this newsletter keeps us all young. Thank you very much.

#### **Ken Norton, 17518 Long Branch Ct., Penn Valley, CA 95946-9564**

I am sending for three years of dues, so guess my wife is an optimist.

After almost 17 years of retirement, we are still pretty active. We have lived here in beautiful Nevada country for 10 years. We enjoy all of our "Gold-digger" luncheons. We have attended 10 straight conventions and have had a great time at all of them.

Thanks for the newsletter.



**Benjamin Reed, 773 Oakmeade Dr., Vacaville, CA 95687**

Well another year is gone. They sure go by, just like the weeks, it's Monday and then it's Saturday, but they go by fast.

Ramona is still with her walker, some days are good and then some are not so good. We don't travel any more with her oxygen system, it keeps us at home.

I still go to the museum 3 days a week and that keeps me thinking about aircraft. The picture of the Viscount in United real stable color bring it all back, but I think it should have been our DC-8 with the gold trim, (remember?)

Working on my 20<sup>th</sup> year, and still getting around pretty good. Don't put much mileage on my cars anymore, and they are really lasting. So I guess I don't need a new one.

Well hello to everyone that remembers me, and you people do a very good job, and thank you.

**John Riecss, 5247 E Silver Lake Rd, Laona, WI 54541**

I have been retired for 11 years and my wife and I have enjoyed it.

It was with sadness that I read of the passing of Edward Stolberg in the September issue. He was my boss for many years at WHQ and a real gentleman. He will be missed.

**Johannes Van Reenen, 2803 SE Balboa Dr., Vancouver, WA 98683**

Most of all, I would like to thank you sincerely for the time and effort you put into delivering the newsletter to us every month; it is truly appreciated. It gives us a sense of what is going on in the company.

Last July 1, 2009, was the day that I was retired for 26 years. Another year and 7 months, if I make it, I will be retired as long as I was working for UAL. The 26 years have gone by fast with motor homing, cursing with the Holland America Line, traveling, fishing etc. and not to forget "loafing"; it has been enjoyable.

This coming week we will be going to Switzerland, after spending 2 days with our daughter and family in Arlington, VA. My wife is originally from Switzerland and I am sure she will enjoy it after so many years. I do hope we are able to make the flights. That nowadays is not an easy proposition. Where are the good old days before de-regulation? We will never see those days again, unfortunately!

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

I have been retired now over 6 years and don't feel any older. My wife and I are in good health. We eat healthy, exercise most every day and thank God for our blessings. My goal now is to lose more weight. I can put it on just by watching the Food channel; I love to eat and we try some of their recipes.

We have adjusted OK after the PBGC cut my pension 25% in June of 2008. Financially, it did not put us on the wrong side of the tracks but we can hear the whistle blow. From what I read in the newsletter a few months ago, I should be informed by the end of this year on the second and last adjustment to repay the amount I was over paid, up until June of last year. They tell me the most, the next cut will be, is 10% of what I now receive. So by my calculation, that will take the next 12 years to pay it back. I am 68 now, so I may live to pay it back. I will just have to adjust to it and look forward to a raise when I get old.

I still keep in touch with friends in SFO. I spent over half of my life there and still miss the bay area. It is a great place to live, if you can afford it. I did enjoy getting up in the mornings and going to work with all of the good people there all of those years. We did have some good times. I could share some very funny stories.

Flying is not like the good old days but I believe United will continue to be right up there with the best of them.

You are doing a great job on the newsletter; I read all of it. I keep an eye out for anyone I know and what every one is doing. We are all one big happy retired bunch, taking the bumps along the way and making the best of our senior years.

**William Weigel, 2800 N Creek Road, Lake City, PA 16423, daddweigs@gmail.com**

I don't know when our membership ran out, I like being "reminded", thank you. We were full-time RVer's for several years but bought a place in Lake City, PA in 2006.

We still have an acre near Benson, AZ and intend to return sometime. In the meantime, we have a spare bedroom and a parking place for a RV for any friends who are in town. Lake City is equidistant from BUF, PIT and CLE and we're surrounded by pretty country. We don't enjoy Great Lakes winters and hope to always be where it's warmer when the snow flies.

This winter we will be volunteering at McDowell Mountain Regional Park near Fountain Hills, AZ Oct-Jan and then at Kartchner Caverns State Park, near Benson, AZ until April 15. Both are wonderful facilities and worth a visit.

**Warren Weikle, 4560 Vallejo St., Denver, CO 80211**

On the occasion of my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday (How did I get here so fast), I would like to pass on a couple of thoughts. I accepted a "part time temporary" job with United Airlines that lasted only 46 years, 1 month, 1 week, and 1 day. (But I didn't count)

On my retirement, I wrote "My Story", here's an excerpt: *"My time with United Airlines was a real joy except (deleted). I met a lot of interesting people, rubbed shoulders with the best pilots in the world, met, talked, and flew with some airline "characters", admired some "air mail" pilots who flew the Jennies, Swallows, Travelairs, Curtiss Hawks, and Boeing biplanes through the mountains of Wyoming and California, who grabbed their mail bag and bailed out over the mountains of Pennsylvania when their engines iced up and quit, navigated by guess and by gosh, and landed by auto head lights and bon fires. They have all "Flown West" now, only we "Johnnie come lately's" are left. I feel privileged and honored to have known a few of them".*

To all my friends who have not "Flown West", I feel honored and privileged to have known you too. I hope we meet again, soon. OPBSP, OPBDD, SBNGS, DENDD, DENTK, SFOFO, HNLFO.

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

I am still living in Kerrville, Texas; Charlie has been dead over a year now. It is still hard for me to adjust. We had our 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in March and Charlie died in May. We had 25 wonderful years in retirement traveling on cruises and airline flights. I have our daughter and her family here in Kerrville and my son is now in Dallas.

I enjoy getting the newsletter. Thanks to all who work on it.

**Cornelis Berghout, 2410 Memorial Dr., A-311, Bryan, TX 77802**

Thank you very much for the beautiful newsletter every month. I know all retirees are very happy, and you all are doing a very good job.

I have moved to a Senior Lifestyle Community in Texas close to my daughter. October is here and this means one year older (83). Thank you all again.

**Marion Gebert, 30824 La Miranda Unit 104, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688-5810**

My thanks once again for the newsletter with its excellent features and information plus voices from the past. Kudos to the entire staff.

I have been retired for 26 years; approaching my 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

I moved to a new apartment May 1<sup>st</sup>, fell May 15<sup>th</sup> and I now have two broken rotator cuffs as I broke one 5 years ago.

Thanks to all the dear friends who sent lovely cards last Nov 27<sup>th</sup> on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Another year has gone quickly. It is hard to believe that 28 years have passed since I took early retirement.

This past year I have been to New York twice visiting relatives. The first trip was the first time I have used a space available pass in about 15 years. The method for flying SA had changed so much that I had no idea how to go about listing myself. I called the volunteer office in Portland and they took care of listing me. I was lucky as I got the last open seat on the 757 and it was first class. My seniority date is July 13, 1948. About 1 hour into the flight, 3 flight attendants came to me to see who I was. They had just finished looking at the manifest when they came across my name and a seniority of 61 years. They expected a little wrinkled ancient fossil. We had a lot of fun talking about old times. The highest seniority of the three was 14 years. They had a hard time believing me, when I told them there were a lot of people with much more seniority than I have, still kicking around. Since that trip, I have learned how to list myself on the internet and print out a pass that gets me through security and to the gate. I have flown 3 round trips, two to New York and one to Vancouver and have got first class on every one of them. This past August, my buddy and I went on our annual fishing trip off the west coast of Vancouver Island. We fish for a week after Salmon, Halibut, Ling Cod and Red Snapper. We limited out on every one of them. It is going to be healthy eating for the next year.

I would like to join all the compliments given to the crew for putting out the Newsletter; you people do a magnificent job.

**E. E. "Buck" Hilbert 8102 Leech Road, Union, IL 60180**

Twenty five years into retirement as a very lucky DC-8 pilot and still kicking. If I make seven more it would equal the time I spent at MDW-DCA-ORD.

I am still playing with little Airplanes. Clunkers with NO radio or electrics, Armstrong starters and just fast enough to kill mosquitoes on a warm summer afternoon.

Still active in EAA, participating in the Government affairs doings, VIP Escorting at the annual Oshkosh Airventure, on several committees, and member of three almost Chapters at Poplar Grove, Rockford and South Barrington, Illinois. They all have retired UA people as members.

I also attend the local RUPA Luncheons. One for the "older guys" that I flew co-pilot for, and the other with the "youngsters" who flew with me on the DC-6B, B-727s and DC-8.

Once in a while I read about some of the wonderful people I worked with, when UAL was a family type of Airline. When we all were proud of and loved our jobs.

I have one regret; the Swallow Biplane resides in the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field. It's in a very fitting place, since that's where it all began, I sometimes regret that I ever gave it to the company, but I do wish they'd put my name on the display.

The high lights about the Historical Foundation are always interesting and factual. **Tom Goodyear** does a great job. All you computer geeks should visit the Foundation site. It's a real "Hummer".

One other fact, I really enjoy the newsletter!

**Barrie Hooley, 6045 E. Island Ave., Syracuse, IN 46567**

We are not heading to Florida just yet as both of my parents (93 & 92) are in fragile health. They just celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. We are indeed fortunate.

We so appreciate all you do; the newsletter is all we have. Keep up the good work.

**Anne Jones, 50 Castenada Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118**

The "big" birthday came along with 12 great years of retirement.

The only trip I took this year, so far, was to see Angela Lansbury kicking up her heels at age 83, in "Blithe Spirit" on Broadway. Although it took 2 days to get from SFO to NYC, (finally via SNA/DEN/EWR) and arriving at 1 AM in Newark. It was worth it. She is an inspiration to keep on dancing.

Keep up the good work at RUAEA.

**Orrin Jorgensen, 5781 Rose Court, Newark, CA 94584, [ovj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovj@sbcglobal.net)**

In August of this year we had a milestone in our family. Our youngest daughter turned 25 years old, and she took her last "SA" flight. She flew to Paris, as she wanted to see the Louvre, etc. It completed 42 years of our dependent children flying on United Airlines. The first started within a week after being born in Salt Lake City, and the last got home from Paris and flew to BYU-Provo to start her last semester. Nine children logged thousands of air miles and have had a wonderful education in the process.

When I started on March 11, 1966 in SLCCS, Scottie would lift me up to the forward pit on the DC-3 and leave me there. In DENPE, I wrote such bad letters that **Helen Crowley**, would always have to redline my drafts for me. At EXO Suggestion Program, **Charlie Foos** was a great mentor for me and **Dick Dorsey**, CHIVR, gave me his VIP ticket to see the College All-Star football game at Soldiers field. In SFOVR, **John Zeeman** and **Jim Goodwin** showed us all how to put on fabulous Division Sales Meetings at Kona and Sun Valley. Then at SFOMB, **Skip Slayden** OPBOP, helped keep me out of trouble, along with **Clay Hunter**, and **Ron Hovland** at SFOOV. I think I caused **Jess Willard** OPBOP a lot of headaches. At OAKML, I enjoyed the friendship of many, including **Ron Wallace** and **Norm Ensminger**.

Thanks to all - thank you for flying UNTIED.

**Donna Klobe, 4058 Alta Road, Los Angeles, CA 90066**

Hal & I retired in 1992 and our lives have been blessed with friendships made through our years at United. Many of our friends have moved away and we do miss them; but we are very active with those remaining and enjoy memories with them.

We just returned from a fabulous trip to Germany with German speaking friends and feel so fortunate to have enjoyed first class travel. Germany is such a beautiful and friendly country.

It is just another of the many rewards for having worked at United in the really "golden years".

We hope to see everyone in Orlando.

**Dick Vee Vecchione, 107 Bunker Hill Road, Auburn, NH 02023-3521, [NH4Vee@aol.com](mailto:NH4Vee@aol.com)**

The poem below was aimed at Lost & Found agents working around the normal Christmas misplaced baggage problems. All airport employees have seen numerous amounts of unclaimed bags at Christmas time. Note: ONTR means Online Transfer. MSBD means Miss-boarded Bags, CHIT means Change of Itinerary.

*Twass the night before Christmas and all thru the night,  
A thing to behold, a terrible sight,  
Stacked to the ceiling and way out of sight,  
Bags to my left, bags to my right.  
When thru the front door came a sight to behold,  
Eight tiny rain deer 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 ONTR, MSBD and CHIT  
Your problem, he said sounds really dear to me,  
But it can be solved as quick as can be,  
Simply pick up your phone and make a few calls,  
Tell them, come pick up your bags one and all.  
He jumped on his sled and sped 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!*

**Phyllis Singer, 9346 Landings Ln., #301, Des Plaines, IL 60016**

It is great keeping up with the company and fellow retirees across the country.

Everything is status quo here. We just don't travel much due to my husband's health.

The big news is our granddaughter received her PhD in Swansea, Wales and landed a job at a university in Norwich, England.

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