



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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In just two short months, you will be receiving the packet to register for the 2011 convention in Portland, OR. You will be able to decide if you want to come early to take advantage of the pre-convention cruise on Holland America lines through the “inland-passage” to Alaska or maybe you will want to stay late and take the post-convention cruise instead. For information on either cruise, contact our Tour Chair, **Cindy Passannante**, at: (503) 658-5646.

Perhaps you will want to arrive early enough to take a trip on your own to the beautiful Oregon Coast. There are many interesting towns along the coast and much to see and do. Another option would be to take a side trip to the spectacular high desert country east of the Cascade Mountain Range. Both are worth the time.

If you are interested in striking out on your own, you might like to take public transportation to any of several local shopping areas. (Remember, Oregon has no sales tax.) With Nike, Adidas, Columbia Sportswear, Pendleton Woolen Mills, Shed Rain and other manufacturers being headquartered here, there always are great bargains to be found.

As you may have heard, it sometimes rains in Portland. For that reason, we advise that you bring a rain coat or slicker of some kind. Reading is one way that many Oregonians like to spend a rainy day. Two great places for reading are the Multnomah County Library Central branch and Powell’s City of Books. The library has an amazing selection of reading material in pleasant surroundings. Powell’s is a store that covers an entire city block and has more than a million new, used and out of print books as well as CDs, DVDs and other items. There is something for everyone there and they encourage browsing and reading.

It is time to be thinking of contributing your art work for the Arts and Crafts Raffle. If you would like more information about how you can participate, contact the Arts and Crafts Raffle Chair, **Carol Mitchell**, at: (360) 694-3464.

I am including two travel tips for you. The first is that we have negotiated a discount for travel between the airport and hotel. More information will be included in the registration packet. The second is that there are portable “grab bars” that are small enough to pack in luggage and can be used in bathrooms that don’t have adequate grab bars. I found several types, on the Internet, for as little as \$15; a good investment in safety.

Portland is known as a city of bridges and we will be building bridges between RUAEA and other retiree groups. Members of Clipped Wings, RUPA and Continental’s retirees have been invited to attend. We hope this convention will give all of us a chance to get to know each other and to share our many experiences in the travel industry.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



The merger of United and Continental has been approved and there is a new holding company, United Continental Holding Inc. We should keep in mind that the merger is not really complete until the FAA issues a single operating certificate. This may not happen before October 2011. Until that time, United and Continental will function as two separate airlines. The new top management is in place and teams are working diligently on integrating the two airlines into the new United Airlines.

There continues to be many rumors and a good deal of angst regarding a new Pass Travel Program. By the time you read this, there probably will be a survey regarding a new Pass Travel Program on Skynet. The survey is intended to have the employees and retirees of both companies rate various parts of the pass travel policy. The bottom line is what parts of the travel policy are more important than others parts. Such as boarding priority, service charges etc. The unfortunate feature of the survey is that it will only be via

Skynet. We know many retirees and for that matter, many employees either do not have computers or are not very proficient in using them.

Within the retirement community of both companies, there are at least four active groups. There is RUAEA and RUPA (Retired United Pilots Assoc.) on the United side and there is ARECA (Assoc. of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines) and the Golden Eagles, similar to RUPA on the Continental side. Speaking to representatives of these groups, it appears that a merger is a ways off. The Continental folks have their roots in that airline. In the meantime, your Board of Directors has approved the submitting of a By-laws change to allow Continental retirees to join RUAEA. This will be presented and then voted on at the Business Meeting during the Portland Convention in May 2011.

Another item approved by your Board is to change RUAEA's logo. With our By-laws change two years ago that allows membership for anyone who is of retirement age (55) and had worked for United. Now with the prospect of opening membership to Continental retirees, it was time to consider our logo. The new prototype logo is a scripted R along with our organizations name. Also a motto was adopted – BE INSPIRED, Volunteer and Participate.

Finally, your Board also approved a suggestion from the Portland Convention Committee that we invite members of RUPA, Clipped Wings, ARECA and the Golden Eagles to join us at our Convention. Those who would like to join us would pay their registration fee as well as any other fees and would be encouraged to become members of RUAEA.

**Ron Bertacini**  
**President – RUAEA**

## Pass Travel Attire

Co-workers from CO and UA will enjoy the following relaxed dress code when pass traveling on all CO and UA flights and in all classes of service, system-wide:

- ➔ Pass riders' overall appearance should be well-groomed, neat, clean and in good taste.
- ➔ Attire should be respectful of fellow revenue passengers, employees and pass riders.
- ➔ Pass riders may wear denim attire (such as jeans), shorts that are no more than three inches above the knee and athletic shoes when traveling in Coach, First or BusinessFirst/Business cabins.

The following attire is unacceptable in any cabin but is not limited to:

- ⊗ Any attire that reveals a midriff.
- ⊗ Attire that reveals any type of undergarments.
- ⊗ Attire that is designated as sleepwear, underwear, or swim attire.
- ⊗ Mini Skirts.

- ⊗ Shorts that do not meet 3 inches above the knee when in a standing position.
- ⊗ Form-fitting lycra/spandex tops, pants and dresses.
- ⊗ Attire that has offensive and/or derogatory terminology or graphics.
- ⊗ Attire that is excessively dirty or has holes/tears.
- ⊗ Any attire that is provocative, inappropriately revealing, or see-through clothing.
- ⊗ Bare feet.
- ⊗ Beach-type, rubber flip-flops.

### **UA adopts MedLink service for in-flight and ground medical consultation**

Every year, more than 18,000 in-flight calls for medical assistance, from 65 airlines, including CO, come in to the MedLink Global Response Center. On Oct. 1, MedLink became UA's medical consultant, taking over from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's (UPMC) STAT MD service.

When a flight calls UA Flight Dispatch advising of an in-flight medical situation, Dispatch patches MedLink into the call for consultation. MedLink's medical consultation to in-flight crews and ground staff helps them make decisions regarding potential flight diversions or a passenger's fitness to fly.

The MedLink service, operated by MedAire, Inc., is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round by on-duty Level-One trauma center emergency care physicians specially trained to handle in-flight and on the ground medical screening situations.

### **Customers respond to merger on social media channels**



Customers are constantly sharing their thoughts, insights and opinions about the merger on Facebook, Twitter and FlyerTalk. Since the merger announcement in May, discussion topics have included reciprocal benefits for frequent flyers, fleet and cabin integration and the new livery.

Most UA and CO customers are very happy with the reciprocal preferred seating and airport lounge benefits.

Several UA customers have mentioned their excitement about CO's Mexico and Latin America destinations, while many CO customers are looking forward to visiting UA's international Red

Carpet Clubs.

On the UA Facebook page, one fan said, *"Excellent! Looks like I might be booking some CO metal flights soon!"* A follower on the CO Twitter page, @continental, remarked: *"So excited for the @unitedairlines and @continental merger to be completely done. Can't wait to see what two great airlines can accomplish."*

### **UA and CO Earn Profits for Third Quarter**

United Continental Holdings, Inc., the holding company of which UA and CO are now subsidiaries, on October 21, reported the earnings for both airlines. UA reported a third quarter 2010 net income of \$473 million excluding certain special items, and CO reported a third quarter 2010 net income of \$367 million, excluding certain special items. Including those special items (or, as the accountants call it, on a GAAP basis), UA earned \$387 million and CO earned \$354 million for the quarter.

As a result of the carriers' financial results for the nine month period ending September 30, CO and UA have accrued a total of \$214 million under their respective profit-sharing plans. Of course, the amount of profit sharing distributed next February depends on each company's full-year financial results, and the company will make this information available after the end of the year. CO eligible co-workers will receive profit sharing based on CO's full-year results, and the amounts distributed will be based on the current CO profit-sharing plan. Similarly, UA eligible co-workers will receive profit sharing based on UA's full-year results, and the amounts distributed will be based on the current UA profit-sharing plan. Next year, the company will announce a harmonized profit sharing plan for the new United.

Here's some of what was accomplished during the third quarter, grouped under each cornerstone of the Go Forward Plan.

- \* Fly to Win (Marketing plan)



- ➔ CO announced plans to launch nonstop flights between Newark Liberty and Cairo, Egypt, beginning May 18, 2011, subject to government approval.
- ➔ CO announced plans to join fellow Star Alliance member Brussels Airlines in codesharing on our trans-Atlantic flights between EWR and Brussels. UA and Brussels already codeshare on flights linking Washington and Chicago with Brussels. Additionally, CO announced plans to start codesharing with Aegean Airlines between EWR and Athens.
- \* Fund the Future (Financial plan) - In addition to earning profits for the third quarter, UA and CO ended the third quarter with a combined \$9.1 billion of unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments.
- \* Make Reliability A Reality (Product plan)
  - ➔ Operationally, UA co-workers achieved a DOT on-time arrival rate of 85.8 percent and a systemwide mainline segment completion factor of 99.1 percent for the third quarter, and UA co-workers earned a total of \$12 million in on-time and customer satisfaction incentives for the quarter.
  - ➔ CO recorded a DOT on-time arrival rate of 83.2 percent and a systemwide mainline segment completion factor of 99.8 percent for the quarter, operating 31 days without a single mainline flight cancellation. CO co-workers earned a total of \$8 million in on-time incentives during the third quarter.
  - ➔ In terms of our product, UA reconfigured six Boeing 777 aircraft with new first- and business-class seats and improved inflight entertainment and seat options in economy. CO continued to enhance its onboard product by installing flat-bed BusinessFirst seats on more of its 777s and 757-200s and DIRECTV on more of its narrowbody aircraft.
- \* Working Together (People plan) - During the third quarter, UA and CO reached a transition and process agreement with the pilots of both companies. CO also reached tentative agreements on new labor contracts with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing CO flight attendants and with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters representing CO aircraft maintenance technicians and related employees.

In addition to these accomplishments, many co-workers worked together, and worked hard, on the merger integration planning process, leading up to the legal close of the merger on Oct. 1.

All of the achievements for the third quarter are results of the employees' hard work and professionalism.

### **Ballot initiative in Colorado defeated**

Colorado voters on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, defeated two amendments that would have cost the new UA between \$30 million and \$40 million annually.

Both CO and UA encouraged Colorado employees to vote against the amendments that could have subjected DEN to property taxes and changed the terms under which DEN could borrow money through bonding for capital projects.

### **Working Together on maintenance training**



The maintenance training teams at CO and UA have been working together over the last couple of months to create a training plan and prepare the technicians to work on each other's aircraft. The instructors from both companies have developed a Boeing 757/767/777 differences training, which is already available in schedules for both groups.

The initial training for the differences class started on Monday, Oct. 11, in ORD and IAD, and the initial differences class for CO began in EWR and IAH. Also on the schedule for the technicians is 737NG training and Airbus training. Both of those classes start in

the coming weeks.

*"The work that has already started and will continue into 2011 is a good example of how our companies can work together," said Line Maintenance VP Joe Ferreira. "The teams from both sides have shown excitement and are happy to have the chance to work together."*

### **Jeff Smisek met many co-workers at San Francisco's Family Day celebration**



Jeff picked a perfect day to visit the San Francisco Maintenance Center – it was packed with 15,000 co-workers, family and friends on a sunny Sunday, Oct. 10, to celebrate Family Day and the climax of San Francisco's Fleet Week.

The air show featured the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, as well as a UA Boeing 747 that roared over the base on takeoff. Later, the six Blue Angel fighter jets also took off for the show. When they returned, their pilots signed autographs and posed for photos.

Jim Keenan, SVP-Technical Operations, introduced Jeff to the crowd for opening remarks, and also took Jeff on a tour of the huge facility. The tour included a B777 that UA is converting to its new lie-flat premium cabins, the sixth to be modified by UA crews at the Maintenance Center.

George Midwin, operating manager in Airframe Maintenance, led the cross-divisional Family Day Planning Committee and has chaired the effort for all five very successful years. In conjunction with the festivities, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and California State Senator Leland Yee proclaimed United Airlines Day for the city and the state on Oct. 9 and Oct. 10, respectively.

### **CMA breaks \$1 million mark with Casino Night, golf tourney**



The Continental Management Association (CMA) is celebrating a record-breaking weekend after its annual Casino Night and golf tournament boosted the year's fundraising total to more than \$1 million for the CO Scholarship Fund. Casino Night also set an attendance record, drawing more than 1,700 co-workers, guests and sponsors Saturday night at IAH Hangar E.

The golf team sponsored by Oliver Wyman took honors at the tournament on Friday. Bob Geer of Towers Watson, one of the Casino Night sponsors, won the Texas Hold 'em poker tournament and the 40-inch TV that was first prize. Chelsea Food Services

Quality Assurance Compliance Manager Herbert Castro won the new car raffle.

*"Casino Night 2010 was a record breaker, by every measure," said CMA President and Integration Management VP Lori Gobillot. "In 2011, we will bring the management association and the scholarship fund into the new United and will develop a plan for great events and programs such as this as we go forward together."*

CMA promotes networking, professional development and social and community service opportunities among management-level employees. The organization, which has more than 2,500 members, expects to continue and thrive under a new name at the new United.

The Scholarship Fund has provided 198 awards to CO co-workers and their dependents – the maximum number allowed – in 2010. Since 2002, the CMA has raised more than \$6 million for the Scholarship Fund, which has provided scholarships to 1,433 co-workers or their dependents.

### **CO a winner at Northern Ireland awards ceremony**

CO was recently named "Best Worldwide Airline" at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Northern Ireland Travel & Tourism award ceremony in Belfast (BFS).

CO outpaced significant competition from Emirates, Etihad, Virgin Atlantic and Singapore Airlines to win the award for the fourth straight year.

Ireland & Northern Ireland Sales Manager Yvonne Muldoon accepted the overall award on CO's behalf.

*"Congratulations are due to the entire sales team," said CO U.K. and Ireland Sr. Director Bob Schumacher. "Despite many challenges during 2010, they have remained committed to ensuring that CO has a strong relationship with our local trade partners."*

CO has operated flights between EWR and BFS, Northern Ireland's only scheduled nonstop trans-Atlantic service, since 2005.

## **UA, CO announce new routes from hub cities**



On October 21, United announced plans to launch service on several new nonstop routes in 2011 from its hubs as the company begins to optimize the combined UA and CO route networks.

By reallocating flying, particularly with UA's regional fleet, the company is able to enter new markets while continuing service to existing markets and remaining within its previously announced capacity guidance.

CO will add flights between IAH and Bakersfield (BFL) and Palm Springs (PSP), Calif.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa (CID); Grand Junction, Colo. (GJT); Hobbs, N.M. (HOB); Montreal, Canada (YUL); and Reno, Nev. (RNO). From CLE, CO will begin flights to Cincinnati, Ohio (CVG), and from EWR to Des Moines, Iowa (DSM).

UA plans new service from IAD to Louisville, Ky. (SDF); Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP); Salt Lake City (SLC); and Tulsa, Okla. (TUL), as well as Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands (GCM), subject to government approval. UA will also start new service from DEN to Amarillo (AMA), Dallas Love Field (DAL) and Lubbock, Texas (LBB); from LAX to Austin, Texas (AUS); and from SFO to New Orleans, La (MSY).

*"We have the ability to use our combined fleet more efficiently to maximize revenue opportunities by reallocating flying and give our customers more flight options,"* said UA's Network Sr. VP Greg Hart.

Some flying will begin in January with start-up on others coming throughout the first half of 2011

## **Japan regulators clear UA, CO, ANA antitrust immunity application**



The Japanese Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism granted UA, CO and ANA (NH) antitrust immunity (ATI). Japanese approval follows tentative ATI approval on Oct. 6 by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Upon final approval by DOT and the completion of an open skies agreement between the U.S. and Japan, UA intends to begin implementing a Pacific joint venture in spring 2011.

By jointly developing flight schedules and sales activities, UA can offer customers traveling between the Americas and Asia more convenient flight schedules and a wider range of fare and product options.

UA is finalizing a joint venture with Air Canada (AC) and Lufthansa (LH), which enables the partners to work together in most trans-Atlantic markets and remain competitive with an existing joint venture between Delta (DL), Air France (AF) and KLM (KL), and with a joint venture between American (AA), British Airways (BA) and Iberia (IB). AA and Japan Airlines (JL) also intend to establish a Pacific joint venture and received tentative ATI approval from DOT on Oct. 6, as well.

## **DOT approves LAX-PVG route for UA and codeshare rights for CO**



The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on October 13<sup>th</sup>, approved UA's request to launch daily nonstop service from LAX to Shanghai (PVG) in May. The approval came just one day after UA made the application. The DOT also granted CO codeshare authority on UA-operated flights on the route.

Last week, the DOT approved the same LAX-PVG route for American Airlines (AA) for flights due to start on April 5, 2011.



### **UA launches new daily Pensacola to ORD service**



UA celebrated the launch of the new daily service between Pensacola and ORD recently with a “Taste of Chicago” themed gate party at the Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport (PNS). City council members, airport officials, customers, UA Market Analysis Manager Martin Kammerman and the local news media were among the 100 people who attended.

UA’s United Express partner ExpressJet will operate the service. A significant business community in the heart of the Florida Panhandle, Pensacola enables UA to increase its presence in the Gulf Coast region, which includes portions of Alabama, Mississippi and

Louisiana.

### **UA and CO work toward a greener tomorrow**



The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) recognized UA’s Denver hub in October for its leadership in environment change in the state of Colorado. Environmental coordinator Jeff Walsh helped lead the station’s efforts, and on Oct. 6, CDPHE welcomed DEN as a Silver Leader in its Environmental Leadership Program.

In the area of environmental leadership in travel, both UA and CO are affiliated with Sustainable Travel International, which is committed to helping travelers and travel providers protect the cultures and environments they visit. CO recently accepted an invitation to join the Sustainable Travel Leadership Council, a by-invitation-only community of travel industry leaders.

### **Passenger revenue gains, ATA says**



Passenger revenue among a sample group of U.S. airlines, including UA and CO, rose 19 percent in September over the same month in 2009, the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) reported this week. The increase marks the ninth consecutive month of revenue growth, the ATA added.

The association reported that passenger revenue rose by 12 percent domestically and 35 percent in international markets. It based its findings on data reported by Alaska (AS), American (AA), CO, Delta (DL), JetBlue (B6), UA and US Airways (US), including regional carriers.

### **UA and CO record strong September baggage performance**



Preplanning, focus, hard work and accountability helped CO and UA record outstanding DOT baggage performance in September. CO posted 2.14 mishandled bags per 1,000 customers, while UA posted a record-best 2.56.

*“These results show our employees’ commitment to running a clean, safe and reliable operation, and their desire and passion to ensure the new United is the leading airline in everything we do,”* said Airport Operations and Cargo Sr. VP Scott

Dolan.

### **First wave of co-workers move into Willis Tower**

The new Operations Center at Willis Tower welcomed the first wave of 280 UA co-workers October 11<sup>th</sup>, from departments such as aircraft scheduling, enterprise optimization, continuous improvement, IT, planning, alliances and revenue management.

UA is relocating into up to 12 floors of the Willis Tower and will be its largest tenant. By the end of the year, UA expects a total of 1,000 people to have moved into Willis. The remaining moves will take place in phases over the next 18 months. When the relocations are complete, UA will be the largest private employer in the city of Chicago, with an expected 13,000 co-workers, most at ORD, Willis, and HDQ on Wacker Drive. Complete details are posted on SkyNet (Our United > United People > Operations Center at Willis Tower).

### **The Oprah Winfrey Show® Farewell Season: Be part of the celebration**



Pictured: One of UA ORD-based customer service representatives greets customers ready to board the first flight for UA's specially-decorated The Oprah Winfrey Show Farewell Season plane.

After a great sendoff at the gate, a UA 757 flew from ORD to LAX with more than 100 excited customers, surprised and delighted to be on the inaugural flight of UA's specially decorated The Oprah Winfrey Show® Farewell Season plane.

The plane has been transformed inside and out with imagery from the show's farewell season and includes an inflight video message from Oprah. As an added surprise on this first flight, one lucky ticketed customer won enough Mileage Plus miles for a trip around the world. The aircraft will fly a regular domestic schedule throughout the show's final season.

Visit the Flying Together site for additional pictures and information.

### **CO's EmpRes Site And Travel Pass Survey**

We have learned that the purpose of CO's EmpRes site is to assist actives/retirees of both UA and CO who are experiencing problems with their travel arrangements. Using it as a place to voice opinions regarding the travel pass issue, resulted in flooding the site. This interfered with resolving problems for travelers.

***So, please do not use this site to express travel pass opinions.***

You will have your opportunity to do that by responding to the Travel Pass Survey. As the newsletter goes to the printer, we do not know when the survey is going to be online. Remember to check Flying Together frequently and alert any retirees you know when you find it is available. It is only going to be online. We have been informed that it will not be mailed to you. Make sure your voice is heard by responding to the online survey.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (***Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter***), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



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22 members of The Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA met October 26, at 12 Noon in the beautiful Magnolia Court Restaurant in Foley, AL. (Foley is located on Hwy. 59, a short distance from the white sand beaches of Gulf Shores, AL.) We were all very impressed with the gorgeous, private dining room they put our group in. The food was spectacular and several had the special of the day, "Seafood Jambalaya". Anytime you can have this dish, you know you are near the Gulf and lots of fresh seafood!

As we were preparing to order our lunch, a photographer from the Foley newspaper, *The Foley Onlooker*, came in and wanted to do a picture of our group for their paper. After the picture, **Billie Learned** volunteered to write the article about us. **Billie & Park Learned** live in Foley. The paper comes out twice a week and on Friday, we appeared on the **front page** with the article titled, "*Retired United Air employees gather*". What a surprise! They even listed all our names and where we live. Billie wrote a very nice and informative article.

President **Bob Schwartz** called the meeting to order at 1:55PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves and give some interesting tidbits about themselves. We had several retirees join us for the first time at this meeting. We continue to grow each month and now have 30 participants. We look forward to meeting other new ones who have expressed an interest in our group but have not been able to attend yet. As members were introducing themselves, two former flight attendants, **Mary Renfroe** and **Annie Wilkey**, all of a sudden realized they knew each other and had flown many San Fran to Hawaii flights together! We were all very excited for them and realized at this time that it truly is a small world!

Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** read the minutes and Treasurer **Barbara Serra** gave her report. Raffle tickets were sold and **Jim Alston** won. He donated his winnings back to the chapter. **Jeanne Reinoehl**, gave four gifts of Mary Kay products as door prizes. The winners of these great gifts were thrilled.

A discussion was held regarding our November and December meetings. Since our meetings would occur the week of the holidays, it was decided to do a combined meeting for the next two months. We will meet Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Cubi Bar Café in the Pensacola Naval Air Station's National Museum. We all agreed that this is a very good place to eat, plus we have the benefit of visiting the museum again. It is so large that you need several trips to see it all and by that time, they will have added new exhibits.

Our meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM and several members remained to visit with each other longer.

### Calendar:

**December 8 - 11:30AM** -Combined November/December meetings in Cubi Bar Café's West Pac Room in the Pensacola Naval Air Station's National Air Museum.

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October meeting was held at Ezell's Fish Camp in Trussville, Alabama. We had another great turnout of members and everyone enjoyed a great lunch.

We started off the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed by a blessing given by **Bill Preston**. Our Vice President **Bobby Cox** gave a run down on information available with respect to the merger.

The cash/prize drawing was conducted by our President **Herb Wilbanks** and Treasurer **Joe Singleton**. **Beverly Yeager** was the lucky winner this month. Vice President **Bill Hayden** of the Gulf Coast Chapter sent money for our drawing – sorry you didn't win Bill and we appreciate the donation.

Herb extended an invitation to our group from **Florence Payne** for a luncheon later this month at her home. Her husband **Carroll** ("Payne") has been unable to attend meetings and she thinks it will be a nice surprise for former co-workers and friends to visit.

We are all really looking forward to our November meeting at **Gay & Hank Fowler's** home in Columbiana, Alabama.

November Birthdays: **Jesslyn Arnold** (11/19), **Joe Duncan** (11/20), **Marie Duncan** (11/29), **Jim Gooch** (11/11).

Calendar:

**December 13** - Meeting - 11:00AM - TBA

**ARIZONA**



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Welcome back to some of our snowbirds. We see that you are winging your way back to the land of sunshine and wonderful weather. Fall has arrived and the great weather comes with it. Our latest luncheon was our annual Beardsley Park Picnic. We had sunshine; it was about 83 degrees and a very slight breeze. We always ask for the best weather for that day when we put a deposit down on the ramada.

**Mike Richard** spoke on a number of issues pertinent to the retirees and our concerns over the UA/CO merger. **Laura Sustrik** spoke about the Alaska Cruise next August and the events she will be planning over the coming year. What a busy lady. **Joan Aaronson** sold raffle tickets for the upcoming Fantasy Flight in December, she also brought us up to date on the plans for the day. It should be really exciting for the children as they plan on using a snow making machine to build a mountain of snow for them to enjoy.

51 members were in attendance with fine food, good friends, and lots of conversations. We missed **Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz** who were in VA celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. We did get to congratulate **Joan & Dick Aaronson** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they said they are going to Hawaii to do a bit more celebrating. **Kay Heinig** was absent but enjoying Oktoberfest in Germany. It was great to see **Hank Mullman, Vic Liltz,** and **Evie Callahan**, all feeling much better and able to join the festivities.

Congratulations to **Marge & Gene Hinnners** who celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss by cruising to Alaska and enjoying land tours to Denali.

Any UA or CO retiree whether you are pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. 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.

*"Wisdom is the reward for listening over a lifetime"*

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

**November 23**

**December 7**

**December 21**

**January 4**

## **PHOENIX RE-UNITED**

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The Holidays are approaching real fast; before you know it, the year 2010 will be over. Time sure flies by, doesn't it?

Our annual **Fantasy Flight** is Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sky Harbor Airport. The flight for the children is scheduled to leave at 7:00 a.m. They will be back at the North Pole around 7:30 a.m., where they will be greeted by Santa and all the helpers and receive all their gifts bags. What a wonderful worthwhile project! There are many people involved with this project, so our thanks go out to each one of them for all their time and effort.

Our Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa on October 22<sup>nd</sup> had 21 people in attendance. We had some new retirees with us. They were **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier** and **Ed Rheam**. **Ed's** wife, **Rose**, was unable to attend. We are happy to know both couples have joined our Re-United Chapter.

Our President, **Jim Brigante**, passed around some information he had received on our **UA/CO** merger, which included the delayed Pass Travel Survey. We are working with one of the Continental's Managers at Sky Harbor Airport to contact some of their retirees who live in Arizona, and have them contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall**, so we can invite them to join one of our four Arizona retiree chapters.

**JoAnn Fearing** passed around a sign-up sheet to help with this year's Fantasy Flight.

We will be reporting on our November 10<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Busters in Scottsdale next month.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Palo Verde County Club in Sun Lakes. The Country Club is located at 10801 San Tan Blvd., off of Alma School Road. Cocktails will be available at 11:00 a.m., with the luncheon being served at noon. Your choice for lunch will be either Sautéed Chicken Marsala or Roast Pork Loin. Both entrees will be served with roasted red potatoes, oven roasted vegetables, rolls, butter, and cake. There will also be coffee, tea, iced tea and water.

For those who wish to participate, the committee would appreciate the donation of an unwrapped gift to be given as a door prize. We hope to have a good turnout at this beautiful Country Club. 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).

Our Chapter's annual dues of \$5.00 for each member is due January 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be made out to **Re-United** and given to **Rita Zarek**, our Treasurer. Her mailing address is 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. If you have any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail, please give this info to **Rita**, so that we can make any changes in our Membership Directory, which will be published early in the New Year.

Membership in **RUAEA** for one year is \$25.00, which is mailed to Retired United Airlines Employees Association, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. If you see a red message on the mailing label for the Newsletter, it's time to renew.

We have the following December Birthdays: **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 Snowdall** (12/31). Happy Birthday to all!

We have two couples celebrating their anniversaries in December. **Ed & Marie Conlon** celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss on December 29<sup>th</sup>. **Jim & Bonnie Fauber**, who will be celebrating on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all four of you!

### Calendar:

**December 8** – Luncheon at Palo Verde. See information above. Contact the **Wards**.

**December 17** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are planning on attending. Her number is (480) 396-3317, or e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). **NOTE:** Date Change due to Holiday.

**January 13** – Luncheon at Grand View Steak House at Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa. Hosts are **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt**, and **Lynda Cooper-Koltz**.

**January 28** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa.





## TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Our October meeting was at Shlomo and Vito's Restaurant on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month and attended by 24 roadrunners and guests. **Ed Kokot** arranged the outing and the restaurant lived up to its reputation in providing good and ample food. Thanks again Ed for a fine outing.

**Chuck Cole** gave us the latest info on the pass travel survey which at this time was uncertain as to when it would take place. Also Chuck & Sharon talked about their latest trip, alluding to the 20 hours that they spent in Belize trying to get back home to Tucson. Seems that their flight got cancelled and with everything else full and with many revenue standbys, thus the long wait. They were also on revenue tickets.

**Clyde & Henny Satterfield** have returned to the Old Pueblo after spending the summer in Colorado. Clyde was by himself as Henny was home preparing for a previously scheduled appointment. Good to have them both back again.

Our November luncheon will be held at My Big Fat Greek Restaurant at the Foothills Mall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month with **Alice Belzer** and **Donna Kuehn** hosting the event.

The Reid Park Zoo will have a Christmas tree available to us for decorating on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Those of us who will be participating should be there by 9:00AM as we will first enjoy coffee and donuts. Bring any kind of decoration with the exception of any breakable items.

### Calendar:

**November 18** - My Big Fat Greek Restaurant

**December 16** - The Oro Valley Country Club

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS

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Our October meeting was held at the Chumash Casino. This was very well received by the 22 of us and their buffet has something for everyone. **Bill & Dana Noyes** hosted our meeting with Halloween treats for everyone.

**Marcia Stanger** opened up our meeting by greeting everyone and then had **Howard Lackey** fill us in on what was going on with the UA/CO merger effecting retirees. He compared CO's procedure of boarding by retirees with UA's procedure. We are very lucky that our boarding procedures are what they are. Howard did say that the combined retirees of UA/CO number about 75,000. There is a survey that all retirees should reply to. By the time this Newsletter comes out, this survey should be available. Out of our Central Coaster members, there was only one member who doesn't have a computer. I'll be getting the survey to them somehow. It was good to have Howard meet with us and answer all our questions.

**Bob Stanger's** mother Isabelle was with us and always welcome. We missed **Pat Wagner** since she was home recovering from double pneumonia. **Bob Wagner** told us that he had a cornea transplant the same time his wife Pat was in the hospital being treated for pneumonia. They are both on the mend now and Bob said that his vision will take about a year to improve, however he said that his vision is better now than before the transplant.

**Marcia Stanger** said that the next meeting will be our Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup> and she is already making plans to have it at her home. This will be a potluck and all the women have volunteered to bring something. **Bob Stanger** will do the turkey. Our chapter will donate \$200 again to the Toys for Tots. We had a representative from this charity attend our meeting last year along with a member of the Marines. We are going

to invite them again and hope they can come. The Marines distribute the toys throughout the county. Thanks to **Bob Wagner**, who is very involved with this project.

We will be watching the voting next month because **Jack Cunningham** will be running for the Water Board in Goleta again. He has been on the Board for 13 years, so we are pretty sure he will make it again. We asked Jack if Goleta is still getting water and since they are, Jack must be doing a good job. Jack did entertain us again with one of his jokes that he got via email. His wife **Eleanor** won money after spending less than 5 minutes in the Casino.

**Bob & Marcia Stanger** attended the Senior Games in St. George, Utah again this year. They entered the golf tournaments and Bob won a bronze medal and Marcia won silver. They have been attending these games for several years and they have already put in their reservation for next year. These games last two weeks and it is hard to believe that so many contests can be held in that short a time. Marcia did say that next year these games will have been run for 25 years and there will be a big celebration.

**Nina Powers** was clearing out some of her records and she found a newspaper article from the Santa Barbara News-Press about William Boeing, dated August 5, 2006. He was born in Detroit in 1881 and his life story is well documented until his death in 1956. Nina also passed around a cartoon depicting how the airlines will be offering food in the future. It showed a vendor cart selling hotdogs and soda for a price. Thanks for sharing those, Nina, and giving them to me to add to my archives.

#### Calendar:

**December.15** – Meeting hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.



#### BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' November 2010 meeting was hosted by **Peggy & John Oakshott**. We were honored with a visit by our RUAEA Director **Roger Casterline** and a UAL retiree friend, **Brandon Maus**. President **Dick Hayes** reiterated that the United/Continental merger is going well, and the stock symbol for the new airline will be UAL. **Roger Casterline** made several comments regarding pass travel and other benefits.

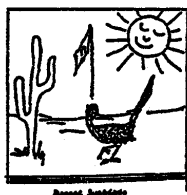
Dick Hayes has written a book entitled "*My 727 Got a Hole in It!*" It's about his work as a Customer Service Agent for United; he's trying to get it published; he told several very funny stories which are in the book.

The current officers were re-elected for 2011 (without a whimper): **Dick Hayes** – President, **Elida Rivas** - Vice President, **Peggy Oakshott** - Recording Secretary, **Donna Nessling** - Sunshine Lady, **Dick Shryock** - Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer

After an Irish Catholic joke by **Dick Hayes**, the meeting was adjourned.

#### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Twenty seven Desert Sunbirds met at the La Quinta Beer Hunter for our October 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting, hosted by **Ron & Barbara Napier**. The group did not include Yours Truly, as I was relaxing in Maui. I know, it's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it.

It seems as though I'm not the only one who enjoys Hawaii. **Barb Azbill** was in Kona at her condo; the **Silvestris** and the **Eads** were visiting the islands as well. And ... when I returned home, I had a notice from Security that I had a water leak in my front yard. I called my "handyman", who lives in my complex, and told him what I needed. He said, "*OK, do me a favor; hang up and call my home number* (I had called his cell), *and*

leave the info there. When I get back from Kuauui on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, I'll take care of it." Since my call was on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, I had to get someone else.

Anniversary congratulations are in order for **Ray & Flo Silvestri**, 53 years (10/26); **Tom & Karen Tischler**, 48 years (11/17); **Sandy & T. J. Sereno**, 44 years (11/21); and **Jim & Liz Clapper**, 59 years (11/21).

Under the title of "Not so good news" - **Karen Tischler** has been diagnosed with uterine cancer, and is scheduled for surgery this month (November) in Las Vegas. And very sad news; **Joyce Bossio**, a long time member of the Desert Sunbirds, passed away on October 18<sup>th</sup>, from acute respiratory distress. Joyce was our Treasurer for many years, rarely missed a meeting, and will be missed greatly.

**Merv Myers** brought **Glen (LAXSW) & Jan (ORDCS) Voirol** as his guests. The Voirols have joined our group, and have already committed to the November and December Luncheons.

**Gay Traber** won the 50-50, and **Marge Lenz** was the Birthday (free lunch) winner.

*Groaner:*

- ☺ *A man goes into a restaurant for breakfast while in his hometown for the Christmas holidays. After looking over the menu he orders Eggs Benedict. When his food arrives he's surprised to see it's served on an elaborate chrome dish. He asked the waitress. "Wow, what's with the fancy plate?" The waitress replied, "Well, don't you know? There's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise!"*
- ☺ *Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.*
- ☺ *The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.*

Calendar:

**December 8** - Monterey Country Club, hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**



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President **Ken Norton** welcomed 42 members to the Creekside Bar and Grill in Vacaville, hosted by **Martha & Charlie Szekretar**. The secretary announced the October anniversaries: **Fred & Joan Verbaere**, 53 years. Our own **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** were celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so we sang to them. Sherrill told the group that she and Syd registered to take the post convention Holland America cruise to Alaska. She checked with the local travel agents and prices were the same, but there were perks to taking the Holland America cruise as posted in the newsletter.

**Judie King** gave the treasurer's report. Today's lunch was subsidized by the chapter. **Angie Dellinger** reported sending a card to **Syd Morgan** after his fall. **Stephanie Norton**, historian, has been taking pictures of everyone and they will be presented to the group at the President's luncheon in February.

**Ron Bertacini** discussed open enrollment for medical coverage. We will receive a monthly statement concerning the deduction for medical. The merger has been completed. There is a new holding company. We are concerned about travel benefits, and would like to keep the retention of the UAL program. Retirees fly last on the Continental program. There will be a survey on Skynet in late October or early November (see the homepage). Continental pass travel uses ZED fares.

The raffle was held by **Alice & Glenn McPeak**. We will be collecting annual dues starting in December for 2011. It is ten dollars per family. Please, make your checks out to: Sacramento Gold Diggers.

Calendar:

**December 8** – Christmas Party, Alta Sierra Country Club, hosted by **Alice & Glenn McPeak** and **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

**January 26** - Old Spaghetti Factory, Roseville, hosted by **Darryl & Dorothy Stroud**.



## THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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The Hangtown Miners' November luncheon was hosted by **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** at the Sierra Banquet Center in Camino. It was a picture perfect day in the foothills at the recently completed handcrafted log cabin which is surrounded by beautiful gardens, ponds and waterfalls. And, the food was as good as the locale. Once again, we were reminded of how lucky we are to live where we do.

Our President, **Jack Fitzpatrick** was not able to attend today, so the meeting was called to order by Vice President **Jon Somplack**. He said the first order of business was to decide when to come back to the Sierra Banquet Center. The meeting was kept very short in order to allow the guest speaker more time. Star Walker from the Department of Human Services spoke to us about the 80 to 90 programs for low income families and the host of services provided to seniors of El Dorado County. Star is very knowledgeable and I think all present were surprised by the number and variety of the services available to us. The toll free number for more information regarding these services and others statewide is 1-800-510-2020. We all thank Star for her time today.

There was more discussion regarding the charitable donations we make each December. It is difficult at this time of budget crunches but we have narrowed the field down to two choices and will vote in December and get checks out before the Christmas holidays. The planning for the 2011 meeting schedule continued and the meeting was adjourned for the Drawing of Opportunity.

### Calendar:

**December 6** - hosted by the **Czapkays** and the **Raynors** at Rudy's Hideaway (Our holiday luncheon is always a lot of fun and we invite guests/visitors if you are in the area on the 6th)



## REDWOOD EMPIRE

### RETIREES

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We held our October meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. There were 46 members and 4 guests in attendance. We had a great buffet on a beautiful day.

Our President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order, thanking our hosts **George & Lois Schwind** for a great luncheon. Assisting were **Norm Burnett** and **Margi & Matty Matchinegg**.

Vice President **Maddy McKinnis**, freshly back from hip surgery welcomed our guests: **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**; **Dianna Mayon**, guest and daughter of **Corinne Geppert**; **Maurine Bennett**, guest of **Ira & Heino Witt**.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** reported that we are solvent. Joanne reminded us about our Charity donations coming up very soon.

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** is off visiting family, so I filled in for her. The birthdays this month were **Pete Bilsich**, **Al Bantham**, **Oscar Chambers**, **Sal Ortega** and **Vic Kristen**. The winner for the Birthday lunch was **Pete Bilsich**. Pete is 95 years this month. Happy Birthday, Pete! We had one anniversary this month - **Oscar & Joan Chambers** (58 years). We sang congratulations to all. I sent a card to **Maria Van Kruining**. Maria has had surgery, is doing well and hopes to be back to the meeting very soon.

Joanne requested a moment of silence for **Ted Sather** and **Mary Bentham**. Ted was a member of our group, then moved up to the Grass Valley area, he worked at the Maintenance Base. **Mary Bentham** passed away on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mary grew up in San Francisco and worked as a CSR in SFO. Mary retired from United after 35 years of service.

**Oscar Chambers** gave us an update on the Nominating Committees progress. We will know the results next month.

Our autobiography of the month is **Matty Matchinegg**. Matty was born in Patterson, CA. His dad worked for Standard Oil. They moved to San Francisco and Matty graduated from Balboa High School in 1943. He joined the Navy and was sent to Engineering school in Dearborn, MI. He went to school for 4 hours and worked at the Ford Plant for 4 hours. From there, he was sent to San Diego to work on the salvage crew. He spent 18 months overseas driving a jeep. In 1946, Matty was discharged and in May he joined UAL at \$0.96 an hour. He was sent to Cheyenne on an apprentice program. He almost got thrown out, because he threw a snowball in the wrong direction.

Back to SFO, Matty helped build the B29 hangar, which was only suppose to last a couple of years. In 1949, Matty graduated from the apprentice program and was laid off.

He worked at a smaller airport down the road. He was rehired as a clerk at \$220.00 a month, working in the office. In 1950, he was recalled as a Mechanic. He worked on B377 Check Crew. He transferred to SFOMM line crew in 1951. He checked out DC4, DC6 and DC6B. He also checked out the very first DC7. He was promoted to Maintenance Planner, then promoted to Foreman at SFOJL. Matty worked MIDS for 16 years. He retired on April 1, 1982 and enjoyed every minute of it.

#### Calendar:

**November 11** - Mountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

**December 9** - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers

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The Resans group is alive and well in San Diego. After the sad death of **Bob Owens**, his wife **Marion** has moved to Washington State to be with her family. We did not receive this information in a timely manner.

Our annual Resans Christmas party will not be held this year due to the lack of time needed to make proper arrangements. In lieu of the party, we are making our monthly breakfast a luncheon to be held at the Pt. Loma Café at 11:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. Bring your cameras and we will all take pictures and get the Holiday Season off to a Merry Beginning.

**Betty Tomaino, Barbara Drews** and **Debbie Taylor** will be working together to keep Resans moving along. We will be organizing a Spring Fling get-together at a date to be announced. Please contact us with any news that should be included in our Newsletter.

I have just heard from **Marian Sturgeon** that **Tom** is home from the Hospital and doing much better and quietly recuperating. He has had a difficult time with surgery and resulting complications. Please do not call at this time.

**Iris Hastie** returned from her annual visit to Scotland and found that her condo had been vandalized. It is unlivable and she is temporarily residing in a hotel provided by her insurance company.

Please plan to attend our luncheon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, I look forward to seeing a good turnout.

#### Calendar:

**December 2** - The monthly breakfast on the first Thursday of the month will be held on this date as a luncheon in lieu of a Christmas party. Time is 11:30 am.

**January 7** - Monthly breakfast will continue as a breakfast at 10:00 am at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego CA 92106.

Spring get together to be announced.



## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Halloween is over so, no more “Boo’s” or “Trick-or-Treat” pronouncements at the front door for another year. Fortunately, I had collected enough balloons this past year to satisfy the happy little hobgoblins and also the teenagers who came around afterwards to collect the leftovers and have water balloon “fights” halfway down the street. No candy at this house. Years ago and having 3 children in the orthodontist’s care at the same time changed my mind about giving out candy to “trick-or-treaters”. And it was fun, this year, to hear the real little ones (had quite a few this time) squeal with delight over the balloons! Also, I’ve never had sooooo many polite little “monsters”, even the tiniest ones ... how wonderful!

It is absolutely delightful to report our most recent “Over-50” anniversary celebrants: **Lillian & Al Christian** enter their 60<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss; **Donna & Bob Taiclet** begin their 51<sup>st</sup> year of devoted love. Our heartiest congratulations and admiration!

Sadly, 84 year old member **Donald Raymond Millburn** of San Mateo, CA departed from our earthly sight in September and is now under the care and protection of his God. Born in Nebraska, he and his family moved to California during the Great Depression. In his younger years and during World War II, Don served as a U.S. Merchant Marine officer on Liberty class ships ... then later joined the U.S. Army. Living in the Bay Area for 60 years, he spent 25 of those years working as plant foreman at the SFO UAL Maintenance Base. Don was obviously a multi-talented man, working first in the UAL plumbing shop, then transferring to the paint shop. Upon retirement from UAL, he teamed up with wife Barbara in a family business that imported Peruvian goods which led to nationwide distribution. His talent as a guitarist and the special talents of his wife on the piano led to the formation of a band, playing at many local social functions. A devout Christian, Don was active in the Lutheran faith at his church, Grace Lutheran of San Mateo, CA. The beautiful caring man that he was, Don cared for his mother Rose, in Nebraska, until her death at age 101 and then, for spouse Barbara as she battled serious health problems towards the end of her earthly life. If you would like to send a card, address it to: Family of Donald R. Milburn, c/o his three sons, Bryan Donald Grady, Arthur Roy Grady, and Timothy Leonard Grady. Tim Grady’s address is: 6103 Olive Grove Court, Kingwood, Texas 77345.

Another beautiful and always smiling member, also a Board officer, has recently gone to be with the angels, **George Trombulak**. Active in many local organizations, George leaves behind his sweet wife, **Alice**, and other family members including daughter-in-law Mrs. Charlotte Baxter. If you would care to send a card to the family, you may address it to both Alice and Charlotte at 2730 Summit Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010. (George came to us many years ago via the former Capital Airlines.)

To be voted upon next month, the following list of Board of Officers was submitted to membership: President **Ralph Trullinger**, Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet**, Treasurer **Art Barrett**, Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill**, Corresponding Secretary **Helen Cain**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Jerome Underhill**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathlyn Hutt**, Auditors **Judy Curran**, **Ben Vietz** and new candidate **Dorothy Reuszer**. (Welcome, Dorothy!) And if you see familiar names here, it is because we didn’t see hands up at any of our meetings volunteering to replace us! C’mon guys, we’re all in your shoes re: age, medical situations, perhaps active in other organizations, etc. It isn’t too late (it never is) to volunteer on one of our many committees. You will definitely benefit, believe me.

How very, very nice it was to have South Bay President **Dave Saso** visit our October meeting. He brought with him his charm and great smile, in addition to an invitation for our membership to attend his chapter’s annual Christmas luncheon in Santa Clara. It’s going to be a bit of a drive for most of us but where else can you share the warmth and camaraderie of this friendly group. As Jackie Gleason would say, “*How Sweet It Is!*”

As UAL retirees, just **where** haven’t you been? Any suggestions for Ginger? Our International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has a “Grand Egypt” cruise scheduled for February 9 - 23, 2011 and still has a few spaces left **if** you contact her right now! This beautiful Nile River Cruise will have English speaking Egyptologists available throughout the entire trip as you visit Cairo, Luxor and Aswan. Contact Ginger at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Another great cruise Ginger has planned for us is a “Scandinavian - Russian” adventure, August 26 - September 7, 2011 which leaves from Amsterdam (Holland). An optional air package is available. Your trip



will include stops in Berlin (Germany), Helsinki (Finland), St. Petersburg (Russia), Tallinn (Estonia) and Copenhagen (Denmark). Again, you must contact Ginger ASAP.

We have two important needs that “someone else” in our membership must fill. Our Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** and Newsletter Editor **Shirley Campbell** have long since filled their obligatory terms and are now fervently expressing their desire to be replaced. We have made this plea before ... where are you? Do you enjoy being able to have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate before our General Meetings? Do you like the special lunches after our General meeting? Do you appreciate being kept-up-to-date with local membership news items and other information? If you wouldn't miss this at all, then ... don't volunteer. These activities will soon cease if you're not there to take your turn. *Please think about it!*

Beginning on January 24, 2011 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday), in place of the usual potluck lunch at the conclusion of our General meeting ... we will all begin to “brown bag it”. There will be occasional exceptions, i.e. November's “Sandwich Day” which offered us delish and already prepared sandwiches (which you paid for as you walked in the door). And throughout the year, we will be offering occasional seasonal or holiday meals. For instance, to celebrate last year's Fourth of July, we offered a typically American meal - what else but hot dogs, beans, etc. That was fun!

We will continue our tradition of bringing very nice items to be raffled off by Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** to support our various charity funding. Do you have something that is new and isn't really “your style”? Bring it along and somebody's lucky raffle ticket will give it a happy new home.

Oh yes, and folks, our 2011 membership dues have increased another quarter (25 cents) to \$8.00. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** will be happy to take your money at the next meeting. Do remember that if you do not renew your 2011 membership promptly, your name will not appear in the next Membership Listing and your friends will wonder where on earth you have disappeared to!

**Personally Speaking:** “Traditional Holiday Fruit Cake”

1 C water, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 C sugar, 1 tsp. salt, 1 C brown sugar, Lemon juice, 4 large eggs, Nuts, 1 bottle rum, 2 C dried fruit.

Preparation: Sample rum to check quality. In a large bowl, check rum again; pour 1 level cup and drink to insure that rum is of the highest quality. Repeat. In electric mixer, beat 1 C butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp. sugar; beat again. At this point, it's best to make sure the rum is still OK. Try another cup, just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 leggs; add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the blankety-blank fruit up off floor. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a screwdriver. NEXT: Sample the rum to check for tonsisticity. Sift 2 C salt or something. Check the rum. Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add 1 table. Add a spoon of sugar or somefink. Whatever you canind. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. FINALLY: throw the bowl through the window. Finish the rum and wipe counter with the cat.

**Calendar:**

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, November meeting is at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404. **No December Meeting.** Regular meeting schedule will resume on January 2011.

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We will be holding our annual Winter Banquet at Mariani's on 12/7/10. We hope to welcome guests from other chapters and look forward to sharing our entertainment with our RUAEA friends. There will be tableside violin & guitar music plus the special and talented vaudevillian Master of Ceremony. Please contact President **Dave Sasso** at (408) 266-9347 for flyers and meal order forms as we need to RSVP.

**Georgia Nielsen**, UA Historical Foundation Secretary and her husband were our guests this month. At breakfast and very close to the merger date, one of our members mentioned that UAL once had a combination United-Continental Flight. Georgia raised her hand and said she was a Flight Attendant on those flights and

proceeded to tell her story. Too detailed for here, but if you get a chance meeting with her, the story is interesting.

With the sound of “cow bells”, our meeting comes to order. Our Halloween themed party started at 7:00 for those interested in getting the decorations just perfect. President Dave, as a Jedi Knight, gave the instructions and our room was transformed to a deep dark forest with magically growing pumpkins near the ground. The dancing pumpkins in the sky lightened the eeriness of the forest. Many wore costumes and basked in their “silliness”. A few of them even made a stop at Trader Joe’s after our meeting.

**Marion Gaevert** took her second ride in the Zeppelin this month. She first departed from Moffit, but could not visit San Francisco because of the fog. With her on the first flight was one of her sons and the next flight departing from Oakland was another son. The weather was a perfect 78 in San Francisco on the second flight so they saw both bridges; flew over the Oakland Airport and other scenic spots on our Peninsula. Her next venture, she says is Monterey. **Mary Lou & Al Rogers** returned from their trip to Guam and Manila where they visited among many sights, the 2000-year old Banaue Rice Terraces. They told of the “simple” people and their simple way of life.

Our Sunshine Lady **LaDonna Eggert**’s reports have not been so short this month. **Ruie Bradley** made a dash to ER after falling; **Garver Sandy** is in lots of pain with his back and made a trip to ER; **Dee Coleman** has been having back problems; she is doing better. **Elaine Kristen** has braces on her legs to strengthen them. Her motivation is the desire to get behind the wheel again. **Bill Reichard** expected to take off running when his leg cast was removed. He will follow orders and use his cane a bit longer. **George Smith** is home from the care facility and praises the facility, but says he has his good and bad days. **Anna & Dwayne Howze** were at breakfast last week but not this week. Anna is looking great but not fully recovered from her knee surgery. We’re rooting for you Anna. **Jean Jenkins** decided to keep her cold to herself, so we’ve not seen Jean & Jack in a couple of weeks. Best wishes for all of your continued improvement from your friends!

News: **Ruie Bradley** will be moving to Grass Valley where her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren will be close at hand. Her family is building her lodge on their property and the smile on her face shows how much she will miss us. **Alex Klaus**, our soon to be President explains that she will be leaving 40 of us and we will be losing only one.

#### Calendar:

(8:00 AM Friday Breakfast at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot)

**December 1** - Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Loon Wah, hosted by **Joan Dahl & Nancy Walb**, (408) 966-8171 or 408-966-2161.

**December 7** - Winter Banquet at Mariani’s - Please Contact President **Dave Sasso** at (408) 266-9347 for flyers and meal orders forms as we need to RSVP.



#### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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Today is October 23<sup>rd</sup> and it is a cool, cloudy and rainy day here in Jamestown. Fall has finally arrived and I love this weather. Halloween is just around the corner and all the ghosts and goblins will be on the streets trick or treating. It’s always a fun time. And then comes Thanksgiving and Christmas and before we know it, the year will be over. Time passes quickly and hopefully everyone is enjoying good health and having fun.

Everyone had a fun time at our last luncheon/meeting which was hosted by **Joyce & Don Temple** and **Rosie & Jack Walls**. The luncheon was held at the Pine Tree Restaurant in Sonora and we snacked on nuts and candy corn before we ate a delicious lunch. We had a raffle and many happy winners of little Fall knick knacks ... really cute!

We were very happy to have **Ken & Arline Harrell** join us for lunch and also **Art & Jean Moore**. We don’t get to see them very often but we were happy they were able to join us. We had a total of 41 people at our luncheon and that was a great turnout.

In November, we met at my favorite place, the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. They have a wonderful variety of foods to choose from at their buffet. Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Saddle Creek Restaurant in Copperopolis.

If you would like to join us at any of our luncheon meetings which are always held on the second Thursday of the month, 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 11<sup>th</sup> with 23 guests and members in attendance. We welcome back **Warren Bartlett, Ed Bingle & Mark**.

Our Treasurer, **Rich Bouska**, reports that our treasury is in good shape and we will be making donations to two worthwhile causes. **Nancy Boyle** recommended the "Elderly Wish Foundation" of Contra Costa County. They have granted wishes to the elderly in our community such as tickets to the DEN Broncos, Fruit Baskets, Family Dinner, tickets to the St Louis Cardinals, etc. A motion was made and seconded and we will be sending money. A second motion was made and seconded to send money to **Al & Cindy Braun**, victims of the San Bruno fire. Al is a long time employee of United at SFO. He is still in the hospital with burns as is his wife and sister-in-law. They lost their grandmother in the fire. Their home was completely destroyed. If anyone wishes to contribute, here is the information: Alliant Credit Union, PO Box 60050, City of Industry, CA 91716 - Al & Cindy Braun Relief Fund - Account number 16341601 S21.

**Rich Bouska** shared his and **Georgia's** wonderful Mediterranean Cruise with many of their friends and family last month. Envy was present by all of us!

**Ken Price** also shared his fabulous trip to Alaska.

**Diane** shared her experiences at the Family Day at the MOC on October 10<sup>th</sup>. It was truly amazing ... be sure to come next year, it is really worth it. Aircraft tours, play area for the children, food booths and lots of "freebies" and informational tables by the Unions, Health Plans, Alliant Credit Union, etc. RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** and his wife **Barbara** were there with a table of brochures and information on RUAEA as well as a table by Clipped Wings. **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** were also there to answer questions about RUAEA. Last but not least, the Blue Angels flew overhead and parked right by the activities area. A rare chance to see them up close.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

#### Calendar:

**December 13** - Annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection)

**January 10**

**February 14**

### **COLORADO**

#### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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November 6 was the Mile High Chapter's breakfast at United's Flight Training Center with sixty in attendance. It was a beautiful fall day in Denver and hard to believe that winter was just around the corner.

We had some special guests: **Don LeFureg**, the President of the local chapter for Continental's retirees and **Mick Manfre**, the National President of Continental's retirees. Attending from the Credit Union were Thomas Bruntz and Stella Mendoza. **Marilyn Hansen's** grandson **Daniel White** also joined us along with **Dianne**

**Adkins, Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** daughter. It was really good to see **Mel Conine, Walt Hansen** and **Russ Savig** out.

**Tom Goodyear** reported that the following had passed away: **Oma Green** on October 30. Her husband **Jack's** address is 8312 Yarrow Ct., Arvada, CO 80005. **Bert Hanou's** wife, **Case Hanou** passed away of cancer on October 17. Bert's address is 5341 South Jasmine St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111. **Bob Tive** passed away in early October; he had a stroke in May. The address for Bob's wife, **Trina**, is 11092 West Cooper Dr. Littleton, CO 80127. Also, **Lou Addis** lost his wife **Claire** on Oct, 14, Lou's address is 3005 E. 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Thornton, CO 80241.

Those reported sick are **Ricky Kimata** who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. **Larry Cannon** is in home hospice care; Larry's address is 13161 St. Paul Dr. Thornton, CO 80241, please, no visitors or calls.

I am sure all of the above would like a card.

Tom reported that the United Benefits Center stated that United and Continental employees and retirees will be receiving new file numbers. But it's not known when.

**Virgil Gooselaw** reported that the "online survey" floating around the intranet was for Continental employees and retirees. United employees and retirees should not respond to it! United's survey will be coming soon. Tom and Virgil will do their best to get the word out when it is available. The survey will be in SkyNet. It is important that we all get involved and respond when it comes out, if we want to keep United's current Travel Policy!

The Christmas luncheon will be on December 8 at the Holiday Inn Select, Denver - Cherry Creek. Address is 455 S. Colorado Blvd. Social Hour 1100, lunch 1200 noon. Menu choices:

- ☞ Roasted Pear Salad, Radish and Blue Cheese with baby greens and Pear Vinaigrette (no nuts)
- ☞ Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin topped with a Port and Fruit Reduction Sauce and Apple sauce.
- ☞ Roasted Turkey served with dressing whipped potatoes and gravy.
- ☞ Baked Tilapia served with a sweet saffron cream sauce.

Desserts: Pumpkin and Pecan pie. Drinks: Coffee, Ice Tea and Water. Price is \$19 P/P for your entree choice. When you send your check, write your choice of meal on it and if you have guest(s), include their names on the check. Send it to **Harriett Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211 by December 1, 2010. Phone (303) 477-2918. Don't forget to bring unwrapped toys for children ages 4 to 8.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Wayne Greenhill, Charlie Hassler, OJ Keip, Paul Miller, Clayton Smith** and **Jim Ogden**. Thanks, fellows!

#### 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

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We held our regular meeting on September 27 at The Village Inn. We entertained 7 members including United Airlines Historical Foundation President **Tom Goodyear** and his daughter **Amy Bruchs**. Tom spoke to the group regarding United's future.

We had our October meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> with a small group including **Richard Franco** and his 4 year old son Logan. We discussed the CO/UA merger and its effect on Social Security, PBGC, insurance and travel.

We hear our OAKOZ friend **Bill Fritsch** is doing well after a quad bypass in September. Late news of **Carroll Lowe**, OAKFF retiree, passed away in May 2010.

We had a meeting on November 1 with about 30 retired and active displaced COSOZ employees at Old Chicago on N. Powers. The occasion was **Gary Harper** getting a full time job in STLOZ after a 4 year layoff. Retiree **Joel Mattheis** was there after successful knee surgery and said his wife **Patty Mattheis** is recovering well after 4 months in the hospital.

We held a meeting on November 2 with **Jane Lopez** to discuss COS and Skywest. They just hired 14 new employees and promoted **Shonda Nofzinger** as Shift Manager of 10 supervisors.



Our regular meetings are at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25. Welcome all to southern Colorado!

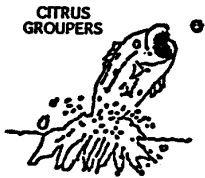
Calendar:

**November 22** – Regular Lunch meeting

**December 20** – Regular lunch meeting

**January 24** - Regular lunch meeting

**FLORIDA**



**THE VILLAGES  
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Our President **Mandy Ocampo** led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance with 20 members in attendance. Mandy then discussed the temporary travel plans for CO and UA for retirees. Look online on SkyNet, now Flying Together, for a survey asking for your input on travel priorities. It will be online only. Be sure to complete it and assist anyone who does not have internet access to complete it.

Our Christmas party will be on December 6, 2010 at Katie Belle's in Spanish Springs, The Villages. Cocktails at 4:30, Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, payable to **Mandy Ocampo** before 11/22/10. His address is 1738 Rosebury Loop, The Villages, FL 32162. The entrée choices are Chicken Parmigiana, Salmon Roll, Chicken Marsala, and Sliced Roast Beef.

Because of the holidays, there will be no RUAEA meeting of the Citrus Groupers in November or December. Remember, the meeting date has been changed to the **last** Thursday of each month, starting with January, 2011.

Day trips were discussed, one of which is the Casino Boat leaving from Port Canaveral with bus pick up in the Villages. Think about it for 2011 and bring any ideas to the next meeting.

**Claus Brinnitzer** recently had hip surgery after a fall from his bike. He was at the October meeting and walking beautifully. Good for you, Claus.

Dues will be collected in January for the year 2011, the amount is \$5.00. Our Treasurer's report gave a total of \$445.00. The membership voted to donate \$200.00 to the Moffitt Cancer Fund of the Villages.

**Elaine Cantillo** won the 50/50 prize and she picked her number herself out of a basket.

October Birthdays - **Jack Hellerman, Edith Hellerman, Joan Hurst, Sandy Janezick, Karl Joanni, Edward Lawhon, Ethel Soloman.**

October Wedding Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. **Bob Anderson**, Mr. & Mrs. **Joe Cantillo**, Mr. & Mrs. **Jack Spalding.**

If we missed anybody, we're sorry. We need everyone in the area to show up to the meetings and sign the attendance sheet so that we can computerize the list with name, address, phone number, and e-mail addresses.

Calendar:

**December 6** – Christmas Party

## SAND“DABS”

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President **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting with 15 members present. We were happy to see **Bud & Karen Gammill** back with us again for the winter. Karen is singing again with two groups she belongs to. **Steve & Lillian Moddle** are in NC taking care of house & grandchildren as their daughter recovers from surgery. **Johanette** needs our prayers. **Lowell & Anne Johnston** are off cruising.

Our birthday celebrants present were **Penny Logan** and **Emily Veracka**. Anniversary celebrants were **Al & Irene Warner**, 34 years. Company Anniversary was **Bud Gammill**, 50 yrs. Our Sand“DABS” Chapter celebrates 14 yrs. together. **Rick Johnson** won the 50/50, again!

We're all going to have to concentrate and e-mail Prez. Dick some funny jokes - it seems his barrel of jokes is running dry. Before we have another meeting, **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** will be on a cruise. Frieda wants to horseback ride on the beach. Since she's never been on a horse before, wouldn't you like to be there to witness this?

We have decided to keep the present officers for the coming year. (My guess is no one else wants the job.) For some unknown reason, I was appointed to be Chaplain, whatever that means. Maybe these people really do need a lot of prayers! The only good thing for me was a mistake made in the kitchen, and my lunch came late. They graciously gave me a free lunch so it was worth the wait. Our Dec. meeting is changed to Dec. 9 and lunch will be at Halifax River Yacht Club. A menu was chosen. Do check your e-mails. Reservations and fee must be in by Dec. 2 to **Frieda Coughlin**.

There was some discussion regarding our travel passes. There are still some things that have to be worked out between the differences of the two companies. We're hoping seniority wins.

Thought for today - *Not all people who wander are lost.*

Calendar:

**December 9** - 11:30 - Halifax River Yacht Club

**January 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**February 3** - 11:39 - Red Lobster



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Thirty-nine members and guest, **Anthony Gaydos**, son of members **Lou & Joan**, stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a special tribute was paid, during this month of November, to veterans of all wars and extra thanks to all those serving today.

**Stan Halterman** then led us in prayer for several of our members, as we all asked that, “*God, please wrap your loving arms around each one of them.*”

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Please keep these folks in your prayers, and especially Gene in the loss of JoAnn.

There was much discussion about the UA/CO merger. The new “Flying Together” when you log into SkyNet, Pass Travel, Medical enrollment and benefits. It is so important to read all of the information being sent by the company. Join a local RUAEA chapter near you so that you can keep up on all the changes. Be informed and have your questions answered. RUAEA will be fighting for all of us in the days and weeks ahead. Numbers do count. Support them. Get involved. Stay connected. Renew friendships. Make new ones! Have some fun! PS: This was NOT a paid political announcement! Just my input.

We have had a wonderful (that means huge!) response to our Christmas luncheon to be held on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the newest Bonefish Grill, just north of the airport on Semoran Blvd. We will be voting on the recipients for our annual Christmas donations at this luncheon.

November is the Birthday month for both **Patti & Monte Clark**. Happy Birthday! Anniversary Best Wishes to our Loving Couple, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, on celebrating 52 years together! Congratulations to you!

Calendar:

**Luncheon time - first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.** Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road).

**December 8** - Wednesday, Christmas Luncheon at the Airport Bonefish Grill. Call right now! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

**January 4** - Luncheon

**February 1** - Luncheon

**March 1** - Luncheon

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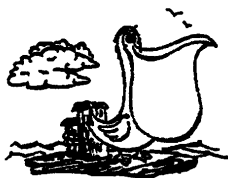
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The Pelican Drop-Ins met on Friday, November 5, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. There were 20 members present and one guest/speaker. Following lunch, **Jerry Pryde** introduced our program speaker Laura Ragain, executive director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of SW Florida, located on the campus of Southpark Medical Center in South Ft. Myers. It was interesting to hear the history of Ronald McDonald Houses and to learn of the services they provide to families with seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. In addition, this one also provides two mobile clinics that deliver dental and educational services to underserved area children right in their neighborhoods. Also, they have a grants program that allows matching funds to financially assist qualified local children's charities and a RMHC scholarship program for local high school seniors pursuing higher education.

President **Bill Burg** asked for volunteers to fill a couple leadership openings for the coming year. **Mel Volz** will continue as treasurer, **Jerry Pryde** for programs, **Sandy Pryde** and **Joan Gilkison** as secretaries (newsletters and reporting). **John Dainus** agreed to be the vice president with responsibility for the monthly 50/50 raffle. The electronic survey of all UAL and Continental employees that is being conducted was discussed - especially how to log in to the system. Everyone was encouraged to participate in that survey.

The 50/50 raffle winner was **Bee McCarthy**. Other winners were **Rosemary Blake**, **Bibianne Schultz**, **Maxine Brown**, **John Dainus**, **Tom McNabb**, **Joan Gilkison**, **Sandy Pryde**, and **Mel Volz**.

The Christmas luncheon/party will be Friday, December 3. Bring a wrapped gift (valued under \$10 - a white elephant gift or otherwise) to participate in the gift exchange. We look forward to our usual good time! Join us!

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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President **Barbara Riecse** called the meeting to order on Nov 1, at Tiffany's Restaurant, with 20 members and 2 guest speakers in attendance. Guest speakers were from AmeriLife - on Health Care Reform.

No birthdays or anniversaries.

Travel - **Mary Judd** visited family in South Carolina. **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** drove to IL/WI to see family.

Sunshine Chairperson **Terri Breslin** reported that a sympathy card was sent to **Mary Martin**.

Picnic Report - **Jon Wilkinson** reported that the pavilion wasn't clean. He complained and we have the pavilion free for our April 2011 Picnic.

If you are visiting Florida or just in the neighborhood, join us. For more info please call **Barb Riecse** at (727) 379-9730.

### Calendar:

**December 6** - 11:00 Christmas Lunch at Spartan Manor

**January 3** - Meeting at Tiffany's Restaurant, 10:30 AM.

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On Election day November 2, we had 12 members in attendance and everyone present had already cast their vote.

**Mary Kay Wetherington** was home with bronchitis, and needs to get well so she can visit her son and family in Houston. Get well quick and have a wonderful trip.

**Barbara Dodenhoff** will be celebrating Thanksgiving with her family in New York.

**Sharon & Tom Kolibab** celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on November 6, and then drove to Cleveland for Thanksgiving and probably won't be able to come down to Florida until January 4, 2011. She has recovered from her surgery and is doing well.

Constantinos was in attendance but Celina was still under the weather and could not join us.

**Ron Brodis** is planning on having knee surgery on December 13 so he can attend our Holiday Party. That's the way to go Ron!

When Al brought the meeting to order with his trusty meat hammer and block of wood, everyone had a laugh and insisted he do it again!

After the meeting began, some conversation was taking place and Al brought the gavel down and asked to please be quiet! Silence was the way it was for the rest of the meeting, unless he asked the audience for their responses.

We covered a lot of issues, like the merger, pass travel, medical, and let's not forget, The Holiday Party. Al thought it would be a good idea to try to find Continental retirees and have them join our group. We all felt it would be kind of interesting to talk to them, after all, our companies have merged, and become friends and merge our groups as well. We understand that Continental does not have a chapter locally and only five chapters, system wide in major cities. It would be interesting to find local Continental retirees in our area.

Speaking of The Holiday Party, it will be on December 6 and commence at 6PM to 7PM with before dinner snacks, then at 7PM, a sit down dinner. An open cash bar will also be available. We will tell you all about our Party in our next report. Mulligan's always treats us well and anyone that would like to join us, please do so; we would love to meet and party with you. Costs for this wonderful evening are \$20.00 for members and \$28.00 for guests. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots.



September elections are as follows for the 2011-2012 Board. President - **Al Popek**, Vice President - **Paul Liebisch**, Treasurer - **Diane Liebisch**, Secretary - **M. Jane Kerr**.

Happy Birthday to **Artie Frage**, **Millie Rossi** and **Celina Xifaras**, they will be celebrating their birthdays in December.

**Michael Carragher** won the progressive and since he wasn't in attendance, it will go back to next month, Constantinos won the 50/50.

*On the lighter side:*

*The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old! At first, I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question and I would ponder it and let her know.*

*Old age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body, but I don't agonize over it for long.*

*I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving brother who is the only one left in my immediate family, and my son, for less gray hair or a flatter belly.*

*As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for buying some silly ornament that I don't need. I have seen too many of my dear friends leave this world too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. I am entitled to be extravagant if I desire.*

*Whose business is it if I sleep until 11AM, dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50's and 60's. I may sometimes be forgetful, although not too often, but there again some of life is just as well forgotten and I always try to remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken, but how can your heart not break when you lose a loved one. Broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.*

*I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say no and mean it and I can say yes and mean it. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.*

*So, to answer the question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become and I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. For the first time in my life, I don't have to have a reason to do the things I want to do. If I want to play games on the computer all day, take a nap in the afternoon, watch old movies or if I don't want to go to the beach or a movie, I have earned that right. I have put in my time doing everything for others, so now I can be a bit selfish without feeling guilty. My husband is gone and now I have more time for me. Am I lonesome, yes, but life goes on, so make the best of everything you have in your life.*

*I sometimes feel sorry for the young. They face a far different world than I knew growing up, where we feared the law, respected the Old, the Flag and our Country, and were proud to be American. I never felt the need to use filthy language in order to express myself and I am grateful to have been born when I was, into a kinder, gentler world and yes I like being old! They too will grow old someday.*

*Remember live, laugh and love don't wait until tomorrow do it today.*

Calendar:

**December 6** – Mulligan's Holiday Party, 6PM (in lieu of regular meeting)

**January 4** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

**February 8** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

## GEORGIA



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Twenty eight Flyers and two guests were in attendance at our November 3 meeting, held at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Melisa Lane** and **Tina Meyers**, daughters of **Lyle & Joanna Meyers**, whom have been ever faithful to attending our luncheons. It's always good to see them present.

This was the first time we had our meeting at The Broadway Diner and at 2:00 PM instead of 12:00 noon. Everyone seemed to like the environment much better, as we had a very nice room, and the menu was absolutely great. With a choice of over 200 items plus some very good looking deserts, all seemed to agree the food was above and beyond in quality and quantity. The service was extremely good also. No one left hungry as most left with leftover boxes.

**Fred Cron** conducted the 50/50 and Fred asked Steve the restaurant owner to draw the winning ticket. **Marge Shelley** had the winning ticket and donated the proceeds to The Promise Place. **Bill Elk** held a business meeting and members discussed the merger travel benefits and the medical financial verification process from the letters members received from United Benefits Section.

**Bruce Brodersen**, our Regional Southeast Director, fielded questions and answered members' questions on these subjects. Most agreed that traveling is somewhat more difficult because of the heavy load factors and limited flights. It is still best to travel on middle of the weekdays when the loads are not as heavy.

On our sick list is **Pat Gunny**, wife of **Ron Gunny**. Pat is in Emory University Hospital in Atlanta battling a very serious disease. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat & Ron. Also, **Ron Heider** was under the weather in the hospital for a few days but is out and doing well now. One of our former members, **Bill Martinez**, is also in the hospital with heart problems. Get well wishes go out to all. On a sadder note, **Jane Brown** lost her brother **John Thornton** in October after a brief battle with cancer. All send our condolences.

### Calendar:

**December 1** - Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:00 PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828. Please note the time change.

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### BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems met for breakfast at JB's Restaurant on Monday, November 1 with the following members in attendance: **Bud & Pat Peters**, **Bernadette Juanich-Llanes**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Ned Yundt**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Ann Rose**, **Gloria Trotter**, **Joe Varady**, **Denny Snyder**, **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff**, and **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**.

**Teresa Slagel**, an employee of United Express at the Boise Airport, told us that the Fantasy Flight Program will be on December 4 and she needed our group's help. She would like for our group to make cookies for the children taking the flight on December 4. There would be 80 children and requested 2-3 cookies be placed in a baggie and tied with ribbon for each child. Teresa also asked the members if they would like to donate a Christmas gift to a child. Teresa was meeting with community leaders to get their support to for this wonderful program. Rick told Teresa he would email our membership to get a list of those who want to participate in the Fantasy Flight Program.

Rick announced that the Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 8, at the Dempsey home. Members would be receiving an invitation to this event.

Calendar:

**December 4** - Fantasy Flight, Boise Airport

**December 6** - Breakfast at JB's Restaurant, Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

**December 8** - Christmas Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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The first week of October, Skyliners numbering 13 gathered in Door County for 5 days to visit our Loonies cousins. The group included **Esther & Al Broderson, Marge Daily, Carol & Bob Faust, Jan Gawenda, Bob Jacobson, Norm Pearson, Mary Szabo, Jacque & Jim Sontheimer, Ginny & Frank Vlach. Norm Wilkenson** and **Bob Brainard** were our hosts. We camped out at the Homestead Suites in Fish Creek complete with indoor pools, fireplaces, refrigerators, micro-waves and TVs. Wisconsin was at the beginning of their leaves turning colors. On the agenda was a luncheon at Al Johnson's in Sister Bay, famous for their Swedish cuisine. First timers had the same reaction as I had years ago to first think they were dreaming but then were agog at the goats eating the grass on the sodden roof. Also, we enjoyed a spectacular Fish Boil dinner in Fish Creek that tasted as good as the boil preparation show. A bit of Chicago was the cruise in Sturgeon Bay on a Chicago Fire Department boat used on Lake Michigan. The so-long dinner was more fish in Bailey's Harbor at Florians restaurant where all the windows had a view of Lake Michigan lit up by moonlight and stars. The Loonies have an open invitation to join in their bi-annual gathering but once you join, you're a Loonie too.

Only one anniversary this month, that of **Eileen & Harvey Bruning** joining the over fifty year club. Keep up the good work.

We had 169 guests at our fall luncheon at the Bristol Court in Mt. Prospect. Among those attending was **Hal Weary**, still going strong in his second century. We had a vote on incoming officers for the 2011 & 2012 years and our officers are: President - **Robert Kalicki**, Vice President - **Helen Cauwels**, Secretary - **William Churchill** and Treasurer - **Charles Lewis**. Bill had a cataract surgery on one eye which was successful just in time for his new recording duties.

Our Christmas luncheon will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Avalon located at 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL. **John Koehl, Ron Artman** and **Ken Thiede** are in the beginning stages, planning our Spring luncheon.

We welcomed **June Ducharme** to our Northside breakfast for the first time in October. Just mark the second Wednesday of the month to join us again.

**Christine Romanoff** had a wonderful trip visiting family and friends in Poland. **Carol & Al Giovanazzi** went on a Mediterranean cruise on the Norwegian line visiting Pisa, Rome, Monte Carlo, Palma, Majorca and back to Barcelona, Spain. The cost for the trip was \$500 per person on NCL.

**Sal & Darlene** just returned from a warm family reunion in Cefalu, Sicily in September. They enjoyed the breathtaking scenery and historical structures of this town dating back to 396 B.C. The journey back in time was enhanced as they traced Sal's ancestors in the town's records. A dip in the Roman spring-fed pools proved quite refreshing.

Despite the 50 to 60 MPH winds, 15 hardy souls made it to the Southside breakfast. Paid off for **Bill Adams**, who was one of the raffle winners (his wife had already won \$200 in Vegas on the penny slots), **Sylvester Gant, Mary Brandt** and **Bill Brookins** joined the winners circle. The whole group got to enjoy Halloween candy donated by candy man **Rudy Maki**.

**Barb Wesemann** went to Colorado Springs to celebrate great nephew's birthday and continued on to visit N. and S. Carolina relatives with her sister.

**Tom Hurley** visited Smith Village in West Beverly and ran into **Helen Collins** and **Virginia Hilkens**. The address is 12828 S. LaGrange Rd., Palos Park, IL 60464.

*My thanks to **Agnes Pearson** who collected the news while my husband and I were trying to cope with the winds that ripped off the tarp ceiling of one of the gazebos and loss of electricity twice in two days.*

On behalf of all Skyliners, Officers and Planning Committee - A big thank you for your donations to the Postage Fund. These donations are used to defray costs in sending out flyers and enable to keep our membership dues at the \$5.00 level. So thanks to **Sylvia Archer, Elizabeth Ashton, Walter Beaudette, Muriel Bergsma, Joanne Bichsel, Jim Bicknase, Joseph Boberek, Eugene Burda, Beverly Burlage, Joyce Campbell, Phyllis Capuzelo, Helen Cauwels, Marilyn Chaplin, Walter Chornomaz, Bill Churchill, Richard Del Boccio, Mary Florent, Pedro Franco, MaryBeth Guthman, Dianne Hennessy, Peter Kapischke, Mary Keenan, Helen Lewin, Charlie Lewis, Lorraine Licause, Cathy Lindquist, Lois Malone, Terri Martin, Carol Mayday, Ed Meyer, Mary McCarville, Nancy Meyer, Virginia Monaco, Lowell Neal, Marjorie Nelson, Robert O'Connor, Harold Ogle, Norm Pearson, Ray Potsic, John Rairigh, Bob Roeder, Christine Romanoff, Tom Strobel, Gerry Vann, Jim Vlazny, Jean Siel, Tony Stefanos, Don Tutt, Mary Szabo, John Wade, Laurene Wagner, Hal Weary, MaryKay Wojtal and Dennis Zachara.** *Big, big Thank You!*

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**December 28 & January 25**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café and Backereaia, 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (**December 8 & January 12**)

Food depository - First Tuesday if each month.

**December 6** - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Elk Grove Village

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Many of the retirees have asked about **Angie Malouhas** since she has not attended the Luncheons in the last year. The Midway Guys and Gals have also asked about Angie since she too, worked at Midway and has not come to the Luncheons recently.

I have talked with Angie and while she had some health problems, she is well and doing fine. She lives with her sister Ceil and her cat, Homer. However, Angie did have a very sad loss when her brother Tony died in August. Tony would come to some of the Loop Group Luncheons with Angie and was an interesting and fun person to know and will be missed.

Angie was one of the founders of the Loop Group back in 1997. The Luncheons began at Trader Vic's which was located in the Palmer House. When Trader Vic's closed, the Luncheon moved up to the second floor restaurant which closed when the Palmer House changed hands and renovations began. The Luncheons then moved to the Renaissance Hotel where we have been for about 3 years.

Angie's friends can get in touch with her at 1542 W. Farwell Ave. Chicago, IL 60626, (773) 465-7420.

There is no luncheon scheduled for December. Since some of the Loop Group Snow Birds will be escaping the Chicago Winter. The next scheduled luncheon for January 19, 2011 has been canceled.

However, we do plan to meet on our regular March 16, 2011 date with more members and Spring arriving.

Calendar:

**December** – No luncheon scheduled

**January 19** – Luncheon Canceled

**March 16** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.



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Many happy holiday wishes to our fellow retirees. May the New Year bring you good health, wealth and a life of wonderful sharing with your family and friends.

As the last remaining leaves fall from the trees; a hint of winter chill threatens as rain turns into hail and snowflakes dance across the roads early in November. Music of the holidays is already playing on the radio. People rush around from store to store making early purchases in anticipation of gift giving.

Since I believe in term limits, I will be passing the proverbial "writing pen" to **Dimple Rihel** as our new correspondent for RUAEA. I have enjoyed relating travel highlights, tips, stories and news items about members and activities of Indy Racers and thank all who have contributed.

This month we look forward to meeting Midwest director **Helen Cauwels**. Additionally, our meeting will host representatives from the Marines for our "Toys for Tots" program and donations. We always enjoy hearing from these enthusiastic young men and women.

**Gail & Warren Allen** will be leaving on their drive to Alamo, Texas where they stay for the winter. **Cheri Innis** and her mother attended a "gem and jewelry" show in Houston, Texas; a favorite way to celebrate her mother's birthday. In speaking to **Hannalore Brabo**, she and **Ray** enjoyed a two-week visit with their son David in Seattle, celebrating their granddaughter's first birthday. **Mary Chandler** is planning a trip to Hawaii.

One of the discussions our group had was to contact retirees of Continental Airlines and invite them to our meetings. We are still working on that. Finally, plans are underway for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:30PM at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN. As usual, we will have a gift exchange of \$15 per couple or per person. Guests are asked to pay \$5 while members donate side dishes and desserts. The main entrée and beverages are provided by the chapter. For reservations, please contact the phone number above by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy birthday wishes to **Mary Chandler**.

### Calendar:

**December 4** –Holiday party at Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN from 12:30 P.M., no regular meeting this month.

**January 11** – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 1:30 P.M.; meeting starts at 3:00 P.M.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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Due to my own error, this offering wasn't published in the November's Newsletter. So, there will be two reports for this month.

The Nor'Easters September luncheon took place 50 miles south of Boston in Historic Plymouth, MA; home to Plymouth Rock and Mayflower II. Once a year, we dine at Isaac's restaurant on the waterfront, with a view of Plymouth Harbor and the Mayflower replica. My prime rib was so large, half had to go to a doggie bag. I remember when I could eat it all! The weather was perfect, the food excellent and the company better. Unfortunately, our crowd was small, but most of our regulars were present; **Don Latter, George Mavreles, Bill**

**Marios, Andy & Carol Montalto, Jerry & Peg Peters, Anthony Postale, Bill Shailor, Lew & Sylvia Shakley, Bill & Elaine Vanderwal, Mark & Theresa Hutchings, Helmut Umbley, Dick Vee, Jimmy Yip** and two guests. We missed **Charlie Staula** who had to cancel at the last minute. **Bob & Joan Lincoln** who never miss lunch at Isaac's except this one, were up in Canada, where a new grandson was born to Bob's family. **George Mavreles** was the 50/50 winner and **Mark Hutchings** the free lunch.

The Shakleys who RV to Florida as snowbirds, just took an early RV trip to Bar Harbor, ME to attend Lew's brother's wedding. **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** took a late Oct trip to Ft. Myers, FL to visit **Paul & Mary Ward**, Nor'Easter members who now live there. **Kathy Latter** is doing well after her chemo treatments and is looking forward to getting back to work after a nine month hiatus. **Bill Shailor's** daughter Kim, who usually accompanies Bill at our Christmas luncheon is off to Rome & Venice with her boyfriend. Hope to see Kim again at this Christmas lunch. Bill, our oldest member, relayed info on his kid sister Faith, now 74 years young. Faith has 9 children, 67 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren. Like starting your own work force! While asking everyone for Newsletter info, **George Mavreles** advised he is still alive and kicking, on the outside, but falling apart on the inside. Well George, personally, I'm looking for a Dr. Frankenstein to remove my brain and insert it into a young healthy body! **Helen Wilson** asked to thank the Nor'Easters for the dish garden and cards, when husband **Bob** passed away. Hope Helen will come to our next luncheon. **John Regan, Jayne's** husband had hand surgery again before heading off to Florida as snowbirds. Hope this last surgery works for you John!

November's birthdays: **Bob DePippo, Joe Duda, Ray Forster, Marcia Kilpatrick, Bob Seibold, Lyn Walter and Dick Woodworth.**

November's anniversaries: **Edward & Kathleen Aldorisio** (10 years), **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (29 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (47 years).

Well, it's that time of the year again when Mother Nature treats us New Englanders to her full glory. The colors and beautiful contrasts of the trees should rate as one of the world's wonders. Unfortunately, it only lasts 2 to 4 weeks, with the negative being that winter is just around the corner, and I'm not out there skiing any more. Also, the aircrafts are full of "Leaf Peppers", meaning the New England airports had all the hecticness as any holiday could offer, along with lots of DBs, (denied boarding's). Glad to be out of that scene.

I'm so glad state and federal elections are over, but this is the time for chapter members to consider their candidacy for the privilege of becoming a chapter officer. I'm looking forward to being challenged for my secretarial position, as I'm sure other officers are too.

Our November meeting will take place after the Newsletter's deadline, so report on that will be in next month's newsletter. However, we thank **Larry Page** of Alliant Credit Union, a former United employee, who arranged for its President/CEO Dave Mooney's presentation for the Nor'Easters. His info was informative and garnered many questions from our ranks. Also noted, this year is the Credit Unions 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Tyrone "Woody" Withreo** had aorta aneurysm surgery, hospitalized for two weeks, then rehab for a week. He is home now and says he's feeling good.

**Anthony "Tony" Berardi** left our world on October 27 after several years fighting cancer. Another good man passing away much too soon. His family had a celebration of Tony's life a few days later. He got to do the many things he always wanted to do in his last few years. Tony was a past treasurer of the Nor'Easters and a regular attendee at meetings until his illness. Well liked by all who knew Tony, many of our members were in attendance at his life celebration.

**Charley Staula** advised me that **Joyce Colbert Bossio**, formerly BOSRR, passed away in October. I worked with Joyce in 1967 and last saw her at the 1998 convention held in BOS. Joyce lived in CA, so no info on her passing or family.

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

December's Anniversary: **Virginia & Timothy Howells** (26 years).

*"Don't let age get you down – it's hard to get back up again!"*

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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16 Escapees gathered at Sinbad's on November 4, hosted by **Suzie Hicks**. Everyone had a pocket notebook at their place setting from our host, so no more excuses for not remembering important things. Now the only challenge is where we put the notebook. We were delighted to visit with **Sheila Dean** from Carlsbad, CA who flew in to celebrate hers and **Sallie Reithel's** birthdays together as they have been doing for years.

Escapees **Sharon Jacob**, **Bonnie Fleming** and sister, **Joan** and **Marie** along with **Ann Bartok** and her sister **Dorothy**, had a wonderful time with the Loonies in Door County. Dorothy was the lucky one with the traditional car disaster this time when one of her rear windows fell down and would not stay up. Once again, **Jim Simon** came to the rescue. Yup! Good old reliable duct-tape does the trick when all else fails. Our hosts **Norm Wilkinson & Bob Brainerd** must be special in the eyes of the weather Gods, as it was perfect, then God gave us spectacular paintings in red, yellow and oranges everywhere we looked. All this mixed with reminiscing with this special group once more made for a perfect trip ... almost ... We did miss many of our MN regulars and hope all is well with them. Also missing was the Loonies' president **Clyde Johnson** who had just started a new job, driving a school bus of youngsters and it was his first day on the job. However, we did meet him and **Doris** for dinner twice, en-route through the Upper Peninsula.

I was saddened when I returned home to learn that one of the Loonies' charter members, **Ron Millard** passed on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> from kidney failure and lung problems. Love and prayers to wife; **Barbara** @ 9541 Highway 1, Isabella, MN 55607. Now ... the one thing that went really wrong ... Marie was drafted to host the May 2011 meet, which I have no clue where to start or what to do. Mark your calendar, the dates are May 10 – May 13, I have had many offers to help from our Escapees, so hopefully it will not be as scary as I fear.

Once again, I am the bearer of sad news. **Andy Moir**, **Mary's** husband, left this world suddenly while at work on October 5. There will be a celebration of life honoring Andy on Sunday, Nov. 21 @ 3:00pm. @ Tompkins Community Center, located at Windmill Pointe Park, @ 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, (at the corner of Barrington & Windmill Pointe Dr.) Please keep Mary and her family, especially Aubrey who is expecting her second baby, in your prayers @ 84 Merriweather, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236. I also heard that **Larry Smithers** (DTWRR) lost his brother. Sorry I do not have any contacts for Larry.

**Bernie McManus** had a TIA while in SD. He is at his MI home now going through many tests. He says he is feeling well now, and **Bill Wade** advised he was at the last airport get-together and looked great. Stay well to Bernie @ 13185 Lakeview Dr., Belleville, 48111-4600.

### Calendar:

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

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On a spectacular October day, 40 Lites and one guest gathered for lunch. Some faces we hadn't seen in a while were **Bernie & Gladys Hazekamp** and **Gordie & Lou Olson**. Our guest came all the way from Scotland to visit **Janet Meyer**, **Nel Brawner**, **Cindy White** and **Mary Brennan**. She was the proprietress of a Bed 'n' Breakfast where they all stayed years ago & over the course of many subsequent visits, became a good friend.

**Virginia Swenson** & her sister, **Marge**, brought in the fruits of their labors from the summer's harvest. Their jams & jellies are very good & all the proceeds go to their favorite charity, a Christian radio station in Alaska.

**Arlene & Joe Kelley** were recently in Chicago visiting their daughter & bumped into **Teri Wetzel**, a former MSP-er, at ORD. She is currently working at WHQ, as is her husband, **Eric**, another old friend from MSP. It was interesting for us here in MN to learn that Eric had opened the Duluth station for UAX. We learned that Teri's dad, **Don Alberts** (another ex-MSP-er) is now enjoying his retirement. Ahhhh, hearing about these people surely brings back the memories!

Our Prez, **Lee Storlie**, filled us in on some not-so-good health issues of **Jerry Jarrett & Earl Budahn**. We wish them both a speedy return to good health. And on a sad note, we were stunned to see **Ron Millard**'s name in the Milestones (obituary) list. Ron commuted for many years from MSP to OPB & was a member of the Northwoods Loonies chapter of RUAEA. Our condolences to his wife, **Barb** & family. The last address we have for them is 9541 Highway 1, Isabella, MN 55607. In addition, **Jan Hannah** lost her 93-yr-old mother in August after several years of ups & downs, health wise. Condolences may be sent to **Jan & Bob** at 7403 ~ 132<sup>nd</sup> Circle, Savage, MN 55378-1296.

**Nel Brawner** gave us an account of her bus trip out East to NYC, PHL, Hershey, PA & the Flight 93 memorial at Shanksville. While in NY, she enjoyed seeing the musicals Mary Poppins & the Lion King. She had pictures of the huge sculpture globe which had stood at the World Trade Center & which is now in place near the Statue of Liberty. She was most impressed with the school for poor children founded by the originator of the Hershey Candy Co. She was disappointed to see how little progress has been made on the memorial for Flight 93, due to squabbling amongst the landowners of the fields where the plane landed.

**Jim Simon** reported on the autumn gathering of the Northwoods Loonies. Once again, a great time was had by all. Everyone was pleased to see **Diana March** back, looking & feeling well. And as always, some quirky thing happened: One year, **Marie Cook** from DTW had a flat tire; another time, Jim himself had a flat tire & this time another group from the Chicago area (I think) had a rear window which wouldn't stay up. So Jim pulled out his ever-handly roll of duct tape & saved the day. I'll bet he could write a poem about that!

**Jo Ayers** brought a birthday present that she'd given to her husband, **Bud**, some years ago. It's a mechanical airplane in UAL livery which has the sounds of taxiing, then the sounds of acceleration & the plane actually rotates like it's taking off! We all crowded around looking at this amazing toy do its thing on the floor.

Well, **Sonja Gunderson** is back to her old tricks. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row, she was one of the winners of the 50-50 raffle. Actually, her table won 3 of the 5 prizes. We're thinking she fiddled with those tickets somehow. **Joe Kelley** must have figured out her secret, as he also won for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a row!

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.

## NEBRASKA



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What a great crowd at Sons of Italy with 53 in attendance. We were so happy to see **Cathy & Bob Faust** from The Village in Florida, where they have lived for 6 years after leaving good old Nebraska.

**Andra Bieble**, Manager of UAL at Eppeley, spoke to us about the merger between United and Continental. She didn't say too much of how the pass privileges will be finalized. I don't think they know the details yet even though we have had some preliminary emails on the subject. She did say with the merger, there would be 89,000 employees and 5800 flights, along with many more destinations.

We invited Walter the Magician to put on a magic show for us and he used several people from the audience to help him out. He was very good and said he had traveled United to the west coast every two weeks from 1970 to 1987 with two huge cases containing his magical equipment, and that United was his favorite airline.

**Elaine Schreiber** had back surgery on October 12 and was home on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The rehab for back surgery is walking and she has already started that at a slow pace and will work up to her normal walk very soon. No fusion was necessary.



**Margie Stankoski** passed away on October 1. Services were held on October 5 at the Columbskill Church. Our sincere sympathy to **Louie**; and to Marge's sons, Lloyd Taylor and Larry Taylor and their families, and to her sister-in-law, Aileen Dytrych.

We sent condolences to **Ruth Jeppesen** on the passing of her husband, **Karlo** on October 1. Since they have no family here, Ruth had a private service. Ruth & Karlo moved to Omaha 64 years ago from Denmark.

**Paul Steuri** slipped and fell on some water that was on his kitchen floor and broke a bone in his knee. He had surgery on October 11. He is now at Hillcrest Rehabilitation, 1804 Hillcrest Dr., Bellevue, NE 68005. It looks as though he will be there at least 10 weeks, as that is the length of time he cannot put any weight on his leg.

I had a card from **Roberta McLaughlin**, advising that she had moved to Doniphan, Nebraska to an Assisted Living facility to be closer to her children. She is 86. Her new address is Prairie Wind Assisted Living, 605 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Doniphan, NE 68832.

Calendar:

**December 7** - Christmas at Anthony's – Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

**January 4** - Old Country Buffet

**NEVADA**

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**GAMBLERS**

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The latest news out of LAS is the new Hoover Dam By-Pass Bridge, it's now opened and it's an Engineering marvel, has a pedestrian access on the side that faces the Hoover Dam area, very impressive. Celia and I were there on Inauguration day and all persons that went on that day had a view of the downside, away from the Dam while on the free shuttle bus from the car parking area, we walked on the bridge from Arizona to Nevada back and forth. Water, security and health stations all over the bridge.

Make sure to visit the bridge on your next LAS visit, you will not be disappointed. On October 9, 1500 bicyclists crossed the bridge.

Our October 12 meeting was attended by 30 with one new member, **William Kelly** (SFOMM). How nice it was to see **Bob & Marlene Morvick** at the meeting after being absent for health reasons.

**Winnie** was vacationing in Kona Hawaii, back on 10/12. **Baldor** was on a trip to Brazil visiting his folks, and back on 10/6. **Koji & Carrie** just came back from a 3-week European trip. **Dora Coleman** still can't use her left hand and is using a walker.

**John Albert** is home from the hospital on 11/6 and doing fine after 2 operations in October.

**Leland Ricketts** passed away on 7/20/2010. **Mike Napohaku** died on 9/18/2010, he was buried in Cypress, CA.

Birthdays: **Felix** 10/14, **Winnie** 10/18, **Mike** 10/31.

For the December 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon (11:30AM) at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200, the menu will be: Salad, London broil, roasted red potatoes, asparagus, and chocolate log cake. Drinks: coffee, tea, soft drinks free, all others can be ordered from cocktail waitress. The cost for all current members is \$10P/P; for all others, the cost is \$19P/P.

Calendar:

**December 14** – Luncheon (See detail in column)

**February 8** - 11:30 am

**April 12** - 11:30 am.



## **RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP**

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There were 21 members at our October meeting at IHOP. The next meeting will be at The Black Bear per the majority vote of attending members. Kathy, previously from Austin's, is now the new manager at Black Bear. Unfortunately, our wonderful waiter Chris has returned to the New York area.

The Treasury balance continues to maintain an adequate balance. The chapter likely will be able to subsidize part of the cost of the Christmas luncheon. The Christmas flyer will be a separate US mail mailer the first week of November (we hope). The date is Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.

**Food Drive** – 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, Barbara Leusing and Donna Perkins**.

We are saddened to report the passing of one of our founding members – **Gladys Lange**. She always enjoyed receiving our newsletter and keeping up with the members.

Thanks to **Mary Withers** for handling the minutes.

## **NEW JERSEY**

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The Gardenstaters met at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains on October 27. President Dick Confer opened the meeting with a Flag Salute. There will be no meeting in November, and the next meeting will be our Holiday Luncheon on December 8. If someone wants something special to eat, please let Dick know.

The merger is complete. There will be a survey that everyone should participate in. The survey will focus on important items in the general area of Boarding Priority, Eligibles, Service Charges, etc. The one that is of interest to most retirees is the boarding of a flight. United boards retirees first and Continental boards retirees after active employees, so it is important that everyone do the survey. The survey will be online, so if you don't have a computer with internet access, go to a friend or relative or the library. They will help you. The dress code has changed, it was that you could not wear sneakers, jeans and women no midriff showing. Now you will be able to wear jeans and sneakers. The plane will have the Continental logo on the tail and the United Airlines will be the name on the plane. On the flights with United, the United employees and retirees will be boarded first and on Continental flights, their employees will be boarded first. Help will be given at the desk in Chicago. Telephone number is 1-800-255-5801.

We will continue with the Toys for Tots that was started by Dick's brother **Jerry Confer**. We will collect the toys at the December 8 meeting.

**Violet Etler** read the minutes of the previous meeting and **John Murphy** gave a Treasurer's report. John also reminded everyone who plan on going to Hunterton Hills Playhouse, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> that you have to be there at 11:00 A.M. It is the Christmas Show.

We also conducted the election for Officers for the coming year. No one volunteered, so the same people were nominated. **Richard Confer** - President, **John Deily** - Vice President, **Violet Etler** - Secretary, **John Murphy** - Treasurer, **Gene Boyer** - Fellowship.

Door Prize of a \$25.00 Shop Rite gift certificate was won by **Fred Landsburgh** and the 50/50 of \$43.00 was won by **Bob Soulerati**. If anyone has suggestions for Door Prizes, let **John Deily** know.

Calendar:

**December 8** – Holiday Luncheon.

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS



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A pleasant day at Milleridge, 45 members and 6 guests attended. After the pledge, we had silent prayer for all our members who are suffering from health problems and all those who have gone before us.

Twelve November birthdays: **Leo Talochino, Carol Maley-Davis, Arthur Wilsdorf, Lee Marcus, James Ammon, John Palmieri, Carole Nepogoda, Lee Ann Lack, Gloria Manza, Nell Napolitano, Eileen Bloniarz** and **Velma Jones**. Happy Birthday to All! We have a November Anniversary which surprised all - **Martha & Victor Auletta** celebrating 71 years of marriage. The entire membership gave them a well deserved round of applause for their accomplishment. Congratulations to the Happy Couple! **Rose Schneider** is doing well since she went in for a hip replacement a couple of weeks ago. On a sadder note, **Ron Weick** is now in a nursing home and not doing too well. Please remember him in your prayers. Banjo Bob is coming to our Christmas Party to entertain us in December. **Ed Pozzi** has been elected to be our Vice President and **Paul Cohen** has again been voted in as Treasurer. For all the Veterans that were at our meeting, we gave them a standing ovation for serving our country with honor.

Since monetary donations were asked for the Marathon School this year; our President **Jimmy Richardson** was/is selling raffle tickets for a 37-inch flat screen T.V. We have only 50 more tickets to sell out all 120. Proceeds will go to support the Christmas program at the Marathon School in Douglaston.

Sometime this month, Skynet will have a survey and ask for what is most important to each respondent in the general areas of Boarding Priority, Eligibles, Service Charges, etc. A number of options will be offered and each respondent will be asked to rank which of the options are most important. It is important that 145,000 eligible retirees log on to Skynet and take this survey.

Calendar:

**December 1** - 1200 Noon - Milleridge Inn - Christmas Party

**January** - No Meeting

**February 2** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

## NORTHWOODS

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#### LOONIES

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The Loonies had another wonderful meeting when 40 of us gathered at Homestead Suites, Fish Creek, Door County, WI October 5-8. This was our 29<sup>th</sup> semi annual get together since we became a chapter in 1996.

We welcomed first time members **Corinne & Ray Svoboda** from CHI, **Anne Bartok** from Oregon, OH along with her sister **Dorothy Varkoly**, and **Arlene Wing** from Crystal Lake, IL. They are all “keepers”. We had hoped to have two other first time couples who had booked their hotel space but needed to cancel out shortly before the meeting; **Tom & Judie Caffish** from River Falls, WI due to a family emergency, plus **Joe & Rita Krist** from Schaumburg, IL when Joe had a very serious medical diagnosis. We wish both families speedy and successful outcomes and look forward to having you with us soon.

**Donna Gray** brought her daughter **Vikki Zahn**, who brought her 4½ year old daughter Athena. Athena was with us at another meeting four years ago where she was the center of much attention. This time was no different. **Carol & Bob Faust** have a friend **Agnes Kubicz** who lives in Door County. Agnes hosted a tour of the art work at the Boynton Chapel of the Lawrence Univ. Retreat Center in Bailey's Harbor. That was greatly appreciated.

As mentioned at the meeting, **Esther Broderson** did a lot of work updating our membership roster, but there were a number of changes from this meeting, so **Connie Glatly** is further updating the list onto a spreadsheet format she still has in her computer from a few years ago. Anyone wishing a copy of this newest list, please contact us at the address or phone shown on this column heading.

After the meeting, we learned that Loonies charter members **Ron & Barbara Millard** had been absent because Ron died on August 26<sup>th</sup>. He had suffered kidney failure and had been on dialysis, but decided to discontinue treatment. Ron was a crew scheduler in OPBCM, whose business card read in part *"Introducing Ron Millard - Crewman Extraordinaire. FIFO adjustments, all nighters, reassignments, 3 hour calls, field standbys, contracts ignored, lewd anecdotes, sad stories repeated. Also known to grant an occasional trip drop ... the last of the good guys."* Ron was unique. He lived life his own way. He will be sorely missed! We all send condolences to Barb. We will be glad to have you back whenever you are ready.

Our biggest item of business at each meeting is finding a host for the next one. This time we were twice blest. Our official photographer, historian and pumpkin bread chef **Marie Cook** will host the group in the Detroit area May 10-13, 2011, which was great news. Then **Carol & Bob Faust** said they will host the Oct. 2011 meeting in the Galena, IL area. It's rare to have an entire year planned, so we thank you a lot.

It has become a tradition that our poet laureate **Jim Simon** writes something for us at each meeting, so we end this column with a short excerpt from his latest poem:

*"Hard times may be upon us  
But we manage to make our trip,  
And for a few days twice a year  
We couldn't give a rip!"*

## OHIO



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It looks and feels like Fall has arrived and given us beautiful colors on our trees and shrubs. The only drawback is that the leaves just keep falling, so we have to get out there to pile up all those leaves. What a better way to put the work behind than to get together with old friends for lunch. On Nov. 03, 78 of us gathered at Donaushwaben's German Center for a really great luncheon of German specialties. This was our first time there and I do think we may try again next year in October. Our thanks and appreciation to **Joe & Shirley Moses** for the great job of organizing this event, and also to **Sharon Minelli**, who originally set up the luncheon. **Dave Placko** led us in prayer before our meal, and we thank him.

Our numbers are growing and we are pleased to welcome **Don Burrill, Don & Joann Johnson** as new members of our group. We also had a few visitors with us this month and hope to see **Don Struk, John Ashby, Jerry Zadar**, and **Ann Kenda** back with us again soon. Great to have you join us!

Our special guest was **Helen Cauwels**, who is our new Midwest Regional Director. **Helen** spoke to the group about various things that are going on at this time. She mentioned there will be a questionnaire coming out on Skynet. She gave us some general information and encouraged the group to look for this survey and be sure to answer. If anyone has already filled it out, the survey will not be counted and answers are not valid. We don't know why the mix-up! It is to come out in the very near future and she asks that we all answer and let others who are not here to participate. We spent some time with questions and answers. All of us enjoyed having her with us and hope she is able to come back in the coming year. We appreciate and thank her for her visit.

Some of our members have been having health issues and we want to let them know that we pray for their return to good health. **Andy Streigle, Pat Hendy, Tom Sturgeon**, and **Kay Baran** are on the road to recovery.

“Welcome Back” to **Barb Vauls**. Great to see you back! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our friends who may be having health problems.

Birthday time! Starting with the month of November: **Ron Badowski, Anne Fiedler, Carole Hamlin, Carrie Kercel, Nancy Oncu, Dave Placko, Jack Preston, Lee Rak, Lillian Schabel, Bev Templeton, and Carol Waldron**. October was also a “busy” birth month and we add **Flo Alexander, Dave Cleary, Don Elster, MaryAnn Friedle, Marty Hassel, Len Luffler, Joe Moses, Andy Plascak, Cathy Pytel, Marjorie Sandstrom, and George Werner**. Wishing all of you a very, very Happy Birthday! ... and many, many, many more. Our best wishes also go out to those of you who celebrated birthdays, but were not able to join us,

October anniversaries are as follows: **Bob & Flo Alexander (54), Joe & Shirley Moses (53)**. November presents us with a very special anniversary – **John & Elda Jeskey (1)!** Congratulations to all of you and we wish you many more! Our congratulations and best wishes also go out to those of you with anniversaries who were absent from our meeting.

Last, but not least, is our 50/50. **Dave & Marie Placko** take care of the 50/50 and this month **John Kercel** and **Joe Moses** were our very happy winners! Thanks to Joe Moses, we had a bonus drawing for five pineapple slicers. These were really good sturdy slicers. So, just maybe the winners will bring in some sliced pineapple for all of us one day! Congratulations to all!

*“Flattery is like chewing gum – enjoy briefly, but don’t swallow it”*

#### Calendar:

**December 1** - Christmas at Coppertop Banquet Room – Cherokee Hills, Prepaid –Doors open 12:00 noon - Buffet 1:00pm

**January – No Meeting**

**February 5** - Dimitris Restaurant

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Autumn colors with a scarecrow in the center decorated the tables at our October meeting. **Gene King** brought a beautiful bouquet of fall flowers and a jade plant that were raffled off. **Nancy Hooper** won the flowers and **Veulah Lorts**, the jade plant. **Bob Woods** provided wonderful vegetables from his garden and they were raffled off, the winners were **Len Blodgett, Jack Curtis, Lois Gruenberg, Mac Heywood, Harvey Larkin, Anna Miller** and **Jim Reichert**. Isn’t it wonderful when members share the bountiful products of their garden?

Winners of the monthly free lunch were as follows: Men’s birthday - **Tony Farley**, Woman’s birthday - **Ophelia Nunley** and Anniversary - **Bob & Joyce Charron** who were celebrating 62 years of marriage. **Shirley Walker** won the 50/50 prize.

Election of officers for 2011 and 2012 were held. **Paul Russell** was elected president, **Barbara Heidegger**, vice-president, **Veulah Lorts**, secretary, **Rosalie Betschart** will continue as treasurer. New board members are **Gene King** and **Harvey Larkin**. **Kathy Russell** has one year left on her term as a board member.

Ho-Ho-Ho! The Christmas luncheon will be a sit-down affair instead of a buffet. This was decided by a vote of members at the meeting. There will be a visit from Saint Nick along with Christmas prizes and regular drawings. The menu is as follows: 8oz. prime rib \$22.00, salmon \$16.00 and stuffed chicken \$16.00. This will include salad, potato or rice, vegetables and rolls. Members are being asked to bring a dessert. This will be a prepay luncheon so your reservation must be in by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please send a check to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97220.

There were no reports of illness in October. Hooray! Please remember to call the Sunshine Committee (**Merle & Lois Pitman**) when you hear of someone in need of a card.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 8** - Christmas Luncheon

**January 12** - New officers/Social

**February 9** - Valentine's Party



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I had to skip the OUR Club chapter report last month while I was making friends with a shiny new hip, so it would seem there's a bit of catching up to do.

In September, the annual OUR Club picnic was held at the home of **Steve & Cyndi Austin** in Rogue River, OR. We thoroughly enjoyed Steve & Cyndi's home and deck, their ever-gracious hospitality, the on-site barbecue catered by Red Wagon BBQ, the company of a lot of good people, and the national camaraderie and updates provided by RUAEA Northwest Region Director **Jack Hooper** and wife **Nancy**. Jack & Nancy always make our picnic extra special by coming down from Washington State to join us. President **Neal Appleton** conducted the quarterly business meeting, which included nomination of officers to serve in 2011. **Bob Lindberg** held the lucky 50/50 ticket, and the bright table centerpiece plants were won by **Jim Frincke**, **Jackie Mark**, **Doe Pope**, **Bob Rogers**, **Bob Lindberg** and **Sonnia Appleton**.

Jim and I missed the October 1 luncheon, which was hosted by **Bob & Ida Rogers** at Wild River Brewing and Pizza Co., but we heard the afternoon was well attended and enjoyed by all.

**Peggy Wilson** hosted the November 5 luncheon meeting at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass. It was great to see so many come out, especially **Harry & Barbara Horne** and **Doe Pope**. Both Harry & Doe have had recent sojourns in the hospital, and we were so glad to see each of them back out, about and looking so well.

Now we're looking forward to the annual holiday party on December 3. The party will be hosted once again by **Alberta & Russ Randall** in the Evergreen Room at Taprock Northwest Grill. Besides being a festive opening to the holiday season, the party will also serve as a quarterly business meeting and election of officers for 2011.

Calendar:

**December 3** - **Alberta & Russ Randall**, see details in column

**January 7** - TBA

**February 4** - TBA

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Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to all! Just think the next report we submit will be for 2011. Thirty four Pit-Stoppers enjoyed a lovely luncheon at Mag's Restaurant at the Shadow Lakes Country Club in Aliquippa.



It was so nice to see some former familiar faces return to the fold. Just to mention a few - **Joan Madden**, **Sandi "Irish" Burns** and none other than **John "Ya now" Knezevich**. They had a great time reminiscing about the old days. It's funny but everyone mentioned **Bud Brown** and **Jim Weber** when they saw Sandi – Hmmm! We hope they continue to attend.

We missed some of our regulars, **Liz & Fred Reidel** and **Carl & Dee Chiocchi**. Hope to see yunz at the Christmas luncheon. Speaking of the Christmas luncheon, all members receive a "gift" from Santa. Be sure your dues are paid up.

Condolences to **June Schiralli** on the recent passing of husband **John**. John & June were two of the original members of the Pit-Stoppers and were very active in setting up all of the trips along with **Lou & Jayne Kroeck**. John always gave a helping hand at all of our functions and was very active with the group after retiring from the Police force; he will certainly be missed by all. Cards can be sent to June c/o 118 William Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 – (412) 771-5742.

Thanks to our good friend **Paul Musko**, we were able to hold our 50-50 raffle. Who else would "happen to have" a roll of tickets in his car. You can always count on Paul to come thru.

Our president **Ken Wolfe** opened the meeting again with a cry for help - it must have worked because lo and behold, **Olga Karmazyn** volunteered to serve as Treasurer. It took some courage to fill the shoes of our outgoing treasurer **Barb Seaholm**. Thanks, Olga!

Our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** gave us an update on current happenings with the CO merger and also urged all to try to attend the upcoming Convention in PDX. She offered all different ways to get there and urged one and all to complete the online survey on our future Pass Policy. The Convention package will be available in the February Newsletter. Congratulations to **Ken Wolfe** and his bride on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past June.

Congratulations also to **Bronko & Lil Lapcevich** on their 50<sup>th</sup> - They are still riding their Harley.

**Charla McBride** is off running again after being home for a change of undies - she is off to ATL and FL and Alaska and back to FL for the winter. We did manage to tie her down for a dinner and a quick toast before she leaves again.

Condolences and prayers to **Ted Polinski** on the passing of his beautiful wife **Mary**. Mary & Ted were active members of our local chapter. Cards can be sent to Ted, c/o 107 Silver Maples Ave., Houston, PA 15135. Condolences also to the family of **Sam Cavallo**. Sam was a former mechanic and Pit-Stopper member.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Luncheon on December 10 at the Pittsburgh Holiday Inn.

#### Calendar:

**December 10** – Christmas Luncheon



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We had 25 attendees at our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. President **Joe Brad** opened the meeting; **Frank Eggles** led us in prayer before the luncheon. Joe then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our guest speaker was Robert E. Graham, a psychic. Robert's speech was very interesting. During his speech, he explained his power and told us what we could expect and what we could not expect. After his talk, he invited some of the retirees to come forward and give him their car keys, a ring, a piece of jewelry or a personal item. Holding the item in his right hand, he then gave predictions, advice and startled some of us with his insight. Although he claims his show is solely for entertainment, some of his statements often eerily hit the mark. He certainly held everyone's attention and we had a few laughs as well.

**Kathy Edwards** brought up our proposed trip to Shanksville, PA next September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She is holding a block of rooms and wanted to know how many were planning to go to the Flight 93 site. We are considering renting a bus or van.

Treasurer **Tom Lyons** briefed us on the CO/UA merger plans for pass travel. **Frank Eggles** suggested we approach CO at the airport to see if any of their retirees would like to come to our meeting.

**Tom Lyons** said our dues notices will be sent out the beginning of December.

**Adam Anderson** warned us about a new Priority Texting scam.

**Bob Fox** won the 50/50 and **Joe Brad** won the free lunch.

Our Flight 93 Chairman, **Frank Eggles** is still requesting donations for the chapel. Make checks to: Chapel 93 Memorial and mail to Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please remember to include your name, address and file number.

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Many thanks to **Dee Burrs** for many years of corresponding for the Independents. I am Ron's widow and am happy to help and be in touch with UAL friends.

24 members and our guest speaker, Mr. Ed Baum attended our Nov. Luncheon. We were pleased to have our past station manager, Mr. **Lee Moses** in attendance.

Food for a local food bank, the Loaves and Fishes were donated by our members.

Our sick list includes **Steve Huber, Jim Fanto, Ben Hain** and **Marilyn Sonderman**. **Frank Eggles** has recovered from a fall and a concussion. He was able to join us.

Mr. Baum is a volunteer for Apprise. He spoke on Medicare options in PA and how the new Health reform act will effect us as seniors.

**Gail Bradley** is the 50/50 winner. **Joyce Lindenmuth** received the free lunch.

Calendar:

**November 22** - Prepare and serve lunch for the residents and families at A.I. Dupont Children's hospital in Wilmington, Del.

**November 30** - Attend Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA

**December 13** - Christmas luncheon and silent auction at the Ramada Inn in Essington. Paid reservations are required. Bring crafts and goodies for the auction. Give our treasurer Tom Lyons names of families in need for Christmas.

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On November 2, 12 chapter members met for coffee & donuts, donated by **Clair & Judy Anderson** and **Frank Christenson**. Thank you all for your generosity!

After the discussion about a new chapter leadership for the next years, our present officers agreed to stay on until August 2011 when a full membership meeting at the park picnic will determine who will be in charge of the local chapter.

Also discussed was the new direction United Airlines, in the merger with Continental Airlines, is developing. All agreed that it will be a "new company", as seen by our older retirees. Regarding this rather thoughtful topic, it was commonly agreed that our company may have changed over the past 25 years, but that our inter-relationship with former coworkers & friends will continue to be celebrated at each meeting and at each convention. On that same note, it was suggested that all of us might want to tell and/or write down some of our most interesting stories we enjoyed while working for our business alma mater: United Airlines. If these accounts could be written up and "bound" into a memory book, it might make for exhilarating reading by those of us who knew the "Old UAL."

One of the funniest stories that came to light today was a 1954 experience enjoyed by three SLC employees who volunteered to pick up a German toddler at JFK to be brought to SLC for adoption by a Utah couple. The child was flown in by a European nurse, to be received by the adoptive parents in NYC. **George Dalton** was involved in this episode, and he had us in stitches with the telling of their adventure ... three men handling a "messy" & crying child on a full aircraft. We have never seen George be so animated as when retelling his memories of this flight!

We greeted **Tony Brown; Lila Maughan; Pete Loyola, Fran Cantonwine, & Art Scott** (80) who recently won the Tennis Gold Medal at the Huntsman World Series Games in St. George/UT. Missed were our regulars:

**Lorraine Olson; Shirley Scown & son Mike; Bill Berg; Hank & Mary Bons and Betty Davis.** It is hoped that **Maureen Seikaly** is doing fine - for quite a while now, we have not greeted her and son Jerry.

Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** discussed the upcoming catered Christmas Lunch at **Lila Maughan's** condo community hall on Dec. 7, 2010 (12noon). Lila asked for early help in the setting up of chairs/tables. Clair & Chapter Treas. **Frank Christenson** will prepare a local newsletter to our paid-up members regarding info on the Christmas get-together with a nice "neutral" Christmas gift (\$10/person), to be auctioned off after lunch, as well as on the 2011 chapter meeting schedule.

We hope to see all of you there - thank you.

#### Calendar:

**November 2** - Coffee Time at 10AM, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

**December 7** - Catered Lunch, 12noon, (\$TBA), Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 Cornerstone Dr., South Jordan.

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Fifty-four of us met at Fairwood Golf & Country Club in Renton for our October 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon and meeting. **Jack & Nancy Hooper** from Washougal, WA down by Portland, drove up and joined us for the meeting. Jack & Nancy are co-chairs of the 2011 convention to be held in Portland, and Jack is our RUAEA Regional Director.

Jack spoke to our group and acknowledged that many of us have voiced dissatisfaction with the way the Benefits Service Center has been administering our medical plan premium payments, but at this time, no progress has been made on improving the situation. He mentioned that our pass policy dress code has been changed to allow the wearing of athletic shoes and jeans in First Class, so long as they are clean and decent-looking. There have been **no** changes to the boarding priority for retirees. Jack & Nancy both spoke to us regarding the convention. They mentioned that the hotel – Marriott Downtown Waterfront – has contracted out its automobile parking, so space near the hotel is limited. The hotel is only 1½ miles from the train station, so Amtrak may be a good way for many of our members to travel to Portland. There's also United Express serving the two cities. Jack made an appeal to us that they're looking for a good contact at Boeing to see if they might be willing to donate giveaway items, like key tags for example, for our convention. Anyone who can help with this, please email us at the above address.

**Bob Brumfield** addressed us and recommended that we check Skynet on a regular basis to keep up-to-date with merger developments. He also asked us to contact the Seattle Travel Desk (206-433-4218) with our travel questions, including assistance in signing into Skynet, rather than calling him at home.

**Hank Gosselin**, Executive VP of RUAEA, and a chapter member spoke to us and cautioned us to not listen to rumors concerning merger activity, as they are likely to be false. He pointed out that a RUAEA committee is working with the UA/CO corporate representatives regarding retiree benefits.

The door prize winners were **JoAnn Bernovich, Adelaide Haferbecker, Carol Soffel, Sidney Reed, Evalena Hatcher, Phil Andersen, Sid Harris, Hank Gosselin, John Paulson, Edna Paulson, Paul Burton, John Reed, Ken Wagner, Herald Bowman, Jack Hooper, Edna Harris and Mike Bratovich.** **Herald Bowman** won the 50/50 raffle, and he and his wife **Phyllis** promptly and generously gave their entire winnings back to our treasury. Thank you very much Herald & Phyllis.

Members celebrating birthdays in December are **Phyllis Bowman, Mike Bratovich, James Hafterson, Noreen Krawczyk, Sidney Reed, Rita Reynolds, Otto Wieland, Corky Ives, Anita Malco and Thelma Parks.** December wedding anniversaries are being celebrated by **Don & Jeannine Anderson (53<sup>rd</sup>), Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad (53<sup>rd</sup>) and John & Mary Luke (42<sup>nd</sup>).** Congratulations to all the celebrants.

**Margaret Schmidt**, a long-time chapter member, is receiving care in a nursing home. She attended our meetings as long as she was able to, arriving in her wheelchair, accompanied by a family member. She turned

90 last April and spends her days watching television and enjoying the fresh fruit brought to her by her daughter **Diana** on a regular basis. She enjoys reading the cards and emails she receives. Emails can be sent to Diana at [ILYDA@aol.com](mailto:ILYDA@aol.com) and type "Margaret" in the subject line to bring them to Diana's attention.

In mid-October, the City of SeaTac Historical Society held an afternoon of sharing the experiences of airline employees who worked at Sea-Tac Airport in the '50s through '70s time frame, and even later. Mayor **Terry Anderson** of the city of SeaTac opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Our member **Phyllis Mitchell** served on the panel, representing the food service activities, and she was joined by other airline retirees – a Pan Am pilot, an executive from Alaska Airlines, a ramp agent who worked for 5 different airlines and a purser and a flight attendant from Northwest Airlines. One of the discussion points was the airport activity the day of the **D.B. Cooper** hijacking of the Northwest 727 on November 24, 1971 and his subsequent parachuting out of the airplane and the efforts to keep the television and print media who assembled at the airport briefed on the continuing developments during the day.

**Edna Harris** reports that on a visit to London in her home country of England, one day she and her brother-in-law, **Keith**, took his Great Dane for a walk in Epsom Downs alongside the Derby race course. Epsom Downs is a large general purpose park where in certain sections they practice golf strokes, play ball games, operate remote-controlled airplanes and ground vehicles and also fly kites. They came upon a father and a son trying, unsuccessfully, to fly a kite. The little boy looked very dejected, and his father explained that they had been trying for over an hour to get the kite to stay in the air. Edna sized up the situation and quickly told him that they needed a longer tail. The father responded that he didn't think so. In fact they had shortened the tail because it looked too long. Edna suggested that they tie a hankie on the end to give it more lift, and the man thanked her. As they were leaving, Edna joked to Keith that she "*didn't work for United Airlines all those years for nothing!*" Keith called out Edna's comment to the man, who replied, "*Oh, do they tie a hankie on their tails too?*"

United has announced to its employees that in 2011 or 2012, it will be giving up its gates in the North Satellite and moving over to the A Concourse, which will position it near Continental, which is on the B Concourse. The North Satellite has been United's location at Sea-Tac Airport since it was built for United during a major expansion project from 1967-1973. In recent years as United's flights into and out of Seattle have dwindled in numbers, Alaska Airlines has been taking over most of the gates. In this next step, Alaska will have the North Satellite to itself, except for a gate used by Air Canada. This will mark the end of an era for United in Seattle.

Unfortunately there are two deaths to report. **Marlene Schurman**, who retired from SEARR after 27 years, passed away October 27<sup>th</sup>. Marlene was being treated for pneumonia in the hospital and suffered a stroke. She is survived by her husband, **Gordon**, as well as their daughter **Jennifer** and son **David** and their families. And **Darleen Schroeder**, a long-time SEAAH employee who retired from United in 1994 when the flight kitchens were sold, passed away October 27<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. Darleen is survived by two daughters, **Jeanine** and **Jeannette**, and two sons, **Rodney** and **Bobby**.

**Rita Reynolds** and **Bob Brumfield** co-hosted an appreciation luncheon on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the volunteers who staff the Seattle Travel Desk. The luncheon was held at Angelo's Italian Restaurant in Burien, WA and featured several delicious luncheon choices, some discussion of travel issues and the awarding of nice door prizes. Our chapter is proud of the fine work these volunteers do on our behalf, and they're always looking for more help. If you're interested in donating a little time as a travel desk volunteer, please contact Rita (206) 244-4897 or Bob (206) 682-4059. It's a good way to keep up with what's going on in our industry.

After many years of being the correspondent for the Emerald City Slickers and enjoying it very much, I have decided that it's time to turn this column over to a new writer, and starting with the January issue, this column will be authored by **Gay Liesse**. Gay and her husband **Ed** have been long-time members of our chapter, and I know you will find her columns to be interesting and a good read. I want to thank Gay for taking over and also want to commend the Denver office staff and our past and present editors, **Virgil** and **Francis**, for being so good to work with all these years. They do a wonderful job with this newsletter every month. Best wishes to all my friends and readers – Dee.

#### Calendar:

**December** – No Meeting

**January 11** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**February 8** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

A very Merry Christmas to our United Airlines Retirees around the Nation and around the World. Good Luck and Good Health in 2011.

We have quickly slipped into winter temperatures and the shorter days remind us that it is Christmas Shopping time again!

Our Dulles Loungers President **Linda Scriven** recently took an extensive cruise to the British Isles. Sailing from Southampton to St. Petersport (Isle of Guernsey in the Channel Islands), then on to Cork, Dublin, Ireland and then to Belfast, Northern Ireland. The next stop was Glasgow then Edinburgh. Sailing next to Le Havre, France and back to Southampton. The second part of this trip was another cruise from Southampton again, to Falmouth Devon, and then to Dublin, again. Heading on to Reykjavik, Iceland but the seas were so rough that they could not get into port, so they continued on to Greenland. The Captain had a wonderful surprise and sailed into a fjord. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous view of the icebergs, beautiful countryside and charming villages. Finally crossing the Atlantic with a visit to St. Johns, Newfoundland and then on to New York. What a trip!

Our monthly luncheons at the Golden Corral continue to bring a good crowd, usually about 70 or more.

### Calendar:

**December 8** – 12:30pm, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas VA 20109

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Hello to all, my name is **Christel Hasenbring ILG** and at the Clipped Wings Convention in September, I was elected National Vice President, and with that comes the honor of writing the article for the RUAEA Newsletter, for the next two years.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Board of Clipped Wings 2008-2010 for doing such a great job:

- ❖ President - **Pam Troutman Ziebarth** (OMA)
- ❖ Vice President - **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA)
- ❖ Treasurer - **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** (DEN)
- ❖ Editor - **Mary Ann McGarry** (LAX)
- ❖ Secretary - **Christel Hasenbring ILG** (CHI)

It was a wonderful two years - Thank you all.

I would also like to say what a great time I had at the RUAEA Convention in Orlando, and you certainly made me feel very welcome. Thank you.

It will be 10 years since 9/11 and at this time, Clipped Wing members are making plans to participate in the Service in Shanksville, PA. The Chapel is now known as the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. More information to follow.

Point of interest - Orville and Wilbur Wright first successful manned powered flight occurred near Kitty Hawk, N.C. on December 17<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Again this year, we will be selling the Clipped Wings airplane scarf, if you are interested in purchasing one, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is still only \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping. Remember these scarfs with the United and Capital Airplanes on them will be a collector's item soon.

We invite you to visit our Clipped wing website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). I will be very happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. That is all.

"Former and Present United and Capital Airlines Flight Attendants" - Please contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). We would love to have you join our group.

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

***Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.***

Spouse – **Barrett, Anne**, on August 25, 2010, wife of Ed Barrett, WHQPX, 308 S. Brainard, LaGrange, IL 60525

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**Arcune, Don J.**, SFOOV 08/06/10

**Baker, Gertrude**, ATLRR 08/03/10

**Berry, Robert E.**, DENTK 08/27/10

**Biberacher, Rudolph A.**, LAXFO 08/13/10

**Blackburn, Grover L.**, SFOPD 08/08/10

**Breidenfeld, Kenneth O.**, LAXFO 08/23/10

**Brown, Joe L.**, LGACG 07/19/10

**Carlentini, Peter J.**, OMACG 08/29/10

**Cater, Duane B.**, MSPCG 08/06/10

**Cordova, Gary F.**, SFOPD 08/19/10

**Cosovich, Peter L.**, SFOSO 05/24/10

**Cummings, Jean S.**, WHQTS 07/16/10

**Curtis, James A.**, ORDFO 07/03/10

**Deitrick, Georgia Kaeding**, ORDSW 08/26/10

**Dower, William C.**, SFOEA 08/28/10

**Drehman, Alvin J.**, DENFO 07/20/10

**Erickson, Raymond H.**, SEAMM 08/30/10

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White Jr., Frank, IADCG 08/09/10  
Whitlow, Lloyd W., LAXFO 08/03/10

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## LETTERS

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**Martha Gooselaw**

Hi members,  
I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

#### **WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

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#### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

#### **Charles Bogert, PO Box 4717, Foster City, CA 94404**

Living close to the SFO airport never allows me to forget my ties to United Airlines. I seldom drive or walk down the street without catching a glimpse of an aircraft making its final approach to the airport runway and like clockwork, almost every 3<sup>rd</sup> plane flies the UAL colors. To most, this action probably goes unnoticed, but to me, every approach allows me to reflect back in thought of my career of being part of the team of this once great leader in aviation firsts. To remember the people I met, the job I worked and the pride I had of being part of the United family has always brought back entertaining memories.

In 2003, I was one of the many employees who decided to retire from United with age, health and opportunity on my side. On the first early day, the full impact of this life changing experience passed silently, allowing me time to accept the new "retiree" life, but soon after the challenge of the work-a-day world was beginning to be missed. Since retiring, I worked several other jobs, but none seemed to compare with the excitement of working at the airport.

I am of the strong belief that as we enter the work related world, our decisions to stay at the job we selected was based on the veteran employees who accepted us and helped us determine our futures.

As the years pass these people moved on or sadly pass away, unfortunately without a word of “Thanks” being extended to those who have affected our lives in so many ways. I was fortunate to have worked three airports, Newark, Kennedy and the SFO Maintenance Base, within my 34 years and met so many people that offered me so much of life’s experience through their own, and my appreciation can never be fully expressed.

When I first hired on in stores at Newark, I enjoyed listening to the stories so much of the experiences of the many military veteran mechanics and pilots who served their country and now served United. I appreciated the patience of those who answered my continuing questions concerning the basics of flight and how a plane stays airborne and fascinated by the complex preparation for the flights of departure and arrival.

Newark being a smaller station than some, employees were like family and people got to know each other in casual ways through everyday contact. Through daily routine I met others, the ramp service personnel, auto shop mechanics, facilities employees, janitorial, aircraft cleaners, dining service workers and like myself storekeepers, all working for the most part beneath the terminal or off the field going unnoticed by the flying public.

Because of my work location, I had little contact with the public, but I empathized with those who did. Through the years I found that the public can be hard and demanding, but our passenger service agents worked with their customers with dignity, politeness and continuing patience. They performed their jobs well and their professionalism was instrumental in allowing United Airlines to climb to one of the leading airlines in the world.

Relentless as the public may be, perhaps no one can address this issue as well as the Flight Crews. Inside the aircraft their skills in passenger negotiation, their training in emergency procedures and their patience in dealing with situations concerning their captive audience are admirable. The many times I have flown SA their comfort skills were apparent. Like all of us who made our first standby flight and the many after, it was always gratifying to be welcomed on board with a smiling face. Perhaps the public might not notice, but I for one always did.

In closing, a final “Thank you” goes out from me to all those who I have worked with in the past and to all those who I have never had the opportunity to meet, who have worked in the offices and department areas around United’s system. Your jobs have all been important and because many of us have never seen or spoken to you, we still recognize your contribution to our success in allowing United to be a giant in the airline industry. Like a family not all matters go well, not all work relations run smoothly, but when our company is insulted or we lose an aircraft, we all feel it deeply. In past years our skies have gotten rough, but we are still airborne.

No matter how dark our clouds may become or how many storms we might endure, we should never let anything take away our friendships, our memories, or our part of life we shared with our “Friendly Skies”.

Thanks for my Memories! God bless!

**Colin A.Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd, Clermont, FL 34711.**

When you check in at the E machine at the airport using your five numeral file number, it will read back as invalid. Mine did; it must be six digits, starting with a zero.

Arriving in IAD en route to NYC via LGA, you have a healthy hike to reach Terminal C or D from Terminal A, now that the mobile lounges don’t always run. There are moving staircases, moving sidewalks, train, and lots more effort of Shanks Pony gets you to C or D. My flight to LGA on UAX was cancelled, so I switched to HPN. White Plains is in Westchester County, about 45 miles from NYC.

While staying with my son’s family, I met a TV producer, a lady, and she’s one of those rare ones that has been everywhere, done everything, and knows how, when, and where and is still very pleasant.

Cigarettes in NYC have raised by another dollar to \$11 a pack. That would make 50 cents a cigarette and ten cents a puff.

There’s a landmark apartment building in the city called, The Dakota’s. It is where John Lennon lived and was murdered. A two bedroom apartment there now goes for 7 million dollars.

Run a red light in NYC (always photographed) and it’s a \$350 ticket plus \$150 for the paper work; plus postage. Again, I parked in Manhattan for 30 minutes for, \$8.44, then a ticket for illegal parking \$120.

We were sailing in Long Island Sound in a 10 knot breeze when my son pointed at the sea ahead and said, “We are in trouble” or words to that effect. Then suddenly, the darkened sea was hitting us broadside and the gentle NW wind was 20 knots from the South. He reefed the main sail and turned towards the Connecticut coast for some protection with all the wind just in the foresail. I moved to the windward side of the boat for balance and my job was to watch for rocks as we slowly made it just offshore. My son was constantly tacking to avoid the worst of the waves. Sitting on the windward side, I was wet and salty but we eventually made it safely back to port at Guilford, Conn. At times, the sea around us was black with schools of sea bass. Guilford is an old fashioned town where life on a Saturday night is centered for the young and old alike in the ice cream parlor. While visiting, a Memorial service was held for a prize winning financial writer

who had died last December. Personally I found him opinionated and obnoxious when I had questioned his theories. Anyway, the Memorial was held at a boat house beside the R. Hudson. I concluded it was more to reassure his widow that she wasn't forgotten. I didn't attend but was told that suddenly a window crashed down into the meeting. There was no wind - how could that happen? So the meeting reassembled on the deck beside the Hudson and suddenly, the water spiraled landward and sprayed them. Was the Thereafter or the hereafter expressing an opinion or was it just coincidence?

Meanwhile here in Central Florida, we've dried up for lack of rain; even the weeds are dying

**Debra Elhard, 1455 N. Sandburg Ter. #1806, Chicago, IL 60610**

I am grateful to your organization that you are active in the interests of your employees of UAL and CAL.

I just turned in my wings (flight attendant) June 30<sup>th</sup>, after over 40 years of service. Right now I am not too thrilled with my timing to find out that my pass travel status is in jeopardy. This would be so very unfair to all UAL retirees and I was wondering whether there was more that I could do to support your efforts to help make sure retirees are not lumped together in a status to fly behind all working employees. At the very least, I hope we can fly on our company seniority!

**Mary Lou Hymes, c/o David Hymes, P.O. Box 2824 Oak St., Tioga, PA 16946-0282**

Our group of retirees from SYROZ gets together at Bob W restaurant in Avon, NY. I mean retired, now on canes, in wheelchairs, some have changed and some have not. But it was sure good to be with people of the same interest.

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, I called 911, when I was not feeling well and then went to my recliner. I passed out. The rescue squad got me to Wellsboro Hospital. I quit breathing for 8 minutes in the Emergency Room. I came to 6 days later in Intensive Care. My potassium and triglycerides were out of control. I spent 30 days in Rehab Therapy. I asked my friends to bring me my credit card off the coffee table at my home; I remembered using it the day I went to the hospital. They could not find it, so I waited until I returned home, thinking I had placed it in a drawer some place. I called the credit company and they sent me a new card. The statement came for the old card and there were 53 charges on it. I was sick; I called the credit company and the sheriff came to see me. The lady who stole my card entered my home when the rescue squad was loading me into the ambulance. She had paid her husbands life insurance with my credit card. The insurance company gave the sheriff the name on the policy. She was caught and charged with 53 counts with charges over \$4000. She is waiting a trial by jury. Thank goodness, I had wallet protection on all of my credit cards.

I have unlimited calls on my phone, so I keep in touch with many of my former co-workers. I do not like living alone so I keep busy going to yard sales, bingo and eating out.

**Ron Jersey, RUPA President, 3 Pheasant Lane, Gorham, ME 04038, ronaldjersey@aol.com**

As a parent of a CAL employee, I have been able to use a pass on several occasions to visit my son in Houston. The good news about their pass policy is my max cost was \$15 one way. The bad news is that they charge your credit card the day you list. If you do not get on your flight, you have to call and have them issue a credit. If you list for first class, they will charge you \$45 up front. If you do not get a first class seat but do get a coach seat, you will still be charged \$45. If you list for coach, you cannot upgrade to first at the gate. I am sure this policy is also in effect for their retirees. I would hope that we can get UAL's service charge policy so that we are able to list for first class without having to worry about the \$45 charge.

It has been very quiet concerning the merger since I returned from the RUPA cruise. The weather here in Maine has turned cold enough that my golf clubs are headed for the cellar. One more tournament to play in and that will be it for 2010. Gerry and Rich are in the process of researching river cruises in Europe. Rich should have more details early next year. I have been told that we may have to shoot for the spring of 2012 instead of the fall of 2011. In the interim, I hope you will consider attending the RUAEA convention in May of 2011. Our own **Jack Hooper** and his lovely wife **Nancy** will be the hosts. I am sure that they will put together a really good convention considering the number of RUAEA and RUPA people who live in the area.

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

This year sure went by fast! I am so **very** thankful for our “Flying Privileges”, for all the holidays we have worked.

In February, George & I went on a very relaxing 15 day cruise, from LAX to FLL, thru the Panama Canal; it was very hot in Feb. We went with retiree **Jim Kristoff** (ORDMM) & his wife **Sandy**.

In March, George & I went to LAS with another Retiree from ORDMM, **Jim Kulik** and his wife **Nancy**. We had dinner with a few retired friends who moved there: **Gert Pavich; Arlene & Jim McCroy; and Elaine & Ron Ptak**, all were from LAXRR/CHIRR.

In April, it was a girly trip, 3 other gals and I flew to DUBAI. It was a wonderful city, the most Modern city I have ever seen! We spent 1 overnight, and then got on a 7 night RCCL cruise. All the cities were amazing, starting in Modern Dubai; next stop was an Old Walled City of Muscat, going to Abu Dhabi, and other stops.

In May, we took a cruise with a total of 8 couples, some were retired ORDMM mechanics, **Roc Christofaro, Don Tutt, Jim Kulik; Virginia Monaco**, & 2 employees **Irmi Tokar & Roger Mock**. This cruise started in Nice, France; but we stayed a few days in Paris first. We cruised to Monte Carlo; Portofino, Italy; Livorno, Italy; Portoferraio, Italy; Porto Cervo (in Sardinia) & ended in Rome where we stayed 3 days then flew home. May is a wonderful month to go to Europe! We were on our favorite ship, the “Windsurf” Sailing Ship, with only 300 passengers.

In June, we took two grandchildren to DCA & toured the City for two days. Then later in June, we went with Roc Christofaro retired ORDMM & wife Wanda to spend 3 days in wonderful New York.

In July, we met friends in New Orleans & spent a 4 day weekend there.

In August, we flew to TYS to visit retiree **Ken Kofink** & wife **Faith**.

In September, George surprised me with a trip to LAS for my birthday. Joining us were **Virginia & Carl Monaco**. We visited mutual friends who live there again. We also saw two shows. We don’t have time to gamble a lot while we are there! I did win \$120 on \$1 Keno bet. That gave me “spending money” to go to the Premier outlet mall.

In October, we are going with fellow worker **Roger Mock** (ORDMM) & wife **Deb** to see the Fall Foliage at Niagara Falls, Canada. It was a very short trip, only spending 2 nights with a “Falls View”. After this trip, George is finally having wrist surgery caused from a fall off a ladder at ORDMM in June 2009. All we can say is that Workman Comp works really slowly to help the employees!

Then time to go to HAWAII after George’s surgery before we get our winter months & flights get too full.

I am going with **Virginia Monaco** & we will stay in HNL at the “Seaside Hotel”. It has great Employee/Retiree Rates, if you ever go to HNL.

I’m still working part-time as a Travel Agent selling full fare cruises & and also wonderful “interline rates”, getting the scoop when the interline rates first come out (30-60-90 days ahead)!

I wish everyone a very Happy & Healthy New Year.

We all hope that the UA/CO merger will be successful.

**Anne Jones, S. Castenada Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116, greenghia@Gmail.com**

Thank you, another birthday. Birthdays do come faster each year.

I did take many trips this year; except the one I took and broke my wrist. But that led me to learn how to play the Celtic harp. Life is full of circuitous surprises!

I was happy to see a letter from **Lou Mullen**. I worked with **Lou & Bonnie** at SFORR many years ago.

Thank you for all your good work at RUAEA.

**Algimantas Kubilius, 7121 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60632-3010**

Another year went into the history of my life. I can’t believe how the time flies and at very fast pace. I took early retirement in 1992 and the year of 2010 is almost over.

This past year, I took a flight over the Atlantic Ocean to Vilnius, Lithuania to visit some of my relatives. Lately, to fly is a hard task because most of the flights are pretty full. But to Frankfurt on United, I made first class and going home from Frankfurt, I made business section. And on to Vilnius and back to Frankfurt, I made business section via Lufthansa. That’s all that’s exciting in my retired life this year besides doctor’s office visits.



I thank you very much for the fine and interesting newspaper you put together and all of the information for us retirees.

**John Manning, 4801 Montgomery St., Annandale, VA 22003-6123**

Please count me in for another year.

I am a WWII Veteran on the US Yorktown aircraft carrier that left Japan in October of 1945.

I hired on with PCA Airlines in 1946. It became Capital Airlines and then United in 1960-61. I retired from United at DCA in March of 1982.

I read in the newsletter of some that retired with 20-25 years since I retired.

Some of us still get together for lunch and draw attention to ourselves, having to talk so loud. Time and aircraft engines did us in, oh well, it was a good trip.

Thanks so much for the news and bringing back memories.

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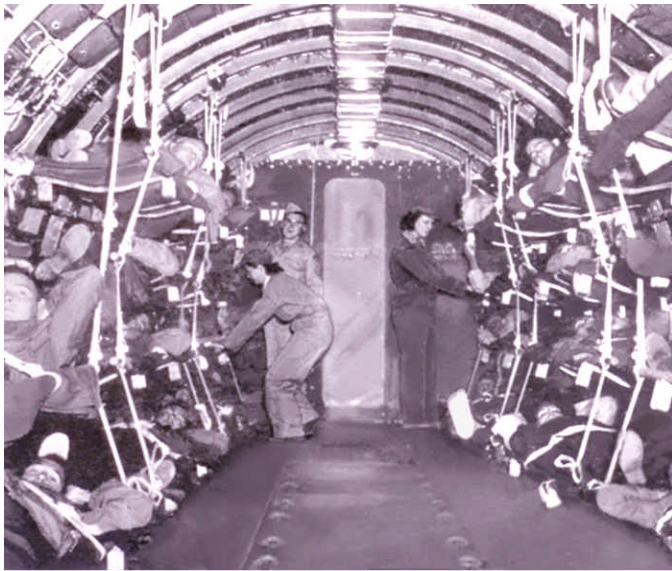
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