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*Blue Angels performing at UA Family Day / Fleet Week - SFO 2011*



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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

By the time most of you read this, Thanksgiving will have passed and we will be looking forward to the Holidays. It has been a year of twist and turns. Early in the year, we were encouraged with a meeting of all the retiree organizations from United and Continental with members of the new management. Then shortly after that meeting, the company an-

nounced the highlights of the new Pass Travel Policy to become effective in 2012. There were many parts of the new policy that are detrimental to the retirees of both companies. After the announced highlights, the company set about working on the details for their new policy. Throughout the summer, there were a multitude of questions and protest about certain aspects of the new policy. To date, there has been no posting of the details and the company has repeatedly stated the new policy would go into effect as planned and be reviewed within a couple of years. This fall, the communications with the company on this issue have been silence.

We have recently heard that the unions have finally begun to question the new policy. It appears that they are in the process of establishing a dialogue with the company on the pass policy. ALPA appears to be the leading member in this effort. We have cautious optimism that some changes will occur before implementation. A big question still remains as when the new policy will actually go into effect. It would appear that it would be in conjunction with the move from the United reservation system to the Continental reservation system ... sometime in March 2012.

As we approach the New Year, let us think about family and friends. Let's put all of the "bad news" behind us for a few weeks or at least a few days. Hopefully, most of us are in reasonably good health. Barbara and I wish all of you "Glad Tidings Wherever You Are".

Ron Bertacini  
President – RUAEA

Happy Holidays!

## The Writers' Column - Wally Wong, From United Airlines to Broadway *By Veronica Domaratius and Wally Wong*



*Wally Wong (left), accepts United Air Lines' 1973 Public Relations Award from Edward E. Carlson, the airline's president and chief executive officer, as Charles F. McErlean (right), executive vice president and chief operating officer, and Mechlin Moore, senior vice president-external affairs, look on.*

Sometimes retirement means leaving United Airlines and embarking on a new career. For Wally Wong, the bright lights of Broadway beckoned.

It was his work at United that stimulated his creativity and helped lead to his post United career. As Wally reflects on his 36 plus years with United, he recalls work assignments at the SFO-Maintenance Operations Center that were an exciting, challenging, and rewarding adventure for him.

Some of his most interesting, challenging, and satisfying work assignments during his tenure with United Airlines included working with Industrial Engineering performing Cost/Benefit studies at the MOC and Line Stations. He also developed and implemented training programs, which enhanced worker safety, improved work scheduling systems, and productivity.

What contributed to his current career may well have been his work in Public Relations, which included the production of public events and theatrical presentations for United. For example, in August, 1982 he helped produced the event "Friendship Fair '82", which was essentially an Open-House event for United Airlines employees, retirees, their families and friends across United's system.

The event was a huge success, with approximately 60,000 people attending the function, which had widespread news media coverage. It featured a variety of entertainment modules pertaining to multi-media presentations about United's Maintenance Operations and the men and women who maintain United's fleet. Also included was a fly-in of 100 World War II fighter and

antique planes. United's new 767 aircraft from Boeing was on display. It makes him happy that this tradition is still being carried on with the SFO Family Day!

In addition to working at United, Wally found time to devote numerous hours towards improving the community in which he lived. In recognition of his long string of civic achievements in his community, he was presented with United Airlines' 1973 Public Relations Award. In 1979, he received the California State Senate Resolution and the San Mateo County Bar Association commendation. He was also recognized in 1983, with a White House Commendation from President Ronald Reagan for his work on the Concerned Citizens Committee. These are only a few of many such awards he received from various agencies. Not only was Wally recognized, United Airlines received publicity for his services.

After his retirement from United Airlines in 1989, he moved to New York City to assist his sister, Jadin Wong in auditioning and managing talent. He was successful right from the start. In 1990, he and his sister, Jadin, auditioned and cast "Miss Saigon" a musical which had a five year run on Broadway.

In the ensuing years he performed in Musical Theatre, cabaret, and acted in film, television, and commercials. One popular cabaret performance was "She Dunn Him Wong". He paired with Roz Dunn to delight the audience with a collection of funny and poignant pop and Broadway songs.

Currently, he is helping Mr. Frank Young, Producer/Artistic Director of the Theatre Under the Stars in Houston, Texas, to mount the musical "Sayonara". Starting at the theatre in Texas, the show will then be brought to Broadway. To accomplish this, he has been auditioning talent and meeting with Broadway producers. Wally is working to secure discount prices for United retirees who attend the show.

But, that is not all. He is also assisting Mr. Fred Jerome, author of several books to produce a featured film. The film pertains to the personal lives and relationships of two giants of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the world renowned scientist Dr. Albert Einstein and the legendary singer, actor, athlete, and social activist, Paul Robeson.

As Wally says, *"it seems that I'm officially retired, but still working to help young performers to self-actualize and doing my best to live my life fully and consciously in the present as I continue on in my journey!"*

### **United Continental Holdings announces 3Q profit**

United Continental Holdings, Inc. (UAL), the holding company for UA and CO, announced third-quarter 2011 financial results on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

UAL reported third-quarter net income of \$773 million, excluding \$120 million of net special items con-



sisting primarily of integration-related costs. On a GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) basis, UAL reported third-quarter 2011 net income of \$653 million.

*"Our solid financial performance in the third quarter was due to the hard work and focus of my co-workers," said Jeff. "Our merger integration is going well as we approach two significant milestones: Our single operating certificate, which we expect to achieve by the end of this year, and our single passenger service system, which we expect to implement by the end of the first quarter of next year."*

UAL consolidated passenger revenue increased 9.2 percent in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma results for the same period in 2010. Third-quarter 2011 consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile increased 10.1 percent compared to the pro forma results year-over-year.

Third-quarter 2011 consolidated fuel expense, excluding the impact of hedges, increased 41.3 percent, or \$1.0 billion, year-over-year on a pro forma basis.

Prior to the merger on October 1, 2010, UAL results included the financial results only of UA. Pro forma results that consolidate the financial results for CO for third-quarter 2010 are included for meaningful year-over-year comparisons.

### **FLIFO migration is successful**



All flight information (FLIFO) for subsidiary CO flights has been successfully migrated to the Unimatic system. Combining CO flight information with that of UA

flights already on Unimatic is a major step in our journey to be awarded a Single Operating Certificate from the FAA. Thanks to everyone for the extensive preparations that led to this change. Over the past several months, teams from Operations Control Center (OCC), the SOCC in Houston, Airport Operations (AO), Training, and Information Technology (IT) groups, along with other ops division leaders have been preparing final plans and training co-workers for the transition. Congratulations to the teams for successfully completing this major milestone!

### **One carry-on policy now in effect**

A harmonized carry-on baggage policy is now in effect on all CO and UA flights. FAA and United Qual-





ity Assurance auditors are monitoring at airports, and non-compliance could result in fines.

The new program is consistent with the former CO and UA programs in that it allows each passenger one carry-on bag not to exceed 45 linear inches and one personal item (1 plus 1). There are two exceptions, however. First, in-flight pets no longer count against the 1 plus 1 limit. Second, only working or deadheading Inflight Services or Flight Operations co-workers are exempt from the 1 plus 1 limit.

Non-working Inflight Services or Flight Operations co-workers, including commuters, are no longer exempt from the 1 plus 1 limit except for their flight bags. This flight bag exception applies only to CO and UA mainline co-workers.

#### **Jeff and Pete McDonald talk with pilots at Flight Standards meetings**



Jeff and EVP and Chief Operations Officer Pete McDonald spent more than an hour with about 200 check airmen and instructors in Chicago as part of an annual series of

Flight Ops Standards training meetings. UAL is holding four of these meetings - to include all five fleets - from September through November.

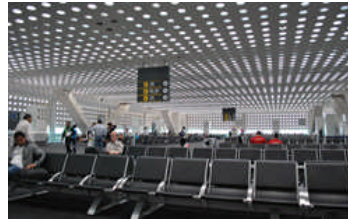
Jeff and Pete have attended two of these meetings so far. They provided company updates and addressed issues that are on pilots' minds, including ongoing labor negotiations, plans for new aircraft and how United is competing against other airlines.

*"This meeting helped our check airmen and instructors understand the goals of the new airline," said Flight Standards Managing Director Dave Lynn. "Jeff and Pete gave the pilots a clear understanding of where we are and where we need to go, and listened and responded to their issues."*

In all, more than 550 pilots participated in the first three meetings. Another 180 check airmen and instructors will attend the final meeting in Chicago the second week of November. The annual Standards meetings are FAA-required and provide recurrent training for all Flight Ops Instructor/Evaluators at the new United Airlines. The series also features presentations on United's progress toward a single operating certificate (SOC), new technology (I-Pads), and new requirements for United's check airmen post SOC.



#### **UA, CO newest co-located facilities**



United co-located its operations at Mexico City (MEX) October 31. CO moved from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 to join the UA ticket counters and gates there.

In October, United also co-located facilities at Memphis (MEM), Tenn., Norfolk (ORF), VA and Sacramento (SMF), CA. United also co-located support functions in Shanghai (PVG), China. The company is now co-located at 55 airports worldwide.

#### **United announced satellite Wi-Fi partner for more than 300 aircrafts**



United has selected Panasonic Avionics Corporation to provide WiFi connectivity on more than 300 UA and CO mainline aircrafts beginning in mid-2012. Panasonic's

Ku-band satellite technology offers faster speed than air-to-ground technology and will provide connectivity on flights worldwide. The system will also enable wireless streaming of video content.

Customers will be able to use their wireless devices such as laptops, smart phones and tablets onboard those aircraft to connect with internet service using the in-flight hotspot. Chief Revenue Officer and EVP Jim Compton said, *"We selected satellite-based Ku-band technology to enable customers to stay connected on long-haul overseas flights, something no other U.S.-based international carrier currently offers."* UAL expects to install the Panasonic system on Airbus 319 and 320 and Boeing 747, 757, 767, 777 and 787 aircraft. The company intends to equip the entire mainline fleet with WiFi by 2015. CO previously announced plans to install satellite-based WiFi on more than 200 DIRECTV (R)-equipped aircraft beginning in 2012.

#### **New check-in procedures require PNR**



United has introduced a new look and feel to its integrated mobile website, now configured for customers of both subsidiaries. It retains key features for co-workers but includes a change in the way UA co-workers check in for non-revenue flights.

All co-workers flying on pass travel, including positive space business travel, can continue to view flight status, seat maps,

and standby, upgrade and cleared lists. However, they now need to use their confirmation number, or PNR, to check in for flights on a mobile device.

The system will no longer accept employee file numbers to find a reservation. To check in using a mobile device, co-workers may first select “Flight Check-in”, which will bring up the confirmation number entry screen. Entering an employee ID number instead will generate an error message.

### **Newest flight attendants report to bases**



Inflight Services welcomed 44 new flight attendants during graduation ceremonies on October 20<sup>th</sup>, in Houston. The graduates are the first class of flight attendants to join the combined company.

*“You are in the unique position to be completely focused on the future of the new United and what it will take to build the world’s leading airline,”* IAH Hub VP Stephanie Buchanan said to the class.

The new flight attendants will report to their bases in CLE, EWR and IAH. They are the first of several classes to accommodate our 2012 flying schedule.

### **United celebrates five years serving Kuwait**



United joined key customers, business partners, diplomats and government officials in Kuwait City October 30 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of its non-stop service

from IAD.

Trans-Atlantic, Middle East & India VP Charles Duncan said the B777 service to Kuwait City (KWI) has been very popular with customers and provided us with a foothold in the Middle East. United’s network has grown since then with the addition of IAD-Dubai (DXB) non-stops in 2008 and IAD-Bahrain (BAH) direct flights via KWI in 2010.

### **Holding top position in hub markets gives United key competitive advantage**



Being the No. 1 carrier in its hub markets is one of United’s key competitive advantages. The company will continue to hold those positions even as it adjusts capacity in response to the

volatility of fuel prices.

In the IAH market, which includes Houston-Hobby (HOU), United serves 168 cities compared to 33 for Southwest (WN) and seven for Delta (DL). In total, United will average 593 departures and 58,000 seats daily this November.

Even though United’s year-over-year average departures are down by seven flights a day as part of its commitment to manage capacity, United remains the clear leader and provide more options for its customers.

In 2011, United added new service from IAH to Lagos (LOS), Nigeria, and Palm Springs (PSP), Calif. United has added service this year to locations including Cedar Rapids (CID), Iowa, and Hobbs (HOB), N.M.

Here is how United stacks up against its competition in Houston:

	UA/CO	WN	VX
<b>Cities Served</b>	168	33	7
<b>Departures</b>	593	123	30
<b>Seats</b>	58,000	17,000	3,000

### **Jet fuel, oil prices continue to separate**



Although the prices of oil and gasoline continue to moderate compared to their higher levels earlier this year, that hasn’t translated into lower prices for jet fuel.

While United reported a profit in the third quarter of 2011, its jet fuel prices increased \$1.0 billion year-over-year. Delta (DL), American (AA) and US Airways (US) reported year-over-year increases in fuel price for the quarter of \$1 billion, \$653 million and \$360 million, respectively.

One major driver of those increases is the growth in the price difference between the cost of a barrel of oil and the cost of a barrel of jet fuel.

In the first quarter of 2010, that “crack spread” (the margin that refineries charge for converting crude oil into jet fuel) was only about \$7 per barrel. By the third quarter of 2010, the crack spread had almost doubled to \$12 per barrel. A year later, it is more than \$39 per barrel. Add the fact that United consume almost 100 million barrels of oil per year, one can see how the costs add up quickly.

One factor causing the crack spread to increase is that jet fuel’s cost is more closely tied to the price of Brent rather than West Texas Intermediate oil, and Brent prices are up significantly since Libya’s production capabilities have been offline.

A one-dollar change in the per barrel price of jet



fuel (excluding the impact of United's fuel hedges) translates into an increased annual fuel expense of almost \$100 million for United. That makes the work United does every day to conserve fuel and run a safe, efficient operation even more important.

United's hedging program reduces its exposure to volatility in the price of jet fuel. United has 56 percent of its fourth-quarter expected consolidated fuel hedged, and 39 percent and 29 percent hedged, respectively, for the first and second quarters of next year.

### **Better late than never, United flew '85 Bears to D.C.**



Chicago's Hometown Airline proudly flew the city's only Super Bowl-winning team, the 1985 Bears, to Washington, D.C., for overdue presidential congratulations. It's a celebra-

tion canceled a quarter-century ago because of a national tragedy and pretty much forgotten until a Chicagoan moved into the White House.

*"It's great to remember our championship season,"* said Capt. Robert Hallett, who was at the controls of the Boeing 757 the Bears boarded at ORD. *"It's an honor for me to fly the team to the White House."*

Flight Attendant Helen Hearn, who has regularly worked Bears charter flights since before the 1985 season, said she was looking forward to again serving Mike Ditka, the coach from that era, players such as Jim McMahon, Willie Gault and Richard Dent, and members of the McCaskey ownership family.

*"It was a pleasure to fly the 1985 team,"* Helen said. *"I'm always hoping, each season I work their flights, that this year's team will be the one to repeat as champions."*

The flight also carried the Vince Lombardi trophy, which the Bears won on January 26, 1986, defeating the New England Patriots 46-10. Two days later, the nation went into mourning over the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion and the White House canceled the party. Today, President and longtime Bears fan Barack Obama gave the Bears the congratulations they missed in 1986.

### **UAL will launch new routes in 2012**



United announced that it will launch service on several new international routes in the first half of 2012. Even with these new routes, the company will remain within its previously announced capacity guidance.

CO will add new daily nonstop flights beginning in May 2012 between IAD and Dublin (DUB), Ireland, and between IAD and Manchester (MAN), UK. CO will also add weekly nonstop service between LAX and Durango (DGO), Mexico, in March 2012. UA will offer new daily nonstop flights between EWR and Buenos Aires (EZE), Argentina, in April 2012, replacing current IAD-EZE service.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles**



After attending Ground Zero and 93 Memorial Chapel memorials, we went on a field trip to Quecreek Mine Rescue Site. This is a State Historic Landmark Site, fifteen miles from Ground Zero. I highly recommend you take time to visit here as I found it well worth the effort. This is the site where a team of rescue workers saved nine trapped coal miners from certain death in

2002. They have the rescue cage on the ground just inches from where the hole was located. The TV news van which covered UAL Flight 93 at Ground Zero and the mine disaster was donated to the site. Be sure to phone ahead, let them know you will be attending. Phone (814) 445-4876, [www.9for9.org](http://www.9for9.org).

Over \$20,500.00 has been received from UAL Retirees to date. Please keep your donations coming. To make the future plans a reality, many donations will be needed. Thanks again for your support. To donate to the Chapel, make check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

### **Holiday Greetings From The Denver Office**



**Virgil Gooselaw**

At this time of the year, it seems appropriate to say "Another year gone by" or where did the time go" and etc. But just to try and break the habit, I'll just acknowledge that it's the time of the year to say "Thank you - to our membership from the Denver Office". There have been many behind the scene changes/adjustments but the main one

is the completion of one year with the Newsletter being edited and published from another location. **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** from Roseville, CA have been in charge of the Newsletter publication since July of 2010.

They are great people and have sacrificed a lot of their time and energy to produce an excellent Newsletter. Each of them has unique talents, Francis is an artist and Veronica has a masterful ability with language. Together, they are an unbeatable combination! The next time you see them, let them know how much you appreciate their work and the obvious diligence given. Although the Newsletter is done in Roseville, CA, much of the material still passes through the Denver Office; the printing and mailing are still done in Denver. All of this is possible since we are now in the digital age. Probably 99% of the material comes to us through email or some other means through the internet.

The Denver Office is also considered the focal point for RUAEA Newsletter, Membership activities and is generally a good source for information. We try to fill the needs of the membership but with the ongoing merger and subsequent elusive factual information that we all are interested in, has been difficult at times to satisfactorily nail down. We have made it our policy not to initiate, spread or elaborate on rumors. When we get factual information, we are more than happy to do our best to get the word out to the membership.

The best source of information is the RUAEA Newsletter and keep an eye on the RUAEA web site at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Whenever something of value that has been verified to be factual comes to our attention, it will be posted. Also, if you are not using Skynet, I strongly suggest you get involved. If you don't have a computer or need help, you children, grandchildren or great grandchildren will probably be glad to give you a hand.

The staff in the Denver Office:

**Cas Spokas**, our computer tech and Assistant Membership Manager, continues to do his good job of maintaining the computers.

Our wonderful Secretaries, **Carole Longbella**, **Carol Bare**, **Juliana Alfonso** and **Marilyn Hansen** continue to do a splendid job maintaining the data base. Whenever you call the office, you will always get one of the cheerful ladies or if they are not available at the time, one of them will make every effort to contact you and take care of your need.

Our Letters Editor, **Martha Gooselaw** who formats and prepares all the letters that come to the Denver Office for inclusion in the Newsletter. At times, it is difficult to decipher the handwriting of us old people. She obviously has the proverbial "patience of Job".

**John Chu**, the person that brings the Newsletter together for final formatting is greatly appreciated. John, over the years, has developed a one on one relationship with the chapter correspondents and makes everything fit.

We all cherish the relationship we have with you, the membership! There isn't a greater group of people than the United/Continental retirees. From the Denver

Office, we wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Membership Manager  
Virgil Gooselaw

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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### GULF COAST CHAPTER



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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 11:30AM in our usual spot for lunch, which is the Cubi Bar Café in Pensacola, FL. The restaurant staff is always so friendly and helpful and we now have a favorite waiter that we ask for each month. We love meeting in the Aviation Museum since we know there are new aircraft displays every month. We only had 14 members attend this month but numbers never stop us from having a great time! We truly just enjoy seeing and talking with each other each month. Members in attendance were: **Conrad Hamilton, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Sandi Noll, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, and Harold Stofko.** Our Vice-President, **Bill Hayden**, was in Boston this month with his daughter and granddaughter. We all missed him so much. **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** had planned to attend but at the last minute received a call from the school that their son, Jake, had had a minor gym accident and they had to go pick him up. We always miss them when they are not able to attend.

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Minutes and Financial Reports were e-mailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. **Conrad Hamilton & Barbara Serra** sold the raffle tickets and congratulations to our winner, **Harold Stofko**. Everyone was reminded to email their picture in uniform to **Annie Kirkpatrick-Wilkey** so she can continue to work on the new name tags she is making for us. She sent us all an e-mail showing what she is planning to do. They really look great!

A discussion was held regarding making donations to a couple of non-profit groups in December and a decision will be made at our November meeting. We then talked about the December meeting. It was decided that everyone will bring a wrapped gift and we will play the game, "Dirty Santa" to distribute the gifts. Several had never heard of this game so it was described to them. We are looking forward to a very fun meeting in December.

Our next meeting dates are listed in the Calendar section! If you happen to be coming down to the Gulf Coast during this time, we welcome you to come join us for one of our very casual and fun-filled meetings. Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

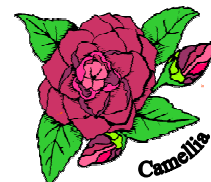
### Calendar:

**November 17** - Meeting

**December 15** - Meeting

### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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For the month of October, we met at Lloyd's Restaurant, southeast of Birmingham. All enjoyed a delicious meal together. Having residents of a local nursing home share the room with us, made us feel at home.

**Joe Singleton**, our treasurer, was absent so we did not get an update on our finances and did not have a drawing. Our secretary, **Judy Slover**, was unable to attend due to illness. She greatly appreciates **Carol Wilbanks** who took notes at the meeting. There were many other members unable to attend due to illness. Hope everyone is feeling better and will be able to attend the November meeting. Members who were able to attend are: **Carol & Herb Wilbanks, Donna & Jim Gooch, Joe Duncan, Bobby Cox and Gay & Hank Fowler.**

After the meal, **Carol Wilbanks** shared some information from the October online RUAEA Newsletter about new pass policy. Then, both **Carol & Herb Wilbanks** discussed their September trip to San Francisco, Maui and Kauai. They went to celebrate their wedding anniversary. They had no trouble getting on flights on United. They even rode in First Class on a 777 from San Francisco to Maui. They reported that all United agents and flight attendants were polite and helpful.

Carol told about the online listing and check-in details. The main negative was the United check-in lobby in SFO – a mass of people not knowing which line to stand in and too few United employees to keep things moving. Passengers were left waiting for an agent to come back to check their bags after using the counter kiosks to get their bag claim tickets. Very inefficient operation and many negative comments overheard. This was going to and from Hawaii through SFO.

Carol & Herb suggest that retirees be flexible in their travel plans. They had to shorten their SFO visit



by a day. Also have access to a computer or smart phone while traveling and eat before you board a long flight. Food choices are slim onboard. They also reported that Hawaiian Air would not honor passes from Maui to Kauai purchased through the retirees help desk. Fortunately, Island Air did accept the tickets. This problem cost them half a day of time on Kauai. Overall, they enjoyed the trip but were very glad to get back to Alabama.

Correction to August article: I stated that our president, **Herb Wilbanks**, grows orchids for a hobby. He does not. He grows plumeria, papaya trees and sometimes pineapple. He is a member of the Plumeria Society of America. While on Kauai in Sept., he purchased 6 new plumeria varieties. Good luck with the new ones, Herb. We're all looking forward to seeing more of the beautiful blooms that you always share with us.

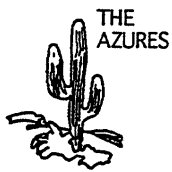
**Gay Fowler** announced an overnight trip available to Callaway Gardens and FDR's home, November 30 – December 1, 2011. Anyone interested can contact her at [ggf1948@gmail.com](mailto:ggf1948@gmail.com).

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

#### Calendar:

**December 12** - Meeting - 11:30AM - TBA

### ARIZONA



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I told you, didn't I? That our first meeting/luncheon/picnic on October 8 would be a great success and it was! The weather cooperated and it was a lovely day, a little cool in the shade but plenty of sunshine to go around, this is Arizona after all! We had a great turnout of 50+ members, we signed up and welcomed four new members, **Bonita & Rick Combs** from Peoria, AZ and **Don & Karla Cushing** (past members) from Goodyear, AZ. We had delicious sandwiches/boxed lunch from a Sun City deli with iced tea and lemonade. Our Azures President, **Mike Richards**, talked about the new travel program effective January 1, 2012, Open Enrollment in November and any "new" news from our "new United".

Our breakfasts at Coco's on 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road have proven, once again, to attract 15-20 members. Now that the hot weather is behind us (at least for 4 months), we will probably see an increase in the breakfast attendees.

And, I must mention the "snowbirds" who are returning to their warmer roosts and will be "breakfasting" with the group. Last breakfast had 14 attendees: **Sonny & Barbara Carnes, Jim & Marlene Bechtold, Ziggy Butkiewicz, Tim Everhart, Mike & Claudia Richards, Sherry Muoio, Suse Hughes, Tom and Megan Heidecker** (visitors from Chicago), **Nancy Levinsohn**, and **Olive Crowthers**.

Congratulations to **Pat & Ken Paulson** who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 28. They had an early celebration in Chicago with their children and grandchildren and then it was off to Maui for a week of fun (mai tais and champagne, sounds like fun to me). Hawaiian Air was their choice of airlines from Phoenix, direct to Maui (delightful not to worry about "standby" on United Express from Phoenix to San Francisco). And, of course, the weather was wonderful!

**Joan & Richard Aaronson** visited the Charlotte, NC Air Museum in September and saw the USAir fuselage from Captain "Sulley" Sullenberger's "landing" on the Hudson river. They thoroughly enjoyed the museum and advised anyone to go for a quick trip to Charlotte to see it. One of our cherished members, **Sally Illingworth**, is having back surgery in December and we are soliciting your prayers for her speedy recovery. Sally has had numerous back surgeries in the past but always bounces back cheerfully. We pray her recovery time will be lessened by your support, cards, and prayers. Sally's address is: 12522 Prospect Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

**Elsie Dikeman** fell and broke a bone under her knee cap and will be recuperating in Colorado by her daughter, Phyllis, until the end of November. Cards can be sent: c/o Kathie Brenner, 400 Estate Drive, Johnstown, CO 80534. Please keep her in your prayers. **Don Bergstrom** had knee replacement surgery in October and is recuperating (under Ann's excellent care) at home and doing well. Cards can be sent to Don Bergstrom, 20003 N. 124<sup>th</sup> Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

We're looking forward to our "Thanksgiving" luncheon at Pebblecreek Golf Resort on November 12 and will report on that next month. Then, our Christmas luncheon will be held at Briarwood County Club in Sun City West on December 10, and those who signed up for the "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" at the Arizona Broadway Theatre on December 14. **Tim & Nita Everhart** invited Chapter members to their house for the January get-together on January 14 (tentative date) for potluck and refreshments. More details in next issue.

My prayers for everyone for a glorious holiday season ... may you all be blessed with good health and happiness in 2012.

#### Calendar:

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

and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

**December 6**

**December 20**

**December 10** - Briarwood Country Club, Sun City West - 1100 Cocktails/12noon Lunch - \$23.00/person, (623) 556-8802.

**December 14** - "Miracle on 34th Street", Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ

**January 14** (tentative date) - **Tim and Nita Everhart's** house party - 12923 West Paintbrush Drive, Sun City West, AZ

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Where did this year go? Soon, it will be Christmas and then the New Year begins. I know this is a busy time of the year for everyone, but hope our members and friends will join us in the many things we have going on in our chapter.

Our Fantasy Flight is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, with lift off scheduled for 7:00AM. We're planning on 120 kindergartners and first graders attending this special party. What a wonderful and fun event this will be. All the volunteers have been busy for a long time to get ready for this day. Thank you for all your help. I'm sure all the children will be very excited with all the activities that are planned for them.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 7<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 11:00AM, with the luncheon being served at noon. We're hoping our members will donate a basket or other gifts to be used for door prizes. Our hosts, **Carol & Skip Ward**, have already sent out their invitation to everyone with the full menu and price. Deadline for your reservations is Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, so be sure to contact the Wards at (480) 883-0832, or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com). You may be too late by the time you get this newsletter and you don't want to miss this special party!

We met for the first time for Breakfast at our new location on October 28 with 32 members attending. We had plenty of room and the food and service were fine. **Peg Snowdall** reported she recently heard from one of our past members, **Doris Ailshie**. Her husband, **El**, is now in a nursing home in Coronado, California. She would love to hear from us. Doris' address is 9255 N.

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We talked about the upcoming election of officers for 2012. We thank all the officers who have served in the past, but would like all the members of our chapter to think about whom they would like to serve and nominate people for the various offices. Our current President, **Jim Brigante**, feels he must step down as an officer. Please consider nominating someone and even yourself for the various positions. Our officers consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We also have the Sheriff, Sun Shine person, and the Historian. Our present Historian, **Ginny Rockenhauser**, would like to pass this position on to someone else. We will finalize the nominations by the January Luncheon and vote during the February Luncheon. If you have any questions about this election, please contact **Skip Ward** at (480) 883-0832, or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com), or **Fred Rockenhauser** at (480) 655-1419, or at [farual@cox.net](mailto:farual@cox.net). We appreciate your input.

Our December Breakfast at Crackers is Friday, December 16. Note the date change due to the Holidays. Crackers is located at 1325 North Greenfield Road in Mesa and starts at 9:00AM. If you need directions, please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

Our chapter's annual dues of \$5.00 are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be made out to Re-United's, and given to **Rita Zarek**, our Treasurer. Her mailing address is 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120-6250. If you have any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail, please give this information to Rita, so that we can make any changes in our Membership Directory, which will be published soon. Thanks for your help on this.

Also, to make sure you receive each month's RUAEA Newsletter, the membership dues are \$25.00 per year. If you see a red message on the mailing label, then it's time to renew. Checks can be sent to Retired United Airlines Employees Association, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Be sure and include your file number on all correspondence.

We will be reporting later on our November 10<sup>th</sup> Luncheon which was held at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, Arizona. Thanks **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** for being great hosts!

Our January Luncheon will be held at the Grandview Steak House on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa. Our hosts will be **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**. Look for more information to follow.

If you're interested in our Chapter, come check us out. We're open to anyone who has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and is of retirement age (55). Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante**, at (480) 443-0031 or by e-mail at [- 10 -](mailto:jbrige-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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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), **Patrice Rowan** (12/18), **Ron Willoughby** (12/18), **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Janet Burns** (12/25), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), and **Peggy Snowdall** (12/31). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have two couples celebrating their anniversaries. They are **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier** on December 18 and **Jim & Bonnie Fauber** on December 31. Congratulations!

#### Calendar

**December 2** – Fantasy Flight with lift-off at 7:00AM at the airport.

**December 7** – Holiday Luncheon at Palo Verde County Club in Sun Lakes. Hosts are **Carol & Skip Ward**. Contact them at (480) 883-0832 or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com). Reservations due no later than December 1.

**December 16** - Breakfast at Crackers, 13258 N. Greenfield Rd in Mesa, starting at 9:00AM. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by December 14 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**January 12** - Luncheon at Grandview Steak House, hosted by **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**.

**January 27** – Breakfast at Crackers



#### TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines chapter. We are on line again after a three month hiatus and have begun our regular luncheon/meeting schedule.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a spectacular potluck event held at the Lynx Lake Eagle Ridge Ramada. The event was hosted by **Chuck & Lynn McCoy** who are the official camp hosts of the area. Chuck showed off his culinary expertise on the grill by serving up many delicious burgers and brats. Many thanks to Chuck & Lynn for their tireless effort for this occasion.

The Tall Pines chapter is an ongoing supporter of the Phoenix Fantasy Flight for underprivileged children and we were pleased to have as our guest speaker, **Rich Vehring**, a member of the Phoenix Re-United group. Rich is one of the volunteers instrumental in keeping the Phoenix Fantasy Flight in the air, so to speak, and enlightened us with the history and the current events of the Fantasy Flight.

On a more serious note, our own **Blaz Arriago** was diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. He and his wife, **Mary Ann**, will spend six weeks in Phoenix while he undergoes chemo and radiation treatment. They will be driving up to Prescott on the weekends to visit their cat "Socks." We are sure that Blaz would appreciate hearing from his friends - his address is 3565 East Liese Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303-5747.

Our regular scheduled luncheon and meetings will be held the third Tuesday at 11:00am at the Lone Spur Cafe. The November meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Let's have a great turnout!!

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report:

We enjoyed a delightful luncheon with ten members in attendance. We did discuss the Phoenix Fantasy Flight for underprivileged children. **Jeannie Risdon** is selling the raffle tickets for the affair and is accepting donations at this time.

In mid-October, Jeannie & Earle left sunny AZ for sunny CA, visiting relatives. **Joe & Ann Tomasic** will spend a week in Culpeper, VA, barnstorming in the Flying Circus Air show there, doing loops, rolls, spins and hammerhead stalls is their favorite way to fly, in vintage biplanes

**Blas Arriago** is doing very well with his treatment for cancer, and is still able to come to his home in Prescott on weekends. Blas has three weeks of treatment remaining before his discharge from the hospital in Phoenix.

We wish all our RUAEA friends a Happy Holiday Season.

#### Calendar

**December 7** – Christmas Party at the Pine Cone Inn.

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It seems as though October came and just disappeared so fast that it was hardly noticeable. Now we are looking ahead to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Wow, how fast time moves when you're having fun.

Most of our northern friends must have returned to the old Pueblo as the traffic has increased measurably. Homes that have been vacant all summer long are now occupied and everything seems to be back to normal.

Our October 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen was attended by 21 roadrunners and one guest. **Wendy Temborius** was our guest and a good friend of **Gail Rudolph**. She worked in cargo at WHQ.



The food at this delicatessen is usually more than one can consume so it was not unusual to see many boxes being taken home. **Ed Kokot** was our host for this event and his selection of Shlomo and Vito's was excellent. Thanks Ed.

Our November luncheon will be at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch and will be hosted by **Alice Belzer** and **Donna Kuehn**. The date will be November 17<sup>th</sup>. It is suggested that your arrival should be 11:00 am as the luncheon will start at 11:30 am. **Donna Kuehn** will need a head count by November 14<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon will cost \$18.00 pp and checks should be made out to Donna. Her address is 10200E. Hawk Hill Lane, Tucson, AZ 85749. Phone # (520) 749-2449.

Our annual Christmas tree decorating at the Reed Park Zoo will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the Zoo parking lot at 9:00am for refreshments before starting the decorations. **Gordon Starr** will be our leader for this event. Gordy also won the 50/50 drawing at the October luncheon.

Just prior to the writing of this newsletter, we received the sad news that one of our members had passed on. **Jerry Byle**, husband of our secretary **Claire Byle** passed on after a heart attack on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Jerry had been an active volunteer at the Pima Air Museum and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Claire and family during this trying time.

#### Calendar:

**November 17** - Tanque Verde Guest Ranch Hosted by **Alice Belzer** and **Donna Kuehn**

**November 21** - Reed Park Zoo Tree decorating

**December 15** - Christmas Luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club

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Our Chapter met at the Spyglass Restaurant on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It was hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner** with very nice table treats. They also provided dessert that was enjoyed by everyone. We were scheduled to have 24 attending; however **Esther Bartlett's** husband Bob was not able to attend. It seems that as they exited the freeway, their car stalled and Bob had to wait for tow truck, but it was close enough for Esther to walk to the restaurant. So there were only 23 of us there. We were happy to have **Isabelle Stanger** and **Howard Lackey**

with us again. A long time member, **Betty Rupp**, was with us after having heart surgery. She was looking great and feeling great also. She has to come quite a way to make our meetings and lucky for us, she gets a ride each time.

**Marcia Stanger**, our president, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She recognized **Jack Cunningham** who wanted to relate his experience when flying from LAX to ORD via UAL. He and his wife **Eleanor** went to a wedding in Chicago. He was hit with a \$50 additional charge on his ticket because he made his reservation by phone. He was able to get Economy Plus seats so he was served cocktails and food. He was very much impressed with the attention and service he was given by the ticket agents. The fact that he has been retired for 30 years must have impressed them also. Along with the wedding he went to, he also celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We are very fortunate to have the Cunninghams attend our functions since they have to travel 90 miles one-way to be with us.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Marcia Stanger** and **Pat Wagner**. **Dana Noyes** took charge of half of the drawing for our treasury. Marcia then opened up the discussion for our Christmas contribution that we have been doing each year. We normally donate \$200 to Toys 4 Tots. It was suggested that \$100 be donated to the Five Cities Toys 4 Tots and another \$100 be given to the same organization in Santa Barbara. This was agreed to by all of us. Our Christmas meeting will be hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. There will be a \$15 gift exchange again.

**Mike Zoldak** came up with an idea for our members. He had taken a survey, via Email, to determine what the total company seniority was, not including retirement, of our members. He had 18 responses and it totaled 594 (rounded off) years. The winner was **Bob Stanger** with the exact total. He used the formula of 18 members times 33 years of service. What a smart approach.

**Nina Powers** read an article from the RUPA newsletter which has the same feelings RUAEA has regarding the Pass Policy. Nina returned from her trip to the Scandinavian countries. Even though it was wet and rainy, it was a great trip. She is now planning for her next trip.

**Howard Lackey** filled us in on the latest Pass Policy that will go into effect around January 2012. He was told that the combined meeting for October was cancelled by CO because (as they put it) there were more pressing issues. They hope to have a meeting in the first quarter of next year. Howard did his best to explain the Vacation Pass policy. Apparently there is an A, B, C category. The A priority contains 4 yearly Vacation passes. The B priority is for active employees. The C priority is the lowest. Good luck on that one. Howard

mentioned that the method of listing will change using the Internet. We'll have to watch for further instructions. Unfortunately, those who do not have a computer are going to be less informed of day to day information.

We will not meet during November and I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving. I will have more information at our December meeting.

#### Calendar:

**December 14** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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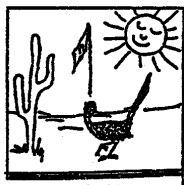


**Elida & Reuben Rivas** were the unscheduled hosts for the Brazen Raisins' November 2011 meeting. President **Elida Rivas** introduced guests **Helen & Sam Taylor** who, we hope, will become new members.

There were lots of good things to say about the potluck lunch at **Nile & Lincoln Jones'** resort near Madera, CA in October. There was some discussion about members who no longer come to meetings for various reasons. Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** had sent Elida a new list of members and also told her that she had sent cards to several members.

President Elida read some messages received from **Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Director; they noted some changes in health benefits; the enrollment period was November 10 through November 29; retirees must phone in even if they are staying with the same plan.

Elida read about Pan Am, still living on by having a reunion in Miami, 600 alumni sharing stories. Then, there was a discussion of the new Boeing 787 bought by Japan. Elida stated that United will purchase 200 new airplanes; Reuben added that United will be the first airline in America to receive the 787.



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Thirty nine Desert Sunbirds, not including this writer (basking in the warm tropical breezes of Kona), were present at our October Luncheon. **Ron & Barb Napier** were our hosts at the Sole of Mexico in Indio. The attendees chose from a variety of menu choices, including tacos, enchiladas, and a barbeque pulled pork

sandwich. Apparently, several members also ordered super-sized Margaritas, and were still able to find their way to their cars, and make it home safely.

**Matt Gauss & Marilyn** were present for the second time this year, and brought guests **Jo & Horst Engel**. **Siv Adams** brought **Winnie Sher**, a retired Flight Attendant. Hosts Ron & Barb provided "Scarecrow" centerpieces, which were given out as door prizes.

"Christmas Charities" was discussed. In the past, we have collected money, and sent a check to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. This year, the Mission advised us that they are in great need of toys. So this year, in lieu of cash donations, those who wish to participate, should bring an unwrapped toy to the Christmas Luncheon. **Carole Paquin** and **Betty Rodgers** will deliver them to the Mission.

**Gwen Craven** is home from the Rehab Center, recuperating from her fractured hip. She says she is aiming for our Christmas Meeting/Luncheon as her "coming out" appearance.

Getting back to my trip to Kona ~ Check out the Dinner Cruise with "Body Glove". They feature a guitarist/singer, who is terrific! I didn't get his Hawaiian name, but his "stage name" is L. T. Smooth. And can he play that guitar!

Congratulations to **Jim & Liz Clapper**, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 25<sup>th</sup>. **Siv Adams** won the 50/50, and **Marge Lenz** was the Birthday Lunch winner.

*More Student Bloopers ~ During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe. Later, the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was known as Pilgrims Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by the Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indian squabs carried porpoises on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died, and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.*

#### Calendar:

**December 14** - Monterey Country Club, hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**



## SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on October 26 at Fat's Asian Bistro in Roseville. This was hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. We had 66 members in attendance. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Bertacinis for hosting. Charles introduced our new members, **Bob & Michiko Allen**.

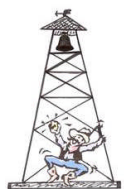
Officer's Reports ~ VP **Orville Harshbarger** thanked everyone for filling the luncheon spots for next year. We still need hosts for July, August, and October. There will be no luncheon this November. The Christmas Luncheon will be held at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley on December 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Greenacres. Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for October & November. Those 50 years and over: **Robert & Gail Opdahl** (52 years). **Harold Esola** led us in the celebration song. Treasurer Judie gave our Chapter balance. Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** welcomed **Dick Sandstedt** back with us. She sent a card to **Darryl Stroud** as he was not feeling well. Historian **Stephanie Norton** will be bringing the scrapbook in for the Christmas Luncheon. Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** had no report.

Northern California/Nevada Director **John Zoboli** talked on several points of interest. From the UA/CO merger, Convention for 2012 in Washington DC to 2012 Benefits Preview brochure is in the mail.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** echoed what John had to say. All correspondence will be on the internet. Pass travel benefits are going as planned. Really don't know if there will be any changes. Nothing much is new – hold fast. Between January and March we should know what they are going to do.

### Calendar:

**December 14** – Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley, hosted by the **Greenacres**



## HANGTOWN MINERS

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The November meeting was called to order by President **Jon Somplack**. The luncheon was held at

The Golden Dragon restaurant in Placerville and was hosted by **Daniel & Roberta Ouchi** and **Joe & Lynda Lima** (again?). Thanks guys, the luncheon was great. Joe & Lynda do such a good job hosting many luncheons, maybe we should make them permanent hosts for all luncheons?

The sign-up sheet for next year's luncheon was passed around. When I saw it, we still needed February, March and August. Hopefully, some of those months have been taken.

There were 30 members in attendance – no guests.

Old Business: Our officers decided to donate \$250.00 to the El Dorado County Food Bank and subsidize the December luncheon by \$12.00 for each member to help defray the cost to members.

We need two officers for next year! **Jon Somplack** has agreed to be president for another year. **Tom Kenny** will accept the Treasurers position. The **Limas** will handle the drawing and **Marge Raynor** will be our sunshine person. However that leaves the Vice President and Secretary positions open.

As long as the president is present at the meeting, the Vice President has little or nothing to do. Jon was at all meetings except one this year. If you aren't at the next meeting, you may be elected.

The secretary position consists of taking minutes at the meetings typing them and sending to the membership. Since we went to mostly EMail this year, the job is much, much easier. I'm planning on traveling next year and don't feel I'll be able to attend all the meetings.

Due to holidays, we don't plan meetings in January, July or September. The October meeting may be at Red Hawk Casino and will possibly on a Monday. Question? How many members are actually traveling on Labor Day or July 4<sup>th</sup>? We usually stay home to avoid the crowds. We have been staying close to home on those holidays for many years now. How many people would attend a July or September luncheon?

Treasurers Report: \$682.96 or .95. I heard conflicting numbers.

For those who haven't heard, J.R. & Rosemary Heier's son (age 43) collapsed while jogging in Golden Gate Park. A good Samaritan called 911 and gave CPR until EMT arrived. He was kept in a coma for several days. He has come out of the coma and is making good progress. He has now been transferred to a rehabilitation hospital.

The Christmas luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Sequoia in Placerville. Information will follow. There will be a Toys for Tots collection at the luncheon. Please bring toys to donate.

The meeting was followed by our raffle (sometimes called a DOO). Thanks to **Joe & Lynda Lima** (basket), **Ann & Dick Czapkay** (candle), **Irv & Sherrie Wolf-ram** (bath salts), **Peggy Bonetti** (wine), **Dan &**



**Roberta Ouchi** (table center pieces), **Pat Razura** (wine), **Pati Kenney** (sachet & flower pots), **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (travel bag & golf tool), **Alice & Jon Somplack** (basket), **Thom Biro** (reindeer), **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (wine) and last but not least, **Mary Lou Wagner** (tea jar).

Meetings never officially adjourned (they just sort of end).

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We had 45 members and guests at our October meeting. It was a beautiful, clear day here in the "Valley of the Moon." The luncheon was hosted by **Maddy McKinnis** and **Mary Hill**. We had a lot of help from **Joan & Oscar Chambers**, **Matty Matchinegg**, **George Schwind** and **Nick Van Kruining**. Thanks Guys. When we looked at everyone in conversation and enjoying themselves, it reminded me of how fortunate I was to have worked for such a great company.

President **Joanne Huhn** started the meeting off with a moment of silence for the passing of two of our favorite members last month, **Matt Stilman** and **Pete Bilsich**. Matt & Norma were Charter Members and Pete started our Christmas luncheon Toy Donation deed. Losing Matt and Pete leaves a big void in our group.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** said our General Fund and Charity totals look pretty good. We are getting ready to make the decisions on our Christmas Charity donations. If you have any suggestions, let Joanne, Naomi or Mary know. Judy also wants to remind the members who live out of the area to send their dues by December. Judy's address is, **Judy DeFord**, 1829 Sandstone Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced our birthdays for the month: **Al Bentham**, **Oscar Chambers**, **Sal Ortega** and **Val Hulsey**. Val was the winner of the birthday lunch. The only anniversary for October was **Joan & Oscar Chambers** (59 years). We sang congratulations to all.

Our autobiography of the month is for both **Pat & Lee Beery**. Pat & Lee both started to work at United in 1955. Lee started in February and Pat started in March. They worked for 34 years, though Pat did have some time off to have some "little Beerys". Lee & Pat both have spent 50+ years in aviation. They have fixed planes, owned planes and flew planes.

Lee spent 4 years as an apprentice mechanic and then was laid off. When he was called back and had his A&P license, he worked in Plane Overhaul, all the Back

Shops and the Ramp, which was his favorite job. Lee said "*Pete Bilsich was the #1 guy*". He said "*Pete taught him everything he needed to know*." Lee went to Inspection, Planning, then to Engineering.

Pat started at United as a Clerk Typist. She worked in Purchasing and then off to Passenger Sales. Both Pat & Lee retired from United in August 1989, after 34 years of service.

**Oscar & Joan Chambers** just returned from a trip to Kauai, Joan's favorite island. They had great weather and good flying. **Bernice & Charlie Anderson** are headed to Oregon to attend one of their daughters "special" birthdays, which is always fun. **Pat & Brandon Maus** just spent 8 days in Paris. Pat, who just recuperated from her second knee replacement, walked all over and took all the subways, and everything worked just fine. **Verda Burr**, our Sunshine lady, returned from a trip to Spain and Portugal. It was a great trip, just a little delay on the return flight. Everything turned out well. **Charlie Anderson**, our Nominating Committee of one, has all the nominees for the next year lined up. Good work Charlie. We will be voting on them next month.

We missed **Naomi Tolf** at the luncheon. Naomi had a little trip to the hospital. We hope all is well.

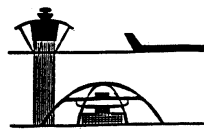
Joanne reminded us to start thinking about our December Toy drive. We had a great raffle with many boxes of chocolates and bottles of wine. Joanne wished everyone a safe trip home.

## **Calendar:**

**December 8** - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers.

## **Re-LAX-ers**

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With my right hand still stiff and not well coordinated yet, I am asking Secretary Donna to send you a copy of her column - the terrific local "Circle of Friends" column which she included with the December meeting notice.

I'm really not up to this typing yet - and having to keep up with Drs. and therapy was as much as I handled and completely forgot about the rest of my life. Aw! Crud! I'm really sick of being sick! It was a year ago yesterday that I had my heart problem which became the 1<sup>st</sup> of my five hospital stays since then. Enough already!

**Circle of Friends** by **Donna Klobe**, Secretary of Re-LAX-ers ~ This last year has opened my eyes to the amazing endurance of people in the upper years of life.

While checking on the health of so many members of our retiree group; I've seen the wonder of so many of their accomplishments.

Topping the chart is the incredible resilience of **Linda Muche** in her long battle to live a normal life after cancer of the throat. Linda is not alone in these horrendous battles.

Look at the amazing battle of **Joann Briggs** just this year. She is a true matriarch of a large family. She laughingly covers her missing hair with chic hats and refuses to relinquish her duties within the RE-LAX-ERs.

Just recently, long time wonder-women, **Sandy Ortiz** was back in the hospital, due to a fall at home. This is in addition to countless operations and procedures that she's endured over many years.

In this group of wonder-women is **Tarina Murray**, whose battle is to survive as many surgeries as possible in one life-time.

Our list doesn't stop there. Just talking to **Barbara Smith** since her stroke and hearing her recover from her first day of limited speech, is phenomenal!

Another look at **Olga Jean Barnes**, whose many trips to the hospital in the last few years is shocking! And yet here she stands, smiling as always and planning her next trip.

Are these women made of iron! We must also look at the amazing resilience of our "Super-men"

We admire the tenacity and fortitude of men such as **Chuck Lamas** and **Ken Teebken** in their long struggles to survive.

Our hearts ache for the struggles of men who've lived day to day and still battle the shocking results from traffic accidents. **Al Tschirhart** and **Tom Labrow** fight every day to overcome the havoc from these difficult events. We recall the difficult recovery from heart attacks of **John Daley** and **Hal Zinger**. They hang in every day and bring joy to those who are near to them.

We admire the strength to overcome the battles with cancer by **Dee Wright** and **Bill Sokoloff**. They carry on the good fight!

And we also recognize "Super-beings" with chronic conditions such as those of **Ester Horomoly** and **Peter & Shirley Criscione**.

We are honored to know these "Super-powers" for their courage to survive!

Other than Donna's review, the only other news I've heard was that **Jackie Hills** and **Marian Barnett** just got back from another cruise.

Again, thanks to all who call me and/or send cards. I'm sure I speak for all those of us who are battling one crummy ailment or another - these contacts are so very welcome!

#### Calendar:

**December 1** - Christmas Luncheon

#### Re-Sans

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We had seventeen at our breakfast this morning. The main topic of conversation was our RESANS Holiday Lunch on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Mainliner Dinner party on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Two big events happening within a few days of each other but sometimes it can't be avoided. We are looking for a good turnout at both occasions.

**Rich Richardson** was with us this morning. He was looking good and seemed happy to see all of us. We are so sorry that he is suffering with Alzheimer's disease. A big thank you to **Wendell Jackson** for bringing him.

**Doris Ailshie**, wife of **Al Ailshie**, advises us she is going to Branson, Missouri for the Holidays with her church group. Al is still in an assisted living home in El Cajon.

I have received a note from **Mary Card Young**, who is going to be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She worked at SANCS from 1978 to 1990 and has been living in Henderson, NV. She is planning on attending our Holiday lunch and we look forward to seeing her.

**Betty Tomaino** is mourning the loss of her Mother. We passed a card around to sign and some of us plan to attend the funeral service tomorrow.

It is always such a delight when **Rosalie Tripicchio** joins us. She brought Mainliner items to sell and sold tickets for the mainliner holiday dinner. This is the time of the year when we are looking for gifts for friends and family and she had quite a few items to sell. I have asked to do this again before the holidays and I am willing to take orders. Just call or email me and I will be glad to help.

I am off to visit my grandson in Seattle for week but I will be looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday celebrations.

#### Calendar:

**December 1** - Lunch in lieu of monthly breakfast. Meeting at 11:30, Hunter's Steakhouse, 2445 Hotel Circle Place, San Diego, CA 92108, Phone (619) 291-8074  
**January 5** - Our monthly breakfast resumes at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106 -2394, Phone (619) 226-0255





## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Our love & best wishes go sincerely & lovingly out to RUAEA Membership Manager **Virgil Gooselaw** after his recent knee surgery. Of course, our love & encouragement are also extended to his loving, ever patient wife, **Martha** as she aids in his recovery.

**Dave Saso** of the South Bay RUAEA group has generously extended their annual invitation to our Golden Gaters chapter to attend their "Christmas Luncheon Extraordinaire" on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Mariani's Inn & Restaurant in Santa Clara will again be the location. For menu choices & pricing, contact Dave well before November 28 at 1557 Rose Anna Dr., San Jose, CA 95118.

Much admiration, congratulations & blessings are extended to **Don & Donna Taiclet** on their recent 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. September 12<sup>th</sup> must indeed be a magical date for this lovely couple!

Board Officers have been offered up to a November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting membership vote, as follows: President - **Ralph Trullinger**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - **Jerome Underhill**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - **Kathlyn Hutt**, Recording Secretary - **Donna Taiclet**, Corresponding Secretary - **Helen Cain**, Treasurer - **Arthur Barrett**, Membership Secretary - **Barbara Underhill**, and Auditors - **Judy Curran**, **Dorothy Reuszer** and **Ben Vietz**.

Don't see any new names? That's not our fault. Do your part just like we've been doing: Volunteer (please). It's not too late! Our membership is well over 300 ... where are our new volunteers?

P.P.S. **Shirley Campbell**, chapter Newsletter Editor and **Harriet Kunze**, Charity Coordinator are still hoping/looking/crossing their fingers/& praying etc. for a replacement. These ladies will be happy to guide you if you need help.

Our busy bee **Ginger Dahlberg**, Local & International Tour Director, has some great offers for you:

- (1) *Wonder Valley Ranch Resort, Sequoia National Park, Blossom Trail & Eagles* ~ March 5 – 8, 2012. 3 nights & 4 fun-filled days ... 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners ... you won't go hungry! Happy hour each evening. Steam engine train ride, trolley tour, eagle viewing by boat ... & much more. Tips, taxes & snacks are included. Space is limited to first come/first served. Checks only, please. Call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 for pricing & a flyer.
- (2) *Hawaiian Island Cruise* ~ October 6 – 21, 2012. Now get this: This is a round trip out of

San Francisco on the "Star Princess"! Really good rates & some may be even lower if you are a Captains' Circle member. Credit cards are OK on this trip. You will be able to rediscover the Islands in a new, unique way. Call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

- (3) *Ringling In The Holidays* ~ Saturday, December 3, 2011. 7:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Day trip to the Festival of Trees, 3 course lunch at the "Feed & Fuel Restaurant", Duarte Poinsettia Farm Tour. Do hurry, space is limited ... checks only, please. Call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 for pricing & a flyer.

DATES are still open for the following: (a) Wood carving, Phipps Ranch & lunch in Half Moon Bay ... (b) CHP tour & lunch; (c) Guide Dog Graduation Ceremony; (d) Angel Island & picnic; (e) Roaring Camp & BBQ; (f) Disney Museum at SF Presidio; (g) "The Best of Eastern Canada", late April – early May 2012. This will include Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, rail to Toronto. A flyer is in the making, along with pricing. **All** of these may be finalized **if & when** you express your interest to Ginger!

As a follow-up to our September 23, 2011 "Older Driver Class", we have received valuable information from the San Mateo County Transit District (Sam Trans) relative to transportation aid for seniors. Jean T. Conger, Senior Mobility Project Coordinator, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306, has provided us with the following data, as follows: "*The Sam Trans Mobility Ambassador Program is designed to increase awareness of transportation options for older adults & people with disabilities. For many who prefer to drive most places, it is a "Plan B" for when they would like to try a different approach to "getting there". Learning to plan your trip opens a whole world of options, saving money as well. A Sam Trans bus fare is only \$1 for those of us 65 & better ... totally eliminating paying for gas & parking.*"

- (1) The Mobility Ambassadors plan fun trips i.e. ... a Dec. trip leaving from the Veteran's Memorial Senior Center (VMSC) in Redwood City, traveling to the Westfield Shopping Centre in San Francisco to enjoy the Holiday season. The 1½ hour meeting one week before is conducted to plan the trip with the participants, teaching them how to read the bus system maps & schedules during the meeting. You may then leave your car behind & join them enroute to SF, or, take your own trip using what you have just learned.
- (2) If you're eager to get started now, join the folks who are on their way to SF to enjoy the holiday season.
- (3) Mobility Ambassadors Ann & Donna invite you to join others from the VMSC in learning how



to take the Sam Trans KX bus from Redwood City to SF.

- (4) A travel training meeting on how to ride a public Sam Trans bus to SF will be held on December 6, at 1:15 p.m. in the Gold Star room. Call Donna at 650-369-6650 to sign up for the December 6 meeting. The trip is by reservation only. Sign-ups for the December 14 trip will take place at the December 6 meeting.
- (6) A trip to the Westfield Shopping Centre on December 14 will be available to those attending the travel training meeting.

(Please Note: Preference will be given to first time Sam Trans travelers & prior travelers who bring a friend.) To call for more information, you can telephone (650) 440-7654 & leave a message, or email [ambassador@samtrans.com](mailto:ambassador@samtrans.com) or visit at <http://seniormobility.org>

Personally Speaking: I wish everybody "good luck" in interpreting all of the medical & travel pass info that's presently clogging up our inboxes!

#### Calendar:

Last General meeting of the year is **this coming 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 28 November**. Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. The after-meeting entertainment will be the absolutely fantastic violin & piano duo **Tibor & Elena**. Also, remember to come so you can vote in your Board Officers for 2012. Then, we'll see you next year on January 23, 2012 which is the first 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the new year. William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & 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.

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I can't believe that the end of the year is almost here. The South Bay RUAEA group has been busy celebrating all the holidays since last Fall. We were greeted by some of our members in costume and a well decorated room for our Halloween breakfast meeting. **Dave & Joanne Saso** coordinated this event. We welcomed **Dave & Barbara Diaz** to our chapter. We're always thrilled when new members join us.

**Jack & Jean Jenkins** celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary and **Elfriede & Al Grossmann** their 50<sup>th</sup>!

Some of our members have joined "the walker group". **Genevieve O' Brien, Marian Swanson, Duane**

**Howze, Barbara Ferrell and LaDonna Eggert** are all recuperating from various ailments. We wish them a speedy recovery. **Garver & Wilma Sandy** sent a nice note to the group. Garver has been bedridden for quite a while. They have a caregiver for him. We miss them being with us.

We cordially invite you to join our group for our **December Holiday Luncheon Extraordinaire on Tuesday, December 6th at 11 a.m.** It will be held at Mariani's Inn and Restaurant in Santa Clara, CA. Our officers, under the able guidance of **Dave Saso**, promise you will enjoy the holiday spirit with musical entertainment by DAPHNA and our vaudevillian Master of Ceremony **Tony Castle**. We will be having a silent auction and a toy drive. The ladies will enjoy a family style holiday lunch on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Loon Wah restaurant in San Jose. **Joan Dahl** and **Nancy Walb** host this event. Please bring a chocolate gift to exchange and an unwrapped toy to donate to the Salvation Army's toy drive.

Some of our members have been enjoying their pass travel. **Dave & Nancy Walb** flew to Washington, D.C. and Las Vegas recently. **Cheri & Ben Scales** enjoyed their visit to Oregon. **Lynn Buchholz** visited her daughter in Rochester, NY. **Billie & Sam Cramb** returned to their roots near Vancouver, B.C. **Margie & Alex Klaus** visited family in Las Vegas while **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and **Bob & Karen Devlin** enjoyed the fall colors, a little fishing and wine tasting in Murphy, CA.

We meet every **Friday morning at 8 A.M.** for breakfast and a short meeting at **Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino** across from the Home Depot.

#### Calendar:

**December 1** - Ladies Holiday Lunch at Loon Wan Restaurant in Cupertino, hosted by **Joan Dahl**, (408) 996-2161 and **Nancy Walb**, (408) 867-1112.

**December 6** - We invite you to join us at our **Christmas Winter Holiday Lunch** at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant in Santa Clara. Hosts are the officers of the South Bay RUAEA. Contact **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9547.



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Time flies and here I am again. It seems as though I just finished my last article. We had our luncheon meet-

ing in Ceres on October 13<sup>th</sup> at My Garden Café. This was the first time our group met at this café; we had a great turnout of 35 people and a delicious luncheon. **Bobby Wood & Charlene** hosted the luncheon with help from **Bob & Sandy Brooks** and **Pat Passarell**. Charlene was not able to attend the luncheon because she was recovering from a recent surgery. We all send her our “get well” greetings.

We were all happy to see our leader, **Don Nesja**, return from his travels around the country. He and his lovely wife **JoAnn** spent 4 months on the road traveling in their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. Welcome back Don & Jo!

In last month's issue, I reported that **Doug Daniels** passed away. Services were held for Doug on October 8<sup>th</sup>. I am sad to report that another one of our long time members has passed away - **Darrell Silvers** died on September 29<sup>th</sup> and a Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held after Thanksgiving.

**John Zoboli**, Director of Northern California/Northern Nevada, joined us at our meeting as our guest speaker. John shared a lot of information about UAL/CO. He said the new management sees no reason to respond to the retirees' emails or petitions. John also said that most of the information will be communicated to employees and retirees by computer and nothing by US mail. So please check your computer for information and updates about our future. John talked about the RUAEA Convention which will be held in Washington, DC from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Information about the convention will be in the National Newsletter and on the RUAEA website.

The “new” pass travel program was discussed. It will take effect on January 1, 2012. The new travel program is outlined on Flying Together. There will be continued evaluation about the program's performance and another survey will be conducted in a few years.

We have several members on the “sick” list: **Fred Verbaere** and **Ken Silva** are both recovering from heart bypass surgery; **Larry Brinsfield** is recovering from neck surgery. We all wish Fred, Ken and Larry a very speedy recovery and we hope to see them back again soon at one of our luncheons.

Summer has come and gone so quickly. The Fall season is beautiful up here in Tuolumne county. We have been blessed with beautiful weather. The leaves are changing color and soon will fall off the trees. Before we know it, 2011 will be over. I'm sure everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and now we are all getting ready for Christmas. It's time to go do our Christmas shopping and decorate our homes for the holiday, and parties everywhere with chapter members, family, and friends. Everyone in our chapter wants to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Our chapter always meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of

each month and we hope you will join us. We have a lot of fun and good food at all the different restaurants where we gather. If you need any information or if you have any questions, please call our Pres. **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

### EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our October meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 29 members and guests. Our returnees were **Roger & Emily Ehm**, **Gail Sexton**, **Barbara & Jerry Underhill**, **Jan Nichol** and **Liz Griffiths**. **Diane Griego's** guest was **Renie Pedregon**, her sister-in-law, from Albuquerque. We voted to contribute \$50.00 to the Contra Costa & Solano Food Bank.

**Emma Lou Olson** encouraged us to bring in our greeting cards, as well as books and magazines. She has a group who recycle the greeting cards.

Our annual dues will be paid in November.

Reminder about the Toys for Tots collection at our December meeting.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many different departments represented.

### Calendar:

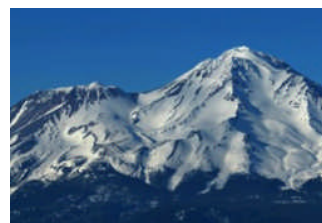
**December 12** – Annual Christmas Party and Toys for Tots

**January 12**

**February 13**

### CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The leaves are falling and autumn is upon us in the Northstate. We did not have a meeting in October but we have a special day planned for early December. We have decided to have a holiday luncheon/meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> and **John & Linda Delany** have graciously offered to open their home for us to meet.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, \$15.00 gift certificate for the next lunch and a special holiday raffle. If you think you can join us, please email me or call and I will send out a special flyer with directions and what to bring. We will be having great food and great conversation.

Let me know if you plan to come. We hope to see you there!

#### Calendar:

**December 1** - 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the home of **John & Linda Delaney**.

### COLORADO

#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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There was no snow today, Saturday November 5 and we had our monthly breakfast at United Air Lines Flight Training Center. Denver has had 2 snow storms in the past two weeks for a total of 16-20 inches. So far this matches the total for last year's snow fall up to January 30.

There were 49 in attendance including **Ron Cannon's** granddaughter **Mac Keene**. Come on back, Mac Keene, and bring your grandpa also! Good to see **Cannon & Doris Hall's** nephew **Ian Ulrich**

Many thanks to **Marv Berryman**, **Charles Hassler**, **OJ Keip**, **Gil Rohde**, and **Ray Shoults** for returning their 50/50 winnings; **Ray Shoults** was a two time winner. Also a big thank to those who brought aluminum cans, etc. for recycling, as you know that money supports our chapter in place of dues.

**Nancy Goodyear** substituted as **Tom** had surgery to remove nasal/sinus polyps and correct a deviated septum on November 1 and he was not back to normal yet. **Virgil Gooselaw** had knee replacement surgery on October 28 and is now at home after the complications with low red blood cell count and a transfusion. We wish and pray for their speedy recovery.

**Virgil Gooselaw** wants everyone to know the great job the RUAEA Secretaries, **Carole Longbella**, **Carol Bare**, **Marilyn Hansen**, **Juliana Alfonso** and Asst. Membership Manager **Cas Spokas** have done taking care of the Denver Office during his surgery/recovery. These folks do a great job!

After a long bout with cancer, **Val Hemjum**, (DENSW), **Bobbie Mc Intosh**, (DENRS) and **Mary Dimick** who transferred from BUF to DEN in the early 70's passed away.

We want to thank **Irma Atanasio** for bringing candy and **Doris Hall** for singing to us, "*When our hair turns to Silver*".

The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 7, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Select Cherry Creek, 455 So Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80246. We plan to have a special guest this year, **Anna Plunkett Jackson**. Ann is the daughter of the first President of RUAEA, **Tom Plunkett**; he served from 1975 to 1977. Anna's father and Tom Goodyear's father started in Chicago for NAT in 1928. We will talk about the past at the luncheon.

The luncheon price per person is \$19.00, social hour 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Menu: Pear Roasted Salad, Vegetables and Potatoes. Entrée's: Grilled Salmon, Herb Roasted Chicken, and Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin. Beverage and Dessert are included. Please make your reservations by November 28, and make your check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail it to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Be sure and include your entrée choice on your check and if you bring a guest please include their name and entree choice.

Also, don't forget to bring unwrapped Christmas gifts (ages 4 to 8) for Santa's sleigh ride and the wrapping will be December 8 at DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** if you have questions concerning the wrapping.

If you have bows and buttons for **Harriet Ahr**, who supports little handmade bunting for deceased newborns in the Denver area, you can bring them to the Christmas Luncheon, monthly breakfasts or whenever you see Harriet.

#### 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 had a meeting with a few people on October 24<sup>th</sup>. I believe we have such few people because United sold our station to Skywest and most UAL people moved away!

A COSOZ 5 year reunion was held October 29<sup>th</sup> and about 50 people attended. In 2006, sixty five agents retired, moved, quit or transferred. Our reunion brought together displaced employees from all over the system; **Todd McGee** (DFWOZ), **Diane Eichorst** (ABQOZ),



**Gary Harper** (BILOZ), **Shonda Nofzinger** (BILOZ), **Brandon & Estelle Nishida** (KOAOS) and several DENCS. **Kathy Zelenok** (PITOS) is now commuting to PA. **Milton Belle** (COSOS) has found a job as a civilian guard with Ft. Carson Army Base. **Richard Franco** (COSOS) has started another family and no longer teaches English in China! There is a rumor that Continental has a rule on station closings that you have only five years to find another opportunity. That is why the rush to transfer etc. We thank **Sue Hoover** (DENCS) for hosting our reunion at her house until midnight thirty!

By now everyone has received their BOHICA letter from UAL about upcoming changes to our Health Care Plan. BOHICA (bo- he- ka, bend over here it comes again) an old United saying. I have taken calls and had conversations about the changes and choices we will have and our retirees are very concerned. Those who retired prior to July 2003 have a guaranteed premium in place with the bankruptcy courts and haven't heard yet about our benefits. I retired in 2003 because of health care premiums going up out of sight. In the first five years, my premiums were raised 100% due to allowable increases. Now, eight years later and on Medicare, my premiums have risen 235%! We can only hope for a positive change!

Our meetings are held once a month on Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. Please RSVP to Chuck.

#### Calendar:

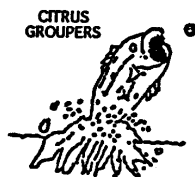
**November 28** – Regular lunch meeting

**December 26** – No lunch, Merry Christmas

### FLORIDA

#### CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on October 27 with 22 in attendance. President **Don Nellans** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer **Charles Wirth** gave a report of \$341.76 balance.

We had four new members join us for luncheon at the Nancy Lopez Country Club; they are **Charles & Eileen Cochran** and **Bob & Helen Newberg**. Welcome to you all.

On November 2, the Citrus Groupers took a day trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa and hopefully they won a "bundle".

The Christmas Party will be December 15 at The Show Palace Dinner Theatre in Hudson, FL. Individuals need to make a reservation by calling the theatre at (726) 863-7949 and mention the Citrus Groupers so that seating will be together. You will arrive at 11:30 a.m., food will be served at 12:00 and the show will begin at 1:15pm. Cost is \$49.50 + tax. Transportation is on your own. If you have any questions, call **Claus Brin-nitzer** at (352) 637-1760.

Regional Director **Paul Brown** recently visited other Florida RUAEA groups and asked them if they would be interested in having a mini-Florida Convention. The response has been positive and we hope to finalize it next year. We would not like to interfere with the National Convention in October 2012. Paul and the group had general airline business conversations. Paul is always up on the industry news.

When members pay their dues for 2011, they will receive a new RUAEA Citrus Groupers badge. The dues are \$2.50 a person. Citrus Groupers election of officers will take place in January 2012. All members are invited to run.

October Birthdays: **Jack Hellerman, Edith Hellerman, Karl Jonni, Joan Berge Hurst, Sandy Janezik, Ed Lawhon and Ethel Solomon.**

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

Congratulations to all!

#### Calendar:

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of January, 2012, 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy. 42, on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions or questions answered may contact our President, **Don Nellans**, at [nellans-don@aol.com](mailto:nellans-don@aol.com) or phone him at (352) 861-8486.

#### SAND "DABS"

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Vice President **Steve Moddle** opened the meeting with 18 Sand "DABS" present which included guest **Amy Brant**, a friend of **Penny Logan**. It was good to see **Bud Gammill** back from WI, but we're sorry to learn **Karen** is suffering with some back pain and couldn't be with us. President **Dick Coughlin & Frieda** were on a Caribbean cruise with some friends.

**Irene & Al Warner** celebrated 35 years of marriage with a Caribbean cruise later this month. **Marion & Rick Johnson** will also be going to the Western Caribbean on a cruise later this month. Birthday celebrants

were **Larry Horton & Emily Veracka**. It happened to be her birthday this very day! We all sang to them and Emily blew out the candle. Treasurer **Penny Logan** reported she sent checks to two charities we voted on. The third will be sent after our December meeting as we will be collecting articles to include with our money gift. The 50/50 was won by **Lowell Johnston**. VP Steve read some information he had of the company. Steve also reported that Prez Dick was having some breathing problems and was put in the hospital to have two stents put in and is now doing great; he's able to go on their planned cruise. Steve didn't have any jokes, but he read a funny article about living in different areas of the USA which was quite humorous.

If you recall, I mentioned in the September column that I read an article at that meeting I had written for my church newsletter regarding the 9/11 Memorial programs that would be taking place in NY, PA, & DC which led **Larry Horton** to share information about a memorial in Bayonne, NJ of a huge tear drop given to us by the Russian people. Well, to my surprise, **Jim Cloughley** (Ret. EWRFF) of Jersey City, NJ sent me two pictures of that memorial in Bayonne, NJ. It is beautiful. Around the base are the names of those who lost their lives in the buildings that day 10 years ago. I shared these pictures at our meeting today. I am sending a few copies to DEN to freely give away.

Also an article was circulated regarding the architecturally designed mosque-looking building that is being built in Shanksville, PA at the place our UAL plane flight 93 went down. It was disturbing to learn this for many of us. It was here that American heroes bravely mustered courage to rise to defeat an enemy; all went down to their death. Because of the circumstances of that horrific crash, the vast number of remains were disintegrated and immolated in the fire ball. This hallowed ground is the resting place of these brave souls. It is not appropriate to erect a red crescent and star upon their graves. For more information on this matter or to sign a petition, anyone interested can contact Declaration Alliance at PO Box 131728, Houston, TX 77219-1728.

Last month's article had the date wrong for our December meeting which will be held one week later on December 8, at Halifax Yacht Club, 11:30. Open bar, cost of lunch \$22.20. Checks should be sent to **Frieda Coughlin** by December 2 at 4 Charleston Square, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. Be thankful for the abundance of blessings we enjoy in this land.

*THOUGHT FOR TODAY ~ A nation of sheep breeds a government of wolves.*

#### Calendar:

**December 8** - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club

**January 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

#### THE ORLANDO

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The Real McCoys picked a nearly perfect day for our picnic at Cypress Grove Park. Mid 70's and a bit of wind – a great day! 50 members and guests gathered for good food and fellowship. It was good to see **Patti Clark**, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Ernie Vosges** is getting around better each day too. Some folks we hadn't seen in quite awhile joined us, including **Tom Carroll**, **Bill Streeter**, **Lisa & David Leighty**, and **Sandy & Bob Duszynski**. Bob is now officially retired from MCOCG! As we finished eating and enjoyed tasty desserts and coffee, **Mack Chandler** took the mike to sing for us. Many of us were transported back to "the good old days at Kicks"! Fond memories!

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held at Bonefish Grill on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be voting on the charities we wish to make donations to for this year and also electing officers for 2012. Deadline for payment to Char is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Send \$13.00 pp Member and one guest to: Char LeGrand, 1719 Branchwater Trail, MCO 32825. Make your check out to her. Our November Birthday Guy is **Richard Armistead** and our special Birthday Girl is **Patti Clark**! And Huge Anniversary Congrats to **Stan & Barbara Halterman** on 43 years!

#### Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.  
Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

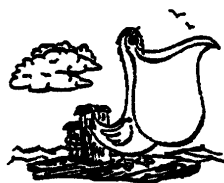
**December 7** – Christmas Lunch at Bonefish Grill

**January 3** – First luncheon of the New Year.

#### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

##### PELICAN DROP-INS

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its monthly meeting on Friday, November 4, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. A delicious lunch was served. There were twenty-two members in attendance.

Following lunch, the "election of officers" was held.

The present slate will continue to serve another year. **Bill Burg** continues as President, **John Dainus** as Vice President, **Jerry Pryde**, Program Chairman, **Sandy Pryde** as Secretary/Newsletter Editor, and **Marge Burg**, Treasurer. As no outside speaker was scheduled, **Jerry Pryde** shared interesting facts he got off the Internet about US Presidents – Washington to Obama.

Our annual Christmas party will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> with lunch and a “white elephant” gift exchange. Also, it was agreed that we should plan to have a cookout/barbeque for our May meeting. **Mel Volz** will try to secure the date and place.

The 50/50 raffle winner was **Bibianne Schultz**. Other prize winners were **Ron Olson**, **Sandy Pryde**, **Marge Burg**, **Bea McCarthy**, **Jerry Pryde**, **Mel Volz**, **Mary Moran**, **Wanda Schmoyer**, and **Ed Clarke**. **John Dainus** encouraged persons to attend the Aviation Expo at Page Field in Ft. Myers November 6<sup>th</sup> and to visit the new terminal that opened recently.

#### Calendar:

1st 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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November 14 meeting was called to order by President **Barbara Riecss** at 11:30 with 17 members in attendance and no guest. There were no anniversaries or birthdays to celebrate for the month of November. The minutes for October meeting were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved.

Travel ~ **Jean & Bill Linehan** traveled from Denver and got the last two seats on the plane. **Barbara & John Riecss** traveled from Tampa to New Orleans on Southwest. **Jon Wilkinson** stated that he and **Ethel Cargill** will be cruising from Tampa to the Caribbean for Thanksgiving.

New Business ~ President **Barbara Riecss** stated that **Paul Brown** is asking our members if we would be interested in traveling to The Villages and joining their members for a luncheon. A motion was made and

passed to approve joining their members for a luncheon in The Villages.

Old Business ~ **Jean Linehan** stated that we had sent the donation of \$250.00 for the Shanksville Memorial and received a nice CD, some postcards and story booklet regarding the memorial.

Membership ~ **Mary Martin** had nothing to report and President **Barbara Riecss** thanked her for all the work that was done on the membership list.

Sunshine ~ **Terri Breslin** reported that a sympathy card was sent to the family of **Bob Gaul** who passed away on October 20. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 in Largo, Florida. A card was sent to **Dave Kratofil** who is in the hospital.

**Terri Bresling** stated that she was accepting checks for the Christmas Luncheon to be held at Spartan Manor on December 5 starting at 11:00 a.m.

President Barbara stated that her husband John was not doing well at all and to put him in our prayers.

#### Calendar:

**December 5** - Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor at 11:00 a.m.

**January 9** - IHOP at 10:30AM. (*Please note new date and time because of the New Year's Day Holiday*). Our meetings will go back to the first Mondays of the month starting in February and will be at 10:30.



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Oh my goodness, people just kept coming in to our meeting. We added and rearranged tables and then some more, and then the mad rush ended! We were happy to greet a total of 28 members and 2 guests hailing from Lake Worth, guests of **Vicki & Edgar Snyder**. We also had a guest speaker, compliments of **Ron & Diane Brodis**, who want to improve our knowledge on retirement investments but he had to leave before his presentation because of illness in his family, his young daughter of six was seriously ill, and he hopes to return in the near future. We hope all is under control for the family and child, as parents know it is so very difficult when children are ill.

The two guests who plan on joining our crazy group are **Vic & Alicia Pignata**. Vic has quite a history, after having worked in MIA and PBI, he retired in 2007 and altogether, he worked for 7 (yes), I said 7 different airlines, some of which were EAL, Right Airlines, Great Lake Airlines, Command Airlines which is part of

American Eagle and others, and let's not forget UAL.

Al discussed an outing that will be scheduled for March in lieu of our meeting, more details to follow, however on December 8, they will meet at 830AM at Ron & Diane's house for a trip to The Gulfstream Race Track Casino. The picnic is still in the planning stage, keep tuned. As usual, much discussion was on pass policies and some helpful hints came from **Al Popek** and **Jim Morehead**. **Sharon Kirk** celebrated her birthday on the day of the meeting so we had a chocolate mousse small cake and candle brought to her and sang Happy Birthday. Some of the November birthdays are **Mary Kay Wetherington** (11/4), **Dee Lasko** (11/15), **Edgar Snyder** (11/22). Happy Birthday to all! We also have the following couples celebrating their Anniversaries: **Maureen & Michael Carragher** (11/16) and **Diane & Paul Liebisch** celebrating the big 50 on 11/18. Happy Anniversary to both couples! Before our next meeting, **Jack & Glenda Boisseau** will be celebrating their anniversary on 12/1 and **Dick Knapp** will be having a birthday on 12/2. Congratulations to all!

**Barbara Blauschild** won the 50/50 and the progressive was won by **Diane McCourt**. Since Diane was not in attendance, the money will be added to next month's winner, if present.

Our Christmas/Holiday party is all in place and will be celebrated on Monday, December 5 at 6pm at Mulligan's. Don't forget your Toy for Tots unwrapped gift.

Until then ... Anyone of the retiree status, come join us. You won't regret it, we are a great group of fun loving, good food etc. Just come to the meeting and give us a try.

#### Calendar:

**December 5** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 6PM Christmas/Holiday Party

**January 3** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting - Happy New Year

**February 7** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting –Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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31 Flyers and 4 guests were in attendance on November 2 at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Tina Myers** and **Melissa Lane**, **Lyle & Joanna Myers'** daughters; **Colleen Austin**, **Don &**

**Marylou Sullivan's** daughter and **Jay Marshall**, **Bill & Judy Elk's** grandson.

It was good to see **Ron Gunny** out and about again, also **Gene Barber**, who has been absent for a while because he has been on the road traveling. It was good to see **Bob & Diane Balas** able to make it this month. Bob is usually cutting hair at Rocky's Barber Shop during the day. We had a number of our regulars missing, notably **Bruce & Mary Brodersen**, **Richard Thompson**, and **Mary Owen**. Bruce & Mary were off celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them both. Richard unexpectedly got called to go to work at the golf course. Richard can be found out at the golf course almost any other time chasing the little white ball. Mary had just gotten back off the road from a friend's birthday celebration in Pennsylvania.

**Don Shelley** led us in the blessing, and **Fred Cron** in the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone really enjoys their lunch at the Diner because of the wide variety of food choices, quality and generous portions at the Broadway. **Fred Cron**, assisted by **Bogie Wallace**, conducted the 50/50 which was won by **Jodie Wallace**; **Jay Marshall** drew the winning number. Jodie donated her prize to The Promise Place shelter.

**Bill Elk** held a brief business meeting and it was voted on and approved to have our Christmas lunch at the regular time at The Diner this year. Of course, there was discussion about the merger and what is happening to our benefits as retirees. **Stan Cebula** gave a report on how **Marge** is coming along with rehabilitation after her fall. He said Marge is gaining back more and more function every day although progress is still slow, it's positive. Our hearts and prayers go out to **Jane Brown** and her family who recently and suddenly lost her son **Thorn Brown** who was forty years old. Thorn had been a history teacher in the county school system.

Flyers are reminded that officer elections are coming up in December.

#### Calendar:

**December 7** - (Pearl Harbor Day), Christmas Lunch at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA. 2:00 PM, 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828

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We held our November luncheon meeting at JB's in Meridian. It sure was great to see **Louise Duvall** and



**Sharon Kolins** attending the luncheon. Others attending today were **Dave & Carol Adams** (who brought Carol's Mom), **Shirley & Charles Perkins**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Ned Yundt**, **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**, **Denny Snyder**, and **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**.

Rick introduced **Teresa Slagel**, who updated us on the Fantasy Flight, scheduled for December 2, 2011. Teresa said they were getting so much response from the community. For this year, Teresa said they would like for our retirees to help them with cutting the cake and serving the cake to the participants, volunteers, and staff. We would need to be at the airport at 6:00PM and after a couple of hours, we would be free to leave. The cake was being donated from Pastry Perfection in Boise. Teresa will have the wish lists of the children participating in the Fantasy Flight on Friday of this week. She would like to have the wrapped presents delivered to the Boise Airport after Thanksgiving. A signup sheet was distributed for those that wanted to participate in the gift program as well as those people who wanted to volunteer at the airport on the night of December 2. In order to be cleared by the TSA's, a volunteer list needed to be submitted to Teresa with each volunteer's name and birth date. Teresa said they would sell T-shirts with the Fantasy Flight printed on the shirts, price \$8.00. Anyone wanting one needs to contact Teresa. Rick thanked Teresa for the update and that we would be participating on December 2.

**Dave & Carol Adams** said they would have our Annual Potluck Christmas Dinner at their home in Boise on December at 3:00PM. Dave & Carol would furnish the main course and those coming to the dinner can bring whatever they like.

#### Calendar:

**December 5** – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

**December 12** - Annual Potluck Christmas Dinner at **Dave & Carol Adams**, 3:00PM, 2630 Inglewood Rd., Boise, ID.

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While you were all tooling on the way to Galena, I was fooling with a "blister" on my foot. That little bugger put me in the hospital with an infection. I'm sure most of you know about the tests, checks, and etc. Now that we're home for a week, Al is working on his

nurse's degree, taking temps, blood sugar, administering antibiotics, and bandaging my foot. Neighbors have been marvelous, bringing so much food we had to freeze some.

At last count, I understood 14 Skyliners would be there at Galena. Let you know who next month when I talk to them personally to see what I missed on the Mississippi cruise, the haunted houses, and the Galena trolley. I really missed it.

**Bill & Gwen Brookins** just breezed in late from Vegas. The Ramp Boys were in good spirits as **Ted Guz** was treating for their car ride. **Carmen Chavez** and **Rudy Maki** passed the "expected" chocolates.

Twenty-three attended the Southside and won five raffles: **Rick Beltzen**, **Marge Caliendo**, **Carmen Chavez**, **Agnes Pearson**, and **LaVerne Halach**.

We had a new member at the North, **Gena Byline**, and visitors, **Mario & Jo DeGenova**, sister-in-law of **Marge Caliendo**.

Thank you to everyone from Esther & Al for all the good wishes! More next month!

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**December 27 & January 31**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café & Backerieia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**December 14 & January 11**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month  
**December 6** – Christmas Luncheon



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Many of the retirees who regularly attend this luncheon joined the Northwoods Loonies Fall Trip to Galena, IL. in October. Details of this trip will be written up in the Northwoods Loonies column by **Carol Faust**. **Bob & Carol Faust** made all the arrangements for this very popular and fun trip, always enjoyed by all who attend.

There was no luncheon scheduled in October and a report on our November luncheon will be in the January 2012 issue. There is no luncheon scheduled for December. Since some of the Loop group Snow Birds will be escaping the Chicago Winter, the next luncheon scheduled for January 18, 2012 has been cancelled. However, we do plan to meet on our regular March 21, 2012 date with more members and Spring arriving.

### Calendar:

**December** – No luncheon scheduled

**January 18** – Luncheon Canceled

**March 21** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

## INDIANA

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Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to members, families and friends of United and Continental retirees. It's that wonderful time of year when we think of loved ones near and far as we write out Christmas cards, put up decorations and gather for delicious holiday meals. With holiday songs playing, I love to wander through the lighted tree section of a DIY store as they blink and shimmer and bells ring out when you walk past. I'm the one who pushes the "try me" button on the Santa Claus and snowmen displays as I go passed, all of them. It's definitely a time of year when my inner child appears. It's magical!

Snowbirds, **Gail & Warren Allen**, took an earlier than usual departure for their Texas winter home. They were driving to California to visit family first, stopping in Nevada and other points along the way before turning south for the winter. **Dimple Rihel** bounces between Chicago, where her daughter is; Tampa, where her son and daughter-in-law have a new grandchild for her to meet and West Virginia where she visits with her mother and sister. Dimple has found a senior complex and plans to stay for the winter in the Tampa area this season. She looks forward to babysitting and the line dancing sessions. **Cheri & Ron Innis** as well as **Eli & Bud Barnett** have been busy remodeling their bathrooms and neither couple has done too much traveling. Eli & Bud frequently take cruises. **Mary Chandler** recently returned from a short trip to China and plans to go to Hawaii for her winter visit with friends there.

**Ray Brabo** has once again invited the Marines to our November meeting to collect our donation of toys for kids. Generally, at least two representatives come as our guests for lunch and we enjoy the conversations of these brave young men and/or women.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will gather for our annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Gifts will be \$15 per person or couple, bring one-get one. As much as we enjoy the charm of the lodge in Danville, it has proven, at

times, to be difficult to access when the weather is bad, so we are dining at Charbono's on route 267 in Avon this year. They can provide a separate room and offered a scrumptious buffet.

Happy December birthday to **Mary Chandler**. And, wedding anniversary wishes to **Ralph (Bud) & Eli Barnett**.

I recently received an email from **Claire Byle** on the passing of her husband **Jerry**. Our deepest sympathy to her and their family. Claire & Jerry were members of Indy Racers in our early formation days before they moved to Arizona.

### Calendar:

**December 3** – Charbono's Restaurant, 129 N. State Rd. 267, Avon 12:30PM (no other meeting for the month)

**January 10** - IHOP, 10143 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.) Avon. Meeting room is available from 1:30PM. Meeting begins at 3:00PM.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold an October or November meeting. Our next meeting will be our Christmas Luncheon. Hope we get a good crowd, which we have not had since 2010. Such low attendance makes me wonder if we're just getting too old, me excluded! As things are now, there may not be too many more retirees to add to our numbers. Also, I have not been able to gain one CO retiree.

I got a picture on the Internet of **Fred Casey** holding a large gourd on his lap. Don't know if he grew it or? I know he's got a fig tree! Also got one of Jack with **George Mavreles**. I may print this one and bring it to the next meeting. I met with **Mercedes Hersom** and **Norman Hudon** yesterday. We all three worked together at BOSCS/BOSRR. It was so great to share a glass of wine and reminisce about our many good years at United, when it was a really an airline and not a hotel/car rental. We served at a great time and were proud employees of our company. We each agreed the best attribute was meeting all our fellow employees, now lifelong friends. We were like a big family; everyone cared for and took care of each other and their families. It's like it was another world, another time. Unfortunately, **gone** forever! Now, money is more important than people. I still don't understand why one needs

more if they already have millions in his/her accounts.

Our own **Richard Mangino**, BOSCG, a quad amputee, is the first person to have a transplant operation for hands and arms. Done at a Boston hospital, Dick was a feature on TV's nightly news. While using his prosthetics, Dick completed many art works and gave classes to other amputees. He had his own art show and designed T-shirts for sale. Just imagine what he will be doing when these new hands and he are fully one! You can't keep a good man down. Way to go Dick!

Best of holidays to all my fellow UALers, with many more to come!

December's birthdays: **Oscar Bauerle, Jack Casey, Thomas Snyder, Roy Templeton and Ralph Torres**. No December Anniversaries.

*Santa Claus had the right idea. Visit people only once a year!*

Calendar:

**December 6** - Christmas party at Angelica's, Middleton MA,

## MICHIGAN

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18 Escapees gathered at Sindbads on the river November 3<sup>rd</sup>, hosted by **Suzi Hicks**. We were happy to welcome **Barb Harry, Mike Clynych and Tom Venn** for the very first time this year. Our world travelers; **Joanna O'Brien, Lorry Cahill, Dollie Sellers and Camille Wade** had a great time touring Ireland. All enjoyed the beautiful country and Dollie claimed the Irish were especially welcoming, friendly and helpful. **Mike Clynych** did not have such a good time, ending up in hospitals in both Norway and Germany. Mike has no desire to travel again soon. Love & Prayers to **Don Potter** @ 2541 Belnap Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, as he watched his beloved **Carol** leave to join the angels in heaven on September 28. Don claimed that she had a very peaceful passing, due to the loving care of Hospice. Don & Carol were members of our Northwood Loonies Chapter.

We finally found **Romanita Jenkins** this month who has been MIA (not Miami) for several months. After her knee replacement in April, she fell and has been in hospitals and rehabs for most of the year. We went to visit her at the Greenfield Medi-Lodge in Southfield and also found **Joan Rogers'** hubby, **Bobby**, recu-

perating there. Our Love and Prayers to Bobby @ 23700 Philip Dr., Southfield, MI 48075 and Romanita @ her new address; 17471 Garfield, S. T. B5, Redford, MI 48240.

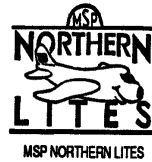
Wishing all a safe and happy holiday. Myself, I wanna-be-a-Bear that could cuddle up by a nice warm fire and just call me in the spring.

Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

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Several of the Lites were off enjoying the Northwoods Loonies autumn outing, including *moi*, so thanks to Secretary **Mary Brennan** for taking the notes for the newsletter this time.

**Wes & Bette Briest's** and **Don & Dorothy Woods'** faces hadn't been seen for awhile & they and 22 other Lites came for lunch & camaraderie. Vice-President **Janet Meyer** brought the meeting to order at 12:03pm, which automatically gave her a "delay from the gate" penalty. No doubt there will be a letter in her file.

The information about the Flight 93 Memorial was read & discussed. Future donations were tabled for the time being. More discussion was held about the upcoming changes to the pass policy. Nothing new to add, everyone is disgusted, frustrated and just waiting for the other shoe to drop.

We had news from **Andy Holen** ~ after all these years; he's a Grampa for the first time! His son, Bob & his wife, Carrie adopted a little boy recently. They received a call on Friday that a baby boy had been left at the LaCrosse, WI fire station through the "Safe Harbor" program. They had to scramble to get ready for the homecoming on Sunday ... can you imagine the shopping trip that that kind of news would trigger? It's a good thing Bob grew up in an airline family; he had a good background for being flexible & that was definitely needed with 2 days' notice for becoming a parent!

The economy may be bad where you are, but according to **Arlene & Joe Kelley**, they're hurting for workers in North Dakota. They took a driving trip out to Montana recently & were astounded by the "help wanted" and "no vacancy" signs they saw. The oil boom there has brought both blessings & problems. No housing available & no refineries for the oil. The oil is

being shipped to Mississippi, truckers are being paid \$60/hour and workers at MacDonald's are getting \$15/hour. Anyone want to move to Bismarck or Grand Forks?

Those of us who attended the Northwoods Loonies autumn event weren't disappointed. It was hosted by **Carol & Bob Faust** at Galena, IL, an old river town on the west edge of Illinois across the river from Dubuque, Iowa. The accommodations, food & sightseeing were great & of course, the best part was seeing and visiting with old friends again.

There's news from **JoAnn Eichacker** that she must undergo another surgery on her back. Cards or phone calls would be most welcome, I know. Her address is 10751 S. Ocean Blvd, B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957, phone (772) 229-1808.

The news from the combined United is rather disturbing about open enrollment in the health plan this year. The packet should be in your mail by now. Due to the merger, the time for opting for any changes is very short ~ only November 10 - November 29 & must be done online through the UAL Skynet website, then "Flying Together" & then CO Benefit. Effective the first of 2012, the Benefits Service Center will be closed. Whether the current Benefits Service Center can help with inputs is not clear.

What **is** clear is that the current management of United Airlines is determined to make life as difficult as possible for retirees who are not computer literate.

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

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 42 who enjoyed spaghetti at Sons of Italy served by **Gary Propocio**, **Linda Chapman** and **Tony Sortino**. Thanks to all of you, especially Linda who made goodie bags of cookies and candy for everyone. We were happy to see new members, **Glen & Ruth Saffer**.

Also in attendance were 4 UAL employees from Eppley Airfield, namely, Andra, Terry, Mike & Dave. Station Manager, Andra, gave a talk on the merger of UAL and Continental and said things were going well in striving to get the two companies to one airline. That must be quite an undertaking for all UAL/Continental employees to get used to.

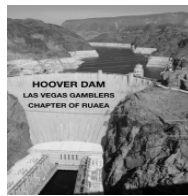
**Georgia Egr**, age 96, passed away September 29. In July, she had fallen and had a complete knee replacement, but apparently, problems appeared after surgery. Services were held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church on October 5.

Food for thought: Chinese Numerology, this year we will have 1/1/11; 1/11/11; 11/1/11; 11/11/11. Now take the last two digits of the year you were born and add the age you are this year and you should get 111. Also, October has 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Saturdays. I don't know whether to believe it or not, but it is said it only happens once in 823 years.

### Calendar:

**December 6** - Christmas Dinner, Anthony's, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**  
**January 3** - TBD

## NEVADA



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Our October 11 luncheon meeting was called to order at 12:00PM, after a delicious lunch of Vegetable soup, London broil, Mashed potatoes, Asparagus and Apple strudel for dessert.

After the pledge to the Flag, The 50/50 raffle, we had open election for the next 2 years and only one member came forward as Treasurer, **Christine Earl**, e-mail [Christine.earl@cox.net](mailto:Christine.earl@cox.net).

Christine will start her office duties in 2012 and the first meeting is February the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012; all others will stay on as they were. We want to thank Christine for accepting the Treasurer post. Winnie! We thank you for your services as the treasurer for these many years.

No persons with dire health problems reported this time and no other significant news either.

### Calendar:

Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada.  
Phone # (702) 258-5200

**December 13** - 11:30AM Holiday Party - The menu will be Pork roast, rosemary potatoes, vegetable, and salad; dessert is Christmas log.

**February 14** - 11:30AM

**April 10** - 11:30AM





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There were 16 members at our October meeting at Jack's Café.

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 was a separate US mail mailer in mid-November (we hope). One item for **future business** at our November meeting – shall we continue the food bank monetary drive at our Christmas luncheon?

The winner of the 50/50 and the movie night basket was birthday gal **Donna Perkins**.

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

Congratulations to **Pat Flanagan** for his election as President of the Reno Senior Dance Club.

### Calendar:

**November 14** – Meeting at Jack's, 7671 S. Virginia St. at 11:30. This is the building that was previously Austin's restaurant.

## NEW JERSEY

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Our October meeting was held at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains on October 26<sup>th</sup>. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence for our departed members. Halloween made its presence with some of our members turning up in some great costumes. Despite being a contest, all were declared winners and prizes were awarded to everyone.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we went to the Christmas show at Hunterton Hills Playhouse. This is always a nice luncheon and a great show. There will be no monthly meeting in November; however, Christmas Dinner will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's. We are also reminded to bring in our Toys for Tots on that day.

### Calendar:

**December 14** – Christmas Dinner at Snuffy's.

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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Another beautiful day in the neighborhood. Sunny, light breeze, cool crisp air. 47 retirees enjoyed a good meal, good conversation and good company. President **Jim Richardson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then had us stand in silent prayer for those who have passed on recently, among those were **Ernie Luctenberg**, **John Petrick Jr.**, **Jim Treacy** (All JFKFF), **Roger Holder** (EWRMM), **John Marsden Jr.**, **Harold Roeske** (both JFKFO), and **William Pfeiffer** (EWRFF).

Jim Treacy's wife sent us a Thank You note for the Sympathy card that was sent from the N Y Metros. Two members were added to the list of Lifetime Retiree Membership, they were **Arthur Wilsdorf** and **Velma Jones**. During the course of the year, there were 6 other members who achieved the same status but were not recognized at the time. They were: **Joe Lilly**, **Clara Wilsdorf**, **Yvonne Guella**, **Joe Totaro**, **John Muller** and **Roy Portelli**. Congrats to all these youngsters.

Those celebrating their birthdays this month were: **Leo Talochino**, **Nadine Cordes**, **Carol-Maley Davis**, **Arthur Wilsdorf**, **Lee Marcus**, **James Ammon**, **John Palmieri**, **Lee Ann Lack**, **Nell Napolitano**, **Eileen Blonairz** and **Velma Jones**. We missed announcing **Marilyn Holdsworth's** birthday last month, please excuse our oversight. There were no anniversaries this month, it must have been a bunch of warm Februarys back then. **Bobby Lee** has not been feeling well, but is being treated and doing well. We hope to see him at the Christmas Luncheon on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and President **Jim Richardson** requested all those who served in the Military to stand and be recognized.

There was some confusion of retirees receiving notices about their medical payment records. If you have any questions about this, call 1 888 825-0188, option 6, then option 5. They should be able to answer your questions. This is due to United changing the Company responsible for the collection of your health premiums.

The awarding of an Arthur Shepherd Award to a worthy member has been suspended for this year, however, it was discussed that the Award can be resurrected in the future. There will only be a John Pucillo Award given out this year.

We will be having a Raffle for a Westinghouse 40" HDTV set in order to raise funds for our yearly contribution to the Marathon School. There are 2 additional

prizes of a JVC pocketsize waterproof Camcorder and a Gift Certificate for 2 for Dinner at the Milleridge Inn. As usual, the price for the Christmas luncheon (\$30) is a little higher than the monthly charge.

Annual Benefits Enrollment: November 10-29. - The 2012 Annual Benefits Enrollment period will start Thursday, Nov. 10, and continue until Tuesday, November 29. You can expect to receive your Benefits Decision Guide along with other information in the mail or through an ERISA notice, later this week. You may also view the guide online at Flying Together > Employee Services/HR > Benefits under 2012 Benefits Decision Guides. That site also will provide you with direct access to the enrollment site beginning November 10. UA will update the site as additional information becomes available. The new United Airlines Benefits Center will open on November 10 to answer questions and help you enroll. Benefits Center representatives will be available Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Central time, beginning November 10. Please verify and/or update your home address since that information for Benefit Enrollment will be mailed shortly. UA co-workers may go to Flying Together > SkyNet > Employee Services > My Info > My Personal Information to verify and/or change their address.

UA earned \$773,000,000 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. Don't expect to see any of this MOOOLAH. All UA co-workers, retirees, early-out participants and eligible pass riders will now receive a 50 percent discount off zonal employee discount (ZED) fares for travel in premium classes on COs U.S. domestic flights, including Alaska and Hawaii. The previous discount was 33% off the listed ZED fare. If you have already listed on a CO flight, they ask you to cancel it through EmployeeRes and relist to get the new discount. This new discount also applies to CO's International flights as well.

United's first 787 Dreamliner rolled out of the hanger with the completion of its airframe. Although much still has to be done, Boeing is still on schedule to turn over the aircraft to UA making us the first North American carrier to fly this new airplane.

UA has extended the pass travel age limit for unmarried, dependent children of UA co-workers and retirees from 24 to 26. All eligible dependent children will now be able to continue to use their parent's pass travel privileges to age 26.

The Christmas Luncheon will take place this year at the Milleridge Inn on December 7<sup>th</sup>. For those who were not at the October or November meeting, please contact **Dee Talachino** at (516) 623-8225, or e-mail at [DeeLee62@aol.com](mailto:DeeLee62@aol.com), if you plan on attending. We need to know so we can inform Milleridge Inn how many we expect, so they can prepare the room properly and how big a room we might need. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

#### Calendar:

**December 7** - Noon - Milleridge Inn - Christmas Party

**January** - No Meeting

**February 1** - Noon, Milleridge Inn

#### NORTHWOODS

##### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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Fifty-one Northwoods Loonies met in Galena, IL in October and a good time was had by all. We stayed at the DeSoto House, a hotel which opened in 1855. Galena was flooded in July from heavy rains and the room we were supposed to use for our hospitality room had been under water. But the Loonies are a flexible bunch and

the hotel did a good job of making other arrangements for us. We had the whole ballroom.

We took a trolley tour of historic Galena; there were so many of us we had to charter two trolleys. We also had lunch and a 2-hour ride on a Mississippi River paddleboat. Dinner at the Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort was great and the view from the top was fantastic - at least it would have been if it hadn't rained. Those of you, who hurried home, missed the piano concert given by our very own virtuoso, **Ray Svoboda**. Thanks Ray. **Marie Cook, Joan Petry and Sharon Jacob** spent a lot of time in the old ice cream parlor. At least, we kept meeting them there. There were also many historic buildings to tour, including President Grant's home, which was given to him by the people of Galena after the Civil War. Do you know who is buried in Grant's Tomb? You would know if you took the trolley tour. Since there are so many old buildings, naturally, they are haunted. Some of the Loonies went on a ghost tour. Can't tell you if we saw any ghosts, but we had a lot of fun. At our brief business meeting, **Cylde Johnson** was again reelected as president of the Loonies. Sorry **Clyde!** We missed **Mike & Carol Buechin** and **Don &**

**Carol Potter.** Mike passed away in July and Carol Potter in September. Condolences can be sent to Carol Buechin at 1492 Anthony Road, Pentwater, MI 49449 and to **Don Potter** at 2541 Belnap Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. We hope Carol & Don will continue to come to our Loonies gatherings.

Also missing were **Esther Broderson**, who ended up in the hospital just a couple of days before the trip, and **Sam Geiger**, who had foot surgery. Esther is home now; get-well wishes can be sent to her at 51 Bonnie Lane, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Sam is also recuperating at home; notes and cards can be sent to him at 7576 Whistlewood Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

**Don & Hope Hayden** once again graciously volunteered to host the next Loonies outing. Tentative dates are set for May 8-11, 2012, in Petoskey, MI. On our last night in Galena, **Jim Simon**, our poet laureate, read the following poem which he wrote:

*"October in Galena*

*Once again we gather, as Loonies do in fall  
To enjoy each other's company - we answer to the call.  
Like most of you, I look forward to us all getting together  
To enjoy the friendships and fun no matter what the  
weather.*

*It was really kind of touch and go as to whether I'd attend  
'cause physically, I've had problems that are just starting  
now to mend.*

*But determination and desire took precedence for me  
And not attending once again was something I could not  
foresee.*

*I missed the meeting in the spring for a client friend of  
mine*

*Who needed me on his side in a courtroom scheduled time.  
Passing up four days with you was really quite upsetting  
But promises I make to friends are kept and not forgiven.*

*But now I'm here and happy to be in Galena with you all  
And thankful to see all you folks in the beauty of the fall.  
We've enjoyed the carriage ride and boating on the river,  
Shared laughter, jokes and stories and quite an elegant  
dinner!*

*We've shared some history right here in Galena with its  
charm*

*And we've probably left impressions, which we hope will  
cause no harm.*

*Carol and Bob have once again accomplished quite a feat  
In getting us all together- this has been quite a treat!*

*Carol was especially happy knowing I'd be here  
She needed someone to pick on -- and does so once each  
year!*

*Although I had been forewarned of what she planned to  
do,*

*I happily abided -- and for her I have come through.*

*So hope you enjoyed your picking, your poking and your  
slams*

*I'm simply here to please you with all of your demands.  
And if it makes you happy, which I'm sure is very true  
Just count on me for next year - I promise to come  
through!*

*Bud and Jo were kind enough to drive me to this town  
And having them as good close friends was quite a nice  
trip down.*

*We'll undoubtedly have some memories and stories now to  
share*

*With other folks who would have come but somehow could  
not be here.*

*It's memories and friendships that bring us all together  
It's more like a family without the scourge of bitter.  
We always seem to get along and look forward to next  
time.*

*It brings us back - right on track- and everything's just  
prime.*

*So once again we say goodbyes and look forward to the  
spring  
And hope that all will return again to repeat this gather-  
ing.*

*I wish you all the very best and happy holidays ahead --  
Blessings to your friends and family and with that all being  
said,*

*Take care of one another - drive safely back to home.  
God's blessings to each one of you - wherever you may  
roam."*

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Well, here we are again, slowly winding our way to the end of the year. November is here and we had a great meeting this month. Our group gathered at Carrie Cerino's Ristorante. This month's luncheon was hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko** and we were really glad to be back at this restaurant after a number of years. The buffet was excellent, the service here is great, and the desert was fantastic. We all want to give a **big** thank you to our hosts for arranging the luncheon and taking care of all the little details we take for granted when having a

large group like ours. We had a total of 70 members at our luncheon this month including guests **Linda Adams** (friend of **Ken Greenbank**), **Eleanor Kiehl** (**Arlene Taylor**'s sister), and **Lois Walter** (**Elda Jeskey**'s sister). We welcome our visitors and hope they return soon. **Dave Placko** led us in prayer before we were shown to the buffet line.

Our president, **Dolly Taucher**, passed on some information on a number of our members who are having some serious health issues. Others have had surgery, taken a fall or are recuperating. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I will list their names without getting into their individual health situation. If there are some friends from out of this area who would like to send a note or card and you don't have their address, you may send it to my above listed address in care of me and I will forward any I receive. The names are as follows: **Sue Tischke**, **Andy Striegl**, **Janet Osborn**, **John Jeskey**, **Betty Hahn**, **Ray Hacker**, **Dave Cleary**, **Shirley Moses**, **Sharon Vannoy**, and **Pat McCurley**.

Sadly, we were notified of the death of one of our United family. **Ralph Skrobacs** -CLECG 36 yrs. and although he had been ill for some time and was not a member of our group, we want to send our sympathy to his family.

"Happy Birthday" to all of our November babies. This month we really have a large number of birthdays, but only a few in attendance to listen to our serenading them one and all. Happy special day to **Carrie Kercel**, **Nancy Oncu**, **Dave Placko**, **Lee Rak**, **Lillian Schabel**, **Marian Sturgeon**, **Beverly Templeton** and **Carol Waldron**. To those of you who weren't there, you missed some great singing!

A very Happy Anniversary to all who were married in November, whether you were with us or not. We had one ½ couple celebrate with us. **Elda Jeskey** came with her sister because **John** is recuperating at home. They celebrated (2) years of marriage!

During our meeting **Dolly** also told us about **Carol Hamlin** who was traveling on Continental with her husband, who was using a wheelchair, and the gate had stairs. The agent changed the gate and had all passengers move to the new gate. Although they were traveling SA, they were boarded first - in First Class! It was great to hear a story like that, and we hope that is the norm for service!

Fifty-Fifty! The luncheon was great, but this is fun! Our two winners for the day were: **Earl Taylor** and **George Werner**.

We had an extra drawing of a beautiful glass angel, sent to us by an anonymous donor from "Healing Hearts For Women". The winner of this was **Dick Mullen**. Congratulations to all! Also, a "Thank You" for the kindness of our anonymous donor - Bless you!

Last but not least, we welcome **Jeff Greenbank**,

our newest Buckeye - We hope to see you often at our luncheons.

*\*One advantage to traveling the straight and narrow path is that no one is trying to pass you!*

#### Calendar:

**December 7** - 2011 Christmas Party, Williams On The Lake, Medina, OH, hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**. Doors will be open at 12 noon, Buffet Served at 12:30 pm

**January** - No Meeting

**February 1** - Dimitries (Snow day February 2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### OREGON

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Leaves sprinkled around a mini pumpkin placed on an autumn napkin were the decoration for the tables. The attendance was 73 including visitors **Dale Stapp**, **Jo Cheevers** and **Sam & Joan Durante**. **LaQuita Bloom** and **Glen & Gaylean Swanson**, members who had not been present for some time, were also in attendance. Our speaker was **Nancy Hooper**, Dew-er's member and NW Regional Director who gave a presentation on disaster preparedness. She handed out a list of necessary items that should be placed in a kit in the home and car.

An election took place for two Dew-er's board members. The winners were **Cliff Blare** and **Nadine Holten**. Their term will begin on January 1, 2012. The board would like to thank **Harvey Larkin** for filling in the term of **Kathy Russell** when she took over the secretary's position.

The winners for free lunches this month are as follows: Door prize - **Neil Johnson**, Men's birthday - **Paul Russell**, Women's birthday - **Barbara Heidegger** (hmm Pres & VP both), Anniversary - **Bob & Joyce Charron** (63 years), 50/50 - **Bob Charron**. The table decorations were also given away in a drawing.

**Irma Larkin** had successful hip replacement surgery and **Jane Futrell** recently had a cancerous growth removed from her nose. Slowly recovering are **Veulah Lorts**, **Cindy Passannante** and **Tommie Walker**. **Lois Pitman** is still waiting for heart valve surgery.

Preparations for a great Christmas party are underway under the direction of **Harvey Larkin**. Santa will be there giving out gifts and everyone is asked to dress up for the party. The menu is as follows: Prime Rib -



\$22, Chicken - \$16 and Salmon - \$16 (These prices are per person). The meal will include salad, potatoes or rice depending on the entrée, vegetable, rolls and members are asked to bring a dessert. You can send in your reservations to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97220 before December 7, 2011 indicating your menu choice.

Rosalie will also accept your dues for 2012 in case you will not be attending a meeting anytime soon. The dues are \$5 per person and can be mailed to her at the above address.

**Tina Lewis**, who has been in charge of the Travel desk for many years, has asked to be replaced by the end of December. There must be someone in our chapter who is willing to come forward to handle this task. Please let **Paul Russell** know if you could be that person. It could even be coordinated so two people could share the duties.

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 14** - Christmas Luncheon and Party

**January 11** - Social

**February 8** - Valentine's Day and Ice Cream Social

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**Doe Pope** hosted the November 4 OUR Club luncheon in one of the banquet rooms at Taprock Northwest Grill in Grants Pass. We had an overflow crowd of 26 and were happy to see so many turn out in good health and good spirits.

It makes eyebrows rise to realize it's November already and we're entering the countdown not only to Thanksgiving but the Christmas holidays as well. OUR Club will be kicking off the holiday season with a Christmas/Holiday luncheon in the Evergreen Room at Taprock Northwest Grill on December 2. **Jim & Jane Frincke** are planning the luncheon and hope to make it a special start to the season for everyone. The luncheon will also serve as a quarterly business meeting during which we'll elect officers for 2012 and select a recipient for the chapter's annual charitable donation.

As we approach the beginning of another new year, it might be a good time to remind all RUAEA members of the OUR Club schedule. OUR Club is an acronym for **Oregon United Retirees Club**. We meet for lunch at noon on the first Friday of each month. If you happen to find yourself in Southern Oregon on or near the first Friday of the month, we'd sincerely love to have you join us! Please email or phone me and I'll be delighted to give you details.

#### Calendar:

**December 2** - **Jim & Jane Frincke**, Christmas/Holiday Party, Taprock Evergreen Room

**January 6** - TBA

**February 3** - TBA

#### PENNSYLVANIA

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Another busy holiday season is upon us already! Do all you can for others with JOY? Our October meeting with 29 in attendance was a fun gathering for all. Bingo was the name of the game, 4 corners winner was **Shirley Roberts**; Round robin, **Janet Gemsheim** and cover all, **Kaaren Fox**. **Virgie Piccinotti** won the free lunch and **Lew Meyer** won the 50-50. A great winning day for the ladies!

The families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington, Delaware happily enjoyed an "October fest" meal. Our Philadelphia retirees prepared and served about 50 patient family members a very well made meal. We received many compliments. Our thanks to **Tom & Pat Lyons** for their shopping and coordination, and the other team members consisting of **Joe & Gail Bradley**, **Marge & Frank Eggles**, **Joyce Lindenmuth**, **Kathy Edwards** and **Shirley Roberts**. Our chapter members supported us financially with donations. Thanks to **Carrol Ford** for his especially generous contribution. We did miss **Al Edwards**, **Dee Burrs** and the **Neelans** due to health problems. Maybe next year! We got to listen to the patient's family share their relief with solved medical problems and the heartache of ongoing serious illness. As volunteers, we feel blessed to be able to help in a small way.

The sick list does not get shorter. Remember by cards and calls: **John Hassiepen**, **Jenny Divinney**, **Bill Carmen**, **Barbara Fanto**, **Betty Pyle**, **Leo Neelan**, **Al Edwards** and **Dee Burrs**. We have had word from **Dennis O'Neil** that his brother Gene is ill in Calif. He

is undergoing dialysis and also crashed his golf cart. He said he was blinded by the sun. Dennis said that is a "likely story" but he is sticking to it. Next time he is in town, he will stop to visit.

**Dee Burrs** is very grateful to **Lew Meyer** for the ride home from the rehab. She thanks all for the cards and for the visit by **Lew and Joe Fanto**.

Please let a committee member know if you have an address change or want a card sent to an ill loved one. We need your input for a successful group.

No luncheons scheduled till March 2012, the date is the same, the second Monday and so is the place, The Ramada Inn, Essington. Reserve your seat for the Candle Light Dinner Theater in Arden, Delaware on April 14, 2012, 6pm. The show is *The Wedding Singer*. Tickets are \$47.60. We have 15 seats available but could order more if needed. It will be a fun time with friends after a long cold winter. Call Joyce.

Looking forward to seeing all. Bring a friend.

#### Calendar:

**December 12** – Noon, our Christmas luncheon and silent auction at the Ramada Inn, Essington. The price is \$20.00 and must be paid in advance. Start making your items for the auction now. Bring a filled shoebox for our veterans in Coatesville.

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It's time to review events of the past year and take a forward look ahead. A special thanks to the faithful members of our Board of Directors. Without their leadership we would not have our social events. We also appreciate the support of our members attending our events. The plans for 2012 includes a membership drive, a trip to the Rivers, possibly day trips and continue with our luncheons and picnic. We need more volunteers to help with these projects.

We lost another member of our United family, **Harry Kerr**, 71 years old, passed away October 11, 2011 at his residence. Surviving is his wife **Sharon** of 38 years, 4 children, Eric, Allen, Paul and Sarah, two brothers and many grandchildren plus 4 great grand children. Our condolences to his family.

**Lorraine Keith** has returned from her granddaughter, Megan's, wedding held in Geneva, Nebraska. Lorraine flew United both going and return; however the flight home was a night mare, with mechanicals and misconnects. What a way to end a beautiful week

**Kathy Matteson** went to visit **Charla McBride** in Acworth, GA. I don't know if she has returned, perhaps the two of them got into some trouble as they usually do when they get together!

**Bill Redfern** had his heart valve replaced. He spent 5 days in the hospital and is home recuperating. His breathing is much better and he's working on building up his walking.

**Barb Seaholm** is half way through her cardio rehab. She has to have 36 sessions and she attends 3 times a week. Barb had the flu which set her back a week.

Our December birthdays ~ **Mary Jane Stewart** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Vic Ferrence** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and **Georgia Garcia** (24<sup>th</sup>).

The Pit Stoppers Christmas luncheon is December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Golden Girls luncheon is December 9<sup>th</sup>. I will have a report on these two luncheons in the January Newsletter.

As the holidays approach, generally thought of as a special time for families, let me wish each and every one of you a most Blessed, Happy and Special Merry Christmas. Enjoy your holidays, stay well and thank you for all of your support.

#### Calendar:

**December 2** – Christmas Luncheon, the Fez

**December 9** - Golden Girls Luncheon, Felicity Farms

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Last month, we mentioned the need to find a new location for our Christmas Party. The new presidency met on October 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Apple Spice Junction restaurant and decided to reserve it for our Christmas Dinner/Party which will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. It is located at 6520 S. 900 East, Murray, UT. We met again on October 26<sup>th</sup>, to approve and finalize a Christmas letter to be mailed to all our members next week. Our new Meeting Schedule for 2012 will be included with the Christmas letter about the party and a mail-in coupon is included at the bottom for mailing in payment for the dinner and also their dues for 2012.

As was mentioned in my October newsletter, I want to *highlight* one of our members each month so we can get to know each other better. This month I will start at the top with our newly-elected President of our Salt Lake Chapter of retirees, **Richard Papworth**. Richard, who often is affectionately called **Pappy**, started with United in 1966 at the age of 24 years old. He began as a

Ramp Serviceman in SLC and has never transferred away from home. He retired after 35 years; the last 10 years were spent as Ramp Lead. During those years, he also served as Shop Steward for the local IAM. He has seen and been part of many changes at UAL in those 35 years, but is able to say that he enjoyed his employment. **Rich** still keeps in contact with the many friends he has made, and looks forward to being our new president. He and wife Elaine have been married for 34 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

In making up our schedule for 2012, we have decided to cut back a little because the attendance at some of our coffee meetings was slowing down. We will meet every other month as follows:

February 7 - Brunch at 10 AM, Johanna's Kitchen, in Sandy

April 3 - Lunch at 2 PM, Golden Corral in Midvale

June 5 - Lunch at 2 PM, Joy Luck Chinese in Bountiful

August 7 - Catered Picnic at 5 PM, Sugarhouse Park in SLC

October 2 - Lunch at 2 PM, Chuck-A-Rama Buffet in SLC

December Christmas Party – To Be Announced

Salt Lake has enjoyed a beautiful Fall with lots of color and cooler temperatures. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we had a 30 degree drop in temperature and our first snow storm here in the valley. Remember ~ *"Life is not about how to weather the storm but how to dance in the rain"* (or *snow*)

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Fall travel limited attendance at our October luncheon to a mere 48. In the absence of President **Frank & Fran McNulty**, who were celebrating a family member's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in Pennsylvania, Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** efficiently conducted the business meeting.

While Assistant Treasurer, **Noreen Krawczyk** and her sidekick, **Richard Devereux**, also were missing in action, **Mary & John Luke** helped Treasurer **Helen Stanger** with registration and with the lucrative sale of raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing, which was won by **Donna Neumeyer**. October is one of the two months in which the other half of the 50/50 proceeds is donated to the Seattle Travel Desk.

RUAEA Vice President **Hank Gosselin** filled us in on the latest merger updates and on some of the new travel procedures, as well as noting items of interest on the Benefits front. It often seems as if there are more questions than answers. Is it rumor or inside information? There is discrepancy between what Continental retirees hear and what United folks are being told. Director of Employee Pass Travel **Laura Motelet**, had been responding to questions and comments sent to [my-passtravel.com](http://my-passtravel.com) but had been silent in preceding weeks.

Active employees have received new badges. During the first half of 2012, new company badges will be provided for UA retirees. Photo identification has been indicated, but there has been nothing stated on how this would be done.

All retirees are being urged to become computer literate or to enlist the services of family members or friends, because no information will be available by other means. In the future, everything you might want to know about the merged companies will be limited to the Internet. RUAEA still maintains its website at [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org). Start practicing

Thanks to RUAEA and donations from other satisfied customers, volunteers at the Seattle Travel Desk were treated to an appreciation lunch at Angelo's Restaurant in Burien. Travel Desk Manager **Kathie Torgison** brought the group up to date on changes in procedures. We hope the company will continue to support the retiree desks, but that is something else still up in the air. Many prizes were awarded with thanks for their donations to **Bud & Virginia Dice**, **Moifair Chin**, **Sid & Edna Harris**, **Hubert & Anita Malco**, **Ken Morain**, **Syd & Rita Reynolds**, **Berry & Arnie Schaetzke**, and **Kathie Torgison**. A very nice color photo of the honorees at lunch was published in the November *Contrails*, Emerald City Slickers' own newsletter.

The very capable editor of *Contrails*, **Vicki Shumaker**, will be heading south to Yuma, Arizona, when her husband retires, but she is willing to continue producing the newsletter, though she is not involved with United Airlines. Some folks are gluttons for punishment. Printing and distribution will continue to be handled in the Seattle area by **Phyllis Bowman** and her able crew. **Vicki** and **Phyllis** have been working on a new Emerald City Slickers membership roster, which will be greatly appreciated by officers and attendees when it has been completed.

**Phyllis** recognized those celebrating October birthdays and anniversaries. This paragraph acknowledges our holiday celebrants with birthdays and anniversaries in December. Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Don & Jeanine Anderson** and **Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad**. Number 43 will be observed by **John & Mary Luke**.

With the narcissus (think "paper whites" forced to bloom for Christmas) as their flower and the blue topaz

or turquoise as their birthstone, ten members were born in December: **Phyllis Bowman, Mike Bratovich, James Hafterson, Corky Ives, Noreen Krawczyk, Anita Malco, Thelma Parks, Sidney Reed, Rita Reynolds, and Otto Wieland.** Best wishes to you all.

If you thoroughly read the November issue of the RUAEA newsletter, you would have learned that **Joanna Myers** recovered quickly from a hip replacement. Now members of the Dixie Flyers in Atlanta, Georgia, **Lyle & Joanna** were long-time Emerald City Slickers and were originally responsible for our meeting at Fairwood Golf and Country Club. **Lyle Myers** was president of the Seattle chapter of RUAEA in 1996. We miss them and hope they are enjoying life on the opposite side of the country.

Before the last jokes are told, our last item of business is the awarding of door prizes. Our two **Phyllises - Bowman and Lindblad** – do a Cracker Jack job of calling the numbers and seeing that the winners quickly claim their rewards. Door prize winners included **Vern Bozarth, John Haferbecker, James Hafterson, Edna Harris, Lyle Lindblad, John Luke, Danny Miles, Donna Neumeyer, Edna Paulson, John Reed, Ed Rousseau, Dolores Steger, Ken Walters and Fern Wells.** Many prizes = many winners! Chapter donors are very generous.

#### Calendar:

**December** – No Meeting

**January 10** – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

**February 14** – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton



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We went to the Rustic Moose restaurant on Hwy 2, chosen by **Pauline Miller.** We had very good food and a lot of laughs. 15 people showed up and we would've had 3 more, but they got sick. I hope they are feeling better. The restaurant was full of stuffed animals, even a turkey.

I failed to mention that we lost a very good man in the spring, his name was **Skip O'Halloran.** He left two sons, 2 daughters and a grandson, whom he doted on. He was a pilot with many airlines, but his last one was United. He will be missed by everyone.

I flew down to Portland and had lunch with the retirees that I worked with. I really enjoyed it and saw a lot of friends. I don't get down very often.

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Greetings from the Nations Capital! Happy Holidays and a safe New Year to all our fellow retirees around the world.

Convention 2012 is growing in interest and October 2012 will be a beautiful time of year to visit Washington DC. The entire Washington area is known for its magnificent old trees. You will not have to travel far from the Hyatt Regency Hotel to enjoy 100 year old trees lining the Mall. It is a perfect opportunity to visit the Smithsonian Museum Buildings that line the Mall on both sides. Also, a visit to Arlington National Cemetery is a wonderful inspiring experience and there are dozens of ancient trees to be admired there.

Our meetings at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA are well attended and everyone enjoys the chance to catch up on the news.

Our Chapter President **Linda Scriven** (IADCS) and travel buddy **Camilla Warren** (IADCS) drove to New York in September to join ms "Veendam" of the Holland America fleet for a 7 day cruise to Bermuda. They managed to avoid the pending hurricane and enjoyed 7 days of smooth sailing. At the conclusion of the cruise when they sailed into New York harbor, the Statue of Liberty was all lit up in red, white and blue!

#### Calendar:

**December 1** - 1130am, DCARR/IADRR Annual Res Reunion Lunch at J. Gilberts Restaurant, 6930 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101. RSVP to **Lucy Chatelain**, (703) 893 9030.

**December 14** – Noon, Toy For Tots Special Holiday Luncheon featuring the US Marine Corps. Please bring a new unwrapped gift!

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Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clipped Wings. This is the year that we are celebrating the Anniversary of our great



organization; 70 years ago **Jackie Jos Ceaser** founded Clipped Wings®. What a wonderful idea to keep us in contact with our flying partners and the wonderful friends we made. Thank you Jackie!

The start of our new year has begun. This should be a great year. We are hoping to attract many more new members, as well as recruiting some of our former members.

It is only 9 month till our next Convention. This year our Convention will be held in Seattle, WA (September 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>). We are all looking forward to spending some time in Seattle, a great city.

Special Olympics: There will be no National or International Special Olympics games this year, but Newark, NJ has been awarded the next National Games, 2014. The World Summer Games have been awarded to Los Angeles in 2015. We will be very busy volunteering for these games. It is so rewarding to be able to help out and be at the games to cheer on the athletes and support their families. Volunteering for Special Olympics, you always feel that you receive more than you give. Our membership will be supporting the local Special Olympic Games, both in the Winter and Summer sports.

Flight 93: What an emotional experience this was. Saturday was the Dedicating of the United Flight 93 National Memorial. There were more than 100 Clipped Wing members attending from all over the country. Sunday was the 9/11 memorial. It was such an honor to be able to walk near the ground of United flight 93.

With the start of the new fiscal year we are definitely looking for all former United or Capital Airline Stewardesses or Flight Attendants, to join us, Clipped Wings®. We are a fun group and who knows, you might reconnect with some of your former roommates or flying partners. Please check our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). If you are eligible join us, we would love to have you.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.



## NEW MEMBERS

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

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**Blank, Delbert E.**, SFOWS 08/30/11  
**Bordador, Apolinar**, HNLRR 08/06/11  
**Boyle, John F.**, ORDCM 08/12/11  
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Budahn, Earl B., MSPMM 08/01/11  
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 Chism, Donald V., SFOPK 08/11/11  
 Church, Stephen H., LAXFO 08/13/11  
 Cipriani, John M., PITFF 07/14/11  
 Czarnecki, Ronald W., DENCg 08/25/11  
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 Deppen, George J., SFOMB 08/16/11  
 Fleisher, John D., LAXFO 08/04/11  
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 Shepard, Joan S., DCARR 08/09/11  
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 Swinehart, Howard L., SFOWA 08/01/11  
 Taylor, Edward M., SEAFR 07/06/11  
 Taylor, Stanley R., OMAFF 08/31/11  
 Turner, Charlie M., CLTOZ 08/30/11  
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## LETTERS



**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.

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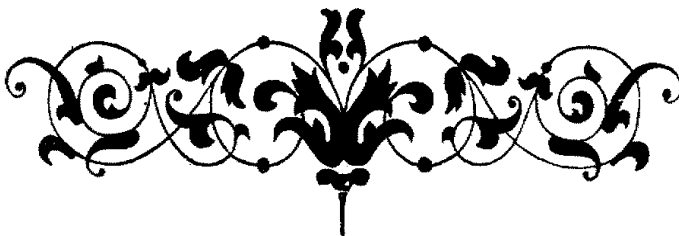
### WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

**Emmett Landrum, 141 Yorkshire Ct., San Bruno, CA 94066-3728**

Well, here it is time again to pay my dues. Every September my birthday rolls around. Guess it is a good thing or I would not be writing this letter.

Over the years I have told you of my fighting with mice in my auto exhaust and then in my storage room. Well, I am rid of them. Now, I have a raccoon that is bugging me! He has been coming through the dog door



from the patio into my garage. He has a likening for my dog, Spanky's, food. Any food Spanky leaves in his dish will disappear. When the raccoon can't find any, he will take off the top of the food bin. Sometimes he will tear it off! So, I got in the habit of closing off the dog door at about 8:30pm. One night I forgot and did it at 10pm. My bathroom is over the garage and while brushing my teeth, I heard a noise under my feet. My dog was asleep in the computer room, so I knew it was not him. When I opened the door from the house to the garage, there the raccoon was looking at me and then scampered under my Focus to the other side of the garage. I unlocked the folding door that keeps the dog in when I have the door open and slid it partially open; and I went up to the front porch and waited. In a couple of minutes, out walked the raccoon giving me a dirty look and then he shot down the street. He left me over an hour's work cleaning up the garage work shop the next morning. He had got on top of my work bench and kicked every thing off. Then he got on the wall and knocked off every thing he could reach. My auto supplies were on the floor and under the Focus. But, at least he did not scratch the car. I took 5 photos of the mess before I cleaned it up. I showed them to a neighbor and sent them to my son in Connecticut by email. They both got a big kick out of the photos!

I don't think I will forget to close off the dog door before dark again.

For 12 years I have gone to Albany, NY to help restore the USS Slater DE 766. It is like the ship I spent some time on in 1943 in the South Pacific until Mar. 1944. Any one of you visiting in the Albany area should go see the ship. It is looking better each year. It appeared in the movie, "Guns of Navarone" while the Greek Navy had it. I went through the Panama Canal on my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Sept 1, 1943 on the USS Bebas DE10.

If UAL will let me fly next May, I plan to go to Albany again for year 13. Gloria gets to stay with our son, Jeff, in Connecticut.

I want to say "Hello" to any friends I have left at LGAMM.

**Loyd G. Norton, 2551 Cryer St., Hayward, CA 94545, nnortonsoncryer@aol.com**

Another year has rolled around and it's time to pay my dues. I have now reached my ninety first birthday and still remember who I am. Juanita and I are in good health. We still live by our selves; but our daughter lives a short distance from us and helps us when we need it. We still have our home in the mountains. We only get up there a couple times a year. Our kids and grandkids get to use it. Thanks for the Newsletter.

I worked for 35 years and have been retired for 30 years. Most of the names that I see that I recognize are in the obituaries.

**Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427-3469**

Thank you for the good job you are doing on the newsletter. I enjoy reading the letters you receive, especially the ones with lots of years and good stories to share. As for the one last month from Clifford Chaney, I am sure many of us crossed paths with him up in the cockpit as we were on our way to enjoy a nice vacation somewhere.

I am now in my eighth year of retirement. I feel great, don't take any medication, eat healthy and exercise every day. Mostly I walk about four miles every day; so guess that is okay for just turning 70 years old.

I thought when I left the San Francisco bay area after 35 years and moving back to the Shenandoah Valley, I had left the earth quakes behind. Last months quake down in VA changed that idea. Shortly after the quake, I just had to call some friends near Washington, DC to welcome them to California. They said not so fast, we have a big hurricane coming right up the coast. Here in the Martinsburg WV area, all we got was a nice gentle rain through the night, no wind, no flooding or power outages.

Before I would live down along the Atlantic or the Gulf coast, I would live in CA on a fault line.

The quake was of course, a first for most people around here. As for me I felt right at home.

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

I listed for two flights from MCO to LGA via ORD and was told I was #1 standby. In Chicago, I was mysteriously changed to #14 standby for 16 vacant seats, it was on 9/21 and the flight was #678. None of the thirteen ahead of me appeared to be retirees. (I'm from November 56 and am 87). Did someone jump the gun on the new unfair re-adjusted boarding order? At least I got on. I ran into another oddity in ORD on the return flight that I haven't run into since the 1960's. I enquired very nicely of the CSA why, as #1 standby, wasn't I called for the ORD-MCO flight? Answer ~ *"We called your name many times". "I was always close by."* The CSA answered, *"So sorry that someone else took your place, etc., but there was a seat for you! So sorry, it should have been you."* Back in the 1960's when a PA put on a friend out of seniority, it was cause for dismissal. At one time in SFO, I spent three years (second job) as a newspaper reporter and to this day, I still make notes because the Editor always demanded to see them when my reporting was publicly questioned. (Every week by a preacher, that wanted to be a politician.)

In New York's Hudson River, there are still a few sturgeons surviving. My son was out sailing on a friend's boat when they were hailed from the Jersey shore. A newly dead five foot long sturgeon had



washed ashore and it took five men to lift it out of the water!

I stayed at an MCO airport hotel the night before catching a 7 am flight. The hotel walls were not built for privacy and at midnight many were awakened by a visiting English boy shouting, "*Grandma, there's no paper in the Loo!*"

I heard in NYC that a lady hired a "Cat Whisperer" to help her suffering feline for \$1000! As a boy, I whispered to several cats at home and they all purred back, "*What's to eat?*"

In NYC, I heard a loud domestic altercation in progress and he shouted, "*I was a nice guy till I married you!*" That might be an exaggeration because the guy shouting hasn't worked in years, plays tennis several days a week, and his wife works. At one time, the appellation PhD was said by some to mean "Piled Higher and Deeper". In Manhattan, I heard another meaning, "Poor, Hungry and Driven". Lots are unemployed! I was talking with a former Manhattan messenger whose jobs are to rush "paperwork" from one office to another. You still see them tempting fate, skating or hiking in six lanes of traffic. Nowadays they're mostly on skates and Long Boards although walking and the Internet is getting the job done. About 2,000 messengers whose jobs are now down to about 700 and it is not a job that offers life insurance. I once saw a bike messenger on Broadway hit by a cab. He got up and limped to the sidewalk. In the city, I also heard the Tea Party referred to as the Steaming Tea Kettle Party and also the Teavangelicals.

My son's home had a BIG white oak tree in front and during summer rains and twisting winds, it split twelve feet up from the base and leaned towards the street. If it fell, out would go the neighborhood power, TV and phones. This led the lady across the street to have a lawyer send my son a letter as to the consequences, if it damaged her house. Son suggested she talk with her neighbor and she replied that she had not spoken to her in 30 years and wasn't about to start now. The lady living on the other side of her house came over to enquire for her husband's health and was threatened with trespassing if she didn't go away and stay away, and on it went. How well do you know your neighbor?

The tree surgeon finally reached son's home after 19 days and had with him seven workers, thirteen chain saws, a truck load of ropes, and a Cherry Picker with a bucket. The man that climbed to the top of the one hundred foot tree was the owner's son and the job called for extreme caution. They found as the three foot diameter tree came down, that it was hollow, twelve feet up from the ground, within inches of the bark, and eaten out by Carpenter ants. That made it a home for several tree rats (Grey Squirrels). The tree was about 130 years old.

In earlier days, the tree surgeon had a bad accident while high in a tree. The chain saw fell and cut off

much of his face, and required 254 stitches to put him back together again, including his nose. It happened in Bronxville. Insurance companies say the most dangerous job is that of a deep sea fisherman.

One of son's neighbors was recently overwhelmed by bees in the attic. They got in around the chimney. How much to remove a beehive in NYC? Try \$2,200. My son paid \$3,000 to get his big oak tree taken down. He asked the city to cut it down before it fell. Their answer, we'll do it in the street "for free", if it falls across the street. Not everything makes sense, does it?

On one of four recent flights, a lady in front of me asked for a blanket; it is cool at 33,000'. "*Sorry, we don't carry blankets anymore.*" "*Not ONE blanket?*" "*Sorry*", said the flight attendant. "*Then I'll find an airline that does.*" Shrug. Nearby, another lady was washing her window of a candy bar. "*Don't they ever wash these,*" she complained. No one that mattered heard her. Are things being ignored in the "on time" Rush?

And so it went; back to shorter oak trees, not a single storm and peace in this part of Florida.

**Geraldine Cavallo, 710 Creekside Dr., Unit 202, Mt Prospect, IL 60056**

Thank you for making the newsletter a reading enjoyment monthly.

I am celebrating 20 years of retirement. I have Parkinson's, but I am doing okay.

**Jean Fraher, 810 Audubon Way, #210, Lincolnshire, IL 60069-3865**

I enjoy the newsletter. I am still busy painting with watercolors and giving demonstrations.

In June, I spent 3 weeks in Ireland with my son, Jim and his wife, Connie. He is a photographer and she is a graphic artist. Their business, "Bogfire" is doing well.

I hope to return again next year. Ireland is a beautiful country.

**Austin Hart, 4416 Brooks Rd., Valley Springs, CA 95252**

First of all, if I am reading the membership dues block correctly, the cost is \$25.00 per year for delivery of the monthly news letter. So please find enclosed a check for the next 3 years, hoping I will be around that long. One other thing I read was that the one responsible for the letters section of the Association Newsletter states that she enjoys the letters but to please be sure they are legible. So that's why I am typing it. Please keep the Newsletter coming.

I have been reading all the letters hoping to see some of the people I worked with in SFOMP. This is the first time since I have been reading the letters I saw some one I knew. It happens to be **Gary Ikea**, Hi Gary.

In reading the obituaries, I saw one other fellow I worked with, **Don Cain** who passed sometime in June this year.

When I was lucky enough to get hired in Kansas City in 1956, and I was told it would require me to move to SFO. I wasn't sure about that but it turned out to be great.

As those with the company at that time knew Pat Patterson was at the top. He was without question the best at the top. The company went from 12,500 to over a hundred thousand before it went the other way. One more thing, anyone recognizing me, please let me know who you are. My address is at the top of my letter. One more, please keep the letter coming.

**Cathy Holdren, 5792 Highland Ave., Yorba Linda, CA 92886-5212**

Thank you for all of the information that you put in the newsletters about the new retiree Pass Program. I am extremely disappointed with the new policy as my husband and I travel a lot. The eight vacation passes would not be enough for us. I hope we continue to apply pressure on our CEO and others to let them know how unhappy most of us are.

Keep up the good work.

**Daniel Mosiello, 32301 Renoir Rd., Winchester, Ca 92596-9055**

Kudos to Ron Bertacini for his comments on United in the October issue. I never thought I could be so ashamed of United Airlines as I am today. I spent 36 years working for them and in return had them steal about 30 percent of my pension thru bankruptcy, increase my medical payments 30 fold and now cripple our pass policy.

**June Nichols, 465 Santee Dr., Santee, SC 29142**

I appreciate all your work; it is a dedication and time only a "select" group can keep going and passing it on. It brings tears to my eyes to read through so many of the trials and tribulations of my fellow "airline friends". Some of the names I recognize, most I do not know but just knowing our unique bond in the airline industry when it was truly an "airline, gives me that edge of "family". I can imagine how important great memories are and the joy of sharing it with the "feeling" that we care, respect, and honor all the departments of a great job, each one touching another. How sad that in today's world, this is lost.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm of life, your appreciation of your past job and your willingness to share.



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*(Left) ~ At Nandi in the Fiji Islands Captain C. F. Sullivan with navigators Roger Kelly & Bob Bergin*

*(Right) ~ First Officer John Horning & Captain Harry Huking.*

← *United's Guam ATC operations staff with a C-54.*