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Greetings from the Denver Office

The staff of the Denver Office wants to wish each of you a *Happy Holiday Season*. This is the time of year when we have gatherings with friends and family. We spend time reminiscing the good times of the past and look forward to good times in the future. There are also plenty of good home cooked meals along with the tasty desserts. Plans are made for future gatherings and of course resolutions, which we may not be able to keep, are made. I haven't lost a pound since last year, how about you? Ha!

We reflect on the past year and the many changes that have occurred, some for the good and some for the bad as we see it. The Continental and United merger has been in the fore front and has increased the activity in the Denver Office. We have received many letters, phone calls and emails regarding the merger. We have tried to address every one in a timely manner recognizing that we don't have all the answers. Our greatest challenge has been helping the members that come to us to get into the computer world where the answers to our questions can be found. One reality of the merger is that most information is now found in the company's website Flying Together. Another reality is that there, in some cases, is no place else to go for the information we seek. The merger will bring some good things and some bad things, as we see it. But another reality is that all of us, Continental and United employees/retirees, are affected and we must make the best of it. RUAEA is a retiree organization for all retirees and we encourage all to join and be a part of it.

The Denver Office ~ The Denver Office is located in the United Airlines Training Center and has always has been the central point of RUAEA. Even though it is located in the Training Center, **RUAEA is not a part of United Airlines.** United has been gracious in its consideration, by allowing us to occupy a small office for the membership functions, for which we are thankful. Although the Newsletter is now published by two wonderful people, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**, who live in Roseville, CA; it is still assembled, labeled and mailed from Denver. The age of electronics has made this possible. Francis & Veronica have done a great job with the Newsletter, bringing it to a first class publication. The office has four great Secretaries, **Carole Longbella, Carol Bare, Juliana Alfonso** and **Marilyn Hansen**. These ladies are volunteers and give their all to the task of maintaining the membership database and handling questions and comments from the membership. **Cas Spokas**, our Computer Tech and Assistant Office Manager; another retiree and volunteer, does a superb job of programming and maintaining the office computers and those remote computers used for data recovery and Newsletter activities in other locations. **Martha Gooselaw**, our Letters Editor, handles the Letters section, doing a great job of deciphering the handwriting of us old guys. Ha! She is also one of the proof readers. **John Chu** is the person that provides the final layout and works closely with the chapter correspondents. John has been doing this for years and we greatly appreciate him for all that he does.

Finally to our members ~ Thank you for being members of RUAEA, a great retiree organization! Over the years you have become like a second family to us. We wish you and yours a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year! And, feel free to contact us at anytime.

Membership Manager ~ Virgil Gooselaw

Happy Holidays!



*Front Row (L-R) ~
Juliana Alfonso,
Martha Gooselaw,
Carole Longbella,
Hank Gosselin and
Virgil Gooselaw.*

*Back Row~ Cas Spokas,
John Chu, Francis Domaratius,
Carol Bare, Veronica Domaratius and
Marilyn Hansen*

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hello RUAEA Members, I thank you all for being loyal members, and for reading our Newsletter, which our Newsletter Managers are dedicated to producing for you.

By the time you read this, the colossal storm Sandy will be history. Hopefully, any members who may have been in harm's way

are safe and sound. The quick action of the airlines to cancel and divert flights lessened the impact on flying customers, which was not always the way it worked in the past. I hope not too many of you were flying on passes.

At the Convention, we briefly mentioned a convention in 2013. I want you to be assured we are working on one, and looking at more than one city. Please give us time. We sincerely want to have a yearly Convention and produce a Monthly Newsletter for our members. We have a great team working on this, **Mike Richards**, your newly elected Vice President, **Ron Bertacini**, Past President, **Marilyn Marcy**, newly elected Vice President of Conventions, and our long standing Site Manager, **John Koehl**.

At this time our Officers, Directors, Managers, hope you all had a most Happy Thanksgiving. We also wish you Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and healthy and Happy New Year!

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, October 6, 2012
Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Washington, D.C.



President, Ron Bertacini, called the meeting to order at 0815.

President – Ron Bertacini

☞ Ron welcomed all members to the annual business meeting with a special thanks to Marilyn

Marcy, VP-Conventions and the local committee for their contributions.

- ☞ It has been 18 months since our last Convention. We are in good position with our membership numbers.
- ☞ We continue to have good contacts with RUPA, Clipped Wings, RAFA and CO Golden Eagles.
- ☞ Our Newsletter continues to be a good source of communications and congratulations to Francis & Veronica Domaratius for their great job as Newsletter Managers as well as Martha Goose-law for her continued good work as Letters Editor.
- ☞ A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the 2011 Business minutes.

Corporate Relations – Ed Tolle

Our Corporate relations began in years past with Jim Fauber and Marlin Lade. In the past, they were very receptive to retirees by email or phone. There have been major changes with the move to Willis Tower. Donna Towle has been open to communication, as has Pete McDonald. The company supplied free comat to move our audiovisual equipment to the convention this year for which we are grateful. We will continue our efforts toward communication with HDQ.

Past President – Ron Robertson

Ron introduced our successful candidates for election: President - Hank Gosselin, Executive Vice President - Mike Richards, Vice President/Conventions - Marilyn Marcy, Secretary - Diane Griego, Treasurer - Tony Seidl, Regional Directors: Helen Cauwels - Midwest, Roger Casterline - Western, Howard Lackey - So. California, Paul Brown - Florida, John Zoboli - No. California/Nevada, Bob Hallden - Arizona, Jack Hooper - Northwest. 1000 members voted.

We held a moment of silence in memory of Ed Majewski.

Executive Vice President – Hank Gosselin

The Membership office in Denver is running very smoothly thanks to the efforts of Virgil Gooselaw. The Regional Directors have logged 21,000 miles visiting local chapters.

Membership Manager – Virgil Gooselaw

The Membership office continues answering mail, updating data and returning phone messages. Thanks to the secretaries for their continued good work. Our facility will remain in its current location.

Newsletter Manager – Francis Domaratius

It would be helpful if more members subscribed online versus the printed copy. The information would be received much earlier. If anyone wishes both online and printed, it would only be \$5.00 additional. We no

longer receive obituary information from the Company. We would need to receive this information from family directly to us.

Website – Jim Sommerfield (given by Ron Bertacini in Jim's absence)

Use of the computer is essential to receive timely information. 1300 members are currently using our website. 489 voted online. The most popular: 1) Travel – 2) Chapter information – 3) General News – 4) Pass Travel – 5) Local News

The most popular downloaded: 1) Travel Regulations – 2) Convention Package – 3) Pass Travel Chart – 4) Merger information

VP Conventions – Marilyn Marcy

Thanks to Linda Scriven for her extraordinary efforts on the Convention over this past year as well as Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser, Kerrie Schneider, our Treasurer for the Convention and the local committee that has gone above and beyond. Thanks also to John Koehl for running the tours as well as working tirelessly on Site Selection for next year's convention. We had 338 registrations, 297 paid dinners, 540 on tours, 376 Arts & Crafts, 482 Special Raffle and 1299 for the 50/50. We would encourage and welcome feedback on the Convention in general and particularly, if you have any feedback on the Art & Crafts. Should we continue? Substitute something else? Send your emails to 2012WAS@gmail.com.

Thanks also to the Company for FedEx free comat for all the audio equipment and benefits information.

John Koehl and I are looking at locations for the 2013 Convention. It is difficult to find hotels that can provide the needed facilities (Rooms for Benefit and Business Meetings, Banquet facilities, Art & Crafts) with diminishing membership.

Treasurer – Tony Seidl

Our revenues from Member Dues and contributions in 2012 declined during the first half of the year, but have recovered since the termination of the 3-year deferred dues program. I anticipate closing the year on a positive note. Dividend/interest income has declined sharply from \$1,182.00 in 2011 to \$602.00 in 2012.

Our Major cost drivers remain the same as last year: 1) Newsletter – 2) Travel and Board Meetings – 3) Website.

Outlook for 2013: Overall, travel expenses declined in 2012. This was due, in large part, to reducing the number and duration of meetings.

Recognition and Certificates of Appreciation were given to the outgoing Board Members: Ron Robertson, Past President & Chairman of the Nominating Commit-

tee, Mike Richards – Regional Director of Arizona and Ron Bertacini – President.

A motion was made to adjourn – seconded and approved – we adjourned at 0930.

Minutes Submitted by Diane Griego, Secretary – Approved by Ron Bertacini, President

BENEFIT PANEL MEETING

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Washington, D.C.

The following is a list of representatives present. Each gave an in-depth presentation. Breakout sessions were held following the meeting. They were most generous in giving their time and advice on subjects pertinent to the RUAEA membership. We thank them all.

Alliant Credit Union

- * Dave Mooney – CEO
- * Larry Page – National Account Executive
- * Dan Brzozowski – Manager/Member and Special Services
- * Brooke Jaeky – Sales and Marketing Communications Manager
- * Nick Hamilton – Financial Advisor/Investment Services
- * Patricia Tadjdeh – Dulles Branch Lending and Product Specialist

United Airlines

- ➔ Laura Motelet – Director Employee Travel Ctr.
- ➔ Erica Hunter-McLaurin – Asst. Manager Employee Travel Policies and Procedures
- ➔ Mia Glass – Health
- ➔ Rainier Villatuya – Dir. of Health and Welfare

Hewitt Associates

- ✓ Steve Reynolds – Senior Director – Benefits Delivery
- ✓ Sharla Saenz – Benefit Service Manager
- ✓ Heather Hulsey – Customer Service Client Manager

Fidelity ~ Pamela Darney

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois ~ Celeste Medina

Express Scripts (formerly Medco) ~ Pamela Morrison

VSP ~ Rita Jones



RUEA Convention 2012 - Compliments from Ron Jersey

Recently, I attended the 2012 RUEA convention in Washington, DC. The Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, was an excellent choice. Not only is it a very nice hotel but it is situated close to the mall, many nice restaurants, and the metro. Many tours of the city, including Annapolis, Old Town Alexandria, Manassas, Mt. Vernon, and the Udvar-Hazy museum where the wall of honor is located. I did not have any trouble finding my name on one of the three panels dedicated to RUPA. My wife and I spent a couple of hours in the Holocaust Museum, a bit depressing but very interesting. We learned many interesting facts about the life and times of George Washington with a visit to Mt. Vernon. My compliments to the many volunteers who organized the convention and made everything run smoothly for all four days.

This convention marked the end of **Ron Bertacini's** term as President. **Hank Gosselin** took over the night of the banquet. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron and the executive board of RUEA for making my wife and I feel right at home during the last three conventions. When I was president of RUPA, I was invited to attend their business meetings. As current convention committee chairman, I will continue to work with RUEA in the quest for a combined convention, whether it be a land based or cruise based convention. In order for the future conventions to be economically viable, we need members of all segments of retirees, both UAL and COA to participate.

As you read this, you are probably saying to yourself, *"Why would I attend a convention where I do not know anyone?"* I felt that way when I attended my first RUEA convention in 2010. I was made to feel right at home by everyone I met. I even ran into people I knew. By the end of my third convention, Marie & I have a large circle of acquaintances that help to make the convention an enjoyable experience. Try it next year. You may find that you will have a great time. Spend your children's inheritance and buy a plane ticket. It is well worth the trip.

Stay active and volunteer,

Ron Jersey ~ RUPA Convention Committee
Chairman, RUPA Past President

Annual Benefits Enrollment Reminder



The 2013 Annual Benefits Enrollment medical ID and prescription ID cards will be sent mid-December for use beginning January 1, 2013. Please call the United Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007, Monday through Friday, 7

a.m. – 7 p.m. Central time for any benefit-related assistance. For prescription drug questions, call Express Scripts/Medco directly at 1-877-701-9945.

Flying Together Access Reminder



Keep in mind, that your login password to United's Flying Together website must be refreshed every 90 days. If you do not access the web site very often, here are some steps to resetting your password online.

1. Use Internet Explorer as your browser
2. Go to flyingtogether.ual.com website
3. At the login page, select the "password reset" link in the grey area at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts to reset your password.

If you experience any login issues, please call the United Help Desk at 1-800-255-5801 or 1-847-700-5800.

United offers more live television than any airline



As of September, UAL now has more aircraft outfitted with live TV than any of its competitors. Through United's partnership with Live TV, the company offers its customers DIRECTV satellite television programming on 178 aircraft. Next year, United will offer it on more than 200. In addition to having the most airplanes with live TV, United also has more channels in the sky. Customers can choose from more than 100 channels versus about 30 on other airlines.

With a swipe of any major credit card or debit card, United's customers can instantly watch their favorite TV programs, helping them feel more at home while on board.

Currently, United's prices are \$5.99 for flights less than two hours and \$7.99 for flights more than two hours. The service is free in first class. Co-workers and retirees receive a discounted price of \$3. For information on how you can receive the discount, visit the Employee Discounts page on the Corporate tab.

GPS landing system launches at EWR

Recently, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey turned on a GPS landing system (GLS) at United's EWR hub, which gives United's pilots a more accurate and reliable precision landing system for approaches into the airport.

GLS will eventually replace the conventional instru-



ment landing system (ILS) that has been in widespread use since the 1950s. GLS is flexible and can support multiple approaches, which is expected to increase airport capacity and efficiency and reduce fuel burn, emissions and delays.

“This is an important step toward modernizing traffic flow in the New York and New Jersey air space,” said Flight Operations SVP Fred Abbott. *“We’ve been working on it for more than 10 years, and I’d like to thank all of our co-workers who worked so hard to keep the dream of GLS alive.”*

UA has proven experience making GLS approaches in Guam, where it operated a prototype system for several years. After making hundreds of these approaches, pilots reported that the system was very stable and superior to ILS.

Currently 45 of United’s newest Boeing 737NG aircraft are equipped with GLS. All future deliveries of the 737NG, 737MAX, 787 and A350 also will be equipped. United is working with the Houston Airport System to activate a ground station at IAH in the near future. The company will explore retrofitting GLS on more aircraft in its fleet and pursue installation of ground stations at its other hubs.

The launch of GLS is a major milestone on the road to the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). United’s co-workers in Flight Operations, NOC and Government Affairs will continue to lobby for the implementation of NextGen technologies to improve its operations.

United offers about 300 flights daily from IAD to points throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia. IAD is United’s principal gateway to the Middle East, and the company recently extended nonstop service to KWI (Kuwait City) and DXB (Dubai) with connecting flights to BAH (Bahrain) and DOH (Doha), respectively. Since 2010, United has added service between IAD and DUB (Dublin, Ireland), HNL (Honolulu) and MAN (Manchester, England).

A few comments and requests from the Denver Office:

We are asked many times:

❖ **Q:** *“I got notice that my dues are due, but it’s not my birthday”.*

A: Birthdays as a renewal date haven’t been used for years. If you submit your dues check prior to your renewal date your membership will be advanced 12 months from the renewal date. If you pay your dues after your renewal date, your membership will

advance 12 months from the date the Denver Office processes your dues check.

❖ **Q:** *“When are my dues due?”*

A: On your Newsletter mailing label above your name, there is a date of month, day and year MM/DD/YYYY. That date represents your membership expiration date. Also there is wording in red that advises you of renewal time one month prior and of the expiration month. **Note:** Please disregard the notice if you have sent your dues.

❖ **Q:** *“I’m a widow; can I become an associate member?”*

A: Upon the passing of your spouse, you will automatically become a member and the time left on your spouse’s membership will continue on until the expiration date. At that time you may remain a member, if you desire, by simply paying normal dues. We encourage the surviving spouses to continue as members as RUAEA is a great source of camaraderie. Many of the spouses have as much of a connection to retirees as the deceased retiree/member did.

❖ **Q:** *“What happened to the obituaries?”*

A: The company ceased supplying the information. We may or may not have this information after the merger is complete, we don’t know at this time. You can submit an obituary for publication – see the guidelines in the Obituaries section.

❖ **Q:** *“Can I pay by Credit Card?”*

A: Not yet, we are looking into the possibility.

Requests from the Denver Office:

- Please supply your File Number with all correspondence. This includes your dues, questions by email, written and/or phone.
- When renewing or corresponding, please include a good phone number, if we need to get back to you we can. If you are leaving a message on the phone recorder, please speak clearly and especially when leaving your phone number. It is best if you repeat the number. Remember most of us hung around airplanes for years and our hearing isn’t the best.
- When sending letters for the Letters Section, if you have email send the letter to **Martha Gooselaw** at marthagoose@comcast.net. You can also copy the Denver Office at ruaea@qwestoffice.net.
- When sending any letters, articles or items you are requesting to be considered for publication please do not double space or send in all caps.

These items, for the most part must be manually reworked. You can send your items by email and we can convert them to word documents, but again please no double spacing or all caps.

Thanks,
The Denver Office Staff

Easy Does It – Two Quick Cake Recipes



Christmas en route means I am submitting two very simple recipes this time. Enjoy!

(1) Quick Cheese Coffee-cake

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. (6-8 servings)

Ingredients:

One package (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature

½ cup sugar

1 Tblsp. flour

1 egg

One 10-ounce can refrigerated flaky biscuits, “Hungry Jack” or similar

1½ tsp. sugar

¼ tsp. cinnamon

Preparation:

Combine cream cheese, sugar, flour and egg in a small bowl. Separate biscuit dough into 10 biscuits and place in ungreased 9-inch round cake pan. Press dough across bottom and slightly up the sides of pan to form crust. Pour cream cheese mixture over crust. Combine the additional 1 ½ tsp. of sugar with the cinnamon, and sprinkle mixture over the top. Bake 24-30 minutes or until filling is set and crust is deep golden brown. Cool for at least 20 minutes before serving, but it's really best if you can refrigerate it for several hours first.

(2) Quick Orange Juice Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Ingredients:

½ cup butter, melted

1 cup sugar

2 eggs, well beaten

¾ cup orange juice

2 cups flour

4 tsp. baking powder

¼ tsp. salt

Topping:

3 Tblsp. sugar

1 Tblsp. orange peel

Preparation:

Add hot butter to sugar, then eggs and orange juice.

Add dry ingredients. Beat well. Pour into greased, floured 9 x 9 inch pan. Sprinkle topping over the top.

Bake 50 minutes, or 1 hour in a loaf pan.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



Did you know? The USS Somerset is the last of three Navy ships to be built and named for the 9/11 attack sites. The USS Somerset was built in honor of the

passengers and crew of Flight 93. Used in the construction were 7.5 tons of steel melted from a huge coal-mining crane that stood near the crash site and from which miners hung a large American flag. The 7.5 tons of melted down steel was used in the bow and is the first of the ship to push through the water.

If you wish to give support to the victims of hurricane Sandy, I suggest you donate to your local American Red Cross.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th 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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Our Florida/Alabama Chapter of RUAEA met Thursday, October 18, 2012, in our usual location, Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. 15 members were in attendance. They were: **Jim & Penny Alston, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko** and **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**. We were sorry that **Barbara Serra** was unable to attend again this month as her and **Harold Stofko's** sister is still very ill in Nashville, TN. We all pray that she will improve soon and be able to go home. Barbara is missed so much when she is absent!

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 1:10 PM after lunch. The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. **Bill Hayden** and **Jeanne Reinoehl** sold the raffle tickets. **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** won the raffle for the second month in a row! We never win anything, so I guess lightning does strike the same place twice!

Harold Stofko gave us an update on his and **Barbara Serra's** sister. She is still in ICU and the doctors don't know exactly what is wrong. We all pray for her recovery. **Carol Herrick's** daughter has been very ill, also, but has improved enough to go home for a long recovery. We pray for her to continue her improvement and hope she regains her strength very soon.

Billie Learned brought the book, "*Memories That Must Not Vanish*" by Julian R. Campbell that has just been re-printed for a second time. It is written by Mr. Campbell and is an autobiography. It is a great book. Our Chapter bought a copy and it will be passed around so all members may read it. **Billie** has a few extra copies if anyone wants one. Campbell Field in Birmingham is named in his honor.

Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey did a class for us on how to do ZED fares plus other items as members asked questions. **Annie** has become our go-to person for anyone that has questions about any United programs. She is unbelievable in her knowledge!

Annie warned us all to be very careful when assessing the ID 90 program. Do not use www to get to it. **Always** assess ID 90 by linking to it from United's Flying Together sight. Using www to get to it takes you to a bogus site. Stay away from it! There is a great site called "Ask Alex" that can answer almost any question you may have about flying.

After lunch, Cubi Bar always provides each of us with a large chocolate chip cookie. This month we had two extras which everyone volunteered to eat! **Bob** drew two raffle tickets and **Billie Learned** and **Ed Southworth** won the extra cookies and ate them immediately! We all envied them!

Our next meeting is November 15th and we will discuss plans for December, plus talk about where we want to donate any money in our treasury. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM but several stayed and talked for awhile.

Our weather is still very nice and warm for the Fall and our white, sandy beaches are beautiful. If you have never visited the Gulf Coast, you should plan a trip and make sure a visit to the Aviation Museum is included on your agenda. We'd love for you to come and join us for one of our meetings. We meet 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 15 - 11:30 AM

December 20 - (This date may change)

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The attendees at our first annual get-together at Beardsley Park in S.C.W. was approximately 48. We "signed up" a few new members which is a good sign since we have lost so many members in the past few years and can't seem to get many new retirees interested. Since the Azures had a surplus in the treasury, all the members had to do was pay their dues of \$5.00 each for the coming year and their lunch was paid for by the chapter. Also, the weather was beautiful, sunny and warm, but not too hot.

We were glad to see **Jim & Marlene Bechtold** at the picnic. Also, since **Ann** was in Chicago area visiting the "kids", **Don Bergstrom** came solo. He's looking good and feeling better after his illnesses. Glad to

see **Bruce & Jacki Rosch** and their daughter. And, many more of our original members. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

Our "Thanksgiving" luncheon was held at Pebblecreek Golf Resort in Goodyear, AZ on November 10 with only 28 members in attendance. The usual "Thanksgiving" meal was served with turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. And, our next event will be at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West on December 8. Hopefully, since we'll be up in S.C.W. where most of our members live, we'll have a better turnout.

Vivian Klick was called out of town to attend her mother-in-law's (age 96) funeral in Oklahoma, so she wasn't able to attend our luncheon in Pebblecreek. Please keep Vivian & George's family in your prayers.

Breakfasts the month of December are scheduled for December 4 and December 18 at Coco's, 98th and Bell Roads, Sun City West at 0800. Please call **Jim Bechtold** (623) 465-5423 or **Sherry Muoio** (623) 572-4828 if you will attend.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, the Holiday Season begins. I wish you many blessings and wonderful health during this wonderful season and throughout the new 2013 year.



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We're getting close to the end of the year already and the Holidays are rapidly approaching. It's a busy time, but we hope you will mark your calendars and join your fellow Re-United's Chapter at our breakfast and Christmas luncheon this month.

The book and bake sale held on November 2nd down near Baggage Claim for the benefit of the Fantasy Flight was a success, with about 200-300 books being sold and everything in the bake sale was sold also. Thanks to **Peg & Phil Snowdall**, plus about six others for all their time and effort with this fund raiser.

Our November 8th Luncheon at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, hosted by the **Rockenhausers** will be reported on next month.

Our Fantasy flight was held on November 30th at the airport at gates C & D. What an exciting time for all the underprivileged kindergarten and first grader children, plus everyone that helped make this party such a success, year after year. It gets better every year! Thank you to everyone who donated books, items for the children, bake sale goodies, chances on the drawings, and all the time and effort everyone put in for this worth-

while project. The children are happy and that's what it's all about.

Our October breakfast had 29 members at Crackers in Mesa. Our VP, **Peg Snowdall**, brought us up-to-date on the RUAEA Convention in Washington D.C. There were approximately 343 people who attended the Convention, with about 259 people at the banquet. It was not announced where next year's convention will be held. The committee is working on this, but so far, they haven't found a hotel that will give us a special rate. More news will be forthcoming. Those attending the Convention had a great time and enjoyed participating in the tours and meeting new and old friends once again. The Virginia Grand Military Band at the banquet had everyone clapping and singing to their music.

The prescription drug coverage will now be administered by Express Scripts, previously known as Medco. They are committed to providing the same service and quality prescription drug coverage. The 2013 annual benefits enrollment package was mailed in October by United. The prescription drug plan for retirees who retired before 7/3 and after 7/3 are different. Separate medical and prescription drug ID cards will be issued effective January 1, 2013. If you have any questions, call the UA Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007.

A discussion was held at our breakfast regarding our chapter getting involved with some charities as other chapters in the RUAEA organization have done. The executive board committee will look into possibly changing our by-laws to enable us to do this.

Our next breakfast will be held at our new location. The date is Friday, Dec. 14th, starting at a new time of 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Restaurant, 1809 E. Baseline Road, in Gilbert, AZ. The telephone number is (480) 926-2046. The date is one week earlier than normal because of the Christmas holiday. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** by Wed., Dec. 12th with your reservation. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317 or by phomfeldt@cox.net. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

We were sorry to hear one of our members, **Bob Forsberg**, has been going through many difficult medical situations during the past months. He and his wife, **Valerie**, are still in Denver, CO; but hope to return to Arizona after the first of the year. Cards can be sent to **Bob Forsberg**, P.O. Box 371695, Denver, CO 80237. I'm sure he would be happy to hear from you.

Wednesday, December 5th is our annual Christmas luncheon at the Palo Verde Country Club, 10801 San Tan Blvd., in Sun Lakes starting at 11:00 a.m. More information will be forthcoming. The hosts for this luncheon are **Carol & Skip Ward**. Contact them at (480) 883-0832 or by email at flyn016@aol.com with your reservation or questions. Bring along a basket or other special gifts to be used for door prizes. This special party is one you don't want to miss.

We would love to have any visitors or retirees from United or Continental join us at any time. We are open to anyone who is 55 and over and has worked for either airline at any time. Come check us out! Contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by email at indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Our chapter's annual dues of \$5.00 each are due January 1st. Checks should be made out to Re-United's, and given to our Treasurer, **Rita Zarek**. You can give the money to her at one of our breakfasts or luncheon coming up, or you can mail the check to her at 823 W. 14th Ave., Apache Junction, AZ 85120. If you have any changes in your address, phone number, or email, be sure you give this information to her, so any changes can be made in our Membership Directory. Thanks for taking care of this.

We have a lot of birthdays in December. They are: **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Nancy Myers** (12/15), **Doreen Cloud** (12/16), **Sheila Ficek** (12/18), **Irma Furtney** (12/18), **Patrice Rowan** (12/18), **Ron Willoughby** (12/18), **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), and **Peg Snowdall** (12/31). Happy December Birthdays! We have two Wedding Anniversaries and they are: **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier** (12/18/93) and **Bonnie & Jim Fauber** (12/31/77). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Calendar:

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December 14 – Breakfast at new location, Black Bear Restaurant, 1809 E. Baseline Road, Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net. (Note: New date and time).

January 17 – Luncheon at Grandview Steak House, starting at 11:00 a.m. at Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa. Hosts are **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**.

January 25 – Breakfast at Black Bear Restaurant in Gilbert.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Just when we thought that fall had arrived, we find that we are still having above normal temps in the 90's.

Well, maybe by the end of November we will see our normal fall and winter temps return. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we'd like to wish everyone a happy holiday regardless of the weather.

Our October luncheon was held at the Cheesecake Factory near the Tucson Mall where **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer** hosted 28 members and guests. We all had a good time with good conversation and the food was excellent. A big thank you goes out to the Lawyers for arranging this fun event. The 50/25/25 drawing was won by **Lyn Callihan** and **Fran Christianson**. **Ron Robertson** told everyone that the National convention may not be held next year. There were six members from our group that attended the convention: **Ron & Shirley Robertson**, **Sharon & Chuck Cole** and **Gordon & Dora Starr**. The Starrs probably had the most relaxing trip to the convention as they boarded a train in Tucson that took them to New Orleans and then on to Washington.

On a sad note, we regret to inform everyone that **June Dryden** passed away on October 17th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband **Hal** and their children during this troubled time in their life. Hal's address is 91 W. Clover St., Woodland, CA. 95695.

On November 27th, **Gordon Starr** will lead a group of Roadrunners in decorating a tree at the Reid Park Zoo. This event will begin at 11:00am followed by a luncheon at a nearby restaurant. Bring decorations of your choice but no glass or steel hooks.

The Oro Valley Country Club will be the site of our Christmas luncheon on December 13th. More on this later.

Calendar:

November 27 - Tree trimming at the Reid Park Zoo

December 13 - Oro Valley Country Club

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Our October meeting was held at the Glen Annie Golf course hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** with 13 attending. The location and food was great and very nice table treats were supplied by the Cunninghams.

Our president, **Esther Bartlett**, opened the meeting and turned over the meeting to **John Stilwell**. John at-

tended the convention and filled us in on what he learned. Only 330 attended this convention. Some of the highlights were: No announcement for next year's convention location, declining chapter memberships, Presidents' breakfast on Friday had 30 attendees; Vacaville, CA is forming a new chapter. There are 200 retirees living in the area and only 20 are attending. Several chapters are having breakfasts due to lower costs.

John attended the membership meeting on Saturday morning. The new president, **Hank Gosselin**, was announced. UAL will no longer let the retiree group know of retirements, deaths, or other news. The membership meeting was rather short, which came as no surprise.

I appreciated the minutes that **Francis Domaratius** sent on email from the correspondents' breakfast meeting. As I suspected, none of the CO retirees are joining any of our Chapters, they are probably as frustrated with UAL as we are. As an ex-Capital employee, I was called a brand "X". I wonder what UAL employees will be called?

All in all, it seems that our conventions are not as they used to be and will continue to decline with less and less members joining the various chapters. As we all know, UAL isn't the same as it was when being a retiree was a privilege and we all enjoyed the Conventions.

Our next meeting will be held on Dec. 19th and each attendee should bring a grab bag gift worth \$15. We also decided to send our usual check to Toys 4 Tots again this year that benefits the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Bob Wagner told us that he was involved with amputees that participated in surfing, kayaking, and fishing at Pismo Beach. Bob has been doing this for 3 years. The amputees also played golf on the putting green at the Avila Beach Golf Course. This is such a well run activity and those running it need a lot of credit.

John Stilwell made a motion that anyone in our Chapter that reaches the ripe old age of 90 be exempt from paying dues. This was seconded by **Bob Stanger** who immediately said that the way our members are aging; we will have nothing in our treasury.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' October meeting was hosted by **Lincoln & Nile Jones** at their home in Madera, CA. It is one of our best attended meetings with a lot of good barbecued chicken, ribs and other items for the potluck. After eating our fill, we had a short meeting to tie up

some loose ends like, "*Where are we meeting in November?*" Four members have October birthdays - **Hazel Hayes, Charlie Barnett, Gil Gilbert** and **Mauricio Rehbein**. Also, **Mauricio & Carmensol Rehbein** have an anniversary on October 8th. The 50/50 was won by our hosts, **Lincoln & Nile Jones**.

The November meeting of the Brazen Raisins was held at the Victoria Rose Cottage and hosted by **Elida & Reuben Rivas**. **Dick Shryock** donated two bottles of wine for our raffle.

Hazel Hayes reported one birthday for November – **Millie Barnett**.

Elida Rivas and **Dick Hayes** told some jokes. Dick also told a great story about some of the interesting things you come across while working on the ramp. **Dick Van Patten** brought another one of his hand-carved airplanes to show us.

The 50/50 was won by **Hazel Hayes**. The wine and other gifts were won by **Reuben Rivas, Peggy Oakshott, Dick Van Patten** and **Dick Shryock**.

Dick Shryock is still enjoying his retirement from his many years as Corresponding Secretary for the Brazen Raisins.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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This year marks the 23rd anniversary of the Desert Sunbirds' existence. In 1989, a few United retirees in the Palm Springs area got together and decided to form a chapter of RUAEA. **Elaine Aggson** was to become our first President and remains so today. Perhaps someday she will make it permanent! Elaine, along with her husband Ron, and **Mary Frank** are the only remaining original, active members.

Our luncheon in October was at Roc's Firehouse Grill in Palm Desert. Hosted by **Glen & Jan Voirol**, 33 members and guests dined on a choice of Cobb Salad, Traditional Sliders, half pound Cheeseburgers (I can't handle a quarter pounder), and Roast Turkey Sandwiches.

Guests this month: **Mary Frank** brought her son Tom, and a friend, **Dick Milford**. **Dave Wilson** brought **Joan Nath**, Kathy's sister.

Carole Paquin has graciously volunteered to provide the transportation for the "Toy Collections" the Sunbirds will be donating (November and December) to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

The Birthday winner (lunch) was won by **Lia**

Schultz, and would you believe it? Hubby Bill took home \$45.00 from the 50-50 drawing.

Calendar:

December 12 - Hosts: **Elaine & Ron Aggson**

January 8 - Hosts: **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Do you like Asian cuisine? Some Italian? Maybe just a hotdog or hamburger? Salad? Lots of dessert choices? Well, when we meet at the Red Hawk Casino for lunch, you can enjoy whatever flavors you want! All 27 people attending gave a big "Thank You" to the **Limas** and the **Ouchies** for hosting our October luncheon. The tables were brightened with beautiful fall colors and Halloween decor.

Once everyone enjoyed their lunches, the meeting was brought to order by our Vice President, **Rosemary Heier**. Getting right down to business, took us to:

Old Business ~ As has been the case much of this year, we are a bit behind in getting some things done. We need to take care of nominating our officers for the 2013 year. Nominations were made as follows: **Bill Gibson** nominated **Rudy Blazius** for President; **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Bill Dinette** for Vice President; **Joe Lima** nominated **Jane Gibson** for Secretary; **Rosemary Heier** nominated **Tom Kenny** for Treasurer; **Pati Kenney** nominated **Jeanette D'Amico** for Sunshine; **Joe D'Amico** nominated **Lynda Lima** for Historian. We will vote on this panel at our November meeting. If you will not be attending next month's luncheon, please send that section, *with your choices*, back to me either by email or snail mail.

Save the date! Rosemary let us know that our December luncheon will be on Monday, December 10, 2012. We will be getting together at the American Legion Hall on Greenstone Road. She was able to rent this hall for half their regular fee - we scored with \$200! The small fee that each of us will pay will cover that and the cost of the turkey and ham. Heiers and Gibsons are hosting this luncheon which will be a potluck. Turkey and ham will be ready to eat and our wonderful cooks (that's you) will bring a favorite dish. In the next minutes, we will have a sign-up sheet to see who wants to bring what kind of dish - vegetable, side, dessert, and appetizer - so be thinking about what you would like to share. We will also be accepting help with getting the room set up for this extra special event.

New Business ~ **Bill Dinette** wanted us to know that

we retirees have lost yet another of our privileges. Recently he lost his brother (our sincere condolences, Bill) and went to get on a flight. In the past, when one is on a bereavement trip, we would be given positive space on the trip to our destination. Bill was informed that retirees no longer are given this consideration.

President ~ **Jon & Alice Somplack** were in DC for the national convention.

Vice President ~ Rosemary filling in for Jon.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** asks that if you have any problems with getting the minutes either by email or USPS, please let her know. Also, if you're talking to any of our members who may not be attending on a regular basis, please ask them if they are getting the minutes. Sometimes a member's email address is wrong, but I don't know that they are not getting the minutes! Let me know!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that we currently have \$612.45 in our checking account. He has not received any more news regarding our by-laws being approved by the Feds.

Sunshine ~ No report. A note here - if you know of any member who is going thru a difficult time - health, family etc. - or has wonderful things going on, please let our Sunshine person know so they can keep in touch with the situation.

Historian ~ No report.

RUAEA ~ No report.

Bill Dinette brought a guest this month. Welcome to **Hank Lopez** from Costa Mesa. **Dorean Ames** received an enthusiastic rendition of Happy Birthday! There are four couples in our group who have anniversaries in October. Congratulations to: **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (55 years); **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** (22 years); **Charles & Eileen Dinsmoor** (2 years); **Tom & Andi Stuchell** (49 years).

Suzanne Kenny motioned to close our meeting and begin the Drawing of Opportunity. Donations to the DOO were: **Heiers** - candle; **Cindy Blazius** - 2 candles; **Kennys** - witch decoration; **Gibsons** - 2 water bottles; **Limas** - Basket; **Ouchies** - Bottle of wine; **Czapkay** - 2 birds; **Wolframs** - ear rings and bracelet; **Mary Buschman** - Bottle of wine; **Kenneys** - Blueberry syrup and decorative plate; **Bill Dinette** - 2 bottles of wine. Thank you all for your donations. **Rudy Blazius** was the winner of the \$20.00 blue ticket.

Our next luncheon is hosted by **Tom and Suzanne Kenny/Thom Biro** and will be November 12 at the Sierra Banquet Center. Be sure to either open the attachment or go below the pictures to look over the menu and to send in your choices.





REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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We had 27 members and 6 guests at our delicious buffet luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont on October 1st. President Barney welcomed everyone and thanked **George & Lois Schwind** for hosting. He then asked if there were any corrections to last months' newsletter and he noted that Valerie wrote she had been coerced into being Secretary – he felt we are a friendly group and “railroaded” would be a better term. Barney was happy to announce that George agreed to be President next year – he didn't say if he was “coerced” or “railroaded” but we are all pleased George is willing to serve. We still need a Vice President so Barney has two months to work on “railroading”. The position really isn't that difficult. The VP is in charge of buying the wine for raffle prizes and introducing the guests at the luncheon so please let Barney know if you are interested in serving.

VP **George Schwind** introduced our guests: **Kathy Jacobsen**, guest of **Helen Furber**; **Ed & Marcy Nelson**, guests of **Nick & Maria van Kruining**, **Sara**, guest of **Ruth Loy**, **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen** and **Carol Turels**, guest of **Douglas Saunders**.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported we are still in the black, but barely. The total balance as of 9/13/12 was \$750.86 of which \$130.65 is in the general account and we have \$620.21 in the Charity Fund. Jan is starting to collect dues so please remember they are \$10 next year. Checks should be made payable to the Redwood Empire Retirees.

Sunshine lady Verda had originally planned to be away this month but her trip was cancelled. She had asked Valerie to announce the birthdays so Valerie announced **Oscar Chambers**, **Al Bentham** and **herself** as the Birthday honorees. Unfortunately Al is having a jaw problem and cannot chew so he was unable to attend. Verda drew Oscar's name for the free luncheon. Along with Oscar's birthday, he and Joan are celebrating 60 years of marriage on Halloween. It was mentioned previously that **Charlie Anderson** is doing better but now Bernice is under the weather.

Roger Casterline reported on the convention and said he felt like it was one day too short but a good time was had by all attending. He said the date/ location of the convention next year is unknown and there is a good chance there will not be a convention.

Brandon Maus attended the Presidents breakfast

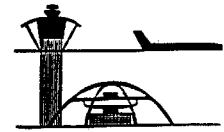
and he reported some chapters tried to have picnics with Continental retirees but no Continental people showed up. At the banquet, some of the convention attendees were no-shows. He reported he did get to see the Blue Angels and they were amazing as always.

Pass travel update from Dale Harper, if you get stuck in an airport go to the Service Desk and ask for a “Pink Slip” which lists some great discounts for airline employees.

As always, the raffle was fun and lots of wine, candy & cute Halloween centerpieces were given away.

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The convention in Washington DC was so much fun and full of history! I've never enjoyed tours like these before! Wonderful historical facts were being fed to us at every event, especially the “Do it yourself Trolley”. The hotel was splendid; we loved the rooms overlooking the Potomac River and Reagan Airport. The best part was enjoying friends and lots of Re-LAX-ers that attended. All 7 LAX-bound standby passengers were boarded on the early Sunday morning flight to return home. Perfect trip!

The October luncheon brought back members who have recovered from difficult problems. **Roger Dunworth** is completely recovered from surgery of a torn ligament damaged by an accident while waterskiing! His wife **Judi** says “*He doesn't even limp!*”

Betty Kopp was back after Drs. subdued her painful arthritic problems that had been creating havoc for awhile.

Our latest Wonder woman, **Sylvia Allen**, who survived 5-way Bypass surgery and hosted a party in January for a few hundred people; was back and looking the picture of health! Amazing!

Our FAV Supervisor **John Daley** attended with his caretaker and said that he's feeling much more like himself. You looked like yourself too, John. Great to see you back!

Linda Muche advised us that she will be moving back to Cleveland, Ohio on December 3; permanently. She will be much closer to family members and ever important grandchildren. We will miss you, Linda. Please stay in touch.

We've learned from family members that **Ann Chorbi**, wife of **Andy**, has been operated on for a ruptured spleen. They missed a few luncheons; but we were told that her husband and brother were watching

over her. Send good wishes to her at 2750 Artesia Blvd. #236, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

Sharon Record was busy asking questions at the convention. She is tireless in her endeavor to assist us in any way possible. After retiring from United in 2009; Sharon didn't skip a beat. She attends the Re-LAX-er luncheons and gives 10 minute talks to train retirees how to run the New Pass program and to list for flights. You may call her for assistance/training on her cell phone (310) 945-8412, home phone (310) 644-4947 or email her at divapptmin@yahoo.com. We thank you for all your assistance, Sharon.

After talking with **Barbara Smith** not long ago; she left me with some words of good reflection. *"Do you ever dream about doing something you'd love to do? As long as you can function - do it! Don't look back and regret!"*

Calendar:

December 6 - Christmas Luncheon, Proud Bird Restaurant 11:00AM



RESANS

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It's fall and time for the Holidays. They are racing toward us and the spirit of getting together has arrived. There were twenty six at our breakfast. Everyone was talking about their summer, travels and time with their families. I won the 50/50 raffle for the first time ever and I feel pretty special!

We had several birthdays this month; **Doris Ailshie, Merry Card, Kit Fogelman, Maria Pollack** and **Arlene Roberts**.

Doris Ailshie has just returned from a trip to Omaha to visit family and it was her first time traveling alone. It was a good travel experience for her. Everything went well and she's ready to go again.

Debby & Robert Taylor took a driving tour of the Napa Valley and, of course, the wineries. Such a beautiful time of the year for the Napa Valley.

Donna Capps, our CO now UA retiree, is preparing for a twenty one day tour of Asia which includes a seven day cruise. I have asked her for a full report when she comes to our breakfast in January.

I wish you all the best of the Holiday Season!

Calendar:

December 2 - Mainliner Christmas Party

December 6 - RESANS Christmas Luncheon

January 3 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma

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GOLDEN GATERS

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Have you ever seen a year go by so fast? And changing our annual September picnic location to our Foster City General Meeting place, the William Walker Building, has met with great approval. For some of us, driving down to Menlo Park was just a bit too far.

Our after-lunch-entertainment for October 22 featured the always popular ladies barbershop singers, the Jewel Tones. November 26 will feature "our very own" **Darryl Coe**. Darryl's German title is that of Leierkastenmann which means he will perform for us on one of his absolutely beautiful street organs. You are in for quite a treat! We will not have a General Meeting on December 24 so you can relax and enjoy the holidays (holidaze!) yet to come. Our first General Meeting for the New Year of 2013 will be as usual on a 4th Monday, January 30.

You might also like to remember to congratulate member **Mort Cavalli** at our January General Meeting who will be celebrating his 100th birthday! WOW!

Unfortunately, we recently had to say a final "Good-bye" and "God Speed" to **Dorothy Kishiyama**, 1935 Paseo Verde Parkway, Henderson, NV 89012, (650) 201-5123.

September 12th brought to light the 52nd year wedding anniversary of **Donna & Bob Taiclet**. Another happy occasion was the surprise birthday party given to Bob as he once again celebrated his 21st birthday. (Oh, really?)

Long time Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** announced recently generous donations of canned foods etc. received from our members for those less fortunate. To be brought to our November General Meeting, Harriet expressed a further need for new unwrapped children's toys which will be distributed to local charities.

Voting for our new 2013 Board of Officers will take place at our November General Meeting. If you have not volunteered to replace our presently overburdened Board Officers, please consider volunteering your talents to those who could use your help.

Western Region Division Director **Roger Casterline** spoke to us about the Washington D.C. RUAEA convention.

Personally Speaking ~ With difficulties experienced by our retirees trying to fly, and also considering our possibly medical complications, it makes long-

distance trips not as easy as when we were 21. May I suggest taking shorter local trips by car. I just returned from a few fun and comfortable days in Carmel-By-The-Sea, a 2½ hour trip by freeway from Redwood City. Fortunately, my daughter accompanied me, as well as drove, eliminating any stress I might have had. Carmel's restaurants are wonderful, especially the "Forge In The Forest". A large percentage of these places encourage you to bring your precious canine or feline buddies. If you pick the right days or time of year, you can get discounts on some very nice motels and hotels that bring daily morning breakfast baskets to your room, and sherry or wines later on during the day or evening. Casa de Carmel and the Monte Verde Inn are great. If you stay a block or two off the main street (Ocean Avenue), you can't get lost.

Calendar:

Our last General Meeting of the year will be Monday, November 26th. On Monday, January 28, 2013 we will return to our regular 4th Monday General Meeting. We will meet you that day at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Boulevard (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Telephone (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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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the South Bay chapter, it seems like 2012 has just flown away. Washington D.C. and Crystal City, was host to fifteen of us plus guests. We enjoyed the warm, sunny, lunch cruise aboard the Odyssey on the Potomac River and the spectacular views of D.C. Visiting the sites of our country's capital and catching up with other RUAEA retirees at the convention highlighted our visit.

The Virginia Military Band inspired our patriotism especially during this election year. We'd like to thank our hosts for all their hard work and hospitality.

Our chapter is celebrating its 30th year. We had our Fall luncheon at Fiorillo's Restaurant in Santa Clara hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso** and **Joanne & Dave Saso**. Our historian **George Sousa** shared pictorial scrapbooks of our chapter's history. Our past presidents were introduced. Everyone had a good time especially winning prizes during our raffle.

Many of our members have taken the opportunity to travel this Fall. **Alex & Margie Klaus** enjoyed some relaxing time in Virginia Beach. **Nancy & Dave Walb** traveled from the convention to New York and then on a cruise to Montreal. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** explored New England in search of autumn colors. **Karen & Bob Devlin** and **Keith & Ann Olthof** cruised thru the Panama Canal.

Our December European Holiday Luncheon will be held December 4th at Mariani's Inn and Restaurant in Santa Clara. We will enjoy music by Daphna and her musicians and our Vaudevillian Master of Ceremony, Tony Castle. A silent auction directed by **Sherri Scales** will give us a chance to do some holiday shopping. Unwrapped toys will also be collected and given to the Salvation Army. Our hosts for this event are our 2012 officers and spouses.

We'd like to thank our officers for sharing their talents and leadership. President: **Sam Cramb**, Vice President ~ **Bill Reichard**, Secretary ~ **Rosemarie Reichard** and **Joan Dahl**, Treasurer and Social Chairman ~ **Dave Saso**, Sunshine Ladies ~ **La Donna Eggert**, **Marian Swanson** and **Sally Urso**, and Historian ~ **George Sousa**.

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

SAN JOAQUINERS

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Oh my! Where did October and November go? I love autumn but by the time you read this, the trees will have lost their leaves and many of us will be out there shoveling snow. And our tummies will be full from our Thanksgiving turkey dinners with family and friends.

We went to the Willow Restaurant for our last luncheon which was held on October 11th. The luncheon was hosted by **Guy & Nancy Hoffman** and there

were 33 people in attendance, many thanks to **Guy & Nancy** for hosting the luncheon at a new place for many of us. The Willow is an old restaurant in downtown Jamestown and the food was delicious. Guy & Nancy held a raffle and there were many lucky winners with many wonderful prizes. I didn't win a prize this time because I didn't have a raffle ticket. Jack thought I bought the tickets and I thought he bought the tickets, so no tickets and no prize! Oh well, there's always next month.

I am sorry to report that we lost a very special member of our Chapter, **Charlene Ruth Wood**, beloved spouse of **Bobby Wood** for 53 years. Charlene passed away on October 26, 2012. Services were held on November 2nd, at the Lakewood Funeral Home in Hughson, CA. Charlene had been ill for several years but always had a smile on her face and an upbeat attitude. She will be missed by all of us. **Bobby Wood** expressed his thanks to the many members of the San Joaquin's Chapter who attended the services for Charlene.

Until next month, please join us at one of our luncheons on the second Thursday of every month. If you have any questions or would like some information about our Chapter, please call our president **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

Since you'll be receiving this Newsletter in December, we all want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Enjoy this special time of the year with your family and friends.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our October meeting was held on the 15th with 31 members and guests. Our numbers keep on growing! **Roger Casterline**, our Western Regional Director, brought **Brandon Maus** as his guest. **Roger & Diane** gave a recap of a great Convention in Washington, D.C. They both reviewed the many factors, which have to be considered in deciding a location for the 2013 Convention and stressed the continuing need for increasing RUAEA membership.

We were happy to welcome back **Bob Sample** after the recent loss of his wife, **Margo**. It was also good to see **Red Klaren** who joins us when it does not interfere with his regular Monday golf game! We also were pleased to welcome our newest member, former Flight Attendant, **Vija Lockridge**.

Tom Johnson, our Historian, gave a presentation of old Airline timetables and fares. Well worth checking

out www.timetableimages.com. Lots of nostalgia in these timetables and images.

The 50/50 was won by **Tom Cunningham** and **Joseph McGhee** was winner of a free lunch.

We discussed different charities that might be a candidate for a donation and decided on the Flight 93 Memorial for this month. A new venue for the Christmas Party is being considered and we will discuss our options and decide at our November meeting.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord, except for June when we hold our Picnic and July with no meeting. You do not need a reservation. 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 10 – Toys for Tots and Christmas Party
January 14

THE SOLANO FLYERS

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A New Birth Of Freedom! At least a new birth of a RUAEA chapter. We Solano County UAL retirees are in the midst of forming our own chapter which will be known as The Solano Flyers. Most of our members hail from the little town of Vacaville, which, in Spanish means "Cow Town". Take that Fort Worth!

We also have members from Fairfield, Dixon and at least one from Winters. We have well over 200 retirees in Solano. Heaven help us if they all decided to attend, with their spouses! Good Grief!

Allan Pochop, SFOOV, is our president, **Ed Meadows**, SFOIQ, our secretary. **Joanne Blizzard**, wife of **Billy Blizzard** will toil as our treasurer.

We'll keep you informed of our progress.

COLORADO

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The Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center on November 3, with 40 folks in attendance. First Timers were **Susan Christen-**

sen and **Gloria Hubber**, retired from Continental. **Gloria Hails** from Boise, ID. **Warren & Noria Gerig** from Colorado Springs were also with us. Great having these folks with us, come on back and see us!

Nancy Goodyear is doing fine with her new knee. She wants to thank everyone for the kind thoughts, emails and cards. They are greatly appreciated.

Patty Matthies from COSOO, DENTR, and DE-NOO is home from a visit to the Mayo Clinic.

On a sad note, **Tom Goodyear** reported the passing of **Marion Hopkins** on November 3, **Skip Newell** on November 2 and **Tom Kishiyama** on November 4. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

Tom Goodyear, Virgil & Martha Gooselaw, Carol Bare, Laura Coats and Carole Longbella reported on the RUAEA convention in Washington, D.C. All agreed it was a great convention. There were 13 people who attended from Denver.

Tom thanked **Harriet** and **Sharon Ahr** and **Earl Horner** for taking care of last month's breakfast while Tom was at the RUAEA convention.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Charlie Hassler, Paul Miller** (won twice), **Jim Peck, Gene Sibley** and **Jim Spate**. Thanks folks!

Don't forget the Christmas Luncheon on December 7 at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO. Parking is free. Social Hour 11:00 to 12:00 Luncheon 12:00 noon. All are invited!

Menu choices are: Grilled Salmon, Roast Pork Loin or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Served with the meal are baked potato and green beans almandine; desserts are pumpkin or pecan pie. Coffee and Iced tea will be served. All this for only \$19.00 per person.

Make you checks out to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Please include menu choice, name of any guests on your check and mail it to **Harriet Ahr** at 4576 Hooker St., Denver CO 80211. The dead line is November 30. And, don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl ages 4 to 8.

Don LeFurge, President of the local Continental Retiree Association (ARECA), extends a cordial invitation to attend ARECA's Christmas luncheon on December 12. Happy Hour will be 11:00 to 12:00 and luncheon at 12:00. The location is the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St., Denver, CO.

The cost per person is \$30.00 for the meal and is inclusive of your menu choice with all the trimmings, salad and dessert. Iced tea and coffee are also included. Menu choices are: Turkey, Ham, or Salmon. Please include your menu choice and name of any guests on your check. Make your check payable to ARECA in care of **Patricia Fischahs** at 6756 East Exposition Ave., Denver, CO 80224.

We all wish everyone a great Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

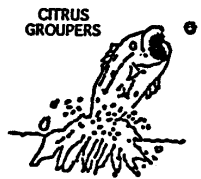
Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on December 1st at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast.

FLORIDA

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After meeting at the beautiful Arnold Palmer Golf Course Restaurant in September, the October 25 meeting found us back at our usual spot. We were back at the newly redecorated Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages, FL. We had 18 members in attendance. We opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance", followed by our treasurer **Charles Wirth** giving his report. Next **Lydia Wirth** got us up to date on chapter birthdays and anniversaries. We missed **Joe & Elaine Cantillo** as they have both been under the weather, but should be back soon.

President **Don Nellans** updated us on the rapidly approaching "Florida Retirees Uniting" gathering to happen on February 22, 23 and 24 in 2013. The event committee (**Don & Mary Nellans, Marie Orris, Eric Becker** and **Joan Brandonisio**) is getting all details in place with just some final preparations to be worked out. We are of course asking our membership to volunteer to help with this function. We have been getting questions regarding who can attend this event. The answer is that while this event will be geared to clubs in the Florida region (Florida and Alabama); anyone that may be planning to be in Florida at that time is welcome to attend. If you would like to request a registration form, you may contact **Don Nellans** via U.S. mail, email or phone at the above address or phone number. Registration deadline is January 10, 2013. All registrations must be received by that date accompanied by the registration fee of \$75.00 per person.

Registration fees will include registration, a welcoming Friday evening gathering, a Saturday morning tour of The Villages, Saturday evening banquet and Sunday farewell breakfast. Hotel reservations may be made directly with the "Waterfront Inn" hotel in The Villages, FL at (352) 753-7535 and asking for the United Airlines retiree rate of \$110.00. We have blocked a limited number of rooms. When they are gone, accommodations will be on a space available ba-

sis. All of the chapters in FL and AL have received their registration packets. We are looking forward to a fun event as we meet old friends and make new ones. We have some fun surprises in store. Anyone thinking of retiring to Florida may want to attend to get a first-hand look at this beautiful retirement community.

It was decided to **not** have a regular November or December meeting and instead hold our Christmas party on Thursday December 6, starting at 11:30 AM. It will be at the home of **Bob & Helen Newberg**, located at 9298 SE 170th Humphreys Loop in The Villages, FL. It will be a "pot luck" luncheon so please bring a dish to share. We are also asking everyone to bring a small wrapped gift marked for him or for her to be donated to a local nursing home.

Our next regular meeting will be January 31, 2013 at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages at 11:30 AM.



SAND "DABS"

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Vice President **Steve Moddle** opened our meeting today. There were 15 members present including **Joan Dion**, friend of **Juanita Kramer**. Prez Dick & Frieda were on a cruise as were **Marion & Rick Johnson**. It was good to have **Bud Gammill** back from WI. He seems to be all healed from his fall while away; wife **Karen** was still having some back problems so she was not with us today. **Nelson Funkhouser** was in the hospital with low blood pressure problems. He was expected to be transferred to a Rehab facility but no one seemed to have any information on that.

Birthday celebrants were **Larry Horton**, **Emily Veracka** and **Penny Logan**. Company Anniversary was **Jim Meyers**.

Penny Logan gave a Treasurer's report. We will be giving some monetary gifts to charity after the holidays. Winner of the 50/50 was **Jim Meyers**.

We were advised to call the Benefits office to verify our medical benefit for next year as your fee amount may have changed. We finalized the menu for the December 13 meeting at Halifax Yacht Club. Make sure you send your check in to Frieda as soon as possible as seating is limited to 24 people. Also remember the meeting date is changed to December 13. The company news about travel problems still lingers on & on, especially regarding Buddy passes and abuses.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to all the people devastated by the recent storm Sandy in the northeast, especially the NJ and NY areas. VP Steve mentioned a story

of a cruise ship that had to dock at a different port because of the storm and had to hire 50 buses to take passengers back to the original port. That led to some other cruise stories.

VP Steve had some funny jokes, one in particular about a football game which led to dear Maxine's opinion: She said she didn't understand the game of football at all, but she knows a tight end when she sees one.

VP Steve gave a police report for all of us to be careful of our surroundings when Christmas shopping, especially in parking lots at night. The thieves will be out. Keep packages hidden, lock your car, watch out for credit card scams, etc. He noted that the Toyota Camry is a favorite car to steal in the Daytona area of FL.

On that note, our meeting adjourned. See you all at the Christmas gathering at Halifax Yacht Club December 13. Holiday wishes to you all.

Calendar:

December 13 - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club

January 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster - 2013

THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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A great group of retirees gathered at Cypress Grove Park on October 9th for good eats and great conversations! Those lucky enough to make it for the cook-out included: **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, **Bob & Gloria Schmitt**, **Stan** (the chief burger-flipper!) & **Barb Halterman**, **John & Gay Crawford**, **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**, **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, **Bobbie Gay**, **Diane Lewis**, **Don & Susan Ulman**, **Dee Francis**, **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**, **Al Fields**, **Laurie Bork**, **Tom Cannata**, **Patti & Monty Clark**, **Linda Agnello** and **Bob Olsen**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**, **Paul Brown**, **Jim Mummah**, **Gene Hall**, **Joe & Barb Fitak**, **Mack Chandler**, **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Mary & Bob McNeill**, and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**. In addition to our members, Rich & Cathy's daughter Wendy, and granddaughter Nikki came to join us!

To date, the Real McCoys have 60 paid memberships and enough fun to last a lifetime! You should think about joining us for lunch and becoming a member. If commitment bothers you – just come and have lunch! No high-pressure sales—that's a promise!

Also, **Paul Brown**, **Corky Peterson** and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** attended the RUAEA Convention in DCA and it was wonderful! Of particular interest to us was the Saturday morning Benefits Panel Presentation.

Representatives from the credit union (CEO David Moody), the travel center (Director Laura Motelet), medical administrator AON Hewitt, prescriptions Express Scripts (formerly Medco), VSP eye care, and Fidelity, each gave a presentation. After the panel presentation, breakout sessions were offered to all for individual Q&A. A wealth of great and valuable info available to all RUAEA members and the fun of convention all rolled into one!

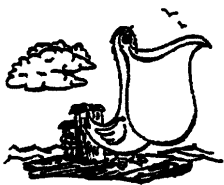
Registration forms were made available at the picnic to RSVP for the "Florida Retirees Uniting" and also a brochure from the Waterfront Inn, where the mini-convention will be held. Several members have already reserved their rooms at the inn. Everyone! Just get that registration in and join in the fun in February 2013! Hurry! Limited Space!

Calendar:

December 11 - Christmas Luncheon at Bonefish Grill on So. Semoran Blvd. Deadline to RSVP to Treasurer **Char LeGrand** is December 6th. Menu Selections: Lily's Chicken, Fontina Chop, 6oz Filet Mignon, Atlantic Salmon and Lingfin Tilapia. All entrees will be served with a salad, starch of chef's choosing and soft drinks & coffee. Dessert: Macadamia Nut Brownie / raspberry sauce & ice cream. Happy Hour Bar Prices. **Doors open for us at 12:30pm. Lunch @ 1pm.**

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, November 2nd, at noon in the VFW Hall in Cape Coral. This is the second month our meetings have been held in this new location. President **Bill Burg** welcomed everyone including 22 members and 3 guests. **Paul & Ingrid Olson's** sister-in-law, **Donna Waltrip** from Wood Dale, IL, was a visitor. **Mel & Linda Volz** had Linda's daughter **Dolly** and grandson **Matthew Aluchynsky** who were visiting from Tampa. New members who joined our group in October are **Jerry & Peggy Kliner**, **Diane Roberts**, **Barbara Hughes**, and **Dennis & Suzanne Aguilera**.

Following our delicious lunch, **Marge Burg**, treasurer, gave a presentation/treasurer's report for the past year. We are "solvent" and everyone was in agreement that we should continue to have our annual Christmas party (bring wrapped "white elephant" gifts for an exchange) and toys/gifts "unwrapped" for children to be

donated locally to Toys for Tots (or something similar) as well as have our May cookout. **Bill Burg** announced that the retiree group in The Villages is having a "mini" convention February 22-24, 2013, (Florida Retirees Uniting) and is inviting us and other FL retiree groups to attend. The cost is \$75 plus the hotel rooms. Bill also noted it was time for new officers, but, of course, there were no volunteers. So the same officers will proceed for another term. The program chairman asked for suggestions for future programs.

Phyllis Allen invited us all to come to the Community Band Concert on Nov. 11 at Cape Coral High School at 3pm. This is the first concert of the season and it is always on the second Sunday of each month November – April. She plays bassoon. It sounds like a great concert and it's free!

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Paul Olson**. Other winners were **Judy Clarke**, **Peggy Kliner**, **Bee McCarthy**, **Jerry Pryde**, **Ed Clarke**, and **Sandy Pryde**.

We next meet on December 7, 2012. Please join the Pelican Drop-Ins if you're visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples area this winter/spring. We would welcome you.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month
Luncheon meeting at VFW, *Continental Room*, 4709 SE 11th Place, Cape Coral FL33904 (October-May)
Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (June – September)
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After a long, hot Florida Summer, a small group of us "kicked off" our Season with a luncheon at the Beach House in Bradenton Beach on October 11. What a beautiful day we had! We were seated outdoors and the gorgeous Gulf view was accompanied by a soft breeze and perfect temperature. In attendance were **Mike & Ginger Hyde**, **Pat Trice**, **Frank & Pat Kelly**, **Kathy Frait** and **Bob & Alice Parker**. We discussed our summer travels, got caught up on member news, and just had a wonderful time together.

One item discussed is our interest in attracting new members! We want to warmly invite any United or

Continental retirees in the general area to contact us and consider joining us for our monthly lunches. Our December lunch will be our Christmas Party at the beautiful Peridia Golf & Country Club on December 13. We must pre-order and pre-pay for our lunch selections, so menus will be distributed at our November lunch. Anyone interested, please feel free to contact us for details. We wish a happy December birthday to **Loretta Marvett** (12/15), and **Gretchen Bulin** (12/27).

Calendar:

December 13 - Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Peridia Golf & Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. E., Bradenton, FL



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Our new meeting place Pigs and Cattle drew 31 members today November 6 and I believe everyone had voted in the Presidential Election. The group completely filled our new location and was it buzzing with conversations! Everyone enjoyed the service and food and we had two terrific waitresses.

Mary Kay Wetherington brought her husband **Merrill Wetherington** to the meeting for the first time and he really had a wonderful time conversing with all the people he knew.

Our members from further south were happy to save time getting to this new location and for some, it was an hour or so round trip, so we are happy to have found this location and hope we don't outgrow it in the future.

When **Al Popek**, our President, brought the meeting to attention with his trusty meat tenderizer and block of wood, the comments were "some things never change!" The topics covered were Benefits (when and not when to call), our meeting place, location and the date of our Christmas/Holiday Party, vacation passes, Florida retiree get together in Ocala, everyone will be sent info in the mail on this get together, a mystery dinner train ride or a one day cruise from PBI, a picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter like the one we had this past May which was a wonderful success, and a reminder for Toys for Tots to be brought to the December luncheon meeting. Lots of input from everyone in the room. The board is going to start looking again for an alternate location for the Christmas/Holiday Party since Pigs and Cattle may not be a large enough room, we shall see, keep tuned.

We did miss seeing **Ron & Diane Brodis** since we heard they came down with the flu. Get well and hope

to see you soon. **Chris Taylor** was missing as well as **Sharon & Tom Kolibab**, **Glenda & Jack Boisseau**, **Ed & Ona Dechant** and **Bobbie Vitel**.

The 50/50 was won by **Arnold Lakso** and the progressive was won by **Bob Langevin**. Way to go!

December Birthdays are **Dick Knapp** (12/2), **Artie Frage** (12/15), **Millie Rossi** (12/28). Happy Birthday to all! Happy Anniversary to **Jack & Glenda Boisseau** (12/1), and **Edward & Ona Dechant** (12/16).

Keep tuned for more information regarding our Christmas/Holiday Party.

Live life to its fullest, laugh whenever possible and love all those around you and call those a distance from you, the clock is ticking. Remember forget yesterday, today is a present and hopefully, you will have a tomorrow.

Calendar:

December 4 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Pigs and Cattle, Stuart, (Toy For Tots)

December - Christmas/Holiday Party to be announced and \$10.00 limit Grab Bag.

January 8 - 1230PM, Luncheon/Meeting, Pigs and Cattle, Stuart (Note: Date change January 1 New Year Day)

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

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Our October 9th meeting was held at Jerry's State Court Cafe for the first time. This change was necessitated by a fire at our usual meeting place! **David & I** didn't know about it until the day before our meeting.

We had just returned from our wonderful trip to Missouri. We flew to Kansas City via Denver, then drove across the state over rolling hills to visit friends in Hannibal. What fun we enjoyed there! After that we made our way west to Lexington, for homecoming at Wentworth Military Academy, where **David** graduated in 1960 from junior college. It's always great to meet back up with old friends. Glad to report that we had no problems with our flying plans and all agents were cordial and helpful.

Stephen Hill, a recent Boise retiree, joined us for lunch and shared valuable info with us concerning alternative choices for Medicare insurance. It raised a lot of interest. The December 8th Fantasy Flight for Boise is again under the competent leadership of **Teresa Slagel**, active BOI employee. It has been a joyful experience for the retirees and employees here, as well as the children chosen to participate. Boise employees sponsored a golf tournament in October to raise money for the Fantasy Flight.

Our Christmas party will be held at 2:00PM, December 11 at Jakers on Eagle Road. This will be in place of our December meeting. Jake was in my graduating class and really knows how to run his restaurants!

We enjoyed a larger than usual group: **Carole Bell, Shirley Perkins, Rick Dempsey, Gloria Hubbert, Lois Rodriguez, Palmer Sarnoff, Louise Duvall, Marlene Croghan, Ned Yundt, Eve & Bill Estensen, Roni Adams, Chan & Nancy Hammagren, Stephen Hill, Denny Snyder, and David & Carol Adams.**

Special guests were **Shauna & Krista Strauch**, daughter and granddaughter of **Dave & Carol**. It's great to have them back home in Boise, after 12 years away in the Portland area!

Calendar:

December 8 - Fantasy Flight

December 11 - Christmas Party

January 8 – Meeting place to be announced

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Let the Holiday season begin! Would you rather just write a check to your family and friends for a Christmas gift? Or are you one of the diehards that still go to the malls and shop—or the Internet. Black Friday has always been one of my favorite days. Crazy, I

know.

The Northwood Loonies met in Siren, WI. The attendees from Chicago were, **Carol & Bob Faust, Esther & Al Broderson, Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal, Phyl & Phil Capuzelo, Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Al LaRoche, Pat Muha, Ginny Vlach**, her friend, **Ellen Gehrke, Sharon Gaffor**, her friend, **Karen Smith-Michael, Vivian & Ed Bukar**, and **Jan Gawenda**. A good time was had by all, visiting old friends, seeing an Indian Village and vineyards with wine tasting. Long ride but worth it.

Other travelers were **Diane & Fred Seibert**, visiting the Middle East, with a visit to Jerusalem. **Rudi Maki, Bonnie & Ed Meyer** thoroughly enjoyed the Convention in DCA. They toured the Civil War Battlefield at Bull Run in Manassas, VA. Also saw the Naval Academy and enjoyed a luncheon cruise on the Potomac. Entertainment was provided by the Virginia Grand Military Band, with many stirring memorable numbers, including United's "Rhapsody in Blue". Other Illinois attendees were **John Koehl, Nancy and Herm Meyer, Rich Surma, Linda Kirn, Bob & Mary Lou Mamoyac, Liz & Ted Tollefsen, Lynn & Don Tutt, Diane & Michael Webb, Christel Ilg, Elinor & Ralph Barnett, Ed Tolle, Helen Cauwels, Lorri & Mort Wax**, and our amazing **Hal Weary**. At the Saturday night banquet, **Hal** was recognized with a plaque, and he also celebrated his 104th birthday. His two daughters and son-in-law were there also. **Hal** worked for 31 years and has been retired 39 years. Let's see, that would put his boarding priority around 1973 vs. 1942. **Don Wagner** and his wife are going to Australia this month. Hopefully we'll hear about their trip at our next breakfast. **Arlene Montalbano**, celebrated her 80th birthday, with a party in November attended by over 80 people, given by her children.

At the Southside Breakfast, we had 20 people. The raffle was won by **Tom Hurley, Ed Wood, Leona Gasiorowski, and Bill Brookins**. **John Pasakarnis**, traveled by car to AZ, IA, NE, and KS. **Barb Wesemann**, flew to COS, with no problems on a pass.

Donors to the Skyliners Postage Fund were: **Tina Acoba, Marlene Anderson, Jay Boberek, Robert Bugos, Marge Caliendo, Dee Cappitelli, Karen Carney, Helen Cauwels, Lynn Clark, Charles Dvorak, Jack Gage, JoAnn Giannini, Huel Lan Huang, Al LaRoche, Cathy Lindquist, Richard Lux, Rudi Maki, Lillian Mallstrom, Terri Martin, Mary McCarville, Yolanda Moreno, Marjorie Nelson, Joan O'Hara, Ruth Optiz, Bess Pabin, Norm Pearson, Tom Pelc, Delphine Perry, Christine Romanoff, Jim Sommerfield, Margarete Stahl, Marlene Stanek, Mary Szabo, Wayne Tapp, Ken Thiede, Donald Tutt, Ginny Vlach, James Vlazny, Don Wagner, Hal Weary, and Anna Wozniak.**

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Calendar

Northsiders' Breakfast - Ritzzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**December 12** and **January 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southsiders' Brunch - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**November 27** and **January 29**). Last Tuesday of the month. No brunch in December.

Food Depository - First Tuesday of the month. Bus leaves the Training Center at 7:45 A.M.

Christmas Luncheon - Tuesday, **December 11**, Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove, IL



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The luncheon which was scheduled for November 21st was cancelled because the date fell on the day before Thanksgiving the 22nd. It was best to save ourselves for "Turkey Day". There is no luncheon scheduled for December.

Since some of the Loop Group Snow Birds will be escaping the Chicago winter, the next scheduled luncheon for January 16, 2013 has been cancelled. However, we do plan to meet on our regular March 20, 2013 date with more members and Spring arriving.

Calendar

December – No luncheon scheduled

January 16 – Luncheon Cancelled

March 20 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.



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As the standing crowd sang reverently to the strands of "God Bless America", the 2012 RUAEA convention drew to a close. Kudos to convention chair **Marilyn** & her "husband of 47 years" **Tom Marcy** and the Dulles Lounger team for a wonderful time in our beautiful nation's capital. **Ralph (Bud) & Elinor Barnett** attended their "first ever" convention and said they will be back to another. **Mary** "road-runner" **Chandler** led our mini entourage through the tunnels of the Metro and streets of Washington and to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum as our private tour guide. All of the Smithsonian museums are wonderful to visit but our time was limited to only one. We thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon cruise on the Potomac on the "Odyssey". Our group was delighted that another Indy Racer, **Linda Harris**, was in attendance also.

Recently heard from **Margie Bregante** that **Mario** was hospitalized with severe head pain. Tests have not determined the problem as yet. We wish him a speedy recovery. **Tom Lapke** has been undergoing dialysis several times a week. Plans are for him and **Dorothy** to return to her home state of HI, hopefully within the year.

Shary & Chris Johnston will leave mid November for a Panama Canal cruise from Fort Lauderdale. Seems this cruise is on many retirees bucket list. **Ron & Cheri Innis** are traveling to Oklahoma to celebrate their son, Scott's, wedding. **Dimpel Rihel** has become quite a traveler this summer, in addition to travels to Chicago to visit her daughter; West Virginia to see her mother; she recently returned from North Carolina visiting a friend, repacked and headed for a week's stay with her son and his family in Tampa. She claims time to put her feet up at home for a while. **Warren & Gail Allen** have finally arrived at their new home in Nevada. Word has it Warren had a nine-hole putting green installed in the backyard. **Jim & Nancy Gibson** traveled to Pittsburgh to visit their grandson.

Now our members look forward to our Christmas dinner and gift exchange on Saturday, December 8th at Charbono's Restaurant in Avon. It is always great fun socializing and trading gifts. **Ray Brabo** promises to re-gift from last year, a better vintage.

Happy December birthday to: **Margaret Bregante** (12/6); **Mary Chandler** (12/9) and **Dennis Hall** (12/26).

Best wishes for the following on their December anniversaries: **Hannelore & Ray Bravo** (12/15) and **Eli & Ralph (Bud) Barnett** (12/19).

Calendar:

December 8 - Christmas Party at Charbono's Restaurant, 128 N. State Rd. Rte 267, Avon, IN 5-8P.M. No regular meeting in December.

January 8 - Regular meeting time 3PM, location TBA.

MASSACHUSETTS



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The Nor'Easters didn't hold an October or November meeting, the Christmas Party being our next. We have a new member, **Robert Romig**, retired BOSCG. Welcome Bob!

Yvonne Fucci bought herself a new condo in Peabody, MA as a retirement present to herself. Retirement and a new home, good for you Yvonne!

Paul & Mary Ward celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oasis Cruise Lines to the Eastern Caribbean in November. They were accompanied by their son, daughter-in-law, 3 grandsons, a nephew & niece and their 2 children, all had a good time. **Jayne & John Regan** are planning a flight to FL on a UA vacation pass. We will fill you in after their trip. John's foot surgery earlier this year is coming along and he can't wait to get back on the golf course.

Paddy Bilodeau, ex-Nor'Easter, now living in FL, tripped, fell and broke a hip and is currently in rehab. Friends of Steve & Paddy can send cards to 27 Gulf View Road, Rotunda West, FL 33047. I know this will help, hearing from friends!

Lynn O'Hare will have surgery involving muscles and a rib where a long recovery time is involved, a life changing event. This was caused by lifting baggage into the overhead bins as part of her job as a cabin attendant. Having been retired for sometime, needless to say, UAL Blue Cross doesn't want to cover any portion of her upcoming surgery bills.

Well, my hip replacement surgery went smoothly. One hour 45 minutes on the table, 48 hours in the hospital, no pain and no pain meds needed. Doing my exercises faithfully and seeing improvements every day. Instead of a flower or fruit basket, the Nor'Easters sent a cookie basket, very impressive item and quite delicious. I'd like to say a special thank you to all my fellow

Nor'Easters who sent cards, phone calls and E's. I even got a visit from **Andy Montalto** and **Helmut Umbley**! Thank you all! I'll be at 100% by our Christmas Party.

To the best of my knowledge, no Nor'Easter had any great impact damage from hurricane Sandy. However, I did get a lot of calls from confused individuals about our UAL medical insurance flyers. It seems Blue Cross will not tell us how much of a cost hike there will be, until after enrollment. So, what else is new!

Dick Woodworth's daughter Diane advised that Dick is back in rehab. She is planning on bringing him to the Christmas Party though.

Note: Due to my surgery, the 2013 Nor'Easter membership renewals will be sent in January 2013 instead of this December.

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

No December anniversaries.

Calendar:

December 4 - Christmas Party, Angelica's Restaurant, Middleton, MA

January - No meeting

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My thanks to **Lee & Diane Storlie** for taking notes at the October meeting while co-secretary **Mary Brennan** & I were off playing with the Northwoods Loonies. The **Storlies** had just returned from a trip to Scandinavia the night before, getting home about 11pm. How did they keep their eyes open?

It was a short meeting, according to **Lee**, with only 18 attending. 'Course, several of the hardcore were absent because of the festivities in Wisconsin. Since there was no secretary, no minutes were read. Retiring treasurer, **Arlene Kelley**, gave her last report on the state of the chapter's finances & received a round of grateful applause for her service. **Bud Ayres** has stepped up to the plate to replace her.

The 50/50 raffle was 94-6 in October: all the proceeds from the raffle but \$3.00 were distributed as prizes. The last \$3 was given to **Bud Ayres** to replace the money he'd used for the new account he'd opened near his home in River Falls, WI. The very first prize number drawn was **Rita Stang's**, who was sitting in the chair usually occupied by the absent **Sonja Gunderson**!

We're going to have to clone that durned chair ... either that or hide it!

The **Storlies** told all about their just-completed trip to six Scandinavian countries. They were very impressed by the service they received from Delta on their flights to/from Amsterdam. On the return trip, one of the flight attendants gave **Lee** a big bag of peanuts & cookies to pass out amongst the passengers. Knowing what a ham **Lee** is, the mental image of his distributing those with appropriate wisecracks is too funny!

We are all saddened by the death of our dear friend, **Joe Eyestone**, from bladder cancer. No nicer individual has ever trod the planet & we'll sorely miss him. Condolences may be sent to **Dee** & the family at 4120 Parklawn Ave. #334, Edina, MN 55345. After attending **Joe's** service, **Gordy Olson** ended up in the ER having a heart attack early the following Monday morning. His wife, **Lou**, notified us that he was home Tuesday afternoon after having two more stents inserted. He's doing well with the only restriction to his activities being minimal lifting for awhile.

A post-election note from **Glenda Morton**: "*My daughter-in-law, Monique, beat the incumbent for a seat on the Prior Lake (MN) city council. She had 4457 votes, the next person had 3866 and also got on the council and the incumbent had 3067 votes. Her campaign manager takes most of the credit – (my son) Scott!*"

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

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Sons of Italy is always a great place to go where we enjoy good food and great conversation. There were 45 in attendance including 5 guests from United/Eppley Airfield. It was our pleasure to welcome new General Manager, **Greg Jones**; **Mike Rinteria**, Supervisor; **Bridgid Kennedy**, Airport Coordinator; and our old timers **Dave King**, Supervisor; and **Terry Haynie**. The employee count is 38 ramp and 37 customer service, and they have 21 flights out of Omaha per day.

David Letts passed away October 18 and a Memorial Service was held on October 22 at the Immanuel Village Community Room. David had only been ill 5 weeks. He is survived by wife, **Teddy**, and children, **Terry** and **John** and their families. Our condolences to **Teddy** and family.

Our birthdays for November are **Rose Langan** (11/8); **Marilyn Weak** (11/19); and **Russ Meyer** (11/28). The 25/25/50 drawing went to **Sharon Farrell** and **Gary Procopio**, each receiving \$18.50.

Tom & Rose Langan celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 20. Congratulations to both.

Barb Soseman had emergency surgery on October 11. The cardiologist found there was more than one route for the blood to pass from one of the upper chambers and, once in a while, it chose the secondary instead of the correct one. They used an electrode catheter to destroy the problem cells. She went home the same day and is having no more problems.

Harley Hughes is doing well after having two major surgeries at the same time. Now he is undergoing rehab which we hope will strengthen him back to good health.

Calendar:

December 4 - Christmas, Anthony's, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

January 8 - Golden Corral

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A beautiful Fall motif with orange and brown colors adorned the decorated tables for our October luncheon at Arizona Charlie's Banquet Room. A delicious Broccoli Cheddar Soup, London Broil with wine au jus, Red Roasted Potatoes and mixed vegetables was served, topped with a scrumptious Apple Strudel ala mode! Many thanks to the Chef, Catering Manager and her great staff who put on such a wonderful affair for us.

Our meeting was called to order by President **John Albert**. Topics included nominations for upcoming offices of President, VP and Secretary. Vice President **George Fox** and Secretary **Baldor Ziel** would like to continue their present positions. A new nomination for President was made by **Christine Earl** for **Rosemarie Restivo**. **John Albert** would like to relinquish his position as President after serving several terms. Any new nominations can be made at our December luncheon/meeting and will be voted on at that time. New officers will start their terms in February 2013. If you have not already done so, dues for 2013 can be mailed to our Treasurer, **Christine Earl**, at 5535 Wilde Olive Street,

Las Vegas, NV 89118 – or, you can pay at the December luncheon - \$10 per couple or \$6 single.

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle winners: **Elizabeth Sabroso, Ruth Verplank and Winnie Stone.** A special thank goes to Arizona Charlie's Jean Delano, Catering Manager, for their contribution of extra gifts for our prize table.

Note of interest ~ John & Leila celebrated their 58th anniversary on November 12th. **Chris Czaplewski** informed us that her husband, **Jim**, is recuperating nicely from his recent surgery. **Dan Martinez** suffers from COPD and Asthma plus Sinus problem as per **June** (wife) to Eleanor; he will have scheduled surgery soon.

Happy Birthday wishes to: **Felix Cicco** (10/14), **Shirley Popp** (10/15), **Winnie Stone** (10/18), **Mike Vasko** (10/31). Condolences to **Artie Moritz** and her family on the passing of her mother in October, she was 102 years old.

Special note of thanks to **Eleanor Vasko** and **Carrie Takeuchi** for adding that extra touch of delicious candy to our luncheon tables every month.

A discussion was made on the possibility of donating white socks to the Wounded Warriors Organization in December. This subject was tabled until the Executive meeting later this month. **Felix Cicco** reminded members to update beneficiaries on their Credit Union and Stock Purchase Plan. Very important indeed!

A suggestion was made by **Christine Earl** to the members regarding additional fun activities for the group, such as free tours available at many local organizations in our city. **Max Miller** and **Ingeborg Levy** also suggested the following tours: The Smith Center, The Springs Preserves, Nevada Test Site, Spring Valley Mountain Ranch Museum. Additional suggestions would also be welcomed.

Our Christmas luncheon menu will be as follows: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Caesar Salad, Twice Baked Potato, Asparagus and Chocolate Christmas Log for dessert. For our Dec. luncheon and in the spirit of the holidays, please feel free to wear something red or green!

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There were 15 members and 1 guest at our October meeting at Jack's. The guest was **Bryce Royal**, son of **Bill Royal**. Members in attendance voted to continue hosting the picnic later in August due to the diminished crowd at Sand Harbor. The 50/50 was won by **Ruthy Schenk**.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Patricia Nettles, Barbara Leusing, and Donna Perkins.**

The Royals will be returning to Arizona for the winter – hope to see you next Spring. The Mischkers celebrated a milestone anniversary – Congratulations!

Kathy Robinson is fast tracking the recovery of her hip replacement surgery.

We are sorry to report the loss of **Jim Meeks**, who recently passed away. John was able to attend the service along with several other Chapter Members.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 12, at Jack's at 11:30 am. 7671 South Virginia St, Reno

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be Sardina's in South Reno on Longley on December 11, 2012.

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***Note:** Please see pictures of the Loonies Fall Fling on the back page of this Newsletter.*

The Fall Fling in Siren, WI is now just a bunch of fun memories & another set of photos in **Marie's** albums. The first evening we all gathered in the hospital-ity room at The Lodge at Crooked Lake for drinks, snacks, renewal of friendships and the starting of new ones. We were all bummed that **Marie Cook** & her travelling companions, **Joan Petry, Sharon Jacob & Diane Good** were unable to attend this time due to a variety of reasons. **Sam & Carole Geiger** and **Clyde & Doris Johnson** also had to cancel and were greatly missed. Since everyone had driven quite a way to get to this event (in the case of **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**, via Washington, DC!), dinner was just a short walk across the parking lot to Adventures restaurant.

The next morning we all convoyed to the Burnett Dairy Co-op in Alpha, WI where we were given samples of freshly-made cheeses & deep-fried cheese curds (a Wisconsin specialty), a history of the company (the town was named after a cream separator!) and a short tutorial in how to make cheese. Everyone enjoyed their purchases of cheese, frozen yogurt & ice cream cones. Afterward, people scattered to have lunch and visit other sights in the area ~ a small winery & Crex Meadows Wildlife Preserve where the feathered migration is in full swing. We later met north of Webster, WI at an Ojibwe village and fur-trading post where some took a walking tour with an explanation of the ancient ways of the Native Americans' way of life in that area about 1802.

In the evening back at the hotel, we were treated to a slide show that **Marie Cook** put together for us of the photos of all the past Loonies' meetings. Although **Marie** was unable to be there, she was adamant that the "show should go on" and had FedEx'ed the little computer drive to the hotel for us.

Thursday found us in Spooner, WI taking in the Heritage Canoe Museum and the Railroad Memories Museum, both places fascinating and staffed by amazingly knowledgeable folks. How convenient that they were located next to each other! Those Loonies who were not so eager to prowl through railroad memorabilia or learn how a canoe is built went to a Woodcarving Museum in Shell Lake or pored over fabric and designs in the Bear's Den Quilt Company in Siren. We all met later at the St. Croix Casino in Danbury for dinner and gambling (for those so inclined). Afterward, we returned to The Lodge for visiting, an adult beverage, cards and dominos, visiting and more visiting.

Friday morning was a hurried departure, some earlier than others, with well-wishes for a safe journey home and promises to see one another again in May at the next gathering of the Loonies. The River Falls-Hudson, WI area is being planned by **Bud & Jo Ayres**, so put it on your calendar!

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November has come in with full force. We are grateful that we did not get the full force of "Sandy" here in the Cleveland area. It doesn't mean some people didn't go thru some really serious situations, but over all, this area fared quite well. Keep all those people from the east coast in your prayers and thoughts. It will be a long time till they are feeling safe and sound.

Our meeting opened with **Dolly Taucher** saying a few things of general interest. A big "Thank You" goes out to **Tom & Helen Hockett** for hosting this month's luncheon. We all appreciate the time you put into taking care of this. We returned to Tony K's after many years. **Helen** also donated some of her beautiful handiwork to be raffled off. She made a really attractive Turkey, very detailed, and it was won by **Paul Rodjom**. **Flo Alexander** went home with two hand detailed kitchen towels after her numbers came up on her fifty-fifty ticket. Thank you again **Helen Hockett**! *There were 65 members present this month.

Our group is getting two new members: **Joe & Caroline Gall**. They are Florida residents but still have ties in this area, and are hoping to make it up here at least twice a year. Welcome to the Buckeyes. Hope to see you soon.

It was a wonderful surprise to see **John Jeskey & Elda** with us today. He is battling some health problems, but he was doing well this week and able to join us today. Missed You! **Ed Harry** shared with us that his wife **Judy** is deeper into Alzheimer's. Our prayers are with you and all the other un-named friends with serious health issues.

Birthday greetings to all our members who will celebrate a November birthday. Those who were with us at the luncheon are: **Carol Hamlin, Carrie Kersel, Nancy Oncu, Dave Placko, Lillian Schabel, Beverly Templeton** and **Carol Waldron**. Happy, Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary to all our members who joined in marriage one day not so long ago! Two were with us today, **Herman & Carol Gregory**, and **John & Elda Jeskey**. (After seeing each other for approx. 20+ years, they decided that things were "good" and they have been married 3 years!) Blessings to all of our UAL friends who are celebrating this month.

Last, but not least, we were very happy to see that **Helen Cauwels** was finally able to come for a visit. **Helen** is still our Midwest District Director. She was able to get around to most all of the tables of our Buckeyes. Some had questions and others were more into conversation. She is a delight to have here for a visit and understands how many of us retirees feel. She took some time to come to the "mic" say a few words to the group. Asking for any questions, she did say that if she did not have any answer, she would try to find that answer. We hope she enjoyed her visit and we would love to see her again.

Last, but not Least! Fifty-Fifty winners were **Shirley Moses** and **Carol Seifried**. Thanks to **Marie & Dave Placko** for our great 50/50.

Calendar

December 5 - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Arlene & Earl Taylor**

January - No Meeting

February 6 - Stancatos Italian Restaurant, "The Celebratta Room", hosted by **Mary Lou & George Kuretz**.



OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Mini pumpkins decorated the tables for the October meeting thanks to **Kathy Russell**. "President" Paul took a few minutes at the business meeting to name the members who have contributed in making our chapter a wonderful place the past year. The list is too long to name everyone but they know who they are and how much everyone appreciates what they do for us. There was also election of officers for 2013-14 and one director. The new president is **Nancy Hooper**, Vice-president **Barbara Heidegger**, secretary to be named in January, Treasurer **Rosalie Betschart** and new director **Joe Alff**. Our other two directors are **Cliff Blare** and **Nadine Holten**.

Paul, our retiring president has sent the following for me to include in my column ~ *"I would like to thank everyone that attended the luncheons and participated in the activities. Kathy and I would like to thank each and every one of you that pay your dues every year. We have a wonderful group of retirees! We hope you will continue to support the new officers and directors that start their new term in January 2013. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"*

Winning a free lunch for October are the following: Door prize ~ **Elaine Thomas**, men's birthday ~ **Bill Shaw**, women's birthday ~ **Juanita Null**, anniversary ~ **George & Elaine Thomas** (56 years) and 50/50 ~ **Margaret Borbely**. The past few months a bucket has been passed and those who wish to contribute (only \$1 has been asked) for a gift card to be given in December for a needy senior in Oregon and Washington. At this point we have collected \$294.52 and hope to make \$400. This small contribution should help to make someone have a Merry Christmas.

Jane Futrell is improving after having a health scare last month after eating at a restaurant that was closed for a few days because of E. coli. Her illness is called C-Diff. She was very sick at first and after seeing her doctor he also put her on a heart monitor for a month. Please keep **Jean Edwards** in your prayers as she struggles with a serious health issue.

Joe & Janice Mortensen have moved to their daughter and son-in-laws because of continuing medical problems. I know they would like to hear from their friends in RUAEA/Dew-er's. Their new address is 4717 NE 130 Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682.

A decision has been made for the menu at the Christmas Luncheon. It will be a sit down meal and include salad, entrée, rolls and dessert. There will be a table set up for members to bring their favorite dessert to share with others. The entrees are as follows: Prime Rib \$26, Lemon Pepper Salmon \$21, and Chicken Marsala \$19. The chapter is subsidizing the lunches to keep the prices down. If you are unable to come to the November meeting and wish to attend in December, please send your check to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220 and include your check and entrée choice. All reservations must be in by December 7th. Santa Claus will be there to distribute the many door prizes to be given out along with the normal give a ways. It is going to be a wonderful party.

Please remember dues for the coming year can be paid to **Rosalie Betschart**. They are \$5 per person. In case you are unable to come to a meeting, please send your dues to Rosalie at the address listed above in the paragraph on the Christmas party.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

December 12 - Christmas Luncheon

January 9 - Social

February 13 - Valentine's Day Celebration & Ice Cream Social

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Seventeen attended the November OUR Club luncheon at Wild River Brewing & Pizza in Grants Pass. Our thanks to **Harry & Barbara Horne** for hosting. **Gidget & Ric Walcha** were back from RVing and were a welcome sight after a long absence. Traveling must bring good luck since Gidget won the 50/50 drawing.

Our best wishes are with **Tom DelCorso** after a recent ear operation and **Jim & Elaine Ellis** as Jim recovers from abdominal surgery. Sighs of relief can be heard that both Tom and Jim seem to be doing well.

It is with sadness (for us) and joy (for them) that we wave farewell-for-now to **Robert & Judy Machado**. Both have been longtime, active members of OUR Club and Robert served the chapter as president and secretary. After snow birding between Southern Oregon and Arizona for a number of years, they recently decided to relocate to Arizona permanently. Luckily, with the wonders of today's electronics, waving farewell doesn't

mean good-bye. While we'll miss Robert & Judy a lot, we plan to keep up with them as well as convince them to come enjoy Southern Oregon's cool when Arizona gets warm.

Speaking of keeping up, I talked recently with **Jackie & Bob Johnson**, former OUR Club members who moved to the Portland area a number of years ago. Both are doing well and are as dear as ever.

Calendar:

December 7 - Jim & Jane Frincke - Christmas Luncheon at River's Edge, Grants Pass

January 4, 2013 - TBA

February 1, 2013 - TBA

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Frank Egges, Marge Egges, Kathy Edwards, Dee Burrs, Shirley Roberts, Joe Bradley, Gail Bradley, Al Edwards, Joyce Lindenmuth, Children in front, Cameron Kennedy, Matthew Toner.

Hello all,

We are looking forward to see all PHL retirees at our Christmas banquet and silent auction on December 10 at the Ramada Inn Essington. The price remains \$20.00 and reservations must be made with **Kathy Edwards**. Please bring your items for the auction.

We have a recap report from our October Fest at the Ronald McDonald House at the A.I. Dupont Hospital for children in Wilmington, Delaware. About 65 persons were served and we had good feedback. All enjoyed the special effort we made from decorations to model airplanes. The generosity of our members made this possible. The on the spot workers included our president **Joe Bradley** and his wife **Gail**, **Al & Kathy**

Edwards, Frank & Marge Egges, Dee Burrs, Shirley Roberts and Joyce Lindenmuth. The **Edwards'** grandson **Cameron Kennedy** and his friend **Matthew Toner** were also helpers.

Our local meeting on October 8th at the Ramada Inn Essington had 22 present. The free lunch was won by **Steve King** and the 50-50 by **Joyce Lindenmuth**.

All who attended the convention had a great time. The **Edwards, Bradleys, Dee Burrs, Shirley Roberts, Adele Sherman**, and **Tom Anderlonis** were happy attendees.

November 12 was our Veterans Day meeting. The speaker was Veteran **Ralph Galati**. More information will be in the next newsletter.

We send sympathy to the family of **John Nazzario** on his death.

The PHL Independents are looking for former flight attendants in the Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware area. They are hoping to form a local chapter of the **Clipped Wings**.

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Since I had no column last month I have some catching up to do. Thirty eight people attended our annual picnic. This was the lowest attendance we ever had. The weather was nice but got a little nasty as we were packing up to leave. Thank you to **Dave Beatty**, our first vice-president for bringing supplies that we never thought to bring.

Dave always comes through for us. Thanks to the girls that made the goodies, **Jeri, Phyllis, Olga and yours truly**. We missed several of our regulars, **Carl & Dee Chiochi, Dave & Gwen Detwiler, Jack & Betty Tinney, Steve & Karen Moliterno and Hank Cianciosi**. **Harry Shirley** and **Lois Doolan** cancelled at the last minute, not feeling up to par. It was great seeing **Mitch & Doris Abbas** once they arrived. They went to the wrong park and after riding around for an hour they found us. **Lou Regona** got lost and never did show up. I hope he is not still riding around!

Our 50/50 winner was **Phyllis Smith**. Door prizes were won by **Dick Brinza, Joan Ference, Ruth Redfern, Rich & Barb Guida, Kay Ike, Verna Alex, and Ken Wolfe**. The big winner at the horse races was **Kay Yach**.

Barb Guida and **Verna Alex** played a close game of corn toss. Verna kept moving the boards closer so she could get one bean bag in the hole. **Barb** was the

big time winner.

There was no question who won on the **Jim & Diane Weber** game, Diane blew Jim out of the park.

It was very disappointing how few people from the Pit Stoppers attended the RUAEA Convention. Those who attended were **Jeri & Bernie Juth, Dave & Gwen Detwiler, Mary Jane Stewart** and **myself**. It was a good time, great tours, excellent restaurants and the camaraderie. It's one big happy family having a good time. The site of the next convention has not been announced. Trying to keep the room rates, tours and food at an affordable rate is becoming more difficult. Prices keep going up. We have an excellent team working on the next convention, I'm sure they will find the perfect place.

Happy birthday to all of our November babies, **Hank Cianciosi** (2), **Rose Mary Levalle** (5), **Lillian Lapcevich** (22), **Karen Moliterno** (15) and **Steve Militerno** (26). Happy anniversary to **Bob & Pat Wagner** (19) and **Jim & Diane Weber** (24).

Sadly, we were notified of the death of one of our United Family, **George Lesko**, 76 years old. Passed away peacefully. **George** worked for UAL for 38 years and was an avid gun collector. **Tom Malley** PITCS lost his wife **Sandra**, 72 years old after a courageous battle with cancer. Our condolences to both families.

Our sweet **Doris Abbas** from way down Washington (PA) fell and broke her hip. She is out of the hospital and doing well. **Doris** was just getting to feel good after all her back surgeries and now it's the hip. Please, **Mitch**, handle her with kid gloves. You can send a note or card to **Doris** at 590 Montgomery Way, Washington, PA 16301. I'm sure she would be happy to hear from you.

Marlene Mootsey had minor surgery on her face, she is doing fine and we hope to see her at the Christmas luncheon.

Vic & Joan Ference are on their way to Sarasota to visit their son and to enjoy the warm weather. Bring some sunshine back as we haven't seen the sun for days.

I received a letter from **George Vernau**, who will be 89 on December 31. **George** worked for PCA, Capital and United from 1945-1981. **George** was a ramp supervisor in PIT. He says he enjoys reading my column every month as it brings back many memories. He sends his regards to all the folks in PIT. How nice is that?

Happy December birthday to **Mary Jane Stewart** (18), **Georgia Garcia** (24) and **Vic Ference** (23).

Ed & Kay Ike have moved to Florida to be near their daughter. Their new address: 12401 Sand Wedge Dr., Boynton Beach, FL 33437.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on the 5th of December at J.W. Halls in Hopewell. By this time you should have received your flyer and made your reserva-

tions with **Olga**. Let's have a good turnout. It's nice to get together with friends that we only see once a year.

The holidays are coming! For many it is a time for family and friends get together to celebrate, yet for others the holidays can be a time of sadness and loneliness. If you know someone feeling blue take time to visit that person. The visit will mean so much and brighten their day. As the holidays approach the board members and myself wish each and every one of you a most special and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Calendar:

December 5 - Christmas luncheon at J. W. Halls

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We had a small turnout for our October breakfast. We tried a new restaurant - Mimi's at the Turkey Creek Mall. I wasn't able to attend as I had Jury Duty. Herman reported that his Eggs Benedict was delicious. The group decided to give Mimi's another try for our December breakfast and then decide where we will go in 2013. We will be going to Lakeside Tavern for our November luncheon which will be hosted by **Barb & Mike Chapin**.

We hope that all our retirees and current UAL employees are safe on the East Coast from Hurricane Sandy. Herman & I got to experience the high winds and rough seas of the storm before it became a full blown hurricane as we were on a cruise in the Caribbean. We were celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary with our daughter Debbie and son-in-law Jim. Fortunately, we have cruised before and can just chalk this one off as an "experience." (Hopefully the next one will be better weather!)

Calendar:

December 20 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant Take I-40 to Lovell Rd. Exit. Go south to Parkside Drive. Go West on Parkside. Restaurant will be on the right. (Turkey Creek Shopping Center)

January 17 - Luncheon/Meeting - Location and Hosts to be announced.

February 21 - Breakfast - Location to be announced.



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As I was preparing to write this month's newsletter for our SLC Chapter, my RUAEA Newsletter for November arrived in the mail. I want to thank all of you involved in publishing this wonderful booklet for the great job you all do and for the valuable information contained in it. I wish more of our retirees would subscribe to it. It was fun to read about the recent convention and see all the photos. Since we only meet every other month and submit our newsletter on the off months, this one did not have one in it.

The last get-together for our "Salt Lakers" was early in October when we met for lunch at the Chuck-A-Rama. Our numbers seem to be dwindling; however, we had 22 of us and enjoyed good food and conversation. **Rich Papworth**, our President, welcomed everyone. He and his wife **Elaine** always attend and have everything set up when the rest of us arrive. Thanks, **Elaine**, for taking pictures at our functions. I'm able to put them in a large frame and will have them for everyone to view at our Christmas party. Also attending were **Bob & Judy Turgeon**, **Mike McGuire & Lori Brady**, **Dave & Laraine Darby**, **George Dalton**, **George & Kip Lufkin**, **Art Scott & Carol Finney**, **Mike Brown**, **Doug Peterson**, **Ron Jensen**, **Brigitte Murdock**, **Pete & Jackie Loyola**, **Lila Maughan**, **Betty Davis**, and **Tony Brown**. We appreciate all of you that come out regularly and miss you when you aren't able to join us.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned two of our members who had passed away. We now have another past member who passed away recently: **Ed Klimas**, who was now living in Arizona when he passed away. We thank **Mike Brown** for giving us this information.

On a happier note, I have another of our long time members who has graciously written her UAL history for us. **Madeline Latimer** has written the following:

In April 1944, I left the University of Utah campus for a job at the SLC airport with UAL, turning it into a 32-year career in the exciting and somewhat glamorous "new" airline industry.

Reservations and passenger service were combined, so we booked by phone 21 travelers on DC3 departures, ticketed, checked bags, and then boarded the flight, pushing up the stairs and saluting the captain! (A lot of the male agents had not returned from the war).

One vivid memory is the great winter of 1949. The snow on the runway was piled so high you could see the

plane on approach, then it would disappear, only to see it again as it pulled up to the gate.

A transfer to SFO in 1953 to the Post & Powell ticket office in Union Square had me helping bank presidents, CEO's, politicians, etc, with travel arrangements. (They booked & ticketed their own flights!) This was the elegant and sophisticated city, before the Haight-Ashbury, hippies and flower children era.

*In 1956 I returned to SLC and the Hotel Utah ticket office; again, in a great place. The UAL executive offices were right across the street in the Kennecott Bldg. (Dear Nell Scott worked as secretary then). ZCMI president asked if I would take early, early retirement and open a travel agency in the newly rebuilt store. I had handled their travel account for buyers and executives while at the Hotel CTO. As they say, "the rest is New History." After 15 years, five offices, and fine employees, I sold the company to Murdock Travel. I worked in a wonderful company. (United in 1944 only had 4,000 employees). What an exciting and challenging industry it was when air travel was special with no security lines and people dressed up to travel. I traveled the world, which included the Clipper to Hawaii. I only missed going to Africa and India. I met famous people, had great business friendships, and wonderful colleagues. So many treasured memories, all thanks to United Air Lines! **Madeline ~ 1944 – 1978***

This will be my final newsletter for this year. I will advise you of the changes we will discuss and vote on for the upcoming year at our Christmas party. Thanks to all and Happy Holidays!

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Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** conducted the October 9 luncheon meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, RUAEA's Seattle chapter, in the absence of President **Dave Jones**, who added a pleasure trip to his jaunt to Washington for the national convention. Meeting attendance was lower than usual, as several regulars were still traveling to or from the convention or were extending their trips to include visits to families and friends.

We are proud to claim chapter membership for RUAEA's new president, **Hank Gosselin**, who attended convention with his friend **Carol Lucarelli**. Former SEARR Manager **Mike Richards**, now living in Arizona, was elected Executive Vice President. Congratu-

lations to both officers! Emerald City Slickers help keep the wheels turning!

President **Dave Jones** reported on the RUAEA National Convention for *Contrails*, our local chapter newsletter, mentioning that ten Emerald City Slickers traveled east to attend. Those enjoying the tours, the weather, and opportunities to renew United Airlines friendships included **John & Adelaide Haferbecker, Dave & Linda Jones, Hubert & Anita Malco, Larry & Pat Schmick, and Ken & Judy Storey.**

Though not present, **Jim Hafterson** donated several of his hand-crafted pottery items to the convention's charity auction.

Snowbirds **Frank & Gail Cochrun** joined the chapter as members after their luncheon visit. They spend the winter at their home in Yuma, Arizona, but we hope to see them during the few temperate months our chapter meets and they occupy their local home in Auburn, Washington.

Betty Paul helped distribute copies of a "Primer for Listing for Space Available Travel on United's "Flying Together" Web Site," courtesy of **Dave Jones.**

Devastating news for the chapter was the death of **Sidney Harris** (SEAMK), husband of **Edna Harris** (SEAHH), and brother-in-law of **Sydney & Rita** (SEAOZ) **Reynolds.** **Sid** had been ill for several months, suffering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. **Sid** will be sorely missed, as he was a regular at chapter functions. Additional biographical information may be available in the January newsletter.

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Anne Good**, widow of former Seattle Flight Kitchen Executive Chef **Bruno Good.** **Anne** was born in Alaska and grew up in Ribe, Denmark. She and **Bruno** emigrated from Switzerland, finally settling in Seattle. **Anne** is survived by her brother, 6 children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren, and a new great grandson.

December birthdays will be celebrated by **Phyllis Bowman, Mike Bratovich, James Hafterson, Joy Heritage, Corky Ives, Rosa Koller, Noreen Krawczyk, Anita Malco, Harold McGuire, Thelma Parks, Rita Reynolds, and Otto Wieland.** We hope they get equal time with the holidays.

That hope holds true for our couples celebrating December wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to **Don & Jeannine Anderson** (55 years), **Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad** (55 years), **John & Mary Luke** (44 years), and **Floyd & Jeanette Schlau** (48 years).

Those lucky winners of door prizes had plenty of donations to choose from. If you read these names every month, you've undoubtedly noticed that many of them are repeats. Somehow, **my** name doesn't keep cropping up. October's winners include **Phil Andersen, Herald Bowman, Bob Brumfield, Howard Clark, Frank Cochrun,** who selected flowers for his wife in

lieu of wine, **Marion Hafterson, Don Hanson, Tom Holford, Ed Liesse, Katherine McKinnon, Betty Paul, Ginger Phelan, Sidney Reed, Helen Stanger, and Ruth Strange.** **Jim Small** garnered a bottle of special wine donated by Wine Connoisseur and *Contrails* Editor **Vicki Shumaker.** Our treasurer, **Helen Stanger,** walked off with the 50/50 prize, just in time for her 90th birthday.

United's first 787 flight was reported briefly but enthusiastically in the November 5 United Daily. The *Tacoma News Tribune* featured an article by Gregory Karp of the *Chicago Tribune*, who presented a less biased picture, including the fact that our plane has nine seats in economy class while other airlines have installed only eight, as Boeing envisioned. CEO **Jeff Smizek** acknowledged that it was a revenue decision – lower fare if you can sell an extra seat. I'm sure the company report appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Because our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, which can never be earlier than the 8th, and the deadline for submission of articles to the RUAEA National Newsletter is the 7th of the month – for the **following** month, reports from the Emerald City Slickers always are outdated long before they reach this column space. There isn't much we can do about that, so please bear with us.

Calendar:

No meeting in December

January 8, 2013 – Luncheon at Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

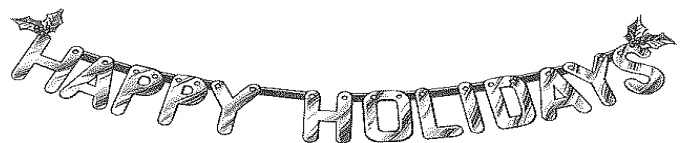
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We had a lot of rain, but today it's just cloudy. We had our meeting at Connely, it's an Irish place and it's a place where our chapter frequently meets. There were 17 people in attendance. Next month, the host will be **Mary Ann & Arnold Kayl.** I hope we have another good turnout.

I would like to tell everyone, that I wrote a book and it is printed now, but watch for it at Barnes and Noble and Amazon. It will be a couple of weeks or more before it get to the stores. Keep watching, named "Forever Once", one life, one year in Europe, one man and one son. It's small and only costs \$15.95.



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Greetings from the Nation's Capital! We are happy to report that Convention 2012 was a big success!

We enjoyed beautiful weather the entire week and the tours were very well received. We heard that the "Odyssey" lunch cruise on the Potomac River was fantastic and the selection of lunch dishes and desserts were attractive and delicious. The Retirees enjoyed many visits to the Hospitality Suite as it afforded a chance to sit down and visit with friends, enjoy a cocktail, purchase tickets for the ever popular 50/50 and look over the Arts and Crafts items.

This correspondent was a sure winner at the Arts and Crafts Raffle and she went home with 4 items!

Clipped Wings had an exhibit table which included a 1947 Stewardess uniform made of gray gabardine as well as silk scarves and ties for sale. We have been notified by **Barbara Bertacini** that a new scarf is in the works for 2013.

The Hospitality Suite had representatives from United 93 Group as well as the Mainliner Club, who offered many nice items for sale that featured the old United logo.

Congratulations are in order to **Marilyn Marcy**, Vice President Conventions and **Linda Scriven**, Convention Chairwoman for a splendid 2012 Convention.

Calendar:

December 12 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA. "Toys For Tot", please bring unwrapped toys for all ages. We will be joined by the US Marine Corps.

January 9 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA



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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.)

Cornelius Berghout, 2410 Memorial Dr A311, Bryan, TX 77802

I am one year older and lucky to be in good shape. I think that most of us older retirees and those still working, did not realize what an excellent airline the old United Airlines was to work for and retire from. We

were and are very fortunate.

I have to thank all of you at RUAEA for keeping us informed.

Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60051-2699

I'm almost like a road construction site, patching and repairs appear to be in my agenda. This began with my right hip replacement back in May 2010, dental implant work this past year, along with my left hip replacement in April. Now I'm having therapy for 4 bulging cervical discs. I guess the monies spent help our economy! The neurosurgeon has added acupuncture to the agenda, so I'm hoping for success so I won't have to travel to Lourdes for a "miracle".

Time passes so quickly; can't believe I have been retired for 13 years, but it's evident that the body is feeling the effects of "father time".

We're planning to leave for our winter home in Green Valley, AZ later this month until the beginning of December when we return for my husband to assume his ski patrol duties at Wilmot, WI. He informed me he wants to celebrate 50 years as a patroller, which will take place 4 years from now. I hope we can still hobble out to AZ at that point in time.

All in all, life has been very good to us and we continue to count our blessings. I thank all of you for the efforts put forth in producing our monthly RUAEA Newsletter. It's a wonderful source for keeping in touch with our former co-workers and keeping current with the latest company information.

Ursula Bloor, 8228 Rees St, Playa Del Ray, CA 90293-7824

My life has been a little crazy of late. My husband is dying of terminal cancer and he has been my number one concern. His cancer spread from his colon to his prostate and from his prostate back to his colon and is now in his stomach lining. Now it is a matter of 16-22 months. He is on chemo pills 5 days a week and then has one day off. In addition, he has IV chemo every two weeks. And, this is to survive 16-22 months.

Robert Burke, 2120 Frances Dr., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

My first stop after being hired in BOS was NYCRR. After a few months I moved downstairs to the ticket counter where our passengers checked in for LGA and IDL flights. From there I moved to LGACS where I remained through the merger with United and Capital Airlines.

We attempted to operate out of the hangar when construction of the new terminal began but soon discovered this to be impossible as we were surrounded by pile drivers and other construction. I then moved to EURCS

where I met my wife, Maureen.

I retired in 1993 and live in New Jersey along with our four children and seven grandchildren.

Colin Cooke, 23 Edgecliff Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10705

A lot of changes have taken place in my life of late. I have switched my email from AOL to gmail. I've departed Florida and now live in Yonkers, NY (part of NYC); and there is no more traveling back and forth. I think my traveling days are over; I am sad to say. Thanks for the time you put in for the retirees.

After a short stay in hospital back in June, two doctors expressed horror that at 88 I was living alone. My older brother, a bachelor died in bed at age 77 and wasn't found till 3 days later. That led to my move from FL to NYC to live with my son and family. I've undergone one of the three biggest changes in my life. Moving from an 8 room house down to **one** room is a shock. I gave everything in my house to charity. I didn't realize that these days, charities are picky about what they take. Sadly, some went into a dumpster. I flew MCO-LGA with my son on Jet Blue tickets. My previous and only listings on "UAL", courtesy of Continental Res, simply disappeared into thin air. UAL really CAL, does now fly EWR to MCO but getting to EWR from NYC and Westchester doesn't appear popular in the NYC area. From Westchester County, it is about an added \$48 dollars in bridge and turnpike fees. If you add a cab or limo fee, it is up to an added \$80.

It is said that NYC needs a fourth Airport. Parts of JFK have been compared to something in a Third World country, but Jet Blue has a smart terminal. LGA is Fiorello La Guardia's excellent idea from back in the Thirties. FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt) supplied Federal monies for it. Today, space is not there anymore. One thing I've discovered living in Yonkers, NY is that nearly everything is more expensive "up North". One drawback in Yonkers is that it's on LGA's takeoff and landing pattern. The sound vibrations prohibit conversations outdoors. But speaking to a neighbor, she said it is music to her ears. The older B727s are the biggest talk killers, but far worse are the Helicopters to NYC from around the area especially from White Plains where UA has a small identity, and from Connecticut. I'm told that a seat on a chopper from WHP is about \$400 per flight. However, at WHP in Westchester County, one still sees chauffeurs delivering Connecticut passengers.

While shopping with family at a nearby Farmers market, whom should I run into but a lady I first met a year ago. There was nothing strange about that but I didn't know multi-millionaires shopped at Farmers markets. What is it like being a millionaire these days? She's soon off via the Middle East for 3 weeks in Nepal,

and then back to the USA, in December she's off to visit friends in N. Ireland, and then a week with a friend in London. Isn't life grand, if you can stand the pace?

When leaving FL, I sold my 2002 car with only 30,000 on it and have ended my driving. If you reach age 88 and try looking forward, you realize it's near impossible. At least I do. All we have after reaching 75 or 80 is to recall the past, for most of us are too old to anticipate the changing future, and very few listen to the ideas of older people; a sad fact I've learned. That's why older people are considered boring. We have only the past to recall and reminisce upon, despite the fact that it includes WW2, a time when **Freedom** was actually threatened. I find today that "kids" don't know that nor do they know how much some have endured; and I don't mean food rationing.

To close I want to congratulate **Rich Maionchi**, of Barrington, IL for his perception and analysis of what has occurred at poor old UAL and its retirees. He hit the nail on the head. I wonder why RUAEA has not put the blame on the UAL board of directors, who also have no interest in the workers that built the airline. The UAL negotiators in the purchase of CAL surely lacked intestinal fortitude. As we used to say during WW2 and times of duress, "Press On"!

Arcol Gwynn, 107 Clifford Ct, Canton, GA 30114-9336

I retired in February of 1999 as lead maintenance trainer after 35 years at ORD. We are still moving and trying to keep up with all the happenings around the world. Last year we hit 50 years of married bliss?

I am still studying computers and such. I believe I have over invested them. My one Terabyte computer crashed in pieces and it took about 3 days of work for a Boston Tech (3 of them) to fix it. Now you turn over the computer to a tech who you trust to clean out the Trojan horses, Reg assaults, etc. and then set it up for normal use.

I still remember a time on a new 767, which I shut down all 3 computers and restarted them (a hard boot) and the crew scrambled to exit the cockpit. It was funny when I signed off the gripe as "suspected anomaly". It still works similarly today.

I love the newsletter and do appreciate all the work going into printing it.

Judy Hulme, 808 Prospect Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

I had been thinking about RUAEA, even before I received the notice note from Howard Lackey.

I am very grateful for all you do for us retirees.

I have been retired from UAL now longer than I worked there. I was a short timer who started late. I still run into old friends. Recently I ran into **Jerry Her-**

bers, my FF supervisor. He has helped to run the Torrance Farmers Market for years. He is such a good guy. All the best to you all!

David Kolakowski, 15928 E Mercer Circle, Aurora, CO 80013

Thanks for keeping us informed of all that is going on with UAL!

Sharon & I have moved back to Denver permanently after leaving here in 2003 for Hawaii and Ohio. We bought a house in Stapleton which will be ready by the end of the year.

I worked for 26 years at the Training Center and now I will be living in it! Yikes!

I hope to run into old friends and be able to catch up.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120-7009

Hello to all; I always look forward to my monthly Newsletter. This year we had two long wonderful trips at opposite ends of the world! First in February/March, we flew to Beijing and stayed for 5 days before taking a wonderful 16 night cruise on the Princess Diamond ship at a great low "interline rate" with **Don Tutt** (ORDMM), wife Lynn and a couple they knew who would be using his last companion passes. We also took my cousin and her husband on my last companion passes. This was our Cruise #92. What a shame we don't get Companion passes anymore; it's only using empty seats. I don't know "what Jeff Smisek" is thinking? Oh well.

We went to Bussan, Korea; Nagasaki, Japan; Shanghai, China, Hong Kong; 2 great cities in Viet Nam; wonderful city of Bangkok (which was my favorite), and ended the cruise in Singapore plus many relaxing "days at sea". We got to fly UAL going and returning which was great.

We took a short trip to Las Vegas the week of Labor Day with **Virginia Monaco** (ORDCS) and husband Carl and visited retiree UAL couples, **Arlene & Jim McCroy** and also **Elaine Ptak** (CHIRR) and husband Ron. It was a great visit. Then we flew confirmed space on SW for only \$49 each to visit other retirees who live in Phoenix, **Rocco Christofaro** (ORDMM) and wife Wanda. It was a great visit with them. We were finalizing our plan for an upcoming "Trip of a lifetime".

On 9/30 we took the best trip ever, the last place to see on "my bucket list" and took an African Safari. We spent several days in Johannesburg before our Tour started! Then we all flew to Botswana and stayed at a great place called "Chobe Safari Lodge" and had several safaris while we stayed there and two overnights. Then it was on to Victoria Falls where we also took an elephant ride, which was terrific. Continuing on to Hoed-

spruit Safari Farm and stayed there 6 overnights in a "Rondavel", which was a big stucco hut with a thatched roof. It was quite rustic. We had many safaris while there and being as close as 5 feet from lions, giraffes, and elephants! It was wonderful and also scary at the same time; seeing these animals, so close up. We ended our trip with 3 overnights in Cape Town.

So those were our only 2 long trips and 1 short trip this year, saving up for the last, "big trip". George and I will never ever forget this great experience. All I can say about all our trips is that they are very educational too!

We do have 3 cruises set up, all full-fare for 2013 in Europe already. I am an Interline Travel Agent, and sell cruises at lower costs but only 30-60-90 days ahead to get Interline rates. Have a Happy & Healthy 2013 to all our United friends!

Martha Mott, 7212 61st Street Ct NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

I took the "3 year" option when last I renewed and it seems it was just yesterday. My how time does get by us! I do not want to miss any issues of the newsletter and am so very grateful to all of you who put in the time and effort to produce such an important contact for many of us. I was especially pleased to see the August issue with the Quick Reference Guide provided by **Connie Glattly** regarding the hows and whys of trying to list and travel with all the new policies. That issue is definitely a keeper. I have not tried to travel on a pass since 2009 when I attended my high school reunion in Oklahoma, but I need to try to make a trip back to Texas, maybe in October. So, I may need all the helpful information I can get. Living in the Pacific Northwest, we find we have little need to do much long distance traveling and when we do go we enjoy road trips by car or motorcycle. I guess I got my fill of air travel during my years of flying and am perfectly happy to remain in this region. Especially when we hear how hot it has been in other parts of the country.

I usually look for familiar names in the newsletter, but sadly am seeing more in the obituaries than I would like. I appreciate folks like **Jim Ferrance**, who keeps a lot of us who used to work at LAXRR informed about our former co-workers. His emails are always informative. And of course, I always read the monthly reports from the Southern California regions and see familiar names. So, I will say thanks to the secretaries of those groups for their news. Many of us are spread across the U.S and hearing about people we remember makes for fun memories.

I have been retired from SEASW for 9 years now and can't say I miss the job at all. Maybe some of the people, but I don't miss all of the changes that those who are still working have to contend with.

My hope is that everyone can keep the good memories alive and enjoy life.

June Nichols, 465 Santee Dr, Santee, FL 29142

Here we go again! Time sneaks up on you when you have a "fast pace" life of going, going, going! Is that not what we worked so hard for; to enjoy our later years traveling and enjoying our family?

I know with my aches and pains, I sure can't work like I used to. Maybe God made it that way so we can slow down and be more conscious of our lives and what is most important to us now. Nobody could tell me that when I was 20, this is for sure. I try to show and tell about life's necessities to my grandchildren and they don't want to hear it.

Were we like that? Seems like I had more rules when I started out in this big world of wonder!

Anyway, Thank you all, God's blessings and enjoy life, so you can pass it on.

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I am a recent retiree as of 2009. I spent 19 years with United Airlines. Since my retirement I have become an expert on pass travel. I give a 10 minute talk at the Re-LAX-ers luncheon every other month in Los Angeles, and I speak at the union hall luncheon every second Tuesday of each month.

I travel to people's homes to train them on the new pass travel system. I have also trained people from my computer to theirs, if they don't live close-by.

I just returned from attending the RUAEA Convention in Washington D.C. At the convention, I attended the various meetings and I asked a considerable amount of questions to Laura who works for the company in Houston in the pass travel dept. Laura reassured me that many of the problems we are encountering will be resolved soon.

If you have any questions or problems, you are always welcome to give me a call or send me an email. I enjoy conversing with my former fellow employees from United Airlines. My e-mail is di-vapptmin@yahoo.com.

Harvey Samson, 1962 34th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116

We had planned to attend the Convention in Washington, DC, but our grandson, Harvey Patrick Samson broke his big toe and we had to take care of him. He has been going to the conventions since the one in Sacramento. This was a blow to him and us that we had to miss this year's.

We hope everyone that attended had a good time. Thanks for keeping us informed.

**Velma Stough, 660 W Evergreen Farm Way,
Sequim, WA 98382-5097**

I am settled in my new place here in Washington and I love it here. My room looks out so I can see lots of wild birds landing on a dead tree. One day I counted as many as 18 of them. I hope to enjoy another year; I will be 91 in November.

Anne Sullivan, 2 Cushing St., Lexington, MA 02420

It is about time that I thanked **Helen Cain** for her wonderful simple recipes. She will make a good cook out of me yet. I also want to thank **Connie Glattly** for the overview in the newsletter on the travel policy. She had to have put a lot of time and research to come up with such an amount of information on the subject. It is the most comprehensive yet.

It is a pleasure being a member of RUAEA. Thank you to **Dick Vee** of the Nor'Easters for introducing me to it. My husband cringes when the newsletter arrives because he knows he will not hear from me for the rest of the day.

**Joe Svendsen, 124 Raintree Ln, Mooresville, NC
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Not much traveling this last year. The big thing was the relocation to North Carolina.

My daughter and son-in-law both retired and we decided to have a change. I have a granddaughter about 10 miles from where we are located.

My daughter and son-in-law bought a house here and I have an apartment. I knew of the area, having flown layovers here in the days of the 727.

I am still in good health, bones a little creaky, but seem to work okay.



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The new United Air Lines Headquarters building at the Chicago Municipal Airport (Midway)

The February 1947 issue of United Airlines News stated that the company sought \$49,500,000 to help finance expansion plans. Added to United's reserves, the money provided a total outlay of \$85,165,000.

The totals were: \$58,456,000 for new flight equipment; \$22,517,000 for new ground facilities; \$425,000 for ground communications equipment and \$3,767 for miscellaneous purposes.

The new money was to be raised by sale of \$12,000,000 in debentures, 94,773 shares of preferred stock at \$100 per share and a \$28,000,000 loan from a group of 30 banks.

(photo). Other projects included new ground communications equipment and operations devices.

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