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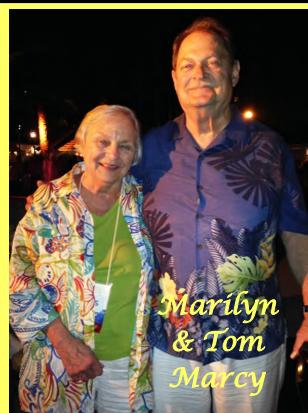
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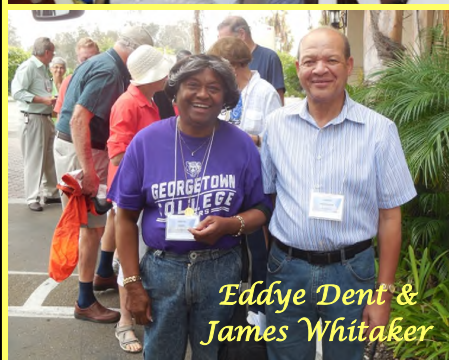
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*Hank Gosselin &  
Carol Lucarelli*



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James Whitaker*



*Hotel Grounds*



*Ruth & Harry  
Takaki*

*A good time was enjoyed by all!*



*Banquet Entertainment*



*Jay Hartough &  
Ted Higley*



*Mardele Celestin*



*Liz & Ted Tollefsen*



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# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



**Hank Gosselin**

Hi Folks,  
I thought I would bring you up-to-date on the actions of the Board of Directors at the Convention in San Diego. Our main issue was declining membership. I requested all of the Directors to make this a high priority. The recruitment of members is their task; however, they will need your help. If each

of us could recruit one member it would be wonderful, please try. Declining membership is for a number of reasons, but it is a reality. Please keep an application with you and mention a credit card can be used online.

The next item, the Board has decided to increase the annual dues by \$2.00, a modest increase to cover increased expenses and loss of income due to loss of membership. **Effective January 01, 2015 (\$27.00 - Domestic, \$47.00 - Canada/Mexico, \$52.00 - Foreign).**

The San Diego Convention was successful and next year we are off to Pittsburgh. Conventions are successful because of attendance. Again, please plan to attend, if you can.

I thank all members for supporting RUAEA. We will continue a Newsletter, support liaisons with United, and of course have an annual Convention. RUAEA is your organization, please continue to support it, be active if you can, let us know of anything you would like us to incorporate in the Newsletter and our Web.

I wish you and your families Happy Holidays and a Most Happy and Healthy New Year.

Hank Gosselin  
President – RUAEA

### Holiday Greetings from the Denver Office

The end of the year is rapidly approaching! When we were younger we were waiting to turn 16, 18 or 21 years old as these mile stones represented what we perceived as the magic age to do some things the younger folks weren't allowed and yes, it seemed as though time stood still. Well, I'm sure you are like me and long for some of that slow time. But it doesn't happen.

The Denver Office has had a busy year and it seems like it was yesterday that I was writing the annual "Holiday Letter". Since the last letter there have been



**Virgil Gooselaw**

numerous changes in the office, some apparent and some behind the scenes. The most apparent is the first full year of credit cards. Everyone involved in bringing this feature on line has been pleased with the progress. It hasn't been easy and one man, **Cas Spokas**, our "computer guru", and now the Membership Manager is responsible. Cas worked very close with our RUAEA webmaster to accomplish this.

We still have five great secretaries, **Juliana Alfonso, Carol Bare, Sharon Burbank, Marilyn Hansen, and Carole Longbella**. These ladies are dedicated to their volunteer job as secretaries. All of them but Sharon work out of the office. Sharon works out of her home and tends to the credit cards, along with Cas. Sharon also serves as the Regional Director for the Mountain Region. Sharon is like many RUAEA volunteers who wear more than one hat. And, in her spare time she is the Denver Mile Higher Correspondent. Our Letters Editor, **Martha Gooselaw** continues to do her fine job of formatting and entering the letters into the Newsletter and doing her part of the proof reading.

Our Newsletter Managers, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** live in Roseville, CA and work closely with the Denver Office and **John Chu** who does most of the formatting for the newsletter. They do a great job and we all must agree that the newsletter is a great publication and is getting better as time moves on. The newsletter is still printed and mailed in Denver. **Cas Spokas** has set up our computers so that we are able to accomplish this with little difficulty.

As is announced in the Newsletter, dues will be going up by \$2.00 per month effective January 1, 2015. For the amount of information and the social connections we are able to maintain from the newsletter, it is a bargain. All our costs have gone up since the last increase in 2006 and the Newsletter Managers have done a great job holding cost to a minimum but there comes a time when a slight increase is warranted. The time is now!

I am no longer the membership Manager as I was elected Executive VP last month. I have worked in the Denver Office for the last 10 years and grew to appreciate what takes place in the office and those who make it happen. The functions of the Denver Office are in the hands of very capable people and it will continue to operate smoothly. I thank the membership for allowing me to now serve as the Executive VP.

We want to wish all a great Holiday Season as we are looking forward to the New Year!

Virgil Gooselaw  
Executive Vice President - RUAEA

**Fall Pass Travel Newsletter now available  
on Flying Together - Travel home page**



**UNITED**

The ETC has come up with some Pass Travel Tips to make travel more enjoyable for you and your pass riders. The following are just three of many helpful articles.

**Taxes and fees for international pass travel** ~ Pass riders are required

to pay all applicable international departure and other regulatory taxes and fees, which include U.S. immigration fees, U.S. custom fee and APHIS fees. These taxes can be pre-paid with a credit card or payroll deducted (where applicable) at time of booking via employeeRES.

Depending on country citizenship, certain departure taxes and fees for Belize, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico and Panama can only be collected at the airport and are to be paid with a United representative before being cleared for a seat.

**Pending vacation ePasses?** ~ Did you know if you cancel your pending confirmations in advance, your pending ePasses are automatically re-deposited? Sometimes we are unable to cancel our plans in advance, but we have a tool that can assist you with re-depositing your pending ePasses back into your account. In employeeRES, go to My ePass Balances > View Detail > Pending. Next to the pending ticket click "Check Details" and if the ticket is unused it will be re-deposited.

**Enrolled Friend open enrollment to begin December 2014** ~ Enrollment for 2015 Enrolled Friends will open this December for travel to start 2015. The enrolled friend tool will be found under the Pass Rider link in Employee Services > My Info.

**Correction to election results**

In the November issue, under election results, we omitted one director. **Don Nellans** was reelected as Regional Director, Florida Region. We apologize to Don and all the members of the Florida Region for this error.

**Save The Date!**



The Tucson Roadrunners invite all to attend the **Annual All Arizona Luncheon**. Date - March 19, 2015 at 11:30 AM, Location - The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85130.

A buffet luncheon will be served with a choice of entrees. Vegetarian dishes

are available with advance notification. Great food, door prizes, 50/50 raffles. Cost - \$23 P/P. All checks must be received by no later than March 11, 2015. Make your checks payable to **Pat DiLallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood, Oro Valley, AZ 85755.

**RUAEA Annual Business Meeting**

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**

**Town And Country Resort – San Diego, California**



President Hank Gosselin called the meeting to order at 0832.

**President – Hank Gosselin**

- Hank welcomed all members to the annual Business Meeting. He thanked those present for attending.
- Hank welcomed 3 past presidents of RUAEA: Ron Bertacini, Jim Fauber, and Zelma Kibler.
- As there were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the October 12, 2013 Annual Business Meeting, a motion was made to approve the Minutes as published and waive their reading. It was seconded and approved by the majority present.
- A fire erupted (October 3, 2014) at the headquarters of the Shanksville, PA Memorial to United Airlines Flight 93.
- United Airlines has provided some retirement information to new retirees. However, membership continues to decline. RUAEA members are asked to do what they can to help increase membership.
- The 2015 RUAEA Convention will be held September 23-26 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Vice President Conventions – Marilyn Marcy**

- ❖ A total of 407 registered for the San Diego Convention with 190 coming from California.
- ❖ Thursday's hotel-sponsored event took place outdoors in the Tiki Pavilion featuring hot appetizers, cheese and vegetable platters, plus beer and wine. The Fiesta Friday event (subsidized by Alliant Credit Union) was also held outdoors featuring more food and drinks served to a crowd of 340.
- ❖ Daytime hours were filled with wonderful area tours, which received rave reviews for tour content and pricing. Participation topped 450 registrants leaving most tours sold out. All refunds were processed on the spot because no minimum guarantee was required on the tours.
- ❖ Special thanks to all who made it happen including Hal Klobe, Betty Tomaino and the entire local committee, Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser (registration), and Don Burbank (Benefits Panel).
- ❖ The 2015 convention will be held September 23-26 in Pittsburgh at the DoubleTree By Hilton Pittsburgh-Green Tree. It is a completely renovated hotel located on the Parkway West between the airport and downtown. The room rate will be \$112 per night. Those who enjoyed the 2008 RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh may see some of their favorite tours repeated this time.
- ❖ Publicity for the Pittsburgh convention will begin

early next year including an initial convention issue in the newsletter followed up with a reminder registration form in the August issue. Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser will provide registration for the convention.

- ❖ Future convention locations may be determined in part by a survey which was conducted in San Diego to determine preferences in hotel prices and desired locations.

#### Executive Vice President – Virgil Gooselaw

- ✓ Cas Spokas will be the new Denver office manager.
- ✓ Credit card processing for membership dues, contributions and new memberships continues to progress providing members with an additional option for making payments.
- ✓ In the area of social media, <https://www.facebook.com/RUAEA> is RUAEA's new Facebook page. With even more frequent information updates, this Facebook page has the potential to be used even more widely by our membership.
- ✓ The Denver office computer upgrades have been completed.
- ✓ Membership continues to decline almost 4% since January.

#### Treasurer – Pam Ziebarth

- As of 9/30/2014, our cash balance is \$147,386 (Savings \$89,144; Checking \$22,450; CD \$35,792 earning 0.747/0.75 maturing 12/16/14).
- Upon maturity of our current CD, four laddered CD's of \$15,000 each will be invested at maturity dates of 12, 24, 36 and 48 months. In future years as each CD matures, a new 48 month CD will be re-invested. Currently, a 48 month CD is earning 2.2%.
- Effective 1/1/2015, RUAEA annual membership dues will increase by \$2 to \$27, Domestic. \$47, Canada & Mexico, \$52, Foreign.

#### Past President – Ron Bertacini

- ❖ 10% of our membership voted in the RUAEA election: 569 were electronic votes and 294 were manual votes. From last year, this vote total is up 25.5%.
- ❖ We had 2 contested races. Special thanks to Mike Richards and Tom Cunningham for running for offices.
- ❖ The 2014 election results are as follows:
  - o President – Hank Gosselin
  - o Executive Vice President – Virgil Gooselaw
  - o Treasurer – Pam Ziebarth
  - o Secretary – Diane Webb
  - o Vice President Conventions – Ron Bertacini
  - o Directors:

- ❖ Florida – Don Nellans
- ❖ Midwest – Helen Cauwels
- ❖ Southern California – Hal Klobe
- ❖ Northern California/Nevada – John Zoboli
- ❖ Western – Roger Casterline

- ❖ In 2015 there will be five Directorships up for election: Southeast, Northeast, Mountain, Arizona and Northwest. All of the current directors are eligible for reelection. We would like to see at least two candidates run for each office.

#### Website Managers – Jim Sommerfield / Toni VanKampen

- The website continues to provide essential information and links to United retirees throughout the world. We currently have over 6,000 RUAEA members. (1,102 are web newsletter members, 4,970 are paper only, and 270 are both web and paper newsletter members.)
- The best new feature is the ability to sign up and renew membership online using credit or Visa or MasterCard branded debit cards. During its first year, 1,350 members have used this service.
- The new RUAEA Facebook page has 138 follows with hopes of many more. Through this Facebook account, members are notified when the newsletter is available online as well as other timely notifications. <https://www.facebook.com/RUAEA>.
- The TOP TEN most popular website features are: 10-Website Support, 9-RUAEA Convention, 8-About RUAEA, 7-Retiree Badges, 6-Retiree Overview Travel Privileges, 5-Senior Discounts, 4-Pass Travel Updates, 3-Benefit Contacts, 2-Employee Travel Links, 1-Newsletter.
- Active employee events are covered such as the April 2014 Charles Taylor FAA Maintenance Awards Celebration held at the United Airlines O'Hare Maintenance Center.

#### President – Hank Gosselin

- ❖ Hank recognized the service of many RUAEA volunteers including the outgoing officers and presented them with certificates of appreciation: Executive VP Mike Richards, Secretary Diane Griego, VP Conventions Marilyn Marcy, and Membership Manager Virgil Gooselaw.
- ❖ The meeting was opened to questions:
  - o Q - What is the "Charles Taylor Award"?
  - o A - The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is an honor presented by the United States FAA in honor of Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is cred-

ited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft. To be eligible for the award, a person must have 50 years in the field of aviation maintenance. The award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior aviation mechanics. (Don Burbank provided the answer. He is a Charles Taylor Award recipient.)

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved. We adjourned at 0948.

Minutes were submitted by Diane Webb (Secretary) and approved by Hank Gosselin (President).

### **Benefits Panel Presentation - October 4, 2014**



Alliant Credit Union CEO Dave Mooney kicked off this year's Benefits Panel Presentation at the RUAEA Convention in San Diego saying that the Credit Union raised the savings

dividend to 0.80% on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Although modest, this is the first interest rate increase in 7 years. He went on to discuss the choices we have for the delivery of monthly statements. More than half of Alliant members have switched from paper to the lower cost eStatements. For those who choose to receive paper statements, a \$1 monthly fee has been added to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

The health and welfare portion of the presentation covered a range of benefits. Their contact information was provided to assist members with questions. (See below.)

Pass Travel Enrolled Friends designations may be changed for 2015 beginning in December and concluding prior to the New Year's Eve holiday. The exact dates should be posted on the Flying Together website in late November.

As before, you will have 3 choices: Do nothing to keep your current Enrolled Friends; Remove the current Enrolled Friends and designate new Enrolled Friends; or Remove the current designations and add names later. To make changes, go to **Flying Together, Employee Services, My Info** during the December enrollment period.

Expanding our retiree membership and unifying retirees was the parting message from Don Burbank who serves as our RUAEA liaison to United Airlines. This theme was discussed at almost every gathering during the convention.

Contact Information from the presenters at the Benefits Panel Presentation can be found in the Important Phone Numbers Section of the Newsletter.

### **LAX takes its first step in a new direction**

UAL recently completed its LAX terminal consolidation into Terminals 7 and 8, marking the first major step in



a long-term investment and plan that will transform the LAX customer experience when the project is completed in 2017. United closed its Terminal 6 lobby on Sept. 24, in advance of a sublease agreement that turned over its Terminal 6 gates and United Club space to American (AA) on Oct. 27.

*"The move relieves significant leasing costs and streamlines operational efficiency,"* LAX Managing Director Jim Hanselmann said. *"We're bringing our employees together and keeping resources in a more efficient space, which supports recent schedule adjustments that reduced under-performing United Express routes and added some mainline gate space."*

Customers now check in at Terminal 7 and will notice additional changes as United has permanently closed its Global First Lounge in Terminal 7 and will re-open it as a second United Club in the weeks ahead.

Four additional gates at Terminal 8 are now capable of handling aircraft as large as United's Boeing 737-900s, where the company could previously only park regional jets. This provides added efficiency and operational flexibility, despite consolidating from a 24- to a 20-gate operation.

United expects the next phase of the re-development to begin in the Terminal 7 concourse next month, when customers will begin to see barricades go up in preparation for construction.

### **SEA flight attendant base to close in 2015**



In a letter to flight attendants recently, United announced that it has notified the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) of its intent to close the SEA (Seattle) flight attendant domicile effective Jan. 30, 2015. United currently has 264 SEA-based flight attendants, and the company anticipates that they will have the opportunity to relocate to United's SFO flight attendant domicile.

*"It's important that we have our flight attendants in the right place to support our network, so we can run our operation as efficiently as possible,"* said Inflight Services SVP Sam Risoli. *"This is a difficult decision to make, and we recognize that closing a domicile places a hardship on those who live in that location. We will work with the flight attendants who are affected and will make the transition as easy as possible for them."*





## So Simple from Sheryl



**Sheryl Schubert**

With the Christmas Holidays quickly approaching, I am giving you a wonderful meat dish that will be a hit every time it is served. Enjoy putting the meat into the oven in the morning and having a delicious dinner ready for that evening. The brisket is wonderful when you have company, when you'll be gone all day, or would like

to have meat for hot sandwiches. I have never served this dish when someone has not asked me for the recipe. My favorite way to serve it is with mashed potatoes and au jus.

### CHRISTMAS BRISKET:

- ✓ 2 layers heavy duty foil
- ✓ 1 or 2 packages Lipton Onion Soup, dry

Put meat fat side down. Sprinkle dry soup over meat. Wrap very tightly. Poke 4 holes in top. Put on foil lined cookie sheet or in broiler pan.

- ✓ 175-200, 6-8 hours if 1½ pounds.
- ✓ 200-225, 6-8 hours if larger

Use natural juices for gravy. Do not thicken. If not enough juice, mix in with a package of au jus.

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (*Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratus at [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 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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October 13 found our Gulf Coast Chapter at the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum in our usual room. We had 19 members and 3 guests attending this month. They were: **John & Myrl Eisinger, Gayle Furlow, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne** with guest, **Jeanie Miller, Ray & My Owens, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** with guests, **Mike & Elaine Austin, Barbara Serra, and Ed Southworth.**

Members unable to attend this month were: **Jim & Penny Alston** were returning from Oktoberfest in Asheville, NC; **George & Denny Atteberry** still in Indiana; **Bill & Ann Delavan** still in Maryland; **Bob & Carol Dorsey** in Maine, they reported that the Fall foliage is beautiful but getting a little cool for their Florida blood so will be home very soon! **Monica Leonard** had knee replacement surgery and is recuperating nicely under the care of her husband, Joe; **Steve Wilkey's** report was good from the surgery to remove a pre-cancerous tumor on his head after our last meeting. We were happy that **Ray Owens** was able to be at our meeting after he had been hospitalized for Pancreatitis since our last meeting. **Yvonne Schwartz** had a fall recently but was able to attend our meeting, although she had to stay seated the entire meeting (that was really tough for her!). We were happy to have **Conrad Hamilton** back with us after 2 months absence and also to have **Gayle Furlow** back with us!

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President, **Bob Schwartz**. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra & Bill Hayden** and the winning ticket was drawn by **Jeanie Miller**, a guest. The winner was **Gayle Furlow**. Congratulations! Winners of the extra cookies were **Conrad Hamilton, Rick Herrick, and My Owens.**

Our President had our guests introduce themselves. **Jeanie Miller** was a guest of **Doug & Edna Horne**. She is their neighbor and was formerly married to a Continental Pilot. We look forward to her visiting again. Our other guests, **Mike & Elaine Austin**, were guests of **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz**. After retiring, they became full time RVers and **Elaine** wrote a monthly article for *Roughing It Smoothly*. She interviewed other RVers while they were traveling. Mike is originally from England with an Irish

Mother and English Father. He moved to the US as a small child and he has so many wonderful stories about his life and many faceted careers! They have just moved back to our area so we hope to see them often at our meeting so we can find out more about their interesting backgrounds. They do have some stories!

Neither the Treasurer's Report nor the Minutes had any corrections.

October birthdays were **Ray Owens** (1<sup>st</sup>), **My Owens** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Billie Learned** (10<sup>th</sup>), **Ann Delavan** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Bob Dorsey** (16<sup>th</sup>), **Jim Alston** (22<sup>nd</sup>), **Bill Delavan** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and **George Atteberry** (27<sup>th</sup>).

November birthdays are **Bob Schwartz** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Penny Alston** (17<sup>th</sup>), **Myrl Eisinger** (23<sup>rd</sup>), **Maureen Hurst** (25<sup>th</sup>), and **Jeanne Reinoehl** (30<sup>th</sup>). Happy Birthday to all of you!

**Bill Hayden** gave an update on **Billie & Park Learned**. They have decided to stay in their home and not move to Assisted Living. **Billie** is feeling much better now after her accident and **Park** seems to be making progress on his stroke recovery. We are all hoping and praying they will be able to attend once again in the near future.

Discussion then centered on **Steve Wilkey's** surgery, he had to have a small pre-cancerous spot removed. We talked about how to identify suspicious growths, who is vulnerable and how important it is to be checked by a dermatologist for unwelcome spots. If **Steve & Annie** had waited a couple of weeks on his spot, it might have been a different outcome. It was a very aggressive type of growth.

We always welcome visitors. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call and plan to join us at one of our fun meetings.

#### Calendar:

**December 8** – 11:30AM, Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

#### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met for lunch at the Irondale Cafe on October 13. Our special guests were our regional director **Don Nellans** and his wife **Mary** from Ocala, FL. Others attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Joe Duncan**, **Herb Wilbanks**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Travis & Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terissa**, **Keith** and **Charlotte Gibson** and **Joe Jones**.

**Herb Wilbanks** gave us a report of the convention in San Diego and said it was a huge success. He enjoyed great weather and all the sightseeing in the area. **Keith Gibson** just returned from a 6,300 mile trip on his motorcycle touring all the way out to California with many inter-

esting sights along the way. **Beverly Yeager** also returned from trip with her daughter to Greece and Italy and had several interesting stories to tell, and probably had more stories that weren't told!

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bobby Cox**.

We meet on the second Monday each month (except July) and welcome all United retirees and their families and guests. If you are in the Birmingham area and would like to join us, call either **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

#### ARIZONA



#### PHOENIX AZURES

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We are very sorry to report that we had to bid farewell to a long-time friend and Azures member, **Phil Derbas**, who passed away from a severe lung condition on October 10, 2014. Funeral arrangements were private and our prayers are with his family.

45 members attend our annual Beardsley Park picnic in Sun City West, AZ. We had sandwich boxes from Jimmy Johns and the Azures treasury contributed the sodas and water. No big winners from our "scratch off" lottery tickets, nor the Mega Million but we'll keep trying. 50/50 raffle prizes went to **Marie Bobrik** and **Vic Liltz** and, I can't seem to remember who the other lucky winner was. Some extra sandwich boxes were, also, raffled off.

At the picnic we distributed copies of the "Save The Date" Annual All Arizona Luncheon flyer to our members to give them a heads up. The luncheon will be held again at The Property Conference Center, 1251 West Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ on March 19, 2015. Reservations and checks should be sent to **Pat Dilallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood, Oro Valley, AZ 85755. Price is \$23.00 per person. This luncheon is open to all RUAEA members and you're welcome to come to Arizona and join in the party. There is a Holiday Inn in Casa Grande not far from The Property for those interested. Azures annual dues of \$5.00 per member should be paid by the end of December for the 2014/15 activity season. Please send your dues to **Joe Hopkins**, 3333 North 151<sup>st</sup> Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

Our Holiday luncheon will be held Saturday, December 13 at Briarwood Country Club, 20800 North 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun City West, AZ. A note will go out to our members to advise their choice of meals, usually chicken or beef entrees. We always enjoy our meals at Briarwood and their customer service is impeccable. We hope to have a good turnout to start off the holiday season.

On Thursday, January 15, 2015, the Azures will hold our luncheon at Golden Corral Buffet, 17664 North Litchfield Road, Surprise, AZ. We will have a private room and it will be individual pay at the door (approx. \$12.00 w/

beverage). We're looking forward to having lunch there and hope it will meet everyone's food and price needs.

Happy Birthdays to **Lowell Neal** (12/1); **Pat Paulson** (12/2); **Rose Barry** (12/18); **Ken Paulson** (12/22); **Carole Brei** (12/31); **Lynette Stenberg** (belated 8/16) and **Curt Stenberg** (belated 10/21). Happy Anniversary to **Jean & Dick Wood** (12/5). We wish you many more happy days for all of you.

Vic & I were in Huntley, IL most of November; firstly, honoring our granddaughter, Emily, who made her Confirmation on November 9, and then for Thanksgiving. And, I can't forget the grandsons' basketball games and tournaments. It was a little chilly compared to Arizona.

**Vivian Klick** was the host to her California family for Thanksgiving in Goodyear, AZ. I'm sure they had a great time. It's been a few months since they've gotten together, so Vivian was very excited for the visit.

#### Calendar:

**November 15** – Lou's Tivoli Gardens - Thanksgiving Dinner

**December 6** - Arizona Broadway Theatre Performance of "White Christmas"

**December 13** - Briarwood Country Club – Christmas Holiday Luncheon

**January 15** - Golden Corral Buffet

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Boy, time sure flies, doesn't it? Of course, Christmas decorations and shopping have been in the stores for quite awhile; but I don't get excited about it until early in December. It's hard to believe the year is coming to an end in a few weeks. Our chapter has a lot of things going on, so you better write a note to yourself, otherwise you'll miss out.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 3, at Palo Verde Country Club, 10801 E. San Tan Blvd. in Sun Lakes, AZ, starting at 11:00 am with the Social Hour, followed by the luncheon at noon. The menu will be Herb Crusted Pork Loin, with an Oriental Stir fry, plus all the other extras; which is always delicious. You won't want to miss this special party. **Skip & Carol Ward** are the host and hostess for this luncheon, so if you have any questions, please contact them at (480) 883-0832, or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com). More information will be coming from them regarding price, etc. What a way to start out the Holidays! The Fantasy Flight is Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the United Terminal at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. We plan on having a total of 120 children there. What an exciting time for these children. What a thrill for them to go up in an airplane and for each of them to get their own special bag full of goodies. The volunteers do a

wonderful job decorating the gates and making it a fun day for the children. Our December Breakfast is Friday, December 19 at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. The food is always delicious and plentiful. If you're planning on going, please let **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, know by Wednesday, December 17 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). We sure do like to eat, don't we? Please Note: This is one week early due to the Christmas Holiday.

Our October 18<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Apache Wells Community Center in Mesa was great. We had 28 people there. The room was beautifully decorated in fall colors, and the food was delicious and plentiful. **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**, our hosts for the luncheon did a superb job. Our own **Bill Betz**, who also has been involved for many years in the Arizona Honor Flight, introduced the speaker, **Rick Hardina**, who is the President of the Honor Flight Arizona. Their motto is, "Flying Arizona Veterans to see their Memorials in Washington D. C". This trip is free for the Vets, including their air fare, hotels, tours, and meals. The family member or friend, who accompanies them, have to pay \$900 for themselves. They take them to see the WWII Memorial, Lincoln's Memorial, and if they have time, they see the Korean Memorial, FDR Memorial and Vietnam Wall. They then see Arlington Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard. There is a Banquet in their honor. **Rick** told us that it is heartwarming and emotional to see all the people who applaud and greet them during these three days; at the airports, memorials, hotels, etc. They do 5 trips in the spring and 5 in the fall. There is a waiting list to go on these flights, but due to the aging of this group, the list is getting shorter. If you know of any WWII vets, please tell them about the Honor Flight and have them contact him to put them on this list. His phone number is (480) 529-1173. Rick also showed a 5 minute video that was recently made, showing some of the vets when they were younger and then how they look now, while they were on their visit to DC. Very emotional!

We heard some sad news, the one of our members, **Pete Kuspis**, died October 16. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, **Dot**. Cards can be sent to her as follows: Mrs. **Dorothy Kuspis**, 9458 E. Javelina Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209.

Our October 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 25 people there. We had one guest, **Joan Ball-Curran**, who worked in San Francisco In Flight, but lives in Palm Beach, FL. She was hoping to see **Bob Hallden** at the breakfast, as she use to work for him; but **Bob** was unable to come that morning. She was the guest of **Lyn Walter**. **Peg** talked about the upcoming Fantasy Flight, and the need of various items for the children. Quite a few of our members brought things for the children that morning, so **Peg** was able to take things home and later get them to the airport storage. She did not know at that time, when the airplane for the Fantasy Flight was going to take off.

**Peg** mentioned that one of our members, **Doris Ailshie**, who lives in Mesa, needs a ride to come to our meetings. If anyone can help, please contact **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317, and she will make the arrangements.



Our November 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** will be reported on later. There is always a nice variety of food there, so you can't say you didn't get enough to eat. Our November 21<sup>st</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, will also be reported on later.

We have the following birthdays in December: **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Nancy Myers** (12/15), **Doreen Cloud** (12/16), **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 Birthday to all of you! We have three couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries, **JoAnne & John Griffin** on (12/18/83), **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier** on (12/18/93), and **Bonnie & Jim Fauber** on (12/31/77). Happy Anniversary!

#### Calendar:

**December 3** – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 a.m., hosted by the **Wards**. Contact **Skip & Carol** at (480) 883-0832, or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com).

**December 5** – Fantasy Flight at the Airport

**December 19** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) with your reservation by Wednesday, Dec. 17 or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**January** – Luncheon, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**, TBA

**January 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter, Prescott, AZ! The 19<sup>th</sup> annual United Airlines Fantasy Flight, held in Phoenix, will be this December. Raffle tickets for this very worthwhile cause are available from **Joe Tomasic** for only \$5.00 each. Prizes are \$500 each or 50,000 MP miles.

There will be no luncheon meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Our October meeting was at GMG Chinese Bistro in Oro Valley. Our snowbirds must have returned as there were 36 Roadrunners in attendance. Thank you Jeff & Sandy for your efforts! The food was so good that this

attendee took-out for dinner that night and the next night. Winners of the 50/25/25 raffle were **Roger Callihan** and **Doris Clark** (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> win in a row for Doris).

With 72,000 retirees and with 6,600 of them RUAEA members, the numbers are not good. RUAEA plans to contact the various unions to determine who have retired recently. It would also be prudent for RUAEA to notify the local chapters of RUAEA members who have a mailing address in the same city as the local chapter. Sandy welcomed two new members, **Lloyd & Lorraine Tomac**. The Tomacs moved from North Dakota and are now enjoying Oro Valley.

The luncheon schedule for 2015 has been roughed in. January 15 - **Jeff & Sandy Lawyer**, February 19 - **Claire Byle** with a Miniature Museum Tour hosted by **Gordon Starr**, March 19 - All Arizona Luncheon hosted by the Roadrunners, volunteers for the All Arizona Luncheon are **Doris Clark**, **Pat Dilallo**, **Jinny Cable**, and **Alice Lopez** with **Sandy Lawyer** leading the charge. Sandy is hoping that someone will donate the centerpieces.

**John Bennatts** noted that a new book is forthcoming "*The Shame of the Friendly Skies*" by Paul Weaver. It tells of what was happening backstage when the employees were buying the company. The Chicago Sun Times ran two excerpts of the book. Google it for further details.

Bring cash to the Christmas luncheon. **Pat Dilallo** will be collecting dues for 2015, \$5.00/person. Since the Christmas luncheon is on December 11 and Pat needed to know if you are attending by December 4, you should have already sent your check to her at **Pat Dilallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85755 or call (520) 825-7370, if you have not. **Do it as soon as you read this.** **Doris Clark** is contacting everyone via e-mail or snail mail with the current newsletter of the Roadrunners. If you are reading this and not receiving the newsletter, contact me at the address in the letterhead.

Milestones: Anniversaries ~ **Merritt & Carolyn McGlothlin** (December 13, 1968). December Birthdays ~ **Carolyn Disanto** (5), **Suzanne Fehseke** (7), **James Haferson** (10), **Doris Clark** (19), **Bill Royle** (21), **Frank Disanto** (27), and **Claire Byle** (29). Congratulations and a Happy Birthday!

#### CALIFORNIA

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Our Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in Old Town Orcutt at the Rooney's Irish Pub. It was sponsored by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer**. They provided very nice table treats with a Halloween theme. A lot of work was done by the Zoldaks and Stilwells when they

try and find restaurants that will accommodate our small group. At Rooney's they put us in a room off the main dining area and the service and food was excellent. We may be coming back again. There were 19 members attending with 2 guests. The Zoldaks brought **Deanna & Andrew Storinski** and **John Stilwell** brought his grandson who filled in for **Barbara Stilwell**.

**Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting. Treasurer **Marcia Stanger** said that our current bank is charging \$10 a month on our account. It was decided to look into other depositors, such as Credit Unions, in order to save these service charges.

As I suspected, there was a lot of information coming out of the convention. **Mike Zoldak** attended the Presidents' meeting and **John Stilwell** attended the correspondence meeting.

Mike reminded us that at the Dec. meeting the discussions will be kept short since we have the usual gift exchange and we usually spend more time. We will also get assignments for next years hosts. Mike will try and encourage our So. Calif. Regional Director, **Hal Klobe** and his wife **Donna** to attend some of our meetings when they can. They attended one of our meetings and Hal was quite informative on RUAEA activities.

One interesting fact was when a retiree travels, he does not have to pay for luggage if he uses the code "GGBAGEMP". It will be interesting to hear from someone using this code to see if it works. Mike did see **Howard Lackey** and he told us how good he looks after the health scare he had a couple of years ago. Howard attended several of our meetings each year as our Regional Director. It's good to hear he is doing so well.

Between Mike and John, some information from the convention was that there were 82,000 retired employees but no new members. This is a problem with all chapters. There were 407 attending the convention this year which was up from last year. There are 717 Lifetime members and 6012 current members. Members are encouraged to receive their Newsletter electronically rather than by mail in order to save mailing expense. The suggestion was to increase dues by \$2. There was also talk about the DEN office move. I'm sure definite information will be coming.

**John Stilwell** took the tour of the aircraft carrier Midway. It is 50 years old and a great tour. An interesting fact was that planes were sent off from 0 to 600 mph in 2 seconds. The three landing cables are used for a maximum of 100 landings and then discarded. Little known facts I was not aware of. John did say that the next convention will be at PIT on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also passed out brochures for our information.

Mike informed us that **Nina Powers** is on a tour to France and **Bob Wagner** is visiting in Iowa. They are two of our regulars. The 50/50 was won by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**. Mike had two more items that were drawn and the **Rybars** and **Cunninghams** were winners.

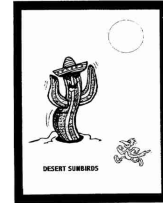
**Esther Bartlett** is quite an artist and for our enjoyment, she displayed some of her paintings. She is a very talented person.

Before closing, Mike told us that he met a person who asked if he knew **Al Rybar**. Mike reluctantly admitted he did. She said her name was **Barbara Underhill** and we worked together in SFOJJ. She gave Mike a bag of Sunflower kernels to give me. She remembers that I used to devour them by the bag full. Barbara, her husband **Jerry Underhill**, and I used to exchange information about employees, whether gossip or fact, and just had a lot of fun in general. They made my work day a lot easier. Thank you Barbara for remembering me.

Our next meeting will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds' President, **Mike Bailardo**, took over the hosting duties in October for our monthly luncheon. He chose the Fresh Grill Buffet at the Fantasy Springs Casino in Indio. He chose well. There were so many food choices available, I believe all 38 members and guests could have chosen different food items, including dessert, and no one would have eaten the same fare as anyone else.

**Dede Utzinger** brought **Carol O'Neill** (LAXCS); one of our newest members, **Marilyn Fry**, brought a friend, **Mary Gress**; and **Doreen Roberts** brought her significant other, **Tom Wheaton**.

This bit of Desert Sunbird history from **Elaine Aggson**. Our first Roster was published in 1990 with 81 members. Only **Elaine**, **Mary Frank**, and **Gil & Marianne Patterson** were on that Roster and are still members. Our lowest number over the years was 51 in 1994, and our highest number was 87 in 2005. Currently, we have 77 members.

Again this year, the Sunbirds will be collecting toys for the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Our members are asked to bring unwrapped toys to either the November or December meeting.

The **Kellerhals** missed the October meeting, as they were on a "Fall Colors" 14 day Cruise from New Jersey up to Canada and back.

Lastly, congratulations to **Jim & Liz Clapper** on their 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on November 25<sup>th</sup>. **Jeanne Kalahiki** took home \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing, and **Lia Schultz** won the Birthday Lunch. In addition, the Casino threw in a couple of "2 for 1" Buffet Luncheon chits, won by **Scoobie Wolfe** and **Marji Lamas**.

### Calendar:

**December 10** – Hosted by **Carole Paquin & Doreen Roberts**





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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Woody's Bar & Grill in Rocklin, CA. This was hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**. We had 54 Gold Diggers and one guest, **Lee Ercoline**, guest of **Len & LaVerne Haubl**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Greenacres** for hosting.

*President ~ Orville Harshbarger* has no updates.

*Vice President ~ Phil Frank* said we are set for January, February and March. Still need hosts for the rest of next year. He reminded us that there would be no meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Secretary ~ Colleen Esola* read the anniversaries for October: **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** – 24 years; and **Sonny & Janie Costello** – 11 years. **Harold Esola** led us in singing Happy Anniversary to them.

*Treasurer ~ Judie King* gave our Chapter's balance.

*Roster Chairman ~ Jack Raynor* said that if anyone still needs a roster, please see him.

*Sunshine ~ Alice McPeak* sent an E-card to **Bob Fulkerson**. She is also sending a card around for everyone to sign.

*Historian ~ Stephanie Norton* has no report.

*RUAEA Past President ~ Ron Bertacini* talked about our convention in San Diego. They had 407 registered for the convention. Next year, the convention will be in Pittsburgh, PA starting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Double Tree Greenwood hotel with a rate of \$112 plus tax. More info in the coming months.

Officers elected for 2015 are: President ~ **Orville Harshbarger**, Vice President ~ **Dan Figueroa**, Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger**, Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton**, Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola**, Roster Keeper ~ **Jack Raynor** and Treasurer ~ **Judie King**.

### Calendar:

**December 10** – Christmas Luncheon at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley, hosted by the **Volkers** and **Wikstads**

## HANGTOWN MINERS

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Our luncheons at the Red Hawk Casino are always fun and, of course, the food is great. You can choose from so many different types of foods! Feeling like sushi? Mexican? Chinese? Or good 'ol American – it's all there!

And, talk about desserts! **Joe & Lynda Lima** put it all together for us in spite of the awful King fire that had them at ready to evacuate. **Jane Gibson** helped out with the payments because they weren't sure just where they would be! **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** had to evacuate from their home. Fortunately, all turned out well. We had two members owning up to having a birthday and one anniversary. Congratulations to **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** for 20 years of marriage and a Happy Birthday to **Carleen Hyde** and **Dorean Ames**.

*President ~ Rudy Blazius* did not have a "President's" report, but that doesn't mean he didn't bring us plenty of information – see below!

*Vice President ~ Bill Dinette* came scooting in a tad bit late as he was looking after his lovely wife, **Linda**, who was ill. He did want to mention the video **Thom Biro** sent out that highlighted a spectacular catch his grandson made. Let Thom know if you would like to watch it.

*Secretary ~ Jane Gibson* is back from her (first ever) cruise to Alaska with **Bill**. I would like to say Thank You to **Suzanne Kenny** for taking notes and writing up the minutes. They're awesome.

*Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny* reports that our checking balance is doing well. Our membership is paid in full which is good since it's almost time to – pay our dues!

*Sunshine ~ Jeanette D'Amico* reported she sent a sympathy card to **Geneva Lockwood (Al)** and a Get Well to **Angie Dellinger**.

*Historian ~ Lynda Lima* has added a book for us! She has put together the minutes for 2014. Check them out along with the photo album(s) she brings each month. Thank You, Lynda.

*Old Business ~* Okay, are you ready? As we march toward the end of 2014, we have a few things to address:

**Dues** ~ As mentioned above, our annual dues will be due in just a couple months. Paying the \$10.00 dues early is allowed! You can pay **Tom Kenny** directly or if you prefer to pay with a check, please make the check out to "Hangtown Miners".

**Charities** ~ Traditionally, we have made donations to local charities in December. Depending on our balance/situation, we have helped 2 or more organizations each year. At the November luncheon, we would like you to come with suggestions and some information about a charity you would like to be considered. We will hear all the info and then make a choice. Last year we gave donations to El Dorado County Senior Center, The Wounded Warrior Program, Snowline Hospice and El Dorado Food Bank.

**December Luncheon** ~ December luncheon is such a special time. The seasons are changing, holiday decorations bring a special brightness and the year is coming to a close. It's a very happy time. In the past few years we have opted to hold this luncheon at a local hall and all bring delicious homemade dishes to share. However, this year the venues we have used in the past will not work out for us. So, we regrouped and came up with two options for our members. **Thom Biro** and **Suzanne & Tom Kenny** took the bull by the horns and brought information to our



meeting for the Sequoia House and the Cork & Fork. Each will provide turkey, ham, sides, salads, drinks (non alcoholic) and dessert.

The cost is about the same for both. **Thom Biro** said that if the Sequoia was chosen, he would arrange a luncheon at the Cork & Fork as a regular monthly luncheon. **Rosemary Heier** motioned to have our December luncheon at the Sequoia; **Irv Wolfram** seconded and the members passed with 24 ayes. **Tom Kenny** will take a check for \$340 as a deposit to hold December 8<sup>th</sup> for us. Traditionally, as a chapter, we have subsidized the December luncheon and plan to do so again this year.

**Stock Certificate** ~ **Thom Biro** picked up a UAL stock certificate and is going to bring it to the December luncheon to be raffled.

**2015 Officer Elections** ~ It's that time of year to nominate our officers for 2015. After a bit of discussion – who was willing to continue/who would be willing to take a position – we have a panel for you. President - **Rosemary Heier** nominated and **Bill Gibson** seconded the nomination of **Rudy Blazius**. Vice President - **Lynda Lima** nominated and **Rudy Blazius** seconded the nomination of **Bill Dinette**. Secretary - **Bill Gibson** nominated and **Mikki Dalleske** seconded the nomination of **Jane Gibson**. Treasurer - **Rudy Blazius** nominated and **Bill Gibson** seconded the nomination of **Tom Kenny**. Sunshine - **Suzanne Kenny** volunteered for this position. Historian - **Bill Dinette** nominated and **Bill Gibson** seconded the nomination of **Lynda Lima**. Please consider these nominations and come prepared to vote for or against them next month.

We are still searching for the person who has **Gary Dalleske's** personal memory book for UAL. If you have any recollection of this book, please let one of our members know.

**New Business** ~ 2015 Hosting Sign-up: A sign-up sheet for hosting our 12 luncheons in 2015 was passed around and will be circulated again at the November luncheon. The months still available are: January, February, March, April, August and December. Think about which of these months you'd like to host and where!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Pati Kenney** was the winner of the donators' prize. Thank you to: **Gibson** – ulu chopper; **Ames** – Halloween Rug; **Akin** – eggs; **Blazius** – coasters; **Kozelka** – plant and planter; **Parkinson** – knife set; **Kenney** – lap throw; **Heier** – basket & candy; **Lima** – basket; **Dalleske** – wine; **Buschman** – hand towel & mitt; **D'Amico** – Lacey's Candies; **Wolfram** – coast & walker; **Dinette** – trivet & wine; **Kenny** – house plant; **Hyde** – Halloween candle, for everything.



## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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We had our October luncheon back at our favorite site, Quail Inn at Oakmont on October 9, hosted by **Joanne & Ron Huhn** and the **Wilsons** (me & Larry). We had a fall colors theme as centerpieces and with 25 people attending, including 4 guests, we had a sit-down served meal of Chicken Parmesan with seasonal vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes, and a warm berry cobbler dessert. Our President, **Brandon Maus** and his wife **Pat** were back with us after a two month vacation in both Hawaii and in Italy. He thanked us for standing in for him while they were gone. He acknowledged the **Huhns** and us for hosting the luncheon, and welcomed our 4 guests who were visiting: **George & Sue Hirsch** and **Leon Scarborough**, guests of **Valerie Hulsey**, and Dr. **Caleb Ridgway**, guest of **Larry & Mary Wilson**, and also the guest speaker of the day. He is a Chiropractic sports physician, who specializes in the treatment and rehabilitation of soft tissue injuries. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Med/Biology from UC Irvine, and graduated with his Doctor of Chiropractic from Southern California University of Health Sciences; he is also a member of the U.S. Olympic Development Soccer team. His extensive knowledge and emphasis in soft tissue treatment (Active Release) has allowed him to work with the U.S. Olympic Track and Field team, the Santa Monica Track Club, as well as numerous NFL and NBA athletes.

VP **Larry Wilson** gave the Treasurer's report prepared by **Oscar Chambers**, who could not attend due to **Joan's** present illness. We have \$402.14 currently in the General Fund, and \$652.11 in the Charity Fund for a total of \$1054.25; we had a Charitable organization's list put out on the table by **Joanne Huhn** for us to vote on for which 3 would be getting a gift from our group at the end of the year. There will be a consensus decided on in early December to determine the winners.

Our VP also revealed who had birthdays and anniversaries this month in the place of **Verda Burr**, who is vacationing in Oregon! The birthday list included **Valerie Hulsey**, **Oscar Chambers**, **Barbara Underhill**, and **Al Bentham**. **Al Bentham** was the winner of the complimentary lunch, and graciously donated his winnings to the Charity Fund. **Oscar & Joan Chambers** celebrate 62 years of marriage this month! Congratulations! We were asked to remember Joan & Oscar in our thoughts and prayers; **Joanne Huhn** did send a card to them recently.

The guest speaker, Dr. **Caleb Ridgway** was introduced, and he explained his discovery of a new treatment to address muscle and soft tissue injuries called "Active Release" which breaks down scar tissue and restores oxygen and circulation to the muscles; he had previously



worked with many athletes in the NFL & NBA and the Olympic Team, and is currently working with high school soccer teams, drawing on his extensive athletic background both as a competitor in soccer and a Doctor to recognize, treat, rehabilitate and prevent sports specific injuries. His presentation was well received by everyone, and many asked questions, and took flyers and cards afterwards.

**Casterline** shared with us about his recent trip to the convention in San Diego, which turn out to be very fun, although only 400 members attended, and there was concern expressed and a discussion about the number of members of many if not all chapters around the country that are falling off. We all should be involved in attracting new members, especially the new retirees. An invitation recently was sent to **Ruth Groden** of Santa Rosa, who was listed in the RUAEA newsletter as a new member; **Mary Wilson** is waiting for a response soon, and may follow up with her again if no word is received.

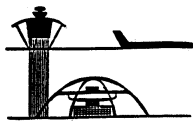
**Barney & Clare Hagen** traveled to Manitoba, Canada, and will report back any changes or problems in conditions that we should be made aware of; mostly, we wish them a great vacation and will look forward to seeing them next month.

The raffle of 6 bottles of fine wine, See's candy, and the cute fall-colored centerpieces completed our fun time together; our guest speaker was very well received and appreciated, and he remarked what a lovely setting and view we have at the Quail Inn Restaurant!

Next month's luncheon will be on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa, instead of the Fountain Grove Restaurant; it should be a welcome change and a nice new adventure for us all. We hope as many as possible will attend, and remember to bring a guest with you to enjoy having lunch with such an awesome group of retirees! The luncheon will be hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**. See you all there!

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What a great convention! We had perfect weather in the beautiful Town and Country setting of Hawaiian greenery and pools. There were outdoor cocktail parties with fabulous Latin Jazz music one night and Polynesian entertainment on Banquet night. What made these settings so great was the atmosphere of friends coming together to enjoy one another's company.

Re-LAX-ers attending were **Betty Tomaino** and **Hal Klobe** (co-chairs of the convention), **Howard Lackey**, **Phyllis & Tom Easley**, **Sylvia Allen**, **Art & Pat Cottrell**, **Mardele Celestin**, **Olga Jean Barnes**, **Florence Hoy** with daughters **Debbie** and **Janet**, **Ester & Louis Horompoly**, **Jack & Olga Kotin**, **Harry & Ruth Takaki**, **Beverly**

**McAlister**, **Sharon Record**, **Charles Onesko**, **Dick Pendleton** and **Flor Santos**, and **Peter & Barbara Schuster**.

Other RUAEA members from the LAX employees were **Linda Smith**, **Lee Price**, **Linda Harris**, **Lisa Lyon**, **Joyce Cason**, **Rachel Brown**, and **Howard & Jo Payne** accompanied by their son, and **Matt McMillon** from the LAX Credit Union. Others attending with LAX background were **Shirley June Bailey**, **Gilbert Cano**, **Merry Card**, **Donna Depuy-Bass**, **Janice Grant**, **Linda Harris**, **William Hadacek**, **Peggy Dunkle**, **Tammy Lee**, **Millie Monson**, **June O'Donnell**, **Jackie Schwartz**, **Kathy Shurtleff**, **Richard Sowiak**, **Dora & Gordon Starr** and **Ginny Weiler**.

As you can see, it was a tremendous get together for the LAX retirees, Our thanks to the convention committee for an out-standing celebration; we will not soon forget.

#### Calendar:

**December 4** - Christmas luncheon - Proud Bird

#### RESANS

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We are back together again at the Pt. Loma Café. There were twenty seven of us and all were excited to hear about the convention. We had some special visitors, **Jennifer Morrison**, daughter of **Peggy Van Sickle**, used to work in SANCS with us and now lives in Iowa. Her daughter is participating in a beauty pageant representing Iowa State University where she is enrolled as a student. **Barbara Cruz** came as a guest of **Gloria Glaeser**. She worked in SANCS with us and is now living in North Carolina. **Peter & Thelma Wronetzki** joined us after a long absence as did **Tom Prewitt**. It was so good to see all of them.

We discussed our upcoming Christmas luncheon and also the Mainliner Club in which we participate every year.

Last month's newsletter was hastily put together at the convention and I have discovered that I omitted the names of several of our hard working and much appreciated volunteers. I give them to you now: **Donna Klobe** as Hospitality chair, **Hal Klobe** as Co- Chair with **Betty Tomaino**, **Marie & Arnold Pollack**. My apologies for not getting this in the last newsletter.

Many of you may be travelling during the Holidays so this is just a reminder ~ If you are traveling on a revenue ticket, you may be told that you have to pay for your checked bag. Advise that agent to use the code GGBAGEMP and it will give them the information to check your luggage at no charge. You may want to keep this handy with your travel documents.

#### Calendar:

**December 4** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café,

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**December 7** - Mainliner Christmas Dinner Cruise, Hornblower Cruises, Grape St. Pier, 1800 N. Harbor Drive.

**December 10** - RESANS Christmas Luncheon, Hunter's Steakhouse, 2445 Hotel Circle Place, San Diego

**January 8** - No breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan due Holiday.

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Happy Holidays! *Merry Christmas! Happy Chanukah! Happy Kwanzaa! And Happy Festivus!* (for the rest of us) There are numerous celebrations in the month of December, and we have much to celebrate. In the midst of putting up lights, getting out seasonal decorations and buying poinsettias, our group is looking forward to our Annual Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's in Santa Clara. Our luncheon Master of Ceremonies will be Doug Jones who is also a talented magician. People will be bringing an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Program that **Alex Klaus** oversees. We have been giving **Cheri Scales** our auction items early in order for her to organize our Raffle - which is a huge undertaking. Thank You, **Cheri!** The raffle is a lucrative fund raiser, along with the donated baked goods.

Besides looking forward to the Annual Holiday Luncheon this month we are reflecting on our Fall Luncheon, organized by the **Reichards** and **Devlins**, which was held at David's in Santa Clara across from the San Francisco 49er's Levi's Stadium. 70+ members and guests attended. We were entertained by The Silicon Valley Accordion Players which definitely set the mood and fit an Oktoberfest Theme.

United Air Lines was the Charter Airline for both the Kansas City Royals and the San Francisco Giants for the World Series. It was almost impossible not to get caught up in the excitement of the seven game series. Many of our members are still basking in the glow of the San Francisco Giants being the World Champions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the past five years. Congratulations Giants!

Before winter officially set in and the days got shorter, the weather crisper - many members took advantage of the beautiful fall weather and did some traveling. **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard**, and **Karen & Bob Devlin** enjoyed a 10 day cruise down the Baja Peninsula. On the cruise they were joined by the **Hornfishers** from the Vacaville Solano Flyers RUAEA group. **Ann & Keith Olthof** flew to Oahu for a week where **Keith** went Parasailing. I saw the pictures and it looked like fun, **Keith**.

Our group added a newly retired member, **Hiroko Caster**, who retired from Customer Services at SFO after 23 years. Since retirement in January, **Hiroko** has enjoyed traveling back to Japan to visit members of her family, and

to Iowa to visit with members of her husband's family. Welcome **Hiroko!** **Al & Mary Lou Rogers** brought their granddaughter, Olivia, to one of our fall meetings. It is always a treat to meet young family members.

Our Vice President, **Dave Garland**, brought some Industry News to our attention. After years of restoration of the N7001U, the first 727 ever produced, will soon be taking center stage at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. United donated the N7001 to the museum, and a large number of United Employees have helped support the restoration project with replacement parts, archival searches, maintenance consultations, and actual hands-on mechanic involvement. This project is very important in informing the public about the history of aviation.

Unfortunately, the wife of a long time member of our group died on October 13<sup>th</sup>. On October 16<sup>th</sup> there was a Rosary ceremony in Sunnyvale for **Alice Frisch**, wife of **Gerald Frisch** (SFOGA). **Jerry**, everyone sends his thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

**Billie Cramb**, **Lynn Buchholz**, **Ted Boone**, **Phil Moorhead**, **Claire Eber**, and **Jacqueline & Larry Tulee** are our members who will be adding Birthday Cheer to their Holiday Festivities. **Claire** has a Christmas Eve birthday, and **Jacqueline** was born on Christmas Day!

### Calendar

Every Friday - 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino across from Home Depot) 9:00 am

**December 9** - December Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara

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A small group of us met at the Old Mill Café in Modesto, with hosts **Bobby & Eleanor Wood**. The meeting was opened by President **Bob Brooks** with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes appear in the newsletter, and no corrections were noted.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented his report, noting a reimbursement from last month's luncheon. It was agreed that it would be too much trouble to try to give back to individuals (it would amount to a little over a dollar each), and that the money should remain in the treasury. There was no dissention. Our treasury currently is a little over \$700.00, and the reports are available from the Treasurer or in the Secretary's minute's book.

The only old business was the Conference Center's lack of response to **Sandy Brooks** concerning our December meeting/party. Sandy will follow up and, if it is unavailable, will try to locate somewhere else.

There was no new business.



We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks** (209) 772-9814, for meeting information and reservations.



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Our October meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 28 members and guests. We welcomed back **Pat McEnaney** and **Joe McGhee**. **Carol Parks**, our "table decorator" donated cleverly decorated wine goblets and wine with a Halloween theme. Our 50/50 was won by **Cheryl Kinkead**. We have a new member, **Jennie Young**, who retired from SW.

Treasurer **Rich Bouska** gave his report and we are in excellent fiscal condition. He will be accepting membership renewal at the November meeting.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

### **Calendar:**

**December 8** – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection – Zio Fredo's, Pleasant Hill

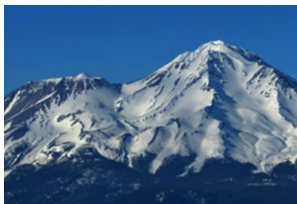
**January 12** – El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill

**February 9**

**March 9**

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What beautiful fall weather we are having! I really love the colors in Northern California this time of year. Just a reminder, our meeting will be held Sat. December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Simontons' house. It will be a joyous Christmas gathering. Everyone is looking forward to seeing each other again.

**Merritt & Klaren Odor** have volunteered to write about their adventure many years ago. It is titled "The Daughter Left Behind".

As an employee of United Airlines, Merritt & Klaren felt blessed by the unique opportunity of world travel, an extremely generous byproduct of Merritt's employment. Merritt had two children when Klaren & Merritt were married, Gary age 11 and Lorie age 9. As written at that time in the benefits package, children of United employees lose their flying benefit at the age of 18.

As young children, Gary and Lorie always wanted to go to a theme park or Hawaii for the vacations. As a result they visited every theme park across the country and every island in the Hawaiian Islands more than a few times.

When Gary was approaching 18, they had traveled the US but never internationally. The family felt it was the right time to venture overseas. Merritt & Klaren told the children that for the vacation that year they would travel to London, England and take the children's grandparents with them. Merritt's parents were excited, Merritt & Klaren were excited, Gary was excited but Lorie could not bear to leave her boyfriend so she was left behind as the family embarked on their overseas adventure.

As they were waiting in the airport, they wondered "when we board the airplane will we turn left into first class or to turn right into economy." Because their party number was 5, you guessed it; they turned right.

Merritt had made the right planning decisions which included staying at the George Washington Hotel. George being a distant Uncle of Klaren's seemed an omen of good luck for their stay in London. As it turned out it was centrally located and they were able to walk to many of the sights they wanted to see. Merritt, Klaren and Gary walked the streets after dinner each day which can be a dangerous endeavor as the traffic flows differently than at home. When crossing an intersection, instead of looking to your left, you should be looking to your right for the oncoming cars. When you look to the right for you should really be looking left. Left, right, it took a while to remember the correct direction to look.

As they walked, Klaren looked down a right hand street and in her mind's eye she could see ladies of the previous century walking with a gentleman, arm in arm wearing just the right period attire. The woman with long satin and lace dresses, the gentlemen in top hats and tails. It occurred to Klaren just how small the world truly is. The same moon was shining down on them at that moment as did centuries before or at home; the same breeze in her hair. Klaren was left with a sense of being and of where she came from and that over the years of time there had been nothing new about their human experience.

When they visited the Tower of London, they could see right before them, scratched out with some crude implement on the stonewall, the name and date of some poor soul waiting his beheading. Below them out the window to the left; the burial site of Anne Boleyn, one of King Henry the VIII wives, and to the right, the suite of rooms Sir Walter Raleigh was confined to for some supposed slight to the sitting King. In the room housing the crown jewels, they saw sparkling diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. Everywhere was the sparkle of precious gems.

Of course the first time visit to London must include Buckingham Palace the Queen's London residence and the London residence of all the Royals before her. As they watched the changing of the guards, Klaren had thoughts of "why is the royal Palace so ugly!"

In the mornings, they all went to a large room in the basement of their hotel for breakfast. What an experience! The food was arranged in a buffet style and offered many of the English favorite food. Bangers, cottoled eggs, etc. and lots of delicious fruits, breads, butter, and different jams. After finishing the meal one morning, Merritt announced that everyone would be going to Harrods. Klaren asked what that was. Merritt explained that it was one of the most famous stores in England. Klaren was embarrassed that she was exposing her country upbringing and tried to appear happy to spend a good part of their precious days in London in a department store; how boring!

Well, as anyone who has visited Harrods knows, the word department store can't come close to describing Harrods. As they pulled up in front of Harrods in a taxi, she looked down a right hand side street and saw a row of limousines letting off the privileged in a special side door. For all Klaren knew, it could have been Princess Diana.

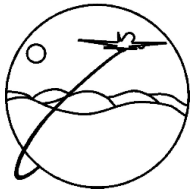
Harrods is a several stories high offering everything from soup to nuts, one floor devoted to food products, one floor for clothing and coats, one for perfumes and etc. In the millinery section, Gary and Klaren were enjoying themselves trying on hats when a staunch proper English woman came over and asked them to leave. Who knew the English take their hats so seriously. Thank goodness Merritt was in another department with his parents when Gary and Klaren got kicked out of the hat department.

By the time they left England to return home, they had all experienced so many laughs and awe inspiring moments to count. Upon boarding the plane for the US, again they turned right into economy.

While flying home, it occurred to Klaren how much historical and cultural growth they had all experienced and most importantly, fellowship of family and how much loss "the daughter left behind" experienced.

#### Calendar:

**December 6** - Thursday at 11:30 A.M. at **Bill & Sharon Simonton's** house. Hope to see you there!

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#### Submitted by Harold Mitchell

We had 23 members attend this month's meeting along with 2 guests, **Larry & Phyllis Snavelly** from the Las Vegas area, at the Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville, CA. Also in attendance were **Bob & Michiko Allen, Har-**

**old & Barbara Mitchell, Frank Uhl, Rich & Mary Dabbert, Bob Zweighardt, Louis Pell, Rudolph Arsaga, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Robert & Ellie Ewald, Robert Zirzow, Stewart McCale, Ed Meadows, Allan Pochop, Eugene Boyce, Charles Johnson and Richard Cox.**

The meeting was kicked off by President **Allan Pochop**. **Eileen Gardner** and **Louis Pell** celebrated their birthdays this month. We discussed next month's luncheon at The City Bar and Grill. **Allan** also passed around the menu selection for everyone to choose from.

**Allan** again encouraged all of our members to contact the United Benefit Center Help Desk, 800-651-1007, regarding their eligibility for retiree life insurance. Some members have already and found out that it will be received at a later date. (TTBD) Time to Be Determined. If you don't know about it and don't use it, it's like throwing money away. He also reminded us about the new phone number, 1-877-825-3729, United is making available to reach frequently used services.

**Harold Mitchell** passed around a "Solano County Veterans Check List" to all the veterans at the meeting. The check list is meant to make things easier for anyone taking care of arrangements of a veteran when he/she passes. It tells you all the pertinent information needed and has all the local phone numbers, addresses and web site contact information already filled out. He also has a "Veterans Check List" available with the information minus the local contacts if anyone wants a copy. He can be reached @ [workdoc777@aol.com](mailto:workdoc777@aol.com).

**Allan** reminded everyone that the SFO retiree parking area has only 108 spaces. Parking outside of those areas will result in your car being towed. The Security Department can be reached @ 650-634-7010 by retirees up to 24 hours in advance and parking passes can be picked up at the main lobby for no more than 21 days of parking. No exceptions. Parking is not allowed during shift change hours of 0530-0630, 1330-1430 and 2130-2230.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **Robert Ewald**. **Eileen Gardner** won a nice Avon Porcelain Figurine which was donated by **Allan Pochop**. **Rich Dabbert** donated a bottle of Rose Wine which was won by **Diosnel Perez**. **Bob Allen** once again donated a wine bottle with lights in it and it was won by **Frank Uhl**.

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Happy Thanksgiving! Yes, fall has arrived in Denver. We met on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Training Center. We had a great turnout, a total of 45 attendees. Guests were **Tom & Sandie Worsham**. Since about 15 members of our group were in San Diego for the RUAEA conven-

tion, it was great to catch up with everyone. Thanks to **Harriet Ahr** for hosting last month's meeting.

**Tom Goodyear**, our president, shared the happenings from the convention. We were at the Town & Country Hotel, Mission Valley. The local tours were great and well received. Our evening entertainment was outstanding with raffles, happy hours, and a Polynesian cultural performance. The benefits panel presentation was very popular and followed by break out sessions with each "vendor" for questions.

**Tom Goodyear** gave our get well list. **Doris Hall**, recovering from a car accident. She has improved but will still need additional surgery. She would love to hear from you, cards and phone calls to 1616 E. 78<sup>th</sup> #152, Denver, CO 80229, (303) 288-6261.

**Roy Rardin**, fell and had several stitches. His address is 15461 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. 80011.

**Virgil Gooselaw**, fell this last week and showed up glowing with a couple of black eyes. It was a deep cut, and many layers with 23 stitches in his forehead.

**GT Norris**, DENCS, has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain aneurysm. He is under hospice care.

We had sad news of the passing of **Dick Hunt**, DENMM, details of service unknown at this time. **Jean Kidera**, Dr. Kidrea's wife passed away in August.

We were reminded that it is open enrollment time for our medical choices for 2015. Flying Together is the best resource or you may call 1-800-651-1007. It is also a good time to check on your benefits that you earned as a United employee, such as life insurance. A lot of questions came up, and it is something that may be different for everyone, depending on when you retired and what contract was in effect at the time. So check your benefits. For our pass travel benefits, the RUAEA website has helpful information for travel and discounts.

It was brought to our attention that the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA could use some additional funds. Our chapter voted to give a donation of \$500. We want to honor those who died so valiantly while doing their jobs.

Our 50/50 raffles were won by **R. Bottomley**, DEN, **Burt Dietel**, DEN, **Paul Miller**, DENMM (2 times), **Ray Shoults**, DENMM, and **Gene Sibley**, DENMM. All returned their winnings to the chapter. Thank you so much! We are still collecting aluminum for recycling. Therefore, we have not had to collect any dues.

Our Christmas luncheon will be December 10, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver CO. The cost is \$20 per person. The choice of entrees will be Baked Ham, Roast Turkey, or Home Baked Meat Loaf, along with garden salad, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter, and NY style cheesecake for dessert. There will be a cash bar. Your payment/reservation needs to be mailed to **Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354**, no later than **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Hope to see everyone there! Please bring your Toys for Tots, 4 to 8 year old children, to the luncheon. The toys will be given to the children with the Fantasy Flight in Denver.

#### Calendar:

**November 15** - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens

**December 6** - Breakfast meeting at DENTK 8:30

**December 10** - Christmas luncheon at Holiday Inn Select

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We had a huge turnout of 24 today! It was great to see **Rick Johnson** back since he has been away for awhile. He expressed his thanks to **Bobbie Rieck** for sending him a letter encouraging him to come out to be with us. He also challenged President **Dick Coughlin** to a joke telling contest. The ballots are still being counted.

In addition to our regulars we welcomed 2 guests: **Bobbie Rieck's** daughter **Cheryl Van Berkel** and **Gloria Marcantoni's** friend **Mary Dynako**. They both enjoyed our Friendly Skies hospitality!

We honored our birthday celebrants **Larry Horton**, **Marion Johnston** and **Penny Logan** with our perfectly arranged rendition of Happy Birthday. And **Bud Gammill** proudly passed his 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being hired by United. 1960 was a very good year for United Air Lines!

**Penny Logan** provided us with a treasurer's report and **Lillian Moddle** won the 50/50. I believe dinner will be on her tonight.

President **Dick Coughlin** talked about benefit elections for 2015, Wi-Fi service, a baking competition, Hertz Car Rental partnering with United again, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter profits, increased capacities, and other miscellaneous United news events.

We have our plans finalized for our Christmas luncheon and you are cordially invited. Thursday, December 4, 12:30 pm, Smyrna Yacht Club, 1201 S. Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168, (386) 427-4040. They will provide a set menu of prime rib, starch, vegetable, and pie a la mode. The price is \$25.95 per person including tax and tip. Cash or credit cards at the Yacht Club will be accepted. As always, guests are welcome! We need to give them a final count by **November 17** so please e-mail **Dick Coughlin** ASAP at [icormondl@aol.com](mailto:icormondl@aol.com).

Have a safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving! See you in December!

#### Calendar:

**December 4** - 12:30pm - Smyrna Yacht Club 1201 S Riverside Dr, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168, (386) 427-4040.





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We had quite a lively group of forty-two members and guests at our luncheon, but it sounded like eighty! Sure was a fun time! There were big welcomes for members we hadn't seen in awhile: **Richard & Marjorie Vinson, Jim Feeney, Chris Hess, Jim Weeks, Bob Duszynski, Corky Peterson, and Carol Woods**, along with two future Real McCoys from up in Clermont - **Marie Aiello** (JFK/MIA/FLL) and **Tracie Ruffolo** (FLL/MCO).

Plans were finalized for our December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Luncheon at Bonefish Grill and the reservations and monies were collected by **Linda Agnello** in our treasurer's absence. Many thanks, Linda, for a job well done!

**Tom Cannata** and **Al Fields** had visited both **Stu Hunter** and **Don Ulman** at Winter Park Memorial Hospital recently. As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, Don has moved to Life Care Center of Orlando, 3211 Rouse Road, 32817, for rehab. Stu will likely be starting chemo again soon. **David Lighty** is improving since his surgery. Please, please keep these guys in your daily prayers.

Our November Guys and Gals celebrating birthdays include: **Patti & Monty Clark, Jim Feeney, and Tom Deckrow**. And leading the Wedding Anniversary Couples: **Jim & Audrey Weeks**, celebrating 57 years and **Charlie & Sharon Ringer** clocking 22 years. Lots of future happiness to all of you!

And, as always, prayers of healing and strength for all our members and their families.

### Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

**December 2** - Christmas Lunch at the Bonefish Grill – RSVP required



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We had a wonderful turnout with lots of new faces at our first Sand Dollar luncheon of the season, October 9. It was so pleasant sitting outside at the Beach House at Bradenton Beach. We welcomed back **Eunice Bruton**. Her husband, John, who died a few years ago, worked at JFKPV. She told us that she was the first Treasurer of our group when the Sand Dollars first started, but couldn't remember the year. We know it's been at least since 1998, because **Pat Trice** mentioned he's been attending since

then. Pat has done a wonderful job of keeping the group together. We were sad to learn **Jim Goodwin** has taken a fall and has been in rehab the entire summer. He is now home, but having a difficult time walking. **John Larson** is experiencing health problems, according to his wife, **Gene**, and they don't expect to be able to attend meetings anymore. We will miss them!

Our attendance drawing winner was **Kay Frye**, but she was not there; thus, the money stays in the treasury and we increase it next month to \$20. We collected \$86 for our 50/50 drawing. Winners were: First ~ **Morris Emigh** (\$20), Second ~ **Barry Brynjolfsson** (\$15), and Third ~ **Dick Bulin** (\$8). We thank **Gretchen Bulin** and **Alice Parker** for selling the tickets.

Our new, first time members attending on October 9: **Bob & Shirley Adams** (SFOFO), **Will Collins** (ORDFO), **Kathy Deibel** (DCASW), **Morris & Sherry Emigh** (MIAFO), **Nancy Gibbs**, (LAXSW), **Paul & Shelly Grossman** (MCOOZ), **Roy King** (SFOFO), **Judy Macklin** (TPAOZ), **Don & Elsie Spahr** (DTWFH), **Michael & Sylvia Wedge** (SFOFO), **Bob** (WHQGQ) & **Lisa** (TPACS) **Young**, and **Betty Woods White** (PHLTO). A hearty welcome to all, and we hope to see you in November and coming months!

We celebrate birthdays in October: **Brookie Ritchie** (1), **Ted Mavis** (3), **Joanne Wasser** (5), **Carol Cerimele** (9), **Bob Young** (12), **William Macklin** (22), **Linda Expinosa** (23), **Barbara Meadows** (31). In November, we have **Lou Balestra** (4), **Paul Grossman** (7), **Kay Frye** (19), **Joanne Bauman** (20), **Betty Woods White** (23), **Shirley Grossman** (28) and **Roger Ratz** (29).

We also celebrate Anniversaries for **Tony & Carol Cerimele** (50<sup>th</sup> on 10/17), **Harvey & Vivian Rucker** (55<sup>th</sup> on 10/23), and **Tim Sherer & Janice Ballard** on 10/29. Congratulations to all!

We are thrilled with the increase in our membership, but as they say "The More The Merrier!" We welcome all visitors and new members. And whether you celebrate with turkey or football or both, may it be with those you love. Happy Thanksgiving to All!

### Calendar:

**December 11** - Christmas luncheon, 11:30 at Peridia Golf and Country Club. This is our only pre-order/prepay event.

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Our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was called to order at 10:30am by our President, **Beverly Alderdice**. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

**Mary Judd** went to Norfolk to visit family. She said the flights were bumpy due to the storms in the Dulles area. **Bob Lindstrom** kept us current on what is happen-

ing at United. **Terri Breslin** gave us some info on our upcoming Holiday party. It will be a buffet with all the trimmings. Heritage Springs will be doing the decorating.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Springs club house. Meeting at 11am and Buffet at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.



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Our meeting was attended by 22 Members and one guest. The guest is a dear friend of **Paul & Diane Liebisch**, **Al & Janice Popek** and **Barbara Dodenhoff**; he was **Thomas Merz** who hails from Berlin, Germany. Welcome back Thomas, good to see you again.

**Diane Liebisch** came to the meeting but was unable to join us in our meeting room since she fell down some stairs while visiting her daughter who lives in Nevada. Diane did a number on her ankle and they had to put it together like a puzzle with plates and pins. One by one, members went into the dining room to wish her well. Unfortunately, she is looking at a very long recovery. We will all keep you in our prayers.

**Al Popek** brought the meeting to order and explains the costs and two other locations for the Christmas/Holiday Party, a vote was taken and Wahoo's won. The members were also given the option to vote on the early part of December or later part of December and December 15 was set for the date. An email invitation will be sent to those members who have a computer and a mail in for those that do not have a computer.

Please make sure to send your \$10.00 dues to **Diane Liebisch** with a check made payable to her, the deadline to receive the dues is December 12. Also make sure you call **Al Popek** no later than December 12 to advise him who is attending the party.

**Ron Brodis** won the 50/50 and **Truman Barber** won the Progressive but since Truman was not in attendance, the funds are rolled back for next month's drawing.

**Mari Hirjak** had a stroke and we all keep her in our prayers for a speedy and complete recovery. **Judith Frage** is very ill and she too, needs our prayers.

Birthdays for the month of December are **Dick Knapp** (12/2), **Artie Frage** (12/15), and **Mullie Rossi** (12/28). Happy Birthday to all!

Anniversaries for the month are **Jack & Glenda Boisseau** (12/1), **Chris & Herb Brousseau** (12/14). Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations are in order for the Board Members for 2015-2016: President ~ **Al Popek**, Vice President ~ **Bob Langevin**, Treasurer ~ **Diane Liebisch** and Secretary ~ **M. Jane Kerr**.

We want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember today is a present, tomorrow is unknown so Live, Laugh and Love; the clock is ticking.

### Calendar:

No regular meeting in December

**December 15** - Christmas/Holiday Party - 6PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

**January 7** - Luncheon/Meeting - 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

**February 4** - Luncheon/Meeting - 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

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Dixie Flyers gathered together to socialize, have lunch and talk about what used to be good times at UAL. There was not much travel in Oct., except **Sybil Voss** who attended RUAEA Convention in SAN. She did an excellent job reporting on the fun that was had by all on tours, and sightseeing. That chapter should be commended on doing such a fine job, and she reported next year's Convention will be held in PIT.

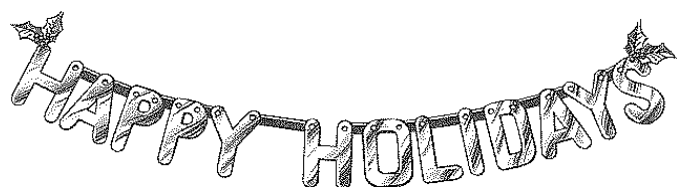
**Bill Elk** and **Sully Sullivan** worked in PIT many years ago. There is talk about UAL starting LAX/New Zealand service shortly, as well as bigger UAL Express planes with more seats.

The airlines collected billions of dollars from baggage fees, upgrade seat money or Frequent Flyers loss of mileage, and now mileage is rewarded by how much the traveler spent on their seat.

I can remember back in the 70's at LAS Delta con-course, **Dick Ferris** en route to Dallas spoke to **Charley Foote** and me that there would be only 4 major airlines in the future. Boy he sure hit that nail on the head.

**Fred Cron** conducted the 50/50 amounting to \$35.00 and he asked our traveling lady **Sybil Voss** to draw a number and lo and behold it was yours truly, amounting to \$17.50.

Our Flyers meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month 2 PM at the Broadway Diner, 535 Glynn St. S. Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628, ya'll come now hear?



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Can it really be November already? Most of the beautiful red leaves have dropped from our maple tree. Boise is sometimes called the city of trees. David & I didn't return from the convention till October 11. We visited with several friends and family members, first in Arizona, then in southern California, and lastly in the San Francisco area, choosing to drive the coastal highway - way prettier than the freeway! As for the convention, it was great! The first impression as we arrived Thursday and checked in was the beauty of the surroundings - a setting that will be hard to match! The weather was perfect throughout. It was evident that a great lot of planning had preceded our arrival! We wished that more of our group could have joined us. **Roni Adams** enjoyed being again with fellow flight attendants. After eating at the on-site restaurant Friday morning, David headed for the Chapter Presidents' meeting and I, the Correspondents' meeting. We were asked to encour-

age all new local members to join RUAEA. For both of us, it was a time of sharing activities of our local groups, as well as speaking of ways to interest more retirees to join us. Following that, David & I joined those going on the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier/Harbor Excursion. Interestingly, we found the exact A3D bomber on which one of our Boise friends was crew chief during Viet Nam. David called to let Bill know that we were standing beside it. Following that, we both learned so much as we listened to the captain and 1<sup>st</sup> officer on our luncheon cruise. That evening we all gathered in the Tiki Pavilion Courtyard to enjoy a Fiesta Get Together. Saturday's schedule, as usual, requires good listening skills! On the docket: RUAEA Business Meeting, Benefits Panel Presentation, Benefits Breakout Session, from 8:30 to 3:15. After all that, I think you know that everyone was ready for the last on the list: the RUAEA Banquet in the Tiki Pavilion Courtyard - great food and Polynesian entertainment.

The following Gems met together October 14: **Pat & Bud Peters, Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan, Shirley & Rick Dempsey, Denny Snyder, Shirley & Charlie Perkins, and Carol & David Adams.** We're hoping for a good turnout at our next meeting, our annual Christmas party.

It is with great sadness that we have recently lost two of our United friends: **Marian Louise Watson Odom**, suddenly on September 19, and **Don Behrendt**, October 23. Marian served as a flight attendant, BOIRR, BOICS, and lastly, as a volunteer at the information desk. Don's career included 39 years with UAL, beginning in Omaha, NE. Sales positions with United took the family to southern California (Fountain Valley and Temecula), as well as Phoenix, AZ. Shortly before retirement, he was transferred to Boise, where they were able to be closer to children and grandchildren.

Bud & Pat were away from home during August and September. They shared with us: "In August, we took our annual trip to Montana to visit a friend we have known since 1969. It was a bittersweet trip this year, as his wife passed away last September. We became best friends when we bought our first home right across the street from them in 1969. We moved in the day they made the first moon landing. Bob retired as a DC-10 captain flying SFO-OGG, so we had a lot in common, working for UAL. It was a good trip, except for the weather. This was the first time we visited Montana in August where it was too cold to wear shorts or do any fishing. We still had fun visiting Yellowstone and enjoying their ranch in Big Sky. In September, we got together with Pat's high school friends for their annual get together, this time in beautiful Bend, OR. The weather was perfect as was seeing very dear friends again. If you love the outdoors, and have never been to Bend, you really should visit. Hiking, biking, rafting, golf - it's all available in a drop dead gorgeous setting. One of Pat's friends who lives in Pollock Pines, CA was unable to get back to their home because of the King Fire. After bunking with friends for five nights, and not sleeping very well, they were finally allowed back in. The fire stayed



away from their home, and the only thing lost were the contents of the fridge and freezer. We were very fortunate here in Idaho, a very light fire season this year.

#### Calendar:

**December 9** - Meet at Jaker's at 1:30. Eat at 2:00, 3268 E. Pine Ave, Meridian

### ILLINOIS

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December? How did that happen? I don't remember July! I do remember February, it was cold and depressing. Let's try to remember all the good times we had with our friends and family in 2014. At least you're here and reading this column. And we did enjoy ourselves, especially if we attended the UA breakfasts and lunches. You really should join us sometime; it's almost like being at work again, but with no deadlines, and no cranky bosses scrutinizing our every move or hearing our outside signs of happiness.

Speaking of food, our Northsider's breakfast had about 20 people. **John Pasakarnis**, ORDCG, gave out some 2015 calendars. There was lots of conversation about the convention in SAN, the Aetna insurance coverage, AND cost. Our health is always a concern, back problems and diseases that we can't win the battle with. Always sad to hear of our friends with serious problems. The convention was attended by about 400 people, sounds like it was a huge success. Next year the convention will be held in PIT, from September 23-26. If you don't want to try flying, it's only about a 9 hour ride. Get a few people together, that you can stand to be in a car with for 9 hours, and go. You're bound to have a special few days in PIT. You can encourage your friends to join RUAEA. They can look up [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org) and apply over the computer, or they can call (303) 780-5022, and get the information from the RUAEA office in DEN. Without members, there is no RUAEA, conventions, or Newsletter with all of the UAL news. That means I would be out of a job as your correspondent. You wouldn't want to put a nice little old gray-haired lady out of work, would you? Please sway those friends of yours to join. Stop giving them your copy to read. Tell them, "To stay in the zone, get your own"

Our ORDMM breakfasts brought in some interesting guests. At the MM Thursday get together at Maxfield's, who walked in but Dick Durbin and Michelle Mussman, Democratic candidates for Senator and State Rep. What a surprise. They did their politicking, handshaking and gave promises for a better Illinois. Dick and Michelle did win

their elections; it must have been because of all those IAM mechanics. **Ken Orzolek** is going in for hernia surgery. **Phil Derbas**, now living in Arizona, passed away, after a lingering illness. **Gwen & Dave Detwiler**, visiting from Connellsville, PA, dropped in to our Ops Mgr Friday breakfast, at Elly's in Elk Grove. We had about 14 people present to see him and talk over old times. It was great to see them after so many years.

Our Southsider's breakfast was a special tribute to the life of **Rudi Maki**, EXOCT. There were 27 people that joined his family, **Diane**, **Bob** and **Derek Wilkin**. They welcomed us at Jedi's in Oak Lawn. Along with our regular group were, **Sue & Bill Adams**, CHIRR and ORDCG/FF, **Ed Hoogakker**, a newbie, ORDCG/FF, **Bonnie & Ed Meyer**, EXOCT, more newbies, **Jose Morales**, Rudi's neighbor, **Ron Smolen**, good friend, and his favorite dance partner, **Mary Ann Dusza**. Thanks to Mary Ann and **Marge Caliendo**, we had been kept up to date with Rudi's condition. **Derek**, Rudi's nephew, read the touching homily that the minister spoke at Rudi's funeral in Hibbing, MN. Many told stories of Rudi's escapades and generosity. No doubt, his niece and her family could tell of our love for **Rudi**. Our raffle was won by **Ron Smolen**, **Bill Adams**, **Bill Brookins**, **Mary Brandt**, and **Marge Caliendo**. **Tom Hurley** said he'd bring in pictures next month of his trip to Italy. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** are spending her birthday in LAS this month. There must be slot machines in LAS, think so?

Other breakfasts that are held in the area include, ORDCG, third Tuesday of the month, at Maxfield's, in Schaumburg. CHIRR has a breakfast on the first Saturday, at Tiffany's, in Park Ridge. ORDCS has a lunch on the second Tuesday, at TGIF, in Schaumburg. I understand there are other get-togethers, but I'm not sure of the days and places. If you know the information, I'd appreciate a call or email. It would be so nice to get more people to come together and reacquaint with old friends. Staying UNITED is our goal.

**Katy & John Koehl**, celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their first great grandchild in July. They were married in DEN, he also worked in SFO and EXO. John & Katy had four children, and seven grandchildren. He claims they aren't as agile as they once were but are doing pretty well for a couple of octogenarians. Congratulations to both of you. Many more, please!

Computer users, don't forget to change your password often, and don't use the same password for all your websites. Don't make it easy for those hackers to steal your information. Write it down.

United Passings include **Janice Minton** and **John Ira Smith**, ORDSW, **Greg Couper**, ORDCS, **Dolores Gibson**, CHIRR, and **John Angleson**, CHIKX, part of the Unimatic and ESS Messaging System. Also gone is one of the most talented designers ever, Oscar de la Renta. Multi-talented man that made a woman look and feel like a woman. He was a personal friend of my Aunt Gen. I have a scarf he gave her, I'm very honored to have something he designed.

Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza and a very happy and healthy 2015, to one and all. And to all, a good night. We'll keep having more new years until we get it right!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**January 14**). Second Tuesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 30**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**March 25** - Spring Luncheon, The Cotillion, Rt. 14 and Creekside Drv., Palatine, 1200 P.M.

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Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2015. **Mario Bregante** was elected President; **Margie Bregante**, VP; **Dimple Rihel** was re-elected Treasurer; **Hannelore Brabo** was re-elected Secretary; and **Rita Prins** was elected Correspondent for the RUAEA Newsletter. **Mario**



& **Margie** are pictured with **Pete Romas** (left), owner and manager of Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, with some of the "Toys for Tots" donations that came in during our October

meeting. The Indy Racers have been supporting the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program for eight years. For the past couple of years, **Romas**, has allowed the Racers to place a "Toy" collection box in his restaurant where the Racers meet. During the six weeks the collection box is in place, customers of the restaurant generously help the Racers fill the donation box with gifts that are delivered to the Marine Corp in November for distribution to underprivileged children at Christmas.

Members attending our October meeting were: **Ray & Hannelore Brabo**, **Mario & Margie Bregante**, outgoing VP **Wanda Bryce**, **Jack & Carol Conway**, **Jim Gibson**, outgoing president **Chris Johnston** and outgoing correspondent **Shary Johnston**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Dimple Rihel**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**.

Treasurer **Dimple Rihel** reported that our treasury had a balance of \$754.33 including \$50 in cash on hand and \$200 in the Memorial Fund.

**Jim Gibson** agreed to contact members who were not at the October meeting to see if they would be attending our November Holiday Party which features a choice of Filet Mignon, Beef, Chicken or Seafood Kabobs, a salad or soup, side dishes, desert and non-alcoholic beverages for \$15. **Wanda Bryce** won \$27.50 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the organization. In other drawings, **Rita Prins** won a scented candle, **Hannelore Brabo** won holiday potpourri, **Jack Conway** won casino themed beer cozies, **Dimple Rihel** won a 2015 calendar, and **Wanda Bryce** won a bag of Halloween candy and cocktail napkins. During the meeting, we voted to again donate \$100 to the local United Service Organization (USO) where some of our past Indy Racers have volunteered their time. The USO is a nonprofit organization that provides programs, services and live entertainment to United States troops and their families. Since 1941, it has worked in partnership with the Department of Defense (DOD), relying heavily on private contributions and on funds, goods, and services from various corporate and individual donors. Although congressionally chartered, it is not a government agency. The USO operates 160 centers worldwide.

We are wishing **Rita Prins** and **Charles Theiss** speedy recoveries from their recent surgeries.

Indy Racers celebrating December birthdays are **Margie Bregante** (12/6) and **Dennis Hall** (12/26). Congratulations are extended to **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** who will celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary 12/21. Also celebrating a wedding anniversary are **Ralph (Bud)** and **Elly Barnett** on 12/19.

Calendar:

**December 9** – Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon IN 47123. Lunch and informal card playing are available at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 2:30 p.m.

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No November meeting, so no meeting news. However, in the October meeting we discussed moving next year's meetings from Tuesdays to alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays. We'll ask members for a vote at the Christmas luncheon.

Our own **June Alberino**, enjoyed a riverboat cruise on the Seine from Paris to Normandy, with stops and excursions along the way. The ultimate destination, the D-day Normandy Beaches! She said the Avalon Creativity boat had a limited number of passengers, great service and the most wonderful French cuisine. It was great to just relax

without all the activities of large ships. June extolled her best trip and a wonderful mode of peaceful transportation. I'm jealous June! As some of you know, June sold her house and moved into the Hunt Adult Community. She says it's like living in a fine hotel, without worrying about mowing, snow shoveling, or repairs. Hey, I'm almost ready for that!

**Yvonne Fucci** has a new grandson, Gavin Thomas O'Sullivan, born October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proud grand mom doesn't think her offspring will allow him to attend one of our luncheon meetings. Maybe in time! **Lucinda Suga**, BOSCS, BOSSW, attended our last lunch and is now our newest Nor'Easter. Welcome Lucinda!

**Charlie Enos** suffered a stroke on October 20<sup>th</sup>. He had been hospitalized, is now home from rehab and doing well. All the cards from the Nor'Easters brightened his day. **Paulette** advised, "*We're taking it one day at a time*".

**Helmut Umbley** has been visiting **Bill Shailor** regularly. He said, with the aid of a walker, Bill walked for the first time since May. Bill's mental attitude has been fine and he is looking forward to going to his son's home for Thanksgiving.

Austin's sister passed away on October 30<sup>th</sup>. I know she resided in Maine, however, I didn't get any particulars.

A correction on last month's installment; I listed **Frank DeSteffano** as winner of a bottle of Champagne. Actually the winner was our Treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal**. Sorry Bill!

A reminder, **Joan Twing** has set up a face book account for Nor'Easter members. The sight is about us and will have pictures from meetings. She will send out E invitations again for those who haven't responded. Reminder, this page is not open to public view, members only. Come, give it a look!

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

December's anniversaries ~ None, wow!

#### Calendar:

**December 2** - Christmas luncheon, Jimmy's Steer House, Saugus, MA

No meetings planned for January, February & March 2015

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12 Escapees and one guest; **Lynn Manzi** gathered at Mexican Fiesta, in Dearborn Heights, November 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Camille & Bill Wade**.

9 Escapees enjoyed a delightful day in Clare, MI with our "Up North Lunch Bunch" on October 9. We met at the

Daugherty Hotel that even claims to have a resident ghost. We did not get a chance to meet him (or her). It could be that it was getting ready for the big Halloween week end. Maybe next time!

Love & Prayers to **Bob LeFebvre** who took a spill and has been in and out of hospitals and rehab facilities for the last 4 months. He is doing much better and has found a new living arrangement in a senior community in Grosse Pointe (Sunrise Assisted Living), 1850 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. General Phone: (313) 642-2000.

#### Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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There was a pretty small group in October for a variety of reasons ~ only 20 made it to lunch that day. More on that in a bit. We welcomed **Bonnie Doberstein**, recently retired from MSP. We'd hoped to see a few more of those forced (perhaps) to take early retirement with the downsizing going on, but perhaps next month. The party at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Grill for them and those who now get to work part time instead of full time was well-attended.

We were happy to see that **Diane Storlie** was able to join us that day. Her health issues are a pain, but she's a spunky girl and there's a good reason her middle name is "Grit". **Lee** reported that their wonderful neighbors have taken over the autumn lawn work so that he can be available to help **Diane**.

Reasons for the small group?

- **Al & Mary Kilian** had to miss because he's still not been given the go-ahead to drive.
- **Nel Brawner** was busy having carpal-tunnel surgery.
- **Gundersons, Lyle & Sonja** were, I think, off on another bus trip, and **Al** usually comes with them.
- **Jo Ayres** had to take her pup to the vet, poor thing. The dog, not Jo. **Bud** made it, though.
- **Judy Caflisch** decided not to come because she rides with **Jo Ayres**. **Tom** made it, though, because he rides with **Bud**.

**Diane Storlie** told us about a new book she'd been reading. "Flight 232" by Lawrence Gonzales, a collection of eye-witness accounts of UAL's flight 232 which crashed in Sioux City. She said it's very graphic in some places and made her very emotional to read about the horror the survivors experienced.

The 50/50 raffle (which at Northern Lites gatherings are *never* truly 50/50) had five winners of \$10 each ~ **Dick**



**Haag, Donna Gray, Marty Arnold, Jim Brennan and Tom Cafilisch.** The birthday roll-off had only two October babies, **Connie (moi) & Rich Glattly.** He hadn't made the 2-hour trip to the Cities, so the dice were rolled for him in absentia. The first roll (5) was designated to him. Then I rolled a 3 for myself! No matter, I kept his 5 bucks and put it in my gas tank.

As for a new lunch venue, we're still lookin'. Perhaps one of our members who lives in a different part of the Cities will come up with a new and different place. Buffets are nice, but a meeting room is most important. We need input from you!

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:00am at The Grand Buffet on the west side of Robert St., just north of Mendota Road in West St. Paul. (For the time being...)

## NEBRASKA



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Thanks to **Gary Procopio** and **Linda Chapman** for hosting our luncheon at Sons of Italy. There were 43 who enjoyed great spaghetti and we had a nice surprise when we went to pay that it was only half the price. Thanks to the chapter for picking up the other half. Since we had to cancel Lake Manawa, **Tony** thought it was appropriate to do something special for this month's luncheon. **Marilyn Weak** was missing due to complete knee replacement surgery on September 24. The 25/25/50 winners were **Tom Langan** and **Gary Procopio** each receiving \$23.00.

Congratulations to our people with November Birthdays: **Rose Langan** (8); **Marilyn Weak** (19); **Russ Meyer** (28).

**Tony** talked about Election of Officers. According to the By-Laws dated July 1981 Term of Office: "Officers not to serve more than 2 consecutive terms of 1 year each." However, By-Laws by any organization/company written that many years ago are sometimes forced to change due to situations. **Tony** has asked members be prepared to bring nominations to the next meeting for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If the people who are holding a position still want to continue, please make it known to **Tony** before the meeting.

What a Neat Story ~ **Van VanHouten** was in WWII and he returned September 18 after 12 days from a marvelous trip to France with his son, **David**, and two grandsons, **Jeremy & Joshua.** His family had planned this trip for **Van** a number of months ago and he and his family will have it in their memory books forever. Their trip started when they flew from the US to CDG "Charles de Gaulle" in Paris. They had a rental car which allowed them to tour the invasion area of France and other places **Van** had been 70 years ago! They visited the beaches of the 1944 inva-

sion, "Utah" and "Omaha" - at the Omaha Beach Landing, **Van** and his party were treated royally and he received the Medal of Honor by France (very emotional experience for **Van**). Then they went along the path taken by **Van** and his 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry - Cities of Nancy & Metz in France, plus Luxembourg and on into Belgium. Of course, there was a visit to the Normandy graves of our fallen soldiers - again a very moving experience. Along the way they met a few "Elders" who were there 70 years ago. They were overwhelmed and honored to meet **Van**. **Van** told of a Christmas dinner he was invited to 70 years ago. One of the gentlemen they had just met knew of this particular special occasion to honor the "Liberators" and he took **Van** to that same building near a big church which was the site of the Christmas Dinner of 1944. When **Van** talked of the trip, it was like it happened yesterday. I'm sure **Van** had tears in his eyes through this whole trip as he was so appreciative of his family taking him to visit the area and time of his life that meant so much to him.

**Dorothy Braden** has been in the Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs. She hadn't been feeling well for a couple of days and **Jim** wanted her to go to the doctor. It ended up she got very ill on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> and he took her to Mercy Hospital. After doing many tests she was diagnosed as having E-coli. She went home on the 8<sup>th</sup> and said she would have to continue with high dosage medication for 2-3 weeks.

### Calendar:

**December 2** - Christmas Luncheon, Anthony's at 11:00 a.m., hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

**January 6** - Golden Corral - No hosts - Buffet

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A great lunch was enjoyed by our Chapter at our October luncheon/meeting. President **Rosemarie Restivo** opened the meeting with our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Positions for President and Secretary were open, and since no one volunteered, **Rosemarie Restivo** will continue doing her great job as President. She recently returned from Chicago, where she was helping her daughter after surgery. **Christine Earl** has been handling the job of Treasurer, and also covering for me as Secretary. Talk about wearing many hats!

I gave a brief report on my attendance at the RUEA Convention in SAN. Thank you, SAN committees; you did a great job, and everyone enjoyed themselves, and appreciates your hard work. I was glad to see **Bruce & Peggy Dunkle** and **Lee & George Price** from our LAS

Chapter. Missed **Felix Cicco**; he and **Jeanie** usually attend the Conventions. Also missed seeing **Ron & Shirley Robertson** (a past President of RUAEA), **Mike & Claudia Richards**, and others.

It's always a joy to see **Marilyn Marcy**. Even though she will no longer be VP of Conventions, I'm sure she and Tom will still be very involved. Hopefully, more members will attend the Convention in PIT in 2015.

Back to LAS, discussion and plans were made for the Christmas luncheon. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced ~ **Eleanor Vasko** celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday (Sept), and **Mike's** (LAXMM) October 31 birthday with their children from CA visiting. They recently traveled to PIT to see family. Other October birthdays were **Bonnie Richardson**, **Felix Cicco** (LAXGQ) **Shirley Popp** (LAXTO), **Winnie Stone** (LASHH) and **Jim McCroy** (CHIRR). **Bruce Dunkle** has a birthday Nov. 10.

October anniversaries: **Benny & Vicky Brender** a **Brandis** (LASCS), **Jim & Arlene McCroy** (CHIRR), **Tony & MaryAnn Tricoli** (LASIP). **Lois & Max Miller** (LASCS) had an anniversary on November 5. **John Albert** (SFOPD) & **Leila** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 12. That's awesome for two wonderful people! Leila is having some health issues; I'm sure she and John would appreciate some cards at 300 Promenade #1101, Las Vegas, NV 89107.

Our 30 attendees brought great items for the raffle table, and there were many winners, a lot were multiple winners! Happy \$ winners from the 50/50 drawing were **Bob Levy**, **Winnie Stone**, and **Tony Tricoli**. Wishing everyone a Happy and thankful Thanksgiving; and a merry and blessed Christmas season.

#### Calendar:

**December 9** - Christmas luncheon, Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd.



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There were 17 members at our September meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including new members **Lynne & George McCormick**. Welcome to our group!

After some discussion among members present, it was decided that Bartley Ranch would be the site of our next picnic. Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion will need to be made early in 2015.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Barbara Leusing**, **Donna Perkins**, **Patricia Nettles**, and **Bob Hallden**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lynda Klemm**.



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Our meeting opened with a flag salute led by President **Frank Worzocha**, who asked that we hold a moment of silence for all our veterans in remembrance of Veterans Day, November 11. It was really heartening to see that we had such a large crowd at our meeting.

We gave a hearty welcome to **John Bummara** of EWR ramp service who recently retired, and has now has become a member of our chapter. Many of our members who are veterans, who still have some patriotic backbone, wore their hats to show they still have "the spirit". Frank reminded us, that we will have no meeting in November, and our next meeting will be our Christmas dinner, on December 10, 12 PM at Snuffy's. Let's try to get there a bit earlier so we can get a proper headcount. He also reminded us that the price will be \$21.

**Marty Etler** read his report for last month and again reminded everyone about "Toys for Tots" started by **Jerry Confer**. Bringing toys in will be a good way to keep his memory alive. It was also good to see **Rich Creighton** from IAM local 914. **John Murphy** gave his report, and our treasury is slowly building up, mostly because the 50/50 recipients have been returning the money. I always said our people were the most generous, well, maybe sometimes. **Dick Confer** won our 50/50, and remember, no meeting in November.

*\*Nobody knows "de stubble I've seen". Use Burma-Shave. Does anybody remember?*

#### NEW YORK

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At our October luncheon, we welcomed a friend and former co-worker, **Nora Fitzpatrick**. She got a job in reservations in 1969, shortly after arriving from Manchester, England. She worked primarily in the group department until her retirement in 1990. She now spends her time handling the estate of the late artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat, her step-son. It was wonderful seeing her and we hope she continues to grace us with her presence.

**Betty Williams** attended the Opening Night of the Metropolitan Opera, complete with long gown. She's been enjoying the opera season, as well as, American Ballet

Theater. Her September travels put her smack in the middle of the ORD Control Center fire, which resulted in a 5 hour delay in return to NYC.

**April King**, a fellow "balletomaniac", went to her 55<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in PDX. She "twirled" her way JFK-SFO in Bus/First, but was quickly brought down to earth with a middle seat in coach SFO-JFK.

**Marilyn Cheadle** had some incredibly good fortune on her last trip to LAX-Bus/First round trip! She was on-board the day the new emergency video, featuring employees, was unveiled. It seems to be much more engaging, as well as informative and entertaining.

**Marge Segal** has been kept busy with her co-op board interviews. Real estate in the Big Apple is booming. The "big ticket" item recently in Manhattan was \$56 million, for the entire 82<sup>nd</sup> floor in one of the new "skyscrapers". Purchaser, a Hong Kong billionaire - no surprise there. Back down on earth, Marge reported that a one bedroom Apt. in her building went for 657K.

**Jeanne Leo's** large family has a new addition-a great, great granddaughter! On another joyful family matter, a great nephew proposed marriage during tea at Bergdorf's. What a romantic. On a sad note, she reported the passing of a good friend, retired flight attendant, **Pauline Moreau Knurek** on October 25<sup>th</sup>. She had been residing in Panama for the last few years.

**Audrey Smolik** was in Hallettsville, TX, visiting family during the September 11<sup>th</sup> commemoration. She spoke to a high school class and was very moved to find that the students had done a great deal of research on that horrific event.

**Marlene Doran** spent Aug/Sept travelling to Lake George, West Point, and Wilmington, DE for high tea. She, Marge and Jeanne were talking about the UA/CA merger in 1961, and that Jeanne wore the UA uniform, while Marge and Marlene were in CA attire. Marlene also "revealed" that during the strike action in the 70's, she worked as a go-go dancer! Well, well, one never knows, does one?

Our next meeting is our Holiday party, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar:

**December 9** -12noon, San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061

#### NEW YORK METROS

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33 Metros and 1 guest, **Annette Miller**, attended our November luncheon on a beautiful autumn day. Some of our news is a little late, sorry, but **Elliot Olenick** passed away September 6<sup>th</sup>. I have no further details. We add him to our prayers along with all our recently departed. Also **Rocky Mongelli**, on October 21, at the age of 92. Rocky had been in the Woodbury Nursing Home for sev-

eral years. He joined his beloved Martha, who was very active member before her death. May they all rest in peace!

**Jim & Kathy Richardson** were on a trip which started in Rome, on to Sicily, with a cruise of the Greek Islands, returning to Florence. Their air part was on Alitalia which was horrendous. Jim found them rude and very unfriendly. When Jim mentioned that he had been with United, their employee said "*Then go fly on United.*" Whew!

We're missing **Roy Portelli**, **Dale Deuber** and **Cathy Dorrente** at our meetings and hope they will all be able to make our Christmas luncheon. Get your reservations in with **Dee Talochino**, all who have not done so and will attend. We need a certain number to guarantee our commitment.

**Ed Pozzi** called out for nominations for secretary but there weren't any, not even me! I think I got it by default, but it's OK. I finally found a new ribbon for my manual typewriter. Ed remains President, as does **Paul Cohen** as treasurer, and **Jim Richardson** elected Vice President.

No anniversaries but lots of birthdays: **Leo Talochino**, **Nadine Cordes**, **Carol Maley-Davis**, **Artie Wilsdorf**, **Jim Ammon**, **Lee Lack** and **Vilma Jones**. Best wishes and many more. Winners of 50/50: 1<sup>st</sup> prized to **Annette Miller**, guest of **Paul Cohen**, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize to **Ed Pozzi** and 3<sup>rd</sup> to **Jim Richardson**.

It's gotta make the news sometime, probably in Newsday, that **Paul Cohen's** brother **David** is 105 years young. Isn't that great?

Thanks for voting, thanks to our veterans on 11/11, and thanks to our blessings on 11/27. Time sure does fly (even if so many of us no longer do). I hope for a big turnout December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Milleridge Inn. Get the snow shovels out.

#### Calendar:

**December 3** – Christmas Luncheon at Milleridge Inn

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Hello to all! The year seems to be going so fast, but I guess it is because we are still waiting for some really hot and humid summer weather to complain about. Instead we are getting rain, wet basements, more rain, and flooded basements. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, we gathered at the Old School House for a fabulous luncheon buffet, with 72 members in attendance. Since we had an early start, we all had time to mingle, talk and catch up with friends. Our thanks to **John & Dolly Taucher** for hosting this month's

luncheon and taking care of all the details. We also want to thank **Tim & Gail Chaplin**, the owners of the Old School House, for serving such a wonderful buffet. It was great as always.

President **Dolly Taucher** spoke about the tragedy of September 11, 2001 which was followed by a moment of silence. Then she led us all in saying Grace.

After lunch, **Dave & Marie Placko** conducted our Fifty-Fifty. We had two winners, **Kay Webster** and **Helen Hockett**. Congratulations to both!

I am sorry to report member **Linda Bower** CLERR passed away on September 6<sup>th</sup> of a heart attack. Also, non-member **Jim Hanson** CLEMM passed away on August 11<sup>th</sup>. **Steve Pytel**, our treasurer, announced that **Linda Bower's** family requested in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to our favorite charity. We Ohio Buckeyes always donate \$25. Then **Steve** spoke about a family that he knows with a severely handicapped child and said that the officers had decided the donation would go to this family. But then the members stepped in and took up a collection for the family. I am very proud to say that the Ohio Buckeyes then sent a \$225 check to help this needy family.

**Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting stating that since 2010 we have added 80 New Members. That includes five in August: **Ben & Marilyn Bogucki**, **Dave & Peggy Ireland**, and **Eleanor Kiehl**. And one new member this month (September): **Mary Merleno**. This month we welcomed a guest, **Arlene Johnson** (**Ray Knazik's** sister) to our luncheon.

Happy Birthday to "who"? Boy, this is a first. We were ready to sing Happy Birthday to all members in attendance, but no one was here. But our guest, **Arlene Johnson**, has a September birthday. So we sang to her. Thanks Arlene for being such a good sport.

We had Two couples with an anniversary: **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste** with 47 years; and **Frank & Janet Osborne** with a big 60 years. WOW!

## OREGON

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Colorful dahlias decorated our luncheon tables for the October meeting with attendance at 65 members. It was announced that **Rosalie Betschart** was the recipient of the Jackie Jos Ceaser award for distinguished service from Clipped Wings. This award is given for fellowship and philanthropy and was founded in 1941 for stewardesses who were required to give up their positions when they married or reached a certain age. Rosalie has been involved in many organizations in the Portland area and always gives 100% of her time.

Election of officers for 2015 to 2017 was held and the following members will begin their term in January. President ~ **Dennis Cline**, Vice-President ~ **Barbara Heidegger**, Secretary ~ **Terry Hotchin**, Treasurer ~ **Rosalie Betschart**. Board of Directors: New member **Shirley Walker**. **John Donaldson** and **Harold Miller**, term expires 2016. Ex-Officio ~ **Nancy Hooper**.

Sick list: **Harold Miller** is having cataract surgery on both eyes. **Tommy Walker** who is suffering from multiple myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow in his case) is on new medication that will hopefully help in his recovery.

October anniversaries: **Audrey & Ray Walton** (55 years) and **Elaine & George Thomas**.

October birthdays: **Jack Curtis** ~ 89, **Carl Gruenberg** ~ 78, **Barbara Heidegger** ~ 81, **Juanita Null** ~ 74, **Ophelia Nunley** ~ 91, **Jim Reichert** ~ 82, **Paul Russell** ~ 74, **Linda Tracy** ~ 71 and **Tom Walker** ~ 78.

Drawing winners for a free lunch: Door Prize ~ **Jerri Blodgett**, Women's birthday ~ **Juanita Null**, Men's birthday ~ **Tom Walker** and 50/50 ~ **Patty Cox**.

Dues for 2015 can now be paid at our luncheons or sent to **Rosalie Betschart** at 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97220. They are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple.

Plans are underway for our Christmas party on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Debonnaires, a group from Parkrose High School, have been asked to sing for us and Santa Claus will join us to help with the drawing for door prizes. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with others.

### Calendar:

Meetings at Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82<sup>nd</sup>. Social Hour 11:00 AM. Lunch served at Noon

**December 10** - Christmas Party

**January 14** - Social

**February 11** - Social

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Happy Holidays to everyone. Again, a few months have passed since we were able to time our newsletter so it can get into the RUAEA Newsletter.

We have had luncheons hosted by **Wayne Widrig** at the Tin Tin Buffet in Medford, The Black Bear in Grants Pass hosted by **Marge Calkins**, **Linda Althouse** hosted the October luncheon at "The Train Depot" and our November luncheon will be at Elmers hosted by **Sonnia Appleton**.

There are so many things to tell you, where to start? We were once again joined by **Doe Popes'** granddaughters at Tin Tin; they are two of the sweetest young gals and keep us on our toes. At our annuals "Back to the 50's" in Grants Pass, **Bob Lindberg** drove his '55 Pontiac and had **Dennis Richardson** riding along who is running for Gov.



this year. **Marge Calkins** rode around with one of our choir members Dick in his '57 Chrysler. There was an Elvis impersonator at our 50's celebration that looks and sounds just like the king. If you ever have a chance to see Justin Sandor you have to see him. Look him up on Google and watch his video, The King Lives! Marge went to his show and gave him a gift so he in return gave her a scarf, I think she may have framed it, now sure. He got his start in Grants Pass so every year he returns for our "50's" celebration.

**Linda Althouse** told me about the October meeting which was attended by 12 people and one of our former members, **Joe Bango**, made a visit. Guess who once again was out of town? Ric and I were attending our friend's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party in CA and you know you are getting older when you feel as if you had just planned your own parents "50<sup>th</sup>" and now you are celebrating your best friend's "50<sup>th</sup>". Scary!

**Ric Walcha** had his knee surgery and is now playing volleyball so they have come a long ways in the knee surgery field. Our best wishes go out to **Miriam Lindberg** and **Russ Randall** who are under the weather. I know **Jane Frincke** gets this newsletter so to her "We love and miss you, Jane".

Our December luncheon/Christmas Party/quarterly meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Peggy Wright** on December 5<sup>th</sup>. If I have left out anyone or anything I am not aware of, please forgive me. It is so hard to get our letter out when it is due the day of or before our meetings. New memo to OUR Club, let's change our meeting schedule.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting did not go well. Only 15 members were present. After a nice luncheon, the Clarion hotel was evacuated and persons escorted out due to a power failure. And yours truly was so mixed up and exhausted after a 2 week vacation and UAL convention that I totally forgot about our meeting. Can it be jet lag or senior moment? We, I, must do better in the future!

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we served the visitors and some patients our annual Oktoberfest dinner. It is a privilege to do this at the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington, DE. Those helping were **Shirley Roberts**, **Al & Kathy Edwards**, **Joe & Gail Bradley**, their granddaughter **Alexandra Chambers**, **Dave & Elaine Voit** and **Joyce Lindenmuth**.

16 of us are going to the AMT in Lancaster for the Christmas. It starts the season with joy to attend the fine performance.

San Diego was a beautiful spot for the UAL convention. The Town and Country Resort had beautiful grounds, especially the palm trees and old rose bushes. Unfortunately, half of it is going to be demolished for a water park. Progress!

In addition to the members listed in last month's newsletter, **Dave & Elaine Voit** also attended the convention. The Saturday night Banquet was the highlight. It was held outdoors with a Polynesian theme. We enjoyed the tropical ambiance, the food, the music and fellowship with old and new friends including **George** from NJ. Make plans for Pittsburgh next fall.

**Ben Hain** reported the death of **John Houser**. Our sympathy to the family.

### Calendar:

**December 8** - Meeting at the Clarion in Essington at 12:30.

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Wow, it's that time of the year, Christmas, snow and resolutions. I am not ready for winter but time flies by.

The Pit-Stoppers officers held a meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> and discussed plans for our Christmas Luncheon. In attendance were **Dave Beatty**, **Phylliss Smith**, **Olga Kar-mazyn**, **Treatie Karwoski**, **Lorraine Keith** and **Jeri & Bernie Juth**. The menu was selected and venue discussed.

Treatie and Dave are co-chairs for the RUAEA 2015 convention in September. Dave discussed the urgent need for soliciting new members for our local chapter. Treatie repeated the need for new members not only locally but for the national RUAEA. All agreed to discuss this further at our next meeting.

We lost another former PIT employee in the passing of **Vince Allen** recently. Vince started his career with Capital Airlines and worked most of his forty years at Air Freight. Our condolences to Arlene and family! Send condolences to **Arlene Allen**, c/o 330 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Homestead, PA 15120-1631.

We also send condolences to **Bob Frye** and family on the recent passing of his mother, Gladys. Bob & Kaye are members of the Pit-Stoppers. Their address is 5626 Escandida Blvd. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33715.

Our December birthdays are **Bob Wagner** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Marge Morton** (12<sup>th</sup>), **Mary Jane Stewart** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Vic Ference** (23<sup>rd</sup>), and **Georgia Garcia** (24<sup>th</sup>).

To all ya lucky snowbirds - enjoy the winter and hope to see you all at the convention. Be careful of the slippery streets. Merry Christmas to all!

You are all invited to the Christmas Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup> at JW Hall's.

## WASHINGTON



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By the time this reaches you, the Emerald City Slickers will have held their last meeting for 2014, as we do not meet during December. Our November meeting falls on Veterans' Day, the 11<sup>th</sup>, and we hope to once again see **Don Hanson** and **Helen Stanger** in their World War II uniforms. The group will pay tribute to veterans everywhere. The October 14 meeting, the last for which news is available, was held at the Elks Club in Burien, near Seattle, with 49 members and guests. After recognizing our officers, Chapter President **David Jones** welcomed newly-re-elected National President **Hank Gosselin**, a Slicker himself. **Hank** spoke of the recently completed national convention in San Diego, and invited all retirees to next year's September convention in Pittsburgh. As with most organizations, RUAEA is experiencing a decline in membership (799 fewer members than in 2012), and **Hank** suggested ways to improve the numbers. Even more discouraging is that out of 6000 RUAEA members, only 500 bothered to vote in this year's election. We were pleased for the opportunity to have **Hank** with us before the snow flies and he retreats to Arizona for colder months.

It was good to see Past President **Frank & Fran McAnulty** at the luncheon. We missed another PP, **John & Addy Haferbecker**, who were visiting family in San Jose. **John & Mary Luke** were out of town dealing with his woodworking business.

Volunteers have stepped forward to take over vacated offices for the Seattle Chapter and we give special thanks to them. **Jackie Stenger** will replace 92-year-old **Helen Stanger** as treasurer. **Virginia Dice** is our new Sunshine Lady, relieving **Marlene Nelson**. Our interim *Contrails* editor, **Tom Holford**, still awaits a replacement; someone we hope will be available to take over by the end of the year.

The entire chapter sends a heartfelt vote of thanks to those who have served – most for many years – in positions necessary for the efficient operation of the RUAEA chapter in Seattle. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to seeing you on the “other side of the desk.”

**Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad** celebrate 57 years of wedded bliss in December, while **John & Mary Luke** observe #46. Congratulations to **Floyd & Jeanette Schlau**, who will be a Golden Couple marking their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Santa was busy delivering babies for several years. December birthday celebrants include **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**. Natal and Christmas greetings to all!

October door prize winners were **Phil Andersen**, **Helen Clement**, **Richard Devereux**, **Bud Dice**, **Bill Gordius**, **Jim Hafterson**, **Anita Hernandez**, **Tom Holford**, **Linda Jones**, **Gay Liesse**, **Carol Lucarelli**, **Fran McAnulty**, **Dan Miles**, **Ginger Phelan**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Ken Walters**, **Chuck Westpfahl**, and **Dona Westpfahl**. **Linda Holford** was right on the money with a 50/50 drawing win.

Note: Birthdays, anniversaries, and door prize winners will be discontinued in 2015. The November door prize winners will appear in the January issue, but they will be the last.

### Calendar:

**December** - No meeting

**January 13** - TBA

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On October 8<sup>th</sup>, a large crowd, about 70, met at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA for the monthly luncheon. The leaves are turning now and it is a beautiful time of the year to visit Virginia.

President **Linda Scriven** (IADRR/IADCS) gave a short presentation about Convention 2014 in San Diego. Over 400 retirees attended and it was a very lively event, more details will be provided very soon.

It was wonderful to see **Gloria Runkles** (IADCS) and **Kerrie Schneider** (IADCU) at the October luncheon, after some health issues, it was heartwarming to see them again. The 50/50 was won by **Dick Dillon**, husband of **Carolyn Dillon** (IADRR) and he went home \$39.00 richer!

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, a Memorial Mass was held at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Leesburg, VA to honor the retirees from NYCRR and IADRR who have passed away. The arrangements were made by **Carol Walters** and **Michelle Lyons**, both NYCRR/IADRR. In attendance were this correspondent, **Larry Knaub** (IADRR) and his wife **Wanda**, **Carol Walters** (NYCRR/IADRR) and her husband **Willard**. St. John the Apostle in Leesburg, VA is a magnificent new Catholic church, less than 2 years old, and is well worth a visit if you are in the area.

In July 2014, those intrepid world travelers **Les Lovestead** (IADCS) and his wife **Jane**, took a tour to Mongolia. They flew into Peking and then took a local airline to Ulan Bator Mongolia (ULB). The weather was very warm, but they enjoyed the rugged countryside and seeing what was happening to a remote part of the world since oil was discovered. This type of tour is only for the very fit! Les & Jane then flew to Osaka (OSA) to visit old

friends for 5 days and see a part of Japan that was new to them. They even took the famous Bullet Train to Mt Fuji! What an adventure!

It's time to honor the December Birthday babies ~ **Mari McColl** (12/2), **Dick Dillon** (12/12), **Tom Marcy** (12/14), **Jim Hartley** (12/23), **Natalie DaCunto** (12/25), **John Lyon** (12/28), **Arnold Fleek** (12/30). Many Happy Returns!

We want to wish all our United Retirees and wonderful Holiday Season and Good Health in 2015.

#### Calendar:

**December 10** - 1130am Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas, VA

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As we head into the "Holiday" season, we need to speed up our efforts to increase our membership so they can participate in all of our planned festivities. As a United Air Lines Group, we always have wonderful parties and functions during the holidays. We all support Toys for Tots and many other needy projects for the less fortunate. I know there are potential members out there who would like to join Clipped Wings and RUAEA, but we need to be diligent in locating them.

We are planning a new chapter of Clipped Wings on the Peninsula in SFO. We are so excited and need your help in locating additional Flights Attendants to become members. If you know of someone who qualifies please call me. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Hope your Thanksgiving Day was full of family, friends and great food. Now, as we proceed into the Holiday Season, I hope you are blessed with good health, happiness and a seat on every trip you stand by for!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Blessings to all!

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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 GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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### WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

#### **Bill Alenson, 4101 N. Painted Quail Dr., Tucson, AZ 85750**

My wife and I have been trying to reconnect with **Charlotte Beske**. She was my most wonderful secretary for many years in the advertising department (EXOAD/WHQAD). When she transferred to Las Vegas either CS or OZ, we lost touch. I don't know if she is a member of RUAEA, but I emailed the secretaries of both the Silver Liners chapter in LAS, and the Skyliners in CHI, asking them if they could put a mention in their next local newsletter. Perhaps one of their members knows Char. The Employee Service Center was unable to help. [wfalen-son@yahoo.com](mailto:wfalen-son@yahoo.com).

#### **Colin Cooke, Sr., 23 Edgecliff Ter., Yonkers, NY 10705**

For those young relatives across the country who want to be in the middle of everything in New York City, be aware that a 1 room studio apartment in Manhattan and

near by, now costs \$3,200 per month. As I mentioned a few months ago, NYC has 389,000 millionaires, 66 billionaires and 1/5 (about 300,000) living in poverty.

When I lived in Florida for 27 years, I visited my son and family several times a year, first in NYC and now in the NY area (next to the Bronx).

I have a few conclusions. NYC citizens are not a happy lot. Usually first in conversation between friends is money, then rents, medical, dental and veterinarian costs, money made by Wall St. banks, New Jersey drivers, crooks in power in NY and NJ, dishonesty in State government and politicians. This is not really a happy place despite superior entertainments.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> this year, I watched a rerun of the Twin Towers on that day of destruction. It was so tragic to see those jumping or falling from the windows, also to hear the phone calls for help from those alive on the floors above where the planes crashed below them. Their escape had been cutoff and they were told they would be rescued, which was not true.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the day before the Towers were destroyed, my late wife and I stood in Greenwich Village staring at them downtown. We had been to the top of the North Tower on New Year's Eve the year before. There was no smog at midnight. "*We should go again soon*", she said. The next day, they collapsed. I am not sure but I think about 1100 of those in the Towers have never been found. The memorial on the site is now open.

As a WWII participant and the age of 90, I feel I should mention that 78,000 from that war were never found. Life gives to some and takes from others.

As nearly all retirees know, getting old is not a happy time. Increasing health problems is one thing but seldom if ever mentioned is our loss of identity after retirement.

I am very fortunate at my age to be still walking, thinking and writing. Personally, I have found that practically no one of working age want to talk with men and women of my age. We are generally ignored. We are the lost generation; it is a fact. As it was said, in the service in England in WWII, when confronted with an aircraft engine change at 3 AM on a rainy night, "Press on Regardless." Cheers!

#### **Forrest G. (Gael) Morris, 707 Glen Ridge Rd., Charleston, WV 25304-2701**

The 34<sup>th</sup> and final reunion of 1979 UAL CRW Retirees Group was held September 26 - 27, 2014 in Charleston, WV. Friday night's dinner was held at the Fifth Quarter, and Saturday night's dinner was held at Fazio's Italian Restaurant. Attending this years reunion were **Al & Lois Fields** of Orlando, FL, and their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren **Melissa, Rich, Krya** and **Richy Lampert** of Lewisburg, WV, **Gael & Doris Morris** of Charleston, **Betty Strickland** of Front Royal, VA and her daughters, **Patsy Buck** of Front Royal, VA and **Valerie Raistrick** of Manassas, VA, **Lois Fields'** brother and sister-in-law **Ron & Clela Walker** of Ripley, WV, **Bob & Kay Woods** of Charleston, and **Ken & Karen Zemerick** of Smithville, MO.

Sadly at the business meeting held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>, the group voted to make this year's reunion, the final reunion. United Airlines closed its Charleston, WV station in 1979; and the reunions have been held every fall since 1980 except for 2001. Most have been held in cities where a former CRW employee transferred in 1979 or currently lives. Attendance has been declining through the years. Many members have passed on, and are advancing in age and health problems of others have made it difficult for them to attend, so it was decided this year's reunion should be the last.

Lots of hard work and planning have gone into making every reunion a great success. Looking forward from one year's reunion to the next year's reunion has always been exciting. It is said that all good things must come to an end, and the reunions are ending. However, the wonderful memories of seeing and visiting with former co-workers, their families and friends and the good times and fun activities enjoyed by all at the reunions will remain with us always in our heart and minds.

#### **Lou & Bonnie Mullen, Ireland**

Dear editor, as an ex UAL employee please let me tell you that **Lois Newcomb** who operated the Aloha Room at SFO many years ago, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. Many of your members will surely remember Lois and wish her well. Best wishes to you and all your members.

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

My family and friends keep telling me to update my "tech" devices! I say, no way; I can't even get used to the push button start ignition on our new car! The funny thing is, I remember my dad having a car back in the fifties with a push button start.

Any way, they tell me that there are reminders and dates on those gadgets, so I would not be late.

I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season with family and friends.

Thank you for all your efforts and great works you do for us retirees.

#### **June Shanahan, 860 Via Santa Adela, Green Valley, AZ 85614**

Just paid my dues on line, which is an easy way to go.

I can't believe I have been retired 24 years already, time goes so fast. My children and husband gave me a fantastic 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party with 68 wonderful friends and family, what a lucky person I am to be so blessed with so many great friends.

Tom & I are very busy as Officers of the local Elks Lodge that works with the local community and schools for charity.

We have been in Green Valley, AZ for 11 years and love the area and weather.

Best wishes to all for the coming year and a special hello to all of our old friends and fellow employees in Chicago. ☘

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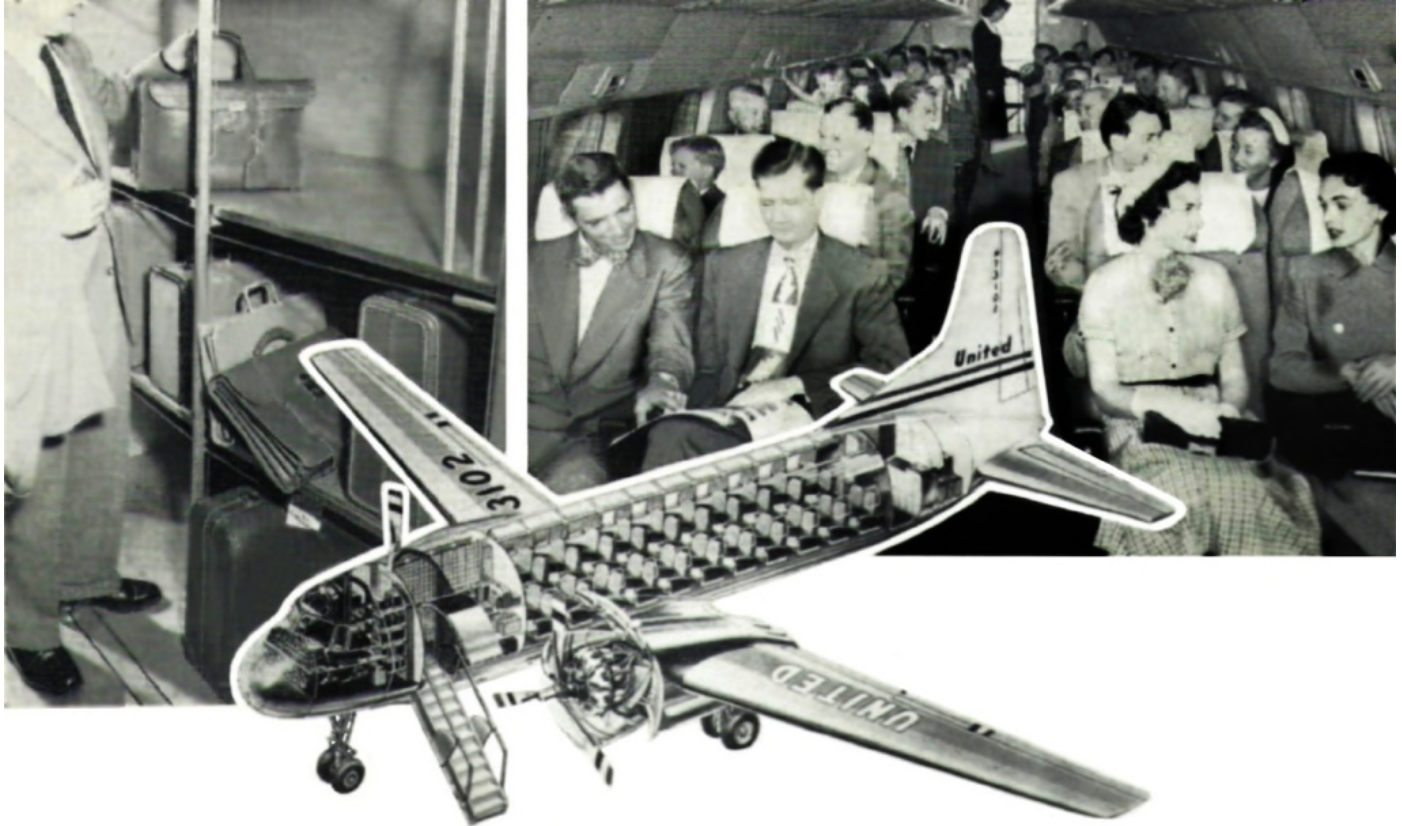
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Two RUAEA Chapters: **Phoenix Re-United** and **SFO / SJC South Bay** had many members attending the San Diego RUAEA 2014 Convention and they would like to issue a challenge to other RUAEA Chapters to outdo them at the RUAEA 2015 Convention in Pittsburgh.

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