



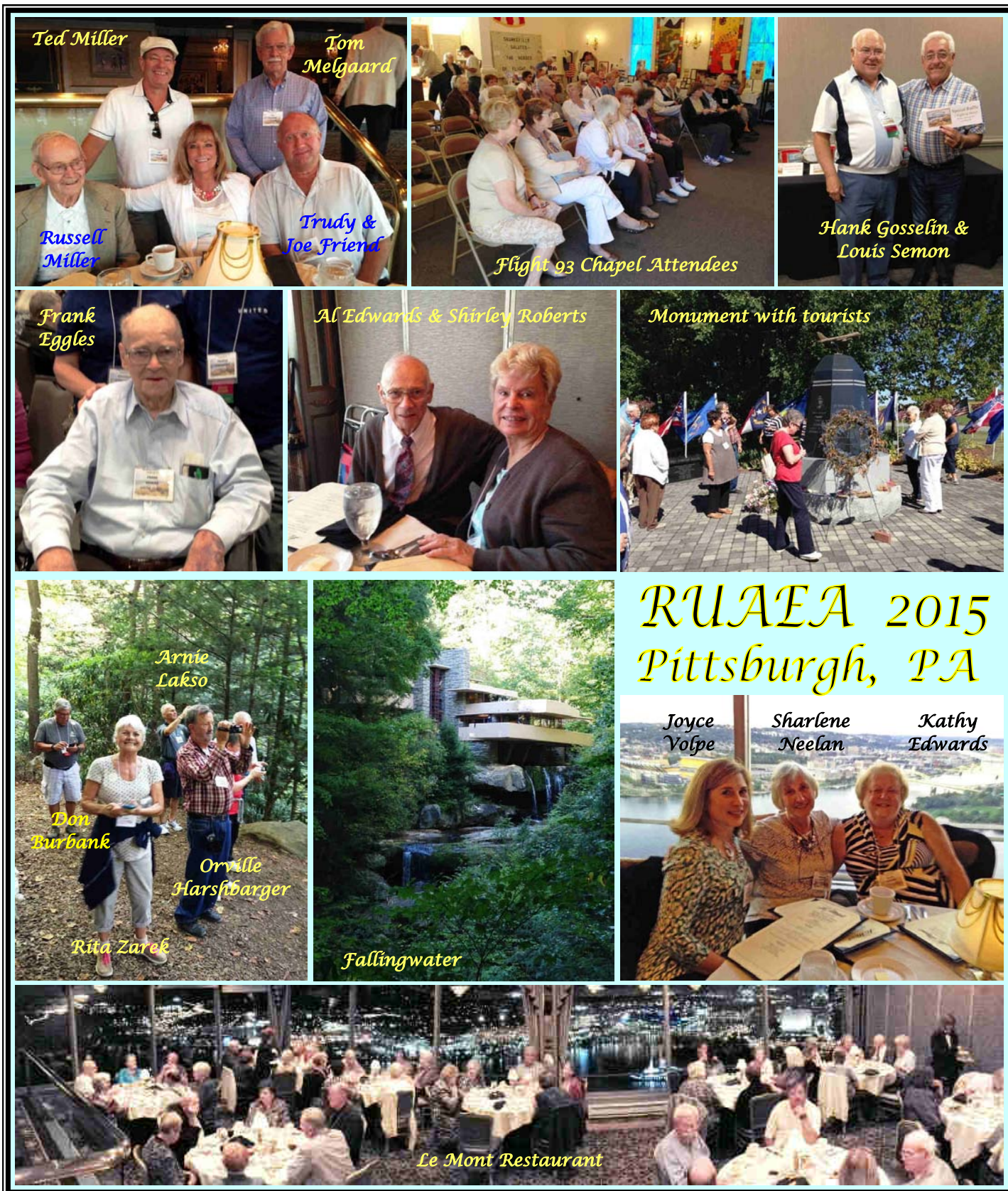
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## Letter From The President



**Hank Gosselin**  
President RUAEA

Hi Folks,

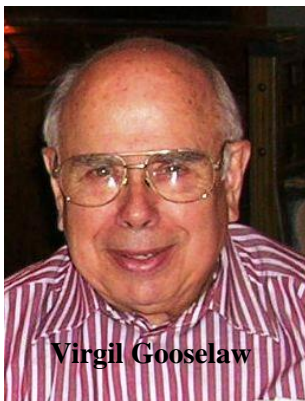
Well by now you have been exposed to the Annual Medical Enrollment. I'm sure you have found some changes to the drug program. Hopefully you are all mostly satisfied and had ample time to make your choices.

One holiday is behind us and we are preparing for the next one. On behalf of RUAEA, all its elected and appointed staff, we wish you Happy Holidays and a most Healthy and Happy New Year.

With 2016 upon us, we are in the planning stages for the Convention in Seattle. So again mark your 2016 calendars for the dates in September the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for being members of RUAEA, reading our outstanding Newsletter and visiting our Website.

## Holiday Greetings from the Denver Office



**Virgil Gooselaw**

The Denver Office has been busy as usual this past year. With the loss of one of our secretaries, **Carole Longbella**, at the close of last year we decided to go with the four remaining, **Juliana Alfonso**, **Carol Bare**, **Sharon Burbank** and **Marilyn Hansen**. All the secretaries work out of the DENTK office except for **Sharon Burbank** who works from her home. Sharon handles the credit cards and that function is best taken care of by Sharon at her home. The other three mainly handle the checks and office duties at the DENTK office. We are proud of our secretaries and the many things they volunteer to do for RUAEA.

A few years ago we were faced with relocating, either within the training complex or possibly finding office space at another location in Denver. The training center manager located space for us in another building and we began our move and then they abruptly canceled the move and told us to stay where we were. So, things have been tranquil for a year or so. Then as you know UAL made the decision to move all flight training to Denver. As a result of that decision we are in a state of flux, not knowing the end game. Worst case scenario is when everything is in place (simulators and personnel) from Houston that there isn't room for us. We'll cross that bridge if and when we are faced with it. We do have some feelers out for possible relocation of the Denver Office, but nothing firmed up. And, the best case scenario is that we simply stay where we are. So let's hope for the later!

Our one man IT department **Cas Spokas** is doing his normal great job and since he has taken on the Membership Managers job, things in the office are very organized. Our heart felt thanks goes to Cas, for the many hours of volunteer work he has committed to.

**Francis & Veronica Domaratius** who live in Roseville, CA continue their excellent work with the Newsletter. Since they have taken the Newsletter over there have been many improvements. The work and commitment displayed by these folks are greatly appreciated. **Martha Gooselaw** continues editing the letters and proof reading. Not too many years ago I was editing the letters and I learned how hard it was to decipher us old people's writing. So knowing that the ladies seem to have a knack for reading longhand writings I asked Martha to try her hand at it. She whizzed right through it and, she got the job. **John Chu** still works on the newsletter and does the formatting plus keeps all of us straight. John does a good job and is appreciated.

This year has been a good year; the local RUAEA activities have been great. If you don't belong to a local chapter; and there is one near you, then consider becoming involved. Also, the Pittsburgh Convention was a lot

of fun. The tours were great and I especially appreciated the Flight 93 Memorials. There are two memorials, a National Memorial funded by the government and a private Flt 93 Memorial Chapel mainly funded by individual donations. Some of the local chapters and individual members donate money to the private one which is located in Shanksville, PA. Both are worth seeing.

Put a note on your 2016 calendar marking the Seattle Tacoma Convention, September 21 – 24. The convention is now in the planning stage, stay tuned for further information.

As we close 2015 we wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

**Virgil Gooselaw**

Executive Vice President

**Oscar says: “I’ll be back soon. Thank you for your prayers.”**



Dear United team,

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers you sent to my family and me over the past few weeks. I am excited to tell you that I am on the road to recovery. My time away will be a little longer than I would like, but based upon discussion with my doctors I will be back in the first quarter.

I’m personally grateful to Brett and the entire management team for their leadership and for embracing United’s new direction. I know each one of you is committed to achieving our full potential, continuing to focus on building and delivering our shared purpose of making United not only the best airline to fly, but also the best place to work.

While I have been part of the United family for only a short time, I’ve built many valued and strong relationships so far, and I can’t wait to come back.

As I’m sure you can appreciate, this has been a difficult time for me and my family. Your messages of encouragement have helped profoundly. I look forward to seeing you in 2016 to continue working together to build a great airline.

**Sincerely,  
Oscar**

**ZED travel now available on Air France**

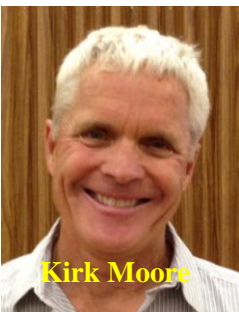


United is excited to announce a ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) agreement with Air France (AF).

Employees, retirees, dependent children and spouses or domestic partners may travel on AF system-wide in economy at the medium fare level; parents will travel in economy at the high fare level.

For more information and reservation procedures, go to the [Other Airline/Interline Travel page](#) on Flying Together and select [Air France](#) from the “Select an agreement” drop down. You will book your eTickets via the [MyIDTravelPurchase](#) site.

**Update from Kirk Moore**  
**Access to Flying Together**



United’s IT Department has completed a significant update to address access issues with Flying Together (<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>). Retirees should now be able to log into Flying Together from computers, smartphones or tablets when using various browsers, including Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox and Chrome.

The updated log-in page will ask for your “UID number”, which is the same ID number that legacy UA people have been using. Legacy Continental people can no longer use their old IDs. If you need help, there are phone numbers on the log-in page; retirees are asked to please call outside of normal business hours (call AFTER 5 PM, Central time).

Remember, if you do not visit Flying Together once every 90 days, your password will expire. If that happens, click the ‘forgot password’ link on the log-in page to reset. If you need further assistance, call the IT Service Desk: 800-255-5801 or 847-700-5800.

**YBR gets a new look; choose your security questions.** The “Your Benefits Resources” site was re-designed in July. If you haven’t visited lately, you’ll be asked to select 5 security questions and provide answers. Once logged in, you can select the “Life Events” tab to make changes (i.e. moving, marriage, divorce, death, births), view your “Health Insurance”, update your contact info in “Your Profile” (located on the top menu bar) and much more. There are Chat and Contact links as well. Go take a look ... if you have trouble with access, call 800-651-1007.

Remember to go to **YBR** (by clicking the blue “Portal” on the Employee Services tab in Flying Together) between November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> to make your retiree healthcare choices for 2016!

**What about Enrolled Friends?** Registration for Enrolled Friends (for Pass Travel) will take place in December. We will be able to make changes for 2016 by visiting the “Update Pass Riders” tab on the “Travel” page in “Flying Together” during the enrollment period TBA in December.

**RUAEA Annual Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2015**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton Green Tree – Salon B-C**  
**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

President **Hank Gosselin** called the meeting to order at 0830.

**President – Hank Gosselin**

- Hank welcomed all members to the annual Business Meeting. He thanked those present for attending.
- Hank acknowledged the presence of RUAEA Past Presidents **Zelma Kibler** and **Ron Bertacini**.
- As there were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the October 4, 2014 Annual Business Meeting, a motion was made by **Linda Scriven** to approve the Minutes as published and waive their reading. This motion was seconded by **John Zoboli** and it was approved by the majority present.
- DoubleTree airport shuttles are full for Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, so the Hotel has paid for additional transportation to the airport via Shuttle Express. Those requiring this service are urged to make reservations with the hotel front desk staff as soon as possible.
- The 2016 RUAEA Convention will be held September 21-24, 2016 in Seattle.

**Vice President Conventions – Ron Bertacini**

- The 2015 Pittsburgh had a total of 235 registered. Due to health reasons, the number who attended was 208. Among those attending 20 are attending the convention for the first time.
- Next year the 2016 RUAEA Annual Convention will be held in Seattle, WA. The convention hotel, DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, Seattle Airport/Southcenter, room rate will be \$129 + tax which includes breakfast for two. **Ken Storey** will serve as the convention chairman; **Shirley Claggett** will serve as the convention treasurer; **Ron Paluch** will serve as the convention registrar.

**Executive Vice President – Virgil Gooselaw**

- UA provides RUAEA with free office space in Denver at DENTK. The “D” Building is about to be remodeled. During this construction we will need to move out. We are uncertain at this point about our exact office plans.
- For administrative reasons we now only offer a one year RUAEA membership.
- Two amendments to the By-Laws were proposed and were printed in the August 2015 RUAEA Newsletter on page 3. The proposed change to Article III Section 1 will allow RUAEA membership to expand to include United subsidiaries and others such as Galileo Reservation Systems retirees; the proposed change to Article VII Section 15 provides for more than one Corporate Relations Liaison to be appointed to serve between RUAEA and United Airlines. A motion was made by **Roger Casterline** to adopt the amendments; **Linda Scriven** seconded the motion. The amendments passed by a unanimous vote of those present.

**Treasurer – Pam Ziebarth**

- The fiscal position of RUAEA remains solvent and satisfactory.
- The RUAEA Board of Directors has approved the purchase of a 4 year CD with Alliant Credit Union in the amount of \$35,000.
- The financial report ending 12/31/2014 indicates total income of \$149,000 (138,000 dues, 10,000 contributions, 1,000 interest) and total expenses of \$121,834 (69,944 or 57% newsletter, 19,498 or 16% board travel, 13,582 or 11% website, 18,810 or 15% operating expenses).

#### Past President – **Ron Bertacini**

- The 2015 election results are as follows:
  - Northeast – **Treatie Karwoski**
  - Southeast – **Linda Scriven**
  - Mountain – **Sharon Burbank**
  - Arizona - **Chuck Cole**
  - Northwest – **Tom Cunningham (new)**
- 10% of our membership voted.
- There were 682 votes cast. Among the votes were 8 write-ins done online.
- In 2016 there will be 5 officer positions up for election:
  - President
  - Executive VP
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - VP Conventions
- In 2016 there will also be 5 regional directors up for election:
  - Florida
  - Midwest
  - Southern California
  - Northern California/Northern Nevada
  - Western

#### President – **Hank Gosselin**

- Hank recognized the outgoing officer and staff for their service:
  - **Jack Hooper** - Northwest Regional Director
  - **Fred Rockenhauser** – Convention Treasurer
  - **Ginny Rockenhauser** – Convention Registrar
- Hank recognized the service of the following RUAEA volunteers including:
  - **John Koehl** – Convention Site Selection Chair
  - **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** – Newsletter Managers
  - **Jim Sommerfield** and **Toni VanKampen** – Website Managers
  - **Cas Spokas** – Membership Manager
  - **Marilyn Hansen, Juliana Alfonso, Carol Bare, Sharon Burbank** – Membership Secretaries
- Our membership continues to decline, potentially impacting on planning for future conventions. Conventions cost money and can lose money. At the present time the Board has decided to plan future conventions through 2017. We may examine the possibility of joining with other retiree groups.

A motion was made to adjourn by **Ted Tollefsen**. It was seconded by **Roger Casterline**. A unanimous vote approved the motion and the meeting stood adjourned at 0905.

Minutes were submitted on 10/9/2015 by **Diane Webb** (*National Secretary*)

Minutes were approved on 10/10/2015 by **Hank Gosselin** (*President*)

#### **Benefits Panel Presentation – September, 26, 2015**

**Alliant Credit Union** Senior VP of Investments **Tim Wartman** kicked off this year's Benefits Panel Presentation at the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh saying that in October the Credit Union will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> year.

A refreshed design has been added in the logo and brochures which is designed to clarify Alliant's brand. A new website has features making it easier to access across all devices. The good news is that we may continue to use our existing checks, ATM card, Credit Cards and loan coupons with the older designs.

Alliant is proud of their many achievements and recognitions and reminds us that we earn more on savings and save more on loans through our Credit Union. In September 2015 the Alliant savings rate was 13x higher than the bank average savings rate and 6.8x higher than the credit union average savings rate. Their loan rates for new cars are 1.99%. The presentation closed with Tim stressing that we can share Alliant with our friends and family as they can be members too.

**United Pass Travel** points were covered by **Michelle Pritchett** representing the UA Employee Travel Center (ETC):

- IT issues have occurred recently as internet providers update their security systems making compatibility with Flying Together a challenge. (Internet Explorer is United's primary Browser.) If problems persist call the IT Service Desk at 800-255-5801. (Best reached after 6 pm Central Time.)
- The use of the united.com App provides extremely useful "real time" information. The Flying Together mobile version allows employee RES to create listings.
- Be aware that there is a 1 hour cutoff for changing the boarding priority for domestic flights and a 2 hour cutoff for changing international flights. Watch this as we use our Vacation Passes.
- Pass Travel Enrolled Friends designations may be changed for 2016 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.

- We should keep our address current so 1099's will reach us when they are mailed in January for Enrolled Friends pass travel. To update an address call the Benefits Service Center.
- To minimize lost bag problems, take inventory of what is packed in checked luggage (color & sizes) and keep receipts of new items. Add name tags in and out of the bag listing phone and email contact information.

The **health care** portion of meeting included speakers from **Aetna, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, CVS Health/Silver Script, and Kaiser Permanente**. After they reviewed their programs in the general session, those attending were invited to meet individually in breakout sessions.

United Airlines Manager of Benefits, Communications, and Special Projects, **Luz Miranda**, assisted with the Benefits Panel and introduced the United and the health care provider speakers.

### **So Simple From Sheryl**



Season's Greetings to all. My recipe this month is for green beans. Isn't it time to change from the "old" green beans and mushroom soup recipe and try something new and simple? I hope your family and friends enjoy your new recipe. Merry Christmas!

#### **SAUTEED GREEN BEANS AND MUSHROOMS**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 ounces shiitake mushrooms caps, sliced (about 1½ cups)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted vegetable stock
- 10 ounces green beans, trimmed (about 3 cups)
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil; swirl to coat. Add salt and mushrooms; sauté 4 minutes. Add stock and beans. Cover, reduce heat, and cook 4 minutes or until beans are crisp-tender. Stir in butter. Sprinkle with basil and black pepper. Serves 4 about ½ cup each.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Egges** at 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.*



## 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 [2ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:2ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@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

### ALABAMA

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Our group met Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Seasons 52 restaurant, the Summit on 280. Attending were **Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Gay Fowler, and Joe & Jane Jones**. Sorry to report our senior member, **Bill Preston**, recently suffered a heart attack and is recovering at the home of his sister in Trussville. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 1083 County Road 328, Dawson, AL 35963. We look forward to having him back soon.

We voted to begin meeting every other month beginning in February 2016, and meeting every even number months. We will continue meeting this year in November and December. The November meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bright Star in Bessemer. Also, thanks to **Gay Fowler** our December meeting will be at The Club atop Red Mountain, which is always a special treat. Only one birthday this month, **Anne Simmons** on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Jane Jones** with the winning ticket drawn from Joe's Auburn football cap. We always welcome all United retirees and families join us and for more information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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'Tis the season and everyone is bustling about shopping, attending holiday parties and luncheons, and sending out holiday greetings. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and blessings to all for a wonderful holiday season! The temperatures around the valley are cooling down and patio sitting again is in "vogue".

The Azures annual Beardsley Park picnic in October had 40+ members attending. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the sandwich boxes from Archie's deli in Surprise, AZ. Choices were roast beef, turkey and corned beef (really good). Beverages were provided by the Azures treasury. This is always a fun time with most snowbirds back from the north. We did miss the **Hinners, Neals** and **Liltzes** though! We'll hope to see them at a breakfast or two during the season.

A vote was taken at the Beardsley picnic to discuss what to do with some extra monies in the Azures' treasury. It was almost unanimously voted to subsidize some of our lunches and "give back" to our loyal members. Of course, we still have the Fantasy Flight which we support. We, also, supplemented the lunches at the picnic with a \$5.00 discount if the members' dues were paid.

Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12555 West Bell Road, Surprise AZ served up our "Thanksgiving" luncheon for \$13.95 per person, a great price and a very delicious meal with "all the fixins" for our annual celebration. More information in our next newsletter.

Our Azures group is planning their holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 17 at Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 North 73<sup>rd</sup>, Glendale, AZ 85308. Again, since we have a surplus in our "kitty", the Board decided we would supplement each member \$15.00 toward their selected meal, stipulating their membership dues of \$5.00 each is paid up-to-date (only seems fair). The choice of entrees will be: Chicken Piccata, Salmon or vegetarian meal. Reducing the cost by \$15.00 each will be a nice discount especially during this spending season. Lunch prices will be from \$6-10 depending on the meal selection: \$6.00/vegetarian meal; \$7.00/chicken piccata; \$10.00/salmon. Visitors and guests will pay the full amount for their meals. A Chinese gift exchange is planned. New items between \$10 and \$20 will be exchanged between those bringing a gift. Couples can bring one gift and take one gift home. All are urged to participate.

We received some sad news that **Tim & Nita Everhart** have had their share of ills and doctor appointments. Tim's was due to a slight stroke and Nita had breathing problems. We wish them the best and hope they are recovering well. Our prayers are with them.

**Vivian Klick** and **Rose Barry** have some new and good suggestions for "gaming" for our luncheons. Last year, they purchased lottery tickets for raffle, one won only \$2.00 ... but it was fun anyway. If other members have any suggestions on games or entertainment at our lunches, please contact one of the Board members. Just a thought: Vivian and Rose could be our co-chairwomen for entertainment. A new position for our chapter, maybe!

Breakfast was served on November 3 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens (the new meeting place). There were 16 members attending. That is a good number but, since the snowbirds are back in the fold, the numbers should stay about the same. Seven residents from Pebblecreek in Goodyear showed with an almost 50% ratio, not bad, PCers. The breakfasts were very good. Remember to contact **Sherry Muoio** by the day before for reservations, [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net) or (623) 572-4828.

December Birthdays ~ **Lowell Neal** (12/1); **Pat Paulson** (12/2); **Mike Richards** (12/4); **Shirley Bailey** (12/12); **Rose Barry** (12/18); **Enza Scarso** (12/19); **Ken Paulson**, (12/22); **Don Brei** (12/31). December Anniversaries ~ **Dick & Jean Wood** (12/5). Congratulations to all and we hope you have many more!



## **PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Hope the Holidays will be very nice for everyone. Where did the year go? We all keep busy and have to mark things on the calendar, otherwise we'll forget and then miss something we wanted to go to or do. Our Re-United's annual Christmas Luncheon is Wednesday, December 2 at the Palo Verde County Club, 10801 E. San Tan Blvd. in Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 a.m. for Cocktails and the Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Hopefully you made your reservation already. The menu of Roast Pork Loin and Chicken Alfredo sounds delicious. The speaker is going to be **Chuck Cole**, our RUAEA Arizona Director. Don't forget to bring a gift for the raffle. This is always a very special party and one you won't want to miss. The host and hostess are **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen**, assisted by **Judie Preston**. If you have any questions, contact Pat & Buss at (480) 883-3231, or by e-mail at [pnicholais@aol.com](mailto:pnicholais@aol.com), or **Judie Preston** at [jp85377@gmail.com](mailto:jp85377@gmail.com).

Our Oktoberfest Luncheon at the Bavarian Point in Mesa turned out real nice. Everyone enjoyed the German food. This was the first luncheon of the 2015/2016 season and a good start. There will be many more coming up in the months ahead. Thanks to **Cindy Hilsabeck** and **Dakota Morris-Terry**, who were our excellent hosts at this luncheon.

Our October breakfast had 22 people in attendance. We talked about the next RUAEA Convention which is going to be held September 21-24 2016 in Seattle, Washington at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport. The Emerald City Slickers will be needing help, so if any of our members would be able to help them, please let them know. A card was sent around to sign for one of our members, **Doris**, who has moved to Texas. We will miss her, but wish her the best.

We understand that **Bob Hallden** is moving to California to be closer to his daughter, and **Lyn Walter** is moving away also and going back east. We're sorry to see them go. They have been such good members. We're happy to hear **Bob Forsberg** is feeling much better and he and **Valerie** will be returning to Arizona real soon. We've had another member, **Skip Ward**, in the hospital recently to try to correct some breathing problems he has had. We hope you feel much better real soon, Skip! We miss seeing you at our various functions. We also can't forget, **Bud & Lynn Hubbard**, up in Sedona. Bud has some health issues, but is getting along pretty well. If you wish to send a card to him, their address is P. O. Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339. They have been faithful members for many years and are really missed.

Coming up soon is the nomination of officers for our Re-United Chapter. If you would like to nominate someone or even consider yourself as a possible officer, please let our Nominating Committee know. They are **Ron Paluch** and **Bob Irwin**. The elected officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It's always good to have some new ideas, so please think about it.

Our annual dues of \$5.00 each are due by January 1. You can give them to **Rita Zarek**, our treasurer, at one of our meetings, or mail it to her. Her address is 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Be sure and let her know if you have any change in your address, e-mail, or phone, so that we have the correct information for our membership directory, which comes out next spring.

Our Fantasy Flight is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. A lot of work has been done to decorate the area at the airport, all the fund raisers, all the donations given, and all the people involved in this very worthwhile project for the children. When you see the smiling faces of the children, you know all the efforts to make it a success, is very worthwhile. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Our November Luncheon at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, will be reported on next month. There's always a nice large choice of food there, so everybody will find something they really like.

Our Breakfast on November 20 at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert will also be reported on later. Our January luncheon is being planned by **Natasha Schmidt** in Florence, AZ, and more details will be coming out soon.

The following members have 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), **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), and **Peg Snowdall** (12/31). Happy Birthday goes out to each one. We have

two couples celebrating their anniversaries on the same date, **JoAnne & John Griffin** on 12/18/83 and **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier** on 12/18/93. Happy Anniversary!

Calendar:

**December 2** – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde County Club, 10801 E. San Tan Blvd., in Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 am with the social hour, followed by the luncheon at 12:00 noon. Reservations were due by Monday, November 23. The hosts are **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen**, assisted by **Judie Preston**. If you need further information or directions, please contact them.

**December 15** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, with your reservations at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), by Wednesday, December 16, or by phone at (480) 396-3317. Note: This date is moved up one week because of Christmas.

**January** – Luncheon hosted by **Natasha Schmidt** in Florence, AZ. Date and time to be announced.

**January 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

**February** – Luncheon hosted by **Donna Pedone**. Date and time to be announced

**March 17** – All Arizona Luncheon, hosted by Re-United's, at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ.



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Here we are with the last report for 2015. Those of us in Tucson are scheduled to be rained on more this winter than usual, since we received no rain last year that will be great. There were 28 attendees at our October luncheon hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez** at the Harvest Restaurant. This is always a great venue. I did not receive the Roadrunner newsletter from our own **Doris Clark**; therefore, I can not acknowledge the winners of the 50/25/25.

You will be reading this column no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> Of December. So when you finish reading this paragraph, send your check for Seniors for Kids and for your luncheon at the Arizona Inn. The deadline is December 4. The cost of the luncheon is \$28.00 per person, the Roadrunner treasury will help defray part of the costs. **Pat & Rich Dilallo** will be hosting. This is an event you do not want to miss, it is a reminder of the good old days, kind of like RUAEA.

Reading the chapter reports in the RUAEA Newsletters, I see that many chapter officers want to step aside and have new blood take their shot at the power and glory. I hope that it will be taken to heart, and people will stand up and take a chance. I belong to another group of “overly mature” people that were proud of what they did and got together to tell the stories. That group in Arizona recently went to an “Inactive Status”. It was a loss. Let it not happen to us. Remember, we were there in the good old days.

Since the luncheons for 2016 will be determined by the individuals who raise their hands at the November and December luncheons, more information will be forthcoming in the January 2016 column.

*Milestones:* Anniversaries: **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**. Birthdays: **Carolyn Disanto** (12/5), **James Hafterson** (12/10), **Doris Clark** (12/19), **Bill Royle** (12/21), **Frank Disanto** (12/27) and **Claire Byle** (12/29).

Calendar:

**December 10** – Luncheon, hosted by **Pat & Rich Dilallo**, Arizona Inn.

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Our Chapter met at Rooney's Irish Pub in Orcutt on October 21<sup>st</sup>. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Esther & Bob Bartlett, Jack & Eleanor Cunningham, Joan & Peter Schaefer, Marcia & Bob Stanger, John & Barbara Stilwell, Nina Powers, John Wessel, and Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We had our own area for our meeting and the Zoldaks provided very nice table treats. The food and service were great and we enjoyed the time we were there.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened our meeting by welcoming all those who were able to attend. He passed around a letter and brochure from **Bill & Dana Noyes**, who are living in Missouri. They were one of the group that got our chapter going and they have since moved to be closer to relatives. We still keep in touch through our Newsletter.

Mike said that he did hear from **Ken Bake**. He and **Stella** were not able to attend, but plan on being at our December meeting.

**Mike Zoldak** and **John Stilwell** were able to meet our new President Oscar Munoz, at the SFOMB open house. Sadly, three days or so after the Open House, Oscar was hospitalized with a heart attack. We now have an interim President, Brett Hart. There is no estimate of when Oscar will return to work. Mike said that he went into the Base and looked up his old shop. He said it was completely cleaned out with bare walls and floor. The docks are still busy and the Jet Shop had only two employees working there. I have been retired for 28 years and haven't been back once. It would be too depressing to see what it has become.

Mike said that the next Convention will be in Seattle on September 21 through the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This might give those an opportunity to visit the Boeing plant.

**John Stilwell** went to the PIT convention and attended the Presidents' meeting. He told us about the Silver Scrip medical plan. Those that do not want to change and keep what we have, we do not have to do anything. Everything will be automatically moved over. An advantage is that medication can be picked up at CVS pharmacies which is very convenient to most of us.

When John was at the Presidents' meeting, he found out that the San Jose Chapter is now the largest group. John did say that the PIT Convention was the smallest attended since the beginning of any Convention. John was able to visit the Flight 93 Memorial. He passed around several pictures he had taken at the site. He found out, due to the Black Box, that there was 36 cell phone calls made before the accident.

**Nina Powers** returned from her trip in the Midwest that included a tour around several of the Great Lakes. Her next cruise will take her around Cuba and surrounding islands. She loves traveling.

There are several birthdays being celebrated in November and **Jack Cunningham** had to remind us that he and **Eleanor** will be married 74 years. With all their medical problems, they still drive and try to make all our meetings, regardless of the distance.

We had a 50/50 drawing that was won by **John Wessel** who turned his winning over to our Treasurer **Marcia Stanger**. There were no Treasurer or Secretary reports.

### Calendar:

**December 16** – Next meeting hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. This will also be our Christmas exchange luncheon.



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**Bill & Lia Schultz** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' October Luncheon at the Desert Princess Resort in Palm Springs. A beautiful setting, as the Restaurant overlooks the Golf Course.

There were two guests among the thirty eight present. **Keith Coleman** brought a friend, **Chris Boado**, and **Dede Utzinger** brought **Frances Hannekam**, who worked at LAX in Ramp and Customer Service.

On the "sick list": **Jerry Weiss** somehow fractured his femur. Presently he is healing with the insertion of rod and screws. He won't make it to the November Luncheon, but will try for December. **Jim Clapper** (when it rains, it pours), while on the mend, developed a blood clot near his recent surgery. His doctor put him on a blood thinner, and is waiting to see if further surgery is necessary. But Liz says that both of them will try to make our November Luncheon. (This is being written on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, and our luncheon is next Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>). Don't count them out. Jim is a "gamer", and so is Liz. And, Congratulations to both of them, celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Members were reminded to bring gifts for the children of the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission to either of the November or December Luncheons. Lastly, the "Host" list (list of those hosting next year's Luncheons) was passed around for volunteers for next year. I'll let you know if we filled the calendar next month.

**Marge Lenz** was the "Birthday" winner; **Brad Zittel** won the raffle - \$50.00. Finally, **Dede Utzinger** took home a gift card (\$25.00) from our hosts at the Desert Princess.

### Calendar:

**December 9** – Hosted by **Gay Traber**



## GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at Gingers in Roseville. This was hosted by **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan**. We had 51 Gold Diggers and one guest; **Addison**, grandson of **Marge & Jack Raynor**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Morgans** for hosting.

### Officers Reports:

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** talked about the Pittsburgh convention. The CEO says we are not getting new members for RUAEA; asking to get new retirees in our area.

*Vice President* ~ **Len Haubl** reminded us about our Christmas luncheon at Alta Sierra on December 9<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger**. We still need hosts for June, July, August and October for next year.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for October and November: October: **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** – 25 years; **Sonny & Janie Costello** – 12 years. November: **Charles & Martha Szekretar** – 52 years; **Ray & Lynn Reinmiller** – 46 years; **Ed & Rose Rheam** – 63 years. Harold led us in singing the anniversary song.

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

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** said he still has rosters left.

*Sunshine* ~ **Angie Dellinger** said she sent a get well card to **Ron King**. Also if anyone knows of someone who is ill, please contact her.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** had no report.

*Director of Northern California & Nevada* ~ **John Zoboli** talked about the convention; 2016 convention will be at Seattle, Washington September 21 - 24<sup>th</sup>; watch for the health plan 2016 benefit changes; talked about our new CEO; tentative agreement with Teamsters Union representing Mechanics.



The members voted in our new officers for 2016: President ~ **Sonda Sandstedt**, Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger**, Vice President ~ **Rose Wikstad**, Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton**, Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola**, Roster Keeper ~ **Jack Raynor**, Treasurer ~ **Judie King**.

Calendar:

**November 25** – No Luncheon

**December 9** – Alta Sierra Country Club (Christmas Luncheon)

**HANGTOWN MINERS**

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October - the first full month of autumn, changing weather, leaves getting ready for their glorious, colorful display, and, of course, let's not forget that Halloween closes out the month. **Joe & Lynda Lima** always take into account these features when they host our luncheon and this one was no exception! They chose Casa Ramos in Placerville for our meal. Each person was able to choose from the restaurant's menu and were responsible for paying on their own. The food, as you can guess by the name, is Mexican fare and is always good. I heard no complaints from the 28 Miners attending – actually, it was quite a lively lunch and meeting – plenty of chatter and laughter.

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** began our meeting by extending everyone's "Thank You" to Joe & Lynda for hosting. He mentioned that they had, originally, planned to have the luncheon at Red Hawk Casino – a place we have been to many times and always enjoyed. However, the casino has changed their policy for groups and would have charged us for any time that went over 2 hours. Lynda sent an email asking why they would turn away (possibly) 40 diners. Rudy read us their response. While it's a disappointment, there are plenty of other wonderful places to eat and visit.

Rudy asked if there were any birthdays this month and **Ann Barton** owned up to having one in October. In response to the anniversary question, **Ed & Lindalee Akin** celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. Looking through our roster, I see that **Charles & Eileen Dinsmoor** celebrate 15 years together. We were happy to welcome 5 guests! **John Muir** brought his friend, Kelly. We also were delighted to have two couples, **Bill & Mary Voetsch**, and **Bob & Carol White**. Both couples filled out their paperwork to join our chapter as members. So, Happy Birthday, congratulations and welcome to each of you.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** was not present.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** extended a Thank You to **Angie Dellinger** for representing the Hangtown Miners at the RUAEA Convention. Angie filled in for me at the Correspondents' Meeting. Angie said she was happy to represent us and gave a brief accounting of their (Frank went too) time. There were, of course, meetings to go to and learn about various experiences from old and new members. They also had different tours one could enjoy. They went on the tour to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville. While it was very sad, it was very well done. If you wish to, you can listen to recordings of messages left by people on the flight.

If you are not a member of RUAEA (you are not required to be a member of RUAEA to be a member of local chapters associated with RUAEA), it would be worth your while to join. They are an excellent source for information on upcoming programs and changes that may be in the offing. The yearly membership is only \$27.00 – well worth it. The monthly Newsletter contains very informative articles, a list of phone numbers, obituaries, letters from members and they help us retirees stay informed about what's going on with United. Oh, and they also will be "keeping an eye" on our new CEO who has a letter in the current edition.

*Treasurer* ~ We were delighted to have **Tom Kenny** present at this meeting. For those of you who don't know, Tom works part time at a hardware store (and loves it) so he isn't able to attend all the meetings. Tom has paid **John Muir** the \$200 to reserve the American Legion Hall for our December Luncheon. Since we had one month where we did not meet, our balance is slightly lower than last year. This is not a problem, but it may mean that we might need to adjust either the amount we give or the number of charities we help in December. Remember, we "subsidize" members at the December luncheon.

*Sunshine* ~ (I love this title, and it suits Suzanne so well) **Suzanne Kenny** did not have any new news to report this month.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** brought our wonderful album. I know I say this every month, but, Lynda really puts together a great album that includes pictures, minutes, and photos from our monthly meetings. It is so nice to see all the faces of friends. Check it out in November.

*Old Business* ~ Okay, are you ready? Everyone was instructed to think about who they thought would be a good person to hold one of the offices for Hangtown Miners. In order to nominate a person, they had to be sure that person would be willing to serve for the whole year. I would like to say ahead of time, you all were very lively and vocal with the nominations! So, if you shouted out an "I nominate" or (and there were always multiples of these) an "I second" but you don't see your name here, it's because I can't put down all of you! But I thank you for your enthusiasm. All positions were open for nominations. Each position was presented for discussion. I'm very proud to say there were not any arguments!

President: **John Muir** nominated **Rudy Blazius**; **Bill Gibson** seconded.

Vice President: **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Bill Dinette**; **Suzanne Kenny** seconded.

Treasurer: **Bill Gibson** nominated **Tom Kenny**; **Ann Barton** seconded.

Secretary: **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Jane Gibson**; **Ed Akin** seconded.

Sunshine: **Bill Gibson** nominated **Suzanne Kenny**; **Ed Akin** seconded.

Historian: **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Lynda Lima**; **Tom Kenny** seconded.

Hmmmmmm, this looks rather familiar! So, you have until our luncheon in November to think about these nominations and at that meeting you can express any concerns you may have. After any concerns that may be put out there and discussed, we will vote on this panel of officers.

*New Business* ~ Rudy shares information with us that he has found or received from various sources. **John Zoboli** is our RUAEA regional director and often gives Rudy pertinent information to share. Rudy also shares info from RUAEA newsletters.

*Reminders* ~ Just a few items to think about: In January we will be circulating our sign-up sheet for hosting our luncheons in 2016. (Actually, I'm realizing that we need to do that sooner than January if we want someone to be able to sign up for January!). Chapter Annual dues are due and payable in January. You can, of course, pay ahead if you like. Our dues for the year comes to a whopping \$10.00! And, that's \$10.00 even if you're a couple! What a deal. If you wish to send in your dues, please make your check out to Hangtown Miners and send it to **Tom Kenny** at 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

A little reminder that at our December luncheon, there will be no bar open at the facility. However, you can bring your own libation to enjoy with your meal. Also, keep in mind that we always collect food and toys/gift cards for the less fortunate that day. When you're out and about and see a cute/wonderful item that would be loved by a youngster, and it's something you would like to donate, grab it then and save yourself the extra trip. Each year we help several families to enjoy a Christmas filled with happiness.

A great big Thank You to all who brought items to be raffled in our Drawing Of Opportunity: lidded jar - ???; basket - **Lima**; birdhouse - **Wolfram**; eggs - **Akin**; honey and a tray - **Gibson**; candle wreath - **Kenney**; beer/opener - **Kozelka/Barton**; fancy bath soap - **Kenny**; large bowls filled with candy on each table - **Limas**.

Our next luncheon will be at the Sierra Banquet Center and is hosted by **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**.



Redwood  
Empire  
Retirees

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

### **RETIREEES**

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Dear Redwood Empire Retiree Chapter Members:

We held our Oktoberfest luncheon at the Quail Inn at Oakmont, Santa Rosa on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Our hosts were **Ron & Joanne Huhn** who had the tables decorated with fall-colored plant centerpieces and brought See's candies for the raffle also wrapped in the autumn motif! Everyone gathered together and visited for about an hour while the buffet luncheon was set up by the Oakmont staff. Larry and I were warmly welcomed back after missing our last meeting while on a cruise to Alaska for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The buffet included a mixed baby greens salad, a Caesar salad, roasted red potatoes, Chicken Parmesan, roasted Pork Tenderloin cooked in pan juices (very tender), and a great chocolate mousse dessert (all very delicious)! The service was, as always, very responsive and fairly prompt considering they only had one tireless waiter to serve us!

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting by thanking **Ron & Joanne Huhn** for hosting. He also thanked **Valerie Hulsey** and **Jerry Underhill** for taking Larry's and my place when we were on our cruise. **Jerry Underhill** read off the list of members and guests attending. There were 37 attendees including 6 guests: **Jill Schratz**, daughter and guest of **Oscar Chambers**; **Ed & Maggie Nelson** and **Lee Trevelyn**, all guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; and **George & Sue Hirsch**, guests of **Valerie Hulsey**.

The Treasurer's report was given by **Oscar Chambers**, our Treasurer. The General and Charity accounts have a healthy total of \$962.31, with more than \$700 of that being the Charity fund. We were addressed by **Joanne Huhn** regarding using some of our Charity funds to help the recently hit fire victims of the horrible Lake County fire, many of whom lost their homes. Two couples affected by the fire are **Lee & Pat Beery**, and **Inara and Heino Witt**, members, thankfully spared damage to their homes, **Lee & Pat Beery** were with us at the luncheon, and Lee gave us a detailed report of his and Pat's experience of the close call in the fire. He said the local airport was closed to all air traffic for the Cal Fire firefighters to use for the several days the fire raged. They had many friends and neighbors affected. The members were asked to consider donating some of our Charity funds now before the end of the year; it was agreed upon by the majority of the members to donate a generous amount of our Charity account to the Redwood Credit Union bank who have committed to give 100% of the donations directly to the fire victims of Lake County. It was a proud moment to be able to give to a critical cause at the very time of their need!

Chapter Historian and Pass Travel Reporter **Barney Hagen** tells us that the most reliable online site to use when booking travel with UAL is the [FlyingTogether.UAL.com](http://FlyingTogether.UAL.com) website. He gave us a little background information on the new UAL CEO, Oscar Munoz.

**Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western Regional Director, reported on the annual RUAEA convention of 2015 that he recently attended in Pittsburgh, PA. He said very few Western RUAEA members attended, and the total number of attendees was 210. He was able to do some sightseeing of the "Flight 93 Memorial", and to visit the Frank Lloyd Wright home in the area. Next year's convention will be held in Seattle, which will hopefully attract more of the Western Region UAL retiree members. He also mentioned that the new UAL CEO promised answers to many questions plaguing the employees and retirees alike, and expects more action on the problems than the previous CEO. Roger recently posted an email on the transition of the new leadership at UAL, with some details and quotes from Mr. Munoz as he takes his new position. See Roger if interested in this info.

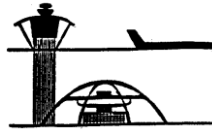
The birthday list was read by me in the absence of **Verda Burr**, who is visiting her family out of state for the next couple of months; the winner of the free luncheon was **Al Bentham**. I shared a card from **Naomi Tolf** in Colorado sent to Larry and me for our anniversary, and then **George Schwind** saved the day with the reading of a printed joke he just happened to bring with him, which was appreciated by all.

The raffle followed for the wines, See's candies, and the fall plant centerpieces, and a lovely scarf knitted by **Maria van Kruining** especially for the raffle. Pictures of our Alaskan cruise were circulated around for all to see, and Larry gave an overview of our adventures. Thank you to all for the lovely bottle of Grand Reserve Kendall Jackson Chardonnay and card presented to us for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were pleasantly surprised and appreciative of the gift. Larry thanked everyone for coming and told us the next luncheon will be at the Villa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**. A few of us stayed around to visit a while longer before leaving our fun time together.

See you all at our November luncheon!

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Fall is the popular time to travel due to lighter loads and better weather. Last month, our group shrank to only 26 people and we were moved to a smaller room at the Proud Bird. We hope those missing were able to use their passes.

**Peter & Barbara Schuster** have definitely been using theirs; traveling with guests to and from Germany several times. Oh Lucky! We did hear some complaints about “middle seats”.

**Olga Jean Barnes** is back! She attended the luncheon in October. Her recovery from a fall last November was a long process of re-establishing her life with permanent in-home care. Now she's back and we're so glad to see her wonderful smile.

We hadn't heard from **John Daley** and called to find he'd been temporarily hospitalized with bladder cancer. He said the recovery has been long and painful. Of course, he did have some funny comments; but said things are going along very slowly. Send good cheer to John; 4391 Palos Verdes Pen, Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

Another supervisor of long ago, **Howard Payne** sent me some pages of a publication of the “LAX-FAX”, that was written by the reservations office. This issue discussed the move of the RES office to the new location of 1001 Wilshire Blvd. in 1954. Really? 1954? Some of the names I readily recognized and few of the faces too; but putting them together was difficult. However, wonderful memories are still there. Thank you, Howard and best wishes to Jo for better health.

**Norm Bettke** has been in poor health for a very long time and recently passed on to a more heavenly place. His service was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Rice Mortuary, 5310 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503.

### **Calendar:**

**December 2** - Christmas Luncheon at the Proud Bird Lemay Room



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There is never ending excitement at our RESANS breakfasts. We never know who is going to come through the door. This month, we were so excited to see **Merriam Seccades** and **George Butela** who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday! He signed up as our newest member and we welcome him to our retiree group.

We had twenty five in attendance this morning and **Rosina Krefft** won the 50/50 Raffle.

The November Birthdays are **Bill Krefft**, **Roberta Parisi** and **Greg Krok**.

**Rosalie Tripicchio** joined us and invited all retirees to the Mainliner Holiday Party on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Since it is right next to our breakfast location, the Pt. Loma Café, no one has the excuse of getting lost!

The RESANS Christmas Luncheon will be at Hunter's Steakhouse on December 10<sup>th</sup>. That will surely be a weekend to get together and get the Holidays off to a great start!

We will be doing Toys for Tots again this year so start your shopping early for the perfect toy for a needy child.

Hope to see many of you at our Holiday festivities and breakfast next month. Pt Loma Café

### **Calendar:**

**December 3** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.

**December 10** - 12:00 P.M., Hunter's Steakhouse, 2445 Hotel Circle Place, San Diego, CA 92108



**December 11** - 5P – 11PM, United Airlines Holiday Party, Holiday Inn Bayside, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 (Next to Pt. Loma Café)

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President **Jerome Underhill** opened the October meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Another beautiful day here on the Peninsula – it was clear as a bell but a little bit of fall in the air. These clear days are heaven for the real estate people – however, prices of homes are sky high and going up daily, 7 or 8 bids on houses for sale are the norm around here!

Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** read the previous minutes which were slightly amended. **Art Barrett**, our Treasurer, says we are barely holding our own financially. He wanted to remind everyone that the dues for 2016 are coming up. The Board is discussing the possibility of having to raise the dues slightly as we need to pay our bills (some of which will go up.) Rental of our meeting place is one major expense. The Board is looking into alternative places to meet – will keep everyone informed if any changes are made. **Harriet Kunze**, our Membership/Charities coordinator, will be distributing can goods and food to local Food Shelters. New Christmas toys and games will also be given to various charities. Our thanks to all of you who helped support these events.

We had three birthdays and only 1 anniversary – **Don & Dorothy Rueszer** celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> this month. Good news is that **Bernice Trullinger** is now home recuperating – hopefully she is enjoying being waited on hand and foot! **Ben Vietz**, one of the intrepid auditors, missed the meeting as he was trying to fly out of the Pacific Northwest – to no avail, did he claim another birthday and anniversary? We will never know. Update next month.

This month we celebrated the essential food groups necessary for good nutrition – Pizza and Ice Cream – we did throw in a green salad also. A nice turnout of 55 chow hounds and tasty Pizza from Round Table. November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pot Luck Lunch time so show off your culinary skills and bring lots of food, this is a favorite luncheon. There is no meeting in December so January 25, 2016 is our next get-together.

Many Board Members will be retiring at the end of December 2015. It is imperative that people step up and fill these spots. We will need the following: President / Recording Secretary / Membership-Corresponding Secretary / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Memorial-Charity Coordinator / Kitchen Coordinator / RUAEA Newsletter and Quarterly local newsletter Editor. These are not difficult jobs, there are always people who volunteer on meeting days but we need to have a working Board to hold this group together. Please call **Jerome Underhill** (650) 589-5065 and let him know that you would like to help. The outgoing Board will happily show you the ropes.

Come join us if you are in town all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.,) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P. O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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**SOUTH BAY RETIREES**

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Since the last Newsletter, United Air Lines (UAL) held their annual Family Day/Open House at the San Francisco Maintenance Base. The date coincides with the Bay Area's Fleet Week which is topped off with performances by The Blue Angels. **Dan & Georgia Nielsen** were in charge of 21 UAL volunteers as they organized the booth for United Alliance of Historical Coalition. In addition to Georgia & Dan, the volunteers

from our RUAEA group included **Cicina Norton, Ann & Keith Olthof**, and **Sharon Ramsey**. Georgia told of one volunteer, a retired pilot, **Larry Wright**, who wore a vintage pilot's uniform, which drew much interest and added spirit to the occasion. Thank you to those who keep our airline history alive and available for the public.

**George Midwin** also attended the event and reported how impressed he was with Oscar Munoz, who had been selected as UAL's Chief Executive, replacing Jeff Smisek in September. According to George, Oscar appeared very gracious and personable, patiently meeting everyone, and indulging people in, seemingly, endless selfies on a very "toasty" afternoon. Oscar's unfortunate heart attack left everyone stunned. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

It was reported that **Kathy Adams** had a fall in the parking lot at her health clinic - of all places! Get better soon, Kathy!

Our best wishes go out to **Barbara Demblewski** and **Theresa Willever** and their health challenges.

Unfortunately, we were told of the death of **Vern Snyder's** brother who lived in the Pittsburgh area. Maureen & Vern and their sons drove across the country to be with Vern's family. Vern, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Also in October, **Ella & George Sousa** flew to the Phoenix area for a niece's wedding. The Lake Tahoe area proved to be a destination for **Elfriede & Albert Grossmann** as well as **Merle & Boyd Sweet** who enjoyed some fall colors, crisp weather, and the first snowfall of the year in the Sierras.

Our Thanksgiving Holiday was kicked off with our members bringing non-perishable food items to our November meetings to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank where **Boyd Sweet** has been volunteering for the past 13 years. Thank you everyone who brought food items.

... and now... "It's December?" "It's December." "It's December!" We have unpacked our sweaters, ribbons of colored lights have appeared throughout the neighborhood, and the aroma of Christmas Cookies is in the air. It's officially the Holiday Season!

With the newsletter deadline early in the month, we are anticipating our Annual December Luncheon at Mariana's Restaurant in Santa Clara. **Doug Jones** will be our Master of Ceremonies again this year, and perhaps will entertain us with a few of his magic tricks. The Peninsula Banjo Band that entertained us at our Fall Luncheon was such a hit that they were asked back for our Holiday Luncheon. (We were assured that their repertoire includes more than just Oktoberfest songs.) **Cheri Scales** has been busy organizing the donated items for our Silent Auction. Thank you, Cheri. We also bring toys to the luncheon for donation to the Toys for Tots program.

We have some Happy Birthdays to celebrate in December: **Ted Boone, Lynn Buchholz, Billie Cramb, Claire Eber, and Phil Moorhead**.

Our featured member this month is **Ben Scales** who was born in Augusta, and raised in Georgia and South Carolina. After high school in the early 1960s, Ben received a draft notice from the Army, but was able to get changed to the United States Air Force. He had aspirations of being trained as an Air Traffic Controller like his older brother who was an Air Traffic Controller on an aircraft carrier. After Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, and no Air Traffic Control Training, Ben was sent to a US Air Station in Izmir, Turkey. Izmir is located about 200 miles southwest of Istanbul on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey. This was in the early 1960s after the Turkish coup d'état when the United States was engaged in the Cold War with Russia. At the completion of this assignment Ben requested an assignment anywhere on the East Coast. Predictably, Ben was transferred to the West Coast!

When Ben arrived in San Francisco no one in the military knew the location where he was stationed, the 682<sup>nd</sup> Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Mount Umunhum. Ben had to look in a telephone directory to find where he should go! Mount Umunhum was the site of the former Almaden Air Force Station, an early-warning radar station built in 1957. The summit of Mount Umunhum is 3,489 feet, and is situated in Santa Clara County, southeast of Los Gatos and South of South San Jose. The word "umhunhum" is an Ohlone word meaning "resting place of the hummingbird". Did you see any resting hummingbirds on Mt. Umunhum, Ben?

Cheri met Ben when she drove up to Mount Umhunhum to meet a friend, and Ben was on Guard Duty. She and Ben were married 2 months later! Once Ben was discharged from the Air Force, rather than returning to South Carolina, he and Cheri set up housekeeping in San Jose. A big reason for this was that Cheri has deep roots in the Santa Clara Valley. Cheri's family came to Santa Clara Valley in the 1850s where her family built what is now known as Grant Ranch. Joseph D. Grant Ranch is the largest park in Santa Clara County, situated in the Diablo Range near Mt. Hamilton. Cheri's grandmother used to drive up Mt. Hamilton in a horse and wagon delivering milk, butter and eggs. Among other things, Cheri's grandfather sold White Steam Cars in San Jose in the early 1900s. (Jay Leno is a member of The Steam Car Preservation Organization.) Cheri's father and brother were firefighters in San Jose, and her father was a San Jose Fire Chief. Cheri sold Christmas Trees

for many years at her family's Christmas Tree Farm in Morgan Hill. Cheri and Ben's son, Jeff, grew up with the opportunity to experience some "farm life", as well, until the farm was sold in the late '90's.

Once out of the Air Force, Ben answered an advertisement in the San Jose Mercury News placed by United Air Lines. Ben hired as a Ramp Service Agent at San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Ramp Service had the added advantage for Ben of not needing to join a gym; i.e. since he needed to lift at least 70 pounds of luggage, cargo, and manually transfer shipments from vehicles to the belt conveyors. I must admit I cringed when listening to some of Ben's experiences of loading and transferring shipments and cargo as he and colleagues used various vehicles, containers, and conveyors to meet departure deadlines. Ben also volunteered to "dump trips"; i.e. unload the plane in that era of Bomb Scares! As a passenger I have taken a lot for granted when it comes to getting my luggage and food on and off a flight. After listening to some of Ben's experiences I have a new respect for the process.

One of Ben's special assignments involved getting US mail loaded on board airplanes to be distributed across the nation. Ben says he now understands why some Postal Workers "went postal"! At one time in his career, Ben worked for the iconic (to our RUAEA group) **Jim "Otto" Schaller**. It was also on Ben's watch when the King and Queen of Tonga, being of ample girth, had to be loaded into first class with a food service truck, and each was provided with two first class seats, and seat belt extenders.

Over the years Cheri & Ben have taken full advantage of flight privileges. Besides numerous trips to the east coast as well as Canada and Mexico, they have traveled to Scotland, England, Egypt, China, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti, as well as some more remote South Pacific islands where one just had to wait each day until a plane arrived on the island to take them back to the mainland.

Since Ben's 2003 retirement, in addition to being an active member of South Bay RUAEA, a major interest for Ben is collecting UAL memorabilia and other industry items. Cheri & Ben enjoy spending time with their son Jeff, his wife, Nicole, and Colin, their teenage grandson, who also reside in San Jose.

#### Calendar:

Every Friday at 8:00 – Breakfast at Holder's Restaurant /Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd.

**December 8** – (2nd Tuesday) Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's in Santa Clara with the Peninsula Banjo Band

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The East Bay Diablos met October 12 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord. This venue is working well for us as they have a large private room for our use and many menu choices at a reasonable price with good service. We have experienced so many of our previous locations going out of business that we hope we can continue to use this one for the majority of our meetings. The exceptions would be the annual picnic and the Toys for Tots Christmas party.

It was good to see 27 regular retirees in attendance.

We welcomed **Paul Read** for the first time who is still working for United in Operations at SFO. Paul's dad, **Art Read**, was a long time Capital and United employee and a member of our retiree group for many years.

**Howard & Jo Payne** were joined by two grandchildren. Their mother **Kathy Greth** has attended two Conventions and has traveled many, many times on United over the years. It was good to see **Pat McEnaney** back.

**Joe & Wilma Leather** missed this meeting as Joe broke a bone in his foot recently while doing some "home repairs". We hope to see them back soon.

Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** and **Diane Griego** reported on some of the activities at the recent Convention in Pittsburgh.

We were also pleased to announce the election of long time member, **Tom Cunningham**, as Northwest Regional Director.

- ❖ December 14 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots with the Marine Corps – Zio Fredo's - 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill
- ❖ January 11 – Old Spaghetti Factory

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.

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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I would like to thank **Sharon Burbank** for serving as our Newsletter Correspondent. She has done such a fine job and will be hard to replace. I wish her success in her position as RUAEA Director of the Mountain Region.

A little about myself: My career at UAL included 5 years in SFO and 29 years at DENTK. I have been retired for 20 years. I am married to my wife Antoinette and we have travelled extensively during the first 10 years of our retirement. A daughter, son and grandson all work for UAL here in Denver. I value all of my friends at UAL.

Our December 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast was attended by 44 people. **Kathryn M. Ayers** (Flt. Att.) was a first timer. **Yumi & Gary Trujillo** brought **Jacque & Chris Danhauer** as guests.

The 50/50 winners were **Don LeFurge** (Continental) 4 times, **Bill Brehmer** (DENMM), **Chris Danhauer** (guest), **Gary Trujillo** (DENMM) twice and **Don Burbank** (DENMM).

**Tom Goodyear** confirmed that there will be a Fantasy Flight this year and requested that attendees to the Christmas Luncheon bring unwrapped toys for ages 6-8 years. Tom also mentioned that this chapter has donated \$500 to the memorial in Shanksville, PA for UAL Flight 93. Another donation is planned in the future, possibly after the first of the year. Tom requested that members get their reservations in for the Christmas Luncheon. (See information below)

**Virgil Gooselaw** reminded everyone that the open enrollment for health care will be from November 9<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> for retirees. The Mechanics Breakfast will no longer be held at Gala Gardens. Virgil will notify the group where to meet for the Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> gathering.

**Tom & Nancy Goodyear** (DENOO) welcomed their first great grandchild, Henry Thomas Jenkins, on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Their daughter Amy and husband Mike, retired from DENCs are the grandparents, and parents of Austyn Jenkins whose husband is Ben.

**Ethel Rardin**, **Roy's** wife, was treated at St Joseph Hospital for a staph infection in her leg on October 16<sup>th</sup>. She was transferred to Center @ Lincoln for rehab and will have further surgery at St. Joseph Hospital on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. For further information, call **Roy Rardin** at (303) 364 5946.

We lost two members recently: **Ovid M. (Curly) Baker** (DENFO) left us on October 19<sup>th</sup>, he enjoyed a long career with UAL starting as a flight officer in 1951 and retiring as a DC-10 Captain in 1980. He is survived by his wife of 76 years, **Opal (Nokes) Baker**. Ovid was 94.

**Roy Graham** (DENMM) left us on October 15<sup>th</sup>. He grew up in Monroeville, PA. After several jobs after high school and the service in the military, he studied for his A&P license. He was hired in New York and transferred to Denver where he spent 26 years. Roy is survived by his wife, Diane. Roy was 85.



The Mile Highers have been busy last month, as usual. **Virgil Gooselaw** told us of an event that many members of the chapter participated in. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" was in Denver on display and rides were offered.

**Don Burbank** (DENMM) is one of the volunteers on the B-17 and made arrangements for 10 people that he knows to have a ride. Don was the Crew Chief on this flight. Passengers on the flight from the Denver Chapter or close friends of Don were **Jim Spate** DENMM, **Lonnie Kemp** DENMM, and friend **Don Smith** DENTK, **Bill Brehmer** DENMM, **Glen Cannon** DENCg, **Virgil Gooselaw** DENMM and his son-in-law **Robert Adkins**, **Mark Harrison** from Seattle and two neighbors of the Burbanks. A



great time was had by all. What a thrill and privilege to experience a ride in a real “War Bird”! The flight itinerary was around the Denver area and the foothills and lasted around 45 minutes. The airplane and crew performed perfectly. Prior to the flight Don gave us our preflight briefing and some of the history of the Aluminum Overcast. It was delivered to the Army Air Corps May 18, 1945, too late to see combat in the Second World War. Don said it is in excellent condition compared to some of the other B-17s because it hadn’t been all shot up.

When Don completed the briefing, the pilot spoke to us about the early days of the European Theater and the losses that incurred. He told of bomb runs out of England over Germany of 600 plus aircraft and many times 200-400 wouldn’t return. With 10 man crews and doing the math it’s obvious the casualty rate was very high. The casualty rate of the Army Air Corps for the first few years of the war was the highest of all branches of the service. And most of the crew was made up of very young men. It was not uncommon to have pilots 18-25 years old, very proficient and extremely dedicated. When it was time to go, there was a deep commitment to be onboard knowing that accommodations such as a pressurized heated cabin didn’t exist (40 below at 35,000 ft) and the chances of not returning was high. This was a sobering thought and sacrifices we should not forget. Freedom has never been cheap and never will be.

Some statistics: There were 12,731 B-17s built, peak production was 16 airplanes a day in April 1944. The Aluminum Overcast is a “G” model and the service ceiling was slightly above 35,000 ft with a Gross Weight of 65,500 lbs. There was ample space for a load of bombs or other ordnance. It is said of the B-17 that it is one of the only operational aircraft, today, that can cruise at 35,000 ft at 150 knots and not fall out of the sky. Truly a remarkable airplane!

Don says that when he gets the dates the Aluminum Overcast will be in Denver next year, he will try to set up another ride.

I urge you to consider attending the Christmas Luncheon. It is always a fun time with good food, good company and a variety of wine and gift cards for door prizes. Please try to attend. The luncheon will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn at 455 S. Colorado Blvd. in Denver. The menu will be: Choice of bourbon glazed pork loin or seared salmon filet – both will be served with a house salad, whipped potatoes, broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower. Dessert will be a choice of pumpkin pie or pecan pie, served with regular and decaf coffee. Beverages will include water and iced tea. The price for the luncheon is \$20.00 per person (includes gratuity). Please send your menu choice and number of attendees to **Tom Goodyear**, 9341 East Jewell Circle, Denver, CO 80231. Please write your menu choice and guests’ names on your check. Checks must be received by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Bob & Antoinette Duensing** were the first reservations for the Christmas Luncheon. “*We always enjoy attending the Christmas Luncheon.*”

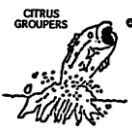
A breakfast is held at 9am the first Saturday of every month at the cafeteria at the Flight Center DENTK. The cafeteria is staffed with a Chef and there are a variety of breakfast items. It is a good opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. I encourage you to consider attending. Don’t forget to bring aluminum for recycling. The December breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Don LeFurge** announced that the Continental retiree group (ARECA) will have a Christmas Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited. Contact **Carol Danielson**, 12598 E. Kentucky Ave. Aurora, CO 80012-3323, (303) 344 0847 for reservations. The luncheon will be from 11 to 2 and the menu items are Salmon and Chicken, \$24.00 per person. The luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn at 455 S. Colorado Blvd. in Denver.

In November, we observed Veterans Day. This holiday was originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of WWI some 90+ years ago. It was declared a legal holiday in 1938. Later that year, President Eisenhower changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all veterans of all wars.

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The Citrus Groupers met for their luncheon/meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Legacy Restaurant, Nancy Lopez Golf Course. Seventeen were in attendance for a great lunch and a brief meeting.

Our chapter will not meet in November, and plan a Christmas Luncheon Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Legacy Restaurant. A Christmas committee was formed; **Elaine Lies**, **Isabell Buchanan** and **Phylliss Whalen**

volunteered to handle the details. The chapter voted to send \$150.00 to the United Flight 93 Chapel Memorial. **Charles Cochran** volunteered to handle this for our chapter.

Our Regional Director **Don Nellans** gave us a report on the RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention, and also noted that the 2016 RUAEA Convention will be held in Seattle during the month of September.

Best wishes and a Happy and Safe Holiday to all!



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We are enjoying record warm temperatures and beautiful blue skies in the Daytona area! Come on down and join us y'all! Anyway, 14 attended our November meeting which was opened by the Pledge and followed by a prayer by **Bobbie Rieck**.

After a few jokes by President **Dick Coughlin**, we sang Happy Birthday to **Penny Logan** and the 50/50 drawing was won by **Frieda Coughlin**. There were no anniversary celebrants present. Treasurer **Penny Logan** also gave a financial report.

**Dick Coughlin** presented a brief UAL report. We wished a speedy recovery to our new CEO Oscar Munoz and also discussed the progress in Flight Attendant negotiations and changes.

Our last meeting of the year will be our Christmas luncheon. The details are: Location: The Flagroom at Smyrna Yacht Club at 1201 S Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168; Date: Thursday, December 3; Time: arrive 12:00 pm, food service beginning at 12:30 pm. We have requested the same menu that was served last year and the cost is \$27.99 inclusive of tax and gratuity. Credit Cards only. Thanks to **Ken Carpenter** for making the arrangements. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so to **Dick Coughlin** by November 25.

#### Calendar:

**December 3** – 12:00 Christmas luncheon, Smyrna Yacht Club, New Smyrna Beach

**January 7, 2016** – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and our regular flag-bearer, **Ernie Vosges** and wife, **Cheryl**, were present! Ernie asked all veterans to remain standing and they were honored for the upcoming Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Ernie also thanked everyone for their sympathy, cards and prayers on the sad loss of his son. It was wonderful to see **Jim Weeks**, **Joan Gaydos**, **Tom Deckrow & Holly**, **Edna Gooseman** and **Sharon & Charlie Ringer** - all looking fit and happy and ... retired!

**Charlotte LeGrand** gave her Treasurer's Report and we have the funds to generously support our Christmas charities and have a very festive Christmas Luncheon! \*\*\* The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Buca di Beppo's at the Florida Mall! \*\*\* (Those little \*\*\* are Florida Snowflakes! Ho? Ho? Ho?)

Elaine took the floor, and as is sometimes the case it's about our members' health issues – some good and some not so good. **Mack Chandler** continues to slowly recover: 2656 Skif Drive, MCO 32812. **Susan Ulman** says **Don** is much improved: 144 Easton Circle, Oviedo, FL 32765. **Stan Halterman** is having heart surgery on December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5344 Chiswick Circle, MCO 32812. Keep praying for all our members and their families as they meet the challenges of “aging gracefully”.

Birthday Wishes for happy days to **Tom Deckrow** 7<sup>th</sup>, **Richard Armistead** 15<sup>th</sup>, **Monty Clark** 16<sup>th</sup> and **Patti Clark** 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our Happy Anniversary Congrats to **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**, celebrating 23 years 11th,

and Super-Special Amazing You Made It Fifty-Eight Years Congrats to **Jim & Audrey Weeks** (17<sup>th</sup>) and **Stan & Barb Halterman** (29<sup>th</sup>)!

The Real McCoys would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Blessed Christmas 2015. And may the New Year be a healthy one for all of us. See you January 5, 2016

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on South Semoran Blvd.

**December 1** – Christmas Luncheon



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The November 6 meeting was attended by 21 members. Ocean Breezz in Cape Coral did a delicious luncheon. Enjoying the meal were **Wallis Alves, Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Jerry & Peggy Kliner, Nancy Kopp, Bee McCarthy, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Diane Roberts, Mel & Linda Volz, and Ric Marton.**

**Raymond Jensen** and **Connie Duerwald** came as guests and joined as permanent members. We're very happy to welcome them.

50/50 was won by **Jerry Pryde**. **Bill Burg** tried to talk him into taking a bottle of wine or a box of candy, but Jerry stubbornly insisted on taking the cash. Later **Sandy Pryde** won the candy anyway. Bottles of wine and candy were also won by **Paul Olson, Diane Roberts, and Peggy Kliner.**

Plans for our December 4 Christmas luncheon were discussed. This is always an enjoyable day. We have a gift exchange and a special holiday meal. The group will meet at Ocean Breezz, 4703 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Place, Cape Coral, FL 33914.

Calendar:

Luncheon first Friday of the month October through April at 11:15 am at Ocean Breezz restaurant in Cape Coral.

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We had the largest attendance we've had in a long time. There were a lot of returning members as well as several guests, which included **Mary Martin's** daughter and **Ed & Joan Hufnagel** from DEN.

**Bev Alderdice** thanked **Don & Volrie Fusina** for doing such a great job with the picnic. She also gave a pat on the back to **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** for helping to find a substitute for Pit Boss which was under construction.

Only a couple trips this month. **Bob & Jan** went to JAX to see the Georgia-Florida football game, **Volrie** went to JAX to see the Blue Angels, and **Jon Wilkinson** went on a cruise.

**Mary Martin** has retired from the Membership Chairperson duties, **Jeanne Linnehan** will be taking over. We want to give a big thanks to Mary for all her efforts and a thank you to Jeanne for stepping up.

**Terri Breslin** reminded us about the December 10 party. Guess we were smart to make our reservations at Heritage Springs early. Bev heard about a group that had wanted our time.

**Jon Wilkinson** gave us an update about what is happening at UAL. He also mentioned that his softball season was about to start.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Our December 10 meeting will be in the club house at Heritage Springs in Trinity. There will be cocktails at 11am and luncheon at noon. If anyone needs directions, feel free to call me.



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Our meeting on November 3 was attended by 18 members and, as usual, it was a very noisy group. Indeed, that is until the food arrived. What a group! No new guests or members attended.

President **Al Popek** answered numerous questions about CVS-Silver Scripts and insurance selection and that our membership dues must be in no later than December 1. Send your check to **Diane Liebisch** and make it payable to her. Toys For Tots will be collected at our Christmas/holiday party and will be at the Twisted Tuna on December 10 starting at 6 PM. And let's not forget the Toys For Tots as mentioned above. Last, but not least, don't forget the grab bag gift that can be used by male or female members and not to exceed \$10 in cost.

VP **Bob Langevin** was given the floor to tell some jokes!

**Gene & Fran Student** spoke about their trip to Cuba and Cancun, where their hotel room in Cuba was \$30 per night. Yucca was an excellent dish to eat, try it if you make a trip to Cuba. The people are happy and the cars that have been rebuilt have diesel engines, most places have A/C with private baths. Cars, needless to say, are a luxury item and most people walk or ride bikes and no one is ever in a hurry.

**Dave Damon** won the 50/50 and the progressive was won by **Diane Brodis**. **Michael Carragher**, **Pat Williams**, **David Damon** and **Dino**, all won the flower arrangements that **Janice Popek** put together. She always comes through with different decorations for different holidays. What a gal!

A little over a month ago, a retiree by the name of **Rose Horton** called my home number and said she would like to know about our meetings. She did not leave a phone number and I do not have caller ID. According to membership, she is still a member. They had two different phone numbers that are no longer able to be used since they are not in service. Rose, if you're reading this or if anyone knows her, please have her call me and leave a current phone number so I can return her call. Thanks, and I hope to hear from her.

Birthdays for December are **Dick Knapp** (12/2), **Millie Rosse** (12/28). Happy Birthday to them and Happy Anniversary to **Jack & Glenda Boisseau** (12/1).

Happy Thanksgiving to all from all of us.

Live, laugh, and love the clock is ticking.

### Calendar:

**December 1** - No meeting

**December 10** - Christmas/holiday party at Twisted Tuna, Port Salerno, FL 6 PM

**January 5** - Luncheon/meeting – 12:30 PM Duffy's, South Stuart, FL

**February 2** - Luncheon/meeting – 12:30 PM Duffy's South Stuart, FL



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32 Flyers attended the November 4 luncheon. Also attending were **Iris Jordan**, age 93, guest of **Doug & Mary Ann Gofort**, **Charles Freeman**, brother of **Barbara Russy**. **Fred Cron** did double duty, offering the meal blessing as well as the 50/50, assisted by **Bogie Wallace**. The total was \$40, won by **Tony Carringer** who donated his \$20 to the Ladies In Distress, our charitable organization. They received the gift of \$40. This month, **Dave Bellavance** from ATLCG rounded out our group. The Flyers voted to return to Broadway Diner next year. We are most welcomed by the owner, Steve, and our two steady waitresses.

**Sybil Voss**, our sunshine lady, gave a report of the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh. The tours offered were wonderful and a good time was had by all. Being our sunshine lady, she sent birthday cards to **Joan Manley**, **Gail Chambers**, **Willie Foles** and **Diayne Thompson**.

Retirements in the month of November, **Frank Russy** and **Andy Ryabik** 2001, **Doug Gofort**, 2002, and **Sandy Lis**, 2000. Next luncheon, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628.

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLRUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details.

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

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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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There isn't really any interesting news to share from our chapter this month. Therefore, rather than panic, I went to a file drawer where I've saved up columns written by Arthur Hart, an Idaho historian. I'm choosing parts of a few of his columns from our local newspaper, the Idaho Statesman. Hoping you'll enjoy!

*"Boise owes a lot to Henry Chiles Riggs. Not only was he one of the city's founders in July 1863, but in December 1864, while serving as a Boise County representative in the second session of the Idaho Territorial legislature, he led the emotional battle to move the capital from Lewiston to Boise, over the vigorous opposition of representatives from North Idaho."* A second article is titled *Pioneers in Ada County* came from all over the world. In fact, there were more foreign-born people in Idaho in 1870 than American-born.

Most of these were Chinese. That was not true of Ada County, where the Irish outnumbered all others, followed by the Germans, the Canadians, the English and the Danes. There were Chinese in Ada County in 1870, but only 77 individuals, compared with 1,751 in Boise County, where nearly all of them were placer miners. In Ada County, which covered all of Boise valley in 1870, most Chinese were gardeners. (Side note: One of our main streets is called Chinden Boulevard, coming from Chinese Gardens). Many well-to-do families hired Chinese cooks. (The best a census enumerator could do was to spell foreign names phonetically, especially if his subject couldn't speak or write English.)

Ada County's Irish were mostly farmers in 1870, but some were already doing well at other work. When Elijah E. Myers of Detroit was chosen, after a nationwide competition, to provide the plans and specifications for Idaho Territory's capitol in April 1885, he already had to his credit the 1872 Michigan State Capitol and the 1881 Texas State Capitol. He had submitted plans in another competition for the Colorado State Capitol, and would be awarded that job in 1885. Prominent among natives of the New England states who made Idaho history was Orlando "Rube" Robbins from Maine. He was Idaho's most famous and respected lawman of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He was appointed a deputy United States marshal in 1865, a position he held off and on for 20 years. The article continues to point out other leadership positions held by Robbins.

Albert Robie, was a native of New Hampshire. He came west in 1853 with Isaac Stevens in an expedition to survey the route for a Northern Pacific railway. Stevens, newly appointed governor and Indian agent of Washington Territory, appointed Robie his sub-agent and an army quartermaster when the Indian wars broke out. In the early '60s, he started a lumber business in the new town of Lewiston. When Boise was made the capital, Robie moved his operations to the mountains northeast of town. Robie Creek (sometimes pronounced "Ruby" Creek is named for him. When the Bannock Indians raided ranches in eastern Oregon in 1878, Robie and a cowboy who worked for him had to ride about 100 miles to escape before joining U.S. troops in pursuit of the Indians. He died shortly after at age 46. Edward J. Curtis, born in Worcester, Mass. in 1827 served more years as acting governor of Idaho Territory than any governor ever appointed to the position.

I discovered that I was not familiar with many of these facts. What I do know for sure is that **I love being an Idahoan!**

### Calendar:

**December 9** -1:30 - Christmas Party at Jakers

**January 13** - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

## ILLINOIS

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December 2015 - Yes, you heard me. Another year shot to heck. Nevertheless, it's ok; it's the month of twinkle lights, fruit cake and the Little Drummer Boy. Some year I'm going to take away that kid's drum for good! Maybe I'll feed him the fruitcake, he'll get a stomach ache, and it'll shut him up! It rhymes! Hate that song! Three more family events this year, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. Another chance to see children, grandchildren and great grandchildren! Still can't believe that we have great grandchildren. But how wonderful to have lived this long to see how our families have grown. Thank you, God, for letting us see them. Now's the time to pass on stories and history of our ancestors so those little ones know we were kids once and we had our own share of tomfoolery in our youth. Let them know how you saw, or met, JFK, Nixon, MLK, the Beatles, The Stones, Michael Jordan, Walter Payton, or even each other. It's the perfect time to share those memories with the next generation. They'll think you're the coolest grandparents in the world.

Our Northside breakfast had about 25 retirees. **Harry Gillam** attended the Unimatic Reunion the beginning of October at EXO. He was happy to see 40 of his former co-workers and friends. **Jerry Tipperreiter** and his friend, **Pam**, joined two other couples for a trip to Williamsburg, VA. **Jim Sommerfeld** and his friend, **Shirley**, attended the PIT convention, and then visited the Gettysburg battlefield. The Convention attendees that went to the 9/11 Memorial in Shanksville, PA., said it was very emotional and a lovely tribute to all the people on Flight 93 that fateful day. **Joan Feister**, spent time with her son, Keith, and his family, in Ft. Leavenworth, KS. (The city, not the prison). **Barb Weismann** visited her family in COS and Redding, CA. A newbie was, **Marie Burda**, wife of **Gene Burda**, who passed away last month. We are sorry for your loss, but happy that you could join us. **Bill Bergner**, had to cancel his river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest because his wife needed a hip replacement. Next year, Bill, just like the Cubs, next year! I see LAS bookmakers have the Cubs favored to win the World Series in 2016. My Cubbies got a lot further this year than expected, so, hooray, and keep it going, Joe Maddon. You are okay in my book! **Helen Cauwels** had to leave breakfast early to join her other retiree group on a tour to the beautiful Morton Arboretum in Lisle. The last time I was at the Arboretum, my sisters were about 2 and 6. My mother was holding the little one, and slipped and slid down a hill. Those were the days of the beehive hairdo. My mom was not about to mess up her coiffure, that she just had done. So, she held on to Jean, but strained to keep up her head. The child, the hairdo and the grass were all ok, but her neck hurt for a week. We still giggle when we drive by Morton's, thinking about that. See people, those are the memories I'm talking about! Tell those kiddies all your fun times!

At our ORDMM breakfast, we had two newbie's, **Harry Kargenian** and **Bob Palm**. Welcome, and do drop in again. One of our mechanics passed away, **Keith Padzior**. He had cancer, was given about three months to live. He surpassed that, but did lose the battle in October.

Our Southside group had 15 folks at Jedi's. **John Pasakarnis**, traveled to Indiana and Arkansas to pick up jams and jellies. **Tom Hurley** said he traveled to the Islands, Stoney, Blue and Rock. He didn't use a pass. Our raffle consisted of cash and note pads, which were compliments of **Gwen & Bill Brookins**. Cash was won by **Marge Caliendo**, **Marge Schmitt**, **Sylvester Gant**, and **Scotty Ward**. Notebooks were won by **John Pasakarnis**, **Tom Hurley**, **Sylvester Gant**, and **Barb Weismann**. The **Brookins** brought the note pads plus Halloween candy. Thank you and we hope Gwen had a very happy 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 11. **Ruby Singer**, ORDCS, called, she and her dog, Pearl, still live in Alabama, close to Huntsville, and says hello to all of her old friends.

At all of the gatherings, the hot topics were our medical benefits, hoping we would have good coverage with reasonable rates. By now, we have received the literature and made our choices. Not much of a choice, Aetna and Silverscripts or Aetna and Silverscripts. At least we're still covered! I'm sure you all saw the letter from Oscar Munoz, expressing his hope that we can become the number one airline again. He said he reads all of his mail and answers it. Well, I have an optimistic feeling about him, he seems honest, and so I decided to write

him a letter. I welcomed him to his new position and wished him well in his endeavors, hoping he could actually do what he wants to do. I also mentioned what we retirees lost, since he probably didn't know. Board members have no idea what the "little people" have or don't have. I was very nice, diplomatic and kind. Well, two days later, Oscar had a heart attack. I thought, Oh My God, Oscar got my letter! Hope he gets better, or I'll never forgive myself!

Some of our departed friends are **Monte Lazarus**, 85, Senior VP of External Relations, and was on the CAB board in the 70's, **Lucimeire Bertoli**, 49, of cancer, ORD, **Lowell Deckens**, ORDFO, **Roger Dorsey**, EXOSW, **Nancy Kingery**, of ALS, and **Cheryl Miller Hardt**, of cancer, from ORDSW, **Dick Cummings**, 73, ORDCG, **George Marshino**, EXOFP, and **Wayne Sableman**, CHIPE. Also gone from our world, Cory Wells, 74, from Three Dog Night, Marty Ingels, 79, comedian and husband of Shirley Jones, Paul Prudomme, 75, Cajun Chef, Al Molinaro, 97, Happy Days restaurateur, Fred Thompson, 73, senator and actor from Law and Order, Prince Spencer, 98, dancer from The Four Step Brothers, Joan Leslie, 90, actress, Melissa Mathison, 65, playwright of E.T., and first wife of Harrison Ford, George Barris, Batmobile designer, Chicago Alderman, Gus Savage, 90, and beautiful Maureen O'Hara, 95, actress of many great classic films, like, The Quiet Man.

I want to wish each one of you a very wonderful Christmas and hope you have continued good health, and spend time with true friends in 2016. It should be an exciting year for everyone! I know some of us are in failing health, but guess we have to keep plugging away. We'll have to pray for each other. Thank you for making my 2015 a happy one with your kind words of encouragement and friendship. I am truly blessed to have so many friends.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**December 9**).  
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**December 8** – Christmas Luncheon, 11:00, Avalon Banquets, Higgins Road, Elk Grove

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We had a good attendance at our October meeting. Vice President **Margie Bregante** reminded us of our Christmas Luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the day of our regular meeting. It will be at Maggio's Restaurant located at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis. The cost will be \$24.95 per member and checks, made payable to Indy Racers and sent to **Dimple Rihel** by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Margie said she will be sending maps to the membership with directions to the restaurant.

Margie also reported that RUAEA District Representative, **Helen Cauwels**, will be visiting us at our November meeting.

There was discussion of concerns about the changes in the provision of prescription service through our Retiree Insurance program.



Our Toys for Tots collection box was placed at Emmy's and will remain through November. **Charles Theiss**, this year's TOT Coordinator, has invited a member of the local U.S. Marine Corps to visit us for lunch and pick up the donated, unwrapped toys.

**Wanda Bryce** gave us a review of the RUAEA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. She and **Dimple Rihel** represented the Indy Racers at the meeting. Wanda reported that they enjoyed the tours of the Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel and the Fallingwater – Frank Lloyd Wright House.

December Anniversaries: **Elly & Bud (Ralph) Barnett** (19<sup>th</sup>); **Hannelore & Ray Brabo**, (21<sup>st</sup>)

Calendar:

**November 10** – Meeting at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, IN. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Business Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

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The Nor'Easters October luncheon was held at Isaac's Restaurant on the waterfront, in historic Plymouth, MA harbor, across from the pier where the replica of the Mayflower, which repeated its journey of 1620 sits. Isaac's is quite a drive for me, 110 miles each way, but with our VP, **Mercedes Hersom**, being my passenger, good conversation and the top down on a cool sunny day, the time flew. And, Isaac's does have the best prime rib anywhere. We had 21 members and guests present. **Helmut Umbley** brought his daughter Sue, who lives in Plymouth. **Charlie Staula** was brought by his niece, Arlene. **Oscar Barule** was brought by his daughter, Gesela. And not seen in a long time, **Bob & Joan Lincoln**. The 50/50s tickets were sold by VP Mercedes and were won by **Frank DeStefano** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. Free lunches were won by **Lou Shakley** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. The progressive would have been won by **Mark Domurat**. You have to be present to win, Mark wasn't. And the next progressive will be \$40.

A regular money winner, **Bill Shailor**, who passed away, is being replaced by **Elaine Vanderwal** and up and coming **Frank DeStefano**. In fact Frank was enjoying a free meal on his winning ticket at a previous meeting.

The **DePippos** and **Joan Simard**, usually present, boarded a cruise ship in BOS, sailing down the East Coast to several islands and terminating in TPA. We'll see them at the next meeting and get the facts.

**Jayne & Jack Regan** are flying to LAS. They don't want to risk flying on pass, so they purchased tickets on Jet Blue, which more retirees are doing.

Our own **Mary Beth McDermot** says life in VT is too quiet. During mud season, she took a girl's trip, fulfilling a lifelong dream, to go to China, flew UAL to Shanghai, (returning from Beijing) not on a pass, but paid tickets. A few days later, flew to Wuhan and took a Viking River Cruise up the Yangtze River to Chongqing and visited the Panda Preserve. She then flew to Xian and into the pits of the terra-cotta soldiers; on to Beijing, visited the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. There are many more wonderful things in addition to the highlights. She had great in-depth experiences with the locals. The trip was everything she hoped it would be.

**Josephine Pizzano** passed away on October 29. She gave up Nor'Easter membership several years ago when she moved into a nursing home. Josephine was married to **Vinnie Pizzano**, also deceased for several years. Both Josephine and Vinnie worked at BOSCG.

**Madline (Paddy) Bilodeau**, wife of **Steve Bilodeau**, ex-Nor'Easter living in Florida passed away on October 11. I've known Paddy & Steve close to 45 years and watched their kids grow up. They were an active part of the BOSCS family and regulars at our gatherings. Paddy will be missed.

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

The Nor'Easters wish all fellow RUAEA members the merriest of Christmases and a happy and healthy New Year!

At my age I don't trip over things! I just do random gravity checks.

Calendar:

**December 8** - Christmas Lunch, Jimmy's Steer House Saugus, MA  
No meetings planned **January, February & March 2016**



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My thanks to our chapter's secretary, **Mary Brennan**, for taking notes in my absence. 26 Lites came together for lunch and visiting. An infrequent visitor was **Ray Thoreson** who had ridden with the Kilians. Hopefully, one of these days Ray's wife, **Yvonne**, will not have to work and can join us. It's been too long.

Let's get the bad news out of the way early:

- ❖ **Lou Olson**, knee replacement
- ❖ **Janet Meyer**, knee replacement
- ❖ **Nel Brawner**, she's not saying, but knowing her, will be her usual sassy self in no time.
- ❖ **Neva Ruffino**, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Private service. Condolences to the family at 3326 Shores Blvd., Wayzata, MN 55391.
- ❖ **Chuck Chidester**, former MSP supervisor, passed away at 88 after suffering a heart attack. (Notice in the November Skyliners chapter news)

**Lee Storlie** is going out to visit our ol' pal, **Jim Simon** near Sacramento. The group signed a "we miss you" card for him to give to Jim. He decided not to attempt standby travel since it's so hard to get out of MSP. He's going to be a Real Passenger on Delta.

**Jo Ayres** related some of the events that she and **Bud**, along with several other Lites, enjoyed during the Northwoods Loonies Fall Fling to Rockford, IL. Who'd have thought that there would be a Japanese garden in RFD? Beautiful, especially with the fall colors! Another really fun place was Edward's Apple Orchard near Poplar Grove. I could have spent a lot more \$\$\$ there, but I reined it in. As always, the best part of those adventures is seeing old friends. Thanks to **Clyde & Doris Johnson** for introducing us all to their old stomping grounds.

Some of us who attended the Loonies' bash were unexpectedly and unwillingly sidelined for almost 3 hours when the vehicle pooped out on the side of the road near Harvard, IL. Fortunately, there was a dealership service department close by which bailed us out, but we missed one of the highlights of the day according to those who visited it.

**Sonja & Lyle Gunderson** had been off on another one of their bus adventures, this time to northern MN and WI, including Bayfield and the Apostle Islands. **Nel Brawner** arranges bus trips for the senior center near her home and she regaled the group about their sojourn to Medora, No. Dakota, where they drove the Theodore Roosevelt Trail and had a chuck wagon fondue dinner, saw the ND portion of the Badlands which attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Dr. **Jan Meyer** brought some old photos from the 1978 strike days. She had been working in the Head Shed (EXO) but came to MSP to help load planes. Everyone in the photos looked like a bunch of kids, according to Mary. **Al Kilian**, **Jack Spalding**, **Bob Higbee** and **Chuck Chidester**, along with several others that no one could identify. Sadly, Bob and Chuck have flown on without the rest of us.

Re: the sorta-50/50 raffle we all enjoy, Sonja was all smiles again after winning one of the prizes. Gotta keep that girl happy.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the **Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN**. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

## NEBRASKA



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A very nice attendance of 38 to say goodbye to Piccolo's. Thanks to **Jackie & Tony Sortino** for hosting. Tony and the owner of Piccolo's are friends so am sure Tony was happy to see a nice crowd gather. **Van Van Houten** brought a guest, **Mike Hoel**, whose father, **William Hoel**, worked on the ramp for United beginning in 1946. Mike said his father passed away in 1961. Mike lives in the Bluffs - he is welcome to join us anytime. Van underwent surgery on his hip October 20<sup>th</sup>, he said it would be more or less the same schedule as before where he will be in Jenny Edmundson Hospital for approximately 4 days and then hopefully they will send him to Bethany Lutheran Nursing home for rehab.

The winners of the 25/25/50 were **Marilyn Weak** and **Sharon Farrell**, each receiving \$18.00. We were happy to see Marilyn after her intensive surgery of the pancreas and she looks wonderful – lost a lot of weight but has started her chemo and said she is very surprised that it has gone so well – keep up the good work. Marilyn was kind enough to pass her winnings of \$18.00 on to Ann, our waitress. What a nice thing to do. She wants to thank everyone for their cards and get well wishes as she was recovering from her surgery.

**Dick Chizek** fell two weeks ago and went as an outpatient for some surgery on the spine from the fall. Dick asks - please no phone calls as he doesn't have a phone by his bed. Cards would be appreciated – 1947 So. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68108. Our best to you, Dick, for a full recovery.

**Stan Longmeyer** proceeded to pass out while he was at the Nebraska Furniture Store in Omaha. He was transported to Methodist Hospital where he spent 3-4 days. He is at home in Council Bluffs and could have attended; however, the law is if you pass out in Nebraska you can't drive for 3 months and Iowa it is 6 months – so they took his driver's license from him. There is quite a difference in the ruling of the two states – better he was in Nebraska at the time he fell. Hope you are feeling better, Stan.

November birthdays ~ Enjoy your special day – **Rose Langan** (8); **Marilyn Weak** (19); and **Russ Meyer** (28).

**Lorraine Stanfield** celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party hosted by her children all of Lexington, MD on October 3. We know she thoroughly enjoyed the time with all of her family. Nice picture of you in the Omaha World-Herald, Lorraine.

**Tony & Jackie Sortino** were to leave for Sicily the day after our outing at Lake Manawa, but instead Tony landed in the hospital for 4 days after suffering some type of a bite on his finger he received while at Lake Manawa. He doesn't know what kind of a bug it was. I've read there are some bad spiders around that are brown with a red head so beware. Thankfully, everything turned out even though you had to cancel your trip to Sicily.

**Harry Hansen** is recovering from back surgery he had September 21 which may detour he and Angela from leaving for the winter until possibly January. He will let us know when they head for Florida. Hope you are doing well and getting better each day.

**Roger Jensen** had surgery for a bowel obstruction on October 2. He had been in the hospital for a week prior to the surgery. He went home October 13 and has a visiting nurse and physical therapy coming to help him get his strength back. He had his share of problems in the hospital but is glad to be home. Since he had been on a liquid diet all that time, he is happy to be eating real food.

**Jim Casey** is in Lakeview Hospital in ICU with sepsis and urinary tract infection. Living next door to Jim, I had noticed he hadn't picked up a paper in front of his door for two days so contacted a member on our Board who checked and he had been on the floor for at least a day unable to get up. His daughters wanted him to go to the hospital but he said no, and 4 days later the rescue squad came as he was down again. Our best to Jim that he will recover soon.

**Bob Myers**, age 90, of Lake View, IA passed away October 19. Bob worked many years in Ramp Service for United. Our sympathy to his family.

### Calendar:

**December 1** - Anthony's Christmas Luncheon, Hosts **Ev & Shirley Payton**

**January 5** - Golden Corral

## NEVADA

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Our October luncheon/meeting was attended by 39 members and 3 guests; **Sigrid Wright, Zenta Berghofer's** daughter, **Felix Cicco's** daughter and son-in-law, **Susan & Darryl Weyer**, they flew in to celebrate Dad's birthday. Sue is a current PDX employee and Darryl is PDX retiree and a member of the Portland RUAEA Chapter.

**Rosemarie Restivo** and **Christine Earl** were unanimously re-elected to serve another 2 years as President and Treasurer. Thank you both for your commitment to the Silverliners chapter.

**Bruce & Peggy Dunkle** went to the PIT Convention, attended the Presidents and Correspondents meetings, and gave us some highlights of the Convention. Bruce also had a very nice presentation with photos and information. The obvious issue for all the Chapters is the lack of new retiree recruits.

**Georgia Rutkowski** was recently honored at the "Ronald McDonald House". Thanks, Georgia, for your volunteer work, and Congratulations!

Former member, **Chester James "Jim" Vaughn** passed away in October. Jim was a resident of Henderson, NV and retired from SFO in 1984. Condolences to the Vaughn family!

**Chris & Jim Czaplewski** returned from a 2 week cruise to the Hawaiian Islands. They thoroughly enjoyed it!

It was nice to see **Shirley Popp** who has been ill for some time. Also, **Joann Sanders** who travels between Las Vegas and Northern California to take care of her ill daughter.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary wishes were announced for: **Don Rutkowski, Eleanor Vasko, Felix Cicco, Shirley Popp, Winnie Stone, Alex Kraus, Jim McCroy, Mike Vasko, Bruce Dunkle, Roze & Richard Kliese, Benny & Vicky Brender a Brandis, Jim & Arlene McCroy, Tony & MaryAnn Tricoll, Barb & Frank Kosa, Alex & Margie Klaus.**

VP **George Fox** opened the 50/50 drawing and many gifts were raffled off. Winners of the 50/50 cash drawing were **Bruce Dunkle, Jeannie Rolland, and Benny Brandis.**

I want to thank **Jeannie Rolland** for the excellent job she is doing in recording and sending out the minutes from our meetings.

Our next luncheon will be December 18<sup>th</sup>; same place. We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday, and a great Christmas season.



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There were 22 members at our October meeting at the Black Bear Diner.

The Christmas Luncheon has been confirmed for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Tamarack Junction. The signup flyer will be sent separately to each member via US mail, Halloween weekend. The due date is November 24. Once again this year, we will be collecting cash and checks for the No. Nevada Food Bank. The meal choices will be Chicken Marsala, Baked Salmon and Pork Loin and will include salad, bread/butter, dessert and coffee and tea. Cocktail service will also be available.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Pat Nettles, Donna Perkins, Barbara Leusing** and **Bob Hallden. Ralph Mischker** was the winner of the 50/50.

## NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters meeting at Snuffy's restaurant took place on Wednesday, October 28. It started with a flag salute by our President **Frank Worzocha**, and thankfully there was no dedication to anyone passing.

Since Indian summer is almost gone, it has still left a beautiful panorama of red and golden leaves, and despite all the ills and problems that we all have, it is still nice to see the bounty of nature. Okay so I am a little bit off the subject, but I thought I'd just put that in any way.

It was good to see **Lena & Dick Confer** at our meeting and here's hoping that we see more of them. **Marty Etler** reported that Hangar 14 at Newark is on its way to that great airport in the sky. There are only a few pieces left to where it was originally standing.

I also want to say that **Rosemary & Charlie Bogart** who had been in New Jersey, called on me and we all had a nice visit. He also sends regards to all our Garden Staters.

**Gene Enfield** gave our financial report, and we are now solidly in the black. **Lena Confer** won our 50/50.

Now for some important news: There will be no meeting in November. Our next meeting will be our Christmas dinner. It will be held on December 9, 12 PM sharp at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains and we have been advised that it will be a great menu. Also very important, it is time to bring in "Toys for Tots", a tradition that we have been most responsive to because of **Jerry Confer**. Remember these toys are sponsored by the US Marine Corps for distribution to needy kids. There isn't anything more I can add to that.

*"Camping is an outdoor vacation, during which you have a great time in great discomfort"*

## NEW YORK

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A small, but lively group met on October 13<sup>th</sup>, celebrating our own "Oktoberfest".

**Nora Fitzpatrick** had a very eventful trip to Europe in September. She flew to Paris for business regarding her stepson, Jean Michel Basquiat's estate. She attended a reception at the new Louis Vitton Museum, where two Basquiats are on display. A garden has been named Place Jean Michel Basquiat in his honor - a very proud moment for her. She then went to Manchester, her hometown, to spend a week with cousins. She flew Air France to Paris, and returned on DL from Manchester. She was impressed with their service.

**Helen King** is back home in her apartment after the floor damage was repaired. She was greeted with new floors, and a fresh paint job. She really did enjoy her three week stay at the W Hotel, and so did George, her beloved Pug.

**Audrey Smolick** is planning on attending the Palm Springs International Film Festival in January. In the meantime, she and **Marlene Doran** took a "foliage cruise" up the Hudson to Poughkeepsie - a wonderful way to enjoy the changing leaves.

Marlene had just seen the documentary, Malala, the inspiring story of Malala Yousafzai, the 18 year old Pakistani activist. After she was shot in the face by the Taliban in retaliation for her vocal stance on a female's right to education, she went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize, a teenager interested in more than selfies and twitter, how refreshing.

**April King** has caught up on Broadway shows, as well as multiple doctors' appointments. She flew to California (even getting Bus/First JFK-SFO), but returned on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the day that LGA had a ground stop, so it was rather a nightmare flying SMF-ORD-LGA; it took hours, and wasn't exactly smooth sailing.


**Betty Williams** said her husband, **Taylor**, a retired AA Captain, isn't happy with AA/USAir merger regarding retiree travel; it's the bottom of the barrel. Welcome Aboard. Betty has been busy attending opera at the Met. The season has had some good moments, as well as very disappointing ones. At an artist talk, during a Q and A, she made her opinion known to Peter Gelb, the general manager. I asked if anyone followed her home!

**Marge Segal**, **Audrey** and **Marlene** wrapped up the afternoon talking about being stewardesses "back in the day". Some topics discussed were training in Cheyenne at an Air Force base and **Iris Peterson**, the "Grande Dame" of the skies, who flew into her 80s. Lordy me, hopefully emergency free.

Our next date is the Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Can it really be that time of year already? Ho-Ho-Ho.

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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November in NY and temperatures hovering in the high 60's – we'll take it. 31 showed up for our luncheon on this beautiful day. The bartender (that's where you'll find me) is looking for a new job. The waitress thinks there will still be a restaurant here and **Frank Ferrara** says a historical association has put a hold on any demolition of this historic building, so we may still need a new place to meet, come February. We should know after our Christmas luncheon.

The health of all seems to be status quo except for one member. I called **Yvone Guella** for an update. She had a fall and was hospitalized for a month with a cracked hip (thank God not broken) and is home doing quite well, but with some artificial hardware installed. We hope she'll be at the Christmas Luncheon. Speaking of which, let's make this a great affair by showing up. Get your calls into **Dee Talachino** at (516) 623-8225 or [deelee62@aol.com](mailto:deelee62@aol.com) if you haven't done so.

We didn't announce any birthdays or anniversaries but Ed paid tribute to our veterans by having each branch stand for our applause and thanks, put out your flags on 11/11. I won first prize in our 50/50, **Emma Millazo** second and **Leo Talachino** third. **Nick Manfredo** had a nice win on a lotto scratch-off, so we're all happy campers.

Only those who have shown up for at least 6 meetings this year will be eligible for the December drawing of \$65. There will be two winners. Better show up. It could be you.

I've taken down my symbol of good luck for the NY Mets. A Mets blue apron tied with an orange plastic bag. Is that tacky or what? The Home Owners Association didn't ask me to move, thank goodness. I could have heard Steven Matz playing next door at Ward Melville High School. I read where David Wright stood at the top of the Mets dugout with his hands up, to have the players remain there until the KC Royals had a chance to celebrate their victory on the field. Isn't that classy?

**Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Put the rakes away and get out the shovels.**

Calendar:

**December 2** – Christmas Lunch, Milleridge Inn

## NORTHWOODS

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES



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Wow! The fall meeting of the Loonies is already a thing of the past. This time it was held in Rockford, IL on October 6-9 and was attended by 22 people off and on. At least 16 were “out-of-towners” from Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Colorado. The rest were from the Chicago area, who joined us on a daily basis. The Northern Lites group from Minneapolis were strongly represented as were the Chicago contingent. Without these staunch supporters, the Loonies would have a tough time existing. Usually a couple of folks from Detroit are with us too, but that didn’t work out this time. We missed you people.

As always, part of the attraction of our group is the fact that we always spend some time just shooting the breeze. Tuesday, those coming from a distance signed in at the Comfort Inn and sat and told stories of traveling to get there, and whatever other things crossed our minds. This was followed by dinner at the Stockholm Inn Restaurant.

On Wednesday morning, we met at the motel and proceeded to Anderson’s Japanese Gardens. Mr. Anderson is a Rockford business man who had visited the famous Japanese Gardens in Portland, Oregon and decided that was just what the people of Rockford needed, so he took it on himself to provide it. It is so well done that even people who don’t normally care for this type of thing thoroughly enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the place. Before leaving there, we enjoyed lunch at Fresco’s, a great restaurant on the grounds of Anderson’s.

From there we were supposed to go to tour the old Coronado Theater, except that yours truly was responsible for a snafu, so we ended up going to Midway Village instead. This is in part a museum piece of historical highlights of old Rockford and some of its little known important contributions to the growth of Northern Illinois. This then, was followed by dinner at the Machine Shed Restaurant just a couple of blocks from the motel.

After dinner, the restaurant allowed us to remain to have our business meeting, which consisted more of levity than business. We did discuss such things as the \$3 assessed to everyone for the incidentals incurred such as postage on mailings, some goodies brought into the motel to keep us happy while telling UAL war stories, etc. Then there was the main item of the whole thing, which was to ask for volunteers to host the next meeting, especially because we will be celebrating 20 years of existence in 2016. We are so grateful that **Joe & Arlene Kelly** have graciously volunteered to take the spring meeting, tentatively in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This will probably be in May, but all of this will be finalized by the Kelly’s when they are ready.

On Thursday, we all went to Edward’s Apple Orchard in Poplar Grove, IL for all the good, fresh autumn produce to be had, then on to Beaver Creek Pottery in Belvidere, IL, where the owners graciously took us through their display shop as well as the workshops and kiln. But they also took us through their unique house which is in the loft of the barn that houses the business. Before they were married, the gentleman had made his really neat home in the silo. Later they did a fabulous job on turning the barn into their home.

That night we ate at a little Italian restaurant and bar in Cherry Valley, IL called Francesco’s. More good food. Finally, Friday morning everybody checked out of the motel and most of us met for breakfast at the Machine Shed again and departed for home or parts unknown, only to hopefully meet again in the spring.

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES



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The October 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon was held at Coppertop Restaurant at Cherokee Hills Golf Course and gracefully hosted by **Joe & Shirley Moses**.



We enjoyed a “grand buffet” and the company of 67 attendees. It was a perfect fall day with sunshine and sixty eight degrees. The trees were beginning to display their hues of yellows, reds and orange which made one believe that Ohio is “the place to be” at this time of the year.

**Arlene Taylor** gave the invocation and led us in Grace. Her words made us realize how much we all have to be grateful for. It was very inspiring.

After lunch, **Dave Placko** conducted our 50/50 drawing. Winners were **Earl Taylor, George Oncu** and **Tom Hockett**.

Treasurer **Steve Pytel** informed our members of the donation checks he had mailed out in the names of those members that have passed away and the responses he had received.

President **Dolly Taucher** resumed the meeting and advised us of the death of **Paul Rodjom** on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Paul was 88 years old. **Ann James**, wife of **Roger James** also passed away after a long illness.

We were also asked to pray for **David Cleary** who entered the hospital on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and will have tests to determine what made him so ill. Along with that we were asked to remember all of those who are suffering illnesses.

Seven members in attendance were celebrating October birthdays: **Florence Alexander, Don Elster, Mary Ann Friedel, Jean Hughes, Joe Moses, Cathy Pytel, and Arlene & Earl Taylor**.

Five couples were at the lunch who celebrate October Anniversaries: **Bob & Florence Alexander** (59 years); **Ed & Alene Allen** (53 years); **Joe & Shirley Moses** (58 years); **Dick & Carole Mullen** (55 years); and **Leo & Doris Schueler** (55 years).

“Appreciation” can make a day and even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all it takes.

#### Calendar:

**December 2** - Williams On-The-Lake. **Note** that all checks for December should be made out to “Ohio Buckeyes Chapter” and mailed to Treasurer **Steve Pytel**.

### OREGON

#### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We only had 60 folks join us for our October lunch but were delighted to welcome new member, **Pat Townsend**. Also, it was good to see former members **Gary & Dee Simpson** after a long absence, as well as **Inge Pempeit's** friend Dagmar.

We were fortunate to have a guest speaker this month: Christine Ourada, Director of Women's and Children's Ministry at Shepherd's Door, one of six branches of the Portland Rescue Mission. She provided some wonderful information about Shepherd's Door for Women and Children, a 12-month residential program that provides a safe, relational environment for life restoration through integrated addictions recovery, life skills training and spiritual formation. The organization is kept open wholly by private donations, and receives no government funding. The ultimate goal for the women is to be self sufficient at discharge. On admission they give up any government subsidies and are provided a nominal allowance. In return they rotate through various chores/tasks. They are also taught how to budget, how to avoid triggers that might pull them back down, how their brain works so they can avoid previous pitfalls, and are ultimately prepared to seek jobs. It was a very informative talk.

Thankfully, no deaths were reported this month!

Sick List: **Lois Gruenberg** is currently at home and doing well after an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm repair last month. **Dennis Cline** was in attendance and was able to lead our meeting. He is still doing Physical Therapy and is slowly but steadily improving and getting stronger every day. He thanked everyone for the calls and get well cards. **Bob Bills** had surgery and is currently rehabilitating at Holladay Park Plaza Rehab. **Veulah Lorts** remains at Holladay Park Plaza but is doing much better, although not yet walking.

Announcements/New Business: Election by ballot for 2 Dew-er's Board Director positions, **Carol DeFord** and **Louise Robillard**.

Benefits open enrollment will start in November for retirees. CVS pharmacy will be the new prescription drug source. Be sure to watch for more details.

It's time to sign up for table decorations next year. Terry posted a sign-up sheet.

Anniversaries ~ No one in attendance had an October anniversary.

Birthdays ~ **Barbara Heidegger** (81), **Linda Tracy** (72), **Jack Curtis** (90), **Henry Breitenstein** (64), **Paul Russell** (75), **Bill French** (75), and **Tom Walker** (79).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door prize: **Sara Petersen**, Men's Birthday: **Bill French**, Women's Birthday: **Linda Tracy**.

#### Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

**December 9** - Social including Christmas program

**January 13** - Social

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Our fabulous PHL UAL retirees met at the Clarion Essington on October 12 for lunch. We really enjoy each others company.

**Kathy Edwards** won the 50/50. **Walt Sonderman** won the free lunch.

Our excellent entertainer was Al Long, AKA "George Burns". He gave a wonderful presentation and looked and sounded like the real George.

As we get older I am sure we all feel at times that we should be on the "sick list". Hopefully, that is a temporary feeling. Those in our group who need extra cheery loving thoughts are **Tom Lyons**, **Al & Kathy Edwards**, **Lynne Sonderman** and **Frank Egges**. **Rita Snyder** is recovering from an accident in Paris. Not a fun vacation.

I'll have more news about November in the next newsletter. We had our annual Ronald McDonald dinner in Wilmington, DE and our drive for the veterans in Coatsville. The American music Theater Christmas show was enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas luncheon will be upon us soon! Mark your calendar for December 14.

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Well almost another year has gone by, it seems like we are getting smaller in numbers; hopefully, we will be able to enroll some new members into our chapter. Our next meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at JW Halls, this will be our final get together for 2015.


Some of our ailing members have relocated to new quarters and I'm sure they would like to hear from all of us: **Pat LaValle**, Mariner Health of West Hills, 951 Brodhead Rd., Moon Twp, PA 15108. **Bill Alex**, Caring Heights Rehab, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108. **Barb Guida**, The Residence at Willow Lane, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, Room 238, (412) 875-1664.

October was a very trying month for me, I lost my younger brother Ed on October 26<sup>th</sup>, last of my siblings at age 76. As the old saying goes "*We honor the dead by continuing to live*", my sincere thanks for all of your prayers and cards.

December Birthdays ~ **Bob Wagner** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Marge Mortin** (12<sup>th</sup>), **Mary Jane Stewart** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Vic Ference** (23<sup>rd</sup>), **Georgia Garcia** (24<sup>th</sup>)..

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year

## WASHINGTON

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President **Ken Storey** conducted the business meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA, following the October 13 lunch at the Burien Elks Club with 54 members and guests in attendance. It's great to see the numbers up after a few leaner months.

As always, it was our pleasure to welcome RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** and his friend **Carol Lucarelli**. It isn't every local chapter that gets to have the national president in its midst. **Hank** explained changes and non-changes in retiree health and travel benefits.

We look forward to meeting **Tom Cunningham**, the new Northwest Region Director at our November 10 luncheon. **Tom** succeeds **Jack Hooper**. **Jack** is a member of the Oregon Dewers in Portland and lives in southern Washington. We've enjoyed working with him over the years and especially **Jack's** participation in organizing the joint gathering of our two RUAEA chapters last summer.

Local chapter dues are due and payable - \$10 a year with checks made out to RUAEA. This does not include membership in the national organization, but we urge everyone to join both groups to get the full benefits of RUAEA and the Emerald City Slickers.

**Vicki Shumaker** has returned as our *Contrails* editor, publishing an abbreviated version of our well-received chapter newsletter before the November meeting. Her service is especially appreciated, as she has no connection to United Airlines but is a friend and neighbor of our vice president, **Phyllis Bowman**. We would like to see more members receiving the newsletter online to save printing and mailing costs.

**Phyllis** greeted those celebrating October birthdays and anniversaries before conducting the door prize drawings. **Ken** claimed the 50/50 prize.

**Ed Liesse** distributed flyers while **Gay** described the charity food and toy drive to be held at our November meeting. This is a new project for the chapter and we hope for a great collection to distribute to a local food bank and the Marine Toys 4 Tots. We were motivated to "do something" by reports of their own charitable projects from other chapters at convention and in their newsletter columns. Cash donations were made by a few who would be unable to contribute at the next luncheon.

The Seattle chapter has lost another member with the death of **David Rippentrop** (SEACS) October 5. Originally from Iowa, **David** lived in Federal Way. He had been a past chairman of King County Search and Rescue, a member of the Burien Elks Lodge and the Tacoma Yacht Club.

It was fun to see **Mary Ann Andersen's** smiling face in the back cover photo of the November issue of this newsletter. **Mary Ann** represented the Emerald City Slickers at the Correspondents' Meeting during the recent national convention.

Speaking of which, our chapter is gearing up to host the 2016 national convention here in Seattle. President **Ken Storey** will serve as local chair and is lining up committees and volunteers. We look forward to welcoming you to the **Puget Sound area on September 21, 2016. Save the date!**

### Calendar:

**December** - No meeting

**January 12, 2016** - Lunch at Burien Elks



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Our October dinner brought 17 of us together: **Paul & Marlene Bennett**, we caught them this year before they turn into snow birds. **Frank & Willi Storey**, their "stories" kept us all in stitches. **David & Theresa Reisenauer**, so much encouragement, huh David? **Arnold & Mary Ann Kayl**, always ready to step up to the plate. **Les & Vera Graham**, delightful, never complain, positive. **Jerry & Edna Tefft**, loyal, they never miss a get together. **Bob & Edie Clark**, they have the longest travel time from Ione, WA. All of us so glad they could attend. **Nada Morse**, she is our cheer leader, ready to fill in. **Ken & Myrtle Stoop** were missed as Myrtle is still in the hospital; she is doing great and will be home soon.

Everyone is happy to be together, catching up on six months of happenings.

Our next meeting will be on November 29; this is our Christmas dinner and gift exchange at Das Stein Haus, 1500 hours, hosted by **Les & Vera Graham**.

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Hello RUAEA,

What an exciting time of year this is, with wonderful celebrations with family and friends! We need to take time out of our busy lives to be grateful and thankful for the blessings we have been given.

Even with conflicting politics, this is the best country in the world! How grateful we should be for those Military Women and Men who defend and keep us safe. God Bless Them. Many of them will out in the field or in a tent trying to be thankful for their blessings. Be sure to put them in your prayers.

Wishing each one of you a fabulous Thanksgiving with your families and friends! I know you will have good food, drinks and if you play games as we do, wishing you great luck!

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of October 2015:

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **October 2015**:

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## OBITUARIES

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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Retiree – **Antimary, Jr. George V.**, on 10/23/2015, DENCG, husband of Carol Antimary (Deceased) father of Steve, Chris and Kerri Antimary, 1314 Sandstone Ct., Boulder, CO 80303

Retiree – **Cooke, William E. (Bill)**, on 11/8/2015, LAXFO, father of daughter Teri Walker and son-in-law Bill, 11132 Pinehurst Dr., Austin, TX

Retiree – **Dorsey, Roger J.** on 10/11/2015, WHQWH husband of Teresa Dorsey, 50 Plymouth Ct., Apt. 202B, Naperville, IL 60565

Spouse – **Ellis, Richard L.**, on 2/4/2015, Husband of Amelia I. Ellis (Amy), DENRR, 15949 Harvest Rd., Brighton, CO 80603

Retiree – **Hughes, William S. (Bill)**, on 10/4/2015, SFORQ, husband of Eleanor Hughes, 4529 Middleton Park Cir. E., Jacksonville, FL 32224

Retiree – **Jale, Jr., Fructuoso**, on 3/20/2012, husband of Vivian K. Y. Jale, 3524 McCorriston St., Honolulu, HI 96815

Retiree – **Kuperman, Murray H.**, on 8/20/2015, SFOEG, husband of Mary Kuperman, 652 Rosewood Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024

Retiree – **Marshino, Jr., George E.**, on 8/24/2015, EXOFP, husband of Kay E. Marshino, 1452 Sudan Ct., Redding, CA 96003

Retiree – **Phillips, Harold L.**, on 9/19/2015, MIACS, husband of Judy Phillips, 3155 Maple Lane, Davie, FL 33328

Retiree – **Sableman, Wayne H.**, on 10/10/2015, CHIPE, husband of Elizabeth Sableman (Deceased) father of Joyce (Sableman) Heath & Karen (Sableman) Davis, 74 Clearmont Dr., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Spouse – **Svendsen, Shirley E.**, on 10/10/2015, wife of Harry O. Svendsen Jr. (Deceased) mother of Barbara (Anthony) Hren & Janet (Robert) Stefancic, 863 Tioga Trail, Willoughby, OH 44094

## LETTERS



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

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

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

John Brinnon, Margery Clark, Robert & Connilee Golden, Lavonne Halach, Barrie Hooley, Homer Hudelson, Thomas Hurley Jr., Verna Lann, Mary Anne Lock, Gus London, June McManus, Robert Parshall, Marcia Perry, Allan Pochop, Juanita Ritt, Dorothy Schimpf, Sue Sealey, Reva Shepherd, Winnie Stone, Edward Taylor, John Thomas, Pat Tremont, Norman Wittenfeld.

### **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.)*



**Laverne Burke, 16197 Emerald Point, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**

I just want to brag a little.

My granddaughter, Amber Burke Turner, who graduated from William and Mary Law School, has now become a licensed attorney in the state of Virginia.

Next, there is a year of Military Law and a year to earn a mastery degree, not masters. Finally in two years she should become a JAG for the Army. She will have a bright future. I am very proud of her!

**Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120**

In January 2015, we went to Florida to visit friends who go there to get away from cold weather. **George** my husband is still working (ORDMM) and likes to take vacation in two cold months every year, January and February. George celebrated 46 years of working in ORDMM for UAL in August.

In February 2015, we went to Maui for a week to a timeshare visit. We stopped in SFO on the way there, and enjoyed having lunch at Fisherman's Wharf. On the way home, we stopped in Las Vegas a few days which is the one favorite place my husband likes to go every year.

In March, we surprised one son, wife and two granddaughters offering to take them on a cruise as their gift for last Christmas. We would go when the girls were off school during Spring Break. They loved this cruise, it was their first one. I made a sign for them to hold, saying "#1 cruise", then I added two zeroes and they took our picture with a sign saying "#100 cruise". We still love to take several cruises every year. On this family cruise, our 12 year old granddaughter told us at dinner one night, "This cruise has exceeded my expectations and the ship is fancy and big".

At end of April thru the beginning of May, we flew ORD-FCO. I am glad we now fly into Rome, Italy. We then took the Windstar Sailing cruise ship from Rome to Athens with several other couples. We were able to spend several days prior to this cruise starting: and stayed in the port city of Civitavecchia, Italy instead of staying in Rome this trip. We love this smaller port town! Also we stayed several days after this cruise ended in beautiful Athens. We love these smaller ships where there are up to 200 people, and not over 2,000. This ship was able to put up their 5 sails simultaneously via computer and it was quite amazing. We have sailed on them previously and get "interline rates" in Europe when booking 30-60 days prior to the sailing date.

Near the end of June, I went with a widow girlfriend who lives in The Villages and took a cruise from Boston to beautiful Bermuda. George and I have taken probably a dozen cruises to Bermuda, can you tell we love going there? It is a British Island. It takes 1½ days to get there; then we were at dock side for 4 days in the capital of Hamilton. Then 1½ days to get back to Boston. I bought full fare tickets to fly home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

In mid September, we traveled to wonderful Paris, France. We stayed there 2 nights. We went with ORDMM mechanic **Roger Mock** and wife **Debbie**, **Don Tutt** and wife **Lynn**, and two women. One was a retiree from ORDCS, **Virginia Monaco** traveling with Debbie's girlfriend from WI. We then got on-board the AMA Waterways River Cruise, which headed to Normandy stopping along the way in many small French towns. We all started out with a bang, three of us women had our birthdays in September, **Lynn Tutt**, **Debbie Mock** and me. We all ate in the Eiffel Tower to celebrate our 3 birthdays. It was great!

This concludes the year with cruise #103. We sure do love to go on cruises. Cruise ships are our "Floating Hotels".

We are so happy the Chicago Cubs can be in the playoff for the World Series this year.

We always stay home over the Holidays.

To all Retirees, have a very happy and healthy 2016.

**I. Kay Weber, 9171 W. Circle Dr., Pine, AZ 85544**

I just want to thank the RUAEA staff for keeping up the good work for all of us retirees. It is our only good source for information.

I am still living in the Strawberry/Pine area of Arizona. To me, this is my little piece of "Paradise". Where else can you have herds of elk, deer, wild turkeys and javelinas in your back yard?

Speaking of snow, it can snow here in the evening and it will be gone by noon the next day. Sure beats Chicago weather.

My life has certainly taken some unwelcomed turns the last few years. But I am thankful for my good health and friends here. I would welcome any visitors or call from my UAL family.

**DON'T MISS IMPORTANT RESOURCES ON THE NEXT PAGE**

# Useful Information

## United App or Mobile Flying Together?

United promotes several apps for mobile devices and this may cause some confusion. Here are the basics to help you be in the know while on the go.

### United App

**What it is** ~ This app is for customers, but employees, retirees and everyone can use it, with or without a Mileage Plus account.

**What you can use it for** ~

- ➔ Book and manage revenue travel.
- ➔ Manage pass travel – once you've booked your flight on employeeRES, add your confirmation number to the app and you can get your boarding pass, see your standby status, etc.

**Supported devices** ~ Apple, Android, Windows 8, and Blackberry 10

**Learn more** ~ Visit [United.com](http://United.com) for more details

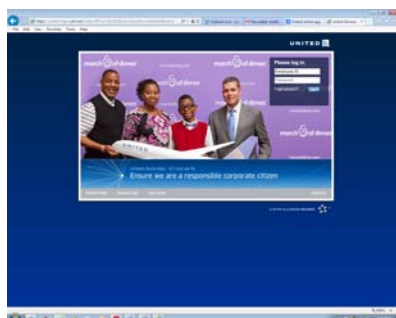
### Mobile Flying Together

**What it is** ~ This is a mobile-friendly version of several key parts of the Flying Together website. It is available to employees, retirees, business partners and all those with full access to Flying Together.

**What you can use it for** ~

- ➔ Book and manage pass travel
- ➔ Read United news
- ➔ Read Jeff's Journal
- ➔ Access your "My favorites" and "My tools" as stored on your Flying Together page
- ➔ There is also a link to the full Flying Together site, including the pages that may not be formatted for mobile viewing.

**How you can access it** ~ This is **NOT AN APP** so there's nothing to download. Just go to [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) from any mobile device: phone, tablet or phablet and you will be directed to the mobile version. Bookmark it or add it to your home screen.



# Important Phone Numbers



## United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

## United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

## United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

## Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729

[ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com) (email)

## Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

## New United number: 877-825-3729 (International

use: 847-825-3729) This is a new, centralized number for employees/retirees to reach United. After calling the new number, **select option #2 (for retirees)**

## Aetna 1-800-334-0110

## PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

## Alliant Credit Union

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

## Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227

## Express Scripts (Pharmacy Benefit Administrator)

1-800-864-1425 (open 24/7)

## VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time) 1-800-877-7195

(M-F 6AM-8PM, Sat 7AM-8PM, Sun 7AM-7PM)

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*BOAC Captain T. Nisbet and First Officer L. E. Hill accept the Stratocruiser's Flight Log from UAL Captains Herb Munroe and Howard Mayes.*

After nearly five years of Main Line service, United's Stratocruisers went to other, distant fields. All six of the huge double-decked, 71-ton planes were sold to British Overseas Airways.

The first plane sold (photo) was delivered at Newark on September 22, 1954. Transfer of the remainder of the B377 fleet was completed by January 1955. The Stratocruisers were replaced by DC-7s on the Pacific and West Coast routes.

No movie stars were ever more carefully groomed for their roles than were the Stratocruisers before they entered United's California to Hawaii service in 1950. The company spent approximately \$250,000 per plane to assure that the interiors and service represented the utmost in deluxe passenger comfort. The results won instant approval from travelers and set a new standard of luxury for the airline industry. The big Boeings rolled up an enviable record in their time with United. From January 1950 through August 1954 they completed 4,832 California-Hawaii crossings carrying 172,000 passengers and flying

approximately 425,000,000 revenue passenger miles, 3,100,000 mail-ton miles and 2,300,000 air freight-ton miles.

In addition, the Stratocruisers served United's passengers along the Pacific Coast beginning in December 1953. On the West Coast route, through August 1954, they carried 64,000 passengers and flew 45,000,000 revenue

passenger miles, 137,000 mail-ton miles, 57,000 express-ton miles and 347,000 freight-ton miles.

Also in October 1954, United signed a contract to purchase 17 new planes from Douglas Aircraft Company. The contract was for two 58-passenger DC-7s, ten 58-passenger DC-6Bs and five DC-6A all-cargo planes. Total cost was approx. \$22,300,000 with all 17 planes to be delivered by the first eight months of 1956.

With the new additions, the United fleet totaled 27 DC-7 Mainliners, 75 DC-6 Mainliners, five DC-6A Cargoliners, 21 DC-4 Air-coach & All-cargo planes, 55 Mainliner Convairs and 18 DC-3 Mainliners.

*By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the October 1954 United Air Lines News.*

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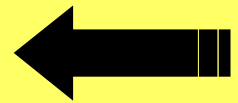
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