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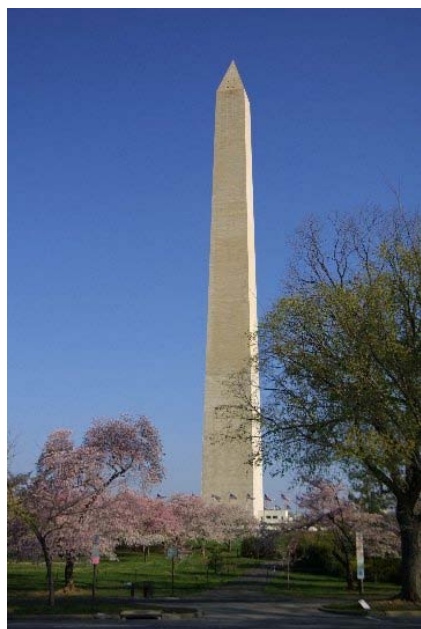
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FROM THE SHORES OF THE PACIFIC TO THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC

**PRESENTING:
"A CAPITAL EVENT"**

**RUAEA CONVENTION
MAY21-29 2006**

Welcome to the Nations Capital, the setting for a fantastic Convention!

The Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel offers every amenity, & is just steps away from the Underground shops, a galleria of 200 specialty shops & eateries. [Crystal City Metro, Blue & Yellow Lines] The Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel is 10 minutes away from Washington National Reagan Airport, [DCA]; the hotel provides free continuous shuttle service.

Your Convention Committee has arranged for a Hospitality Room, Art Display & 50/50 drawings. We have over 2 dozen tours, all the details are in this newsletter. Also, the Hotel reservation information is included.

May we remind you to bring all important items such as medicines, cameras & walking shoes. You may like to save the pages from past & future newsletters. This edition includes the tour information & events schedule from the Registration packet. Please bring them with you to Convention.

If you have a computer, check out the RUAEA website www.ruaea.org, look on the left under RUAEA logo, click on to "Convention News"

The weather will be in the 60s & 70s, ideal for strolling and touring.

The wide tree lined streets may remind you of Paris, as Washington was designed by Pierre L'Enfant in 1791. Remember to check your local newspapers for "Sale Fares".

When you tell the Reservations Agent that you are a United Retiree, provide your file number; you are entitled to a 20% discount. Code S*PMO/EMP20.

This discount applies to the retiree & their travel eligibles. See Skynet for details.

The Convention Committee 2006 is looking forward to seeing you in May 2006!

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Convention Issue

GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Feb. marks the first National Holiday (after New Year's Day) of the year - Presidents' Day. Secondly, Feb. is the special edition of our Newsletter with details of our annual convention. This gives us the opportunity to combine these two themes.

When we think of Presidents' Day (in my younger years it was Lincoln's & Washington's birthdays) our thoughts take us to our nation's capital, the heart & nucleus of our country's governance. This includes all the memorials, museums, federal buildings housing key governmental departments & agencies, plus a collection of historical sites. This is the locale of our 2006 convention - A CAPITAL EVENT. It is scheduled on the Memorial Day Weekend, plus the week preceding it.

Many of your fellow RUAEA members from across the country have been working hard over the past 6 months to make this a memorial experience. In addition, this gives us the opportunity to get-together to renew acquaintances, especially after the trying times we have experienced over the past 3 years.

I encourage you to carefully read all the details in this Newsletter. Schedule & reserve this time. Mark your calendars. Make your hotel reservations. Send in your registration.

I am looking forward to seeing you in DCA the week of May 21, 2006

Marlin Lade

President – RUAEA

DID YOU KNOW?

The RUAEA web site at www.ruaea.org is being frequently updated with valuable information for retirees. Much of this information is located on the Home Page & can be viewed without restriction.

The Newsletter, in the restricted section (Registered web members only), can be viewed 2-3 weeks before the paper Newsletter is mailed. So, if you desire to receive your Newsletter early, consider switching to the web. To get instructions how to switch to the web go to www.ruaea.org, click on “Newsletter” & follow the instructions.

UNITED RETIREE WRITES GUIDEBOOK TO THE AMERICAN BATTLEFIELDS OF WORLD WAR I

David Homsher, a veteran of 28 years of service with United Airlines, retired 15 years, has written the first of a series of “then-and-now” guidebooks to the battlegrounds of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) of World War 1 (1914-1918). His first guidebook, *American Battlefields of World War I: Château-Thierry—Then and Now*, is available at www.battlegroundpro.com.

How much is lost in history when one generation loses the history of the preceding generations? How many young people today understand what all these monuments represent? How can we tell our children & their children what a soldier's sacrifice actually means? How can we stop history from repeating itself generation after generation? By not letting people forget their past. David Homsher has a sincere & personal commitment to tell the story of AEF of 1917-1919.

After touring the battlefield sites as they are today & relating the “now” with the “then”, David has created a masterpiece of historical context. By adding the actual words of the soldiers who were there, from generals down to the doughboys, he recreates the actual event “as it happened”.

Hundreds of battlefield photos, including rare never-before-published photos of German soldiers, are used to explain the actions of war. Maps relate the conflict to the area.

Whether you are an armchair traveler, or prefer to walk the actual sites, Homsher acts as your guide within this book. Alongside the stories of the soldiers are photographs from the era, descriptions of monuments, & explicit directions. From Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport straight out to the battlefields, he gives directions on how to get to each site, what to expect, where to park, how far to walk.

COMPANION TICKET INFORMATION

Listing companions for multiple flights on the same day to the same destination is not permitted, nor is it necessary. If companions cannot be accommodated on their desired flight, & there is another flight that day with the same origin & destination, their listings will roll to the next scheduled flights.

Retirees must list their companions at least 4 hours before domestic travel & 12 hours for international flights. Companions cannot create their initial listings.

Each retiree is responsible for keeping track of the number of companion segments used & ensuring that no more than 24 companion segments are used per program year. The 2006 companion segments are shown under "My Coupons" in WebList.

These important companion travel rules & others are listed in the 2006 Companion Travel Guide for retirees & the 2006 Companion Brochure, a reference guide for companions. Both tools are available on SkyNet/Travel/Companion Travel Information.

UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



THE STAGECOACH STAMP



In addition to the "First Flight Air-Mail" cancellations that were stamped on the front of envelopes, the Pasco, WA Post Office affixed this "Stagecoach Stamp" to the back of the first-flight letters.

At 5:30 a.m. on the morning of April 6, 1926, 6 sacks of letters arrived at the airport in an old-fashioned six-horse stagecoach. The sacks containing 9285 pieces of mail, weighing 207 pounds were loaded onboard Varney's Swallow mail plane.

One sack was to be delivered to each of the 6 cities of Boise, Elko, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Chicago, & New York.

The Stagecoach Air Mail Stamp was only one method Walter T. Varney used in advertising the first C.A.M (Contract Air Mail) flight in the Pacific Northwest U.S. Promoting it in the Tri-city area of Richmond, Pasco & Kennewick plus many other mid-Columbia towns as the "Air-Mail Jubilee",

Varney attracted some 2,500 cheering spectators, reporters, photographers & postal officials to the Pasco airport.

At 6:20 a.m. on April 6, after 20 minutes of “hand-pulling”, the balky 150 h.p. Curtiss C-6 water-cooled engine finally started. Varney’s chief pilot Leon Cuddeback and the Swallow then roared into the air, bound for Boise, ID.

A day long jubilee followed in Pasco, which included a baseball game, a golf tournament & flyovers by National Guard planes. At 11:00 a.m. the formal part of the celebration began, a granite slab commemorating the beginning of Air Mail service was erected at the airport.

When Cuddeback arrived in Boise at 10 a.m. another large crowd awaited. There were more photographers, officials & speeches. Two additional mail sacks & 2 prize Idaho potatoes addressed to Pres. Calvin Coolidge were loaded aboard the Swallow, joining the bottles of grape juice also a box of asparagus mailed from Pasco.

The flight departed for Elko, NV 10:55 a.m. Another large crowd & additional ceremonies awaited Cuddeback’s arrival.

United Airlines traces its beginnings to this day in aviation history.

The Stagecoach stamp is from the United Airlines Historical Foundation collection of first-flight envelopes at DENTK.

Please mail your tax deductible contributions and donations of United Memorabilia & Artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207.

Visit our website at: www.uahf.org.

(Written by Marvin Berryman from a photocopy of The Boise Idaho Evening News - April 6, 1926 & other information in the book “The Age of Flight” by William Garvey & David Fisher. Additional information is from www.historylink.org “Pasco celebrates first Air Mail delivery”.)

VIET NAM GROWTH DOUBLES FOR UNITED AIRLINES

UA gained double digit growth in passenger traffic to Viet Nam since the carrier’s first departure for the country in Dec. 2004. Growth in passenger traffic in 2005, on routes to & from Viet Nam ranged from 10 to 22%.

More than 300,000 passengers went to Viet Nam from the US in 2005, a year-on-year increase of 22.4%.

United celebrated its first anniversary of service between HCM City & SFO at a cultural fair & concert at the Reunification Hall in HCM City.

Bookings for year-end 2005 rose by 12%. The bird flu had little impact on the United Airlines’ performance this year.

UAL is the only US carrier that brings aircraft to Viet Nam; our service remains very competitive.

UNITED EXPANDS SERVICE INTO THE U.S. SOUTHWEST REGION THROUGH UNITED EXPRESS CARRIER TRANS STATES AIRLINES

Effective Feb. 23, 2006, United Express & Trans States Airlines will offer twice daily service between San Antonio, TX & New Orleans also daily service between New Orleans & Oklahoma City, OK.

Beginning March 3, 2006, service will also be added between San Antonio, TX & the following cities:

- Albuquerque, NM – twice daily
- Colorado Springs, CO – daily
- Kansas City, MO – daily
- Oklahoma City, OK – twice daily
- Omaha, NE – daily
- Tulsa, OK – twice daily

UNITED LAUNCHES DEN – TORONTO SERVICES

United announced new daily roundtrip service between DEN & Toronto that will begin on June 12, 2006.

Flights will depart DEN daily 10:05 a.m. & arrive in Toronto 3:06 p.m. Toronto flights will depart 2:30 p.m. & arrive in DEN 3:54 p.m. The service will be operated by United Express partner Shuttle America. Exclus regional jets offer First Class & Economy Plus, the most premium seats of any regional jet carrier.

Also in June, United will increase service between DEN & Vancouver with an additional daily flight, for 3 roundtrips daily. By offering service to Toronto, United continues to offer more flights between DEN & Canada than any other U.S. airline.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



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**(Toll Free) – Open – Mon./Tue./
Wed./Thurs. 10:00 – 14:00 PST**

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/STAFF

Jim Summerfield, RUAEA Website Manager was employed by United Airlines 4/20/64 as a General Clerk in Chicago WHQFA. He received the following recognition & awards: 1979 – Award of Merit (Passenger Refund System), 1983 – Award of Merit (Open Commissions), 1988 Award of Merit (Revenue System Rewrite), 1991 – Applications Professional Excellence Division Award, 1994 – Outstanding Technical Achievement Award. Jim retired 12/31/02 as Senior Engineer – Database Adm. – WHQKC. He is a member of the Chicago Skyliners Chapter.

Volunteer Involvement is: Buffalo Lake Association – (Wisconsin). Leisure activities include fishing, boating & traveling.

Jim & his wife Louise have 2 children (Jim & Jeffrey), 1 grandchild (Allison).

We are very pleased to have Jim as a member of the RUAEA Board of Directors.

THE RED BIRTHDAY STAMP

Those of us that have been receiving the Newsletter for more than a year have undoubtedly received one with the "Red Birthday Stamp" that signifies it's time to send in dues. We have just recently programmed the labeling computer to also insert the words "It's Time To Renew" at the bottom of the label. The reason for this addition was to make it more obvious for the person that handles the Newsletter to see that it needs the Red Stamp, also to make it more apparent to the member that it's time to renew.

Occasionally the dues have been paid just after the labels have been printed & the Newsletter stamped. When this occurs, just ignore the renew notice. As always, if you have questions concerning your subscription feel free to contact us by using the contact information on the last page of the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

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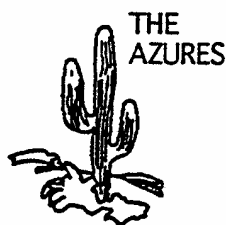
Chapter reports for March are due in DEN by Mon. Feb. 6, April report by 3/6, May report by 4/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

RUAEA MEMBERS

It is with great sorrow that we report Marilyn Lade, Marlin's wife has suffered a stroke on 12/22/05. Currently Marilyn is in Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital at Rose Medical Center in Denver. She is expected to remain hospitalized for several more weeks. Address is: Marilyn Lade, c/o Spalding @ Rose Medical Center, 4567 E. 9th Ave., Denver, CO 80222.

LOCAL NEWS

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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please call Pat at (623) 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Pat or Sherry.

Attendance at the recent breakfasts is averaging about 20 - 25. It was so good to see Horst Heinig back with us on 12/10/05. Kay was also there, looks well after her recent surgery.

We had an excellent turn out for our Luke AFB luncheon on Nov. 12 with 71 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the excellent turkey dinner. Thank you, Mel, for arranging to get the Officers Club. We had two guest speakers, our RUAEA director Ron Robertson (with his lovely wife Shirley), also Scott Teich from Lincoln Financial Advisors. We appreciated their coming & sharing information on what is going on also how they can be of service to our chapter.

On Dec. 10 we had 60 attendees at our Briarwood Country Club luncheon. We had a guest speaker, Bruce Munger from Health South Medisun, who did a great job of explaining the new Medicare part D. He explained possible pitfalls in the system also some possible alternatives.

Joan Sheffield, it has been too long since we have seen you, welcome back. Dottie Quick celebrated her 71st birthday with us on Dec. 10, also her mother (who will be 96 next month) attended the luncheon. Three new members were also in attendance, Sig & Nancy Mueller retired from SFOMM & Barb retired from ORDFA. It is great seeing all the new members this year. Welcome to Larry Jones who attended as a guest of Don Bergstrom, and Dan & Sheila Mahoney guest of Al & Sandy Ruetten.

We were sorry to announce the passing of 2 of our members, Allan Wessa from complications with leukemia. Cards may be sent to his wife Zita at 3369 N. Snead Dr., Goodyear, AZ 85338. Also our sympathy to Vivian Klick on the loss of her husband, George. George gave it his all in a valiant fight against cancer. Vivian's address is 14730 W. Merrell St., Goodyear, AZ 85338. We will miss them very much.

Thoughts & prayers to Corinne Drop, wife of Cor Drop (who was our chef at the Dec. Briarwood Luncheon,) was ill & unable to make the Luncheon. Lois, wife of Roy Scroggs was also unable to attend due to illness.

We are set to finalize our membership for 2005-2006 sessions. We have been unable to reach or have not heard from the following current members: Don & Marsha Wohlbrandt. Please call us if you have a new phone contact or address. Call either Sherry (623) 572-4828 or Sally (623) 546-9578.

"CHANGE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT THINGS AND THE THINGS YOU'RE LOOKING AT WILL CHANGE!!....THE SUN IS ALWAYS SHINING EVEN BEHIND THE CLOUDS."

Calendar:

Feb. 11 – Union Hills Country Club

Feb. 14 – Coco's - Location – 98th and Bell road

Mar. - (TBA) Paradise Race Track

Apr. 15 – Luke AFB Cookout

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Business items were kept to a minimum at the Dec. Holiday Meeting. We were asked to keep Jim Zarek in our thoughts & prayers as he had surgery in Jan. & will be staying in the Fox Lake, IL area until the end of March.

Jim Fauber made some brief comments regarding the future of United. The UA Flight Training Center is fully booked through 2006. United will be handling Air Force One Pilot Training. United & Pratt & Whitney will be handling engine overhaul for Air Force One.

The Phoenix Re-Uniteds will be hosting the All Arizona Luncheon this year, it will be held at The Property in Casa Grande on March 7, 2006.

Calendar:

Feb. – Date - TBA – Luncheon – Hosts: Carol & Skip Ward

March 7 – All Arizona Luncheon – The Property, Casa Grande

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Dec. 8 we had a merry gathering indeed at the Oro Valley Country Club for our annual Christmas luncheon. Our thanks to Howard Hunter for his help with the arrangements. Beverly Goodlow is already working on arrangements for next year's party.

The Callihans, Dykhuis, Meads, & Woods spent Christmas & New Year's Day on the high seas on a San Diego-Hawaii-San Diego cruise.

Calendar:

Feb. – TBD.

March - We are looking forward to the All-Arizona meeting.

ARKANSAS

"THE NATURALS"

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On Dec.3 a small group of us (18) met for our annual Christmas Dinner at the Pegasus Restaurant in the DeSoto Club. Because of our small size we ordered from the menu individually. This seemed to satisfy just about everyone; we had a wonderful time.

Diana Huffman took donations from members for the family which we will sponsor this Christmas. We work through the Outreach Program & give gifts of food plus one personal gift for each member of the family. She will proceed to purchase & distribute these things (with help). She mentioned to the group how satisfying this program was & how much the families appreciated what we were doing.

We received volunteers willing to host all 6 meetings during 2006. In Feb. we will have dinner at the Red Lobster in Hot Springs. Date & time will be announced later.

CALIFORNIA

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We held our Christmas luncheon at the Pelican Point Restaurant in Pismo Beach on Dec. 21 with 24 members attending. We had a beautiful view of the ocean with huge waves due to a storm in the Pacific.

We were disappointed that Garver & Wilma Sandy were not able to attend due to illness. Wilma has been the secretary of our chapter since the beginning which originated in 1995. They have always made an effort to attend our meetings even though they drive the farthest, over 200 miles. They have been very active in RUAEA, we are sure they will continue. Wilma has decided to "retire" from the secretaries job of the Central Coasters. I will try and fill in a job that she has been doing very well for so long.

John & Barbara Stilwell hosted our Christmas party. They did an excellent job providing the table favors, wine, also coordinating the gift exchange. Everyone enjoyed the food & friendship which makes our luncheons so much fun. Jack Cunningham shared a few "jokes", we can always count on him for a laugh or two.

Pres. Bob Stanger, thanked everyone for their attendance & encouraged as many as possible to contribute news & information to be included in the newsletter. Our Luncheons occur every other month, the next one will be Feb. 15th.

Marsha Stanger runs the 50/50 drawing; by some strange quirk, her husband Bob was the winner! He then turned his winnings over to our Treas., Dana Noyes, which was greatly appreciated.

Dana Noyes said that we contributed \$200 to the Toys for Tots & the Stilwells donated the money collected from the refreshments to another charity.

For chapter info, call Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

Trivia question: Who were the founding members of the Mile-High Chapter?

Look for the answer next month!!

BRAZEN RAISINS

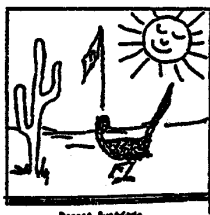
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The Brazen Raisins' Dec. 2005 meeting was hosted by the Board of Directors. Pres. Peggy Oakshott discussed an email received from Bob Cuff regarding the ballot everyone received last month, Jack Hartman had also researched this matter & told what he had learned. Peggy announced that Jean & Bud Garcia would not be able to attend meetings due to illness but would continue to be members. Also discussed was the fact that United's prescription program is better than Medicare D. Bob Frost had been in hospital just before Thanksgiving. Bob & Ethelda Frost conducted a trivia contest about "The Twelve Days of Christmas" won by Elida Rivas, John Oakshott & Donna Nessling. Outgoing Pres. Peggy officially passed the "bring to order" bell to 2006 Pres. Jack Hartman.

Immediately upon being elected Pres. & Secy. respectively. Jack & Pam Hartman left for Mexico; therefore, Don Nessling, VP, presided at the Brazen Raisins' Jan. meeting. Peggy & John Oakshott hosted the meeting. Don invited the members to give brief descriptions of their United careers & began with himself, followed by several others. Gil Gilbert remarked that the RUAEA President's monthly letter in the RUAEA Newsletter provided more information than any other correspondence.

There were various discussions of United's prescription plan & Medicare's. Bob Frost recited one of his many poems about how early Christmas was advertised.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Our Christmas luncheon was attended by 53. Guests were Carmen Alderete, Deborah Pelofsky, Frank Caplin (Mark's father) & Donna Dews from SAC Gold Diggers.

Dave Podnar won 50/50 for the "umpteenth" time, Kathy Sullivan won the free birthday lunch. Many people won door prizes. Nice to see Tony Davis (Linda's husband) plus a number of people that we don't see often. Marianna Patterson looked great after her surgery.

Billie & Elmer White are in Austin, TX, until March. Roberta Craig says her house remodeling is now complete – big relief. Barbara Rowe missed our Christmas luncheon because she was scheduled to work (volunteer) at ONT info desk. Vic Swanson recently made a trip to North Dakota to attend his brother's funeral but had a terrible time traveling; has sworn off flying.

New Year's Day Al & Jenny Pennington celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary – congratulations!

Melinda Lerg was in hospital for a knee replacement. Doctor said her hip was worse, so fixed that instead.

Jan. 30 Ron Aggson celebrated his 80th birthday. Doesn't look near that age!

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



Our Christmas luncheon was held at the Alta Sierra Country Club. Hosts were Ron & Barbara Bertacini. Attendance was 138 members & 9 guests. Members & guests brought many unwrapped gifts for underprivileged children. These gifts were distributed by the local fire departments of several cities that members reside in.

We enjoyed many guests.

Gold Digger officers for 2006 are: Pres. (second term), Harold & Colleen Esola; VP, Jean Sinclair; Treas. (fourth term?), Judy King; Secy., Bob Fulkerson; Sunshine (second term), Francis & Veronica Domaratius; Jack Raynor agreed to continue maintaining the Gold Diggers' roster.

Pres. Esola announced that the Feb. meeting would be held at The Buggy Whip Banquet Facility in Sacramento. It will be the annual Past Presidents Luncheon, which Harold & Colleen are hosting. Harold also said there were openings for hosting meetings from June to Dec. So please step up to the bar & volunteer to do some hosting!

Judy King announced that Gold Digger's treasury was in good shape.

Outgoing Secy. Bob Sample, thanked the members for letting him serve them during the past year.

Sunshine person, Francis Demarcations announced the demise of Ginny Hallden & John Osgood. Cards of sympathy had been sent. He also announced the serious illness of Jurgeon Lutz; a get well card was sent.

Ron Bertacini spoke about the RUAEA convention to be held May 21-29 in Washington DC. He has hopes for a good turnout. Ron emphasized the many museums, artifacts & sights to see & things to do, in our nation's capital.

Bob Cuff talked about United's recovery from Chapter Eleven, hopefully in early 2006. He also praised that benefits are still intact, although in some cases there might be some reduction. He also touched on the pilots' quest for increased benefits ongoing at this time.

Bob said things are humming along smoothly at United, compared to many of the other airlines that are on the verge of bankruptcy.

Because of the previous day Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, Bob asked the question, "what were you doing that momentous day"? Bob said he was working in SAN building bombers for Britton. *What was I doing? I was a kid almost 13, wishing I were 17 so I could join the military. Well the war ended when I was 16, so I never got there in time. Joined up after high school when I was 18.*

We welcome new members Ron & Patti Mc Duffee. Ron retired from SFOMP



**Redwood
Empire
Retirees**

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREEES

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The Christmas luncheon was held on Dec. 8 at Quail Inn in Oakmont with 75 members & guests. Pres. Les Carey thanked the Officers for hosting.

VP Norm Burnett introduced the guests. New member Ann Jones was introduced, she told us a little about her career with UAL.

Joanne Huhn announced that charity monies had been sent to Living Room, Santa Rosa; Boys & Girls Club, Willets; Southwest Adult Day Services, Santa Rosa; Meals On Wheels, Santa Rosa; Hospice of Petaluma; & Redwood Empire Food Bank. \$100 was sent to each recipient.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the birthdays and anniversaries for Dec. Diane Citara was the winner of the Birthday Lunch. Anniversary lunches were chosen by Arnold & Lucy Koenig for their celebration of 60 years. Norma & Matt Stilman elected to receive the bottle of wine as their 65th celebration gift. John Osgood passed away in early Nov. Miriam has a new address: 1025 Sunwest Dr. # 216, Hemet, Ca 92545 - (909) 927-0067. Verda finished with one of her delightful and funny stories.

Les, as retiring president, told about the past year & thanked everyone for their support.

There were many gifts in addition to the normal wine & candy: a beautiful Wooden Windmill made by Ron Huhn, Large Poinsettias delivered by Ron & Joanne, & Chubby Little Santa Claus centerpieces made by Joan Chambers. Thanks to everyone who brought items to be won.

AND A VERY LARGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR BRINGING ALL OF THE TOYS. THE TABLE WAS OVERFLOWING WITH GIFTS FOR CHILDREN. THANKS TO SANTA BARNEY & HIS ELVES FOR LOADING AND TRANSPORTING THE TOYS TO THE FIRE STATION FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Thought for the Month: IT'S NOT THE HAVING, IT'S THE GETTING - Elizabeth Taylor.

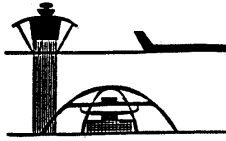
Calendar:

Feb. 9 - The Villa, Santa Rosa - Ron & Joanne Huhn

March 9 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Barney & Clare Hagen

Re-LAX-ers

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Our New Year is beginning for some good, for some – not so – we'll do our best to get all kinds of news to you.

Fran Goodrich passed away at her home Dec. 15. Condolences can be sent to Fran's daughter Melissa: Mrs. Douglass Obrect & family, 2408 Windmill Dr., Longmont, CO 80501.

Ken Teebken reported to Jim that his dad, Elmer "Ted" Teebken, UAL retiree, died a little while ago. He was buried on Veteran's Day with full Military honors in his UA shirt, flight jacket & "Ted" cap.

Virgil Nolte, (retired from LAXFO) one of our best known retiree members, passed away in Dec. just a few days after suffering a stroke.

Condolences to the families of these long-time UAL "family" members.

As of Jim Ferrance's Newsletter, **Ken Skare** was in very serious condition, is steadily losing ground. He is at St. Luke Nursing Home, 1220 Fairview, Carthage, MO 64838. He is apparently too weak or tired to talk, but cards or notes are welcome.

Bill Kneisel has been diagnosed with lymphoma. After a series of treatments, he had surgery which hopefully improved the problem considerably. He is very optimistic. His address: 421 N. 6th St., Burbank, CA 91501.

Billie Gaynor is recovering from knee repair & from a broken shoulder which required a full body cast. She's now out of the cast, but will be with her son for awhile. Cards welcome -- send them to her at 20421 Tomlee Av. Torrance CA 90503.

Travels ... 6 of us traveled to Nurnberg, Germany the week of 12/7, boarded a very nice river boat for a 1 week trip down the Danube to Vienna. It was a lot of fun, good Christmas shopping, daily walking tours (in 20° F weather) & super food. Wx was cloudy but no rain or snow.

ReLAXers – please send me emails or phone calls about your travels.

One of our members whose husband always took care of their flight listing for standby has been totally lost since he died as to how to get her name listed. She had been relying on an employee friend. I convinced her to use the PDX or SEA retiree desk 800 numbers. She did & can't stop talking about the great service given her. Thank you PDX and SEA!

Reminder: Parking at LAX. The price hasn't changed yet. Still \$15 for remote Lot E, \$30 for less remote Lot D, includes in & out parking, is good for the month plus 5 days. Since I'm so nice as to get the parking tags, send a check to me for one of those amounts, plus \$2 for my extra effort; be sure to let me know the date needed. Allow plenty of time. Even tho' I go to LAX every Thurs., there are some weeks I skip. Parking tags are available for current month plus 2 more months.

Reminder: Dues. In a few weeks Donna, Jo Ann & I will be reviewing the membership roster, printing the up-to-date list. So look in your checkbook. Did you send \$5 (per mailing address), made out to ReLAXers for 2006 dues? Please note our dues haven't increased since before I retired – that was a loooooong time ago (1984-wow!) Send the money to JoAnn Briggs, 21303 Legend Av./, Carson CA 90745.

"Count your blessings, not your problems. And remember: amateurs built the ark ... professionals built the 'Titanic'."

Calendar:

Feb. 9 – Location change. Changed from the Hacienda to the Harbor House – flyers in the mail. Seems the Hacienda just wasn't very nice about details when V.P. Howard went to make arrangements – so he felt a change would be in our best interest. Howard was a bit upset, to put it mildly.

Mar. 28-29 – Palm Springs tour. Flyers by mail or email

April 6 – Luncheon. Date change. Not the usual 2nd Thurs. a/c date conflicts.



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If you wish to contact the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, their Customer Service number is 1-800-400-7242.

The next RUAEA Convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, VA. The closest airport is Reagan National, with Dulles & Baltimore being options.

To list for your flights, if you are not a "do-it-yourselfer", you may wish to contact the volunteers in PDX on Mon, Wed & Fri between 10 & 2. Toll free number is 1-888-278-7038.

Volunteers in SEA are also available on Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs from 10-2. Toll free number is 1-888-826-3375.

Calendar:

Spring Fling & Election of Officers - date & location to be announced

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Our annual Christmas Party was held on Dec. 8 with 63 members & guests attending. We are very glad that our membership has kept up so well. 3 of the guests want to join our club.

Our chapter's Christmas Gift is a donation of \$500.00 to the UAL Employees Emergency Relief Fund.

Jane Silvers is looking very good after her recent illness.

It was good to see Charlie & Pat Passarell looking extremely well.

Nancy & Dick Buddington just returned from a 4 day tour to Southern CA where they enjoyed many wonderful tourist attractions.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our Dec. meeting was held on the 12th with 42 people in attendance, including US Marine Corps Reserves Sgt. Osuna & Hospitalman 2nd class Dalifay USN. This is our annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection. It was a huge success with a very generous outpouring of gifts. Our 50/50 was won by Irene Fechter and 10 other lucky people were the winners of our door prizes.

Vilma Patrick, our Sunshine Lady, is to be commended. This is the 7th year she had organized it. Thank you Vilma!!

It was good to see the Chorbis back, thanks to Dan & Judy DeFord who drove down from Petaluma

Tom Johnson gave a very interesting talk with impressive statistics on airline safety (it is better now than ever).

Howard Payne has a great hotline number for the Seniors who reside in Contra Costa County. It is from the CC County Area Agency on Aging & has a great booklet on services available: 1-800-510-2020.

Looking for someone you worked with years ago, or just a few month ago? Check out this website: www.airlinecrewfinder.com. It is not limited to crews - ramp, mechanic, customer service, etc.

Marie Klosinski reports that Marion is home. She had cataract surgery on Dec. 22. She thanks you for all the prayers & thoughts.

Just a reminder that our annual dues should be paid this month. If you have been unable to attend our meetings for a couple of months, just send your check to our Treas.: Tom Costa - 153 Via Mantilla - Walnut Creek, CA 94598 (925) 933-7292.

We meet on the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Calendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time 11:15 to 12:00. Lunch & business matters 12:00 on. No need for reservations, just come.

Calendar:

Feb. 13

Mar.13

April 10

May 8

June 12

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Moving day for The Denver Mile Highers - we had our last breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course on Jan 4. Reason? Park Hill raised the price of breakfast to \$10. 4 winners of 50/50 returned their winnings to the Chapter fund: Bill Brehmer, Nancy Goodyear, Walt Hanson & Charles Norris – Thanks Guys & Gal!

We moved the breakfast beginning Feb. 1 to United Air Lines Flight Center (TK) Cafeteria. Price of breakfast is much cheaper. Address of TK is 7401 E. MLK Blvd. How you get to the parking lot: turn east on 35th Av., right at the TK parking lot entrance. Push the button on the Control Panel. State you are going to attend the RUAEA breakfast. The guard will open the gate. As you enter TK a fellow retiree will give you a temporary badge. Please return badge after breakfast.

Remember to bring pop cans to TK.

At the Jan. Newsletter Mailing we had a group of apprentice retirees. Martha & Virgil Gooselaw's granddaughters Desiree, Danielle, & Rachel Adkins, Doug Colbert's grandson Mike Smith. We thank them for their good help. Tony Urso from San Jose also joined us for the mailing. Dolores Coorman was a 1st timer.

Juanita Jouett "JJ" has an address change: Covenant Village of Colorado (Care Center) Room 409, 9221 Wadsworth Pkwy, Westminster, CO 80021. Phone # (303) 770-6128.

Spring Luncheon – Indian Tree Golf Course Restaurant, 75th & Wadsworth. March 15. Social hour – 11:00 – Lunch 12 Noon. All lunches include salad, vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll & butter, coffee or tea, plus a great dessert.

Menu choices (price all inclusive):

- Top round of beef.
- Oven roasted Loin of Pork
- Herb roasted Half Chicken

Price - \$12.00, Wine - \$4.00, Draft Beer - \$2.00, Bloody Mary, etc. – \$5.00.

Write menu choice on check, also include guest(s) name(s). Check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, (303) 477-2918. Cut-off date March 7.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

Mar. 15 – Spring Luncheon – details in column.

FLORIDA



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As we file 2005 in our memory banks & "clear the decks" for 2006, we look forward to the coming year with mixed feelings of hope & anticipation. Wonder what the New Year holds in store for us.

For many, 2005 was a year of happiness, yet it was a year of major catastrophes & hurricanes - so many were glad to put the year behind them & enter 2006.

At The Real McCoy's we have already planned a great deal of the year ahead. Our programs are set and ready thanks to Stan Halterman.

33 members participated at our Jan. meeting which was held on the 4th & conducted by our new Pres. Paul Brown at the Golden Corral.

A hearty welcome to our guests: Jane & Jack Regan of New Hampshire. We are delighted to have you with us!

In appreciation we extend thanks to the following who so generously contributed towards the success of our Christmas Party: Richard Llewellyn & Stan Halterman. These truly loyal members help to make The Real McCoy's a vibrant and successful organization as it is today!

Correspondence Update: We received Thank You letters from The Hospice Of The Comforter for our \$200 Christmas donation & from The Central Florida Children's Home for our \$400 Christmas donation.

Our Sympathy to Shelby who lost her Mother ... Best Wishes to Jim Mummah, Isabel Bomicter, Barb Fitak, Lee Calhoun & Jane Grant on their Birthdays!

Calendar:

Feb. 7 - Cruise Information Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Conway Methodist Church's Parlor to pick up cruise documents.

Feb. 15 - MSC Lirica 11 Night Cruise (Sold Out)

March 25 - The Word Of Life Passion Play

May 16 - Space Coast Nature Tour

Oct. 11 - Spectacular Sights of "Scenic Arizona"

For further details and reservations please contact Stan at (407) 852-6773. The balance of the season provides to be exciting.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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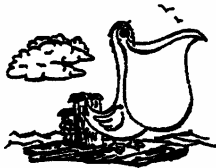
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27 members had a nice luncheon at Buddy Freddie's on Jan. 6. A few members requested a change in restaurants for our luncheon. We enjoyed lunch at Buddy Freddie's, but the majority of members preferred Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club, therefore, the remaining luncheons will be held at Sabal Springs.

After lunch Pres., Carrie Belluso, led us in singing "God Bless America". Carrie introduced, Lisa Darling from Envirotech. She was the guest speaker and told about ways to take care of & clean tile, marble, carpet, grout, etc. The members had many questions which Lisa was able to answer.

Marie Bonnes, guest of Ray Winterhalter, attended & looked so good after her recent back surgery. Nancy Dainus had hip surgery Jan. 17.

Tom McNabb talked to the group, said this was the month a new slate of officers was to be announced. Although there were some offers of help, no one came forward to lead the group. He said that the current officers would continue with their duties through April, when we break for the summer hiatus. If there are no volunteers by that time we may have no choice but to disband the Chapter.

It's a shame that such a great group would stop functioning only because no one has the spirit to volunteer to keep our Chapter alive. The current officers are getting tired & want to be relieved. Tom started the Chapter 18 years ago, he & Marilyn have been actively involved the total 18 years.

CALENDAR:

1st Fri. of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct. - May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

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The Sand Dollars chapter met at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar Restaurant in Ellenton. The Restaurant staff had done a great job decorating, however, our Pres., Pat Trice, enhanced our private room by decorating each table with a festive red bow, or a poinsettia sprig, which put all 33 members & their guests in a holiday spirit. Bill Stubbs, DENCs, brought Chris Bertsch DENCs, Betty Bishop MIAFO brought Tom Sherlock, Mike & Ginger Hyde introduced us to Ginger's Mom Ruby Glascock who is a very attractive 96 year old lady.

We are happy to see Woody & Barbra Dee, SFO, Liz & Ted Mavis, BDL, & our dear friends Michael & Loretta Marvett. Loretta is the S.E. Director of RUAEA in FL. She told us that she is looking for volunteers to take over her position. Please contact her via mail through Pat Trice, if you would like to find out more about it

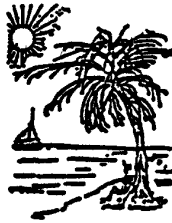
Pat then informed us, that our former Chapter Pres., Tim O'Donnell, had surgery; now doing well. We also received an update about Pat's wife Betty, who started chemotherapy in Jan. Betty, we all wish you well, we miss you at the luncheons, we pray, that you will be well enough to join us again real soon.

Pat then asked all the spouses to tell about their life with UAL retirees, everyone was thankful to belong to such an esteemed group of people, who helped build this airline into a power house, that it was & still is.

In the true holiday spirit, our members wrote checks to the Meals on Wheels Chapters of Bradenton & Sarasota.

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Jan. 2, 30 members met on a beautiful sunny FL day. We had a speaker from AmeriLife Insurance Co., Kirk Covert who presented 3 health policies that would relate to Medicare changes. He was very helpful.

Mike Rice advised we have 78 paid up members, Mike will make up a TPA Directory. If others would like to be in our Directory contact Mike after you have paid your \$5.00 yearly dues for TAMPA BAY Chapter. We had a new member sign up, Ethel Corpell who has been visiting our monthly meetings. Terri Breslin reported on our Christmas Party. Our Chapter donated \$135 to "PAC" - Pasco Association for Challenged Kids.

Terri Breslin sent cards to: Marg Frazier who fell, went to the emergency room, now is home on medication. Pat Lavelle is suffering from a severe case of diabetes & has help from Hospice. Pat used to work at PIT & DEN. Fran & Pat Lavelle have moved closer to family, their address is: 404 W. County Road 955 N Leston, Indiana 46149--9792. Shirley Schuknecht had hip replacement in Dec. now is doing well. They would enjoy hearing from you.

The RUAEA Travel Desks: SEA 888-826-3375 Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs, PDZ 888-278-7038 Mon, Wed & Fri - Five Day coverage 10:00a through 2:00p Pacific Time.

Pres. Mike Rice & Jon Wilkinson spoke on some of the latest information regarding United Airlines. Mike asked for volunteers to replace Chapter Officers for 2006. There were few volunteers so far. Jenne Santacroce is replacing Secy/Correspondent Edith Polito & Jean Linehan is replacing the Treas. Lillian Sawyer.

Thank you for hanging in there with me for 13 years, now it is time to turn it over to some one younger.

Calendar:

Feb. 6 - Buddy Freddy's - Holiday, FL - U.S. 19 N - 10:00 am
March 6 - Speaker at Buddy Freddy's Holiday, FL - 10:00 am
April 3 - Picnic - Anderson Park, U.S. 19 N



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Welcome to 2006. How are your New Years resolutions coming along? Rather than make new resolutions, I have reviewed the resolutions I made in prior years, thought I might try them again. Pres. Allan Popek & his wife, Janice, have started the new year with a cruise that their kids gave them for Christmas. VP Paul Liebisch filled in for him for our Jan. meeting. We welcomed back our seasonal members who will be with us during the winter months, namely Elizabeth & Wally Armstrong. The main topic of conversation was medical insurance plus the various options. Frank Wise volunteered to get an insurance representative to address the group at a future meeting. We would welcome any retirees that would like to join us for any of our get-togethers. We have some fun activities planned for this year. Call Allan Popek (772) 283-0359 if you will be joining us. I will leave you with words to live by – Do not argue with a spouse who is packing your parachute!

Calendar:

Feb. 7 – Johnny's Restaurant, U.S. 1 in Port St. Lucie – 11:30 AM

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Our newly-elected Pres., Sharon Kolins, kicked off our Jan. breakfast meeting at JD's Restaurant in Meridian, with a "Happy New Year" welcome. Ned Yundt, off the hook & deserving a break, was relaxed & seemed to relish her breakfast more than usual. Sharon outlined several possible activities for the group, including an overnigher to Elko, NV, when the winter weather has moderated. Sharon passed around our most recent membership roster, asking each person present to please make any changes/corrections in their postal/email addresses, and/or phone numbers. Those not attending, please call Sharon or me with recent changes. She said she would see to it that the listing is updated & distributed.

Pat & Bud Peters, along with 3 other families, were inducted into the Idaho Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Hall of Fame in Oct. For 2005, the MS Walk-A-Thon brought in \$142,000. That was an increase over last year of over \$40,000. The 2 bike tours raised \$104,000. That was about \$38,000 above last year's pledges. Both were records this year.

Ossie Haugen had a nice adventure – a month-long RV trip with his son-in-law, Truman, from mid-Nov. through Dec. 14. They arranged their time so they had Thanksgiving with his daughter & family at Alvin, TX. From there, they stopped in Rayville, LA & Pensacola, FL, before arriving at Truman's daughters place near St. Augustine, FL. Ossie flew home from JAX, via IAD/DCA, & onto BOI. He considered himself lucky to have been accommodated in Business Class on a 777.

Missing the meeting, possibly the first ever, Marlene Croghan, was home in bed with a mean case of bronchitis. Bob Smith (retired F/O) is sidelined with lung cancer, & about to start chemotherapy treatments. I'm sure Bob would like to hear from old friends. His address is 2505 E. Meadow Wood Ct., Meridian, ID 83642. Phone: 208 884-8770.

Walt Anderson is back on his feet after a total knee replacement on Dec.5. He says he slept through the surgery, but in rehab it felt like "a needle under your fingernail." Courageously, he added, "I will survive."

I will simply pass along a short message received from Brigitte Murdock, the correspondent for the Salt Lakers Chapter: *Guten Rutch ins Neue Jahr!*

Calendar:

Feb. 6 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

March 6 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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There's so much to look forward to in 2006: Our Skyliners events - such as the Luncheons in Spring, Summer & Fall also the Christmas Holiday Party. Our Spring Luncheon will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration in March; more information will follow.

Remember the breakfasts & luncheon held by the Northside, Southside & Loop Group monthly & semi-monthly. We like to see as many people come out to these events during the year, for you to catch up on family & acquaintance news. Let's make the best of the year & share our friendship with each other, remember it's you that will help make these occasions a success.

The RUAEA National Convention will be held the last week of May in Washington D.C.

I will be meeting with Debbie Bridges, Manager of Corporate Volunteer Programs for United at World Headquarters, to discuss future volunteer opportunities. Information concerning these volunteer opportunities will be provided in this column.

The next Loop Group Brunch will be on March 15 in the French Quarter at the Palmer House. Everyone is invited to attend.

There were many happy winners at the Dec. Northsiders breakfast. Attendees were surprised with Door Prizes from Santa & his elves. These prizes included a die-cast replica vintage model of a Douglas DC-3 won by David White, as well as an Elvis Presley Christmas tree ornament. Santa & Mrs. Claus, Tony & Helen Stefano, were very surprised their winning number gave them a framed 11x14, matted portrait of themselves dressed in their Santa & Mrs. Claus costumes. Helen was so thrilled & proud that she took this portrait around so that everyone could see it.

At the Southsiders breakfast Rudy Maki & Chavez family brought treats.

Mary Szabo recently returned from a family reunion in Antwerp, Belgium hosted by her sister Martha. There were more than 45 attendees from the U.S., France & Belgium.

Calendar:

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (2nd. Wed. of the month) at 9:00 a.m., Golf & Busse Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (Last Tues. of the month) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview, IL

Loop Group – Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m. Downtown Chicago. 3rd. Wed. of every other month.

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The New Year has come again, it always amazes me how fast the past year has flown by. The Indy Racers ended 2005 with fun & excitement. Our annual Christmas party was a blast! We met at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville & stuffed ourselves with a vast array of foods ranging from healthy to calorie loaded goodies. We had our gift exchange which is always lots of fun unless someone takes the gift you want - that's when the free for all begins. We really just had a great time sitting around the fireplace visiting with one another, exchanging jokes, stories & allowing the disruptions in our lives to slip away for the night. Thank you to Alex & Judy Cameron for making the wonderful party arrangements. Thank you to Terry & Carol Doppler for helping set up for the evening.

We all enjoyed gathering at the Lodge so much that 2 days after the party, I made a trip back to the Lodge & reserved our annual picnic date for June 17 also our next Christmas party for Dec. 16, 2006. We were very fortunate to get these dates so make certain you mark your calendars!

We were joined by the Marines at our Dec. 12 meeting as our Chapter participates annually in donating to Toy for Tots. The Marines were so handsome in their dress blues as they did the Presentation of Colors & lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by "The Racers Choir" singing the worst rendition of The Star Spangled Banner. I have come to realize that as we age we are gifted with wrinkles, white hair (if any), memory loss, & the inability to sing in a harmonious fashion. On a good "note", I can tell you that our hearts were in the right place, I did hear a couple of good voices ... names will not be mentioned! Thanks to all for the many toys you brought for the kids. A good deed well done.

The Indy Racers meet at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., in Plainfield on the 2nd Mon. of each month. The meeting begins at 3:00. We have access to the room at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. Mark your calendars for: Feb. 13, March 13.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters Christmas Luncheon was attended by 96 members & guests. First time attendees were John & Peg Dellelo. Not seen in a long time were Mike Mangino, Dennis Boyd, Sue & Jim Yip, Bill Cummings & our one Senior Adviser, George Mavreles. The Chapter's half of the 50/50 was donated to the Salvation Army. We had numerous door prizes, many, hand made, all donated, by our members. There were many happy door prize winners.

Three members missed the luncheon, the Tramontozzis & Mercedes Hersom. Their 3 lunches, rather good meals, were wrapped & auctioned off by our MC, Don Simard, a natural. Don then called for a moment of silence as he listed all fellow retirees who passed away this past year. The most recent, John (Jack) McQuaid, passed away on Nov. 10.

In the business portion of the meeting, our Chapter by-laws proposed in March, were voted on & accepted. Past Pres., Bill Betters offered nominations for chapter officers. The nominees were accepted by a vote of the present members. Three current officers were re-elected, with the VP being a new officer. The Nor'Easter's officers for the 2006/07 term are: Pres., Carleen Eddy, VP, Lewis Shakley, Treas., Bill Vanderwal, Secy., Dick Vee, & Senior Executive Adviser, George Mavreles. Our thanks to VP Don Simard who has been outstanding. Currently, Don has a lot on his plate, but vows to run for office again.

The new 800 # for SEA and the current 800 # for PDX retiree reservations, were announced for members to take advantage of.

Don Lewis had knee surgery & was unhappy about missing this luncheon. He advised he is doing physical therapy & coming along fine. Mary & Jerry Dacey, FL snow birds, sent greetings to all and wished they could have attended.

Several members inquired about getting our chapter golf & sweat shirts. If you are interested in purchasing either, please contact your secy.

We are not planning a Feb. meeting. NEW: The March 2006 meeting info will be e-mailed to all members that gave their e-mail address on the 2006 renewal form. Simply print the info from the e-mail & treat it as you would if it were sent via US mail. All those without computers will still receive flyers via US Mail.

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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25 Escapees & 2 guests gathered along with many smiling snow folks for the 1st meeting in 2006, hosted by Marie & sister Joan. We all enjoyed Rhea Jay playing her dulcimer & surprised Agatha Kelley when all started singing 'Happy Birthday' to the music & presented Aggie with a snowman cake. We were happy to have John LeRoy & Judy join us. John looked wonderful, but returned for more treatments Jan 10. Be sure to keep John in your prayers. We missed Carlene Moule that RSVP'd early, as she could not find her NL. Yours truly had to advise her that she hadn't mailed it yet ... good reason ..., however she was not able to make it as she decided to visit a couple hospitals in Canada & MI. She had passed out at the Windsor Casino. She was released from Royal Oak Beaumont today as they could find no reason for the problem after many tests. Our love & prayers to Carlene.

I'm sad to report that Joan Regan left this world to spend Christams with Jesus this year. She passed Dec. 6 due to several complications. Our love and prayers to the family c/o John Regan, 503 Bergen Ave., Ypsilanti MI., 48197.

Welcome to our newest Escapees Ronald & Margaret (Millar) Pallay. Margaret retired from DTWRR about 3 years ago & Ronald took early retirement from CLE flight operations after 32 yrs. with UA. They now have dual citizenship with the Escapees & Ohio Buckeyes.

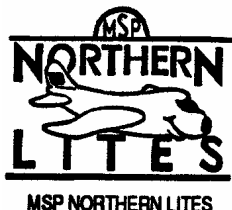
Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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Due to Mother Nature's intervention in the form of wet snow making all the roads treacherous, the Dec. luncheon was cancelled, however, just because we didn't get together doesn't mean that the news & gossip doesn't get around.

Mary Brennan received a call from our old pal, Frank Brower. He has relocated to MI & would sure like to hear from his friends from around the system. His new address & phone are: 217 Free St., Apt. 7, Fowlerville, MI 48836, (517) 223-0536.

Our retiree group was well-represented at the Company Christmas party which was held at the Mall of America (some of you may remember that from the '99 convention). The party room was beautifully decorated & overlooked Camp Snoopy, the amusement part in the center court of the Mall. Good food, wine, music & door prizes served to make the evening enjoyable. The usual visiting & catching up with our still-active UAL colleagues made it a good time.

Remember, the membership fee of \$5.00 per couple is due for 2006. Either give it to Arlene Kelley at the monthly gathering, or mail it to her at 3148 Magney Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720.

Copies of the annual local roster is now available & may be picked up at lunch. Anyone who can't make it to our gatherings, please e-mail me or call me and I'll see that you get a copy mailed to you.

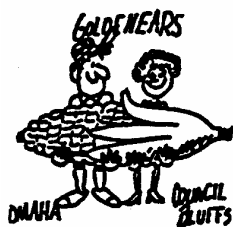
We are sad to report that Fred "Chris" Christopherson lost his battle with cancer on Dec. 28, 2005. Those of us who worked with Chris at MSP & CHI Reservations know that we've lost a real sweetheart. Cards & memorials may be sent to the family at 6610 Highway 18, Finlayton, MN 55735

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

Calendar:

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What a great Christmas party. Thanks to Ev & Shirley Payton for hosting and to Dave & Teddy Letts for our Christmas Bingo. Even though our temperature was at 1 above, that didn't stop 78 brave souls from attending. We were happy to see Doc Savage; Roger & Carol Jensen, Pat Shook & her daughter, Terry; Rose & Carroll Ballard; Van Van Houten; Andy & Jackie Vassios; Trudy Tighe & friend; and Margaret Degen & her niece. Coming from a distance were Ralph Westadt & friend, Ardella, from CO; Ken & Sandy Bender from Seward, NE; & Hilde & Dick Schwan from Daykin, NE.

After our Christmas Bingo, Joyce Torchia ended our evening with 2 beautiful Christmas songs. What a great voice you have Joyce. Thank you so much.

Andy Vassios had prostate surgery 2 months ago; the doctors are very optimistic about his recovery. He does not have to take chemo or radiation but will have periodic check-ups. We are happy he had such a good report.

Charlie Shook didn't make it to our Christmas party as he was going to have his chemo treatment the next day. I'm sure Charlie could use a little cheering up, so let's send him some cards. His address is 615 No. 3rd St., Missouri Valley, IA 51555.

Mary Winkler e-mailed me saying Quentin Coyle of San Mateo passed away on Dec. 2. She thought maybe some of you remembered him.

Roger Grandgenett's mother, Waneita Pearl Grandgenett, age 95, passed away. Her service was Dec. 9 in Missouri Valley. Our sincere sympathy to Roger, Nancy & family.

One member passed away this year, Harry Southard on 3-2-05.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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"Gamblers" Christmas luncheon/meeting held at Ellis Island; food was excellent – traditional holiday fare & wine enjoyed by 63 members and guests.

New member, Nasser Monsour – SFOMB. Guests were Olive Cox, Mother of Nelma Gutwald; Rose Tazawa, sister-in-law of Jim and Ellie Shibata; Joannie Boeswert, guest of Ruth Verplank.

We missed Ray & Marge Gibson, who never miss our luncheons. Ray was under the weather, also, our Secy. Baldor Ziel. Nasty bug running around; hope everyone is feeling better by now. It was great to see Felix & Donna Cicco, as Felix has had extensive illness the last few months. He has lost so much weight, I thought he was a new member! A short meeting was held after lunch, then the "Desert Spurs, Country Line Dancers" performed. They are a very enjoyable dance and musical entertainment group, whose average age is 63 yrs old.

Our members were so generous with the items brought for our raffle table. Everyone walked out with one or more of the beautifully wrapped Christmas items, including Denny Gutwald's lovely oil painting. Our 50-50 raffle tickets enriched several member's pockets. Although our attendance was not as high as it usually is for the Christmas party, everyone there had a lovely time. Members who attended every meeting during the year were awarded extra drawing tickets.

Our main item for discussion at the Feb. meeting will be on whether we will be moving our place of luncheon/meetings. Our contract at the Ellis Island expires Feb. 1 but our Host, Marcus Zavala, has generously offered to host us for the Feb. luncheon/meeting. We hope to have many members present, with DEFINITE alternate plans. Otherwise, we will renew with Ellis Island.

On a sadder note, we lost another airline friend; Lawrence Atwood, spouse of Vicki Atwood, retired LASFF, lost his battle with a long illness on Christmas day. Larry retired as a TWA mechanic in LAS. Our condolences to Vicki & their families.

Anyone planning on visiting LAS VEGAS around June 29, is welcome to join us on our yearly trip to St. George, UT to see a great musical at the TUACHAN THEATRE OF ARTS. This year's show will be SOUTH PACIFIC. You can't beat the price of \$75 P/P double occupancy or \$85 single occupancy. This price includes everything, the bus trip, buffet lunch at the Casablanca Hotel, rooms at the Virgin River Hotel, dinner at the show, the musical show & buffet breakfast at the Virgin River. It is an overnight trip leaving 9:30 A.M. on Thurs. June 29, arriving back on June 30 at approximately 12:00 noon. I can arrange transportation from your hotel to the bus pick-up & return. If you have any questions you can call me at (702) 898-0561. Mike Vasko

Calendar:

Our next luncheon meeting will be on

Feb. 14 – Luncheon at 11:30 am. The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV (702) 733-8901

April 11 – Luncheon

June 13 – Luncheon



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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At our Christmas luncheon there was no formal business meeting. 2006 Dues - \$5 per member. Please send to either Mary Withers or me.

The 19th Hole did a great job with our holiday meal.

Members & guests looked very festive in their holiday attire.

John mentioned that the toll-free phone number in SEA is #888-826-3375. PDX Travel Desk is 888-278-7038. Call Travel Desks if you have questions about your travel benefits.

Joan Baillie brought 3 guests, one is her daughter. Sorry to say, I only got 2 names: Lorraine Nelsen & Lorraine Pokorski.

Along with usual 50/50 drawing, we had 6 bottles of wine & 20 Christmas angels to raffle. There were many happy winners.

2006 Officers will remain status quo unless someone volunteers to take on an office.

We collected 153 lbs of food for the Food Bank – Well done everyone. Thank you.

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters celebrated the Holidays on Dec. 14, at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ. It was a big success with 104 retirees & spouses/friends attending. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those that have passed away – Anny Savatino, Mickey Speduto, Ronald Brown & Carl Greeson. There were many new retirees attending, Joyce Daley, Jo Robbins, Marie Blackwell, Doris Gray from Canada, Angel Angell, Jerry Markin, Ruth Andersen, & Jerry Shaw. Many have signed up as new members. Pres. Confer advised everyone that the next meeting will be at the Willows on Washington Ave. & Route 22, Green Brook. This is about 6 miles west on Route 22. Luncheon 12:00 noon.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The Metros attending this months meeting at Anton's of Hicksville greeted our newly elected Pres. Jimmy Richardson, with applause. Sorry we could not play "Hail to the Chief", the retiree band had a previous commitment.

This months meeting had quite a few members that are incapacitated for one reason or another.

John Muller had open heart surgery (516) 764-6856

Mike Maddi is recuperating from a heart attack (631) 698-1675

Mike Schroeder hospitalized, telephone number not working

Mary Butera had knee surgery (718) 357-6061

Paul Cohen had eye surgery (718) 776-3799

A card or note will let them know we're thinking of them.

VP Charlie Kaczinski informed the membership if you're flying out of LAX the skycaps charge \$2 a bag domestic & \$3 overseas, includes HWI, plus a tip. You can also stand on line at the ticket counter to check in. No Charge.

Dan Duran spent Christmas with his granddaughter & her family in North Carolina. He took AMTRAK, only to encounter a 3 hour delay out of Penn Station. Then they ran out of food & water on the way down. Upset, he took United Express back to NY, sat in first class and had a bloody Mary; he felt like a king!

Once again the NEW YORK METROS are looking for another place to have their monthly meetings. Pres. Jim Richardson, Past Pres. Joe Totaro & Leo Talochino went to check out the Chinese Buffet in the same complex as Anton's in Hicksville. The membership has to realize we may have to go Buffet style in order to keep the price at a reasonable rate.

Paul Cohen is collecting 2006 dues.

Calendar:

Feb. 1 - 12 noon at Antun's in Hicksville

We will keep the membership informed when & where March meeting will be held

NORTHWOODS

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LOONIES

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The Northwoods Loonies spring meeting is set for May 16-17-18 with departures planned for May 19. The location is Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Winter weather set in before we could make a site visit for hotels, restaurants, etc. but we plan to do that in early March. Bring passports if you want to go to Canada (just across the St. Marys river).

My last report about the Loonies brought a response from Howie Raasch regarding macular deterioration, which has now been corrected. Thanks, Howie. I now need to hear via e-mail from CozaLee Penner. Her last message got into my bottomless pit.

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There was no meeting of the Ohio Buckeyes in Jan. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Feb. 1st at Dimitri's in Parma. Our host will be Marilyn Gschwend. Thank you Marilyn.

We lost 2 more long time members in Dec. Melinda J. Gaydan was laid to rest Dec. 17, 2005. Helen Horvath passed away Dec. 4 & was buried on Dec. 8. Our Prayers to their loved ones. Please continue to keep Shari Herman in your thoughts & prayers as she continues on her road to wellness.

Well, it's that time of the year again. Please send your yearly dues to our Treas. Dolly Taucher. Her address is: 8301 Lorraine Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

The semi-yearly package will be distributed at our Feb. meeting. It will contain the events for the next six months. If you are unable to attend your package will be mailed to you. If you have a change of address or email, please notify one of the officers so that your address and/or email address can be changed.

Calendar:

March 8 - The Old Schoolhouse, pre-paid.

April 5 - Bucci's pre-paid.

May 3 - Sterlie's pre-paid.

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Our Dec. meeting was a Christmas dinner party that was attended by 121 members. It was grand to be served dinner for a change instead of the buffet line. The room was festive with lovely centerpieces, a tree for the giveaway presents (door prizes) & a Santa Claus aptly portrayed by Harold Miller. There were games to be played, prizes to be won; everyone seemed to be happy with having the get-together in the evening for a change.

Welcome new members Narciso & Grace Castro. Narci, as he likes to be called, retired from PDXCG several years ago.

Congratulations to Deanna & Ronald Green on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Mike McMorro was seriously injured in an automobile accident the day after leaving the hospital last month & since then has had several surgeries. I understand he is still very ill & will have a long convalescence ahead of him when he is discharged.

There have been no other reports of illnesses in our group. I am beginning to wonder if you are forgetting to let Lois & Merle Pitman know if someone has been "under the weather." Their telephone number is (503) 635-5341, they will be happy to send a card. It can also be a card to cheer up someone.

There are only 2 months left to pay your chapter dues to have your name listed in the roster for 2006. They can be paid at the Feb. or March meetings; however if you are unable to attend a meeting please mail your dues to Dave Smith, 8310 NE Brazee, Portland, OR 97220. The dues are \$7.50 single or \$10.00 for a couple.

Our Feb. meeting will be an ice cream social & Valentine Day exchange of cards. Please remember to bring a signed card & find out who your Valentine will be that day. We are still collecting canned & boxed goods to be given to a local charity, so bring a food donation if you can to the next meeting.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 & (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please us 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

Feb. 8 - Ice Cream Social and Valentine Card Exchange

Mar. 8 - St Patrick's Day

April 12 - Easter Parade

PENNSYLVANIA

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Another Joyous Christmas celebration was held at the Ramada Inn on Dec. 12; 56 retirees & guests helped ring in the holiday season. Pres. Joe Brad had to cancel due to a death in his family, Tom Lyons led us in prayer & Pledge Allegiance.

Past Pres. Bernie McName read a "thank you" letter from one of the service people in Iraq regarding the packages we have been sending. He told us about his 19 year old nephew, PFC Ryan Christianson, who lost his life in Iraq. He explained how important it is to support our military men & women.

We held our first Christmas fair this year. It was a big success. Craft & art donations were submitted by many of our members, also there were many lucky winners.

Our entertainment this year was provided by Jan & John Haigas from Darby, PA. They were dressed in early American costumes; John played the Dulcimer. They harmonized old folk songs. John recited the Cremation of Sam McGee then entertained us with history & amusing stories pertinent to the season. At the end of their program; they took requests & led the group singing Christmas Carols.

The table at the entrance was piled high with gifts from our retirees to be given to the veteran's home.

Kathy Edwards called out Bingo & awarded prizes; a good time was had by all!



PITTSBURGH
PIT-STOPPERS

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I hope this finds most of you partied out & ready for a New Year.

The annual Christmas Luncheon was a huge success. 60 Pit-Stoppers enjoyed a delicious luncheon. Good food, good friends – what a winning combination. Carl Chiochi delivered the invocation, we observed a moment of silence for our deceased & ailing members. Our Pres. Barb Seaholm & husband Malcom donated the wine which was given out as door prizes. The price of the luncheon was subsidized by the local Pit Chapter. The food products brought in by our members were taken to the local Salvation Army by Treakie Karwoski. Ken Wolfe agreed to take over the VP seat, vacated by the death of Skip Weiss. It was wonderful seeing so many of our senior members looking so great. The members updated our shut-in list – our good buddy Andy Rusinko was hospitalized – Bea Crooks is not in the best of health & Dick Brinza had a triple by-pass. Addresses are as follows:

- Andy Rusinko: Rd #2 Box 1714, Volant, PA 16156
- Bea Crooks: 10 Elco Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108
- Dick Brinza: 9 Essex Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108

Mary Polinski reported that Pat Lavelle wife of Fran Lavelle & sister-in-law of Pat & Rosemary had her leg amputated. I'm sure Pat & Fran would appreciate hearing from their many Pit-Stopper friends at 404 West Country Rd., 975 North Lizton, IN 46149.

We were also saddened by the sudden horrific slaying of State Trooper Cpl. Joe Pokorny Jr., son of RSM Joe Pokorny Sr. Cpl Pokorny was shot to death while on duty. Joe Sr. was a Ramp Service Man in PIT & Dulles. Condolences can be sent to his parents at 308 Columbia Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001. Joe also is survived by 2 teen-age children.

The wife of Wally Vance, former PITCG employee, passed away last month.

Mitch Abbus received word of the passing of Herbie Black, former fueler & mechanic. Herbie is survived by his wife Shirley. Condolences can be sent to Shirley at 47 Grace Circle, Seaford, Delaware 19973.

Ray Davis PITMM passed away on Dec. 31 - condolences can be sent to Connie Davis at 1053 Butler Rd, Springdale, PA 15144. Phone 724-274-6717.

The annual Juth open house was another success. 90 people enjoyed good food & friendship. Guess it proved to be a bit much for my better half. He had to postpone scheduled knee replacement surgery to have a pacemaker inserted.

Calendar:

Feb. 10 – Valentines Day Luncheon Crown Plaza Hotel – Moon TWP

TENNESSEE

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A small but merry group met at Shoney's for breakfast on Dec. 16, many of us wearing our holiday attire. The main topic of discussion was everyone's Christmas & New Year plans.

After breakfast the Emmels traveled over to the Barr's beautiful home in the woods on Tellico Lake. They gleefully handed over all the paperwork and duties for the new officers to us. Mary Lou then treated us to some wonderful homemade goodies before we made the drive home.

Just a reminder that 2006 dues of \$5 P/P are due. These may be mailed to Treas. Mike Chapin, 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922.

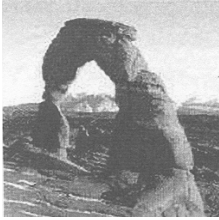
Calendar:

Feb. 16 – 9:30 am EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I 40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Mar. 16 - 12:30 pm EST, Bill & Terry Taylor hosting (1 865 408-1453) with location to be determined.

April 20 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On **Dec. 7**, 35 chpt. members met in the beautifully decorated community hall at Lila Maughan's condo complex in South Jordan, UT. It is hard to call this delicious fare "potluck," because the term does not convey the full delight of the buffet we enjoyed!

Thank you every one of you for your collective effort to make this event so successful!

Also a heartfelt thank-you to Lila Maughan for making this place available to our group – also to Lila's sister Arvella & chpt. VP Betty Davis for their hard work to prepare the food setup. As a matter of fact, we appreciated everyone's work in setting up the place, as well as cleaning afterward - under the guiding light of "*Leave it cleaner than you found it!*"

Missed were our regulars: Aletha Cannon & her daughter Shirleen; Bob Faydock; Doug Roberts; Sandy & Darlene Cantonwine; Byron & Kay Nelson.

We welcomed Bob & Judy Turgeon & few newcomers whose names we will have in our next report. One fact we know about one of them: she was a lady who works for KSL-TV.

Art Scott took a many pictures some of which will probably grace our next local newsletter. Thanks, Art, for the memories on paper!

When writing this report, an event happened that will remind many retirees, who had worked in the CHI area, of an incident – exactly 33 years ago, to the day! After many years of operating accident-free, a Southwest Airlines B-737 was unable to come to a full stop on the snow- & ice-covered runway & crashed through the fortified retaining wall at MDW AP, hitting 3 cars on busy Center St., injuring a few pax in automobiles, which included killing a 6-yr.-old boy on his way to grandma's house. None of the SWA pax & crewmembers were injured. -- On Dec. 8, 1972, a UAL B-737 crashed on approach to MDW AP, also under adverse wx conditions. That incident set fire to 5 homes & killed everyone on board, plus a number of people on the ground.

Calendar:

Feb. 15 – Coffee - 10 am – Murray Heritage Ctr.

March 15 – Lunch 2pm – Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful, UT.

VIRGINIA

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Christmas party at Locks Point restaurant attended by 15 members. Bad weather held back some of the retirees. Claire Karlson opened the meeting with announcement of moving to North Carolina to be with her daughter. Claire is recovering from cancer treatments. Paul Keys not well with health problem. Bob Collins & wife unable to attend because of health problem & finally Bob Riggs did not attend – knee replacement, but wife Barbara came early to set up tables with ornaments, then she had to leave. Guest was Jim Davis, friend of Vi Hildebrand. Lots of pictures were taken by McManus.

WASHINGTON

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Hopefully 2006 will bring better health & luck to our members & all RUAEA Chapters.

SEA is excited about getting a toll free phone number for outside the local 206 area code. Bob Brumfield worked hard with securing a number & company. He settled with a company from CA, coincidentally their rep is a RUAEA member. They agreed on (888) 326-3375. We maintain the same hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10:00 AM through 2:00 PM PST. Between this & PDX (888) 278-7038 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PST you now have (five day coverage)

With this crazy winter weather, rain, wind, snow, landslides & road closures we probably won't see at least 2 couples, Bea & Ross Hatch of Bellingham, WA – (2 hrs away) or Judy & Ted Higley from Lake Chelan – (2 or 3 hrs away) over Snoqualmie Pass (I-90) on account of rock slides that close this major East – West highway East of the summit.

Ed & Charlotte Rousso just told me their oldest grandson Justin Fleming, a Freshman at University of AZ loves this school. He has been invited to swim meets in TX, Belgium & the special Summer Olympics when they are held in China.

Our Travel Desk: (206) 433-4218. Bob Brumfield (Mgr) & Rita Reynolds do a great job of keeping it up-to-date & staffed.

Calendar:

Feb. 14 – Lunch at Fairwood C&G

Mar. 14 - TBA

Apr. 17 - TBA

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The Christmas Party was a lot of fun! Del & Donna Toppol planned on attending, however, Donna became ill the day of the party. A special thanks to Les & Vera Graham who hosted the event.

Bob & Edie Clark drove from Ione as did Tom & Mary Sullivan. Edie tells us she has discovered a heart palpitation that she hasn't had before. She is going in for all sorts of tests in the next few weeks. We will all say a prayer that all is well. Cal & Kathy Shireman, whom we hadn't seen in a long time along with Warren & Fran Smith attended. Fran had been under the weather. Bill & Lois Stookey stayed home because of a recent knee surgery that has deterred Bill a little. They are still in the process of building their new house next door to where they have been living in Hayden, Idaho. Ed Meadows had his camera flashing trying to get all the laughter coming from the group. Pauline Miller is beginning to look svelte as the pounds just sort of fall off. (Sort of like the prices dropping at your local Wal Mart.)

On Dec. 10, GEG held the annual Fantasy Flight. It actually received television coverage this year. Gary & Sharon Holmes work hard on helping put it together for 60 needy children that otherwise would not have a very Merry Christmas. Thanks to them, Leslie Lathrop, David & Theresa Reisenhauer, many other retirees, plus many active employees of UAL it was a dream come true for the children. Lance & I provided one of the trucks to deliver the toys that Santa left. They definitely had a successful trip to the North Pole!

The retirees thanks to Fran Smith, mailed get well cards to Wanda Lipscomb who is in Alderwood Manor Nursing Home & Laura Nearing who is recuperating from intestinal surgery at home. Laura is doing much better. Vera Graham & Pauline Miller visited Wanda & took her a plant from the group. Wanda's closest relative lives in WV so she welcomes visitors.

Calendar:

Feb. - Hosted by Fran and Warren Smith.

March - Hosted by Jerry and Edna Tefft.

April - Will be announced at a later date.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Approximately 85 Dulles Loungers attended our final luncheon of the year on Dec. 14. What a wonderful turn-out during our holiday season.

Everyone who participated in the angel program returned their gifts to Kerrie & Dutch Schneider on this day. Kerrie & Mari McColl went back to Kerrie's house to begin the process of sorting gifts. You will be as delighted as we were to see that everyone of the Katrina survivors on our list, those that have moved to the Northern Virginia area, received five (5) gifts each.

Thanks to the generosity of the membership of our Dulles Loungers & other chapters who sent us gifts & money for our project, Christmas was happily celebrated in a few homes where, otherwise, it may not have been possible. What a wonderful result! Each of us who participated received much more than we gave.

Many thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to Dutch & Kerrie, who were tireless in their efforts for this community project. Our "Christmas with Neighbors" project was accomplished at the same time Dutch & Kerrie were preparing for their son's Dec. wedding. This event was also beautifully celebrated. Congratulations!

Lucy Chatelain reported that on Dec. 1, the retirees of DCARR/IADRR met for their 3rd annual Holiday luncheon at J. Gilberts Restaurant in McLean, VA; 44 members attended, the party was a great success.

Our Pres., David Cox & wife Tina worked very hard during this entire year to make the Dulles Loungers' luncheons interesting & enjoyable events. Many have asked me to take a moment & a bit of this space, to thank them for their efforts. David & Tina: the membership appreciates your efforts! We always happily anticipate the monthly gathering. Thank you.

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Watson, Morton I Wax, Regina Weatherford, David T Webb, Christine F Webber, John H Weber, Elizabeth O Weber-CoOk, Earl L Webster, George L Webster, Myrtle C Wehman, William H Weifenbach, Warren F Weikle, Jessie F Weir, Harold (Bud) Welcher, Theodora Wertenbroek, Robert Wertheimer, Sheila R Wesley, Alan L Wessa, Lora D Westbrook, Eldon D Westendorf, Sonna L Whalen, Dolores C "Dee" Whately, Robert L Wheeler, Margaret C White, Raymond D White, Harold E White, John E White, Lois Anne White, Cynthia A White, Kathleen A Whiteman, Clarence H Whitesell, Robert J Whitman, James V Whitney, Richard W Whitworth, Chuck Wickstrom, Frank D Wiggins, Setsuko W Wilcox, Leo F Wilder, Ronald W. Wilkerson, Kathleen Warren Wilkin, Charles C Wilks, Jeanette M Williams, Victor M Williams, Karen S. Williams, Charlene K. 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Yando, Gus P Yarbrough, James Yip, Joanne E Yonker, Victoria L Young, Richard T Yunck, Nellie Yundt, Robert Yunker, Laverne Zabroske, James J Zarek, Joyce M Zarr, Jean M Zavesky, John A Zebro, Harald A Zerbock, Annette M Zib, Christina S Zielinski, Homer P Zill, William F Zoller, John W Zook, Harold E Zook, Wallace F Zuehl, Harvey A. Zunker, Frances A Zupanotis, Paula A. Zuppan, Joseph A Zurick, Robert M Zweighardt.

OBITUARIES

- Retiree- **AHRLING, Sunday J.**, ORD, on 11/29/05, wife of Curtis H., 638 Williams Ct., Gurnee, IL 60031
- Retiree- **ALLEN, Benjamin**, PHL, on 11/26/05, father of Deshand Jackson, 143 N. 34th St., Camden, NJ 08105
- Retiree- **BALBONI, Anthony F. Jr.**, JFK, on 11/14/05, husband of Winifred M., 62 Cross Hwy., Westport, CT 06880
- Retiree- **CHRISTIANSEN, Carl R.**, LAX, on 11/8/05, husband of Martha L., 209 Nadine Ct., Incline Village, NV 89451
- Retiree- **GAYDAN, Melinda**, ORD, on 12/2/05
- Retiree- **GRANT, James P.**, SFO, on 11/17/05
- Retiree- **NOLTE, Virgil D.**, LAX, on 12/16/05
- Retiree- **SASS, Charles C.**, OAK, on 12/2/05, husband of Mary A., 34216 Auckland Place, Fremont, CA 94536
- Retiree- **SCHLUNDT, Thomas E.**, ORD, on 11/18/05, husband of Erika U., 174 Geneva, Elmhurst, IL 60126
- Retiree- **SHAFER, Stuart E.**, SFO, on 11/13/05, husband of Mary C., 404 Dwight Road, Burlingame, CA 94010
- Spouse- **SORKIN, Marilyn R.**, on 11/24/05, wife of Joel E., LAX, 6922 W. 85th St., Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Retiree- **STEVENS, Donald H.**, WHQ, on 11/25/05, father of David F. Stevens, 8196 S. Shawnee St., Aurora, CO 80016-7202

LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

Frances M. Austin, Michael & Vivian Jennings, Robert Brumfield, William Watkins, Wava Dalmadge, Mary Hoge George, Sodatsu Ishida, Alison Grieg, Carol Faust, Andy Walker, Rose-Marie Piorunski, Marian J. Swanson, Ole S. Jensen, John Cunningham, William Dwyer, Dorsey E. Cooper, Edward A. Carnes, Josephine Q. Roller, Joseph Preston, Tadashi J. Kato, Marie Adela Berlenghi, M. Bethine Grunewald, Mike Bowles, Iris T. Hastie, Jill Sheffield, Florence Ross, David Reisenauer, Bill Duggans, Helen M. Stinnett, Kazuko Yaguchi, Maria Lesiak, Marrian Matthews, Jim Wiegner, Larry Bertsch, Diane Groschke-Mattson, Amy & Richard Ellis, Howard F. Grote, Eileen C. Haynes, Agneline Malouhos, Jim Pelletier, Rosemary Milyko, Eddy L. Dent, Clifford Blare, Loretta E. Lorenzo, Tom Roberts, Angie S. Waunn, LaVonne Wilhoite, Mrs. Raymond Pontarelli, Kazuko Tajii, Karen Richman, Bobbie Landers Jacobs, Alfred T. Kubus, Doris Y Baran, Jo Barkus, Bill Dubacher, Chuck Jones, Bonita Stewart, Betty P. Rule, W. J. Goudey, Doris Williams, Vera M. Kina, Joel Stratton, Mary Rusinko, Lee Johnson, Betty E. Rupp, Edward Szabo.

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 or the editor.)

Gloria Van Houten, 20 Indian Path, Manalapan, NJ 07726-8081

Now that I have been on the RUAEA Newsletter mailing list for a year I cannot imagine not receiving it. All of your very hard work provides me with a vital information source on what is going on with the "Friendly Skies".

It's so good to spot a familiar name in the letters section & to see where in the world they are today! Once again, thank you for all your hard work!

Ruth Marston, 12422 Caspian Dr., Aurora, CO 80014-1987

Here I was trying to ignore the birthday then I get a Red Stamp – oh well what's another year. Am grateful for each one.

Jim & Linda Nichol, 107 Mesero Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Enclosed is my dues plus postage fund. Thank you so much for the great job you do keeping us all well informed.

We moved to AR this past winter. Had too much of the summer storms in South FL lately. Been there since Capital opened up in 1958.

Lots of good luck to John & Sally Hildebran, lost your e-mail address.

We have gone to dinner with the nice folks from the UAL Hot Springs Village Retiree group. Great way to live & enjoy life.

Robert Ader, 4050 N. Ocean Dr. #1008, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL, 33308

I am in my 5th year of retirement. After sitting out 5 hurricanes, in the past 2 years, my wife & I were glad we had a second home. We left about 2 weeks before Wilma came to visit South FL. We did not have any damage in our apartment but it will be years before Ft. Lauderdale has fully recovered.

I hope everyone is enjoying their retirement as much as we are. After reading the various comments in the newsletter it seems that some people are down on the company. The one thing everyone needs to remember is that many of the events that affected the company which caused it to make decisions that everyone may not agree with, were never the case while we were working. Sure, we all faced things we considered out of the ordinary, but in my working years we never lost 2 aircrafts to terrorists, dealt with a steep decline in travel due to SARS or tried to keep flying while paying the highest fuel costs anyone ever encountered.

I feel as long as I can get up by myself each morning, take care of myself I am very fortunate. We should all enjoy our lives as much as possible since none of us knows when it will be over.

Keep up the good work with the Newsletter. At least we have one thing that helps to tie us together.

Donna Klobe, 4058 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

Wow! Is my face red! I've been reading the RUAEA Newsletter from cover to cover (on Hal's membership) for a long time. I just joined this year (for voting purposes) & forgot to renew my membership on the very first birth date!

I've been secretary for the Re-LAX-ers 12 years & sadly removed people from our membership for exactly the same reason. Aaghh!

My sincere apologies to the crew in DEN. I admire your dedication for producing a wonderful treasure for all of us that keeps us connected.

I love my 36 years at United & feel grateful to so many people who became wonderful mentors for me.

This last year working on the convention with Hal & such wonderful & talented friends from United was pure joy! People would ask, "Wasn't it a lot of work?" I would answer, "Yes, but it was so much fun!"

My thanks to all the RUAEA leadership, for reminding me why it was so rewarding to work for United. It was the people!

Bill Hadley, 8086 Hermitage Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726

Thanks for the short review on the status of my fellow Louisiana retirees during Hurricane Katrina!

For us in Baton Rouge area, Katrina was almost a “non-event”. Minor wind damage was about all we suffered. Now Rita was a different matter all together!

Rita took down several trees in our area, we had far more rain & wind than with Katrina. All & all being on the “dreaded” east side of the hurricane made the difference.

During Katrina we had a total of 14 relatives & friends staying with us for about 4 weeks. Fortunately we have the room and accommodations on our property to house everyone. We were without power for about 10 days but made due with generators & our outdoor grill. As a matter of fact I got so used to using the camp coffee pot that from time to time I still make our morning coffee that way rather than use the electric coffee pot.

Keep our email address in your files should you have any questions about this area. United moved me here in 1982 when we reopened New Orleans (MSYSS); except for a 1½ year temporary duty in OMA to solve some sales problems we have been here longer than anywhere else during my 34 years with United. Carolyn spent 34 years in the travel agency end of the business; we both maintain very close relationships with most of the key tourism people in New Orleans & Louisiana Government.

New Orleans WILL be better & stronger in the years to come. Most of the Travel & Tourism folks are keenly dedicated to bringing this wonderful city back to what it was. Tourism activities even now are being repaired & opened as quickly as possible. Many of the main New Orleans hotels are back & operating. The Convention Center is in the process of spending \$6 mil plus to replace glass, carpet in all the halls. The actual damage caused by the evacuees was far less than were reported by news accounts. Major cruise lines have already committed to restoration of service as early as late March. New lines want to start next fall. The airport is being updated & the minor damage has been repaired. All & all things are moving quite rapidly.

Thanks for all your hard work for the retirees by keeping the information network flowing.

Marge Fasone, 16221 Parque Ln., Naples, FL 34110

I’ve noticed so many tributes in the newsletter to you and your staff. Well deserved!

I haven’t written for quite a while to express my appreciation for your many years of unselfish devotion to the efforts that are necessary to keep us informed. This letter is also to commend the officers & directors of RUAEA for their time & efforts.

I particularly want to thank Mort Wax. I remember him from his Accounting Dept. years & beyond. His recent comments on the ballots to vote on the reorganization plan for all the pre-July 1, 2003 retirees certainly shed some light on who & why it came to us. He pointed up what areas needed response to aid in making a decision yet he remained unbiased & neutral. Great job on your comments re the Medicare Part D prescription plan too.

Thanks, Mort, please keep sending in your informative comments. Your comments in the Dec. issue were perfectly timed, certainly made it less painful than voting in the next presidential election will be.

Esther Broderson, 51 Bonnnie Ln., Clarendon Hls, IL 60514-1409

I thought about you the whole month of Nov. & then lost it in Dec. It’s very flattering when people say you don’t look your age, but the bubble burst when I got the red stamp – double ones at that. So I’m marking my 2006 calendar in Nov. to send in my dues & foil that “Red Devil” stamp.

Every time I hear or read about our bankruptcy, I want to plead to Bill Gates for help. His success policy could surely help us. But your RUAEA Newsletter is great!

Lois Gaines, 945 West St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

I joined UAL in 1966 as a “Stewardess”. After my marriage I was hired to work with the wonderful team at the CTO in MKE. While there, my husband & I enjoyed the wonders of international travel thanks to the great “fam” trips. Our first was a long weekend in Paris, including

airfare, meals, hotel & sightseeing – all for \$69 each. Some years later I returned to flying as a “Flight Attendant” based in ORD & SFO. I retired in 1999. I will always have fond memories of the UAL family.

Thanks for all the effort you & your staff put into the Newsletter. I appreciate the articles that clarify our benefits & update standby travel procedures.

Naomi Tolf, 1510A Kent Avenue, Montrose, CO 81402-5376

Sorry I did not beat the “Red Stamp”, time moves faster than we seniors.

Moving involved a lot of paper shuffling & bankruptcy papers sure didn’t help. It will be good when United signs those final papers. We are so fortunate to have people like Marlin & Mort to clarify what it was all about and what we were voting on, We remain a United family; thank you for all the efforts.

Clark E. Luther, 1498 SE Brewster Pl., Stuart, FL 34997-5612

Even though I am a life member I am enclosing a check to help all of your ever riding costs. I enjoy receiving your monthly Newsletter. Even though I have been retired for 20 years & have just celebrated my 81st birthday, I am still getting around reasonably well; my cane is more of a “security” blanket. Walking is still a challenge but other than that I sleep well; other than a few aches & pains I am doing quite well.

The hurricanes have been a challenge, the cumulative effect of the hurricanes had damaged our tile roof so badly that it had to be totally replaced. The contractor comes & goes so we aren’t sure when it will be done but we are in the final stages of retiling. Hope that it will be done in about 4 working days.

We are going to PHX to visit our daughter & her family over Christmas and are looking forward to that. The only other plan we have is to prepare our FL home for sale in preparation for our move to a retirement home in Hilton Head, SC. The Cypress is a community for older folks who may someday need assisted living or skilled nursing care so this will be the last move we have to make. It has been a fun ride for my wife & me and we are looking forward to this next chapter in our lives.

Thanks to all of you folks for getting the Newsletter out and even though I don’t recognize too many of the names it is still interesting for me to enjoy what is happening to the company and its many employees.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Sandy Danielson, 8005 Shallow Meade Ln., Chattanooga, TN 37421

Thank you to everybody who participates in our monthly Newsletter, our conventions, our extra parties & all meetings to socialize, meet & greet old & new friends at United! Memories are so near & dear. United plays such a big part in our lives!

All of the hard work & devotion is not forgotten!

Fred E. Kremerskotter, 1430 Fallen Leaf Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035-6763

I turned 70 last week on the day my wife & I returned from a wonderful vacation to Thailand, Vietnam & Cambodia – just in time to pay my dues. Seeing the Angkor Wat temple site in Cambodia was a longtime wish of mine; it was more impressive than any picture I had ever seen before. Thailand was a repeat visit for us, but traveling from North to South Vietnam was a special experience. The friendliness of the people was overwhelming.

In March we vacationed for 2 weeks in Sicily, extending our trip by another week in Sorrento. From there it was convenient for side trips to Capri & Naples. The calm weather allowed for entering the Blue Grotto, undoubtedly one of great tourist traps of Italy.

Two months later I was off to Katmandu, Nepal where we boarded a Land Rover for a trip to Lhasa, Tibet. This trip through the Himalayas was an adventure not to be missed. It was holy week in Tibet so Lhasa was filled with pilgrims circumambulating the Potala Palace, the Dalai Lama’s former

residence. Back in Katmandu, 3 of us trekked for 2 weeks & climbed moderately easy 18,000 ft Gokyo Ri. Excellent weather provided great views of Mt. Everest also adjacent peaks.

I have given up on flying standby, finding that with some diligent search on the web, reasonable fares can still be found. The peace of mind & the assurance of not missing a prepaid ground tour, make it worth paying the extra money.

I still love to hike around the greater Bay Area of SFO, often doing 20 miles with plenty of hills in between. Occasionally, I drive to the Sierras for some backpacking & to climb some peaks.

I should not close without thanking your staff for the excellent & valuable service you provide for all of us retirees.

Thomas Kalfa, 16705 Jeanette Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703-1203

At a time when most of my United Airlines related correspondence is from the Bankruptcy Court & the PBGC, your Newsletter is a much-appreciated reminder that my 36 year career did include fun, friendship & camaraderie that I'll cherish forever.

Thank you for your efforts to keep us "united."

Lonnie Autry, 3054 Old Field Way, San Jose, CA 95135

To all the Volunteers, Officers and Directors. It still seems like the good old working days we enjoyed so much, especially when we see fellow employees, enjoying retirement, through the Newsletter articles.

May health & happiness be in store for all in 2006; thanks for all your work.

Due to retirement pay cuts I have to rely on flying my J-3 Piper Cub, instead of the old Travel Air Biplane.

Richard L. Chadwick, RR 2 Box 4869, Pahoa, HI 96778

Aloha,

Either time gets faster or I get slower (Maybe both). I'm a year behind in my dues so here's my check for 2005 & 2006. Sorry about that.

Donna & I have had a busy year spending most of it at our new home in HWI. The lava got our original house but we rebuilt in 2000. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary here in 2004. Our youngest son, Damon, was married here in Aug. this year. Our daughter, Kate (Debby), had a couple operations in HNL this year which included a gastric bypass & both knees replaced. Donna accompanied her to HNL for both operations. She is doing really well.

We still get to the mainland & keep our condo at The Villages in San Jose, CA.

Thanks for all the work you do to keep us informed as to the happenings of the retirees.

Charels J. Esqueda, 719 Maple Ave., S. San Francisco, CA 94080

My wife & I enjoy the RUAEA Newsletter. Lots of information on United Air Lines & Retirees. I worked for United 34 years 7 months. Retired 1/6/03. Enjoying my retirement. Working for Hertz Rental Cars part time. The only thing I miss is my co-workers at UAL SFO Intl Airport Ramp.

R. L. Malm, 6 Cumberland Ct., Cary, IL 60013

A big Thank you and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. Been retired for 7 years by the end of December. Time has sure passed quickly. Linda (ORDSW) & I still live Northwest of CHI in Cary, IL not too far from our 7 grandkids, our 3 daughters & sons-in-law. Not much traveling lately. Linda and I still drive out to Iowa City for all the Hawkeyes home football games.

Our health has been reasonably good so far. We went to CLE this past Aug. for my 50th High School Reunion. Had a great time but reality is starting to set in! Our ranks were thinning.

Here's hoping UAL will emerge a stronger & competitive company. I don't sit in front of the computer very often but if someone wants to get in touch, our email is rlmalm@earthlink.net.

Art Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024-4114

Just a note to let RUAEA members know – I am still maintaining the “Seniority List”. If you would like to be included on this list send me your name, address & date of hire; you will be included. Also – if you would like to have a copy of the list, send check to me for \$3.50 (to cover mailing cost) – you will receive list shortly. My email address: washattock@comcast.com.

Bruce & Olga Choy, 1927 Cordilleras Road, Emerald Hills, CA 94062-3309

We sincerely appreciate the continued effort & dedication of all.

The monthly Newsletter is a wonderful reminder of the spirit that built this country, has been & will be a blessing to all.

Zita Wessa, 3369 N. Snead Dr., Goodyear, AZ 85338

My husband had been a long time retiree with United with a hire date of 1959. This past month I lost my best friend who was my husband of 49 years, Alan Wessa, SNA/LAX. Alan was diagnosed with acute leukemia the first part of Nov. & was determined to fight it. He was doing well when he went into shock as a result of medication & died within hours. I miss him terribly.

Because of my experiences with United I thought I should share them with other retirees. We thought we were well prepared in all matters having a trust, joint accounts, power of attorneys, wills, etc. but I guess that didn't matter working with United.

First of all, our daughter & family were in HWI at the time so she tried to get on a United flight that had open seats. She had his hire-in date, file number & all other details but did not have “the PIN number”. I was 20 miles away in the ICU waiting room at the hospital. I got a friend to go into our house to try to find “the PIN number” which turned out to be wrong so there was no way they could help her. She ended up buying seats for 4 on American which gave her a much better fare than United.

When I contacted United about the death, was informed that companion tickets ended with death and even if the family came on a companion ticket, I would pay full fare for return. All 3 children & families flew other airlines.

I informed United about his death the day after, it is now over 3 weeks & I still have not received any correspondence regarding benefits, etc. When I inquired after 2 weeks I was told the person working that desk was overwhelmed & it would be put on the top of the stack.

Next came the Alliant Credit Union where we have been members over 40 years. Without informing me, my debit card was denied at a store where I had a large order. There was ample money in the account. They said the card was in his name which I used for years. (As I write this, FedEx delivered me a new debit card – 3 weeks later but have to wait 5 days for a new PIN number). Then my credit card was denied in a restaurant when I had a large party there. Thank God, my kids had cards to bail me out. What an embarrassment in both places. The credit card was in both names but they said he was the owner of the card, I only was a co-signer. I am responsible for the balance though. The card account was probably 40 years old; I guess women did not have rights in those days. Now they say that the joint checking account will be closed which causes much work because of all the automatic payments, etc. The co-signed car loan is due & payable when insurance kicks in.

When a person is dealing with all the shock & grief, you would not expect this kind of treatment from a place that you dedicated your life to. I guess you are just a number at this part of your life. There certainly was not any compassion.

Clarence Markham, 1256 Manulani St., Kailua, HI 96734-3803

Sorry I'm late with my dues. We were preparing to travel, leaving on my birthday. I'm sorry to say traveling is the pits anymore. It took us almost 24 hours to get to FL to visit our granddaughter & it took us almost the same amount of time to get back to HWI. Business is good.

Aloha & Mahalo

David Jeffrey Walton, 8387 Chesterton Dr., Poland, OH 44514

On the fourth of Jan. I celebrated my 98th birthday in Rancho Mirage, CA. I am back to normal after several surgeries for skin cancer. One place was on the back of my right hand. Another in front of my left ear and lastly my left ear. I have been told by the surgeons that I'm free of damage done by the sun's UV rays. It would have been likely if I had used the sun blocker in my golf bag every time I played I could have postponed or avoided the bout with skin cancer. A large brim hat plus the sun blocker EVERY time when exposed to the sun is now a must. No sooner had I recovered from the surgeries, I decided to take down two canvas awnings from the West side of my home. Using a step ladder to bridge over several four foot high bushes I was able to remove the first canvas awning. Again bridging over a four foot bush I had removed all nuts & bolts except one stubborn nut. Leaning over and pushing with my legs I pushed the ladder out from under me falling about six feet, my head contacted the bricks of the house causing a gash at the top of my head that required several stitches to close. By this time the stitches have been removed & I have resolved to stay off ladders & let younger adults do the job.

My present plan is to sell my home in OH & move to CA before the cold winds in OH prevail in 2006. My drivers license expired the last of Nov. & I will have to dispose of my automobile.

I'll keep you advised if & when I have a new address.

Joan F. Lucas, 2311 W Avenue 134th, San Leandro, CA 94577

A note to thank all of you for your timely info in these troubled times. With no computer or newspaper, "you" are my only source. Do keep up the good work!

Really enjoy the letters recalling the wonderful times from years ago. When I transferred from CLERR to SFORR, April, 1959, I soon discovered the SFO-LAX Copper Skillet Breakfast & the 5 o'clock Executive with that day's Wall Street Journal (complimentary), along with RAMAC vs. A-Board availability, etc. True pride in the company then. Hopefully, we will not go the way of PAA, Eastern, Braniff, etc.

Times are rough, but life goes on!

Joseph McFarren, 3200 E. Floyd Dr., Denver, CO 80210-6936

Received the RUAEA Newsletter yesterday & already I have used the LATE BREAKING NEWS section.

The SEA Travel Desk helped me set up a trip for later this month. Only took about 3 minutes. What a great service!

Keep up your much needed source of information for the Retired Employee. It is well received.

Ralph E. Nardone, 6431 E. Mobile St., Inverness, FL 34452

It is always great to read about the Chapters, but I mostly enjoy reading about the NOR'EASTERS. After 35 years in BOS I enjoy reading about the many retirees mentioned in the news. They have really built the Chapter. Dick & his staff are doing a great job.

Velma & Sam Patrick, 1700 Broadway St. #133, Concord, CA 94520-2656

Our Grandchildren are our delight.

Molly Patrick visited Australia to compete in the Water Polo Tournament. Imagine that at only 16 going on 17, Sarah Patrick Greene opened an upscale women's clothing store in Chandler, AZ - husband Scott got a set of flying lessons for his Christmas present - Look out United Pilots. Ha! Doug Patrick got his Masters Degree in Child Psychology from Azusa Pacific College. What triumphs. We are bursting at our heart!

Best health and wealth to all! Keep going Jo, & crew. Thanks for a job well done.

M. Jean Alarcon, 15402 Golden Lantern Ln., La Mirada, CA 90638-1509

What can I say that hasn't been said about the stellar job you do in keeping us informed on all of the "Friendly Folks".

I finished the last 2 years fighting & winning the battle on cancer.
This year & next we will be battling a kidney transplant on my husband Smiley.
Soon we will be able to take a trip for more than 3 days.
Thanks again for all the news.

Robert Magdaleno, 6645 Schoolhouse Lane, P.O. Box 325, Royal Oak, MD 21662-0325

Thank you & Jo Madden for your tireless work on producing the Newsletter.

Thanks also to Mort Wax for providing additional information regarding the votes & ballot for the re-organization plan for UAL.

I was based at DCAFO, ORDFO, JFKFO & SFOFO then finishing my career at O'Hare in 2001. Hope all of you have a better 2006.

Jim & Judy Barnett, 457-190 Honey View Ln, Milford, CA 96121

Thank you for all the good work you are doing – you guys really did a great job of transforming a social organization for retirees into a watch-dog organization to keep us informed & educated about what is going on during this transformation of a once great company. I had 31 great years with UAL & the IAM (Judy had 34 years). Sad to see everything we built go to hell – but when a bunch of greedy immoral persons are running the country & corporate America – we get what we vote for. Keep up the good work.

Ann Herbek, 1229 Acapella Lane, Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Thank you for all of your great work on the Newsletter. It's been a long time since we've seen each other but I remember so well my trips on the employee bus over to TK to the Credit Union to talk to you about my finances. Thankfully, they're in much better shape now than they were when I was 25! Also, please pass along my thanks to those who are working to ensure the welfare of the retirees. The information provided about our medical insurance, pensions & most recently, the vote was invaluable. UAL isn't too good at communication, so you guys really fill a vital need.

Timothy A. Joslin, Sr., PO Box 54316, Redondo, WA 98054-0316

It's Jan. and the Anna's Hummingbird is at the sugar water feeder in freezing weather. No pension, no housing, no health care! How do birds survive? I probably feed the house sparrows too much birdseed but the feeder does attract the other less common varieties. Did I mention that I have become an amateur birdwatcher since retirement?

My youngest daughter, Jaala, was married this past Feb. after spending the better part of 3 years in the Peace Corps. Her husband, Rob, is a firefighter for the U.S. Govt., based in the Los Padres Natl. Forest District. Although Jaala spent the past summer employed as a firefighter, she just received her teaching certificate from CA, plus was accepted to Monterrey Language Institute starting next Fall for her Master's degree. Chinese is her 2nd language.

My Mother passed away on June 9 at age 90. My father still survives at age 93; seems to be adjusting to life without his wife of 67 years. I also lost two good friends this past spring. Erling Larsen, who I had known since college days at Univ. of Washington, lost his battle with recurring cancer. Capt Tim Stark perished in a tragic climbing accident on Mount Rainier. Tim was an active United Pilot & an outstanding person.

My son, Tim Jr., still persists with his medical career, now being a 1st year Resident in Family Practice Medicine at OHSU in PDX.

One of our favorite cities to visit, New Orleans, suffered grievous damage from flooding & recovery to normal looks to be many months down the road. Very sad.

Pension is the big question in everyone's mind. Checked to see if we could keep a roof over our heads & food on the table. Yes, it can be done! Hopefully 2006 will bring better news.

John & Dianne Calderwood, 775 Tacketts Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22556

After retiring in March 2002, (41 yrs., 7 mos.) John started chemotherapy treatments. This year, 2005, he had a stem cell transplant. After some rough months his progress has been great.

We were always so proud of UAL. I as a stewardess in 1961, flew out of YIP to ATL, that's where I met John. In 1961, I was Dianne Norman.

We've been to LAX, now IAD. I remember when Dulles was built "way out" in the country ... No More!

United will pull through, but, the "good ole days" are long gone.

Thanks for the Newsletter & all the talented work. It's our only source of information. You're doing a fantastic job ... Keep it up!!!

Karen J. Lebert, 236 W. Harvard Cr., South Elgin, IL 60177-2732

Thank You Very Much – for all the information on UAL. I do not have a computer so you are my life line to what is really going on with United. I'm glad to see that other retirees are having the same feelings as I am, frustration & anger. United didn't need bankruptcy. It needed someone to come up with real ways of making money. One such way is to resume the flying of freight - they made money. Strange - the word is - freighters will be brought back after UAL comes out of bankruptcy – why wait? I agree with many retirees – United should restore the benefits, at a future date, that have been cut. Unlike pilots, I & many other retirees are not getting a large pension benefit. Also, like many others, going out & getting another job just isn't possible – due to medical situations.

All of us retirees can only wait & hope for better times.

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a wavy pattern.

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HOTEL INFORMATION



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Arlington, Virginia 22202
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Guest Fax: (703) 271-5212
Sales Fax: (703) 271-5131
Marriotthotels.com

Location

- Just minutes from Reagan National Airport and easily accessible to Washington's mass transit Metro system
- Convenient, urban location within minutes from Washington, D.C.

Directions

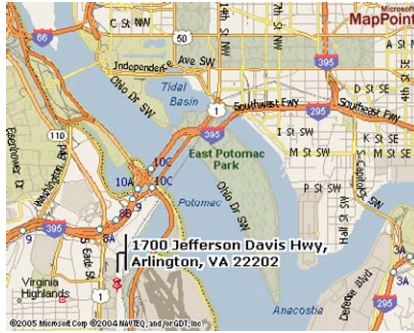
- *From Reagan National Airport:* Take U.S. Route 1, follow Crystal City signs exiting airport. Turn left on 20th Street and proceed to South Eads Street. Turn right. The hotel is 1½ blocks on the right.

Accommodations

- 697 guest rooms, 71 suites
- The Room That Works: 26 guest rooms specifically designed for the business traveler
- High-speed Internet access in all guest rooms
- Two-line telephone with speaker-phone, voice mail and data port
- Individual climate control
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- Remote-controlled cable TV with in-room pay movies
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- Complimentary weekday newspaper
- Nonsmoking/ADA-accessible rooms

Restaurants & Lounges

- *Tuscany's Ristorante* featuring upscale Italian specialties (D)
- *Terrace Restaurant*, American cuisine in a casual setting (B,L,D)
- *Team Sports Bar* for the fan of sports and conversation (D)
- *Atrium Lounge* for cocktails



Recreation & Leisure

- Connecting indoor/outdoor pool, whirlpool and sauna
- State-of-the-art health club with aerobic bicycles, Universal[®] equipment, free weights
- Tennis, racquetball, jogging and bike paths nearby

Guest Services

- Complimentary airport transportation
- Express Check-In, Video Checkout
- Concierge
- Valet service and guest laundry
- Business Center
- Gift shop
- Safe-deposit boxes at front desk
- Soda, ice and vending machines

Attractions

- The Underground Shops, a Galleria of 200 specialty shops and eateries
- Arlington Cemetery, Custis-Lee Mansion, Iwo Jima Memorial, Old Town Alexandria, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, White House, Smithsonian Institution, Georgetown shops and restaurants, MCI Center, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Pentagon, Pentagon City shopping mall, Holocaust Museum, Newseum

***For reservations, call
(703) 920-3230, or toll free
in the United States or
Canada:
1-800-228-9290***

PARKING

All Retirees registered for the Convention are entitled to a reduced daily parking rate of \$9.00 with in and out privileges.

HOTEL CUTOFF DATE

May 1, 2006 Please Register early.

There are many advantages to staying at the Convention Hotel:

- 1. Reduced parking**
- 2. Great room rate**
- 3. Mingle with Retirees**
- 4. Close to all Convention Activities.**

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2006 RUA EA Washington, DC Convention

2006 RUAEA CONVENTION

WASHINGTON DC

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to Washington, DC - the Nation's Capital! The location for the RUAEA Convention 2006 is the beautiful Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington; VA, the hotel is seven minutes from the heart of Washington, DC, via the Metro Transit System.

Just off the newly refurbished hotel lobby, you will find the Atrium Lounge, offering cocktails and light evening snacks, and the Teams Sports Bar. The Terrace Restaurant on the First Floor (Mezzanine Level) provides casual dining including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Tuscany's Ristorante is also located on the First Floor and serves elegant Italian dinners. In addition, more than one hundred sixty shops and restaurants are directly accessible from the hotel.

The Convention will include the following daily events:

TOURS IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON – See pages C7 – C10

ART EXHIBIT AND RAFFLE – See page C4

50/50 RAFFLE – See page C4

SPECIAL RAFFLE – 50,000 MARRIOTT REWARDS Points – See page **C4**

HOSPITALITY HOUR – A hospitality hour will be held each evening during the Convention with a cash bar and a chance to mingle with fellow retirees.

The Convention Committee has worked very hard to choose an assortment of interesting tours for your enjoyment. A Do It Yourself Trolley has been made available as well as reduced cost Metro passes.

If you've never been to DC or if it's been a long time since your last visit, come join us at "A CAPITAL EVENT". Your RUAEA Convention Committee looks forward to welcoming you to an exciting week!

“A CAPITAL EVENT”

ART EXHIBITS

Very talented RUAEA members, family and friends contribute to our annual Art Exhibit and Raffle. The Art will be on display throughout the Convention week for everyone to enjoy. The winner of each item will be selected prior to the Saturday evening Banquet. Gus and Jewell Guistozzi, are our Art Chairpersons and are always looking for contributors. Please contact them at 703-360-4664. Email - forge67@aol.com. Their address is 8709 Standish Rd. Alexandria, VA 22308.

50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE

The popular 50/50 Raffle will return to the Convention 2006. There will be a special Raffle for 50,000 Marriott Rewards points.

CHAPTERS PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

Marlin Lade, RUAEA's President invites all Chapter Principals or their alternates to join him for a Friday meeting with Continental breakfast, May 26, 2006 at 7:00 AM. Please RSVP to Helen Cauwels prior to the Convention at 847-358-8634. E-mail HCauwels@aol.com

CORRESPONDENTS MEETING

Virgil Gooselaw, RUAEA's Newsletter Manager, and Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, will conduct a meeting for all Chapter Correspondents or their alternates. The meeting will be Friday morning at 7:00 AM, May 26, 2006 with Continental Breakfast. Please RSVP to Jo (303-377-0153, E-mail - ruaea@aol.com) or Virgil (303-343-2102, E-mail vgoose@comcast.net) prior to the Convention.

REGISTRATION

Your Banquet and tour tickets will be included in your Convention Registration package along with your name tags. Register early to insure your choices. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours and events may have limited capacity. If you are the 5th, 30th, or 100th individual to register you will be our guest at the Friendship Dinner on Friday night.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. Cancellations must be received by Charlie Lewis by May 7, 2006 (address is on the registration form). Tour, special event operators and the Hotel require some advance payments and or guarantees. If a Tour is sold out when your Registration is received, you will be given an option of a wait list, scheduling another tour, or receiving a refund. You are urged to book early. Cancellations received by May 7th will be refunded if there is no cost to the convention. Cancellations received after May 7th will be reviewed individually after the convention and refunds will be granted if there is no cost to the convention.

DISCLAIMER

All meals, travel and other Convention Activities arranged by and for RUAEA members and Convention participants are for the convenience, benefit, and enjoyment of said participants. RUAEA is in no way responsible for the safety, or well-being of Convention participants, nor for their property.

CONVENTION CHECKLIST/TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Reagan National

The Marriott Crystal GATEWAY Hotel has a courtesy van to and from the hotel. Be sure to get the right van. Call the hotel from baggage claim after you have claimed your bags. The van runs every half hour and stops at three Marriott hotels. Be sure to disembark at the Marriott Crystal GATEWAY

Note: Reagan National is served by United daily from DEN and from ORD.

Transportation to and from Dulles

SuperShuttle

VANS HOLD 9 PASSENGERS. The fare will be approximately \$33 per couple, but rates are being worked out and further information will follow.

Washington Flyer

This motor coach leaves IAD every 30 minutes to the Metro at West Falls Church. It costs \$8 one way and \$14 RT. From there you would have to take the Metro and change to get to the hotel. This is not an easy trip with luggage.

Washington Flyer Cab

The approximate cost is \$50. This would be the fastest method if attendees could coordinate their arrivals.

Metro

There is an express Metro bus that operates from IAD directly to Rosslyn Metro stop. It operates every hour on the ½ hour. The normal fare is \$3. The “Express” trip takes about 50 minutes. This is not an easy trip with luggage. Luggage space is limited because this is a city bus. From Rosslyn station it is a short hop on Metro to the hotel.

Rental Car – We have a discounted in and out parking rate at the hotel - \$9 daily.

**RUAEA Greeters in the bag claim area of both airports will help direct you.
Also Traveler’s Aid is aware of the convention and has all the information on
transportation.**

Check List

1. Register for regular convention events (tours and meals) by April 15, 2006.
2. Call the Marriott Crystal GATEWAY Hotel toll free 1-800-228-9290 or direct at 703-920-3230.
The hotel cutoff date is May 1, 2006. Make certain they know you are with United RUAEA Convention to obtain the \$97 + Tax nightly rate. Keep the confirmation number for your records.
3. Reminder, plan on attending Saturday’s Business Meeting. It provides a chance to ask questions and be better informed. Door prizes will be awarded following the meeting.

Remember to list for your flights, bring a photo ID, copy of your Convention Registration forms, a camera, and medications.

Have a great flight. The Convention Committee is eager to see you in Washington, DC.

2006 WASHINGTON, DC RUAEA CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - MAY 21 – MAY 28, 2006

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sun	May 21	8:00 AM – Till?	Committee set up
		12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration open, Late Tour Sales (First Floor)
Mon	May 22	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration, Late Tour Sales (First Floor)
		8:00 AM – 8:30 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 (Salons D, E, F, G, C)
		Departs – 7:30 AM	Colonial Virginia - overnight
		8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Do it Yourself – Trolleys
		6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Hospitality Get Together
Tue	May 23	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration; Late Tour Sales (First Floor)
		8:00 AM – 8:30 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Salons D, E, F, G, C)
		8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Do it Yourself – Trolleys
		8:30 AM – 12:30PM	Welcome to Washington
		8:45 AM – 12:45PM	The Splendor of Capitol Hill
		1:00 PM -- 5:00 PM	Arlington National Cemetery
		6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Hospitality Get Together
Wed	May 24	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration, Late Tour Sales (First Floor)
		8:00 AM – 8:30 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Salons D, E, F, G, C)
		8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Do it Yourself – Trolleys
		8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Amazing Annapolis
		9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Welcome to Washington
		9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Mount Vernon/Old Town Alexandria
		10:15 AM - 2:30 PM	Lunch on the Potomac
		8:00 PM – 11:00PM	Illuminating Washington
		6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Hospitality Get Together
Thu	May 25	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration; Late Tour Sales (First Floor)
		8:00 AM – 8:30 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Salons D, E, F, G, C)
		8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Do it Yourself – Trolleys
		8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Welcome to Washington
		9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Blast Off at UDVAR-HAZY
		9:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Hillwood Museum and Gardens
		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Behind the Capitol Scene
		1:15 PM - 4:15 PM	National Cathedral via Embassy Row
		8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Illuminating Washington
		6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Hospitality Get Together
Fri	May 26	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration; Late Tour Sales (First Floor)
		8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Salons D, E, F, G, C)
		7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Chapter Principals Meeting - Continental Breakfast (Salon I)
		7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Correspondents Meeting –Continental Breakfast (Salon II)
		8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Do it Yourself – Trolleys
		8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Espionage and Intrigue
		9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Mount Vernon/Old Town Alexandria
		9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	National Mall Shuttle
		10:15 AM - 2:30 PM	Lunch on the Potomac
		12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Arlington National Cemetery
		12:45 PM - 3:45 PM	National Cathedral via Embassy Row
		12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Holocaust Museum
		5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception before Friendship Dinner (All Foyer Space)
		7:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Friendship Dinner (Arlington Ballroom)
Sat	May 27	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Registration (First Floor)
		8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle
		7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Retirees Benefits Panel Presentation (Salon III)
		10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	RUAEA Business Meeting (Salon III)
		12:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Individual Benefits Breakout Sessions
		1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Breakdown and Storage
		1:00 PM – 3:45PM	Board of Directors Meeting
		5:00 PM – 6:45PM	Reception before RUAEA Banquet (All Foyer Space)
		6:45 PM - 10:00PM	Banquet Dinner – (Arlington Ballroom)
Sun	May 28	8:30 AM	Cleanup/Checkout
		9:00 AM – 1:00PM	Blast Off at the UDVAR-HAZY / IAD Transfer
		9:00 AM - Depart	Gettysburg – Overnight
		6:00 AM Time subject to change	IAD Transfer from Hotel

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS RUAEA 2006 CONVENTION

TOUR #1

A **Metro pass** is available to our attendees. D.C. is a remarkably easy city to navigate compared to other cities its size. It has a state-of-the art public transportation system, consisting of subway lines and bus routes. There is a Metro stop attached to the Crystal Gateway Marriott through the underground shopping mall. System maps will be available at the Convention hospitality desk. Your senior pass is valued at \$20.00 worth of Metro travel for \$12.00. There is time available daily for you to travel by Metro to the Washington Mall, shopping malls, and many other destinations in the area.

Metro Pass - \$12.00 P/P – Daily use

Tour #2

Colonial Virginia

Enjoy this two day, one night excursion to Historic Williamsburg, Virginia and Jamestown Settlement. By coach you will arrive in Williamsburg and enjoy a docent guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Lunch will be on your own with time to explore the Colonial city. Your passes will allow you entry into the Capitol and Governor's Palace. That evening enjoy dinner at an 18th century tavern! After dinner, relax in your accommodations or stroll through the historic city. The next morning enjoy breakfast in your hotel and depart Williamsburg for Jamestown. Experience the story of America's beginnings at Jamestown Settlement. Through film, artifact-filled galleries, and outdoor living history, these museums engage visitors in nearly two centuries of our nation's history – from the founding of America's first permanent English settlement in 1607 to the decisive Revolutionary War victory in 1781 and implementation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Lunch will be enjoyed, before you return to Washington, D.C.

May 22, 2006 – May 23, 2006 – departs D.C. at 7:30 am and returns at 7:00 pm.

\$519.00 P/P Double Occ. Single Suppl. \$150.00

Tours # 3, 4, 8, 15 & 23

Do it yourself Trolleys

You will be bussed from the hotel to Union Station where you will board the Trolleys for Washington, D.C.'s best sightseeing tour. A tour you do yourself by exiting and boarding the Trolley at your pace at its many stops along the way. Trolleys will come by each stop every thirty minutes. Your boarding pass is your ticket to rejoin the tour at any designated spot. While aboard colorful anecdotes, humorous stories, and historical information are combined into a narrative that will both entertain and educate! The tour includes three distinct

segments, The National Mall and Downtown Loop, The National Cathedral, Uptown, and Georgetown Loop, The Arlington National Cemetery Shuttle. You are on your own for lunch and snacks. The tour includes your return to the hotel. Be adventurous and do it yourself.

Monday, May 22, 2006 through Friday, May 26, 2006 8:30 am – 5:30 pm daily – 9 hours if you desire.

\$31.00 P/P.

Tours # 5, 11, & 17

Welcome to Washington

From the hotel you will embark on a narrated riding tour. Follow the inaugural parade route to **Capitol Hill**, passing The **Federal Triangle** government buildings and the monolithic **FBI Building** along the way. Make your way down the tree lined **Mall**, whose green and peaceful expanse is flanked on either side by the museums of the illustrious **Smithsonian Institute**. On your motor coach, pass by the temple-like **Jefferson Memorial**. This monument to the author of the Declaration of Independence lays at the edge of the **Tidal Basin**, whose lovely cherry blossoms attract throngs of visitors every spring. We continue the driving tour of the **Tidal Basin** and the **National Mall**, where the **Washington Monument** towers as a beacon of inspiration. Ride by the **FDR Memorial**, an educational tribute to Franklin Roosevelt and early 20th century as well. At the **Lincoln Memorial** admire the immense, brooding figure of Abraham Lincoln keeping watch over the city. Pause at the powerful and moving **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. Nearby is the **Korean Veterans Memorial**. The final stop will be at the **new WWII Memorial**, a moving tribute to those who changed the course of history. Return to your hotel, ready to explore this grand city on your own.

Tues., May 23, 2006 – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm – 4 hours

Wed., May 24, 2006 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – 4 hours

Thurs, May 25, 2006 – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm – 4 hours
\$35.00 P/P.

Tour # 6

Splendor of Capitol Hill

From the hotel you will travel by motor coach to the U.S. Capitol Building. Escorted by your guide and a member of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, climb the grand white marble steps and enter the Rotunda, where our greatest leaders have lain in state. In the Rotunda, gaze into the awe-inspiring "eye" of the 168-foot dome and admire the masterful frescoes of Constantino Brumidi. North of the Rotunda, witness the humble beginnings of two American Institutions, visiting the handsome Old Senate Chamber and the simple Old Supreme Court Chamber.

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Your next stop, the Library of Congress includes some 86 million items on 500 miles of shelves – nearly every book published in the United States and many more from around the world. At the foot of the Victorian-Rococo confection that is the Library's Jefferson Building, take care not to miss the Fountain of the Court of Neptune - a sculptural showpiece that resembles Rome's Trevi Fountain. The Library is bursting with frescoes, marble columns, soaring arches and intricate mosaics, and the Great Hall is as sumptuous as the Gilded Age that inspired it. Next you will board the coach for The National Archives.

There you will see the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Return to the hotel witness to many treasures.

**Tue. May 23, 2006 – 8:45AM to 12:45 pm - 4hrs
\$51.00 P/P - * This is a walking tour,
comfortable shoes recommended***

Tours # 7 & # 29

Arlington National Cemetery

Board a motor coach and cross over the mighty Potomac River to the sprawling Arlington Cemetery. Admire the heroic statues that flank Memorial Bridge and echo the tone of this day among heroes. Situated at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington Cemetery, the **Women in Military Service to America Memorial** is the nation's first major testimonial honoring women who have served in our nation's armed forces. From the Women's memorial, begin your tour to various points of interest throughout the cemetery. Enjoy a leisurely riding tour of these hallowed grounds, weaving through the myriad gravesites commemorating American casualties of war. Some 270,000 identical headstones mark this vast expanse, all symmetrically arrayed about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Continue on to the inspiring gravesite of President John F. Kennedy, with its ever-flickering Eternal Flame. Arlington House is your next stop, the imposing home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Strolling the grounds of this genteel estate, discover why Lee said his "affections and attachments are more strongly placed [at Arlington House] than at any other place in the world." Before returning, visit another monument to American military valor, the Marine Corps War Memorial, more commonly referred to as "Iwo Jima Memorial."

Tuesday – May 23, 2006 – 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM – 4 Hours

**Friday – May 26, 2006 - 12:00pm to 4:00pm – 4 hours
\$45.00 P/P.**

Tour # 10

Amazing Annapolis

Today, discover why a 1770 visitor to Annapolis, Maryland described it as "the genteel town in North America," adding "I hardly know a town in England as desirable to live in." Escorted by a guide in full colonial regalia, today see the meticulously maintained historical homes and exquisite formal gardens lining the charming side streets of the town. Stroll the quaint cobble stone streets; visit the imposing Maryland State House and Saint John's College. Continue on

to the Majestic United States Naval Academy, with its many architectural and historic attractions.

After the tour, it's time to enjoy the many delights offered in town.

Dine on your own at one of the fabulous colonial taverns, quaint inns, modern cafes or pubs. A 40 minute cruise of Annapolis Harbor is available from the tour guide at \$11.00 per person

Wednesday, May 24, 2006 – 8:30am – 3:00pm- 6 1/2 hours - \$54.00 P/P.

Tours # 12 & 26

Mount Vernon and Old Town Alexandria

Cross the threshold of **George Washington's** estate and enter the 18th century. Follow an expert guide as you rediscover the father of our country and marvel at the splendor that is Mount Vernon. At the entrance to the stately Georgian manor house, stop to admire our first president's skill as an architect. Once inside, take care not to miss the many personal effects of the Washington family that are on view throughout the rooms, which themselves are wonders of historical accuracy.

Following the tour of the manor, explore the estate's many out buildings, and visit President Washington's private wharf. Next enjoy a three course hearty and delicious colonial meal in the enchanting **Mount Vernon Inn**. Washington himself surveyed the original lots for this port city in 1749. As the city grew, it became the president's lifeline to the rest of the world as well as a great source of entertainment for him. Happily, Old Town Alexandria remains a wonderful source of entertainment to this day. Quaint shops, colorful street performers, historic homes, and cutting edge artists' complex combine to make Alexandria a charming blend of the old and new. While enjoying a riding tour of Old Town, travel past Market Square, where General Washington reviewed his troops. View Christ Church, which was established in 1765. Return with a true understanding of the remarkable George and Martha Washington.

**Wed., May 24, 2006 and Friday, May 26, 2006
9:00am to 3:30pm – 6 1/2 hours**

\$80.00 P/P.

Tours # 13 and 28

Lunch on the Potomac

Today, enjoy one of the most fascinating ways to see Washington, D.C. – by boat! At Washington's windswept waterfront board the stunning Odyssey, a luxurious touring vessel. Uniquely constructed to pass beneath the historic bridges that span the scenic Potomac River, the Odyssey is a futuristic rendition of the grand barges that ply the legendary water routes of Europe. Stroll the open air perimeter and in the airy, climate controlled interior, delight in the unparalleled views afforded by Odyssey's glass ceiling and walls. At lunch, indulge in some of the best food served anywhere – on land or water.

**Wed., May 24, 2006 and Friday, May 26, 2006
10:15am to 2:30pm - 4hrs 15 mins. \$89.00 P/P.**

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Tours # 14 and 22

Illuminating Washington

Perhaps the most enchanting way to see Washington is by night – when the monuments and white marble buildings are illuminated under the moonlight. Witness the city's splendor by visiting striking landmarks presented during this moonlight riding tour. See the powerful and moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean Veterans Memorial, and the FDR Memorial. Make your way down the lighted tree-lined National Mall flanked by illuminated buildings along the way. Your final destination will be the nation's most exclusive address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue – the White House.

Wed., May 24, 2006 and Thurs., May 25, 2006

8:00pm to 11:00pm - 3-hours

\$35.00 P/P.

Tours # 19 and 32

Blast Off At Udvar-Hazy Museum

Blast off into a universe of fun at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles Airport. The dazzling display of rockets, space shuttles, bi-planes, aerobatic planes, war planes and more is positively overwhelming. This very hands-on Museum currently has over 80 aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display including the Space Shuttle "Enterprise"; an SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft; the Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707; the B-29 Super fortress "Enola Gay" and the DeHavilland Chipmunk aerobatic plane, to name a few. The facility also has a large aviation exhibit hangar and separate space exhibit hangar, a large format IMAX theater, food service (lunch on your own), gift shop and more. Also, a docent will guide you through the amazing displays and point you toward your own out-of-this-world fun when the one-hour guided tour is complete.

Thurs., May 25, 2006 – 9:00am to 1:00pm – 4 hours

Sunday, May 28, 2006 – 9:00am to 1:00pm (group will be transferred to IAD after the tour)

\$39.00 P/P,

Tour # 20

Hillwood Museum and Gardens

Begin your tour today at the DAR Museum – headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an association of women who trace their lineage back to the Revolutionary War. Upon arrival, receive an introduction to the DAR Museum and period rooms before exploring the gallery and period rooms on your own. Just as the NSDAR was the forefront of the Colonial Revival, the DAR Museum period rooms are among the earliest in America. Each room is sponsored by a different state organization of the NSDAR; they reflect a wide range of time and place. Our next stop, Hillwood Museum is one of the grandest residences in all of Washington. The Hillwood Museum is the former estate of Marjorie Meriwether Post, cereal heiress and

grand dame of Washington Society. Built in 1926, this opulent 40-room Georgian mansion houses a plethora of extraordinary art works and furnishings. See collections of Russian treasures, elaborate icons, priceless gold and silver pieces, gleaming artifacts, and an extensive array of dazzling Faberge eggs. The estate, situated at the edge of Rock Creek Park, also features extensive gardens, including a formal French boxwood garden, an informal flower garden, and a Japanese garden with waterfall. There is also a rose garden that surrounds Mrs. Post's grave, and a renowned greenhouse, teeming with over 5,000 varieties of rare orchids. After strolling the grounds, recharge your energy with lunch on your own at the quaint Hillwood Café or visit the Hillwood Gift Shop before retuning to the hotel.

Thurs., May 25, 2006 - 9:30am – 3:00pm 5 1/2 hours

\$49.00 P/P.

Tours # 21 & 30

National Cathedral via Embassy Row

Traveling via deluxe motor coach to Washington's religious focal point, Washington National Cathedral, enjoy a riding tour of the city's diplomatic center, Embassy Row. Enjoy your guide's colorful commentary on the area's history, the crowning glory of which is Washington National Cathedral, situated high atop Mount Saint Alban. The Cathedral is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in the United States and is the sixth-largest cathedral in the world. Escorted by your guide and a Cathedral docent, marvel at the impossibly intricate carvings, which cover every inch of the towering structure. Take inspiration from the many highlights, such as the tomb of President Woodrow Wilson, the epic "David and Goliath" tapestries and the Canterbury Pulpit, site of Martin Luther King's last sermon. Visit the many chapels, especially the charming Children's Chapel, where even the organ has been reduced to youthful dimensions. Stroll the grounds and the Bishops garden.

Thurs, May 25, 2006 – 1:15pm - 4:15pm – 3

hours. Friday, May 26, 2006 – 12:45 - 3:45pm – 3 hours

\$35.00 P/P.

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Tour # 25

Espionage and Intrigue

This combination riding/walking tour will highlight DC sites associated with spies, counter-spies, and covert action successes and failures, and will include personalities as diverse as “Wild Bill” Donovan, Alger Hiss, James Angleton, Allen Dulles, and Betty Pack – an auburn haired American beauty who successfully spied for the British during World War II. You will enjoy a boxed lunch on the bus as you listen to the stories of Master Spy Guide Carol Bessette. After the tour, visit the International Spy Museum to learn about the authentic spy tradecraft. Hear spies describe in their own words the challenges and the “game” of spying. A briefing film brings you face to face with the real world of spying. Spies are motivated for very different reasons – what might motivate you? Patriotism? Money? A compromising Situation? Your Own Ego?

Friday, May 26, 2006 – 8:30am – 3:00pm – 6 ½ hours - \$79.00 P/P.

Tour # 18 Behind the Capitol Scene

Donnald K. Anderson – Clerk of the House of Representatives-Emeritus has volunteered to host a unique tour of the U.S. Capitol for a small group. He served as Clerk of the House from 1987 to 1995. He has been a loyal customer of United since 1946. The group will visit locations in the Capitol Building not included in Public Tours. If the House is not in session, they will visit the floor of the House. Mr. Anderson will host a Luncheon in one of the Capitol Dining Rooms after the Tour. The Tour is limited to 25 people.

**Thurs, May 25, 2006 10:00am – 2:00pm
4 Hours - \$49.00 P/P.**

Tour # 27 National Mall Shuttle

For your visit to Washington, DC, we have arranged a private National Mall Shuttle that provides guests with a perfect blend of expert – guided sightseeing, and flexible independent exploration. As you head towards the Mall, your tour guide will give you an overview of the city before disembarking at one of the many staging points on the National Mall. Shuttle stops - National Air and Space Museum, and National Museum of American History.

Friday, May 26, 2006- 9:00am – 3:00pm - 6 hours - \$35.00 P/P.

Tour # 31 Holocaust Museum

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is dedicated to presenting the history of persecution and murder of 6 million Jews and millions of other victims during the reign of Adolph Hitler and his Nazi party. The museum’s primary mission is to inform Americans

about the unprecedented tragedy, and to inspire visitors to contemplate the moral implications of their choices as well as their responsibilities as citizens in an interdependent world. Every inch of the building and even the acclaimed architecture evokes the concentration camps of World War II. The Holocaust Memorial is currently the most talked about museum in the country. Pause in the Hall of Remembrance, a memorial to Holocaust victims. Stop by the Wexner Learning Center, a multi-media encyclopedia of the Holocaust and the Wall of Remembrance, an exhibition of tiles created by children. End the day listening to stories of those who survived this dark time in human history.

Fri., May 26, 2006 – 12:30pm – 4:00pm - 3 ½ hours - \$29.00 P/P.

Tour # 33 Gettysburg Battlefield

Pennsylvania was the site of the largest battle ever waged during the American Civil War. Fought for three days of July 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg resulted in a hallmark victory for the Union “Army of the Potomac” and successfully ended the second invasion of the north by General Robert E. Lee’s “Army of Northern Virginia”. The Soldiers National Cemetery is where President Abraham Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address. Depart the Marriott for Gettysburg. On arrival you will enjoy lunch at a historic restaurant located in downtown Gettysburg. After lunch you will travel to Gettysburg National Park and participate in the Electric Map Program which provides an overview of the Gettysburg battle via lecture and electronic map presentation. After the presentation board your motor coach and be joined by a tour guide for a 4 hour guided tour of Gettysburg National Park. You will explore several of the major battle sites. Enjoy dinner as a group in Gettysburg and then explore downtown Gettysburg on your own. That night you will stay in one of Gettysburg’s lovely hotels. The next morning is Memorial Day. Those interested in attending the Memorial Day service at the Soldiers National Cemetery on a first come first serve basis may do so. The morning will be at leisure for the rest of the group. After lunch on your own, everyone will tour the Eisenhower Retirement Farm. After the tour, guests will board the coach for the return to Dulles Airport

Sunday, May 28, 2006 and return May 29, 2006

9:00AM departure from Washington, DC

5:30PM departure from Gettysburg

\$399.00 P/P, Double Occ. Single Suppl. \$115.00

Tour # 34

Crystal Gateway/Dulles Airport Transfer

\$27.00 per person. Time to be determined

Retired United Airline Employees Association

Crystal Gateway Marriott

Friday Evening May 26th – Friendship Dinner

Caesar Salad

Fresh chopped romaine, crusty herbed croutons, shredded parmesan reggiano, and a creamy Caesar dressing

Choice of the following:

Seared Salmon Filet with Dijon-Thyme Cream Sauce

Or

Oven Roasted Chicken Breast with Whole-Grain Mustard Beurre Blanc

Or

Grilled Vegetable Tian (Assorted Grilled Vegetables layered with Fresh Mozzarella)

Offered with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes & Steamed Broccolini

Grand Marnier Timbale

Layer of moist sponge, Grand Marnier Mousse, wrapped in Lady Fingers

Saturday Evening May 27th – RUAEA Banquet

Santa Fe Salad

Crisp greens, tomatoes, black beans, cilantro, corn, julienne jicama, crispy tortilla strips and Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Choice of the following:

Molasses Glazed Sliced Pork Loin

Or

Grilled Swordfish with Lemon Butter Sauce

Or

Vegetable Wellington (Beggar's Purse filled with Sautéed Mushrooms, Roasted Vegetables and Mediterranean Couscous)

Offered with Roasted Blended Wild Rice Grains with Cranberries & Almonds and Haricot Vert with Matchstick Carrots

Triple Chocolate Charlotte

Layer of white, milk, and dark chocolate mousse, topped with ganache



System Map Legend

- Red Line • Glenmont to Shady Grove
- Orange Line • New Carrollton to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU
- Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield to Largo Town Center
- Green Line • Branch Avenue to Greenbelt
- Yellow Line • Huntington to Mt Vernon Sq/7th St-Convention Center



This map is for reference only.

Color versions of the above map will be available at the hospitality desk. Retirees familiar with the D.C. area will be on hand to help you plan your daily excursions. Diagrams of the shopping area attached to the Hotel will be available. Something for the attendees who are wishing to stay close and for the adventurous wishing to self tour the area using the Metro system.

Conv. Treas. use only	Batch No.	Form No.	Group No.	Check Amount
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2006 WASHINGTON DC CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTER EARLY – CUTOFF DATE IS APRIL 15, 2006

(Please Print Clearly) Retiree/Associate Retiree File Number:		Retired From:	
Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)	
Street Address:		EMAIL:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)	
Guest Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)	

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete both sides of this Convention Registration Form.
- Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours, plus make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event.
- Make certain the Retiree's/Associate Retiree's file number is entered at the top of the form and the total number of people are indicated for the Registration Fee.
- The Registration Forms for those who wish to sit together for the Banquet Dinner must be sent in together. Friendship Dinner seating will be randomly assigned. Each table seats 10 people.
- No credit cards can be accepted for payment of convention events.

Date – 2006	Meal Choice	Number	X Price (Per Person)	= Total
	A. Registration Fee – Non Refundable Fee Required for each Attendee		\$5.00	
	Friendship Dinner			
Fri. May 26	A. Roast Chicken Breast		\$35.00	
Fri. May 26	B. Seared Salmon		\$35.00	
Fri. May 26	C. Beggar's Purse (Vegetarian Wellington)		\$35.00	
	Banquet			
Sat. May 27	D. Glazed Sliced Pork Loin		\$35.00	
Sat. May 27	E. Grilled Swordfish		\$35.00	
Sat. May 27	F. Grilled Vegetable Tian		\$35.00	
Total of registration plus meals =				
Total balance of tours from the back of form =				
Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File No. on check				

Make Check payable to: RUAEA 2006 Convention

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:

RUAEA

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309 East Rand Road
Arlington Hts., IL 60004

Email – clewis29@wowway.com

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$97.00 + Tax per room (maximum of four persons per room) for RUAEA participants at the Crystal GATEWAY Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway – Arlington, VA 22202. Please call the Crystal GATEWAY Marriott directly to make your reservations – 1-800-228-9290 or Hotel (703) 920-3230; tell them you are with the United Convention, May 21 – May 27, 2006

Hotel Confirmation Number:

TOUR REGISTRATION

Date - 2006	TOURS	Tour #	Cost P/P	No.	= Total
	METRO SENIOR PASS	1	\$12.00		
Mon. May 22	Colonial Virginia / Overnight – Dbl. Occ.	2	\$519.00		
Mon. May 22	Sgl. Suppl.	2A	\$150.00		
Mon. May 22	Do It Yourself - Trolleys	3	\$31.00		
Tue. May 23	Do It Yourself - Trolleys	4	\$31.00		
Tue. May 23	Welcome to Washington	5	\$35.00		
Tue. May 23	Splendor of Capitol Hill	6	\$51.00		
Tue. May 23	Arlington National Cemetery	7	\$45.00		
Wed. May 24	Do It Yourself - Trolleys	8	\$31.00		
Wed. May 24	Amazing Annapolis	10	\$54.00		
Wed. May 24	Welcome to Washington	11	\$35.00		
Wed. May 24	Mount Vernon / Old Town Alexandria	12	\$80.00		
Wed. May 24	Lunch on the Potomac	13	\$89.00		
Wed. May 24	Illuminating Washington	14	\$35.00		
Thu. May 25	Do It Yourself - Trolleys	15	\$31.00		
Thu. May 25	Welcome to Washington	17	\$35.00		
Thu. May 25	Behind the Capitol Scene	18	\$49.00		
Thu. May 25	Blast Off at UDVAR – Hazy Museum	19	\$39.00		
Thu. May 25	Hillwood Museum and Gardens	20	\$49.00		
Thu. May 25	National Cathedral via Embassy Row	21	\$35.00		
Thu. May 25	Illuminating Washington	22	\$35.00		
Fri. May 26	Do It Yourself - Trolleys	23	\$31.00		
Fri. May 26	Espionage and Intrigue	25	\$79.00		
Fri. May 26	Mount Vernon / Old Town Alexandria	26	\$80.00		
Fri. May 26	National Mall Shuttle	27	\$35.00		
Fri. May 26	Lunch on the Potomac	28	\$89.00		
Fri. May 26	Arlington National Cemetery	29	\$45.00		
Fri. May 26	National Cathedral via Embassy Row	30	\$35.00		
Fri. May 26	Holocaust Museum	31	\$29.00		
Sun. May 28	UDVAR – Hazy Aerospace / IAD Transfer	32	\$39.00		
Sun. May 28	Gettysburg – Overnight Dbl. Occ.	33	\$399.00		
	Sgl. Suppl.	33A	\$115.00		
Sun. May 28	IAD Transfer at (Time subject to change)	34	\$27.00		
Total of Tours to be entered on other side					\$
RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION					

**2006 UARGC GOLF TOURNAMENT
MESQUITE, NEVADA APRIL 30 – MAY 4TH**

GENERAL INFORMATION

EUREKA HOTEL- ROOMS \$38.00 S/D

Contact hotel for reservations 800-346-4611 (Check re cancellation policy.)

Sunday, April 30 -Check in at Eureka Hotel after 3 PM. - Check out May 4.

Cost of Tournament \$260.00 for Golfers, \$50.00 for NON golfing Guest.

INCLUDES: \$10.00 NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE, golf, hospitality, banquet buffet, and door prizes.

Sunday: Hospitality Room at the Eureka Casino from 6:00 to 7:00PM.

Tournament will close Mar. 23. NO REFUNDS AFTER Mar. 29 IF NO COST TO UARGC.

LIMITED TO 124 Golfers: SHOTGUN START 7:30 AM each day. Be at course by 6:45AM.

Names and pairings on the golf carts. See starter for directions to carts.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MONDAY, MAY 1.....CANYONS Course previously "The Vista's."

TUESDAY, MAY 2.....PALMER Course previously "The Oasis."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3.....CANYONS Course.

Wednesday Evening: Buffet at the Palmer Course.

Cocktail hour 5:00-7:00PM (cash bar), Buffet at 7:00 PM.

Make check payable to: UARGC.

Mail to: Frank Callahan 19833 N. Calypso Lane. Sun City, AZ 85373.

Any question? Phone 623 815-6899 or E-Mail uargc@cox.net

Submit payment and ONE entry form per golfer, except for spouse or non-golfer guest.

Preferred name you want on score cards. _____

NAME _____ RETIRED FROM STATION _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Hdcp Index or Score _____ for 18 Holes.

Note: Must have handicap card with you to enter skins games.

Spouse _____ Golfer Y or N Hdcp Index/Score _____ 18 Holes.

NON GOLFER GUEST _____.

FIRST DAY PREFERRED FOURSOME: SELF AND

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

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