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## ***RUAEA Convention Sacramento, CA May 27 – June 2, 2007***

### ***History & Nature Abound in the Sacramento Area***



American California was born in gold, developed instantly in an amazing mass migration called the Gold Rush. The sudden boom of those days transformed Northern California, the Mother Lode, & the Sacramento Valley; turned tiny settlements on the Sacramento River & San Francisco Bay into cities almost overnight. Before the Rush began in 1849, California was a sleepy, pastoral spot at the far end of the world. By the fall of 1850, California was the 31<sup>st</sup> State & by 1854 Sacramento was its capital.

Among the attractions are **Sutter's Fort**. John Sutter, a Swiss immigrant, applied for a Mexican land grant in the Sacramento Valley in 1849, his fort became a destination for early migrants to California, including the ill-fated Donner Party. The fort has been restored to its 1846 appearance. Thirty miles east of Sacramento is the **James Marshall** gold discovery sight. Monuments tell the story of Marshall & the fateful day he struck gold on the South Fork of the American River. Grass Valley was an active gold-mining town for more than 100 years. Its **Empire Mine** was one of the state's richest, producing nearly 6 million ounces. The entrance to 367 miles of abandoned & flooded mine shafts is open, along with many mine buildings, the former owner's home & the formal gardens. Its place in history is noted as California's oldest, largest, and richest gold mine.

Early Victorian homes abound in the area. The **Julia Morgan House**, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of Sacramento's most architecturally distinguished homes. It was designed in the early 1920's by one of America's greatest female architects, Julia Morgan. Within her career's time, Morgan designed more than 700 buildings, including the inspired **William Randolph Hearst** estate in San Simeon. The **Leland Stanford Mansion** with its beautifully restored woodwork, elegant 19<sup>th</sup> century crystal & bronze light fixtures & historic paintings was originally built in 1856. It was later purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Leland Stanford. Mr. Stanford was a member of the early Railroad's "Big-4" as well as a California governor. The Governor's Mansion, a state historic park, was built by a hardware merchant in 1877. It became **California's Executive Mansion** in 1903. With 30 rooms & nine bathrooms, 14 foot ceilings, Persian carpets, Italian marble fireplaces, chandeliers & French mirrors, it was home to 13 of California's governors, ending with Governor Ronald Reagan in 1967.

The grounds around the state capitol building are considered one of the most beautiful **State Capitol grounds** in the nation. Covering 40 acres & spanning 12 city blocks, it contains species of plant life from nearly every part of the globe. All this beauty is just across the street from the Hyatt Hotel. A stroll through this delightful park of stately trees, shrubs, flowers & lawn is an occasion that lingers long in the memory of visitors.

See you in Sacramento, May, 2007.

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# Convention Issue

# GENERAL NEWS

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## OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Well this is the Convention Issue, we think you will find our tour package varied & exciting. So register early & tell your friends. We are looking forward to a great time in Sacramento. The weather should be warm but not hot, be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes also that wind-breaker or sweater as some of the nights can be cool. Also, if you would like to volunteer some time helping convention activities, please contact Laverne & Len Haubl at [lhaubl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhaubl@sbcglobal.net).

One of the highlight is the Art & Crafts display & raffle. We are gladly accepting donations of art & crafts works to be displayed & raffled during the convention. Anyone wishing to donate an item/items please contact Francis or Veronica Domaratus at [vandfgracious@surewest.net](mailto:vandfgracious@surewest.net) or (916) 789-0422 or by mail to 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95761. As was the case at the Washington convention, we will be having a special Hospitality Time in the Hospitality Suite on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evening.

**Travel Options:** Don't forget to look into the travel options on getting to Sacramento. United offers employees/retirees a discount of 20% on most fares. When booking the flights, be sure to tell the agent you are a retiree & to use the special code **S\*PMO/EMP20**. Another option is to use a senior fare on Southwest. These fares are at least 50% of the standard fare & are changeable and cancelable with no penalty. You can check them out at [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com). You do have to be 65 or older. Then there is Amtrak, we have heard from several that they are planning to arrive by train. The Amtrak station is about a dozen blocks from the hotel. Finally here is a recap of the space available options. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount - Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest & US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example is DFW to SMF is \$31 each way. To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets

contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon. – Fri. & 0700-1900 CT Sat. & Sun. Last but not least, Jet-Blue & Southwest offer retirees standby fares at \$25 OW and \$50 RT plus taxes. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept. at 1-888-825-0188. It's best to apply for discount fares early.

Lastly, the Hyatt is now open for booking convention reservations. This can be done in several different ways. You can call their 800 number at 800-233-1234, call the hotel direct 916-443-1234 or go to the RUAEA web-site at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) & there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night double occupancy plus taxes.

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## FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

There have been some recent changes made to the Master Membership Data Base. These changes enable us to have a better way of tracking membership status. In the last two issues under the column "FROM THE DENVER OFFICE", we explained the new procedure for the Red Stamp. As a recap, the red stamp is affixed to the renewal month & the month after Newsletters. The words on the renewal Newsletter label states **"It's Time To Renew"**. The words on the month after Newsletter label states **"This Will Be Your Last Issue"**.

These prompts are there to remind us to pay our dues in a timely manner. If you have paid your dues & your Newsletter has the Red Stamp, it is because your dues were not received in the Denver Office at the time the labels were printed. **If the dues are received before the next month's labels are printed, there will be no interruption in your membership.**

**A SPECIAL THANKS** - The computer systems we are currently using in the Denver Office were set up by UAL retiree Dean Moberg. Dean spent a lot of time & effort programming the system & it served our needs for many years.

Recently it was decided that we needed additional information from the system & in a different format. As a special favor, fellow UAL retiree Casimir Spokas stepped up & volunteered to ac-

comply the necessary programming, when he is not out enjoying his retirement. Cas, as he is called, retired from Aircraft Maintenance & was responsible for the departments computer systems at DIA. He is very knowledgeable of the Access Database & has enacted all the upgrades/changes that were requested.

The amount of time both of these gentlemen have spent & continue to spend helping RUAEA with the computer systems is greatly appreciated.

Virgil Gooselaw & Howard Tress  
The Office Managers



### NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT



NAT's first Ford Tri-motor - with an "open-cockpit" -  
*U.S. Civil Aircraft Series, Vol. 1.*

Late in 1926, NAT ordered a Ford Tri-motor 4-AT with an "open-cockpit". The first flight was in Nov. 1926, Kansas City - Wichita - Tulsa - Oklahoma City - Dallas - Fort Worth. After the return flight, it was sent back to the factory to enclose the top. It was then used for sight-seeing flights.

Keys was awarded the 995-mile Contract Air Mail route No. 3 (CAM 3) Chicago - KC - Dallas. NAT began operations May 12, 1926 with 10 Curtiss Carrier Pigeon airplanes & 35 U.S. surplus Liberty engines as spares.

Following a controversial bidding war with North American Airlines, Keys was awarded the 724 mile CAM 17 route; Chicago - Cleveland - New York.

NAT began operations Sept. 1, 1927 using

Douglas M-3 & M-4 mail planes (bypassing Detroit). NAT had acquired these planes from a variety of sources including 18 M-4s from the U.S. Post Office.

One M-4 was known as the "Booze Ship", having been seized by the Government during Prohibition while illegally smuggling liquor from Cuba.

NAT mail planes only had room for a single passenger sitting among the mail bags. Passengers were issued a "typical flying outfit" of coveralls, helmet, goggles & a parachute (rarely were they given instructions on how to use the parachute). They were also subject to being "bumped" by mail.

The fare was a steep \$200 for the Chicago - Cleveland - NY flight (Hadley Field, NJ was used until Newark opened). In spite of these obstacles, NAT flew 168 passengers the first year (1927/28), most of them connecting from Boeing Air Transport's CAM 18 San Francisco - Chicago route.

By Marvin Berryman - "Open cockpit info." from "So Away I Went", Wm. B. Stout; other info. from "High Horizons", Frank J. Taylor; Time-Life's "The Airline Builders" & [www.historyofaircargo.com](http://www.historyofaircargo.com)

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Visit our Website at: [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org).

### UNITED SECURES FIRST-EVER NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN IAD & PEK



The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today awarded the new nonstop U.S.-China route to United Airlines, reinforcing that the route will provide the greatest public benefit and promote the

national interest by connecting two of the world's most important capitals.

In its decision, DOT found that United's Washington (Dulles)-Beijing proposal has important advantages that should benefit the traveling public while also enhancing sustainability of the service.

"We applaud the Department of Transportation on their fair & thorough process & for putting the interest of the nation & the traveling public first," said Glen Tilton, United Chairman, Pres. & CEO. "United Airlines is honored to be selected as the first carrier to connect the governments, commerce & cultures of these 2 important capital cities."

The route that will connect the Washington, D.C. region with Beijing will launch within 90 days of DOT's final order. DOT selected the daily service between Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C. & Beijing Capital International Airport over proposals from American, Continental & Northwest airlines.

"Our success would not have been possible without the broad base of support, including our employees & retirees that also recognizes the importance of this long overdue air service," Tilton said.

A diverse group of business & community leaders led by the Capital-to-Capital Coalition advocated for the air route. It garnered significant support from 110 members of Congress & a formidable slate of former senior government officials from 8 presidential administrations & both houses of Congress, China policy experts, business & civic leaders, transportation officials, top aviation unions, & more than 110,000 United customers, employees & retirees.

Jim Bennett, Pres. & CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, & Jane Garvey, former FAA administrator under Presidents William J. Clinton & George W. Bush, chair the coalition.

"In making its prudent decision, it is clear DOT strongly consider both the national interest & the individual communities served by the route," Garvey said. "Creating a link between Washington & Beijing is an important step in the effort to connect the United States & China some 30 years after diplomatic relations were normalized."

Highlights of the new route include: Large capacity service aboard a three-class, 347-seat B747-400 – A network of 16 online connections in China

through United's code share alliances with Air China & Shanghai Airlines – A code share agreement that will permit US Airways to provide its customers access to the China market, along with customers of United serving the national interest – The service will allow Washington, D.C., to join 28 other world capitals in offering nonstop service to Beijing, meeting existing local demand – Direct service for more than 8 million residents of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area; Washington is the largest market in the U.S. without nonstop service to China – The first local service for the nearly 68,000 D.C. area residents who traveled to China in 2005 – The first direct route from the Mid-Atlantic region & strengthened service to China for the entire eastern U.S.

### **NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

In compliance with the U.S. government's Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, beginning Jan. 23, 2007, all passengers traveling by air to or from the U.S. will be required to hold a valid passport.

This new requirement applies to all passengers, including U.S. citizens, traveling to or from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda & the Caribbean. Passports are not required for travel to or from a U.S. territory, such as Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia, & the U.S. Virgin Islands.

When planning international travel, please be sure that you are in possession of all required documents for both outbound & return flights. Remember to allow ample time for acquiring official travel documents.

United is subject to fines if found to be transporting customers without the proper documentation.

Complete information on the requirement is available at the U.S. Department of State's Web site, [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

A recent question came regarding NRSA & Companions traveling together - YES, they should be in the same Passenger Name Record when you build your WebList itinerary. Hint - use the "TAB" key to move the cursor as it will place the cursor at the next appropriate location.

Companions without a PIN number should use their date of birth: May 23, 1964 = 19640523. To change a PIN, go to Options in WebList. I urge you to read the Companion Travel Information in SkyNet, click on the Travel icon. The employee is the sponsor & needs to assist an unaccompanied Companion with procedures & information. It is a good idea to remove the PIN number of Companions when their travel is completed & establish a new PIN number next time. This prevents unauthorized travel use by the companion. The sponsor will be invoiced for unknown travel charges.

The Company is requesting that all standby travelers use SkyNet to check-in at home within 24 hours of departure. Also, indicate the number of pieces of luggage, even zero, if none is being checked. If you have 1 or 2 pieces to check, that information will be faster for you when you use the Kiosk to check your bag for tagging. The Company is striving to have NRSAs avoid using the Ticket Counters as much as possible. If you have No Bags to check, then proceed directly to Security.

A reminder that both Seattle & Portland have Retiree Travel Desks & answer the telephones with a live voice that can answer many questions in assisting with your travels and listing needs. Please call us & avoid calling Reservations.

This past two holiday weeks have been extremely busy at airports. A 1953 retiree stood by for 3 days on both ends - several cities were running 100% load factors. Companions didn't have a chance. Gate Agents were most efficient & did a marvelous job handing the masses of passengers & revenue standbys.

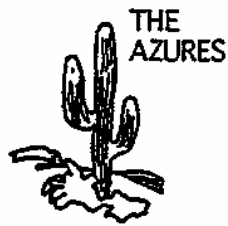
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### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for March are due in DEN by Mon. Feb. 5, April report by 3/6, May report by 4/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto: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.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please contact Mary Toeppen before 4 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 Mary at (623) 214-1504.

At breakfast on Dec. 19 we had 17 attendees & 18 on Jan. 2.

At the Dec. 9 luncheon at Briarwood, we had a guest speaker from the Maricopa County Sheriff's department. He was very informative on the subjects of home & personal security. He addressed credit card fraud & gift card fraud which came at a good time for all gift givers.

We had the following guests in attendance, Else Valke & Elsie Green.

We will be going to the theatre again. We took a quick poll of the attendees at the Dec. luncheon, so far "Kiss Me Kate" is the clear favorite. Let me know via e-mail if you want to see that show. We are looking at March. I will get all the information out to you ASAP!

***"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."***

### **Calendar:**

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell road

**Feb. 13** – Coco's

**Feb. 27** – Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons 2007

**Feb. 10** – Union Hills Country Club – 11:00

**March 14** – All AZ luncheon at Casa Grand AZ – details pending

**March 17** – Turf Paradise – St. Paddy's day at the races





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As a result of not having a meeting in Nov., there was no report from the Tall Pines group.

We had a festive celebration of Christmas with 30 people attending at the Hassayampa Inn on Dec. 12.

We also welcomed Ron Robertson - Director of the AZ Region & his lovely wife, Shirley. Ron gave an informative presentation of current affairs concerning RUAEA members; we thank him for that!

The Tall Pines are losing a favorite couple of ours - Vi & Don Larson - who are re-locating to FL. We wish them a safe trip & good health in the coming years - they will be missed!

Our next meeting will be Feb. 27 at Coco's - 11:00 AM. Hope to see a good turnout.

### **Calendar:**

**Feb. 27** - 11:00 AM - Coco's

**Mar. 27** - 11:00 AM - Coco's



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Our annual Christmas luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club, hosted by Beverly Goodlow, was a smashing social success. The food, wine & desert were excellent. Two couples, Jim & Jan Guest and Elaine & Peter Rollock, attended; we have invited them to join the Roadrunners.

Alice Belzer reports on our sick list:

- Donna Kuehn had her knee replaced Nov. 29, now having therapy.
- Hank Belzer was diagnosed with lymphoma (low grade) & is undergoing treatments - 3 down, 5 to go.
- Gordon Starr had a melanoma removed from his eye lid, is doing fine.

*Alice's trivia for the month: The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile national monuments.*

### **Calendar:**

**March 14** - All Arizona Luncheon at The Property in Casa Grande. Our theme is Las Vegas. Our flight attendants are hard at work getting things underway.

## **ARKANSAS**



## **"THE NATURALS"**

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As a chapter in a basically beautiful & rather remote part of the US, we're proud to say that we're growing. Albeit slowly, but growing. We are looking at the possibility of opening our doors to establish an Interline type chapter with all airlines, both current & retired employees welcome. How this will play out in the year to come remains to be seen & will depend primarily upon the interest locally.

Our Christmas party at Pegasus' in the Desoto Club was delightful & put everyone into the holiday spirit. We made our annual charitable donation somewhat differently this year by voting 25% to a needy family with the remaining 75% going to a clinic to assist in purchasing medical supplies for the indigent. Both deemed very worthwhile causes.

In attendance were Tom & Barbara Hedrick, Bud & June Millard, Bill Carson, Bob & Lo Piggot, Fred & Linney Roher, Dick & Pat Jester, Jim & Diana Huffman and Jim & Linda Nichol.

Our next event is a Pre-Ground-Hog's Day dinner scheduled at 17:30 on Feb. 1 at the Red Lobster on Central. Any UALer in the area is certainly welcome to attend. Please contact Linda at (501) 922 3428 for more information & reservations.

As we looked at the ending of 2006, hopefully with fond memories, one can only hope that the promise of grand things to come is just around the corner. May each of you reach, stretch & dream in spite of your fears as an adventurer stepping off into the unknown.

It is time to celebrate!

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS

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Our Christmas luncheon was a huge success on Dec. 20 with 21 members attending. We were hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell. We met at the Pelican Point Restaurant again this year. They made arrangements for us to have our own private corner area which has always worked out well. The food & service were excellent.

We were pleased to have Ken Bake's friend, Stella Capanna, who is from Italy, join us. She enjoyed the friendship & gift giving as we did. Also John McCall from Paso Robles was able to attend. He gave us a run down of his airline experience that began with his pilot training in the military, then he joined UAL. He retired after 31 years, we hope he will be able to attend more of our meetings.

We had the pleasure of having the Stilwell's grandson "Graham" with us. After he got over his "shyness" he took over the gift-giving. This 4½ year old was able to help all of us open our packages, then proceeded to walk around the room showing each one of us the gift that was received. During the "stealing" part of the gifts, he made sure we knew we were only borrowing not stealing. He made us feel so young again!

Jack Cunningham attended without his wife Eleanor. She decided to stay home due to a cold & didn't want to share it with us. She was missed, however, Jack was able to take her lunch with him. Speaking of Jack, he had a cast on his left wrist after falling & breaking it in Nov. He is able to drive & thinks that the cast will come off sometime in Jan. We hope both of you will be back on the road to health by the time this is in the Newsletter.

Bob Stanger, our out-going Pres., made a presentation to Bill & Dana Noyes, Bob & Pat Wagner, and Jack & Eleanor Cunningham, with a certificate & gift in appreciation for their dedication in organizing our Chapter that began around 1995. After some problems in getting organized, these 3 cou-

ples stuck with it until we are at the place we are at now. Bob Wagner gave us a little more insight into how they got started, we appreciate all they did.

We missed Garver & Wilma Sandy at our luncheon. We all hope you will be able to attend next time since we know how much you enjoy visiting the Central Coast & your friends.

Our new officers for 2007 are: John Stilwell – Pres., Mike Zoldak - VP, Dana Noyes – Treas., & Al Rybar - Secy. Bob Stanger was congratulated & thanked for well-run Chapter meetings these last 2 years. His wife Marcia has also been part of his tour running the 50/50 chances.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 21 with Bob & Pat Wagner as hosts. They have always done an excellent job, we will be looking forward to it. Bob is almost ready to play golf after his rotator-cup surgery.

Last month's trivia question: Who started the first frequent flier program? Answer: American Airlines in 1981.

New Trivia: When was the first plane used in War?

### BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' first meeting of the New Year, 2007, was hosted by Peggy & John Oakshott; the Oakshotts introduced their grandson, Chakk Sriley; Chakk is 11 years old & is from Thailand; the Oakshotts told of their trip to Thailand, meeting Chakk, his mother & attending the wedding of their stepson.

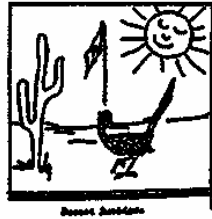
Curt Follansbee announced that Jean & Bud Garcia will attend the Feb. meeting & will be taxed to the meeting by the Follansbees.

Elida & Reuben Rivas were absent, on a trip to China; we hope they'll have interesting photos of their trip.



## **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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Elaine & Ron Aggson hosted our annual Christmas party at Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert. 45 Desert Sunbirds & guests gathered for cocktails followed by a traditional turkey dinner. Unfortunately the event started on a sad note as John Utzinger passed away 2 days before the party after a brief hospital stay. John suffered serious heart problems further complicated by other health issues for several years. John & Dede have been loyal members of our group since they moved to the desert to be close to medical facilities. John will be missed by us all. Cards or notes may be sent to Dede at 41620 Bacalava Dr., Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203.

Joan & Ron Tate also were late cancels as Joan was taken to the hospital with food poisoning the night before. Jim Clapper came but Liz was confined at home in a wheel chair after suffering a cracked pelvis in a fall. Al Beuchel & Mark Kaplan brought Frank Kaplan, Mark's dad who always enjoys our Christmas party. Joyce Bossio had Wanda Grimshaw as her guest, Edna Fannucchi brought her husband Fred. (Now we know there really is a Fred!)

It was good to see Art & Rochelle Swiatek and Dee Wright after lengthy absences. Gil & Marianne Patterson are always busy traveling throughout the year but they always make it back for the Christmas meeting with contributions to our door prize collection. Even Mike Bailardo managed to fit us in his busy schedule although he had a performance scheduled for that evening. In the month of Dec. he had 21 performances & 3 days in Las Vegas. This is retirement? Melinda Lerg enjoyed a free lunch as the birthday winner. Elaine Aggson won the 50/50 money for the first time ever! The second 50/50 prize was 2 lunches at Monterey Country Club won by Maureen Williams. There were 30 winners of door prizes, everyone received snow man candles as favors.



## **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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Co-Pres. Colleen Esola opened the Dec. 13 Holiday Luncheon meeting & thanked Ron & Barbara Bertacini for hosting the luncheon at the Alta Sierra County Club in Grass Valley. There were 113 attending. Guests included RUAEA VP of Conventions Hank Gosselin, guest of Ron & Barbara Bertacini; Judie Leimer, guest of Jim Raber; Bunny Melby & Carla Moss, guest of Forester & Jean Sinclair. Colleen reported that Roland Kellman was planning to attend today's luncheon but was unable to do so as he is scheduled for Colon Cancer surgery on Dec. 15.

Co-Pres. Harold Esola reported that Bob Fulkerson had received a letter from Jim & Becky Yarber regarding Ed & Rose Rheam's 54 wedding anniversary, which was reported in last months news. They wanted to wish the Rheams a happy anniversary.

Ron McDuffee brought 3 retiree plaques to today's meeting. Order forms are available for anyone wishing to order any of his hand made plaques. He has generously donated the 3 plaques for the 2007 Convention Arts & Crafts Raffle.

Harold continued with the Officers Reports:

V.P. Jean Turley-Sinclair thanked everyone for the great turn out & advised that the Feb. 28 meeting would be at the Elks Club in Carmichael hosted by the Esolas. Jean asked those wanting to host a meeting during 2007 to contact Bob Fulkerson to schedule a month. Jean also thanked everyone for participating so generously with the raffle which brought in \$207.

Treas. Judie King reported that she is collecting dues for 2007. Dues are \$10 a family.

Secy. Bob Fulkerson announced anniversaries & Harold Esola led the Gold Diggers in a Happy Anniversary song. The Pinkierts with 59 years, the Caldwells with 56 years & the Londons with 55 years were among those celebrating anniversaries.

Sunshine Francis Domaratius reported that Ron King is not feeling well due to back problems. Ron



had surgery on Jan. 16. Irv & Sherrie Wolfram were in a serious auto accident, hit in a head on collision. Fortunately their seat belts kept them secure in the car so they survived quite well considering the damage to the car. Harold said that he & Colleen had enjoyed being Co-Pres. for the past 2 years. They treasure the friendships they have made with both the officers & members of the Gold Diggers.

Introduction of 2007 Officers:

- ✈ Pres. - Jean Turley-Sinclair
- ✈ VP - Bob Fulkerson
- ✈ Treas. - Judie King
- ✈ Co-Secy., Reporting Chapter News - Barbara Bertacini
- ✈ Co-Secy., Mailings & Meeting Notices - Colleen Esola
- ✈ Sunshine - Francis & Veronica Domaratius
- ✈ Historian - Shirley Drumheller

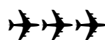
RUAEA Director & 2007 Convention Chairman, Ron Bertacini, reported he has been most busy with the Convention plans. Ron said that we were pleased to have VP of Conventions Hank Gosselin from SEA with us today. Hank had attended the Convention meeting the previous day. Good news is that the committee is all on track, Ron is happy to say that the Convention package has been sent to DEN to be included in the Feb. RUAEA Newsletter. Ron praised the various Committee Chairmen for their participation in the monthly Convention meetings at the Hyatt. For those interested in volunteering to be on a committee for Convention, please sign up with Len & La Verne Haubl, email [lhaubl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhaubl@sbcglobal.net).

Ron thanked everyone for the generous gift donations for Toys for Tots which was most successful with over 200 gifts.

Harold suggested that with such a large amount of items for the drawing of raffle tickets that we best go right into our chapter raffle. Thanks to all for their generosity.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS luncheon was held at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. It was hosted by the 2006 officers. Pres. Norm Burnett welcomed 66 members & guests. He thanked the officers for hosting & for all they have contributed during the year.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced the guests: Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell; Daniel Fairon, guest of Fred Bonney; Rita Kent, guest of Corinne Geppert; Wayne & Jeannine Lane, guests of Dick & Carol Hanna; Jo Payne, guest of Howard Payne; Sherri Quock, guest of Diana Quinn; & Wayne Rogers, guest of Harry & Amy Rogers.

Patrick presented an "Outgoing President" gift to Norm & Ann. It was 2 engraved wine glasses plus a bottle of Champagne.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that much of the Charity monies have been disbursed to the various Charities noted below.

Joanne Huhn gave the list of Charities for this year: Homeward Bound, Marin; Redwood Gospel Mission Children's Program, Santa Rosa; The Living Room, Santa Rosa; Sutter VNA & Hospice, Sonoma County, & The Kitchen in Petaluma received \$160.00 each. She thanked everyone for their generous donations during the year & encouraged them to be generous again in 2007. If you have a favorite charity in your area the Charity Disbursement Committee would love to hear from you. Contact Joanne or Naomi Tolf.

I announced that the beautiful centerpieces which were part of the festive decorations & would be part of the drawing were purchased through Cub Scout Pack 15 at St. Anne's Church in SFO. Dianna Quinn's grandson Brian Quock, who is a member of Pack 15, assembled them for us.

A member of the Sacramento "Gold Diggers" sent me a note requesting a copy of our membership list so she could contact old friends before the convention. No one present objected, so one will be sent.

Area RUAEA Representative Howard Payne recognized Norm for his service & congratulated Patrick, me, Oscar & Clare Hagen for stepping up to the officer duties for 2007. He commented on the number of toys collected. He feels RUAEA is in good hands with strong leaders such as Mort & Hal. RER members were encouraged to join RUAEA, he left applications for doing that with me. Everyone was encouraged to attend the 2007

Convention which is in Sacramento May 27 – June 2.

The many Dec. anniversaries were detailed by Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr. Of note were Matt & Norma Stilman, 66 years; Gail & Elise Stewart, 68 years; Arnold & Lucy Koenig, 61 years; Charles & May Heffley, 69 years & Les & Joyce Carey, 53 years. Mary Hill was the Birthday Luncheon winner. Verda has received notes from Mariam Osgood, Esta Deinenger, & Charles & May Hefley who are not renewing their membership in Redwood Empire Retirees for 2007 and from Wilma & Garver Sandy, who are not able to travel this far to the meetings. May Heffley is in a nursing center in Napa. Les Carey called to explain that they could not attend the luncheon. Joyce Carey's illness continues to worsen so traveling is not possible. Verda requested that Hefley's be sent the meeting reports even though they would not be members, because they had been part of the group that started RER.

The COLLECTION OF TOYS was very successful. Barney Hagen volunteered (again) to drop the toys off at a Santa Rosa Fire Station for distribution to needy children.

The Maria Carrillo High School Jazz Choir entertained us with traditional Christmas music & African carols & songs. They were very enjoyable & received a standing ovation from the group.

The drawing was held with out-going Pres. Norm reading the winning numbers & Ron Huhn, Andy Citara, George Schwind & Matty Matschneegg distributing the many prizes.

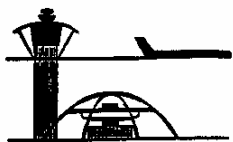
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: I'M CONFUSED ... WAIT, MAYBE I'M NOT, MAYBE THE .....

**HOKEY POKEY IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!**

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 8** - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Charlie & Bernice Anderson

**March 8** - TBA - Clare & Barney Hagen



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Joe Preston (an LAXFF retiree & L.W. Neighbor) has asked me to add the following for LAXFF retirees: *"A group of LAXFF retirees meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at 11a.m. at Hoffs Hut in El Segundo. Come along & share some memories. J. Herbers picks up the tab."*

Did you see the movie, "United 93"? Not being able to handle such a hard subject is understandable, but if you're ok with it - you should see it. It was named best film of the year by the New York Film Critics Circle & a bunch of other film critics' organizations per the 1/2/07 L.A. Times ads.

The Christmas parties went well. The tables piled high with gifts for children at our Mar Vista center was overwhelming. I noticed one member came in with not just one gift but a bag with several gifts "because they deserve it". The Fantasy Flight party was a huge success as usual. Neighbor, Betty Houck & I were planning on attending the party planning parties, but had to drop those plans this year. Betty was diagnosed with gall bladder problems & facing surgery at that point, so she didn't feel it would be a good idea. Her closest helping neighbors were away, so we decided it best if I stick around in case she needed immediate help. Next year we hope. Ray reports that the IAM retirees Christmas party at the Proud Bird was super as usual - everyone had a great time.

The folks in the news this month are (thanks to Donna Klobe & Ray Ginocchio's reports):

David Dye, whose wife, Pat, emailed me that Dave died on Dec. 5. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago, went downhill rapidly in the last few months. Dave, Pat & I met while waiting in the flu-shot line at the Westchester Senior Center right after he retired at which time I recruited him for ReLAXers. She says he always looked forward to being with his long time friends & talking about old times at United. I am sure Pat would be pleased to hear from those friends - 8033 Dunbarton Av., LA, CA 90045. We all send condolences to her and family.

Yvonne Jackson has been suffering a lot a pain of late.

Mae Alderese has been having sciatic pain lately, which will really lay you low!

Martin Chavez with a bad infection in his foot.

John Givens has an infection in his hand.



Calendar:

**Feb. 8** - Luncheon.

**April 12** - Luncheon.

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We enjoyed a delightful buffet luncheon at Tom Ham's Restaurant on Dec 1. 37 ReSans members attended & enjoyed each others' company, also the absolutely breathtaking view of the San Diego Harbor. We will have to search for another venue for our Christmas Party next year as Tom Ham's guarantee requirements are now beyond our group's attendance. If anyone has a favorite restaurant they would like to suggest, your officers would be delighted to receive this information.

Reminder - SAN retirees also have a breakfast at 10:00am on the First Thurs. of each month. This is held at Jimmy's Family Restaurant, 3577 Midway Dr., San Diego, (619) 523-1480.

Our next meeting will be held in April, will probably be at Carver's Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. This is our Spring Fling & Election of Officers.

Pres. Marian Owens has requested that anyone willing to assume the role of president for the coming year, please let one of your officers know this information.

Calendar:

**April** - Carvers Restaurant, Rancho Bernardo



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The Golden Gaters Chapter doesn't have a General meeting in Dec. because of the Christmas Holidays, but we do have a Transitional Board Meeting. All the present, retiring, & new board

members meet for a Christmas party as well as tending to any end-of-year business. After the business meeting we had a very nice catered luncheon.

I am sorry to have to report that Marie Tilson passed away suddenly Dec. 6 in Ensenada, Mexico, while on a cruise. Marie was a secretary with United Airlines in SFO for 33 years, retiring in 1986. She was a long-time member of the Golden Gaters chapter & editor of our local newsletter for many years. You can send condolences to her daughters, Phyllis Hechim & Pat Barnes - 161 De Soto Way, San Bruno, CA 94066.

We also lost another member, Evelyn Kleiner, who passed away Nov. 22 at the age of 84. She was secretary of the UAL Pilots Dept. at Burbank & LAX Airports. Her late husband, Daniel Kleiner, also had worked for United. You can send cards to her daughter, Karen Kleiner, 320 Staysail Ct., Foster City, CA 94404.

I recently learned that Joseph Merics passed away in Sept. You can send cards to his wife Ellen at 1537 Carol Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010.

"Get Well" & "Thinking of You" cards have been sent to Bill Lyle who broke his hip & Bill Livingston who is in the hospital with a heart condition. Milt Cavalli is recovering from gall bladder surgery but his wife Marie fell again & broke her hip. This was after she had injured her shoulder. Our thoughts & prayers are with everyone for a quick recovery.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg reported that "A Country Christmas" trip to Tennessee was a big success. Betty Garner said that the "Christmas in the City" tour was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by all. For info on other tours contact Ginger Dahlberg at (650) 224-1865, email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com). Betty Garner can be reached at (650) 355-4195, email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) for day tours & other short trips.

This will be my last report for the Golden Gaters Chapter (former United Airline Retirees - SFO Area). Our new Corresponding Secy. will be the very capable Helen Cain, who, I know will have interesting reports. I have enjoyed being the Corresponding Secy. for the last 6 years. Over the years, I received some emails & phone calls asking for information. I hope I was of some help & sent you to the right sources. I also appreciate all those who helped me. Best Wishes for a great 2007.

### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

Our Christmas luncheon was held Dec. 5 at the Ramada Inn. There was a very good turnout; everyone had an enjoyable time; the food was excellent. We collected quite a few Toys for Tots, which Alex Klaus (Claus) turned over to the Marines for distribution. We have reserved the same place for our luncheon next year & same date – Dec. 5.

At the Christmas luncheon the chapter presented an award to LaDonna Eggert for her many contributions over the past few years. In fact, she had just agreed to take over our telephone tree for the next year - an example of how she's always willing to serve.

New officers for the coming year were installed - Stan Kolman, Pres.; Gerald Frisch, VP; Garver Sandy, Treas.; Alice Rostirolla, Secy. Stan Kolman also will serve as membership secretary, taking the place of Lee Ferrell, who had to resign due to health reasons. We miss seeing the Ferrells at our weekly breakfast meetings.

We will also miss the Bachellers; Lew & Nancy are moving to OR to be near their daughter. We are sorry to see them go, we wish them well.

Visitors this month were Carrie & Woodrow Tarleton, who know some of our members from Capitol Airlines. We also had Jack Horn Fischer, retired UA from Vacaville, friend of Bob & Karen Devlin; plus Fred Seidl, grandson of Tony & Helen Seidl.

Gary Fahl is doing well enough after his knee replacement that he & Jean went back to NV. It was good to have them with us for awhile.

Charlie Brown also underwent knee surgery this month, is slowly recovering.

Dee Kolman is continuing with her treatments, is now half-way through the chemo.

### Calendar:

Garver & Wilma Sandy will be co-hosting the spring luncheon at Shoreline next year. It will be their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the chapter.

Tony Urso has booked the Pavillion at Vasona Park for our annual picnic, to be held on June 14 (Flag Day) next year.

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, San Jose (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 7:00, meeting begins at 8:15. All UA retirees are welcome. Call our Pres. Stan Kolman (408-736-1775) for details.



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73 members attended our Christmas luncheon at the East Sonora Conference Center. Pres. Guy Hoffman gave his farewell speech & said that he had enjoyed the 2 years as Pres.; we agreed that he had done an excellent job. He welcomed Bob Brooks as the new Pres. & announced that Joan Verbaere will be VP, Nancy Buddington will continue as Secy. for one year - Rosie Wall will take the following year. George Gemberling will continue as Treas.

Charlene Wood is home from the hospital & is doing fine at home. We were happy to have Dorothy Daniels with us & on the mend from her Chemo treatments. Ruth Swanson was down with a bug & could not attend this meeting.

For Christmas, the club donated 35 envelopes with \$20 each to the lucky winners. CONGRATULATIONS!

There will be no meeting in Jan. due to the fog problems in the valley. Our next get-together will be in Valley Springs at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant on Feb. 8 hosted by our new Pres. Bob Brooks & his wife Sandy.



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Our Dec. meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots. We welcomed 42 members & guests. Two Marine Corp active duty Marine Sergeants attended. Once again, our members came through with many, many toys. Our generosity was very much appreciated by the Marine Corp. We also had many door prizes; our 50/50 was won by Tom Cunningham.

It was good to see Vilma Patrick back from a cross-country train trip & the Fecters back from their cruise. Always good to see Red Klaren.

A new face was Ramsey Unalp, formerly SFOFO. Rich & Georgia Bouska brought as guests, Cleve & Rose Spring.

Marion Klosinski is in an assisted-living facility in the Rossmoor area. Marie said he would welcome visitors, but call her first at (925) 946-1750 to check on the best time to visit & make certain he hasn't been moved.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. Lunch & business from 12:00 on. No reservations are required.

### **Calendar:**

**Feb. 12** - Meeting  
**March 12** - Meeting  
**April 9** - Meeting  
**May 14** - Meeting  
**June 11** - Annual picnic

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*Submitted by Tom Goodyear*

Mailing of the Jan. Newsletter took place on

Dec. 23. This was just after one of the largest recorded snow falls in the DEN area. UAL plowed the DENTK parking lot, so there was room for some cars to park, but the problem was getting to the lot. Most side streets were still clogged with mountains of snow & some folks had no way to get out. But, 24 brave souls were able to make it & the mailing went off without a hitch. There was one "first timer" - Joan Kemp (*we forgot to mention in last month's issue that Thom Rowland was a first-timer for the Dec. Newsletter Mailing - Sorry Thom!*). Tom Goodyear was able to pick up the goodies that Irma Atanasio had ordered earlier, everyone enjoyed the snack & the good company of fellow retirees.

On the following Wed., even though most of the streets in the City of Denver were still not in good shape, 36 attended the breakfast at DENTK. We had the following "first timers", Martha Goose-law, Bill & Eve Hoggard, Steve Pulford, Bob Sanowald & Cleora Conner. Come back & see us next month. Thanks to the following folks who returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter, Harriet Ahr, Carl Reichow & Bob Sanowald, who won 3 times. Tom Goodyear reported that Juanita Jowett passed away in Dec. A memorial service was scheduled Jan 5. He also reported that he had a long telephone conversation with W.A. Patterson's daughter Patricia Patterson Dudley. They talked about the good old United.

### **Calendar:**

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**Feb. 7** - Breakfast Meeting

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Our first meeting of the New Year was held

Jan. 3. 32 members & 4 guests were present at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd. in Orlando. Secy. Joanne Mollett read the Dec. minutes & then happily transferred the book, the pen, all the glory over to Elaine!

Sharon Ringer reminded everyone that Joanne Hall, wife of retired MCO Customer Service Rep Gene Hall, is back at MD Anderson for chemo & is in serious need of our prayers. Sharon also advised us that a Memorial Service for retired RedCarpet Rep Bob Murch, who passed away just before Christmas, was held in late Jan. in Sarasota.

Pres. Paul Brown asked for recommendations for the Favorite Restaurant Dinner, it was agreed that he would organize the event for Jan. 24 at Dixie Crossroads on I-Drive & Oakridge.

#### Calendar:

**March 10** – Helen Stairs Theater in Sanford, the play “Same Time Next Year” - \$18.00 P/P; dinner at Barnhills after is extra.

**March 24** – Hudson, FL for an excellent Passion Play. 48 seats on the bus – first come, first served – at \$51.00 P/P, including bus ride & dinner afterwards.

**Oct. 12 – 24** - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on this cruise, contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.



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We had 23 members & 3 guests plus 2 speakers at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Pelican Drop-Ins. Mabel Horn was the guest of Ray Winterhalter and Bob & Kelly Krieger, who are the Gilkison's son-in-law & granddaughter, were their guests.

Before the meeting our Pres. Terry Gilkison introduced our “Newly Weds”, Bill Burg & Marge North. Ray Winterhalter, FL Regional Director, spoke briefly about the recent RUAEA board meeting in Sacramento. Terry then called on Sally Sciple to recognize our Jan. Birthday members.

After our delicious lunch, the speakers Gino Littlestone & Jerry Elliott, from Oswald Trippe & Company, Inc., talked about condominium & home insurance rates. After their talk we had a better understanding of our high insurance costs versus the insurance company's need for profitability. There were many questions from member that they answered.

The Feb. 2 Luncheon meeting will be at Cabbage Key. The cost is \$22.45 for the Kingfisher Cruise & the restaurant menu prices start at \$7.75 to market price. The restaurant is the former winter home of Mary Roberts Reinhardt, the author, who wrote many of her stories there. If you did not sign up at the Dec. meeting & would like to be included, call or email Terry Gilkison at (941) 637-9367 or [terryg811@comcast.net](mailto:terryg811@comcast.net). The cruise ship capacity is 68. We expect to have a great day. The Kingfisher cruise leaves Fisherman's Village in Punta at 9:00 A.M., returns at 4:30 P.M. More information is available at [www.kingfisherfleet.com](http://www.kingfisherfleet.com).

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October-April)  
Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-August)

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Our Christmas party at Johnny's was held on Dec. 5. There was lots of good food & laughter. A fun time was had by all. Thank you all again for your gifts that were donated to the needy children in our area. 16 members & 2 guests attended the affair. The weather put us in the holiday spirit as it was 60 degrees (cold for us Floridians).

Please note that our monthly meetings are now held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 11:30 for



lunch at Johnny's.

Looking a bit to the future, April 10 meeting will consist of either a day gambling cruise on the Palm Beach Princess or an 18 day cruise from Tampa to Venice on Holland America (4/1/07 – 4/18/07). Notices will be in the mail soon, so you may decide if you are interested in either cruise. This will be in lieu of the April 10 luncheon at Johnny's.

At our age - we've seen it all - done it all - heard it all. We just can't remember it all!

Calendar:

**Feb. 13** - 11:30 luncheon meeting at Johnny's

**March 13** - 11:30 luncheon meeting at Johnny's

**April 10** - Cruising

**GEORGIA**



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Jan./Feb. Chapter Report:

42 Flyers & 5 guests were in attendance for the Christmas lunch & meeting at The Village Café in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were Suzette Norelius, retired flight attendant; Don Helton, who now lives in Perry, GA transplanted from Missouri, his guest Fred Hall; Sandra Cook, from Albany, GA, Bruce Brodersen's sister; & Sonia Strickland, director of The Promise Place. A private room was provided for us & was decorated for the holidays. Everyone received a gift of chocolates; Bobbie Foles was the winner of a beautiful centerpiece door prize that she donated to The Promise Place. A Big Thank You to Barbara Russy for all her hard work & planning of the Christmas lunch. Sonia Strickland, Director of The Promise Place, reported on the work of the shelter, the surprising number of women & children who have been helped by the shelter, this year & since its beginning. There are also a few men who have been helped by this community organization.

We have been able to help with our monthly donations of food & household supplies, which is

very much appreciated. The Flyers presented Sonia with 9 Christmas gift cards for Wal-Mart in the amount of \$30 each for 2 adults & 7 children that were in residence at the time.

Bruce Brodersen reported on his activities as RUAEA Southeastern Director & stories of his travels. Don Shelly reported that Dave Fitzgerald, a retired Tampa customer service agent had died of poisoning. Dave was the only unfortunate individual on a FL based cruise where over 600 people became ill. This made national news awhile back. Ken Cadwell, retired ATLCOG had a severe stroke & is at the Atlanta Medical Center recovering. Our thoughts & prayers are with Ken, & the family of Dave Fitzgerald.

28 Flyers showed up for the lunch at The Three Dollar Café in Peachtree City, GA on Jan. 3. We had a nice room plus the food was good. Service was good, except that kitchen staff was undermanned; it seemed like it took forever to get our orders. Pres. Sandy Lis conducted the business meeting; officer elections were held & voted upon. It was decided that all officers would remain the same, with the exception that Diayne Thompson agreed to assume the Secy. position previously held by Stan Cebula, along with remaining the Newsletter correspondent. The Flyers really appreciate the colorful & graphical newsletters Diayne generates every month. Sandy reminded all Flyers that annual dues were payable & due by the end March. Bruce Brodersen talked on new procedures for obtaining interline discount passes online, if they are not required in less than a week time. It takes about 7 to 10 working days to complete the process. One can go to Skynet & go to Travel Benefits, follow instructions or you can call the 800 number listed for Detroit Reservations, request tickets which will be mailed to you by U.S. Mail.

Don Shelly is reported to be recovering nicely from surgery on both feet, is said to be up & around, waiting to resume his daily walks he & Marge enjoy so much. Ken Cadwell continues in recovery from a severe stroke at the Atlanta Medical Center. Bob Cowan a retired former load planner at ATLOO is reported to be recovering from a heart attack in FL. All the Flyers prayers & wishes for a speedy recovery to Don, Ken, Bob & their families.

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### Calendar:

**Feb.** - Ryan's Steakhouse, McDonough, GA

**March** - The Grand Buffet, Fayetteville, GA

**April** - O'Charlie's, Newnan, GA

**May** - Picnic

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Pre-empting all local, national & international news of the day, was the outcome of Fiesta Bowl football game between Oklahoma University & the "underdog," Boise State University, in PHX on Jan. 1.

For anyone who may have missed seeing the game in person or on TV, you missed what has been called the most exciting college "footbowl" game, ever. Whether you were cheering for OU or BSU, it was goose bumps all the way, right up the final seconds of the final overtime period. Final score: BSU 43, OU 42. BSU is no longer called the underdog, the team became winners, Boise became a city; at long last, was firmly fixed on the map of the US. The next day, you could have shot a cannon down Main St., & not have hurt a soul. Half of the populace was still in PHX celebrating. The other half was camped at the Boise Airport, waiting to welcome their heroes home.

**Dave Adams**, UAL retiree, now driving tour busses, did his part. He was lead driver transporting Boise fans to & from PHX. In between, he watched the game. Later, doing a quick turnaround, he had the pleasure of busing the BSU Broncos from the Boise Airport to the BSU campus, where an enthusiastic welcoming rally awaited the returning players. Meanwhile, Boise students & citizens are saying to each other: "*We have arrived!*"

### Calendar:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m

**Feb.5** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**March 5** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian



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Feb. brings us Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, & Presidents' Day. We can look forward to winter slowly tapering off & hopefully, warmer weather soon will be upon us. Some of the social events that we can look forward as friendly Skyliners are the Spring, Summer & Fall Luncheons, the 30<sup>th</sup> annual RUAEA convention in Sacramento, CA in May, the Gals & Guys Midway 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Sept. & culminating the year with the Christmas holiday gala in Dec.

In Dec. some new faces appeared at Grandma Sally's Waffle & Pancake Restaurant at the Southsiders' Brunch. Andrew Michalic, who recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, surprised the group after many months with his message: "*May the Lord bless each & every one with health, happiness & joy.*" Why not give Andrew a surprised birthday phone call (773) 767-5752. Once again the Southsiders had several cash raffle winners of \$10 & \$5 prizes, including Andy as a lucky cash winner. Rudy Maki brought assorted Christmas candies. A big Thanks to Rudy. Darlene Wank spoke of her travels to Santa Fe, NM by way of DEN & ABQ. She managed to get home just before the big snow in DEN. Rudy spoke about his trip to LAS & the UAL Christmas Party there.

The Northsiders' Christmas breakfast at Artemis Restaurant in Mt. Prospect was decorated in festive colors. They did a great job! Our greeters, Joann, John & Rich, added centerpieces of Christmas motifs on the tables that helped put everyone in the holiday spirit. Each attendee received a holiday greeting card containing a coupon for a free cup of coffee at McDonalds during their visit in the month of Jan. Santa also left gifts that were raffled to the many happy winners. Table decorations were also given away to take home for family holiday enjoyment.

An uplifting phone call was received from Ceil Yates who has been in constant touch with Ron Madsen. Ron conveyed his message to Ceil that he

thanks everyone & appreciates all the cards/letters sent to him during his rehabilitation in MN. Ron will be out of the hospital soon & will return to the Windy City to stay at the Central Baptist Village located at 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Harwood Heights, IL. 60706-4408. Ron's health situation has really been improving. We send Ron our prayers & good wishes.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon that was held in Dec. at the Avalon Banquets was well attended by over 350 people. The dining area was decorated with bright lights & colorful holiday decorations. Santa & Mrs. Clause (Tony & Helen Stefanos) greeted our retirees & guests by giving out candy canes & hugs. The Holiday music was provided by the Elk Grove Town Criers who are from the Elk Grove High School under the direction of Renee Dejager, which made the event truly enjoyable and set the mood for laughter with holiday spirit. During the performance, John Desmond, from the Northsiders group, was chosen to join in with the choir. He filled the room with laughter while keeping time to the beat of a Christmas carol. A generous donation of \$400 from our 50/50 raffle was donated to the Elk Grove Food Pantry with the remaining prize monies distributed to the winning tickets. Marlin Lade, past president of RUAEA, & his wife Marylyn came as surprise visitors from FL. Both Marlin & our New RUAEA Pres., Mort Wax, wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Your annual dues must be paid by the Spring Luncheon in March to keep you name active on the mailing list or they will be dropped off. There is still time to send your payment of \$5.00 to our new treasurer, John Kohel, 2 Pepperell-on-Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Make your check payable to "Chicago Skyliners" - be sure to indicate your file number on the check. For questions concerning application or membership renewal, please call Phyllis Kordecki at (847) 717-6120. Remember new retirees are welcomed to become members. If you know of anyone planning retirement or a retiree that may be interested in joining, please refer them to Phyllis Kordecki, VP, & invite them to one of our breakfasts or luncheons. They will be surprised at how many new & old friends they will meet.

I hope everyone will keep up with all the news being provided by the California Convention committee. With the many exciting attractions & his-

torical buildings there will truly be exciting sight on the tours that are planned. Planning your time at the convention should be easy. Many NEW features are being published each month; it seems that it will be an exciting convention with all the historic sights throughout Old Sacramento. How about planning some Jazz singing or dining on the Pilothouse Restaurant or the Train Museum for some railroading. Remember this year the convention will be later & runs thru June 2. Plan your California vacation around the convention & register early to avoid confusion - also get the best hotel accommodations.

Again, many Thanks to the Northsiders breakfast group who donated canned foods & paper products during the months of Nov. & Dec. Close to 100 lbs was donated to the Palatine Township Food Pantry this time. Ladies at the Pantry welcomed our donation for distribution to their less fortunate families within Palatine.

A thank you note was received from the Dept. of Corporate Social Investments at WHQ that organized the Holiday Children Giving program in Dec.: "Thanks to all the Retirees that came & helped make this year's program a success. We are certain all the children were happy receiving the colorful gift wrapped gifts. There were tons of gifts donated including a computer & over 50 bicycles." Corporate Social Investments also provided Holiday music by Merit School of Music for those who came to donate their gifts or to gaze at the array of all the wonderful gifts.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch - 11:00 a.m. breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House on the last Tues. of the month located at 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Spring Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House on the last Tues. of the month located at 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northside Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. breakfast at Artemis Restaurant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month located at Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Loop Group - 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Downtown Renaissance Hotel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month located downtown Chicago at Wacker Drive & State Street.



## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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I hope you all had a great Christmas & enjoyed the holidays with loved ones & friends as much as we did. It's hard to believe that we've said "so long" to 2006 & "hello" to 2007. That feeling may persist due to the fact that we have had NO SNOW ... NO WINTER!! Indianapolis has experienced temps in the mid 50's & low 60's; this first week of Jan. we are again going to get up to the mid 50's. I was running around today with NO COAT ... NO SWEATER! This global warming is the real deal ... believe it! I must confess, I do miss just a little bit of the cold & light snow.

The Indy Racers ended the year with a great Christmas party held at the same lodge we used last year; 40 people showed up for the festivities, many of whom I had not yet met. We enjoyed our gift exchange, get it back, lose it then get a new one. Did you all understand that? We bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$10 without disclosing who brought it. Each person gets a number and the #1 goes first. They select one of the gifts from the table & unwrap it. Next, #2 person can either take that gift away or select a new one. Well, it all starts out so quiet & nice ... then it takes a nosedive as your gift that you're happy with is being taken away from you. The room bursts forth with loud voices, finger pointing, begging, pleading & much complaining. Sounds fun, doesn't it? Well, it is! We had such fun & a great turnout of retirees, including Bob & Carol Faust who drove from Chicago to Indy just to help us celebrate ... that's because we're all so special. Thanks Bob & Carol for sharing the holidays with us as well as your talent for bartending! You sure can mix 'em! In fact, you did so well that we're inviting you a year in advance to our next Christmas party. Mark your calendar for Dec. 15, 2007 same time, same place.

Fortunately, we did get the lodge for next Christmas, also for our picnic, June 9 at the lodge. You're all invited so bring a dish & come! I'm

sure we'll have the barbeques hot & ready for hamburgers & sausages. We really lucked out with getting those dates since the Twin Bridges Lodge is booked nearly a year in advance. The next day after the Christmas party I was to return the key & get my deposit back but instead I decided to go to the hospital. Carol Faust, truly it wasn't your bartending that sent me there. Due to a recent surgery, I ended up in the hospital for 3 days with a staff infection & cellulites - then sent home with a PIC line (peripherally inserted catheter) for daily infusion each morning at the hospital. I'm fine now - did manage to get the above mentioned dates for this year. All is well!

Before I totally forget the events of 2006 I would like to thank Ray Brabo for again setting us up with the Marine Corp. & Toys For Tots at our Dec. meeting. It is very impressive when the Marines come into our room carrying the U.S. flag. They're all so young, like we all used to be. This year surpassed last year's amount of toys - it's for such a good cause. Thanks to all of you who participated so graciously.

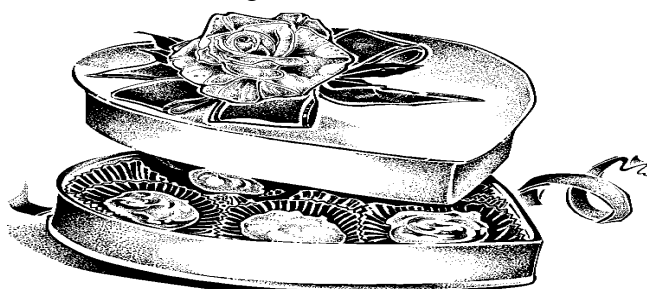
Believe it or not I am actually out of words. This is very unusual for those who know me. I'm not quite back to my normal (??) self yet but I'm getting there. I just want to thank everyone for helping to make this past Christmas season so fun & special also all the help we received setting up the Lodge, bringing such yummy side dishes & desserts, the gift exchange plus the help putting the Lodge back together after the party was over.

### Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members also those just passing through. Hope to see you there!

**Feb. 12** – Meeting

**March 12** - Meeting



## MASSACHUSETTS



### NOR'EASTERS

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Our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 13 brought 96 members & guests. Not seen in a very long time, Paul Bradley. This reporter hasn't seen Paul since 1986. He doesn't seem to have aged one bit, in fact, he looks even better in retirement. Another good looker with an appearance change, Joe Duda, sporting a new moustache. It gives him an intriguing European flair. Way to go Joe! Two non-member BOS retirees came as guests, Dennis Boyd & Tony Bosco. Good to see them both - time for them to consider joining the Nor'Easters.

Don Simard officiated as master of ceremony for our raffle & door prizes. The 50/50 was large enough to have 3 winners, Elaine Vanderwal, Fred Parks & Lourdes Whelan. Pres. Carleen Eddy decided to raffle off 10 Nor'Easter free lunches, to entice people to attend meetings more often than just the Christmas meeting. Three such winners, John Bosco, Josephine Pizzano & Mary Beth McDermet now have a reason to return again soon, free lunch. Although, in Mary Beth's defense, the trip from Vermont has to be a long one. Still, we hope Carleen's plan works. There were numerous door prizes from bottles of wine to scratch tickets. Don Latter & Fred Parks won both a door prize & a free lunch. Carol Montalto won a free lunch 2 meetings in a row. Gina Marotta, recently joined, attending her first meeting, was also a prize winner.

Bob & Eileen Seibold planned on attending, but missed because of serious colds they both caught from their grandchildren. Also, Mercedes Herson missed because of problems closing on the house sold in Maine. The good thing here is that she finally sold it. We also missed seeing some of our Christmas luncheon regulars, Bob & Helen Wilson, John & Peg Dellelo, Mark Dormurat, Audrey Joyce, Ed & Marge LeClair, Ray & Wanda Forster, Dick Mangino, Willie MacPhail, Patty Mix, Jim Murray, Gary Bosworth, Audrey Joyce & Charlie Staula. We would also like to see Donald

MacLeod, Ed Aldoriso, Bob Boyle, Paul Kramer, Rey Ouellette, Ann Thornell, Tom Blackwood, Lyn Walter, Ken Washburn & Al Zakrzewski, whom we haven't seen for a long time, or not at all.

Our snow birds, Pat & Bob Austin and Paul & Mary Ward, already in FL will be joined by Jane & John Regan after the holidays. Our Newest Member is Lourdes Whelan, retired from BOSCS. Welcome to the Nor'Easters, Lourdes!

Several members advised me they were not getting my e-mails, then said they had changed internet carriers. Again, when you change your e-mail carrier, please remember to advise your Secy. Also, if you haven't sent your 2007 membership renewal, it's still not too late!

No meeting until March, flyers & e-mail will be your notification

### Calendar:

**March** - Meeting, flyers & e-mails will be your notification

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Jan 4, 32 Escapees & guests gathered at this correspondent's, hosted by Marie & sister, Joan. We welcomed our favorite Moms, Helen & Alice, mothers of Joanna O'Brien & Marlene Jeffrey. We also welcomed Joan Johns from long ago all the way from CA. We were amazed at how many of us she still remembered, also welcomed Ted & Jan McCaffrey from Lansing for the first time; long time no see Betty Martinez from Spring Lake. The house must have been exploding with everyone catching up with the latest as the neighbor called to make sure that everything was OK over here as he noticed a lot of commotion. Was he telling us something or was he really concerned?

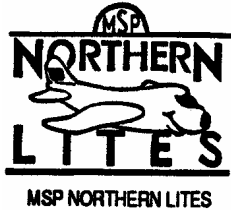
We were all saddened to hear that Bob Rainey (DTWTR) left this world for a better life. Bob was a loyal employee of UA for about 40 years. He suffered a stroke shortly after retirement & has

been bedridden ever since - many years. Love & prayers to the family.

Calendar:

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

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The end of 2006 wasn't very kind to some of our members. Cal Alderman was hit with chest pain that he, his wife Dorothy, & the doctors all thought was a heart attack. After treating him as though it were, subsequent tests showed that it was a gallstone instead. So the poor guy had to wait almost 3 weeks for the surgery because he'd been treated with Coumadin which is a blood-thinner. We learned that our pal, Tim Privette, has been battling cancer. He'll know more this month how well the treatments are doing. Then, Jim Simon slipped on black ice just before Christmas, dislocating his ankle & breaking the tibia. What's particularly frustrating for him is that he had a golf trip planned to NV in Jan.

So for some of us, 2007 needs to treat us better than did 2006!

A BIG thanks to the person in the Jan. newsletter who gave us the information about the telephone excise tax credit that the IRS has very reluctantly agreed to, & how to claim it on our 2006 income tax returns. Just another great reason to be a member of RUAEA! (At our house, it's a genetic requirement that nothing is thrown away, so of course we have our phone records for the last 3 years!)

We sadly report the passing of our dear friend Dottie Brinkley in Nov. Her family transported her remains to NC for burial. Memorials may be made to Joy Ranch, P.O. Box 727, Hillsville, VA 24343.

Minnesota had the warmest Dec. since records have been kept. Instead of an average low temp of 2 above & average high of 20 above, we basked in the wimpy glow of a low of 20 & a high of 40 on

Christmas Eve. What gives? It took 3 days to make ice luminaries for my driveway this year & then the rains came (RAIN!) - melted them! How can we keep our status as the ice block of the lower 48 when we get weather like that?

Calendar:

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

**NEBRASKA**

**GOLDEN'EARS**

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What a wonderful Christmas Party with 66 in attendance. Thanks to Ev & Shirley Payton for hosting and to Dave Letts for our Christmas Bingo. Our entertainment was furnished by Joe Taylor, who is a marvelous singer; he serenaded us with some Christmas music along with a couple of his special songs. What a treat! It was good to see Jackie Vassios. I am pleased to report the surgery she had in Sept. has helped reduce the pain in her back.

A little bird told me that Sydney Greenstreet is celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Our sincere congratulations to Sydney. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 2032 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Sydney has been a member of the Omaha Goldenears since the chapter's inception - a long time.

Bob Kraft spent 10 days in the hospital in Nov. with double pneumonia. While there they found he had a heart problem so they put in a pacemaker. He says he feels better than he has for a long, long time.

Marianne Brown has been moved to the Florence Nursing Home, 7915 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha 68112.

Humbie Steuri has been in the hospital fighting pneumonia. She was moved to the Bellevue Hillcrest Health Plaza, 1702 Hillcrest Dr., Bellevue, NE 68005. She is feeling better but is there for rehab.



For those of you who have worked or retired in OMA, Dick Weak has been working on getting us new sweatshirts. Sizes will be M, L, and XL (no smalls). The color will be Royal Blue & will have a picture of the UAL retirement pin on the front along with United Airlines Omaha. He is now working with the designer to make the diamond show up better. Price is \$20. If you are interested you can e-mail Dick at [rweak@neb.rr.com](mailto:rweak@neb.rr.com) or his home address is 6408 Deerwood Dr., Lincoln, NE 68516, (402) 488-9006. I think these will be available Jan. 1. They look great.

Remembering those members who have passed away this year:

- ✈ Shirley Slaughter – Feb. 17
- ✈ Denny Jones - March 9
- ✈ Ed Brown - April 7
- ✈ Bill Harrison - April 30

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 6** - Fernando's – Hosts will be Charlie & Pat Shook and Jim & Elaine Schreiber

**Mar. 6** - House of Hunan – Hosted by Marge Edwards

**Apr. 3** - Bohemian Café – Hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

### NEVADA



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The Christmas luncheon at South Point Casino was attended by 75 persons, guests were George Price, husband of Leota; Jan Carnei, guest of Lu Friel, Al Hutchinson guest of Dan Martinez; all became members of our Chapter.

The Luncheon Setup was terrific, thanks to Winnie's negotiating know-how. The atmosphere was good, we enjoyed ourselves very much.

Dora Coleman Donated 3 - 2-nite trips to Mesquite, many gifts were brought by the members; we had a very successful raffle. Ray Gibson donated a ceramic Christmas tree which we had a separate raffle, the winner was George Price.

Dinner gift certificates from Las Vegas Chapter were presented to Chris Czaplewski, Winnie Stone & Eleanor Vasco in appreciation for services rendered.

Our new 2007 Chapter Officers were introduced.

Now our next meeting will be at the Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino, at 11:30 am in the Diamond Maes Ballroom, anyone that cares to attend this luncheon, contact Winnie Stone at (702) 361-5839 to arrange for payment of the luncheon price of \$16.00 P/P. Our new Treas. is on a cruise so Winnie is still our financial contact.

We hope to get the approval of the members to continue with our meetings at Arizona Charlie's from now on.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 13** - 11:30 am meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107. Phone – (702) 258-5200.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The N.Y Metros Chapter of RUAEA took a vote at the Nov. meeting to cancel the Jan. get-together. Too close to the Holidays. We decided that on Jan. 10 to try another restaurant. Pres. Jim Richardson would like many members to participate. Weather permitting. Old Country Buffet in Levittown on Hempstead Turnpike. The price is affordable. \$8.24 plus tax. 12 noon.

#### Birthday greetings to:

- ✈ Rose Totaro & Terry Zabarouskas who share the same birthday date on Jan. 3
- ✈ Mike Schroeder on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✈ Julie Carnevale on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- ✈ Mary Zwiulich on the 8<sup>th</sup>
- ✈ Josephine Lopinto on the 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✈ Yetta Sank on the 13<sup>th</sup> will be 89
- ✈ Edythe Dollis on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be 85
- ✈ Joe Lilly on the 28<sup>th</sup>

We have two couples celebrating January anni-

versaries: Leonora & Bill Shuller and Betty & Al Vernillo, both couples are considered newly weds.

Once again the Metros lost a long time member, Joe Zwiulich. Joe passed away this past Dec. He worked as an A&P mechanic at JFKMM, retired March 1986. Condolences can be sent to Mary Zwiulich, 32 Timber Ridge Dr., Holtsville, N.Y. 11742.

We also heard that Don Murray LGA ramp died in VA. Although Don was not a Metro member, he often called Julie Schneider to inquire about his old co-workers at La Guardia Airport. Condolences can be sent to Don's widow Pauline Murray, 1409 Amberly Forest Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23453

A phone call to George Meartz who is recuperating for surgery will help cheer his spirits – (516) 794-5025. Mike Schroeder (631) 472-1553 and Peter & Edyth Dollis (718) 366-3765.

#### Calendar:

Feb. 7 - Noon - China Buffet to in Hicksville, NY.

### OHIO



#### BUCKEYES

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There was no meeting of the Ohio Buckeyes in Jan. Our Feb. meeting will be held on Feb. 7 at Dimitri's in Parma. Our host will be Marilyn Gschwend. She has been hosting the month of Feb. for some time. Thank you Marilyn.

Our Christmas party, held on Dec. 6, was a great success. Even though there wasn't any snow on the ground, the view from the Panoramic Banquet Room at the Copper Top Restaurant was beautiful. Thanks to Dave & Marie Placko for the success of this event.

Unfortunately our Pres. Carol Hacker was unable to attend. She is so overwhelmed by your phone calls & cards. She would like to thank every one of you from the bottom of her heart. Hurry back Carol, you are sorely missed.

Treas. Dolly Taucher presided over the Dec.

meeting. She did such a great job. Thanks for filling in for Carol. She had some very large shoes to fill.

There were close to 100 people in attendance. Member Bill Gatesman brought Daniela Baughman as his guest. I had a chance to talk with her for a brief time & found her very charming.

I can't believe that it's time to pay our yearly dues. This is not to be confused with yearly RUAEA dues. They are due on your birthday month. The Chapter dues are \$5 single, \$10 per couple. Please send Chapter dues to our Treasurer:

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The semi-yearly package will be distributed at our Feb. 7 meeting. It will contain the events for the next 6 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:

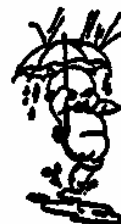
**Feb. 7** - Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., cash.

**March 7** - The Old Schoolhouse, pre-paid.

### OREGON

#### OREGON DEW-ERS

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Dave Smith's last hurrah as Pres. of the Dew-er's was a Christmas dinner/party meeting with 119 members enjoying the tree with presents underneath plus 2 grand prizes given out during the evening. After dinner there were games with a Christmas theme plus guessing the number of contents in an assembly of containers. Santa distributed the presents under the tree to the winners of the drawing followed by one of the 2 grand prizes, a money tree won by Kathy Russell & a framed photograph taken by Craig Strand, a retiree, of Trillium Lake with Mt. Hood in the background won by Dave

Smith. The Snowmen table centerpieces were made by Cora & Jack Harper and Anna & Harold Miller (Santa); were given out before the party ended. It was a fun evening & a nice way to start the holiday season.

Pat Ogden missed our Christmas dinner because of surgery but Bob came by the restaurant after visiting her in the hospital. Bruce Blough has had further surgery. He has been through so much but is always upbeat about his condition. Dorothy Carson took a bad fall. Rosalie Betchart saw Mike McMorro at church on New Years Day. He is in a wheelchair & still residing at the retirement facility.

The Feb. meeting will be an Ice Cream Social with a Valentine Card exchange. It is always fun to find the person whose card you receive & thank them for being "your valentine."

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 from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

#### Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**Feb. 14** - Valentine's Day Card Exchange & Ice Cream Social

**March 14** - St. Patrick's Celebration

**April 11** - TBA



#### OUR CLUB

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A new year, a new venture! At the suggestion of Jim Frincke, OUR Club will implement an electronic bulletin board for chapter members beginning in Jan. Items for sale & items wanted will be submitted to Jim & Jane; they will compile all notices onto a bulletin board emailed monthly to all OUR Club members. It should be fun to try something new.

The monthly luncheon meeting was a potluck of favorite recipes at the home of Lorraine & David

Presley on Jan. 5. Another new venue for the New Year!

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 2** - TBA hosted by Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels

**March 2** - TBA hosted by Jim & Eirlys McIntosh

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Our Dec 11 Christmas Party was attended by 46 retirees. It was nice to see Bill Carman, one of the new retirees at the party. We all enjoyed a sit down lunch. The party began with the purchase of tickets for our silent auction. The items donated were awesome. Many were crafts made by members. Some of the objects included hand painted ornaments, a complete Nativity scene, baskets filled with goodies, sleds filled with home baked items, centerpieces, decorated whisk brooms, hand painted paper weights, wreaths, door decorations & much more. Since it was a party, we did not conduct business but Treas. Tom Lyons did brief us on the changes to our pass travel & companion travel.

We collected about 30 boxes for the Veterans home in Coatesville, PA. We held a 50/50 & a drawing for some door prizes. Next month we will be collecting items to send to the soldiers in Iraq.

Maerlene Manning played the keyboard for us again this year as we sang Christmas songs & carols. Dennis O'Neil was scheduled to lead the singing & had agreed to sing a solo. Unfortunately he had to rush a family member to the hospital so could not be with us. Ralph Baker generously stepped in and saved the day. Thanks Ralph. Great job!

*2<sup>nd</sup> Report – submitted by Kathy Edwards:*

Our correspondent Dee Burrs has left the warm rainy north for the warm rainy south FL for a vacation & left me her job to do this month's 2<sup>nd</sup> report.

On Jan. 8, Pres. Joe Bradley opened our meeting with a blessing & a silent prayer for our mem-

bers Polly Gavin, PHLOZ & the Independents Sunshine Chairman, Rich Bilger supervisor PHLCS & JFKCS, Grace Tiller PHLHH, who all passed away in Dec. Also the wife of Harold Burton PHLFF was killed in an auto accident early Dec.

We had as guest speakers, expert & award winning woodcarvers Ron & Pat Berger from the "William Rush Woodcarvers Club" a chapter of the National Woodcarving Association. They showed us some of their tools & models on how they did their works of Marine Life. They brought along some of their works with one a large 4 dolphin seascape scene, sea gulls, colorful salt water fish & coral reefs. They also had elephants & eagles & wood burning art. Pat showed us pictures of a 5' long 7 lb vulture Ron had made. Ron has graced the cover of their National Magazine. For some trivia, William Rush (1753-1833) carved in 1814 the standing figure of George Washington which was his most ambitious portrait & can be seen in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Bank of the United States in PHL.

We had only 25 members attend because of the rainy weather. But they were very generous & we collected 15 warm jackets for the gals & gents at the Veterans hospital in Coatesville, PA. We also collected 20 bags of useful & non-perishable items to ship to our troops in Iraq.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 12** - General meeting - 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn



#### **PITTSBURGH** **PIT-STOPPERS**

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The Pit-Stoppers Christmas luncheon hosted by Lee Snuffer was a huge success. 56 members left with a prize or two plus a great meal. Lee & her committee consisting of Andrea Wisenaur, Angelicca Angel, Treatie Karwoski, Barb Seaholm & Margie Culligan did a wonderful job. Bill Redfern & Kay Yauch donated their own crafts as additional door prizes. Each attendee also received a PA lottery ticket. I guess there were no millionaire winners.

Treatie gave us an update on Joann Schneider. Joann is still at Friendship Ridge. Treatie visits her often & reads the cards to her. Please keep her in your prayers. The mailing address is: Friendship Ridge (418 Main) 246 Friendship Circle, 154 Langham Dr., Beaver, PA 15009.

Treatie was also the bearer of some sad news regarding Mary Leah Svat. Mary worked as a CSR in PIT before transferring to NYC. Mary was working at the World Trade Center at our ticket counter when the terrible 911 tragedy occurred. Mary suffered a breakdown, is now in an assisted living home. The address is Somerford Place, 2717 Riva Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401.

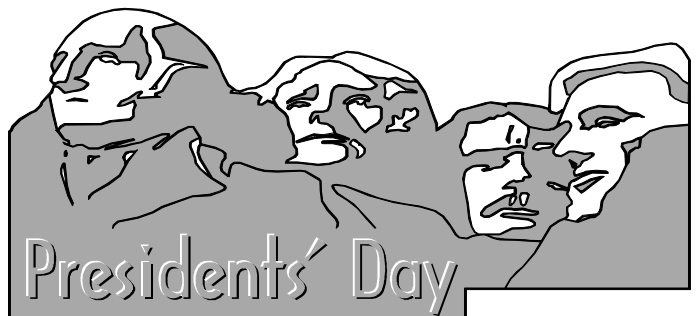
We also have a new address for Mary Leah Svat's mom - 2109 Rivercresant Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401.

Barb Seaholm turned over the gavel to our new incoming Pres. Vic Ference. Ken Wolfe is our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Tammy Yeager was elected to the position of Recording Secy. Barb Seaholm will serve as Assistant Treas. The ailing column continues to grow. Lou Kroeck was transferred to Kane Hospital, to make matters worse Jane (his wife) fell & broke her ankle. Jane is still managing to get her daily visits to Lou. Our good buddy Rich (CAKE) Guida is in Beaver Medical Center awaiting valve replacements. Our prayers go to Rich & Barb. Cards can be sent to 195 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Juth Open House was another great gathering of good food & good friends. 125 people gathered this year. We missed a couple of our perennials - the Larimers & the Chiocchis along with Treatie who decided to fly to CHI. It was great to see old friends Like Ed & Kay Ike along with the Lucas' & old friend Bob Amorose. Bob & Chizzy and Weber & Musko rehashed the good ole days.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 9** - Valentine's Day Luncheon



## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We had 14 members attend our Dec. 21 breakfast at Shoney's. A lot of our members have left TN early to visit family & friends for the Holidays. Several of us will travel north for a long weekend over New Years. The forecasts are predicting snow over that weekend!! I hope they are wrong. Years sure do go by fast when one is retired; however, we're looking forward to lots of good times in 2007. A reminder that our dues are now due. They are still \$5.00 P/P. Make your check payable to Mike Chapin, 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 15** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**March 15** - 12:30 EST. Hosts & Location to be announced.

**April 19** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

## VIRGINIA

### BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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On Nov. 7, our chapter met at Edelweiss Restaurant near Staunton, VA for our Christmas meeting. There were 18 of us present. Several members were absent due to illness or other plans. We missed them.

John & Elizabeth Rice provided table decorations for each of us - toy baby bears & snow globes

- very appropriate for Christmas. Thanks to them.

The German food was good & enjoyed by all. The meeting was brief & Pres. Gene Calvert announced that winter meetings would be discontinued until April or May when our weather is more agreeable for travel. Notices will be sent to let everyone know where & when.

#### Calendar:

Next meeting to be announced.

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



The SEA Slickers are hoping for a better year in 2007.

With all the bad weather, wind, rain, landslides, toppled & uprooted trees, down power lines & snow we have seen it all. I've talked to members who were without power anywhere from 1 hr to 10 days. People got out chain saws & cut up their own wood. The out laying town of Woodville was one of the worst hit areas. Electric crews were brought in from Canada, OR, ID, MT, CO, KS & WY.

Norma Miller & family camped out in an apartment above their double car garage in Woodinville. She lost her mother along with other stresses in Dec. Norma's address is: 17522 156<sup>th</sup> PL N. E., Woodinville, WA 98072.

Karen Bixler lost her husband Gene very suddenly Dec 27. Her address is 14707 S. E. 122<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Renton, WA 98058.

Bob Brumfield, our Travel Desk Manager was on a local TV station twice between Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> as part of the SEA Men's Chorale.

George Weseman, out going Pres. who took a very bad fall while doing some painting on the back of their house last Sept. has been moved to Rainer Vista in Puyallup. He still can't have visitors or phone calls. His wife, Mary still likes to receive cards & prayers for both George & herself. Their address: 3542 Hampton Way, Kent, WA 98032-7027

Bob Brumfield brought us up to date with UAL. He came up with his usual funny jokes.

Don't forget our Travel Desk - Local (206) 433-4218 or outside the SEA area 1-888-826-3375, Mon-Tue-Wed-Thur, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pacific Time. We can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

**Feb. 13** – Fairwood Golf & Country - Date to be announced.

**March 13** - Fairwood Golf & Country

**April 10** - Mukle Shout Casino



**LILAC CITY FLYERS**

Spokane

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The Jan. dinner was hosted by Ed Meadows at Prospector's Bar & Grill in Airway Heights.

I received a card with a nice letter intended for our Spokane Flyers Chapter from Dutch & Peg Wagner in Melbourne, FL. They wished everyone a healthy 2007. They are doing okay with normal aging health problems. Glad they still think of us in the frozen North.

Frank & Willie Storey leave for PSP in Feb. Lance & I arrive in PSP the 1<sup>st</sup> week in Jan. Their 70 degree weather sounds better than ours in single digits.

For those of you with any news of interest, either e-mail or call me on my cell. I will attempt to get a newsletter to RUAEA from PSP. See everyone in April.

Calendar:

You will be advised of time and place by your host.



**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**THE DULLES LOUNGERS**

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The Dec. luncheon of the Loungers had a huge turnout. Are we beginning to take this for granted? Not at all! Our active & enthusiastic members had a Christmas program for S.E.R.V.E. to take care of, among other thing.

S.E.R.V.E. is an organization that helps the homeless & abused. For this worthy organization, we collected gifts, linens, food, & cleaning products. Our members, & the organizers of this program, can certainly be proud of this event. Dutch Schneider delivered the overflowing truckload of contributions for us. Thank you ALL!

David Cox has made arrangements for his work for the Loungers to be carried on while he undergoes his treatments for MDS (forerunner of Acute Leukemia.). Kerri Schneider, Linda Scriven, & Mari McColl will be co-chairing his duties under his guidance until Sept. At that time, David will be better able to evaluate the demands the treatments are making on his energy level & time. One option would, of course, be an election then. We have depended on David's continuing support & guidance; it is so like him to be concerned with the Loungers as he prepares himself.

Tina Cox has volunteered to continue with our Newsletter, as well as help with membership records. Thank you, Tina.

Don't forget to check our website for daily updates and news. We are online at: <http://dullesloungers.com> - Be sure to visit!

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

Robert H Ackerman, Charles E (Chic) Adams, Wyman Anderson, Robert W Anderson, Jacqueline M Anderson, Richard W Armistead, Ronald E Artman, Arthur A Asti, Boyd C Ballord, Kathryn Baran, Doris Y Baran, Shirley Barber, Elmer Barkmann, Gary W. Bartlett, Jerry L Bell, H R Benson Jr, Larry Bertsch, Janet T Biro Guild, Ignatius Blanda, Clifford H Blare, Coran F Bourdeau, Michael Thomas Bowles, Thomas F Boyle, Albert L Brennstainer Jr, James Bryden, Brian P Budds, John M. Burgess, Paul T Burton, Helen Cain, Edward A Carnes, Victoriano Castaneda Goytia, Duane S (Stu) Chambers, Bruce T Choy, Martin James Church, Eileen T Clarke, Earl Clore, Herbert Cohan, James W Compton, Lynn A Conner, Florence H Constance, Dorsey E Cooper, William Copley, Barbara N Cornwell, Charles J Correia, Wilford L Cruzan, Gail H Curran, Sandy Danielson, Christene "Teena" Davis, Alan Davis, Lloyd E Dawson, Marge Seiler Dayock, Carl V Dean, Patricia L Degerstedt, Fred Degrande, Pete Dell, Eddy L Dent, Donna R Diksis, Jack H Domosley, Terry R Doppler, William J Dubacher, Donald E Dulen, Eloise C A Edwards, Harry Egner, Dorothy A Eichers, Richard W Ems, Ulfert H Esen, Lola Farrer, Vic Ference, William J Fitzgerald, William K Fudge, Richard C Gainer, E Corinne Geppert, Joan M Gisle, Travis E Glass, Gerald R Goehring, Stephen O Gray, James B Grewe, Alison Grieg, Richard L Guida, William J Hale, Marilyn Button Hall, Donna L Hanlon, Walter F Hansen, Charles S. Harber, Eileen C Haynes, Robert C Held, Deanne A Henning, Susan P. Henriksen, James L Hernandez, Maureen B Hicks, Miyuki Hilliard, Joan C Hodgkins, Era Hoffmeyer, Nadine A Holten, John G Hornbaker, Robbie R Howard, Florence Hoy, Ray E Hutchinson, Berdina E Hyson, Elizabeth (Sally) Illingworth, Betty S Iwata, Patricia A Jahde, Gerald J. Janezick, Patricia L Jansen, Ole S Jensen, John Jeskey, R Lee Johnson, Susanne Johnson, Frederick P Jones, Marie Kady, Elsie P Kaenel, Shirley A Kagel, Tom Kalfa, Tadashi J Kato, Linda L Keim, Elizabeth Kieffer, Frank Koller, William J Krainak, Vincent R Krejchi, Kurt Kubatz, Alfred T Kubus Jr, Thomas Lanceley, Katherine L Larsen, Violet Larson, Mary Laspisa, Edward C M Lee, Barbara M Leo, Melinda S Lerg, Gloria L Lippold, Walter M London, R M Rosemary Lumpp, Clark E Luther, John B Mahon, Rudolph Maki, Angeline Malouhos, Colleen Martin, Loretta S Marvett, Ben M Matsumoto, Marrian Matthews, Thomas W Mc Donald, Dorothy Mae McGregor, Katherine B McClure, Robert P McCrory, Clau-

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## OBITUARIES

*Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.*

Retiree – **DOMINICK, Sam**, ORDJJ, on 10/29/06, husband of Juanita, 907 Wilkinson Parkway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2432

Retiree – **LAMBERTI, Arthur C.**, ORD, on 12/19/06, husband of the late Alice, 6167 N. Moody Ave., Chicago, IL 60646

Spouse – **ROHDE, Anita Gokosivil**, on 1/9/06, wife of Gilbert, DEN, 10589 Ronald Lane, Northglenn, CO 80234

Spouse – **SKAPA, Anna**, on 4/19/06, wife of K. A. Skapa, DENTK, 894 S. Flamingo Ct., Denver, CO 80246

*The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list reflecting the **Oct. 2006 Obits**; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:*

**ALLEY, Patricia S.**, JFKSW 10/14/06

**ANDERSON, Merle E.**, SFOEG 10/17/06

**BALLAGH, Arthur L.**, WHQPE 10/06/06

**BERNER, Thomas C.**, MDTOZ 10/25/06

**BROWN, Emily M.**, SEAMK 10/19/06

**BROWN, Martin L.**, SMFSZ 10/29/06

**CHAMBERLAIN, Stephen W.**, ORDJJ 10/02/06

**COOK, Edward A.**, ORDFO 10/21/06

**CRAIN, Larry L.**, SFOFF 10/29/06

**DEPNER, William H.**, ORDFO 10/16/06

**DOLBOW, William E.**, SFOPD 10/01/06

**DOMINICK, Sam**, ORDJJ 10/29/06

**DUGUAY, Ernest P.**, BDLMM 10/20/06

**FARRELL, Ronald E.**, SFOFO 10/09/06

**FLOWERS JR., Robert B.**, SFOCG 10/01/06

**GANNETT, Dorothy J.**, SFOMJ 10/03/06

**GLASSFORD, William A.**, PIT 10/22/06

**GRILLEY, John L.**, SFOSE 10/10/06

**HABERSTROH, Diane F.**, JFKSW 10/25/06

**HALT, David A.**, ORDFO 10/31/06

**HELMER, James F.**, SFOFO 10/06/06

**HILL, La Verne M.**, LAXFO 10/29/06

**HIMES, Jack R.**, SFOMM 10/09/06

**INDRISANO, Joseph B.**, SFOCE 10/14/06

**JAMES, Willie**, LAXMM 10/16/06

**JONES JR., Landon R.**, DCAFO 10/18/06

**KIRK, Sharon M.**, LAXSW 10/01/06

**KISHIYAMA, Charles C.**, DENMF 10/20/06

**LACOCO, Dianna F.**, WHQWS 10/18/06

**MALITZ, Guenter W.**, WHQFP 10/06/06

**MANN, Edward C.**, ORDCS 10/17/06

**MEI, Madeleine A.**, HNLSW 10/22/06

**MILLER, Floyd L.**, GEGSZ 10/19/06

**NELSON, Byron E.**, DCAOZ 10/24/06

**NICHOL, Gordon F.**, SFOEG 10/29/06

**O'NEILL, Jack W.**, DTWMM 10/05/06

**PETTERSON, William E.**, PHFTJ 10/06/06

**PROKOPCHUK, Mike**, SEACF 10/21/06

**PRZYBYLSKI, Jolanta B.**, LAXMK 10/20/06

**RIECK, John H.**, HNLMM 10/16/06

**ROLLINS, Reuben**, JFKMM 10/19/06

**ROWBOTHAM, Ernest T.**, SLCTR 10/08/06

**SPRINGLE, Hillcrest B.**, JFKMK 10/15/06

**STARKEY, James R.**, DENFF 10/26/06

**TEFKA, Ethel**, retiree, ORDF 10/10/06

**TILLER, Grace**, PHLHH 10/27/06

**VOELKER, Michael R.**, DCAFO 10/21/06

**WALKER, Layvonnia J.**, LAXHH, 10/28/06

**WALKEWICZ, Robert**, LAXFF 10/27/06

**WEINERT, Dennis J.**, ORDMM 10/27/06

**WERREN, Paul W.**, SFOIQ 10/25/06

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# LETTERS

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

Angeline Malouhos, Joyce Wilkuski, Micki Hilliard, Bob Brown, Jerry & Dorothy Smith, Harold Grandchamp, Phil Elliott, Bobbie Landers Jacobs, John E. & Mary Jo H. Carson, Pat "Casey" Smith, Bill Dubacher, Jerry Janezick, Richard O. Shanahan, Ann & Tony Wells, Dorothy M. McGregor, Ulfert Esen, James & Christine Wiegner, Rod Smith, Edward Szabo, Cathy Sullivan, E. C. Geppert, Joan M. Gisle, Kay (Bester) McClure, Linda Owens, R. Andersen, Kathryn Baran, Jim McClory, Robert P. McCrory, Robert Magdaleno, Tadashi J. Kato, Loretta E. Lorenzo, Maureen K. Harte, Sally J. Yap, Tom Roberts, Nora Fitzpatrick, Gert Holmbo, John S. Pasakarnis, M. G. Hahn, Kazuko Tajii, R. Lee Johnson, Berdina E. Hyson, Robert & Carol Faust, Ron & Pat Artman, Florence Hoy, Alison R. Grieg, Verne A. Madden, Patricia L. Janiak, Robert W. Anderson, Edward A. Carnes, Dorsey E. Cooper, Rudolph Maki.

## **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.)*

### **Earle W. Risdon, 428 River Oaks Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-4121**

Thank you for the wonderful job you & your co-workers do to keep us informed about the activities of all of our RUAEA chapters, also our RUAEA officers & directors.

Where does the time go, it seems like only yesterday that I celebrated the "Big 80" & paid my annual dues. Life is still good in Prescott, AZ; most of our travels this year have been to see many of the wonderful scenic areas in AZ. We had to attend a military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, in Washington, DC last month, we decided to drive. It was really a nice change of pace from flying; the food was better! We enjoyed seeing many of our friends in the Washington area, returned via SDF & SBN, where we visited more friends & family.

Our Tall Pines RUAEA group in Prescott is growing. We are looking forward to our Christmas dinner at the Hassayampa Inn. Ron & Shirley Robertson are going to join us, also bring us up-to-date on the recent RUAEA Directors Meeting.

### **Olga & Bruce Choy, 1927 Cordilleras Rd., Emerald Hills, CA 94062-3309**

Thank you for the privilege of receiving the newsletter for another year. It is a pleasure to include the dues plus a little extra for postage. Almost like returning the tenth part.

We have been regularly traveling in our mini-motor home, even flew "Ted" for a change to PHX enjoying Sedona & the Grand Canyon hiking the trails. It's a great life.

We wish the best to the active employees. If there is a merger that wise decisions be made along the way.

Wishing for a wonderful year to all the great retirees whom we have met along the way.

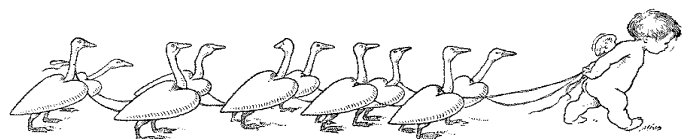
### **Bob Pineiro, 3317 W. Marcum St., Tampa, FL 33611**

Thanks for another great year of newsletter & information about United. Celebrated my 57<sup>th</sup> birthday in Nov. & I am still on active duty in the military. Went back to Iraq for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in June. Lots of good stuff going on that is not reported. If you want a good read on some of what I've been involved with these last five years since 9/11, pick up Thieves of Baghdad by Matthew Bogdanos. I took most of the pictures, Matthew was very generous & cited me several times throughout the book.

Went to Spain in Sept. - had chest pains while I was there. Upon my return, Tampa General performed an angioplasty & inserted a stent in the left main artery which was 95% blocked. Today I am feeling better than ever, am running 3 miles 4X a week. Going back to Iraq in Jan. for a quick trip.

All is well, I still enjoy flying United & ask our travel agent to always book me UA whenever I go to the desert. I am hoping that on this next trip I can try the IAD-Kuwait service.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy reading the newsletter online & catching up with everyone's activities.



**Pati Nathan, 6914 Churchill Rd., Mc Lean, VA 22101-2811**

Sorry for the late check - you'd think I could remember my birthday month!

Has anyone been looking at the consequences to us if United merges? From what I've read this will benefit upper management but not passengers or employees - so what else is new?

Thanks for all you do.

**Marie Berlenghi, 882 Rocky Ridge Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648**

Thanks very much for all the excellent work you all do. I have been retired for 5 years & the time has gone by so quickly. Loving it here in Del Webb Lincoln Hills. There are a lot of United retirees that live here.

I miss my days working in Engineering in SFO & working as Executive Assistant to Lou Mancini.

Hello to all my friends in Engineering.

**Era Hoffmeyer, 57808 720<sup>th</sup> St., Jackson, MN 56143-3246**

What a pleasure to receive the Newsletter each month. "Kudos" to all of you!

My "Best Regards" to Jo Madden & I trust she is improving each day.

Wishing all of you a happy & healthy 2007.

**Marv Berryman, 340 S. Locust St., Denver, CO 80224-1251**

I've had the usual "retirees busy year". I volunteer 1 day a week at United Airlines Historical Society; this year began writing a monthly column on the "History of United Airlines" for the RUAEA Newsletter.

I was also busy with genealogy, but did manage to find time to play golf. While my short game has improved, I've been hitting the woods (i.e. trees) All Too Well!

Big Events of the year included my mother, Dorothy Berryman's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday & my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Both were celebrated at the North Platt, NE airport banquet room.

The two Chevrolets below are from my mother's and my birth years, 1916 and 1936.



**Randy Benson, 272 Red Mountain Dr., Cloverdale, CA 95425-5402**

Enclosed are my RUAEA dues for next year, plus additional for the postage fund. Sorry they are a little late. I now have the renewal date firmly marked on the calendar.

Thanks again for the great Newsletter. I especially like the changes to the online version.

**Charles "Chic" & Roni Adam, 2012 North 24<sup>th</sup> St., Boise, ID 83702-0205**

Oh, Oh, we forgot Nov. birthday dues! I tried to blame Chic's 79 years, but it didn't work. I even told him that at this age, the mind periodically likes to go on vacation but he knew it was exactly his personal secretary/treasurer who forgot to take care of it. Sorry. His mind works very well, especially with precise dates & events of years with United from 1948 to retirement in 1984. Most of the 22 years of retirement have been good to Chic, except the last 7 when he was diagnosed with emphysema & the last 4 with bone cancer. Tends to slow a man down, he says! We gratefully celebrated our 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary April 2006, & are already planning our 52<sup>nd</sup>. This past year he was in remission for 10 months, but is back on chemo since first week of Dec.

In Sept. I attended my Clipped Wings convention held at the Brown Palace in DEN. The DEN chapter did a fantastic job of providing a great convention for this group of "old eagles". Although we gather to decide how our philanthropy work can help others less fortunate, it is always such a pleasure to see other Clipped Wingers & do "catch-ups" plus, the memories, WOW! Additional memories were triggered when UAL president, W. A. "Pat" Patterson was, a short time ago, inducted into the Hall of Fame (museum in SAN). About time!

I would like to share one of my personal memories about him: "When I was flying in 1954, I was privileged to have met Pres. Patterson. I was based in SLC & lived in an apartment complex with several other stewardesses. Our landlady took the place of a "house mother", her unit had a large dining room. On one of Mr. Patterson's trip to SFO, he was spending a short time in SLC to meet the employees who worked at the airport in reservations, ticket counter, ramp, dispatch, & flight kitchen (remember those?). Not to "miss out" we asked if he would have time to join us for a buffet

lunch at our apartment complex. Our landlady provided the dining room, but also had to provide the plates & silverware because most of the dishes & silverware we had in our apartments were off our airplanes! He came & had lunch with "his girls" (that was his favorite name for us). There were about 24 of us, before he left, he knew everyone by name. He was a wonderful man, with such a delightful laugh ... eyes that always sparkled." This is my favorite memory about a great man who really cared about his employees. And, yes, each of my 2 daughters, when they were born in the 1960s, received a yellow blanket from the office of Pat Patterson.

Chic & I would like to send our grateful thanks to all of you who make our RUAEA newsletter a delightful connection to memories of good times & good friends.

**Mary Moore, 17005 Buchanan Place, Aurora, CO 80011**

I am sorry my dues are late, but since I do not get a hard copy of the newsletter with the red stamp, it slipped my mind. Plus I was a bit overwhelmed with the thought of lung cancer surgery.

FYI, the lung cancer surgery was a success.

**Charlene S. Canada, 5594 S. Jasper Way, Centennial, CO 80015**

I know that most of us still cannot fathom the unpleasant changes in our industry that have occurred in recent years. One view you may not have thought of: My entire work history has been erased:

- ✈ The Omaha CTO is gone.
- ✈ The Denver RES Center is gone.
- ✈ Lowry Air Force Base & its SATO office are gone.
- ✈ Stapleton International Airport is gone. (And even Braniff International, where I started my airline career, is gone!)

This is so sad, for so many of us.

What a great life it was ... we were so lucky.

**Sharon Minelli, 4169 Story Rd., Fairview Park, OH 44126-1727**

Happy New Year to All: Still enjoying my retirement but don't have enough time to do everything I want to do!

I am still working as a part-time travel agent &

really enjoy keeping my hand in the business. Next Aug. we are taking a 31 night cruise & are looking forward to that with great anticipation.

**Jim Calderone, 22205 W. Ashleigh Marie Dr., Buckeye, AZ 85326 - (623) 466-0190 or (623) 466-0186**

Another year has gone by. Anney & I moved to Buckeye, AZ last March, we have a wonderful home & love it here. I'm a mortgage broker now & have worked with a lot of wonderful airline people. Anyone planning on moving to AZ, give me a call; am sure I can help everyone get settled.

**Tom Kalfa, 16705 Jeanette Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703-1203**

*Late Dues Lament*

*This year, truly, I had every good intention to pay my dues early and avoid "detention".*

*But I had to hang my head in shame when you red-stamped newsletter came and "The Check's in the mail" was my only contention.*

*After all, your newsletter is so well received and the mailing costs can hardly be believed.*

*So I'll cough up some extra dough to alleviate my sense of woe, and, I hope, improve the way I'm perceived. Another thing I'd like to make perfectly clear is that I enjoy the news of retirees far and near.*

*Thank you so very much for helping to keep us in touch with each other and an airline we still hole quite dear.*

**Robert H. Ackerman, 10101 E. Gibbs Rd., Valleyford, WA 99036**

After the loss of my wife, Marie after 50 years, 3 years ago, I decided & needed to be closer to family. So I moved 4 months ago from Snoqualmie, WA to the Spokane area. I'm still unpacking boxes & plenty left for anyone interested in doing the same. After 38 years in a big house & shop I find I have enough left over to furnish another homestead.

Four daughters with long "honey do" lists keep me busy, & a chance to check out the latest check-in process in my travels.

I appreciate all the news and latest info in the Newsletter. Keep up the good work!



**A. Laurance (Larry) Moe, 6726 Bitterroot Dr.,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80923-7325**

It is hard to believe, but 2007 will mark the twentieth year of my retirement from United Airlines. The time has just flown by.

Our only trip this year was a car drive to DEN to go to PBGC session on retirement. Quite uneventful.

We out here in "the field" cannot say enough about you folks in DEN who put out this Newsletter with the assembling & mailing & everything else involved. Thank you very much.

**Ann & Tony Wells, 55 Lincoln Parkway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014-4221**

Many thanks for a great job having done a newsletter for 8 years, I know how much work is involved & really appreciate your efforts to keep us all informed.

**Harold Grandchamp, 20591 E. Weaver Ave.,  
Aurora, CO 80016-1135**

Still enjoy the Newsletter - I thank you & your staff for your tireless energy & dedication to keep us up to date.

Three years since my colon cancer surgery - still doing great.

April 2nd opening day for Rockies baseball & my 14th season.

If your Newsletter has the Red "IT'S TIME TO RENEW" Stamp on it and you have sent in your dues, disregard the Red Stamp (the mailing labels for the current Newsletter were printed before your dues was posted in our computer.)

If you have not paid your dues and this is your last issue, your dues needs to be in the RUAEA Denver Office within the first week of the month to ensure there is no interruption to your Newsletter delivery.



**UNITED AIRLINES**

# Important Phone Numbers



**United Retiree Service Center**

1-888-825-0188 (M-F 7AM - 5PM Central Time).

<https://www.ualretirees.com/>

<https://united.intranet.ual.com/>

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

**Blue Cross / Blue Shield**

1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

Traditional Plan information, claim status, claim forms.

**1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478)**

For flight information and to list yourself and companions for travel.

**Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees**

1-800-393-6682

**Portland Travel Desk - Toll Free**

1-888-278-7038 (M/W/F 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

**Seattle Travel Desk - Toll Free**

1-888-826-3375 (M/T/W/Th 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

**PBGC**

1-800-400-7242

<http://www.pbgc.gov>

**Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213

<http://www.ssa.gov>



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# General Information

## **Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park**

1209 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 443-1234  
[www.sacramento.hyatt.com](http://www.sacramento.hyatt.com)

### *Location*

- Fifteen minutes from Sacramento International Airport
- Easy access to I-5, US-50 and I-80
- Convenient to many location attractions

### *Accommodations*

- 503 guest rooms, 22 suites
- High-speed Internet access in all guest rooms
- 24-hour automated Business Center
- Convenient metro stop just steps from the lobby
- Fitness center, whirlpool and heated outdoor swimming pool
- Variety of dining venues, Dawson's American Bistro, Vines Café and Amourath 1819 Lobby Lounge

### *Other attractions nearby:*

- Capitol Park
- State Capitol
- Cathedral
- IMX Theater
- Community Theater

*For reservations call  
1-916-443-1234 or toll free  
1-800-233-1234 or go online  
[www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and click on  
the convention hotel link.*

### Other Eateries

#### Just in a few blocks

Broiler Steakhouse  
Chops Steakhouse  
Esquire Grill  
Glides  
Hamburger Mary's  
Hard Rock Café  
Lucca  
MaJong's  
Mason's  
Morgan's Bistro  
Morton's Steakhouse  
P.F. Chang's  
Spataro  
Upper Crust Pizza

### Other Eateries

#### A little further away

Amarin Thai Cuisine  
Frank Fat's  
Il Fornaio  
Zocalo  
4<sup>th</sup> Street Grill

### Bakeries & Delis

Bean Trees  
Café Dolce  
La Bou  
Pennisi's Deli  
Seattle's Best  
Starbucks

### Pubs & Breweries

Brew It Up!  
Pyramid Ale House  
River City Brewing

*There are many other  
eating and entertaining  
establishments in the  
downtown and Old  
Sacramento area along  
with the Downtown  
Shopping Mall check  
your copy of **Welcome  
to Sacramento.***

### PARKING

Hotel guest parking is  
\$16.00 per day for  
self park and \$24.00  
per day for Valet  
parking. This  
includes in and out  
privileges

### Hotel Cutoff Date

**May 6, 2007 Please  
Register early.**

**There are many  
advantages to  
staying at the  
Convention Hotel:**

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

**Looking forward to  
seeing everyone at the  
2007 RUAEA  
Sacramento Convention**

**May 27 ~ June 2, 2007**

**Final Note  
Bring comfortable shoes  
for walking  
Sacramento  
temperatures for late  
May  
Average high 82  
Average low 55**

# 2007 RUAEA CONVENTION

## SACRAMENTO

### HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to Sacramento, CA – the Capital of California! The location for the RUAEA Convention 2007 is the beautiful Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park. The hotel is about fifteen minutes from Sacramento International Airport & between the Capitol grounds & the Downtown Plaza Shopping Mall. It is about a dozen blocks from “Old Sacramento” the western terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad & the Pony Express.

The hotel features 503 newly renovated, luxurious guestrooms, including 22 luxury suites. There is a fitness center, whirlpool & heated outdoor swimming pool. There are variety of dining venues, including Dawson’s American Bistro & Martini Bar, Vines Café for all seasons & Amourath 1819 Lobby Lounge and Patio. Nearby are many other interesting and affordable restaurants.

The Convention will include the following daily events:

- ✈ TOURS IN AND AROUND SACRAMENTO
- ✈ ART & CRAFT EXHIBIT AND RAFFLE
- ✈ 50/50 RAFFLE
- ✈ HOSPITALITY TIME

The Convention Committee has worked very hard to choose an assortment of interesting tours for your enjoyment. **Tips for the bus drivers & docents/escorts are included in the listed prices.** In addition there are many attractions near the hotel for you added enjoyment. There is a Trolley that circles the Downtown Mall adjacent to the hotel and Old Sacramento. The Light Rail system stops just behind the hotel & can take you around the surrounding area at a senior rate. This includes the Folsom area with their outlet stores as well as an extension to the Amtrak Station.

You may think that the Friendship Dinner & Banquet Dinner prices are high but remember these are upscale three course dinners with entertainment, includes tax, gratuity & service charges. There are a wonderful choice of meals featuring beef, chicken, salmon & vegetarian fare. **The steaks will be prepared medium rare.**

If you’ve never been to Sacramento you are in for a surprising treat. There are many historic & interesting things to see & do. So come to **Sacramento and Beyond.** Your RUAEA Convention Committee looks forward to welcoming you to an exciting week!!

## Hospitality Suite

The Hospitality Suite will be open from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm Mon. through Thurs. On Tues. through Thurs. there will be a no host cash bar available from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Available in the Suite will be maps & brochures of local interest. This is a great place to meet your friends & plan your day when you are not scheduled for one of our fabulous tours. Our committee has planned a theme for the evenings when the cash bar will be available. Tues. will be a surprise. Wed. will be Hawaiian night featuring United's "Little Corner of the World". Thurs. will be Western night with local entertainment from the Sierra Foothills. So bring your Hawaiian shirts, muu muus, western wear & the like. You might even see some entertainment. We hope to have some surprises. Come join these social hours with friends or meet new friends - maybe win a door prize. You must be present to win.

This year the Hospitality Suite plus the Arts & Crafts Display/Raffle will be in two different rooms although they are close together. As in the past there will be a wonderful array of Arts & Crafts donated to be raffled. On Wed. evening there will be a 'Meet the Artist' time where you have a chance to meet the person/persons who donated the items on display. These artisans will have a chance to tell everyone about their work & themselves.

The United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) will again have a display of memorabilia. This organization was founded by Capt. Bill Arnott & a group of his co-workers in 1993. They have an office at the Denver Flight Training Facility as well as a display of some of their memorabilia. Take a step back in the history of our company & the airline industry. Foundation representatives will be on hand to answer questions & accept donations. Any items you may have relating to United or the airlines & don't know what to do with will be gladly accepted by the Foundation. They will also accept monetary donations. All donations are tax deductible as they are a non-profit 501 (3) c organization.

Clipped Wings will also have a contact at this convention. Clipped Wings is an organization of past & present United Airlines Stewardesses & Flight Attendants. The organization was founded by Jackie Jos Ceaser in Chicago, 1941, to maintain her airline friendships & to do for others less fortunate. Like all organizations they are always looking for new members. There may be a chapter near you. Clipped Wings will be offering for purchase limited edition United related silk scarves & ties. Proceeds help to fund their philanthropy efforts. Clipped Wings is also a non-profit 501 (3) c organization.

# Sacramento and Beyond

## Art Exhibits

Very talented RUAEA members, family & friends contribute to our annual Art Exhibit & 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 Sat. evening Banquet. Francis & Veronica Domaratius are our Art Chairpersons & are always looking for contributors. Please contact them at (916) 789-0422. Email - [vandfgracious@surewest.net](mailto:vandfgracious@surewest.net). Their address is 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661.

## 50/50 Raffle

The popular 50/50 Raffle will return to the Convention 2007. Prizes awarded on Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. afternoon.

## Chapters Principal's Meeting

Mort Wax, RUAEA's President, invites all Chapter Principals or their alternates to join him for a Fri. meeting with Continental breakfast, June 1, 2007 at 7:00 AM. The meeting will be held in the Capital View Room on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor. Please RSVP to Marilyn Marcy prior to the Convention at (703) 968-8269, Email [MMarcy99@aol.com](mailto:MMarcy99@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 Fri. morning at 7:00 AM, June 1, 2007 with Continental breakfast. The meeting will be held in the Carmel Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please RSVP to Jo (303) 377-0153, Email - [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com) or Virgil (303) 343-2102, Email [vgoose@comcast.net](mailto:vgoose@comcast.net) prior to the Convention.

## Registration

Your Banquet & 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, or 100<sup>th</sup> individual to register you will be our guest at the Friendship Dinner on Friday night.

## Cancellation & Refund Policy

Registration fees are non-refundable. Cancellations must be received by Judie King by May 6, 2007 (address is on the registration form). Tour, special event operators & 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 6, 2007 will be refunded if there is **no cost to the convention**. Cancellations received after May 6, 2007 will be reviewed individually after the convention; refunds will be granted if there is no cost to the convention.

## DISCLAIMER

All meals, travel & other Convention Activities arranged by & for RUAEA members & Convention participants are for the convenience, benefit, & enjoyment of said participants. Neither RUAEA nor the 2007 Convention is in no way responsible for the safety, or well-being of Convention participants, nor their property.

# **CONVENTION CHECKLIST/TRANSPORTATION**

## **Transportation to and from Sacramento International Airport**

The Hyatt Regency does not have a courtesy van to & from the airport. Your options are Super Shuttle, their current rate is \$12.00 P/P & you can get a dollar off coupon at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Yellow Cab has a flat rate of \$29.50 per cab up to four persons. Hertz & Avis are offering a substantial discount on rentals. The Hertz ID is 03YW0001, the Avis ID is J995450, you can also go to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) & reserve a car online.

Sacramento Airport has two terminals, A & B. United/United Express uses terminal B along with American, Aloha, Alaska/Horizon, Continental, Frontier, Jet Blue & Northwest. All other airlines (Delta, America West, Hawaiian and Southwest) use terminal A.

At terminal A Super Shuttle has a desk at the far end of the baggage claiming area. The shuttles are just outside that area along with the taxi cabs. Super Shuttle has a desk on the street side of terminal B. Taxi cabs are also at the curb outside the baggage claiming area.

Car Rentals - All car rentals are handled at a separate terminal on airport property. A shuttle to the rental terminal stops at the center island outside the baggage claiming area. The stop is identified with a blue & a white key in the center. The shuttle runs every few minutes. Both Hertz & Avis are offering good discounts. These discounts apply to rental up to a week before convention plus a week following convention. Check the RUAEA website for more details [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

**RUAEA Greeters will be in the baggage claiming areas in both terminals to help direct you.**

**The airport also has information counters in both terminals that are manned by volunteers that may also assist you with transportation needs.**

## **Check List**

1. Register for regular convention events (tours & meals) by April 20, 2007.
  2. **Don't forget the required registration fee for each attendee.**
  3. Call the Hyatt Regency toll free 1-800-233-1234 or direct 1-916-443-1234 or go to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and connect to the hotel link. The hotel cutoff date is May 6, 2007. If you are calling make certain they know you are with United RUAEA Convention to obtain the \$99 + Tax nightly rate. Keep the confirmation number for your records.
  4. Reminder, plan on attending Saturday's Benefits Panel Meeting, you may find some very useful information or questions. Starting at 7:00 am to 9:30 am.
  5. Reminder, plan on attending Saturday's Business Meeting starting at 10:00 am. It provides a chance to ask questions & be better informed. Door prizes will be awarded following the meeting.
  6. **Remember to list or book your flights, bring your photo ID, copy of your Convention Registration forms, a camera, medications, comfortable clothing and walking shoes.**
- Average temps for late May are mid 80s in the daytime and mid 50s in the evening.

**Have a great flight, train ride, car drive or whatever transportation,  
the Convention Committee is eager to see you in Sacramento, California !**

## 2007 SACRAMENTO RUAEA CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – MAY 27 – JUNE 2

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
Sun	May 27	8:00 AM – Til ??? 12:00PM – 6:00 PM 3:00 PM – Til ???	Committee set-up Registration open, Late Tour Sales (Mezzanine) Hotel check-in SFO Tour 1
Mon	May 28	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM - 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Registration, Late Tour Sales (Mezzanine) Yosemite Tour leave SFO Hospitality Suite (Big Sur A & B) Art Display and 50/50 (Golden St. A & B) Sacramento Jazz Jubilee Festival I Governor's Mansion
Tue	May 29	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM 7:15 PM – 10:45 PM	Registration, Late Tour Sales (Mezzanine) Hospitality Suite (Big Sur A & B) Art Display and 50/50 (Golden St. A & B) Discovery Museum/Railroad Museum Crocker Art Museum/Frasinetti/Stanford Mansion Spirit of Sacramento Cruise
Wed	May 30	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM 8:45 AM – 6:30 PM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM 7:15 PM – 10:45 PM	Registration, Late Tour Sales (Mezzanine) Hospitality Suite (Big Sur A & B) Art Display and 50/50 (Golden St. A & B) Doolittle Museum/Jelly Belly/Anheuser Busch Bridgeport/Empire Mine Lodi Wine Tour Walking Tour Capital/Cathedral A Walking Tour Capital/Cathedral B Spirit of Sacramento Cruise
Thu	May 31	7:45 AM – 6:00 PM 7:45 AM – 6:45 PM 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM 8:15 AM – 4:40 PM 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM 5:45 PM – 10:00 PM	South Lake Tahoe Cruise Calavaras Big Trees/Ironstone Winery & Gardens Registration, Late Tour Sales (Mezzanine) Hospitality Suite (Big Sur A & B) Art Display and 50/50 (Golden St. A & B) Doolittle Museum/Jelly Belly/Anheuser Busch Marshall Gold Discovery/Placerville Crocker Art Museum/Frasinetti/Stanford Mansion River Cats Baseball
Fri	June 1	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM 8:45 AM – 4:30 PM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:15 AM – 3:45 PM 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM	Chapter Principal Breakfast (Capitol View 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor) Correspondents Breakfast (Carmel A & B) Registration, Late Tour Sales (Mezzanine) Hospitality Suite (Big Sur A & B) Art Display and 50/50 (Golden St. A & B) Sacramento River Train Lunch McClellan Air/Towe Auto Museums Lodi Wine Tour Julia Morgan/Afternoon Tea Discovery/Railroad Museums Walking Tour Capitol/Cathedral Reception before Friendship Dinner (Regency Foyer) Friendship Dinner (Regency Ballroom)
Sat	June 2	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM 12:15 PM – 4:00 PM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM 5:00 PM – 6:45 PM 6:45 PM – 10:00 PM	Registration (Mezzanine) Hospitality Suite (Big Sur A & B) Art Display and 50/50 (Golden St. A & B) Retirees Benefits Panel Presentation (Regency ABC) RUAEA Business Meeting (Regency ABC) Individual Benefits Breakout Sessions (Carmel A & B) Breakdown and Storage Board of Directors Meeting (Capitol View 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor) Reception before RUAEA Banquet Banquet Dinner
Sun	June 3	8:30 AM - 8:30 AM -	Tour to Ferry/Beach Blanket and SFO Cleanup and Checkout

# TOUR DESCRIPTIONS RUAEA 2007 CONVENTION

## 2007 RUAEA CONVENTION TOURS

Come & see first hand why so many people came West for the Gold. On many of the RUAEA 2007 tours you will have the opportunity to see & feel the many wonders of Northern California. See how California got the nickname the Golden State, hear the roar of a magnificent waterfall, stand amongst some of the tallest trees, sample some of our fine wines, visit a military base & museum, learn the history of automobiles, agriculture equipment & the railroads, pan for gold, picnic along the river, visit some of the quaint & colorful towns of the Old West, cross the water to San Francisco and much more.

**Don't miss out on the beauty & adventures that await you in Sacramento and Beyond!**

**Tours include:** Transportation by air conditioned motor coach (unless otherwise stated), RUAEA escort, snacks on the bus, **meals as indicated, entrance fees, taxes & tips to the driver, guides and servers.**

## YOSEMITE OVERNIGHT/SFO ARRIVAL

**Tour # 1 & 1A**

**May 27 – 29 / 2 nights 8:00 am**

**\$349 per person, Double (Single Supplement + \$187)**

Our trip begins with your arrival at our SFO Airport Hotel (TBA) - You may check-in after 3:00pm. We will meet Mon. morning at 8:00 am to begin our drive to the **Yosemite** area. Along the way we will stop in **Jamestown**, the setting for the filming of the television show Petticoat Junction & at the **Railtown 1897 State Historic Park**, home to the Historic Sierra Railroad Shops & Roundhouse. This one-of-a-kind attraction combines industrial heritage & railroad history with the lore of Hollywood's film industry. This has been the setting for many movies & television programs. The Railtown 1897 Interpretive Center, the authentic roundhouse & shops, and the Depot Store (a railroad specialty gift shop) are among the Park's unique offerings. Following our tour we continue on to the Tenaya Lodge, our home for the night - **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite** is a classic mountain resort set two miles from Yosemite National Park's southern gate, surrounded by noble evergreen forest & a rich range of Sierra recreation. Your afternoon is free to enjoy the resort. At 6:00 pm we will meet in the lobby for our transfer to our **BBQ Dinner & Entertainment**. On Tues., after breakfast (on own arrangements) we will be off to the **Yosemite National Park**. On our 26-mile, **open tram two-hour tour**, Rangers introduce some of Yosemite's most famous sightseeing points in Yosemite Valley and describe the history, geology, plant and animal life of the region. Next we are off to the famous **Ahwahnee Lodge for lunch**. Following lunch and shopping time we will begin our ride to the Sacramento Hyatt. (*See Tour 25 for return trip*).

## SACRAMENTO JAZZ FESTIVAL

**Tour # 2 & 2A**

**Monday, May 28 ~ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**\$20 per person**

**\$10 per person (senior 60 and older)**

Come early & attend the world re-known 33<sup>rd</sup> annual **Sacramento Jazz Jubilee** on the closing day of its annual event. The Jubilee attracts **world class jazz performers** & enthusiasts from throughout the World. With over **30 venues**, some within easy walking distance of the hotel or the free shuttle service to take you to sites in Old Town, & Raley Field, to enjoy this outstanding collection of bands. Listen or dance to Classic Jazz, Big Bands, Zydeco, Gospel, Latin, Western Swing, Ragtime, Blues, Swing, Jump Jive and New Orleans Funk. For more, go to [www.sacjazz.com](http://www.sacjazz.com).



## OLD GOVERNOR'S MANSION / HISTORIC CITY CEMETERY

### Tour # 3

Monday, May 28 ~ 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm

\$40 per person

Today we have a docent led tour of the **Governor's Mansion**. Originally built by a hardware merchant in 1877, the mansion became California's Executive Mansion in 1903. The mansion is an example of Second Empire-Italianate architecture. The interior design reflects a mixture of tastes, ranging from the original Victorian builder through all the various governors & first ladies who lived there. It was home to thirteen of the state's governors until 1967 when then Governor Ronald Reagan became the last governor to live there. The mansion has over 30-rooms & 9-bathrooms. 14-foot ceilings, Persian carpets, Italian marble fireplaces, chandeliers & French mirrors grace the mansion. The Mansion is not presently used as a residence by the current California Governor. Our next stop will be the **Sacramento Historic City Cemetery - *Resting Place of California Pioneers***. Adorned with beautiful statues, dramatic markers & lush gardens, Sacramento Historic City Cemetery is an outdoor museum recording California history from the **Gold Rush Era** through today. Since its **establishment in 1849**, the City Cemetery has become the resting place of many remarkable Californians, demonstrating the diversity of California history and culture. We will discover the burial sites of Sacramento mayors & California governors as well as memorials to Civil War Veterans, Volunteer Firemen & the victims of the 1850 Cholera Epidemic. The **City Cemetery** is the oldest existing cemetery in Sacramento. Keeping with the popular style of the times, it was designed to resemble a Victorian garden. Traversed by pathways & grand avenues, the cemetery provides a park-like setting for exploring history.

## CROCKER ART MUSEUM / FRASINETTI WINERY / LELAND STANFORD MANSION

### Tour # 4 & 15

Tuesday, May 29 / Thursday May 31 ~ 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

\$79 per person

Our first stop today is the **Crocker Art Museum**. The longest continuously operating art museum in the West, the Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 & remains the leading art institution for the California Capital Region and Central Valley. The Museum offers a diverse spectrum of special exhibitions, events & programs to augment its collections of **California, European, Asian** artworks, and **International Ceramics**. Our next stop is the **Frasinetti Winery** which was founded on the southern edge of Sacramento, California in 1897. The anniversary marks 110 years of wine production, making Frasinetti the oldest family-owned and operated wine producer in the Sacramento valley. After Wine Tasting we enjoy a **Hot 3-course Lunch** at the Winery, which also features one of the best gift shops. Our final stop is at the **Leland Stanford Mansion**, a stunning example of the splendor & elegance of the Victorian era in California. During our tour of the 19,000-square-foot Mansion you will see: soaring 17-foot ceilings, gilded mirrors & exquisitely detailed carved moldings, beautifully restored woodwork, elegant 19th century crystal & bronze light fixtures, historic paintings, re-created carpeting & draperies based on photographs from the 1870s to match the original interior design, original period furnishings that belonged to the Stanfords, and 19th-Century style gardens.

## **DISCOVERY MUSEUM / FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT / RAILROAD MUSEUM**

**Tour # 5 & 20**

**Tuesday, May 29 / Friday, June 01 ~ 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**\$85 per person**

Our first stop in **Old Sacramento** will be the **Discovery Museum** where history, science, space & technology come together as your departure point for a hands-on exploration of past, present & future. Explore: a Replica of the **1854 City Hall & Waterworks building**, the **Gold Gallery**, the **Planetarium**, **Challenger Learning Center**, **McClatchy Gallery**, the **Nature Trail**, native wildlife in the **Nature Discovery Room** & the **Agricultural Technology Gallery**. Next stop is lunch with a **Hot 3-course Lunch at The Firehouse Restaurant** – the winner in six categories in the ***Best of Sacramento*** awards including ***Best Wine List*** & ***Best Outdoor Dining***. Lunch is usually in the romantic tree covered courtyard. For over forty years, The Firehouse has earned its reputation for providing unparalleled ambiance in a truly unique & memorable setting. Built in 1853 and originally home of "Sacramento No. 3," The Firehouse was the first building in **Old Sacramento** to be restored and is designated a historical landmark. Our final stop today will be at the **California State Railroad Museum** which is a complex of historic facilities and unique attractions. Widely regarded as one of North America's finest & most visited railroad museums, there is something here for everyone! Experience lavishly restored trains, engaging exhibits, & unique special events.

## **SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO RIVERBOAT DINNER and DANCING CRUISE**

**Tour # 6 & 12**

**Tuesday May 29 / Wednesday May 30 ~ 7:15 pm to 10:45 pm**

**\$98 per person**

Explore the beauty of the Sacramento River aboard a magnificent Victorian Paddlewheeler the ***Spirit of Sacramento*** while enjoying great food & dancing to the golden oldies. While relaxing & enjoying your Buffet Dinner, you can imagine the days of long ago when the river was the main source of transporting & receiving goods. The Sacramento River flows 382 miles southwest between the Cascade & Sierra Nevada ranges, through the northern **Central Valley**. It forms a common delta with the **San Joaquin River** before entering the northern arm of **San Francisco Bay**. California's largest river, it is navigable for 180 miles & accommodates oceangoing vessels as far as **Sacramento**. Scene of the Gold Rush of 1849, the river flows through one of the world's richest agricultural regions. Listen to the sound of the river & tunes from the DJ while cruising, dancing & rolling along the river. After docking, your tour bus will return you to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

## **DOOLITTLE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM/JELLY BELLY FACTORY**

**ANHEUSER BUSCH BREWERY**

**Tour # 7 & 13**

**Wednesday, May 30 / Thursday, May 31 ~ 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**\$68 per person**

Our day begins with a tour of the **Jelly Belly Factory**. During the 40-minute walking tour, see a real working factory where we cook up over 150 different sweet treats. Learn the secrets to how they create the legendary Jelly Belly jelly bean, and discover why it takes more than a week to make a single bean. See taffy, chocolates, & wild gummi critters in the making, too. Next we are off to the **Anheuser-Busch Brewery** where we discover first-hand how the world's greatest beers are carefully crafted using the highest quality ingredients & packaged in a state-of-the-art facility. No visit is complete without a stop at the Anheuser-Busch Gift Shop. Time for our **Picnic Lunch** which will be at the Jimmy Doolittle Air & Space Museum picnic area! After lunch we take a tour of the **Jimmy Doolittle Air & Space Museum**. One of the Largest Collections of Military Aircraft on the West Coast - Travis Air Museum has 35 aircraft on display, assorted exhibits on military aviation, and a **gift shop**. Be sure to bring your **government issued ID, i.e. driver's license** since this is still an active Air Force Base.

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## **BRIDGEPORT / GRASS VALLEY / EMPIRE GOLD MINE**

**Tour # 8**

**Wednesday, May 30 ~ 8:45 am to 6:30 pm**

**\$70 per person**

Our day begins with a walk on the **Bridgeport Covered Bridge**. Bridgeport is one of only 10 covered bridges remaining in California. The bridge is in very good condition considering its age. Built in 1862, its length is 251 feet across the swift-flowing South Fork of the Yuba River part of the Virginia Turnpike Company Toll Road that once served the Northern Mines and Nevada's Comstock Lode. It is the **longest single span covered bridge** in the United States. The Sugar Pine shake roofing & sides not only protect the timber from the weather, but contribute an air of historic antiquity which attracts many visitors to see & photograph. A **Gold Panning** demonstration follows our walk. A **Picnic Lunch** will be served. Time for some **Shopping in Grass Valley!** The downtown area of Grass Valley draws avid shoppers from all over the world! If you are tired of the same old stores, come to a place where every store is unique & the items they sell can be found nowhere else. Next we visit the **Empire Mine State Historic Park** - the site of one of the oldest, largest, deepest, longest & richest gold mines in California. In existence for more than 100 years, the mine produced 5.6 million ounces of gold before it closed in 1956. The park contains many of the mine's buildings, the owner's home & restored gardens, as well as the entrance to 367 miles of abandoned & flooded mine shafts. Our docent led tour includes the **Cottage, Gardens, Mine Yard and Hard Rock Mining** areas.

## **LODI WINERY TOUR with LUNCH at WINE & ROSES**

**Tour # 9 & 19**

**Wednesday, May 30 / Friday, June 01 ~ 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**\$109 per person**

On our way to the wineries, we will make a stop at **Spaans Cookies** to learn about cookie making from the Spaan Family with a history of cookie making dating back to 1896. Following **cookies & coffee** we make our way to Lodi. The **Lodi Wine Country** is nestled between the San Francisco Bay Area & the Foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The beautiful vineyard scenery in Lodi tells the tale of both young & old vines. The older vines, especially our famous Zinfandel, spread their roots deep into our sandy soils. You'll notice the individual pattern of "head-pruned" vines. Younger vines such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, & Chardonnay are easily recognized by their long trellised rows. Prior to lunch we will stop at two Wineries for **Wine Tasting & Shopping** (wine tasting fee included). Our **Hot 3-course Lunch** with a choice of one **glass of red or white wine** today will be at **Wine & Roses**. **Wine & Roses** provides a comfortable & relaxing environment set within seven acres of towering trees & serene botanical gardens. Following lunch you will have time to enjoy the gardens & gift shop before we head back to Sacramento.

## **WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN**

**(Capitol / Cathedral / IMAX Theater)**

**Tour # 10 & 11**

**Wednesday, May 30 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm ~ Wednesday, May 30 ~ 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Tour # 23**

**Friday June 1 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**\$10.00 per person (limited to 20 people per time & date)**

Today is a departure from the other tours. We stay nearby & take a short easy walk from the hotel to view the **Vietnam War Memorial** as we stroll through **Capitol Park**. We continue our exploration of California's Gold Rush history, as we visit the restored **State Capitol** for a docent led tour. A short jaunt will take us to the newly restored **Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** established as a sign of civilization in the early days of California. We have more opportunity to see the beauty & variety of California when we attend the showing of **Adventure Around California** at the 407 seat **IMAX theater**. It houses a 6 story-high, 82 foot wide screen with 12,000 watts of digital surround sound. The 70mm film technology provides film entertainment that takes you places you only dream of going. **Shopping or lunch on your own** at nearby restaurants during the afternoon. (Tour 10 & 23 are for early birds with a longer lunch/shopping break.)

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## **SOUTH LAKE TAHOE CRUISE and CASINO STOP**

### **Tour # 14**

**Thursday, May 31 ~ 7:45 am to 6:00 pm**

**\$97 per person**

Sit back & enjoy the beautiful scenery as we make our way to South Lake Tahoe. As the largest alpine lake in the United States, **Lake Tahoe** is the jewel of the Sierras. Situated on the California/Nevada border, the lake serves as a center for a host of tourist & recreational activities. We'll **cruise the lake** & enjoy a **Hot Buffet Lunch** aboard the **M.S. Dixie II**. The luxurious **paddle wheeler** M.S. Dixie first came to Lake Tahoe in 1949. Retired in 1993 & replaced by the state-of-the-art M.S. Dixie II, the tradition is alive today in Tahoe's newest & largest paddlewheeler. U.S. Coast Guard certified for up to 570 passengers, the M.S. Dixie II was originally constructed on the headwaters of the Mississippi, then transported over 2,000 miles on transport rigs nearly a football field in length, to its home port here in historic Zephyr Cove Resort & Marina, NV. Following our lake cruise we will have a few options – you can test Lady Luck at the **Casinos**, **shop in the charming Tyrolean Village**, or take an **optional Gondola Ride up to Heavenly Valley** with its spectacular views (approx \$22).

## **MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY / HANGTOWN / NIMBUS FISH HATCHERY**

### **GEKKEIKAN SAKE**

### **Tour # 16**

**Thursday, May 31 ~ 8:15 am to 4:30 pm**

**\$74 per person**

Our first stop today will be at the **Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park**. James W. Marshall discovered gold in 1848 on the South Fork of the American River in the valley the Nisenan Indians knew as Cullumah. This event led to the greatest mass movement of people in the Western Hemisphere & was the spark that ignited the spectacular growth of the west during the ensuing decades. The **gold discovery site**, located in the still visible tailrace of Sutter's sawmill, in present day Coloma California, is one of the most significant historic sites in the nation. The park's interpretive program primarily embraces the period from 1847 through 1852, but also shows the town of **Coloma** as it developed. Now we travel the short distance to **Hangtown aka Placerville**. Placerville was originally known as Dry Diggin's. It became so prosperous & lawless that law breakers were hanged first singly, then in pairs. As a result, the settlement was named Hangtown. Less than 10 miles from the original gold discovery site, Placerville's past is reflected in the historic 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture prevalent in its **historic downtown**. There will be time for **lunch on your own & shopping!** Next we will make our way to the **Nimbus Fish Hatchery**. At one time, the American River provided approximately 100 miles of stream in which salmon & steelhead could spawn and rear. When the Folsom-Nimbus project was completed in 1958, most of the spawning & rearing areas were cut off. Nimbus Salmon & Steelhead Hatchery was constructed to replace the salmon & steelhead runs that were blocked by Nimbus and Folsom dams. The primary purposes of the Folsom Dam project, of which Nimbus is an integral part, are flood control, municipal water supply, power generation & irrigation. In developing the American River for these important purposes, planners included Nimbus Hatchery to mitigate for project impacts on salmon & steelhead populations. Our final stop of the day will include a **tasting of "Kobai", the latest plum wine** offered at the **Gekkeikan Sake Tasting Room**. Gekkeikan's state-of-the-art sake brewing facility in Folsom, California is the latest chapter in a continuing success story that began more than 360 years ago & five-thousand miles away in Fushimi, Japan. Gekkeikan now brings the newest technologies to a brewing process that is nearly 2,000 years old & continues to strengthen its marketing position in the wake of growing demand for sake worldwide.

**CALAVARAS BIG TREES/IRONSTONE WINERY & GARDENS/LUNCH  
AND HISTORIC FASHION SHOW**

**Tour # 17**

**Thursday, May 31 ~ 7:45 am to 6:45 pm**

**\$92 per person**

Board the tour bus for a day in the Sierras. Our day begins with a scenic drive through the beautiful **Calaveras Big Trees State Park** where we will view some of the finest Sierra Redwoods & the protected groves of Giant Sequoias. The colossal trees stand in quiet testimony to a time when giants ruled the earth. These massive relics which can reach a height of 325 feet & diameter of 33 feet, are thought to be as much as 2000 years old. We will continue on for our exclusive private tour of the **Ironstone Vineyards** facility – called an **Adult Playground for the Senses**, near Murphy's, coupled with a private wine & canapé tasting, and finished off with a grand luncheon & Fashion Show. Enjoy the **Private Walking Tour of the Ironstone facility**, led by an experienced Ironstone staff member, which includes: the **Heritage Museum** where the **World's largest** single specimen the **44-pound crystalline gold nugget** is on display; the outdoor amphitheatre, the beautiful **Lakeside Park**, the 400-foot long arbor and covered bridge; the **Wine Caves and Breezeway**; the awesome **Culinary Center**, and the **Music Room** housing the Alhambra Theatre Organ. At the conclusion of this fabulous tour we will experience a **Private Wine Tasting** of seven of their wonderful varietals and you get to keep your Ironstone Vineyards **Tasting Glass as a Complimentary Souvenir**. A great way to learn while having fun! After tasting you may browse the **Gourmet Deli** area and visit the Museum & Jewelry Shoppe. Now we will finish off our visit with a **Hot 3-course Lunch** & an **Historic Fashion Show featuring RUAEA members Guy & Nancy Hoffman** who will be a part of a very special show displaying the clothing style from the Victorian Period of the late 1800's. Along with highlighting the designer & seamstress Pauline McCullough, Nancy will show her magnificent dresses and Guy will wear his historic suit & top hat. The final stop is the quaint **Gold Rush** town of **Murphys** before making our way back to the Hyatt.

**RIVER CATS BASEBALL GAME**

**Tour # 18**

**Thursday, May 31 ~ 5:45 pm – 10:00 pm**

**\$39 per person**

Our bus will take you over to Raley Field. We have arranged your special seating in the Solon Club area. You have a great view of the field and large food & beverage station is close at hand. One of the menu features is the carved Tri Tip Sandwich. On the main level you may want to enjoy the Thursday Special of \$1.00 Hot Dogs & \$1.00 Sundaes. The 2007 marks the **Sacramento River Cats'** eighth season in California's Capital City. During their first six years in Sacramento, the River Cats had unparalleled success on the baseball field – winning four Pacific Coast League South Division titles (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005) and back-to-back PCL Championships (2003 & 2004). Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland A's, the River Cats have graduated more than 60 players to the next level, including 2002 American League Cy Young Award winner Barry Zito (A's), 2002 American League Rookie of the Year Eric Hinske (Blue Jays), 2004 American League Rookie of the Year Bobby Crosby and 2005 American League Rookie of the Year Huston Street. Off the field, the River Cats have been the talk of Minor League Baseball. Winners of numerous awards for its business practices & outstanding community efforts, Sacramento's franchise has led all of Minor League Baseball in attendance during each of its five seasons at Raley Field.

## **JULIA MORGAN HOUSE & GARDENS / “AN AFTERNOON TO REMEMBER”**

### **HIGH TEA**

#### **Tour # 21**

**Friday, June 01 ~ 9:15 am to 3:45 pm**

**\$77 per person**

Our tour today takes us to the **Julia Morgan House & Gardens**. Julia Morgan, the first woman licensed to practice architecture by the State of California, was also the first woman to be awarded a degree by the prestigious Ecole des Beaux Art in Paris, the world's finest school of architecture at the turn of the century. A formidable pioneer of equal opportunities for women in the professions, Morgan had a distinguished career spanning 50 years in which she designed & built more than 700 buildings, most notably the William Randolph Hearst estate at San Simeon. In spite of this large body of work, the Geothe residence is the only example of Morgan's residential architecture in the Sacramento region. The home was placed on The National Register of Historic Places in 1982. We end our day traveling into the foothills for Full High Tea at **An Afternoon to Remember, 2006 winner of the best small city Tea Room in the United States**. Their mission is to provide a unique experience where customers are pampered & can relax, socialize & celebrate special occasions while enjoying excellent teas & delectable treats. Tea rooms entice you to sit leisurely. You are not there just to eat or even drink tea, but rather to relax & enjoy the moment of friendship.

## **McCLELLAN AVIATION MUSEUM / BUCA di BEPPO LUNCH / TOWE AUTO MUSEUM**

### **Tour # 22**

**Friday, June 01 ~ 8:45 am to 4:30 pm**

**\$76 per person**

We begin with a visit to the **McClellan Aviation Museum** located on Sacramento's McClellan Air Park housing one of the finest collections of aircraft & aviation memorabilia in the west. We begin our tour by learning about the genesis of the McClellan era. In addition, the **Reception Gallery** also features informative displays that focus on events in Air Force history. In the **Main Exhibit Center** visitors will see a number of displays, including a 1943 L-2M "Grasshopper", F-101B and T-28 instrument trainers, along with several aircraft engines. More exhibits include the famous **Doolittle Tokyo Raid**, & "Birth of the Blues" a look at the evolution of the Air Force uniform from the Army Air Corps to the present and **32 aircraft** that were immaculately restored by museum volunteers. Lunch today will be an **Italian Family Style meal** at **Buca di Beppo**. After lunch we are on our way to the **Towe Auto Museum**. Explore the many eras of the automobile with exhibits displaying the years and dreams of the automobile: 1896 – 1906: *The Dream of Mobility*, 1907 – 1918: *The Dream of Independence*, 1919 – 1929: *The Dream of the Rich Harvest*, 1930 – 1940: *The Dream of Luxury*, 1940 +: *The Dream of Better Times, Cool and Speed*.

## **SACRAMENTO RIVER TRAIN / HEIDRICK AG HISTORY CENTER**

**Tour # 24**

**Friday, June 01 ~ 8:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**\$83 per person**

Our day begins with a tour & **Continental Breakfast** at the **Heidrick Ag History Center** which introduces visitors to the marvels of agriculture, & commercial trucking through 130,000 square feet of interactive, one-of-a-kind exhibits featuring the latest in museum & attraction technologies. The cornerstones of these exhibits are the Fred C. Heidrick Antique Ag Collection, the world's largest & most unique collection of one-of-a-kind antique agricultural equipment & the **Hays Antique Truck Museum**, also recognized as the **largest of its kind in the world**. Our **Sacramento River Train** journey begins in Woodland, CA - While on board we will be served a **Gourmet Box Lunch**. As we approach the **River Train**, we will notice its distinctive gold exterior with blue waves rippling down the side of the train. The gold is a tribute the region's gold heritage & the waves to the mighty **Sacramento River** that we will roll along. We will roll past the **Fremont Trestle** an 8000' long bridge - the longest wooden bridge in the west. The tracks bend southward & run parallel to the mighty **Sacramento River**, which is the longest river in the California. The last leg of our outbound trip is through scenic farmland. We reach Luvdahl where the train stops to prepare for the return trip. The locomotive conducts a "**run around**" where it separates from the train & rolls past the train on a separate track. It then attaches to the "rear" of the train that now becomes the front. Be ready to cover your ears since the engineer communicates with the conductor by blowing his horn! Once the locomotive & train are coupled together, you travel back to Woodland along the same route.

## **SAN FRANCISCO OVERNIGHT with**

### **BEACH BLANKET BABYLON**

**Tour # 25 & 25A**

**June, 3 – 4 / 1 night 8:30 am**

**\$238 per person, double – (Single Supplement + \$95)**

Say farewell to your fellow convention attendees as we make our way to San Francisco. After checking-out of the Hyatt we will be on our way to the San Francisco Ferry Terminal in Vallejo where we will board our **Ferry to San Francisco**. Arriving at the **San Francisco Ferry Plaza Building** we will have time to **shop & browse** through the **Farmers Market** and its unique shops – Lunch is on your own. **The Ferry Building Marketplace** is a people's marketplace serving residents & travelers alike. Next the bus will take us to the afternoon show of **Beach Blanket Babylon**, an internationally acclaimed San Francisco institution, a zany musical spoof of pop culture with extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. This is one of the longest running shows in the country; it premiered in 1974 & has continued ever since. Following the show we dine at the **Basque Cultural Center** for a **hot dinner served family-style** with hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée & dessert. After dinner we will arrive at our SFO Airport hotel for the night. Flights home on June 4 under own arrangements.

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Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park

## **Friday Evening June 1, 2007 – Friendship Dinner**

### **Bibb and Endive Salad**

With Orange Segments, Sun-Dried Cherries and Vinaigrette Dressing

Choice of the following:

### **Pan Seared 5 Oz. Petit Filet**

Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Cabernet Demi Glace

Or

### **Roasted Chicken Breast**

Potato Risotto, Wild Mushroom Armagnac Sauce

Or

### **Vegetable Wellington**

Marinated Grilled Vegetables, Wrapped in Puff Pastry, Mushroom Duxelle & Roasted Tomato Coulis

Seasonal Vegetables

Warm Baked Rolls and Butter

### **Triple Mousse Cake**

## **Saturday Evening June 2, 2007 – RUAEA Banquet**

### **Caesar Salad**

Crisp Romaine Lettuce with Garlic Herbed Croutons and Caesar Dressing

Choice of the following:

### **Grilled Flat Iron Steak**

Herbed Sherry Sauce, Potato Gratin

Or

### **Pepper Seared Pacific Salmon**

Yellow Fin and Basil Whipped Potatoes, Charred Tomato Butter

Or

### **Grilled Vegetable Napoleon**

Portobello Mushroom, Eggplant and Squash, On Lentil Ragout

Seasonal Vegetables

Warm Baked Rolls and Butter

### **Key Lime Crumb Cake**

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## 2007 SACRAMENTO CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

**\*REGISTER EARLY – CUTOFF DATE IS APRIL 20, 2007\***

(Please Print Clearly) Retiree/Associate 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)
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Additional Guest ~ use reverse side or blank sheet of paper				

### 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 – 2007	Meal Choice	Number	X Price	= Total
	<b>A. Registration Fee – Non Refundable Fee Required for each Attendee</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>	
	<b>Friendship Dinner</b>			
Fri. June 1	B. Pan Seared Petite Filet		\$40.00	
Fri. June 1	C. Roast Chicken Breast		\$40.00	
Fri. June 1	D. Vegetable Wellington		\$40.00	
	<b>Banquet</b>			
Sat. June 2	E. Grilled Flat Iron Steak		\$40.00	
Sat. June 2	F. Pepper Seared Pacific Salmon		\$40.00	
Sat. June 2	G. Grilled Vegetable Napoleon		\$40.00	
Total of registration plus meals =				
Total balance of tours from the back of form =				
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>				

**Make Check Payable to: RUAEA 2007 Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:

RUAEA, c/o Judie King - 11886 Heather Lane - Grass Valley, CA 95949

Email – [judieking@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judieking@sbcglobal.net)

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## HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$99.00 + Tax per room (maximum of four persons per room) for RUAEA participants at the Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park, 1209 L Street – Sacramento, CA 95814. Please call the Hyatt Regency directly to make your reservations - 1-800-233-1234 or the Hotel 1-916-443-1234 or check the link at the RUAEA website, [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

**Hotel Confirmation Number:**

## TOUR REGISTRATION

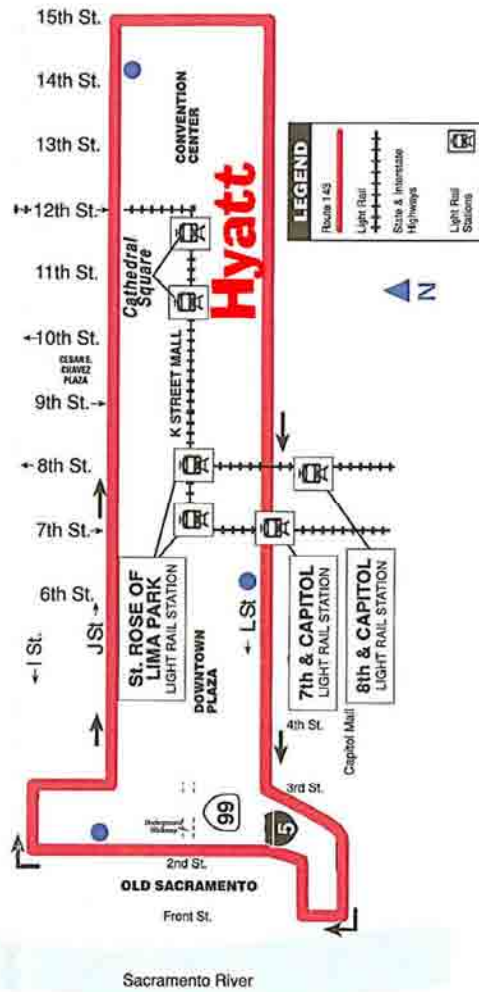
Date – 2007	TOURS	Tour #	Cost P/P	No.	= Total
Sun May 27	Yosemite / Overnight	1	\$349.00		
Sun May 27	Double Occupancy	1A	\$187.00		
	Single Supplement				
Mon May 28	Sacramento Jazz Jubilee Senior (over 60)	2	\$10.00		
Mon May 28	Sacramento Jazz Jubilee Adult (under 60)	2A	\$20.00		
Mon May 28	Governor's Mansion/Historic Cemetery	3	\$40.00		
Tue May 29	Crocker Art/Frasinetti Winery/Stanford Mansion	4	\$79.00		
Tue May 29	Discovery & Railroad Museum/Firehouse Lunch	5	\$85.00		
Tue May 29	Spirit of Sacramento Dinner Cruise/Dancing	6	\$98.00		
Wed May 30	Doolittle Museum/ Jelly Belly/Anheuser Busch	7	\$68.00		
Wed May 30	Bridgeport/Grass Valley/ Empire Mine	8	\$70.00		
Wed May 30	Lodi Wine Tours/Lunch at Wine & Roses	9	\$109.00		
Wed May 30	Walking Tour – Capitol/Cathedral/IMAX 9am	10	\$10.00		
Wed May 30	Walking Tour – Capital/Cathedral/IMAX 10am	11	\$10.00		
Wed May 30	Spirit of Sacramento Dinner Cruise/Dancing	12	\$98.00		
Thu May 31	Doolittle Museum/ Jelly Belly/Anheuser Busch	13	\$68.00		
Thu May 31	South Lake Tahoe/Lunch Cruise	14	\$97.00		
Thu May 31	Crocker Art/Frasinetti Winery/Stanford Mansion	15	\$79.00		
Thu May 31	Marshall Gold/Placerville/Nimbus Fish/Sake Factory	16	\$74.00		
Thu May 31	Calaveras/Ironstone Winery and Gardens/Lunch	17	\$92.00		
Thu May 31	River Cats Baseball Game	18	\$39.00		
Fri Jun 1	Lodi Wine Tour/Lunch at Wine & Roses	19	\$109.00		
Fri Jun 1	Discovery & Railroad Museum/Firehouse Lunch	20	\$85.00		
Fri Jun 1	Julia Morgan House/ Afternoon to Remember Tea	21	\$77.00		
Fri Jun 1	McClellan Air Museum/Towe Auto Museum	22	\$76.00		
Fri Jun 1	Walking Tour – Capital/Cathedral/IMAX	23	\$10.00		
Fri Jun 1	Sacramento River Train Lunch	24	\$83.00		
Sun Jun 3	SFO/Ferry Ride/Beach Blanket Show	25	\$238.00		
Sun Jun 3	Double Occ.	25A	\$95.00		
	Single Suppl.				
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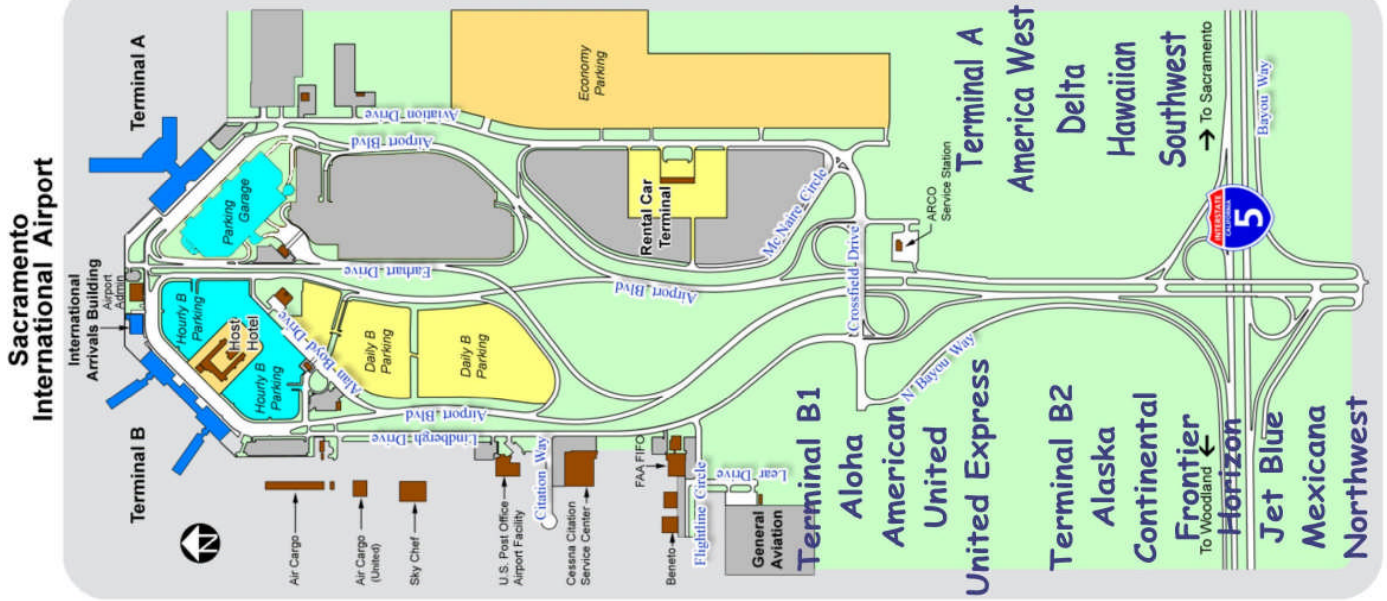
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