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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 31st 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 19th 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 windbreaker 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.

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 Domaratius at 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. 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 RUEA web-site at 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 accomplish 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.

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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.

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 NRSA’s 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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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 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

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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 - 98th & 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

TALL PINES

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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 & dessert 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.

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“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

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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 couples 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 taxied 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 Bacaclava 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.

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.



REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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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 Matschinegg 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

Re-LAX-ers

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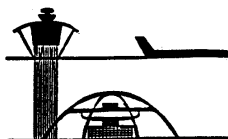
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Joe Preston (an LAXFF retiree & L.W. Neighbor) has asked me to add the following for LAXFF retirees: *"A group of LAXFF retirees meets the 2nd Wed. of each month at 11a.m. at Hoffs Hut in El Segundo. Come along & share some memories. J. Herbers picks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

GOLDEN GATERS

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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. Betty Garner can be reached at (650) 355-4195, email 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: 4th 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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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 25th 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 11th. 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 2nd 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:

Jan. 8 - Meeting

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 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 Gooselaw, 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 1st 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. 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.

Calendar:

1st 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 2nd 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

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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 ATLCG 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.

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 1st 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 30th annual RUAEA convention in Sacramento, CA in May, the Gals & Guys Midway 25th 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 90th 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 Kordeck, 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 & historical 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 2nd 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 3rd 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 2nd 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

New England

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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.

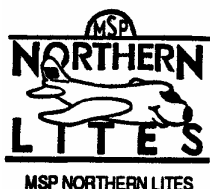
Calendar:

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

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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

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 90th birthday Jan. 4th. 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. 30th 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 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.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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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 4th
- (Julie Carnevale on the 5th
- (Mary Zwiulich on the 8th
- (Josephine Lopinto on the 9th
- (Yetta Sank on the 13th will be 89

(Edythe Dollis on the 26th will be 85

(Joe Lilly on the 28th

We have two couples celebrating January anniversaries.

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.

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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:

Dolly Taucher

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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 122nd 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



THE INDEPENDENTS

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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!

2nd 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 2nd report.

On Jan. 8, Pres. Joe Bradley opened our meeting with a blessing & a silent prayer for our members 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 2nd 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 1st 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 34th 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



EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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

With all the bad weather, wind, rain, land slides, toppled & uprooted trees, down power lines & snow we have seen it all. I've talked to members who were without power any where 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 156th PL N. E., Woodinville, WA 98072.

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

Bob Brumfield, our Travel Desk Manager was on a local TV station twice between Dec. 20th & 22nd 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

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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 1st 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.

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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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(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 57th birthday in Nov. & I am still on active duty in the military. Went back to Iraq for the 5th 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 al my friends in Engineering.

Era Hoffmeyer, 57808 720th 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 90th birthday & my 70th 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 24th 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 51st wedding anniversary April 2006, & are already planning our 52nd. 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 22nd opening day for Rockies baseball & my 14th season.

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