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Welcome to RUAEA's Pittsburgh Convention May 18 - 24, 2008

**United At The Point
Here We Go RUAEA!**



Join us at **Pittsburgh RUAEA's Convention May 18 – 24, 2008!** We are anxiously planning and looking forward to have a vacation together with our RUAEA friends! Imagine what we can do together! Many of you have been a part of Pittsburgh either by your travels, family, or working here in PIT! Everything is waiting for you to be able to explore the lifestyle options our city has to offer for the 250th Anniversary and honored to say **America's Most Livable City!** *Brendan Gill, architecture writer for the New Yorker, 1990: "The three most beautiful cities in the world are Paris; St Petersburg, Russia; and Pittsburgh. If Pittsburgh were situated somewhere in the heart of Europe, tourists would eagerly journey hundreds of miles out of their way to visit it."*

Let's Go RUAEA – Let's Go - Some of the tours that we are offering: **Carnegie Science Center**, one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. More than 250 hands-on exhibits make this North Shore attraction an *interactive amusement park for the mind!* Special features of the **Pittsburgh Carnegie Museum Science Center** include **UPMC SportsWorks**, a **WWII submarine**, **Rangos OMNIMAX** theater which surrounds the audience with the movie, (covering most of your peripheral vision), putting you in the center of the action. The complex also contains a World-class planetarium, three live demonstration theaters and the famous **Miniature Railroad & Village** (which has been a popular Pittsburgh tradition). New this year, recapture the magic of baseball at Forbes Field with a dramatic new hand-crafted model that took more than two years to build! Visitors young and old can experience it as it looked at the turn of the last century. **Andy Warhol Museum** is one of the most comprehensive single-artist museums in the world. There are more than 4,000 works of art by Warhol which includes drawings, prints, photographs, paintings, films and videos, and a massive collection of Warhol's "time-capsules" – records of the artist's day-to-day dealings, using its unique extensive permanent collections of art and dynamic interactive programming as tools. Hosts of rotating exhibits by the most influential American artists of the twentieth century. Here we go **RUAEA** to the baseball game - **Pittsburgh Pirates vs Milwaukee Brewers** - voted one of the **most beautiful Baseball Stadiums - PNC Park!** You may enjoy an afternoon at the **Carnegie Museum of Natural History** - "**Dinosaurs in their Time**" - outstanding Natural History and Dinosaurs exhibit in the country (the World's third largest collection of dinosaur fossils)! **Senator John Heinz History Center and Western PA Sports Museum at the History Center** in Association with the Smithsonian Institution will have exhibits, events, and artifacts – sports' lovers must see!

Experience **Mt. Washington** from the **Duquesne incline** where you will see the most stunning vantage points in America. **USA Weekend magazine** ranked the nighttime view from Mt. Washington, number two on its list of the "**Top 10 Most Beautiful Places.**" Dine at the **Monterey Bay Fish Grotto** – Grandview Ave, noted for the *finest fresh fish, beef, and chicken* with a view of the Pittsburgh City of Lights!

A walking tour is available for the avid walkers to stroll along Grant Street to view our skyscrapers, USX Tower, historic churches, and Mellon Square Park! **Rubber Ducky Pittsburgh Tour** - most exciting - just tour the city by land and water. Travel the streets on a genuine amphibious vehicle!

*For those of you who just want to hear music - maybe symphonies or jazz, there are many places to go. Order a Latte in the Strip District location - "Coffee Break in Italian, but when it comes to quality, we can stop at **Caffe' Intermezzo** - 2 locations in Downtown - in the Frick Building and the Strip District! Java engineered to perfection!*

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CONVENTION ISSUE

GENERAL NEWS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (1/2/08)

In this, the February Newsletter, we each year publish the detailed information for our annual convention. You are encouraged to give strong consideration to the plans set forth for you by the local convention committee. I think you will find that the Pittsburgh '08 activities will provide you with enjoyable entertainment and social interaction with your retiree peers. Come and join us! It will not be the same if you are not there.

I also want to take the opportunity to relate a couple of questions which have come up concerning procedures of our retiree travel benefits. The first concerns first class service charge billings in the event you are boarded first class and subsequently moved back to economy class. UA procedures provide that you are not to be billed first class in that event. Mistakes, however, do happen. If it should occur to you, make sure that the following takes place:

1. If the CSR makes the change, a correction should be made to ACI on the gate computer and you would not be billed first class.
2. If the Flight Attendant makes the change after the CSR leaves the airplane, a Flight Attendant Trip Report is to be filled out and a copy PROVIDED TO YOU. In this instance you may be billed erroneously but a copy of the Trip Report to Revenue Accounting will remove the charge. Make sure you get that copy; if you don't, it probably will be difficult, if not impossible, to prove that the seating change occurred.

The second question arose concerning the selection of seating choice when called by the gate agent. Procedures are, and have been in place for years, that you must be listed first class in order to be assured of a seat there or in economy class if a first class seat is unavailable. If you list economy, you will not be considered for a move up to first class if economy fills up. Of course, in all events, seating options are dictated by availability, boarding priority and employment date.

Mort Wax
President - RUAEA

UNITED & UNITED EXPRESS LAUNCHED NEW & SEASONAL SERVICED ON DECEMBER 15

United launched a new non-stop service from Los Angeles to Frankfurt on December 15 as well as a number of seasonal services.

- (With the introduction of the LAX-FRA service, United will serve Frankfurt eight times daily from four of our International Gateways, twice daily from San Francisco and Chicago; and three times daily from Washington, D.C.
- (The Chicago to Jackson Hole, WY service, which has previously been a summer market for United Express, will operate using mainline aircraft for the ski season. Additionally, United Express is adding a new daily service from Chicago to Steamboat Springs, CO
- (United will resume seasonal service from Chicago to Cozumel, Mexico, operating one flight a week from December 15 through April 22, 2008.
- (Other seasonal routes beginning on December 15 include:
 - o **Chicago** to Aspen, Liberia, Montego Bay and Punta Cana
 - o **Denver** to Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo and Maui
 - o **Washington Dulles** to West Palm Beach, Montego Bay and Punta Cana
 - o **Los Angeles** to Aspen, Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo and Jackson Hole
 - o **San Francisco** to Aspen

UNITED EXPANDS EMPLOYER DISCOUNT 20 PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNITED EXPRESS TICKETS

Effective immediately, travel-eligible United and Mileage Plus employees and their travel dependents, including parents, receive a 20% discount off all future revenue travel on United Express. **Retirees** who are travel-eligible are also offered this discount. This is an expansion of the existing discount program already available on United and Ted.

The interactive voice response line, 1-800-UAL-LIST, may be used to book and ticket this travel. The fully automated process requires a credit card for payment. The discount is available on most published fares.

As announced in NewsReal November 13, fare information based on price or schedule may be accessed through UAL-LIST to receive the lowest discounted fare. Employees can either ticket immediately or place the reservation on hold for ticketing within the designated time limit.

"We are delighted to extend our 20% discount program for revenue tickets on United Express flights, in addition to United and Ted flights," says Todd Arkenberg, VP - Employee Experience. "In addition, our employees can look forward to more improvements in the UAL-LIST functionality next year, including speech recognition upgrades and reductions in background noise sensitivity."

For additional information about the program, please visit "Employer Discount 20 Program" on SkyNet's Travel page or Apollo profile S*PMO/EMP20. Any general questions should be directed to the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188.

NEW ZED AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH FOUR CARRIERS

United recently implemented new Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) agreements with four carriers - **Aloha Airlines, Kuwait Airways, Pluna and Era Aviation**. These carriers join other airlines we have added to our ZED portfolio in 2007, including Aer Lingus, Air Canada and US Airways.

"We constantly evaluate the possibility of new partnerships and improvements to existing agreements to ensure our Employee Offline Travel Privilege Program remains competitive and brings value to employees," says Peter Hammer, Managing Director - Worldwide Sales. "These new agreements enhance the services available to all employees in our already robust program."

- (Aloha Airlines offers extensive service within the Hawaiian Islands and between Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States.
- (Kuwait Airways is the national airline of Kuwait and operates scheduled international services in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North America.
- (Pluna, based in Uruguay, operated scheduled services within South America and between Uruguay and Madrid.
- (Era Aviation is based in Anchorage, Alaska, and serves a network of destinations throughout the state.

For more information about the new and existing agreements with other airlines, visit the Travel tab on SkyNet's home page and click "Interline Travel Privilege" and the "Individual Carrier Agreements" link. We make updates to the carrier eligibility requirements and restrictions as new agreements are reached.

The ZED discount is a service-charge structure based on the mileage between a point-to-point origin and destination.

2008 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EMBARGO SCHEDULE

United embargos pleasure travel on international flights that have left large numbers of space-available, non-revenue pleasure travelers stranded for several days due to heavy flight loads or weight restrictions. Embargos apply to United sponsored unaccompanied companions and to employees and their sponsored travelers of other airlines, United Express and are not applicable to United employees/retirees, their travel eligibles or accompanied companions.

An upcoming embargo applies for travel to and from Sydney and Melbourne January 1 - 15, 2008. An updated embargo date and destination list for 2008 is available in SkyNet's travel section. Travel by an unaccompanied companion or other airline employee/retiree/travel eligible during an embargo is against company policy.

Embargos do not apply to United or other airline employees who are traveling on company business; however, employees should carefully evaluate if company business travel can be avoided during a scheduled embargo period due to heavy passenger/freight loads.

When extending a travel pass, it is a good idea to remind all space available pleasure travelers that their space on flights is not guaranteed. Also, travelers should plan outbound travel appropriately when return travel is embargoed.

OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Getting Around Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh presents the profile of a bustling city, but in a size and scale that is easy to grasp and maneuver. We just don't have city "blocks" here. Downtown Pittsburgh is even laid out in a triangle shape, as it sits right at the point where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers meet to form the Ohio.

An easy way to learn the geography of Pittsburgh is to divide Pittsburgh into four sections: the North and South Sides and the East and West Ends, with downtown positioned conveniently right in the center of it all.

Tucked into the nooks and crannies of the four sections are 88 distinctive neighborhoods which make up Pittsburgh, linked by winding streets, steep stairways and even a few inclines.

Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle: Downtown Pittsburgh occupies a compact 50-acre area bordered by Grant Street to the east, Penn Avenue to the north and Boulevard of the Allies to the south. You are never more than a few blocks to your destination. Downtown is easy to walk and nice for pedestrian enjoyment, with parks and plazas spaced conveniently between office towers and retail.

Public Transportation - Including subway, inclines and bus transportation:

- (Subway – The "T" Pittsburgh is a small but clean and safe 25.2 mile subway and light rail system, the "T" serves downtown Pittsburgh with a four-stop loop including stops at Steel Plaza at Grant Street, Gateway Center Plaza (Liberty Ave and Stanwix Street), Wood Street, and the First Avenue Parking Garage. Underground, the music is classical, art whimsical and travel within downtown Pittsburgh is free. The subway will also deliver you across the river to Station Square on the South Side with the for a minimum \$1.00 fare. (Station Square and South Side Works would be great and wonderful places also to visit and tour). After traveling under the Monongahela River, the "T" runs above ground along three different lines into Pittsburgh's south suburbs.
- (Public Bus System – PAT – multiple bus routes connect downtown Pittsburgh to cultural and other attractions which many of you will be using.

RUAEA'S talented Artists and Crafters - Arts and Crafts' Raffle will be a part of Pittsburgh's RUAEA's Convention 2008. Please consider donating your arts & crafts, so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts (Monongahela/Hospitality Room). Thank you for all the crafters who have already sent donations and your talented work! For further information, please contact Chair, Arts and Crafts - **Gwen & Dave Detwiler** at (724) 626-9558. Please forward all Arts and Crafts: 284 Kelley Road, Connelsville, PA 15425 or email - davydee2@gmail.com.

Highlights - winner of the 50/50 raffle! Let's GO RUAEA - Let's Go! Guess what is happening at the Convention party! We will be having a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday till 4:00 pm – The drawing will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday! (Chairman, RAFFLE – **Bill Redfern**) - Imagine what is happening in Pittsburgh! It is always nice to look forward to being a winner!

RETIREES HONORED BY UNITED AIRLINES FOUNDATION

As reported in January Newsletter, the United Airlines Foundation recently honored a number of employees and retirees for Community Service. This article features two of the retirees being honored:

- (**William DeLage** of Nevada City, California: Bill has been a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers for many years. Bill is a volunteer with the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team. He and his fellow volunteers supply and maintain their own equipment and the costly extras needed, as well as, paying for the needed equipment and training required to maintain Mission Ready Status standards, set forth by California OES (Office of Emergency Services) and the federal NASAR (National Association for Search and Rescue).

These volunteers work to raise their own operating funds. This award goes to help with their needed funds. Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team has for the last 8 years maintained a 100% find and return of the lost in that county. The volunteers do not charge for any expenses incurred. Bill humbly says "*that the dedication that our members put forth to help those in need are the ones that need the pat on the back*". Bill and his fellow volunteers are to be commended for their worthwhile efforts.

(Submitted by Ron Bertacini).

- (**Mary Szabo** was honored for her work at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Mary received a plaque which reads, "*United 2007 Community Service Award presented to Mary Szabo in grateful appreciation for your outstanding and dedicated service in the communities United Airlines serves.*" A check for \$1000 was also given to the Food Depository. Mary, along with a group of 25-30 United retirees, volunteers at the Food Depository the first Tuesday of every month. Mary has been doing this for about 10 years. It is the second time she has won this award.
(Submitted by Carol Faust).

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

This Travel Tips by Bob is a little different from the normal Tips because it is not directly related to United Airlines travel benefits, but in a round about way. What I have to say in this issue may be of benefit to some of us during our travels.

I recommend considering travel assistance programs offered (for a price in most cases) from organizations such as **AAA**, **Good Sam Club** and etc. There is nothing more discouraging than experiencing vehicle problems when you are on a trip. The assistance packages that some travel oriented organizations provide will prove to be a real plus for you because help arrives shortly and you are on your way.

Also, some of these organizations offer discounts at various hotels, shuttle services, parking facilities, taxi cab and limousine fares and even businesses like UPS (since FedEx doesn't offer discounts to retirees). If you are interested in assistance programs like this, do some shopping around and ask questions, you might be surprised what is available. And, it's been my experience that, in some cases, the discounts offered exceeds the normal "Senior or Military" discounts. Again, if you are interested, do some shopping.

And, don't forget that **SkyNet** is a good place to search for discounts on many products such as luggage, Starbucks Coffee, and See's Candies at holiday time for a number of enticing items. It's wise to check **SkyNet** before travel, even if you are not flying.

I must apologize for not keeping up with the Emails during the Holiday period. I was receiving more than I could handle and just couldn't keep up. And, during the holiday period I had other things going, like the Retirees Travel Desk and other activities, probably like you engage in, that cut into my time. But, I'm back on track!

See the RUAEA Newsletter or the website www.ruaea.org for the telephone numbers and hours of service for the Portland and Seattle Retiree Travel Desks.

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FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

We trust everyone had a great Holiday. The Denver Office staff enjoyed the time spent with friends and family and wish it could be extended. But, when we have a Newsletter to put out and Membership matters to take care of, we have to get back to work!

We receive many questions concerning discounts and amenities offered by United Airlines, other airlines and companies. We are not equipped to handle these concerns because we don't have all the information and we are not staffed to accommodate these requests. The best source to go to for the answer to these kinds of questions is the SkyNet web site at <https://united.intranet.ual.com>.

It may be of interest to know that on the Employee Discounts page, accessed from the "Quickhits" icon located on the Home Page, there are 25 new discount items listed. Some of these give excellent discounts. A few examples of the "new" entries that caught my eye are FragranceNet.com 70%, Rudy Project Eyewear 40% and AT&T (formerly Cingular) 20%.

Take the time to go to SkyNet, look at the discount page, you may be pleasantly surprised.

We wish all of the membership a great and prosperous New Year.

Howard Tress - Membership/Support Manager
Virgil Gooselaw - Newsletter Manager

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE NEW ONLINE RUAEA LEISURE TRAVEL BOOKING PROGRAM

In the January Newsletter, we referred to a new online leisure travel service that will be available to RUAEA members. We have experienced some delays with the development of this program and further details will appear in the March Newsletter. This is an excellent program, and worth waiting for its development. When available, it is offered at no cost to RUAEA members.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

Attention All Golfers

***The 2008 UARGC Golf Invitational will
be held in Mesquite, NV from
April 28th to May 1st.***

**If you are interested, contact Frank
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LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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HOWDY COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS! Oops ... I've got my mind set on the "western" theme for the All-Arizona luncheon on March 8 in Casa Grande. Good chow, good entertainment, and good friends! Let's all "rustle up" the "doggies" and head on down to Casa Grande for a great time! The Azures will be renting a stagecoach (bus) from the Sun City station south to the Pebblecreek station and then on to the Property Conference Center station. We're looking forward to a great turnout with all the Arizona chapter members.

Our January 12 luncheon at Union Hills C.C. was great. Again, another great meal! We had our yearly "white elephant" sale which is always fun, and usually makes some extra money for the chapter to offer some entertainment at the luncheons and "pitch-in" for any extras.

VP **Sally Illingworth** had back surgery December 26 and is pretty much "up and around". She will have a brace for a couple of months. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Monday before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary, if you are not attending.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell Road

Feb. 5 – Breakfast meeting.

Feb. 9 - Pebblecreek Tuscany Clubhouse – 1100 cocktails/1200 lunch – entertainment by the "Pebbleaires" from Pebblecreek

Feb. 19 - 0800 breakfast at Coco's – 98th and Bell Rds.

March 8 – Casa Grande – Property Conf.Center – 11:00 cocktails/12:00 lunch - entertainment by Jeff Harrison, cowboy singer from Goodyear, AZ

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A new year has begun and we have plans that we hope many of our regular members plus newly retired RUAEA members will participate in and enjoy being together at our breakfasts and/or luncheons each month.

Our Fantasy Flight in December went very well. Capt. Bob was able to arrange for the flight to actually fly this year. The plane was decked out with Christmas decorations, with the flight crew wearing Santa hats and all. The children were very excited, with their faces glued to the windows. The party and the presents for all the children, the face painting, and the balloon figures made it a special time for all. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile event.

The Christmas party at Palo Verde in Sun Lakes turned out real nice with about 40 people attending. Thanks to **Skip & Carol Ward** and **Pinky & Gordon Kubiak** for putting it on.

Our January 16th luncheon at Grandview Steak House at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa will feature Stephen Jacoby from the Alliant Credit Union giving a presentation on "Identity Theft". We will report further on this luncheon in the next newsletter.

Our February luncheon is being held Feb. 15 at Buca Di Beppo, 1730 S. Val Vista Dr., Mesa. Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon starting at 12:00. The menu will be mixed green salad, spaghetti and meatballs, Fettuccine Supremo, grilled vegetables, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Cost \$16.00 P/P, which includes tax and tip. **Shirley Claggett** has made the arrangements.

The All-Arizona luncheon, sponsored by the Phoenix Azures, will be held on Saturday, March 8th at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande with a Western theme. This always is a wonderful luncheon, with baskets being raffled off and a program. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars. A good place to renew friendships.

On Saturday, March 22, an outing to see the Chicago Cubs and White Sox play during spring training is being planned.

In April, we always look forward to our picnic, which will again be held at the Crescent Run Community Building in Mesa, arranged by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. This always is a lot of fun and good food.

As you can see, we are an active group, and invite other RUAEA members to join us. Please contact our president, **Jim Zarek**, at (480) 288-6685, jzarekl@msn.com or **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226, hhfalk@juno.com. You will be very happy you did. We would love to see you at our breakfasts or luncheons.

Calendar:

Breakfasts are the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Hank Falk** or **Jim Zarek** by the Wednesday before the breakfast if you plan on attending. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are noted above.

Feb. 15 - Luncheon at Buca Di Beppo, 1730 S. Val Vista Dr. in Mesa. Social hour at 11:00 a.m., with the luncheon at 12:00 noon. Menu as listed above. **Shirley Claggett** has made these arrangements.

March 8 - All-Arizona Luncheon, hosted by the Phoenix Azures at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande.

March 22 - Chicago White Sox and Cubs Spring Training Game.

April - Picnic at Crescent Run Community Building in Mesa



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Beverly Goodlow hosted our Christmas luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club, it was superb! Forty-four Roadrunners attended and enjoyed the excellent lunch, good wine, and beautiful desserts. Thanks, Beverly. Our visitors at the luncheon were **Roger & Lyn Callihan's** daughter Kim, and **Howard & Marge Hunter** brought their friend Judy. We assembled a huge assortment of stuffed animals, lap robes, and fleece roll-ups that **Donna Kuehn** will deliver to the Tucson Children's Clinic. As usual, the Roadrunners outdid themselves. Thanks, Donna for handling this event.

Dues for 2008 were due January 1. Please send your check for \$5.00 - single, \$10.00 per couple to Treasurer **Sybil Collins**. On March 1, 2008, a new address list will be mailed to all Roadrunners who have paid their dues. All other names will be deleted from the active list.

On our sick list - **Donna Kuehn** had the bone scan of her knee on November 27 and half of an MRI. She will have the other half of the MRI soon, so we still have to wait for the results.

It was great to see **Ray Wood** who is recovering from a bad case of shingles. Nice to see **Hank Dykhuis**, too.

Secretary **Alice Belzer** has put out our local newsletter for what seems like a long time. It must seem like that to her, too, because she is relinquishing that role. Alice, you've done a great job for us, thanks! **Mary Howard** is taking on the job. Welcome, Mary. We look forward to your first newsletter.

Calendar:

Jan. 17 - The Green Valley "Girls" are hosting our lunch in the Agave Room of the Desert Diamond Casino located at Pima Mine Road in Green Valley, AZ.

Feb. 21 - We will attend a play at the Gaslight Theater. The production that evening is The Lone Stranger. Call **Donna Kuehn** at (520) 749-249 to reserve tickets. The doors open at 6:15 p.m.

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Our Christmas luncheon meeting was held on Dec. 12th at the Pelican Point Restaurant with 22 of us attending. It was hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell** who also provided table treats. This restaurant has a beautiful view of the ocean and we always get seated in our own section for lunch. Afterwards, we had a “fun” gift exchange. **Kathy Shurtleff** brought her mother-in-law Beth Shurtleff who is always welcome.

I have two corrections I want to make: I wrote **Nina Powers** name wrong by writing **Nina Powell**. Where I got that name from I don't know, please accept my apology. Also in the last Newsletter, I mentioned that I received an email list of all the RUAEA members that Dale Harper sent out. This is only partly true since this was titled RUPEA (Retired United Personnel E-Mail Addresses) even though some of those listed are RUAEA members. I hope this clarifies those two errors.

Bob Wagner and **Dana Noyes** reported on the distribution of the money donated from our chapter to Toys for Tots and other organizations. Letters of appreciation was received by those receiving our donation.

Esther Bartlett gave us a Christmas card she had painted. It looked so professional and very beautiful. She also told us she is quite a violinist. A very talented lady.

The slate for 2008 Central Coasters' officers were nominated and approved. They are:

- (President - **John Stilwell**
- (VP - **Mike Zoldak**
- (Treasurer - **Dana Noyes**
- (Secretary - **Al Rybar**

We were also able to get volunteers as hosts for the 2008 meetings. They are held the 3rd Wed. of the month.

- (Feb. 20 - **Esther & Bob Bartlett**
- (April 16 - **Bob & Marcia Stanger**
- (June 18 - **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**
- (Aug. 20 - **Al & Marilyn Rybar**
- (Oct. 15 - **Bill & Dana Noyes** and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**
- (Dec. 17 - **John & Barbara Stilwell**

Did you know that you burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television?

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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The Desert Sunbirds celebrated their eighteenth year at Monterey Country Club for the Christmas party. This tradition is continued, thanks to **Elaine & Ron Aggson**. The decorations were festive, the food traditional, and the company healthy and happy. The members enjoyed various donated door prizes such as two free lunches or Christmas decorations. Each of us also received a Christmas bear to take home.

The Sunbirds were happy to report that the shelters/food banks would receive about a \$350 donation for both the Hemet area and the desert. Our thanks to **Joyce Bossio** for taking care of the donations. As usual, this meeting had the greatest turnout with 56 people present. It was **Sherylle Delaney**'s lucky day again because she

won the 50/50 money, just like last month! The free birthday lunch went to **Donna Eads**. Yes, **Bill Eads**, had a great Christmas joke for us all.

Thanks to all of you who have signed up to host our 2008 meetings. The final date was taken by the **Kellerhals**.

Calendar:

Feb. 13 - Hosted by the **Williams**, the place will be announced at next meeting.

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers had our Christmas Luncheon on December 5 at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley, CA. We brought unwrapped gifts for a girl or boy for our annual "Toys for Tots". Our hosts were **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. The decorations were beautiful and were added to our raffle. We had 80 Gold Diggers & 4 guests in attendance. Our guests included *Helen Kalezynski*, guest of **Ken Stephenson**; *Sonny Costello*, guest of **Frank Uhl**; and *Bill & Dixie Prather*, guests of **Ted & Dorothy Gardner**.

Forester Sinclair, husband of President **Jean Sinclair**, filled in for her as she had a total hip replacement surgery on November 30th. Forester said Jean would like to thank the 2007 officers – VP **Bob Fulkerson**, Treasurer **Judie King**; Secretary **Colleen Esola**, Sunshine **Veronica & Francis Domaratius**; Roster **Jack Raynor** and Historian **Shirley Drumheller**. Our 2008 officers are: **Bob Fulkerson** - President; **Francis Domaratius** - Vice President; **Judie King** - Treasurer; **Colleen Esola** - Secretary; **Angie & Frank Dellinger** - Sunshine Couple; **Jack Raynor** - Roster and **Shirley Drumheller** - Historian.

Officers Report:

VP **Bob Fulkerson** – Our hosts coming up in 2008 are in January, **Harold & Colleen Esola** going to the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova; February, our Past President's luncheon will be held at Trolley Junction in Nevada City. We still need hosts for June, September and December (**Ron Bertacini** volunteered for December).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our chapter's balance. She also reminded us that dues are due \$10.00 per family.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** gave the anniversaries for December. Those over 50 years are: **Pinkiert** - 60 years; **Caldwell** - 57 years; **London** - 56 years; **Hunt** - over 50 years. (I forgot to read the November anniversaries) I will catch up next time. **Bob Eggert** led us in the anniversary song.

Sunshine **Francis Domaratius** said **Harry Caldwell** is improving slowly. He is in a rehabilitation center in Folsom; **Wayne O' Kelly**, is in a rehab center, apparently recovering from a stroke; **Margaret Kramer** is recovering from hip surgery she had in October.

RUAEA Director for Northern California and Nevada **Ron Bertacini** talked about American Airlines is in the process of separating themselves from American Eagle. Unlike United with United Express, American does own American Eagle. Delta is considering the same action with Comair; Continental reduced its commitment to Express Jet; hence, they are operating "spare" planes on their own.

Regarding fuel prices, it looks like Southwest is the only airline doing a good job hedging on fuel. On the other hand, according to local newspapers, Southwest has the highest labor costs in the industry. United has made a statement last week because of rising fuel prices and declining passengers, they may ground 100 airplanes, most of them 737's. Most of them are on leases which will expire next year.

Merger business - rumors continue about the United-Delta merger that was started by investment brokers. Both companies are denying talks. Also CEO's of Delta and Continental are all pro-merger. Also rumor has it that the Teamsters are taking a vote to represent the mechanics for United. Jim Guyette is now President and CEO of Rolls-Royce North America, currently on the Board of Directors for Priceline.com, US Chamber of Commerce and the Smithsonian National Air and Space museum.

Our Chico group now has about 75 members. They have decided to get together every other month and the next meeting will be at the end of January. They come from the surrounding areas of Chico and are doing well.

They called themselves the North Staters. The Placerville group called the Hangtown Miners had their luncheon the previous Monday, approximately 40 members attended and they are doing well. **Rosemary Heier** is taking over for **Harry Caldwell** until he recovers from medical problems.

Calendar:

Jan. 30 – Old Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova

Feb. 27 – Past Presidents Luncheon, Trolley Junction, Nevada City



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President **Patrick Cadden** welcomed 88 members and guests to a buffet luncheon at Quail Inn at the beautiful Oakmont Golf Club. We had an appetizer of Shrimp Dip with Crackers, Mixed Green and Caesar Salad, Baked Ham, Roasted Turkey, Rosemary Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls, Coffee and Tea. Chocolate Kiss with Raspberry Sauce was served for dessert.

I introduced the guests: **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Marsha Fairon & Wanda Stamos**, guests of **Fred Bonney**; **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Les Carey**; **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Fred McCauly**, guest of **Lou & Sheila Legnitto**; **Stan Glaiser**, guest of **Sal & Pat Ortega**; **Judy Roque**, guest of **Diana Quinn**; **Wayne & Pauline Rogers**, guests of **Harry Rogers**; **Carrol Turek**, guest of **Doug Sanders**; **Maureen Bennet**, **Vicki Kalish & Angela Saul**, guests of **Heino & Inara Witt** and **Jo Payne**, guest of **Howard Payne**.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the December birthdays and anniversaries. Anniversaries of note are: **Arnold & Lucy Koenig**, 62 years; **Matt & Norma Stilman**, 67 years and **Les & Joyce Carey**, 54 years. **Dorothy Ochoa** was the birthday luncheon winner. Verda has received a note from **Pat Tayler** that **Bob** would not be joining RER this next year because he is losing his sight and prefers to be at home. Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** reported that the finances are looking good. Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

Joanne Huhn announced that the Charity Fund monies have been disbursed to:

- (Santa Rosa: Maria Carrillo High School Choral Group, The Rose Women's Facility at Redwood Gospel and Mission Redwood Empire Food Bank.
- (San Rafael: Homeward Bound

There were several presentations made. I awarded the new Vice President, **Oscar Chambers** and the new Asst. Vice President **Joan Chambers** items to assist them in preparing the wine for the 2008 raffles; scotch tape and ribbon. The officers recognized several members who, while not elected officers, volunteer to assist the association in many ways:

- (**Verda Burr** - Sunshine Lady
- (**Barney Hagen** - Photographer & Historian
- (**Vic Kristen** - Membership Information and Mailing Labels
- (**Ron & Joanne Huhn** - Charity and Raffle

Patrick Cadden was given a year's subscription to the THE WEEK magazine as a THANK YOU for serving his second term as president. He also received a lapel button and bumper sticker showing the departing date of his least favorite President. The raffle was held with Oscar calling the numbers and the many, many prizes delivered by **Joan Olsson**, **Pat Leahy**, **Ron Huhn** and **Norm Burnett**.

Calendar:

Feb. 14 - Quail Inn, Oakmont - **Matty & Marge Matschinegg**

March 13 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - **Charlie & Bernice Anderson**

April 10 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, OPEN

May 8 – TBA, **Sheahan/Sullivan**

June 12 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, OPEN

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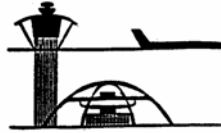
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It is always so sad to announce the passing of long-time employee friends. On Dec. 29, **Phil Muelrath** died. The memorial service for Phil will be at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Manhattan Beach on Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. The address of the church is 624 15th St., Manhattan Beach. Barbara can be reached at 712 Anderson St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 – (310) 374-7623. Driving directions to the church are: From I-405, take the Rosecrans off ramp westbound, turn south on Pacific, turn west on 14th which puts you into their parking lot. If you access the Newsletter by email, you can read this in time to attend the services. I remember when I began with UA and worked with Phil and **Pat Cadden** at the SFORR office at Post & Powell in 1945. Oh - my - word! That's a bunch of years! How we will miss him.

Gini Riley's niece, Barbara, sent a note with a Christmas greeting giving another address for Gini. She is now in a "Residence Home" with 4 others residents, with a couple as caregivers plus an additional helper at night. Barb says that Gini loves to get mail, but don't expect answers. She has declined a bit and now needs help with about everything she does, but "is basically happy". I know her friends will be happy to hear this as it has been hard to find a place where Gini feels comfortable and is happy. The new address is 6396 Lake Decatur Av., San Diego, CA 92119-3127.

Bill Weedin had a stroke just before Christmas. This news came from his close friend, Ava Rodgerson, who tells us that the stroke mostly affected his speech which is labored. Bill says his movements were not affected. Cards would be great - 4156 Kraft Av., Studio City, CA 91604. I've known Bill since we were both Instructors (me at LAXTO, Bill at LAXCS) way back in the 60s (I think) and it is always good to see him at our luncheons - hopefully he'll be up to attending the Feb meeting.

Traveling at Christmas: Former Hollywood UALer, **Lu Friel**, friends **Jan Carney**, **Lee** (also a HLWTO person), **George Price** and some others, I think, did an early December river cruise on the Danube. This time, they opted for standby to Europe rather than buying a ticket through the tour operator (which puts you WAY in "the back of the bus"). They managed Business Class and the comfy-er part of coach amongst them all. Did they say, "*we missed you*" or "*too bad you couldn't come with us*"? Nooooo! They said "*Thank goodness you weren't there – you'd have bumped us back farther*".

LAX Parking is still the same price - imagine! Call or email me and I'll get you the parking lot tag of your choice - close by lot, farther out lot, any month of the year. Remember, I go to LAX once a week, but not every week, so plan ahead. You have to send a check to me because the Parking Co. will not take 2nd party checks or credit cards without cardholder present - and I sure don't take credit cards. Timing is still the same - tag is good for month required, plus 5 days of following month.

Reminder – it's dues time of year. Did you include your \$5 dues with your Christmas luncheon payment? OR, if you couldn't come to the luncheon, did you send your \$5 dues to Jo Ann? You still have time. Mail \$5 for 2008 dues to **Jo Ann Briggs**, 21303 Legend Av., Carson, CA 90745.

Note meeting date change. We've been meeting the 2nd Thursdays (alternate months), but will try to do it the 1st Thursday in order to have meeting info available for the Newsletter deadline of the 7th of the month.

Calendar:

Feb. 7 - Luncheon at the Sportsman's Lodge, Van Nuys. Notices went out on the 7th.

April 3 or maybe **April 10** – Luncheon - Location TBA

May 18-24 -- THE Convention of course - See you all in PIT

June 5 - Luncheon - location TBA



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Since this column is to be in the February 2008 newsletter, we are sending all of you “virtual” Valentines.

Still in the “heart” mode, we must report our hearts are saddened at the November 3, 2007 passing of long-time member **Chester (Chet) Collins**. What a darling man he was. As well as retiring after 36 years with UAL as a mechanic and lead inspector, he left the company and became one of our hardest working retiree organization members. Filling many jobs without complaint, his last duty before illness set in was as our Treasurer, a thankless job if there ever was one. A private ceremony will be held in the spring. His very nice son Jon (Collins) can be reached at: 803 – 7th Avenue North, Glasgow, Montana 59230.

Our International Travel Coordinator, **Ginger Dahlberg** is presently working on both an October 17-day African cruise and an exciting Alaska cruise-and-land tour. Needing your immediate input, she would like you to please contact her now if you are interested in either trip: email gingersfo@aol.com or telephone *(650) 224-1865. (*What an easy telephone number to remember: 2+2=4 and then the date of the Civil War!)

Domestic Travel Coordinator **Betty Garner** has a marvelous round-trip adventure for you heading from San Francisco up the West Coast as far as Victoria, BC with stops along the way, of course! This is set for March 29 to April 5 so hurry, hurry, to your computer and email her: garnerbee@yahoo.com or telephone (650) 355-4195.

Our chapter had no December General meeting. So since this is a short column and we retirees all remember Red Skelton, I'd like to leave you with six of the thirteen ingredients as listed in Red's “Recipe for the Perfect Marriage”:

1. *Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.*
2. *We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California; mine is in Texas.*
3. *I take my wife everywhere ... but she keeps finding her way back.*
4. *We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.*
5. *I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.*
6. *I haven't spoken to my wife in eighteen months. I don't like to interrupt her.*

I hope you've enjoyed Red's “recipe”. After a beautiful forty-year marriage, I was widowed ten years ago. But I can just hear my husband laughing his head off right now. The man had a great sense of humor!

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Our December festivities started on the 5th with the Christmas Luncheon held at the Ramada Inn. We had the usual large number of attendees, including people who are not always able to come to our regular meetings. The food at the Ramada was excellent. Thanks to the **Ursos**, the **Klaus**, the **Sandys** and the **Kolmans** for making it possible. Also thanks to **Ella Sousa** who made the gorgeous cork wreath, won by **Jean Jenkins**.

Howard Payne, our Western Director spoke. He will be much missed when his term expires this spring.

On December 13, we had our Ladies Luncheon at the Blue Pheasant. Another wonderfully planned affair. Thanks to **Joan Dahl** and to **Nancy Walb** for their work in hosting the event. Many thanks also to **Sheri Scales**

for all the work on the beautiful wreaths and centerpieces. The centerpieces were donated by Sheri to be won by one lucky person at each table. Besides prizes for our games, members also donated many children's toys which **Gerry & Alice Frisch** took to Valley Medical Center where they were most appreciated.

On December 14, we had a speaker, Dan Schneider, from one of the local homecare services, who told us about the many options that are available.

On December 28, we welcomed **Len Haubl**, Treasurer of RUAEA and his wife **Laverne**.

Dwayne Howze's son, for whom we have all come to feel a great deal of admiration, has had a series of surgeries lately. He is now able to sit up for the first time in years. **Stan Kolman** had to go in for an angiogram, had a stent put in, and was able to be back presiding at our December 28 meeting. **La Donna Eggert** has been in the hospital with pneumonia.

In January, new President **Tony Urso** will be taking over; VP will be **Dave Saso**, again Treasurer **Garver Sandy** and Alice Rostirolla **Secretary**.

It was with great sadness that we had the passing of another of our long-time members, **Dee Carlson**, on December 13. Services were held on December 18. Our deepest condolences to her family.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.



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By the time you receive this Newsletter; hopefully we will all be settled down and recovered from many Christmas and New Years parties and get-togethers with family and friends. I guess we have all made our New Year's resolutions and are sticking to and following through with each one of them. I know it's hard but we have to give it our best shot. Maybe I will make it through at least one day this year!

We all had a wonderful time at our Christmas luncheon meeting on December 13th. The food was absolutely delicious and no one went away hungry. Everyone was dressed up in their holiday attire (lots of red) and the party was on!

The officers hosted our Christmas luncheon and it was a lovely affair. The tablecloths, napkins, and centerpieces reflected the holiday season. And the food was excellent. We had a raffle and there were many prizes of cash awarded to many lucky winners. The East Sonora Conference Center always does an excellent job in taking care of our group and outdid themselves this time.

We were happy to see **Don Nesja**, **Larry Brinsfield**, **Eleanor Johnson** and **Charlie Passarell**. They all had surgery several months ago and they look wonderful and are getting along very well. We received a report about **Larry McGee** which was not good news. Larry is bedridden and not doing very well. We also got a report about **Doug Daniels** and he is in a convalescent home and recovering slowly from his last back surgery.

Ron Bertacini, RUAEA Director Northern California/Nevada was our guest speaker. We are always happy whenever Ron is able to join us. Ron updated us on various subjects in the airline industry. He is always full of good news (sometimes bad news) but always keeps us posted on the news about United Airlines. He also reminded everyone to mark their calendars and make plans to attend the RUAEA convention in May in Pittsburgh, PA.

The San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of each month in various locations. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends. If you know of anyone planning to retire, it would be a nice gesture to invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. New retirees are always welcome.

Calendar:

Feb. 14 – Luncheon Meeting, hosted by **Lavina & Lary Brinsfield**

March 13 – TBA, hosted by **Skip & Betty Sonderman**

April 10 - TBA, hosted by **Skip & Betty Sonderman**

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Our December meeting was held on the 10th with 35 members attending. It is our annual Toys for Tots drive and our members outdid themselves in bringing toys. The Marine Corp was very pleased! Thanks to all.

It was wonderful to see **Ed Bingle** back. His daughter-in-law Bonnie was his guest. His new address is: Carlton Plaza of Fremont, 3800 Walnut Avenue, Fremont, CA 94538. We also welcomed back **Gloriann & Dudley Rutherford** and a guest of **Adeline Lee**, Ray Peterson.

Gloria Rutherford won the 50/50 and **Ed Bingle** won the Marie Callender's Pie.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we had great gifts for the raffle. In all, 32 of the 35 in attendance won a gift! Lots of fun.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and business from noon on. \$17.00 P/P includes a choice of three entrees, beverages, dessert and tip. We have a diverse group from all job classifications and invite all retirees and their significant others to come.

Calendar:

Jan. 14 - Meeting
Feb. 11 - Meeting
March 10 - Meeting
April 14 - Meeting
May 12 - Meeting
June 9 - Meeting

COLORADO



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*Submitted by **Tom Goodyear***

The January Mile Higher Breakfast at United's Flight Center had 50 retirees and friends present. **Dick Magee** brought his son Michael. It was also good having **Sharon Tormey** join us. The following retirees graciously returned their 50/50 winning to the Mile Higher chapter: **Lynes Allen, Bill Brehmer, Burton Dietel, Walt Hanson, Tony Lopez, Paul Miller, Skip Roundy** and **Ray Shoultz**. Thanks folks. Five retirees at the same table were 50/50 winners, all from maintenance!

The first month of 2008 brought a lot of sadness to the Denver Mile Highers: **Leonard Christlieb** (Chris) passed away on Dec 19, 2007. His widow, Beulah's, address is 307 7th Street, Mead, CO 80542. **Mary Ann Wallace** passed away on Dec 22, 2007. Memorial mass was held on Jan. 7, 2008. **Judy Gurganus** passed away in her sleep on Dec. 30, 2007. **Howard Fluegel** passed away on Jan. 4, 2008. His widow, Elaine's, address is 8674 West 84th Circle, Arvada, CO 80005. The funeral was held on Jan. 8, 2008.

Jo Madden re-injured her back and was admitted to the hospital. She is now at Brighton Gardens Rehab Center in Denver, the address is 2500 South Roslyn, Denver, CO 80231. Jo wants to thank all who sent her cards and letters.

Earl Horner had a second knee replacement on the same knee. His home address is 1250 Richfield, Aurora, CO 80011-7781. Home phone is (303) 363-7771. I am sure Earl would like a card or phone call from you.

For you that want a Denver Mile Higher Directory. Please send one dollar (\$1.00) for postage and handling to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1345.

The next breakfast is the first Saturday in February (Groundhog Day). Come to the breakfast and receive a free heart for Valentines Day.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. 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!

FLORIDA

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On December 6th, 20 Sand“DABS” and guests gathered at the Red Lobster for our Christmas meeting. VP **Steve Moddle** opened the meeting and welcomed our guests George Parker, a friend of **Jane Kress** and Dinah Davis from CA, a long-time friend of **Bobbie Rieck**. We also welcomed **Bill Oliver** of our group after a long absence and we're always happy to see **Martha Priehs** who drives over to Daytona from Winter Park to be with us as often as she can.

We were all asked to bring an unwrapped toy or toys to give to the “Toys For Tots” program. I can say there was a huge pile of toys assembled. Our prayers were that these toys will bring joy and happiness to some deserving children this Christmas.

VP Steve read some humorous stories sent to him by former member **Jesse Jernigan**. Along with our 50/50 drawing there were drawings for five other items. Our guest Dinah drew the first ticket for the money and each winner after that drew for the next item. The **Gammills** won a poinsettia plant, **Jane Kress** and friend won a poinsettia plant, **Lillian Moddle** won a folder of hand-made note cards, **Irene Warner** won a surprise in a bag and **George Parker** also won a surprise in a bag.

Penny Logan gave a Treasurer's report. We're in the black. We will be deciding on where to give some money to a few charities at the January meeting. There was not any real company news, but it was reported that US Air will be coming into the Daytona Airport starting Feb. 1st. That will be good news for a lot of locals in this area.

Lillian Moddle read a different version of the Christmas poem “A Night Before Christmas” from the viewpoint of a soldier standing at his post. It was very moving and gave some of us “chicken skin”. (That's a Hawaiian expression of feeling the power of the Spirit.)

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Not all who wander are lost.*

Calendar:

Feb. 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

March 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO
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The first luncheon meeting of the Real McCoys for the new year 2008 brought 26 members and 10 guests out to brave the COLDEST temperatures in Orlando since 2003! Everyone was bundled up and our January guests **Jayne & John Regan** from New Hampshire were "blamed" for bringing the icy blast! **Barb & Joe Fitak** brought their daughters and grandchildren; **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** were joined by their daughter, Wendy and her children!

VP **Rich Llewellyn** chaired our meeting as President Paul was in LAS – Santa must have been good to him this year! Hope he returns to MCO a winner!

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

Feb. 18 – Favorite Restaurant Dinner, Miller's Ale House on So. Semoran Blvd. (near the airport). We will meet there at 4:30 pm for dinner.

March 5 - Something New! We will hold the luncheon onboard the Rivership Grand Romance. This wonderful 3 hour cruise sailing down the St. John's River only costs \$37.00 plus tax. Bring family and friends with you! We'll collect reservations and money at the Feb. 6th regular meeting. Or, call **Stan Halterman** at (407) 852-6773

April 2 - Mark your calendars for our annual picnic at the Eastlake Fish Camp

May 23 - June 4, 2008 - 12 Night Alaska Land & Cruise aboard Carnival Spirit. Just a few seats left for this great cruise.

Sept. 11-20, 2008 - Motor coach trip SFO to LAX – Great stops in between. For details contact **Stan Halterman** at (407) 852-6773

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There were 17 members that attended the January 4th Luncheon at Sabal Springs. We had a most informative speaker, **Mike Sullivan**, from ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). This organization is dedicated to fighting world hunger through innovative ideas, information, agricultural training and seeds. The farm is located in North Fort Myers, Florida. The farm allows ECHO to provide resources for missionaries and agricultural workers in over 190 countries. Everyone was given two tickets to visit the farm. Quite a few years ago our Chapter had a tour of the farm and **Bill Burg** suggested that instead of a picnic we take another tour of ECHO.

We welcomed two new members, **Ed & Judy Clarke**. They live in Cape Coral and Ed retired from the Maintenance Base in Chicago in 2003.

Sandy & Jerry Pryde are in Louisiana doing mission work. They have been going there for the past few years and help those who lost everything to Hurricane Katrina. It is hard work and takes special people to be able to do this.

Mel Volz had a new Roster for all of the members. He did a great job.

Wanda Schmoyer, again decorated the tables with her prize winning hibiscus. **Wanda** is very active in the Hibiscus Society and has over 100 of the colorful plants.

Bill & Marge Burg visited Thailand, Shanghai, and Hong Kong during the month of December. They visited Bill's son who lives in Thailand. Sounds like they had a fun trip.

Terry Gilkison, finally returned home after a 4 week stay in the hospital. He had lung cancer surgery in October and then developed an infection. He wants to thank all of the people who have sent him emails and cards while in the hospital.

Jim Stokes had a heart attack on December 28th and was admitted to the Cape Coral Hospital. He is now recuperating at home.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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*Submitted by **Pat Trice***

What a beautiful day, place, Christmas decoration and great food? What a beautiful and happy group of Sand Dollars that met at the Peridia Golf & Country Club, Dec. 13th in Bradenton, FL. It is good when we can get together and swap old and new stories.

Welcome to **Kathy & Bill Frait** as first time visitors. They have indicated they plan to join our group. It was a pleasure to have **Ruby Glasscock** with us this month. Ruby had a birthday in Nov. and celebrated her 99 years. She says she is working on her 100 birthday now. When someone asked how she managed to be active and live so long? She outstretched her arms lovingly towards her daughter and son in-law, Ginger and Michael Hyde. Ginger & Michael, thank you for sharing Ruby with us and we look forward to seeing her through out the year and celebrating her 100th birthday next year.

Happy Birthday to **Loretta Marvett**, Dec. 15th, she and **Michael** also celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 15th.

I am sorry to report that Past President **Tim O'Donnell**, has a very serious pulmonary disease which is untreatable. He is at home and is on oxygen. **Russ Wasser**, broke his elbow badly falling from a ladder. **Ken Bauman** also broke his elbow while playing tennis and is undergoing therapy. As far as I know, **Marion Deckrow** is still in rehab following knee replacement. We wish all of you a speedy recovery.

Ken Bauman's name was drawn for the FREE LUNCH, but he was unable to attend. **Tim O'Donnell's** name was drawn for the attendance drawing of \$5.00 and of course he could not be with us, so next month's attendance drawing will be \$10.00.

Door prizes winners were: **Ted Mavis, Bill Frait, Ruby Glasscock, Betty Bishop, Kathy Frait, Jackie Howells and Lois Kline**. Thanks to **Suzan Goodson & Alice Parker** for some of the door prize donations.

50/50 winners were: **James Vedral, Tom Sherlock, (Betty got the money) and Jackie Howells**.

We collected for Our Annual Christmas Donation to Meals on Wheels, to be sent to both Manatee & Sarasota Counties.

Betty Bishop gave us a very interesting informative report of her activity with a Theater Group she performs with in Sun City Center. We have asked her to let us know of the upcoming schedule of event so we may attend a performance as a group. I'm looking forward to it.

Calendar:

All luncheons starts at 11:30 AM

Jan. 10 - Ruby Tuesday, 8303 Tourist Center Drive, Bradenton, FL.

Feb. 14 - Mattison's Riverside 1200 1st Ave, Bradenton. FL.

Mar. 13 - Lee Roy Selmon's, 8253 Cooper Creek Blvd. Bradenton, FL.

Apr. 10 - TBA

May 8 - Annual Picnic, South Lido Park, Sarasota

TAMPA BAY

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The meeting was opened January 7, by President **Bob Lindstrom** with 27 members present. Current membership is at 81.

Birthday celebrated for the month of January was **John Quinn** at 90 years young on January 4th.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected to add **Loretta Marvett's** Birthday December 15th, 2007.

Beverly Alderdice mentioned that she had great travel on United Airlines to Germany in December. **Jim Hottel** talked about his trip to Maine. It was stated that if you make travel arrangements for the convention in Pittsburgh, to do it early.

President Lindstrom lead a discussion of the picnic plans for the year and it was decided by unanimous vote to use Anderson Park again.

President Lindstrom also asked that a staff meeting be held at 9:00 a.m. prior to the February meeting. The same staff was elected to serve the 2008 year.

Terri Breslin reported on the Sunshine committee and the following cards were sent out to **Pearl Quinn** recovering from Chemo treatments, **Edith Polito**, who had a serious fall. It was also reported that **Jennie Santacroce** has moved to Mount Joy, PA.

President Lindstrom read several articles regarding news of United Airlines and other carriers. **Jon Wilkerson** reported that there will be an extra fee on all tickets for fuel charge. He also stated that the pilots could now work until 65 years old.

Terri Breslin reported on the Christmas Luncheon and that 53 members attended and \$350 was collected for JDRF. She thanked all for the attendance, the help and the monies collected for our charity.

Mike Marvett again reminded everyone of the March 17th West Coast Luncheon at Seven Springs Country Club at 11:00 a.m. The amount is \$17 P/P.

Calendar

Feb. 4 – 10 AM – Buddy Freddy's

March 3 – 10 AM Buddy Freddy's

March 17 - 11:00 a.m. Seven Springs CC West Coast Luncheon



TREASURE COAST

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Our December Cocktail/Dinner Party was in lieu of our regular meeting and was attended by 20 members. Everyone enjoyed the appetizers and main entree, the conversation was enjoyable and everyone looked festive. We caught up on the news from some of the members we hadn't seen for awhile, Snowbirds and travelers. Such a great time of the year, too bad it doesn't come around more often! The table was adorned with Christmas items that were later given to the members whose numbers were drawn from the 50/50 stubs. **Barbara Dodenhoff** won a lovely Santa Claus. She sure was having a difficult time keeping track of him! For some reason, it kept disappearing on her! **Tracy Cohen, Diane Liebisch's** daughter, made up delightful bags for each member, they consisted of one clear cellophane bag with Biscotti's, Italian Cookies, all nicely tied with ribbons and bows and another cellophane bag with an assortment of items consisting of a miniature flash light, note pad,

post-it-notes, zippered eye glass holder, a padded handle cover for luggage, a package of small assorted screw drivers and a pocket size band aid dispenser. What nice gifts, for all of us. Thank you, Tracy, for your kind generosity.

Toys for Tots was an overwhelming success; so many toys were donated that it took over a corner of the room. Al, our President, was planning to deliver the toys the next day.

Our December 8, Dinner/Dancing Cruise was cancelled by the Skipper of the Ship because of dock problems in Stuart. Although everyone was disappointed, we decided to try it again in the Spring, keep tuned for details.

Now to keep up with the mystery of the 50/50 winners, Treasurer **Diane Liebisch** won the 50/50 and **Celina Xiferas** won the progressive winnings! There seems to be some underlying mystery surrounding the winners here, let's see who the winners are next month!

Well, we started the year 2008 with a big bang. We had 17 members in attendance of our Jan. 2 Luncheon meeting at RJ Gators in Port St. Lucie. Remember we changed our meeting to the first Tuesday of the month but since Jan. 1 was a holiday, we held our meeting on Jan. 2. Our next meeting will be February 5. We decided that it will be a trip to Hallandale for a visit to Gulf Stream Park Racing and Casino.

Notices are being sent to all Members and an RSVP to Al must be given no later than Jan. 31! Please be assured you will be set up with a car pool so driving will not be a problem.

Now, the winning ticket of the 50/50 was none other than **Janice Popek**, our President's wife and guess who won the Progressive drawing? Al himself! We really have to look at this picture: **Paul Liebisch** and **Al Popek** sell and draw the tickets, you now have the whole picture to draw your own conclusion! Nothing sinister going on here, Hmmm!

If any retirees out there want to join our crazy group, please call us or better yet, just come and join us for Lunch, you certainly won't regret it we have a lovely bunch of coconuts! Seriously, we have a lot of fun and we are a wonderful group of people ... lively and fun loving. Try us, at least give us a chance to prove our worth. Put aside all your problems and have a great lunch and visit us. Join us on Feb. 5.

Smile Time! Try one of these on your answering machine for a chuckle:

- *If you are a burglar calling to check ... then we're probably at home cleaning our weapons right now and can't come to the phone. Otherwise, we probably aren't home and it's safe to leave us a message!*
- *Hello, you are talking to a machine. I am capable of receiving messages. My owners do not need siding, windows or a hot tub and their carpets are clean. They give to charity through their office and don't need their picture taken. They are also very happy with their current phone service. If you're still with me, leave your name and number and they will get back to you.*

Calendar:

Feb. 5 – Gulf Stream Park Casino

March 4 - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

April 1 - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

IDAHO

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Idaho My Idaho. The state is white with snow. The ski resorts are having a field day, everybody from skiers, to snowboarders, to snowmobilers, are having fun. Conservationists are enjoying seeing our summer water reserve piling up in the hills and mountains. The farmers are tickled pink, with the spring and summer prospect. Everywhere you go, everywhere you look, it is a beautiful winter wonderland. Elevations range from 2,753 feet in Boise, to Idaho Falls' 4,730, to Stanley's 6,270, to Borah Peak @12,662 feet.

Of course, the weather put a damper on our monthly breakfast meeting, but 12 adventurous GEMS managed to gather at JB's on Jan. 7. **John & Carole Bell** were a little late getting to Meridian from Payette, account of blowing snow & flying slush. They drove the 50 miles in 20-25 mph traffic, but arrived without mishap.

Absent were **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** who flew to LAX early for their Panama Canal Cruise. We assume they are on their way, but we're not so sure about **Charlie & Shirley Perkins** who were to meet the Dempsey's at the dock. They waited, hoping to fly BOI-LAX the same day, & still make the close connection. With all the insecurity of air travel these days, who knows? The Perkins' may well be trying to catch up with the cruise ship in a rented paddleboat. (*Quip by Joan Vardy*).

Shirley Law flew to HWI for the Boise State football game. Weather beautiful. She met a couple from the Isle of Mann; she English; he Irish. They pay \$11 a liter for gas. Count your blessings, folks.

Walt Anderson had foot surgery Dec. 13, but is mending well, keeping busy, & enjoying life, nonetheless. Meanwhile, **Wilma Anderson**, active in the General Federation of Women's Club, is busy checking out Convention Centers & Tours for a regional meeting of several hundred women in Boise in Sept. 2009.

Al Burkhardt is having back surgery shortly. More later.

Since our faithful correspondent failed to make it clear when our luncheon would be (Jan. 16, at Kuna's Fiesta Guadalajara restaurant), **Ned Yundt** brought us up-to-date, & reconfirmed the attendance list.

Calendar:

Feb. 4 - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

March 3 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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Cold weather, sleet and several inches of snow kept almost fifty Skyliners from attending the Christmas luncheon on December 11th. But almost 300 hardy souls enjoyed a fine dinner and were serenaded by the Elk Grove Township High School singers. At each table, the diner who had a birthday nearest Christmas Eve won the centerpiece on the table created by **Rich Surma**. Fortunately, telling how old you were going to be was not mandatory.

United Airlines had a luncheon for charity volunteer workers. **Ron Artman** received a \$1,000 check for his work with PADS, and **Mary Szabo** for her work with the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Other volunteers to the Depository were treated to a festivity on November 30th. Included in this group from United were **Ron & Pat Artman, Ron & Rosemarie Pryer, Al & Liesel Schroeder, Bob & Carol Faust, Angie Halama, Norm Pearson, Marge Daily, Moon Ja Park, Bob Jacobson, Ann Coble, Mary Szabo, Ellen Shofner** and **Sharon Zamansky**. For the second year in a row, Angie won a prize.

Irene Miller went on the Coral Princess cruise to the Caribbean. It made stops in Aruba, Cartagena and Columbia. It went through the Panama Canal round trip and had further stops in Costa Rica and Jamaica. She's home to snow and ice.

Since the retiree travel desks have worked out so well in PDX and SEA, RUAEA is exploring starting one in CHI at the Training Center next to WHQ. Needed are volunteers to check loads and list retirees. No experience necessary, training is free and hours are flexible. The operating hours would depend on volunteer availability. Must be a retiree since File Number is used to access info. So, if you want to get in on the fun, call **Carol Faust** at (847) 895-1231. She's spearheading the project.

Now that everyone has recuperated from the holidays, we have another treat on Thursday, March 13th, eleven hours at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. If corned beef and cabbage are not your shtick, there are menu alternatives. For Skyliners who have not kept up their \$5.00 dues and are no longer getting the activity flyers, **Mary Szabo** at (847) 437-4137 will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

A big welcome to Clipped Wings Chapter to the RUAEA newsletter. I remember fondly the great recipe booklet they published in the 60's that I would love to see in print again. Maybe a project for the convention? Or is an old one still available?

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (**Feb. 26 & March 25**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**Feb. 13 & March 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**Feb. 5 & March 4**).

March 13 - Spring Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Wellington

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We are looking forward to the 2008 RUAEA Convention, May 18-14. Pittsburg inspires good memories of Charlie Haneline, the Eastern Division Headquarters, and the action photos of the Steelers.

For those taking the tour to Shankesville, Lisa Beamer's book "Let's Roll" is highly recommended. Her husband, Todd, was a passenger onboard United Flight 93. Both attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. The book is a story of courage and faith.

Agneta & Ted Jung have returned from a fascinating trip to the Andes. In September, they flew on United between Dulles and Buenos Aires with a side trip to Santiago, Chile.

They were accommodated on First Class south bound and returned in Coach. Both flights were full but Ted reported that even the coach flight was comfortable. They will be returning to South America soon to visit coastal and interior Chile and Antarctica.

Calendar:

March 19 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (That Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m. (Please confirm attendance to Roe by e-mail or phone no later than noon March 18)

May 21 – Luncheon Cancelled due to conflict with UAL Convention in Pittsburgh week of May 19-24, 2008.

INDIANA



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Welcome to 2008! May it be filled with a life of good health, prosperity and lots of available seats for standbys.

Many, many thanks to **Cheri Innis** for being the wonderful correspondent for Indy Racers which she has been for the last three years. She is currently recovering from neck surgery to replace several disks. Cheri is at home and doing well but having to sleep sitting up. **Ron & Cheri** are looking forward to another Caribbean cruise with **Bud & Elly Barnett** and **Dave & Dimples Rihel**, so they all want to be in the best of health. What a great way to beat the winter doldrums. **Warren & Gail Allen** are already warming in the sunny south; I believe in Alabama. Good to see **Terry Martin** return to our November meeting, he has been battling cancer.

Sadly, we had to cancel our planned Christmas party on December 15th due to severe weather. The entertainment committee did not reschedule since it was so close to Christmas and a meeting place is impossible to find on short notice. The Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville where we meet for our Christmas party and summer picnic is so inviting, tucked in the woods with a huge fireplace and an overlooking back deck, it is disappointing not to share the ambiance. Fortunately, our caterer had not started to cook our entree, (we

cancelled early on the 15th), so we did not have to pay for the meat or the side dishes ordered. Lucky for our scant treasury.

Lastly, please continue to keep **Chris Gibson** in your prayers; she has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments again.

Calendar:

Feb. 12 – Meeting at the Eagles Lodge

March 11 – Meeting at the Eagles Lodge

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters Christmas Luncheon, held on December 12, brought out 71 members. Good to see **John Bosco, Theodore & Eleanora Babij, Ralph & Elaine Torres, Francis Mathews, Bruce Casassa** and **Frank & Natalie Procopio**, whom we haven't seen in some time. **Joe Duda's** family, wife **Albina**, daughter **Abbie** and son **Fred** came again. **Bill Sahilor** with daughter **Kimberly**, attending her second Christmas luncheon, only this time, **Kim** was on crutches from that 5 point broken leg last month.

Don Simard, despite his own physical problems, was able to attend and did his normal outstanding job as MC. The 50/50s were won by **Paul Newcomb, Sylvia Shakley** and **Bruce Eddy**. Free lunches were won by **Peter Fusco, Gerald Peters** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. Then, Don raffled off two dozen wrapped Christmas presents.

We missed some of our regulars, **Frank & Janet DeSefano, Bill & Marie Dwyer, Ray & Wanda Forester, Willie MacPhail, Patti Mix, James Murray, Josephine Pizzano, Bob & Eileen Seibold, Bob & Helen Wilson** and **Woody & Christine Withrow**.

I missed **Jack Casey's** birthday, 86 in December. **Don Lewis, Bob Lincoln** and **Frank Procopio** celebrated birthdays in January. **Gary Bosworth** in February. **John & Peg Dellelo** 51st anniversary in January. February's anniversary celebrants are **Marcia & David Kilpatrick**, 14 years and **Ralph & Elaine Torres**, 51 years.

Bob Boyle had a hip replacement in December. He is now home. Cheer him up with an e-mail at romaBoyle@yahoo.com.

I wrote several letters to various heads of the PBGC as a taxpayer, not as a retiree, inquiring about a possible reversal of the pension plan now that UAL is about to get a rather large monetary windfall, selling off Mileage Plus. I received a letter from the PBGC's Terrance Deneen, advising, UAL got an ironclad contract that the pension plan couldn't be reversed. Enough said!

I was glad when our Newsletter dedicated a page to the UA Historical Foundation. Also, I'm glad to see the new addition of "Clipped Wings". We are all members of a once REALLY GREAT organization and now we can all share together. What other surprises does our Newsletter have in store for us?

We've had some serious snow in NH in December 07. Broke a record last set in 1873. When younger, I enjoyed skiing, but this year, yours truly will be heading to FLL right after our Presidential Primary Elections. **Lew & Sylvia Shakley** did so just after Christmas. Sunshine, here I come!

Calendar:

March – To be announced.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Our hosts, **Marie & Joan** plus hundreds of smiley Snow Folks welcomed 22 Escapees to our first encounter of 2008. This has been an annual January meeting place since the Escapees were born in 1995. Thank God we were blessed with a beautiful day, extremely cold but no snow nor blizzard. I believe this was a very special meeting as we had several Escapees from out of state. **Joanne Maas** from Orting, WA, **Joanna O'Brien** and Mom, **Helen**, from Scottsdale, AZ and **Shiela Dean** from Carlsbad, CA. **Shiela** took the night-owl from LAX arriving early morning and returned that evening. How much more special can that be? We were also delighted to see **Kathy Franz** looking well after complete shoulder replacement surgery just a month ago. Our love and prayers to Kathy for continued recovery along with **Joanne Mass** and **John LeRoy** who are both undergoing chemo treatments again. Also keep in your prayers **Bernie McMannus** who will be undergoing back surgery January 9. Lastly, our prayers for our dear friend **Jo Madden**, who is suffering a set-back, and that this too will pass, very soon.

Also, **Sharon McComb** and the children have planned a Memorial Celebration for **Ken** on January 12. They are asking those who would like to do so to write a memory about Ken. It doesn't have to be long or fancy. They would like to make a booklet as a remembrance. This would be a wonderful gift for the family. Please send them to: *Sharon McComb, 14661 Barclay, Dearborn, MI 48126* -or- e-mailed to: kenmemorial@gmail.com or smccomb913@aol.com

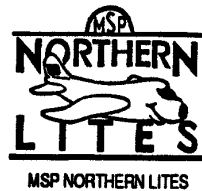
Calendar:

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

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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December's gathering brought 34 Lites out on a bright, sunny winter day. We were pleased to see **Marty Arnold** again. Many of the Snowbirds joined us for the last time this year. By the time this is read, they'll have already joined that big Convoy down I-35 & reached their warmer destinations, wondering how the rest of us can stand to stay in MN.

The **Delvauxs**, **Storlies** and **Kelleys** were back from their cruise. All had a wonderful time & none looked any worse for having been trapped on a ship with FOOD around every corner.

We had further response from around the system to our charitable giving to one of our MSP employees whose husband will have heart/liver transplant surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Our heartfelt thanks to those who have contributed.

Duane Cater was contacted & during the conversation was asked how his health is doing. Typical Duane ~ "I'm doin' OK". End of conversation. He's our poster boy for miraculous recoveries from life-threatening situations.

Santa **Lee Storlie** & his elves passed out Christmas gifts to everyone & we decided to divvy up the 50/50 raffle six ways so that more could have a little Christmas bonus.

We are saddened by the passing of former MSP ramp serviceman **Clarence Dahlberg**. Although we hadn't seen him & **Mary** in several years, they have always been active members from a distance. Condolences may be sent to Mary & the family at 30434 Lost River Road, NE, Kelliher, MN 56650.

We also extend our condolences to **Auldin Gunderson** on the death of his wife, **Bonnie**. She succumbed to cancer after fighting valiantly for several years. Auldin & his brother, Lyle, have also recently lost their father. Condolences may be sent to Auldin at 309 W. Spring St., Roberts, WI 54023 and to Lyle at 149 US Hwy 63, Baldwin, WI 54002.

Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA



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We had 62 attending our Christmas Dinner at Anthony's hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**. It was a great evening with wonderful food; being serenaded by **Joe Taylor**, and playing our Christmas Bingo called by the one and only **Dave Letts**. It seems like our Christmas Dinners are getting more beautiful each year and everyone seems happy to be in attendance.

Marilyn & Dick Weak were unable to attend as Marilyn had been hospitalized for several days due to a digestive problem. **Joyce Torchia** had eye surgery and was still recuperating. **Hilde & Dick Schwan** did not come as Hilde, just now got to throw her crutches away and, in her note to Keith, she said she was now walking quite well, but next step will be a total knee replacement.

Tony Sortino kept the office of President for one more year as **Ken Bender** moved to Hemet, CA and he was to take over. So, Tony is now free of those duties and next in command is **Gary Procopio**. Thank you, Tony, for being a great President. We are all very proud that you represent us as the Director of RUAEA for the Mountain Region.

Some notes to Keith with people paying their dues: **Gene O'Brien** said he would hit 90 next month, if he was lucky. **Van Van Houten** said he doesn't drive at night, so he couldn't be with us. He is doing very well with his walking after having hip surgery in October. **Bob & Kathy Faust** from Florida say "Hi Guys - Happy Holidays - we miss you."

On December 5, Omaha suffered its worst catastrophe when a 19 year old entered the beautiful Von Maur store located in the Westroads Shopping Center and proceeded to shoot and kill 9 people (including himself) and injured 5. Our city was in shock. Our hearts go out to the victims' families and to those people who witnessed this horrible crime. I am happy to report that with a community effort, the Von Maur store opened its doors again on December 20.

I'm so impressed with what the Iowa Cookie Crumbs do; I am going to give you more information on them. I received a Christmas card from Abbie Crawford, Mother Crumb, thanking us for our support for postage. This year they sent 62,000 cookies to personnel deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they also sent 110 miniature Christmas trees with ornaments and 362 stockings filled with small gifts. God Bless these ladies who keep our troops in COOKIES.

NEVADA

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Sixty-two members of the 'Gamblers' enjoyed a prime rib dinner at our Christmas luncheon. Everyone brought a gift for the raffle table, so gifts were numerous, and the 50-50 drawing made 4 members richer and happy. The Toys for Tots campaign that **John Albert** initiated was a huge success! Since the US Marines are so busy collecting toys during the holiday season, they were unable to get to our luncheon, so toys and games were loaded up and delivered to them by **Tony Tricoli**; thanks, Tony, and all the others who helped.

We have some new members in our Chapter: **Freddi Bieman** (DENCS), **Kay Corbin**, **Gert Pavich**, and **Lynn Stewart**; all from LAXRR.

Treasurer **Jean Frasco** and her family just returned from a 5-night cruise to Cabo San Lucas; what a great way to start out the new year!

June Martinez and **Mike Vasko** feeling a little under the weather lately; get well soon wishes go out to them.

We've received word that **Charles Dombroski**, a former member, has passed away. Our condolences to his family. Some heard from **Lillian Wiper** over the holidays; she has moved to Washington State to stay with family members, since she is on oxygen.

We continue to enjoy our new meeting place at Arizona Charlie's. Jean DeLano, the lovely catering manager goes out of her way to make sure we are happy. We look forward to our next luncheon in February.

Calendar:

Feb. 12 – Meeting at 11:30AM, Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. – (702) 258-520

April 8 - Meeting

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters' Holiday Luncheon was held on December 12 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains, NJ with 85 people attending. We had representatives from Sales, Reservations, Clipped Wings, Air Freight, Ramp, Stores, Mechanics, Shops Auto, D&M, tire, Dining Service, Fueling, Load Planning, Foreman, Customer Service Manager and Pilots. It was a great time for us to reminisce, and meet some retirees we haven't seen in a long time.

Jerry Confer brought the Pocono Mountains Detachment Banner and Flag for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots". He came dressed in his Marine Uniform. What's the old saying, "once a Marine"? He again thanked everyone for bringing in the many toys, their unit had the largest amount of toys to give out to the children.

Dick once again had the tables decorated for Christmas and had many gifts for Door Prizes. Some were also donated by **Marie Blackwell**. There were so many prizes that I lost count of those who won. 50/50 was 2 prizes, \$60 won by **George Wittman**, \$35 won by **Wanda Mercer**.

Needless to say, no one wanted to leave, and stayed a lot longer than we usually do.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

December 7th marked the annual Christmas Party at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga, NY, hosted by the working employees of United in Buffalo. During the year they have breakfasts, split clubs and any other thing they can think of to raise money or prizes so there are something for everyone. Retirees contribute by having split club raffles at our meetings, attend some of the above-mentioned functions and donate prizes as gifts.

Fifty seven attended the evening starting with a Hosted cocktail party, a very fine dinner, with all the trimmings, including dessert, and on to the prizes. This year some of the larger gifts were luggage, DVD players, Crock pots, Broilers an assortment of funny or joke items, gift certificates and finished with an ample supply of various sized bottles in fancy wrappings. The sponsors added a Christmas Tree Ornament. Every couple or single in attendance left with at least 3 gifts. We thank those that passed on the party, making their gifts available to us.

Following the prize ceremony, the music restarted and those young enough spent time tripping the light fantastic. For some of us, that meant mostly tripping.

Active employees and spouses: **Angela & Joe Selak, Jill & Tony Sebastian, Mary Ann & Frank Palumbo** and several others hosted the entire evening and kept it moving in a humorous and orderly fashion. Our hats are off to all of them. This is turning into an annual event that all retirees look forward too.

The sick list is quite small and consists of **Joyce Izydorczak**, still recovering from foot surgery, **Cheryl Pelkey**, who recovered from knee surgery and returned to the hospital for another set of problems. She was at the dinner and looking radiant. **Norm Scheaffer** and I have been under the weather but both are well on the way to full recovery.

Over the past several months we have conducted a survey to determine which is more appropriate, dinner or lunch. Based on the majority opinions, we will try the luncheons for the next several months. The first will be held early in March with the date and location to be announced in late January or early February.

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BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes do not meet in the month of January. This gives the members time to recuperate from the Christmas Holiday & others, the time to travel to a warmer climate.

The Feb. meeting will be held on Feb. 5th at Dimitri's in Parma. **Marilyn Gschwend** will be hosting this event. There is a large room to accommodate the Buckeyes & the food is great. Thank you Marilyn, your time & effort is appreciated.

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

Well, Buckeyes! It's the beginning of 2008. It's time for the membership dues to be paid. Please make your check payable to: Ohio Buckeyes. Send payment to Treasurer: **Dolly Taucher**, 8301 Lorraine Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. The deadline for paying your dues is June 1st.

I received an email 12-17 from Bob Rowan (Joe & Bette's son) thanking me for the kind words in January's RUAEA newsletter. He sent copies to both of his sisters. He also wanted me to pass on his families' thanks to the Buckeyes for their thoughts and prayers during their time of sorrow on the passing of his parents last January.

Please continue to keep Pres. **Carol Hacker** and her husband **Ray**, in your prayers. They are facing many difficulties at this time. She is a very spiritual person and continues to deal with whatever problems may arise.

Calendar:

March 5 - Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. Gathering at 12 noon & luncheon served at 12:30p.m., pre-paid.

April 2 - Agostino's Ristorante & Catering, located at 4218 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn. Gathering time is 12 noon, pre-paid.

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It was lovely to enter the luncheon room at the Refectory and see all the red and green decorations on the tables. Our decoration committee did a beautiful job, as always, and you can tell that **Cora & Jack Harper** and **Anna & Harold Miller** enjoy making the decorations.

There were 92 at the meeting and lots of prizes were given out including the centerpieces on each table. The birthday winner was **Mary Lou Falbo**, anniversary **Richard & Chris Householder** and 50/50 was won by **Tom Walker**. The door prizes were too numerous to mention but the three special Christmas gifts were won by **Johni Wilson**, cookbook, **Richard Householder** and **Bill Shaw** \$50 gift certificates.

It seems our chapter has been extremely healthy of late or no one is calling **Merle & Lois Pitman** to let them know of any serious illness. I did forget to mention **John Donaldson** had hernia surgery late last year. I guess it was one of my "senior moments".

Please bring a valentine card to the February luncheon if you are inclined, as the cards will be distributed during the ice cream social. It is always fun to greet whoever receives your card.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (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. 13 - Valentine's Day & Ice Cream Social

March 12 - Social

April 9 - Social

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OUR CLUB
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My New Year's resolution for 2008 is not to pound my computer every time it misbehaves. We're only a few days into 2008 and already I'm having to control myself.

It was because of a computer glitch that OUR Club had to postpone its January 2008 luncheon meeting from January 4 to January 11 - well beyond the RUAEA Newsletter deadline. The next chapter report will be full of the updates I'd normally be including here.

This report, however, does contain one piece of delightful news. For the past two years, former OUR Club members **Lowell & Norma Ross** have been living in Arkansas. We're very happy to say that Lowell and Norma will soon be returning permanently to Southern Oregon and OUR Club. A hearty Welcome Back awaits them.

Calendar:

Feb. 1 - TBA – **Laurie Jordan**

March 7 - TBA – **Bob & Ida Rogers**

April 4 - TBA - **Bob & Miriam Lindberg**

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Happy Valentine's Day! Another Christmas has come and gone. The Pit-Stoppers held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Embassy Suites on Dec 7. 60 people enjoyed a delicious meal and entertainment. Hosts were **Bettye & Paul Musko**. President **Vic Ference** presented the "Retirement Plaque" to our newest retiree **Cliff Fair**. Welcome aboard Cliff! Cliff & his wife were also given a one year free membership in our local chapter.

Barb Seaholm gave the year end treasury report; she & husband **Malcolm** stayed and collected the annual dues, after the luncheon. **Rich "Cake" Guida & Barb** were greeted with a round of applause; Rich looked great after all of his trials and tribulations. Couldn't have done it without nurse Barb. RUAEA Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** gave a report on the status of RUAEA and encouraged all local members to join the National. Yours truly was elected as VP of our local chapter. The food donations were taken by **June & John Schiralli** to a local food bank.

The Golden Girls luncheon was postponed due to the untimely passing of our fellow Golden Girl **Carole Kenzie Irwin**. Carole was truly one of the Golden Girls. Her famous "Hi Hon" and bright smile will always be remembered by all who knew and loved her. I'm sure Carole along with **JoAnn Schneider** and **Patti Ellis** are smiling down at those of us left behind. God Speed Girls.

The 35th annual Juth Open House was enjoyed by some 65 friends and relatives this year. It was probably one of our smaller gatherings. It was great to see **Marilyn Snyder** and her family again. We all certainly miss Ray. Our good friends **Ed & Kay Ike** and **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** enjoyed going over the "GOOD OLE DAYS".

The convention plans are running right on schedule thanks to **Hank Gosselin & Bob Halladen** and a great committee. It's so great reading the letters in the Newsletter from some of the Pit Transplants and their intentions of attending the festivities. Get your reservations in early. Yunz will enjoy.

Calendar:

Feb. 21 – Valentine's Day luncheon - Atrias in Robinson.

May 18-24 - RUAEA Convention

TENNESSEE

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We have decided to keep Shoney's as our Breakfast Meeting Place for 2008. We meet for breakfast on the even months and our luncheon/meetings are on the odd months of the year. Good conversation was enjoyed by all at our December breakfast with the main topic being our Christmas and New Years plans. **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr** were leaving right after breakfast for the airport to spend time in Chicago and Canada. **Terry Taylor** was heading up to Ohio on Saturday and we were leaving after Christmas to spend the New Years holiday in Chicago. We extended our stay to include the 1487 Airline Retirees Club luncheon on the first Thursday of January. It was great seeing **Carl & Judy Hibbert, Rich & Dawne Belluomini, Chuck Parkinson, Ralph Kanak** and all our other friends, too numerous to list here. Since it was Bev's birthday month, she even got to participate in the group Birthday Song and received a lottery ticket to celebrate the event. (It was a non-winner as usual!)

Calendar:

Feb. 21 – 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

March 20 - Hosts **Jeanne & Al Barkmann** (865-539-0951). Location to be announced.

April 17 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



With our busy individual schedules during the Christmas holidays, we traditionally do not hold a meeting during December and this year was no exception, so as a result, this report will be shorter than usual.

The SEACS meeting in December at the Black Bear restaurant generated an attendance of 25, including **Maurie & Margaret Major** from Athol in northern Idaho.

Bob Brumfield was busy during the holiday season with his involvement in the Seattle Men's Chorus, with performances in Everett, Seattle and Tacoma. Approximately 19,000 people attended their many performances. Bob was included in a publicity photograph that appeared in the Seattle Times in December. An interesting guest performer with the Chorus is Mr. Hokum who plays the saw (as from your home work shop) as well as an E-flat tuba. Mr. Hokum has appeared on national TV, as well as on YouTube.

Member **Bob Paul** underwent surgery at Harborview Hospital in December and with the attentive care of his wife **Betty**, recovered so that he was able to attend our January 8th meeting.

We learned of the passing on December 11th of **Dennis Wyatt** who was the midnight operations coordinator in SEARR for many years.

Lynn P. Himmelman passed away in Seattle December 17th at age 95. Mr. Himmelman was a former CEO of Western International Hotels (renamed Westin in 1981) which merged with United in 1970. He became CEO when Eddie Carlson moved over from Western International to United Airlines to succeed George Keck as President of United five months following the merger. Mr. Himmelman was elected to the board of UAL, Inc. and United Airlines. He was also one of the founding owners of the Seattle Seahawks. He received nation-wide media attention in the '70s when he helped rescue a window washer whose equipment had failed just outside his office window in a tall building in downtown Portland.

Hank Gosselin's mother, **Sally Gosselin**, passed away unexpectedly just before Christmas in Auburn, WA. Hank, in addition to being an active member of our Seattle Chapter, is the RUAEA national VP of Conventions.

The **Schmicks** spent an eventful two weeks in China just before Christmas, doing Christmas shopping and seeing the sights. Thanks to Larry's computer spreadsheet tracking analysis on United's flights, they were able to pick the right flights from San Francisco to Beijing and flew first class both ways.

Ken Wagner's wife **Pat** spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays in Swedish Hospital with a serious case of pneumonia. Part of her visit included time in the Intensive Care Unit. At the time of this writing she was scheduled to be released in early January.

Members **Carol & Kent Soffel** participate every December in the Argosy Cruises Christmas Ship Festival in Seattle. This festival has been a Northwest tradition for 58 years as a way of bringing Puget Sound communities together to celebrate the holiday season. This year their boat named the "Windy-I" won an award for Best Decorated boat. Congratulations Carol and Kent!

Calendar:

March 11 - Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

April 8 – Meeting, Location to be announced

May 13 – Meeting, Location to be announced

June – No meeting scheduled

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Happy New Year to everyone from Clipped Wings®!

December through January is quiet for our group. We begin to pick up again in April when we have another membership drive, and get ready for our convention in Pasadena, CA on September 24-27th.

In the December RUAEA article regarding **Marta Morgan Rash (MAL)** and Special Olympics, the article was not clear, and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify what I wrote. Marta and her Special Olympian, Annie, are enrolled in a year long program, where they participate in playing golf (9 holes). Marta & Annie are Special Olympic Unified Partners, and each won a Silver (San Jose) and Gold Medal (Walnut Creek) at the Northern California Special Olympics Golf Championship.

Clipped Wings® & Chapter Charity News: Parent Grants were started in 1999 by the *MAL* Chapter, and to-date, several thousand dollars has been awarded to various Special Olympic family members. Other chapters and our national organization of Clipped Wings® have made contributions supporting the grant fund. Last year, Clipped Wings® Parent Grants were awarded to 18 family members traveling to International Special Olympics Games in China to see their athlete compete. An application was submitted by the family to Clipped Wings®, and then reviewed by **Patti Jacoby (MAL)**, **Gail Shannon Walker (MAL)** and their committee who chose the winners.

MIA, *CHI* & *MAL* members drove from various locations to support the National Special Olympic Golf Tournament in Florida. There were approximately 300 athletes from 26 states. It was hot and humid and took about 6 hours to complete 18 holes of golf, where they play by PGA rules and must walk the course.

Assignments were accompanying players and coaches with their golf clubs (driving golf carts), water, and food support. Skills venue, and the rest of the members were gophers. High fives and hugs were received from all the athletes.

Members: A new member to the Clipped Wings® Reno Chapter, **Helaine Jones Jones**, is retired and she mentions on her application that one of the highlights of her flying days, was being the Stewardess on the Goldwater Presidential Candidate Charter in 1964 out of DCA where she met the press and several politicians.

Chapter Doings: *OAK* was busy last month decorating and delivery an Angel Tree to the Livermore Veteran's Home, Christmas wrapping of books/gifts at Barnes and Noble, plus they found time to help out RES

(Adult Handicapped Citizens) addressing envelopes, making, decorating and assembling baskets, selling raffle tickets and decorating for the RES fundraiser which was very successful.

Six members from the DCA Chapter were asked to greet, and answer questions from special guests during a Smithsonian Air Museum Day. America-By-Air is a new display that opened on November 17th. It is a permanent display and takes America through the beginning of flying until today. The ladies were at the table for the Flight Attendant display. Their old uniforms, (a couple wore their hats while they greeted guests) wings, pictures of their graduation & their diplomas were on display. Guests stopped at the table and asked questions about the ladies flying career. They couldn't believe all of the rules in the sixties, and earlier. Also, the ladies sat at a different table and participated in a forum where a spokesperson from the Smithsonian asked them questions about their flying days. Fun was had by all.

Until next month, if you are interested in joining Clipped Wings®, please write, email, or call me at the above address.

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
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Retiree – **HUTCHENS, Pate C.**, on 11/24/08, WHQPE, 620 W. Church St, Champaign, IL 61820. (Pate was past RUAEA president 1981 - 1983)

Retiree – **IRWIN, Carole M.**, on 12/9/07, PITCS, wife of William R., DCAJL, 236 Curry Hollow Rd., West Mufflin, PA 15122

Spouse - **KIDWELL, Carroll W.**, on 5/25/07, husband of Esther A., DCARR, 12433N Cherry Hills Dr. E., Sun City, AZ 85351

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Retiree – **SERGENTI, David L.**, on 9/18/07, SFOLM, Obituary is linked to the following URL <http://mywebtimes.com/archives/ottawa/display.php?id=345987>

LETTERS

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

Margaret Amedeo, Ronald Artman, Kathryn Baran, Shirley Barber, Marie Berlenghi, Robert Bryan, David Bryant, Alton Bullard, Bea Candle, Bill Clarke, Nick Damalas, Eddy Dent, Nora Fitzpatrick, Cary Fong, Allen Grundmeier, William J. Hale Jr., Era Hoffmeyer, Gert Holmbo, Cassy Honeycutt, Marie Kady, Kurt Kubatz, Kathy Leonard, Maria Lesiak, U.A. Janssen-Mabry, Verne Madden, Kay McClure, Robert McCrory, Mac McFadden, Carl Meeds, Albert Miller, Robert Morris, Arthur Paul, John Phillips, Michael Richards, Karen Richman, Juanita Schrecongost, Rick Sletten, Margaret Snyder, Diana Thal.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

D. J. Walton, 3599 Old Sawmill CT., Orange Park, FL 32073

How I connected with UAL and how I hope to reach my 100 Birthday.

How I connected with UAL is the beginning of my story. In 1936 I was in Chicago, and had a very undesirable job. It involved cleaning used machine parts with a caustic solution and required the use of rubber gloves and a protective apron. While so employed I applied for jobs with TWA, American and United, all of which were headquartered in Chicago at the time. One day I received a phone call from United requesting that I come in for a job interview the following day. I was told that they planned to hire seven agents, all of whom would be placed in positions west of Chicago. I interviewed with four United Airlines staff members that day. They asked me to report again the following day at the same time for additional interviews. Again, I requested time off from my less than desirable job, so I would be able to attend the second day of interviews with United. The second day of interviews ended with me being told that the final interviews would be held on a third day. When I arrived on the third day, I found myself to be one of about 12 final job applicants for the seven available positions. The final interviews lasted all day, finishing up at quitting time around 5:00 pm. During the process, one of the UAL staff members by the name of **Knickerbocker**, announced that he was leaving for the day to go to his club. I was under the impression that he was the one to make the final decision, but I decided to sit tight and wait, until I was advised otherwise. Shortly after 5:00 pm, a man by the name of **Ben Voight** returned to his office, which was in my view from the where I was waiting. He lit his pipe and stared out his window for a number of minutes without saying a word. He then signaled me to come into his office. He told me, "Well you are one of the lucky ones." I thanked him and told him that I was looking forward to working for United and to be leaving a job that I disliked. He told me that within three days all seven of the successful job applicants would be leaving Chicago to be posted in the west. At that time, United had exclusive operations in Burbank, CA and Reno, NV. When Mr. Voight asked me if I had a preference, I told him that I would prefer the Burbank location. When I arrived at the Chicago airport expecting to fly to Burbank, I learned that my flight pass was to Salt Lake City, not Burbank. Before departing, I was told that for the first six months, I would be employed on a trial basis, and during that period of time it would be decided whether or not I would become a permanent employee. The way it was expressed to me was that "after six months, it would be decided if they liked me, and I liked them." At the end of my trial period, I was called into the office of my boss, **Paul Woelfel**. He told me that he was pleased to inform me that I was to become a permanent employee.

After spending three years in Salt Lake City, I was transferred to Seattle, WA. From there, I was later transferred to Reno, NV, where I had my first supervisory position. Later I moved from there to Oakland, CA, then later on to the headquarters in Chicago. After a time there, I was again transferred to Omaha, NE and then back to Chicago. After a time there, I was moved again, this time to Cleveland, OH. I was in Cleveland far longer than any other posting from 1945 until 1962. Shortly after United merged with the ailing Capitol Airlines, I was relocated one final time to Youngstown, OH, where I eventually retired from United Airlines.

My goal is to reach my 100th birthday on January 4, 2008. By the time this becomes a published article, this should have become a reality. In the 36 years and 9 months I worked for United, I never had to take a day off or a single sick day. This fact once came out at a meeting in Denver, when I was still stationed in Cleveland. My boss at the time, a fellow by the name of **O.C. "Bud" Enge**, asked me how I would like to take three days off as a bonus, for my perfect job attendance record. I believe my reply to him was. "Now how can anyone refuse such an offer?"

Earl Clore, 8819 E. Greenock Dr., Inverness, FL 34450-1723

Time to renew. Thanks for keeping us up to date with United.

We have not flown anywhere for the past three years. I hate the hassle at check in. We drove to California and towed the travel trailer. We had a great time, first class and no standing by for a seat. We made stops in

TN, AR, and a four day reunion in Phoenix. I met with my old Korean Army buddies and had an enjoyable time.

We would probably still be touring, save for the price of gas, and having a knee replacement in October.

Donald Clark, PO Box 28, Dacona, CO 80514-0028

For three years we tried living in Missouri. For my wife, Robin, (22 years in the flight kitchen), it was culture shock. The old saying, you can't go home again, rang true. I was born there.

We lived just outside of Jefferson City and the local restaurants did not have no smoking sections. They still smoke in the grocery stores! We are glad to be back in Colorado.

Charlene Williams, 5627 Winona Trail, DeLeon Spgs, FL 32130

I would like to add my thanks of appreciation to all the RUAEA staff for their hard work and dedication in getting the newsletter out to all of us. Residing in a small town, with no other UAL retirees near; I look forward to the monthly contact with my United "family".

When I hired on with UAL at YIPCS in 1961, a transition was still going on due to the Capitol Airlines merger. After a few months, I knew I had a "plum" job with a great company. I truly enjoyed going to work every day. I imagine not many current employees can say that now, and who can blame them. I am happy UAL has survived the dark days of 9/11. But I was so thankful to be out of the turmoil when I retired in 2002. Retirement is wonderful!

Lloyd Tomac, 409 W. Matterhorn St., Tucson, AZ 85737-9745

I do appreciate the work of all involved in the newsletter.

We summer in SD Black Hills and winter in AZ. I have been retired over 22 years. I and 2 sons went to Eastern and Central Australia last fall, plus the Great Barrier Reef. We loved it!

I enjoy the winter warm here with my loving wife of 54 plus years.

Naomi Tolf, 142 Sequoia Cir., Santa Rosa, CA 95401-9176

The ghost was barely put away when the Christmas decorations were being shown; whatever happened to the turkey? A little much for us seniors to keep pace. I have made 5 moves in 2 years. One losses track of time, much less where things are! The moves made my back worse (surgery is not an option), but good news is calcium is building up and eventually no pain.

With the above, I am not a distance traveler. I did enjoy the Sacramento convention. The Gold Diggers did a marvelous job. I was able to have lunch with a DEN friend of 50 years ago.

I appreciate the information in the newsletter. I read it from cover to cover, even the names of contributions/letters listed. A familiar name is like a brief visit with a friend. I enjoyed Fred K.'s spring letter of all his travels. I was tired just thinking of all the energy, but travel while you can! The format is much easier to read and handle. No doubt, even the PO appreciates it. Thanks for all the efforts.

Susan Williams, 26 Sycamore Ct. W, Homosassa, FL 34446

Once again United has proven to be a wonderful close family. I want to thank everyone for all the cards and calls, when **John** passed away on January 11, 2007. John worked in CLE, LAX and DEN air freight for over 25 years.

Keep up the good work with the newsletter. It is great seeing names from the past. It is great to keep in touch.

Rose Marie Gonzalez, 1855 Diamond St. Unit 324, San Diego, CA 92109-3341

It has been 19 years of retirement. Thanks to the RUAEA newsletter, I still feel connected to United Airlines, and appreciate so much your keeping us informed of changes and new rules.

Beverly Giles, 2530 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95818-1821

I would love to hear more about United Retiree issues and also pension issues. Sometimes computers are not available.

Charles Gallagher, 4639 Piper Dr., San Jose, CA 95129-3331

I was just wondering if any other member has had this dream or am I the only one?

I find myself back at United, at the same job and some of the same people. Then I realize that I don't have to be there, because I am retired. However, no one seems to be aware of my status, including the supervisor. I decide to stay around for a while, but if the going gets tough, I'll hand in my notice. But before I hand in my notice: It happens, I wake up, very much relieved.

Gino & Charlotte Dipaolo, 48745 Windmill Cir. W, Macomb, MI 48044-4921

Gino retired in 1984, after 36 years. We met at Capital Airlines and have been married for 57 years. We still miss the airline atmosphere. Those were the best days. We don't recognize many names any more.

Linda Keim, 16547 Antero Circle, Broomfield, CO 80023

Thank you for all your efforts to keep us well informed. You do us a great service.

Ron and I are settled in our new home and glad to be back in Colorado. This move was a challenge, as we had to move into a temporary location until our house was finished. I'm thinking we are getting a little old to be moving around like this. But it is behind us and now we can get on with living.

Ron will be retired 20 years in the spring and is in good health. He walks constantly and loves the idea of having over 40 miles of trails to explore, right here in our community.

It is nice to be in the same location as our family, especially during the holidays. All our best for a happy and peaceful 2008.

Mitzi Harris, 5756 Greensboro Way, Gladwin, MI 48624

We just returned from six days in Colorado. We enjoyed our stay very much. I call Colorado, "The climate capital of the world". I spent about 30 years there in RES and really miss it. But, since moving to Michigan, and marrying my high school sweetheart, life has been good. I enjoy reading the newsletter.

Lee Johnson, 6125 S. Kilkenny Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

It is hard to believe another year has passed, it seems like each one goes by faster than the one before. As I look back, I can at least recall a few things that were accomplished.

A granddaughter will graduate from high school in 2008, while her brother will just be entering high school. It doesn't seem possible that they've grown up so fast.

You all do an excellent job of publishing the newsletter each month. I look forward to reading it, to keep informed of changes within the company that might affect us retirees. I also enjoy reading the reports from around the country, to find out what different retirees are up to.

Carole Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108-8022

Thanks for all your hard work.

I moved to Rockford last March, where home prices are ½ of the Chicago Suburban towns. UAX flies out of RFD to DEN, and the parking is free at the beautiful airport. The town is growing by leaps and bounds.

I just had total knee replacement in November. The knee is doing fine but I have been sick ever since. I have lost 20 pounds, but this was not a good way to lose. Hopefully I have turned the corner now with a small weight gain. Whoopee, never thought I'd be happy to say that!

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

I just celebrated my 72nd birthday and have been enjoying retirement for 16 years now. Yes, it was a fast year again, filled with watching our four grandchildren grow up and some adventurous trips.

In March, we visited the game parks of Namibia, Zimbabwe and Botswana. Landing in a small aircraft on a dirt strip was thrilling, but most of all, there were no long security lines to contend with. At times, the pilot had to make two approaches, one to chase the animals off the landing strip and another for the actual, bumpy landing. Ground transportation was by Land Rover, though at times, when traversing small rivers, it seemed more like a small boat. While we were in Botswana, we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

In November, we traveled to Antarctica with a pre-trip to the Chilean and Argentine regions of Patagonia. We visited Torres del Paine and Tierra del Fuego National Parks. Great weather allowed for a Zodiac landing on Cape Horn. The scenery was awesome! We also visited the mighty Iguassu Falls in Argentina and Brazil. Not satisfied with the view just from the land, we ventured out on a Zodiac for a closer look of the falls and got soaked.

In Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, we stored our summer clothes and packed down jackets and parkas for Antarctica. Our ship, the M/S Andrea, was a 110 passenger vessel with only 60 adventurers on board. Cruising the rough waters of the Drake Passage was a challenge for all the passengers. But unlike the Explorer I, which two days earlier collided with an iceberg and sank in the icy waters, our voyage was safe. Thank goodness, all her passengers were rescued. Our Zodiacs managed to make 9 shore calls to different locations in Antarctica. One such landing was to Palmer Station, the American research post. Our ship's Captain invited the research staff to join us passengers for dinner aboard, giving an opportunity for us to chat with them. Since this was the Antarctic Summer, temperatures were relatively mild during the day. Did we see a lot of penguins? You bet. They were unafraid of people and came curiously close to us. We watched them sitting on their eggs and also defending their nests from predatory birds, while others waited for an opening in the floating ice to reach the water. We saw many albatrosses, whales, sea lions and other wildlife. The beauty of this remote continent is indescribable. This trip was an unforgettable adventure for us.

I still like the outdoors, hiking almost every weekend and occasionally taking a trip to Yosemite for some hiking and mountaineering.

Last but not least, I would like to give a big Thank You, to the dedicated staff members who make the publication of our newsletter possible.

Armando Molina, 1056 Grand Ave. Apt. 204, S. San Francisco, CA 94080-7214

I have had six years of retirement. I am doing very well after a total knee replacement that was done two weeks ago. I will be going for physical therapy for the next six weeks.

I am including my e-mail address, if someone would like to get in touch with me. armandodesantatecla@hotmail.com or teclendelpueblo@yahoo.com.

Lonnie Autry, 3054 Oldfield Way, San Jose, CA 95135

It is always great reading the articles in the newsletter.

I even read one written about me. I didn't realize I was that great. I am just a fun loving fellow, flying, mechanic, who would have really fit into the Pat Patterson days of the real United Airlines.

To all the newsletter staff, you rock, keep up the good work.

Tom & Kit Turner, 3544 S. Seashore Ave., Greenbank, WA 98253-9743

Tom has Parkinson's, but is doing quite well, physically. The problem, of course, coming from a former captain, he doesn't like taking orders!

Thanks for all the information in the newsletter.

Richard Klein, 48406 Peaceful Valley Rd., Deer River, MN 56636-2596

"Thank You to all", for all the work that gets put into RUAEA. After having spent some time helping with the Mainliner Club and the Interline Club, back in my Buffalo days; I know the amount of both time and effort that goes into these projects. Most just sit back and think it is easy and automatic.

After four other ports following Buffalo, I finally found a home up here in Northern Minnesota, the only state in the Union, where you can't do anything.

Summers fill up with people, but winters are very nice and quiet, just me and the wife, to keep me in line, and a few polar bears that get lost looking for food, because of all you SUV drivers.

We are right on a lake, with one neighbor who is here all year long. There are 2 or 3 weekenders that come up to snow mobile and ice fish. After all the rush of busy airport life, this is a very welcomed relief.

Carol Faust, 1025 Bradford Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60193

This was a year for doctors. I had cataract surgery in March and April. Now I can see like a hawk and don't bump into walls anymore.

Bob had surgery in June and is doing fine. In July, our son and his wife were in an auto accident in Oregon. We went out there to get them and their things back to Colorado. Then we spent two weeks nursing them back to health.

The last week in August, we went back to Colorado for the vacation that we never had. The highlight of the year, Bob (age 74) and I (age 70) climbed our first fourteener, Gray's Peak, 14,270 feet. We aren't dead yet!

Enjoy the newsletter, as always. Keep up the good work. See you all at the PIT convention.

Thomas Morgan Jr., 5226 Pale Moon Dr., Pensacola, FL 32507, Perdidol@cox.net

Since I have been retired for 22 years, there are many names I don't recognize in the newsletter. It seems that the issues of life remain constant within the airline industry.

Living in Pensacola does not give me the opportunity of pass travel, but this is where we chose to retire. It was a good move.

Carol and I just celebrated our 50th anniversary, and for the moment we are both able to enjoy most things that we like to do. Our regards to all.

John Hildebran, PO Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557

2007 has been a pretty good year for Sally and me. Oh, we have had our little health problems. But when you are past 60, that is normal.

We spent most of August, "on the road again". We visited John's brother in Pennsylvania. As a matter of fact, he played the organ, and John sang at church where he used to attend, in Cochran, PA. While there in town, the McElroys (John's Aida's kinfolk) held a reunion for them.

Then it was south for us, all the way to Florida, where we saw John's great grandson, his daughter and son and several friends along the way, which included Sally's niece in Ocala.

Then it was west and back to Oklahoma, (16 states). We traveled over 5,000 miles in about 3 weeks. We never lost a bag, never had to stand in a line, never had to go through security, never had to take off our shoes and never had to stand by. We had no connections to worry about, no gates to look for, and always had a window seat, in first class. We thought that was not bad for a guy with 1945 seniority.

We made that trip in our Grand Marquis and never had a flat tire, even. Then in November, coming home from church one Sunday evening at 9:30 PM, going about 60 mph, we contacted a 125 pound buck. He busted everything from headlight to headlight and back TO the engine. Two weeks later, we got the Merc. back as good as new. But the Insurance Co. was relieved of almost \$6,000.

A great big thanks to all of you in DEN, for keeping us (off the mainline) retirees informed. (Those who do not have computers), this is the only way we have of finding out what is going on out there.

Thanks for highlighting the names in the various Chapter reports. Some that have caught my eye was **Bill Carlson**, in ATL. We worked together for several years in ERI; also **Bob Gaul**, in TPA, who also worked in ERI; and then **Jim Nichol** that was in MIA with me and is now in Hot Springs, AR. I noticed in the last issue, in the PHX Reunited report, the name of **Rich Vehring**. Rich, did you ever work in Sales in MIA? Your name sounds familiar

We appreciate all that you do.

God bless you all in the coming year.

Joe (Brad) Bradley, 225 Elm Ave., Glenn Riddle, PA 19037

"Thanks" for reminding me I'm due with the red stamp. Enclosed is my check for dues and some postage. I also enclose a suggestion in regards to our monthly publication.

Would it be possible to have articles about "What's happening at UAL" included in our monthly newsletter? Items of interest like "financial", "medical", "travel", "Mental" or any other areas of our retirement. Or maybe highlights of the daily "NEWSREAL" affecting retirees, i.e. no longer service charges for pleasure domestic travel in economy class effective Nov. 2007.

The monthly meeting letters from each station are nice to read, however, for the most part, only the local station retirees get the drift of what's happening in their areas.

How about an article on "safety"? Could be "safe swimming" in the summer time issue or "safe driving" during wintry icy weather or "safe camping" anytime.

How about an article of "helpful hints"? How about some retirees "favorite recipe"?

Note from Newsletter Manager: All comments and suggestions are welcome. We try to be accommodative, occasionally including articles such as Joe has suggested, but it is not always possible because of the numerous restraints associated with the publishing of the Newsletter.

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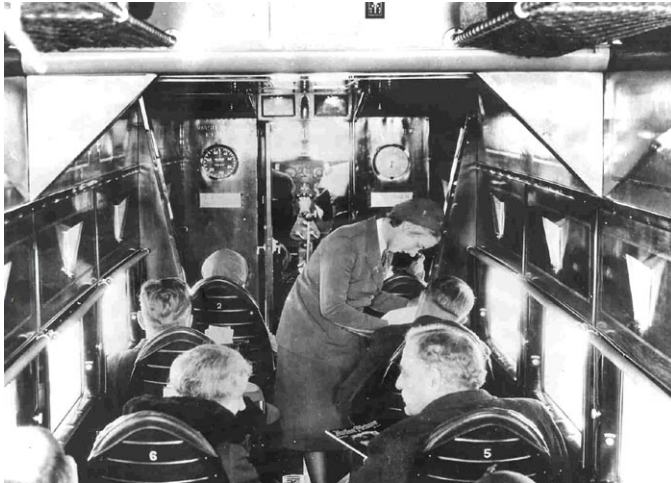
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May 15, 1930 the airline industry's first Stewardesses began flying onboard BAT's Boeing 80As on the San Francisco to Chicago route.

In 1926, Stout Air Services had hired young men as America's first in-flight personnel. They were known as "aerial couriers". In 1929, Pan American Airways had hired young men as "stewards".

One evening during a slightly-delayed flight from Reno to San Francisco, Steve Stimpson, Boeing Air Transport Pacific Coast Traffic Manager, had noticed the BAT passengers looking out the windows, searching for landmarks and repeatedly glancing at their watches.

Entering the cockpit, Stimpson checked with the two pilots regarding their location and the estimated time of arrival. He passed this information along to the passengers and then adjusted the heating system.

After noticing the collective sigh-of-relief among the passengers, he recalled how steamship stewards had impressed him with their service and attention to ship passengers. He wondered if male air stewards would make the same impression on BAT's passengers.

Stimpson received permission from the company to hire the stewards and had hired three young men when Ellen Church stopped by the Stimpson's office and suggested hiring female nurses instead.

Ellen had previously visited Stimpson's office, intrigued by the airline advertising in the window. She was a nurse at the nearby San Francisco French Hospital and wanted to fly, even to be a pilot.

Boeing managers initially rejected the idea of hiring female nurses, but W. A. "Pat" Patterson assistant to the BAT company president, finally gave his permission for the stewardess program on a three-month trial basis.

Stimpson then hired Ellen and gave her the title of chief Stewardess. She quickly recruited seven more nurses from San Francisco and Chicago. These eight Stewardesses became known as the "Original Eight".

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