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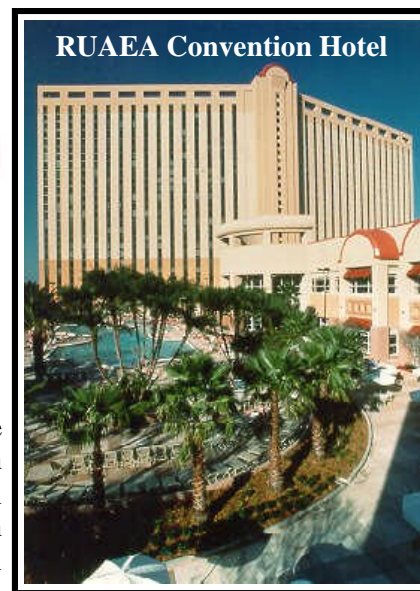
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***It's Getting Closer ...
Share the Magic of
Orlando!***



DID YOU KNOW ... That the waiting and wondering about the fun we have planned for you at this convention is over! When you look through the information in this issue, you are going to get excited! And when you see the great prices on the super tours we have chosen just for you, you are going to get excited! So, when you get to the Registration Pages, you are going to fill them out TODAY and send them back to us! Don't procrastinate - do it right now!

DID YOU KNOW ... That you can reserve your beautifully appointed room right now at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Just call 1-800-204-7234 (Booking ID 46411) and tell them RUAEA sent you! Remember, the Rosen Centre offers a fitness center, lighted tennis courts, whirlpool and a swimming pool! Not to mention several great dining spots right in the hotel, including fine dining at the **Everglades**, casual at **Café Gauguin**, and the 24-hour NY deli, **Red's Deli**.

DID YOU KNOW ... That we are making plans for an after-convention cruise leaving out of our very own Port Canaveral, which is just 45 minutes from Orlando International Airport. We have heard that some of you would like a taste of what a future convention cruise might be like. **Watch for further information and details in March.**

DID YOU KNOW ... That the ladies organizing our dinner nights have selected a special theme for each night. Friday's Friendship Dinner will have a **Tropical** Theme; and Saturday's RUAEA Banquet, a **Black & White** Theme. So, if you would like to join in the fun, bring along your "something" tropical, maybe that little black or beautiful white dress or just buy yourself something new here in one of our great outlet shops!

DID YOU KNOW ... That you can still send your artistic works to our Arts & Craft Chairs **Angel & Julia Montalvo** at 12303 Leeks Court, Orlando, FL 32827. Please contact them by email at myangel007@earthlink.net or jkm1944@bellsouth.net.

DID YOU KNOW ... The 2010 RUAEA Convention is just four short months away!

COME TO ORLANDO! Join us MAY 23-30, 2010 **FOR A TRULY MAGICAL TIME!**

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2010 Convention Issue

GENERAL NEWS

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The Writers Column – Beryl Cheney By Lee Francis



United Airlines recruited **Beryl Cheney** from the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City in 1932. Beryl flew Boeing 80A's and 247's between SLC and OAK/SFO until she grounded herself in 1935 by marrying **Ken Francis** from Morgan, Utah. Their son, **Lee Francis** was a pilot for United from 1966 until 2002, flying out of SFO before he retired as a Captain. Lee married a United stewardess, **Shirley Gates**, in 1973. Shirley's flight attendant career lasted 29 years from 1967 to 1996. Beryl was able to fly to Hawaii on a 747 before her passing in 1979.

Lee & Shirley Francis are members of RUAEA and the Sacramento Gold Diggers, and Shirley is a member of the Sierra Mountain Foothills Chapter of Clipped Wings. Lee proudly sends along some uniform pins that belonged to



his mother who was a UAL stewardess from 1932 to 1935. Lee feels that two of the pins might be Boeing Bug pins referred to on the Historical Foundation wish list. He has had these displayed in a shadow box, with a green background because the uniforms were green, for a number of years. Lee would like for the items to be displayed and enjoyed by people who like this type of memorabilia, for years to come. And we are very appreciative and thankful to receive Lee's story about his mother, **Beryl Cheney**, and her days as a United stewardess.



From the Salt Lake Telegram, March 9, 1934:

Miss Beryl Cheney never had a serious mishap in her career ...

Centerville – “They tell me I’m a good luck charm,” says petite Miss Beryl Cheney, United Air Lines hostess, “and it must be true, for I have already flown 250,000 miles without the slightest mishap. Sometimes we’ve been delayed for several days by storms in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, but otherwise things have gone smoothly. Anyway, I’m a fatalist.”

Miss Cheney, whose home is in Centerville, is the only girl in Davis County to enjoy the distinction of being an air hostess. She is a graduate nurse, one of the chief qualifications. Other requirements of a stewardess are that she is single, weighs not more than 120 pounds, is attractive and has a pleasing personality. The pretty hostess very modestly asserted that she couldn’t see how she passed the last requirement.

“Oh, I just got tired of nursing,” Miss Cheney said when asked why she chose to work in the air. “Once you become accustomed to flying it is hard to stay down. The only time I’ve missed a trip during my six months on the job was when I had to undergo an Appendicitis operation. Even then, when a plane flew over the hospital and I heard the roar of its engine, I was anxious to get back to work. In fact, I missed only 15 days.”

Among the prominent passengers Miss Cheney has served are Governor Rolph of California, Elliott Roosevelt, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Alice White, Mary Brian, Will Rogers, Wallace Beery and Ian Keith. “Recently,” she said, “we had a 76 year old passenger who had crossed the plains by ox team, and he was certainly amazed. Occasionally we carry dogs. We once carried a dog from San Francisco to Chicago, which was sent as a gift to President Roosevelt.” ...

One of her ambitions is a flight to the Hawaiian Islands.

Other Convention News

It is Convention time again! We hope as many of you as possible can share this time of remembrance of the “good ole days”. The camaraderie of RUAEA retirees at Convention is priceless.

Following are some methods we can use to get to Convention or for that matter, anywhere else! To find individual airline agreements, go to SkyNet. On the header line to the right side, you will find **Travel**. When you click on this, it will bring up the **Travel** page.

On the right side of this page there is a box headed **Travel Programs**. Within the box, you will find **Interline Travel Privileges**. When you click on it, you will be taken to the **Interline Travel** page. On the left side of that page, you will find a box with several items in it. One item is **Individual Carrier Agreements**, another is **Interline pass Benefits**.

When you click on **Individual Carrier Agreements**, a new page will come up with a box in the middle with an arrow to scroll down to the specific airline you want to know about. On the left under **Travel Tools**, you will find **Zed Fares Calculator**.

At the present time, **ZED** fares (Zonal Employee Discount) are available on many carriers. Current domestic carriers are Air Canada, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Great Lakes, and US Airways and these fares are ticketed at the UAL ticket counter by our UAL agents. JetBlue also offers us a Zed fare **BUT** all ticketing is done at JetBlue’s ticket counter.

Most other airlines offer **ID95 and ID90** discounts.

To obtain offline tickets, you can call the Employee/Retiree Interline Travel Desk at DTWRR 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 8am to 10pm CT Monday through Friday, 8am to 8pm CT Saturday and Sunday. You may charge these tickets on a credit card. You usually have the option of having the tickets mailed to you (book 14 days in advance) or you may pick them up at the airport, in which case they will give you a Record Locator. If you are looking for positive space travel, United does offer a 20% discount on most published fares. **This offer applies only to United and United Express travel. It excludes Star Alliance carriers and Code Share carriers.** When you are booking, tell the reservations agent the reference code is **S*PMO/EMP20**.

Southwest Airlines and Spirit Airlines travel benefits are different. Both offer retirees the following: \$25 OW and \$50 RT plus taxes. To obtain these tickets you must get a letter from United, which in turn you give to the respective airline when you purchase your tickets. To obtain the letter, call the Benefits Center at 1-888-825-0188. They generally send you five copies of the letter, stating your name file number and spouse’s name if applicable. When you purchase the ticket, at their ticket counter, they will want to see your United ID and a driver’s license, along with the letter. Spirit accepts cash or check. Southwest only accepts cash and has a special phone number for non-revenue listing. Call 1-866-359-7967. We have found them to be very helpful, giving seats available and recommending other choices. Also, when checking availability and fares, if the Senior Fare shows available, there are usually at least 20 open seats on the flight.

And lastly, Southwest Airlines offers Senior Fares on most of their flights. It is a confirmed fare and is refundable, exchangeable, with no penalty. You must be age 65 or older. Go to southwest.com.

TSA Update



The security procedures issued by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration have been extended through 11 p.m. CT on Jan. 4, 2010. For additional information about the new security measures, visit www.tsa.gov.

United Teams Step Up to Keep the Focus on Service and Performance - In an industry where “fast paced” is the norm, and multiple challenges from weather to Air Traffic Control issues to increased security requirements are part of the everyday business, the people of United always come through.

“We can’t ignore the added impact the Transportation Safety Administration’s pre-boarding screening requirements have had on our reliability performance, particularly for our colleagues in London, Toronto and Calgary,” says Scott Dolan, SVP-Airport Operations, Cargo and UAX, *“but we are seeing the intensity of the delays coming down, with less impact on arrival performance”*.

Recently, United beat goal on Arrival :14, (A :14) performance and completions and remain No. 1 among the other legacy network carriers for the month to date. *“This is especially impressive given load factors in the 90 percent range at all of our hubs and a great number of other stations through the holiday travel season,”* Scott adds.

United is also doing well taking care of its customers and ensuring they don't feel overly inconvenienced. United's international United Promoters (UP) score recently was 25.8, which is outpacing its fourth quarter and year-to-date 2008 ratings.

UP score for those flights in which the IFE system was turned off during the early stages of the new security directives in order to meet the TSA's mandate to disable the GPS, or map-tracking, feature, was approximately 20. Good communication by United's flight attendants and the fact that the maintenance teams were able to reprogram the IFE systems quickly, helped in not dragging down the scores.

"All of our teams who have been hard at work these past several days are to be congratulated, not only for meeting the TSA's requirements, but maintaining our focus on safety, customer service and the integrity of our operations -- especially given the very high load factors during this period," Scott says.

Mission Accomplished - Former Ted Planes All Converted to Popular New Mainline Configuration



The last of 56 Airbus A320s with the Ted single-class interior has been completed with the conversion back to mainline use at the San Francisco Maintenance Center. The plane, with a new nose number, 4107, returned to service on December 22.

Airframe Maintenance crews started the conversions in the spring after winning a competitive bid to install new interiors featuring United First(R) sections and leather seating throughout the cabins.

All the former Ted planes have been repainted in the new United livery, and all traces of the former brand have been removed from stations it served.

This large project finished overall on schedule, under budget and with full scope implementation due to the cross-divisional program team, said Senior Project Manager Patsy Di Domenico.

Team members representing the 22 United departments involved in the conversions were recognized this month for their roles in making this project successful.

Mark Miner, managing director - Maintenance Planning, told United Services employees who led the project that their performance *"really demonstrated the high caliber of work product that we can produce while simultaneously addressing challenges that surfaced along the way."*

"This is a great example of how the people of United working as a team towards a common goal can not only meet performance expectations but significantly exceed those expectations," said Robert Madigan, managing director - Airframe Maintenance.

The converted A320s have 144 leather-trimmed seats - 12 United First(R), 42 Economy Plus(R) and 90 United Economy(R). They have been receiving much higher United Promoters ratings from passengers compared with the existing mainline A320s.

For November, workability scores have been 15.9 for the converted A320s, compared to 10.4 for the older interiors. Cleanliness scores are nearly doubled for the converted planes, 21.5 to 11.9, and condition scores are dramatically higher - 12.2 for the former Ted planes, and 1.8 for the older A320s.

In addition to the immediate impact their work has had on customer satisfaction, the experience of converting the A320s has set the stage for another successful project in 2010. The same Airframe Maintenance crews that handled these 56 airplanes will be installing the new International Premium Travel Experience interiors in 32 of United's 46 international B777 planes, starting with the first prototype in February.

Added GPS to Enhance Navigation Capabilities

As part of the fleet modernization program, United plans to begin an ambitious effort this spring to upgrade the navigation capability of its entire Airbus fleet with the latest in flight management computers and GPS installations for precision timing and navigation.

While approximately half of the Airbus aircrafts, as well as its entire Boeing fleet, already have GPS installations, it's critical that United enables the entire fleet with such technology as part of the overall Next Generation - or "NextGen" - requirements, according to Captain Joe Burns, managing director - Flight Standards and Technology, who is heading the initiative.



"NextGen is actually here and now, and it's a pivotal period in what we like to call NowGen," says Joe Kolshak, SVP - Operations. *"The enhanced*

GPS technology will allow for reduced block times and more reliable operations into and out of all airports with Area Navigation and Required Navigation Performance procedures. The precision tracking and timing capability of GPS-equipped aircraft will allow for more automated navigation and tighter path operations - allowing us to safely achieve tighter spacing in busy airspace such as around Chicago O'Hare," Joe adds.

The flight management computer upgrades will be completed in 2010, while the GPS installations on the Airbus fleet will be done by mid 2011.

Captain Burns is a member of the Presidential Commission on Position, Navigation and Timing and represents the airline industry on all things related to GPS. In this role, Joe ensures that United and the airline industry are represented in discussions about the needs and future growth and stability of the GPS system that is operated by the U.S. Air Force for the Department of Defense.

United Launches \$500 Million Senior Secured Note Offering



United announced recently in a press release that it plans to offer \$500 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due 2013 in a private offering.

The offering, which is contingent on market and other conditions, is part of United's ongoing effort to enhance its liquidity and actively manage its debt obligations. Once additional details on the offering are finalized, updates will be provided.

United Applauds Open Skies Agreement With Japan



United applauds a bilateral agreement reached Friday between Japan and the United States that would ease restrictions that currently exist on air transportation between the United States and Japan and would further enhance United's Pacific network.

The agreement caps more than 10 years of efforts to revamp - for the first time in more than half a century - the rules under which airlines can fly between the two nations and beyond. The previous agreement between the two countries dated back to just after World War II.

"We congratulate the U.S. and Japanese delegates for reaching this historic agreement, as we have long advocated for Open Skies with Japan because it will benefit our customers, our employees and our investors as we strengthen our Pacific network," said Glenn Tilton, UAL president, chairman and CEO. "We have the right partners and look forward to forming a joint venture across the Pacific with our longtime partner All Nippon Airways and Continental, which joined the Star Alliance in October, providing our customers with access to more destinations and convenient schedules."

ANA is Japan's second largest airline, with hubs in Tokyo, Narita, Kansai and Osaka. It has been a member of the Star Alliance since 1999.

United expects to file an application with the Department of Transportation for anti-trust immunity across the Pacific with Continental and ANA shortly. Earlier in 2009, the Department of Transportation awarded anti-trust immunity to United, Continental, Lufthansa and Air Canada for its joint venture across the Atlantic.

An immunized alliance would substantially expand the global reach of the carriers' networks, providing customers access to larger inventories of seats and cargo capacity, serving more destinations, offering a greater selection of routings, and providing consumers a wider range of competitive fare and service options.

United recently announced that it will be purchasing 50 next-generation widebody aircraft, including 25 Airbus A350 and 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, both of which would be used to serve its Pacific network.

Ask The Doctor – How To Cut Health Care Costs



Dr. Reider

The June 28, 2009 issue of TIME magazine featured several articles on Health. In this very contentious period in our country, there is no subject that can cause more controversy than the one about Health Care. The articles in TIME described many of the areas of medicine that are near and dear to my heart. - PREVENTION is the KEY.

TIME begins its coverage with this very appropriate opening: One way to cure illness is with pills and procedures. Another is not to get sick in the first place. The great thing about the latter: it's cheaper, easier and more likely to save your life. I wish I had said that. That is the basic tenet behind my specialty - Prevention is the answer. But, it will require a total commitment from all of us. As TIME said, that means ditching bad habits, eating right, exercising, and spotting danger signs early. WOW!! That is what I have spent my entire medical career emphasizing and advising patients to do. Now, the public

media is finally addressing this as the way to curb the horrendous cost of medical care. It is about time the media got the message and began spreading the word.

The issue of TIME has some excellent discussions about every phase of leading a healthy lifestyle. Smoking cessation, weight loss, exercise programs, and alternative cooking methods are just some of the subjects discussed. Nothing about this is new. Those of us in the field of Preventive Medicine have been advocating these guidelines for years and years. It is only now that our message is finally getting across. The foundation of medicine must switch from one of RE-acting to a medical problem to taking ACTION to prevent the problem in the first place.

It was not long ago that many of the tests we now take for granted were NOT covered by the major health plans. The procedures that immediately come to mind are PAP smears (one of the first tests covered by insurance), mammograms (in some cases, it took State law to cover this test), sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy (just recently covered), and the PSA test for prostate cancer. It was not long ago that NONE of these were covered. Many physicians would "cheat" to a certain extent when requesting these procedures or tests so that insurance plans would cover them. Interestingly, most insurance companies looked the other way when a physician sent them a request. Now, everyone has finally realized that any of these procedures/tests are very cheap compared to the costs to treat the major medical conditions the screening tests evaluate. I knew this 15-20 years ago, but like my peers, we did not have a suitable way to prove the value of prevention. We all could describe anecdotal cases, but could not convince the bean counters that prevention was the key to minimizing health care costs.

TIME did a very useful thing in this special issue. In a brief but succinct way, they discuss the health guide for all age groups: 0-12 years, 13-18 years, 19-35 years, 36-59 years, and 60+ years. For each of these age groups, TIME gives brief discussions of the subjects - At the Doctor's Office, Diet and Nutrition, Physical Fitness, and Behavior and Mood. Although we are all in the 60+ group, most of us have children and grandchildren that are in the other groups. It is worth reading this issue of TIME so that you can get a good layman's discussion of the health issues you need to understand, and your family needs to address.

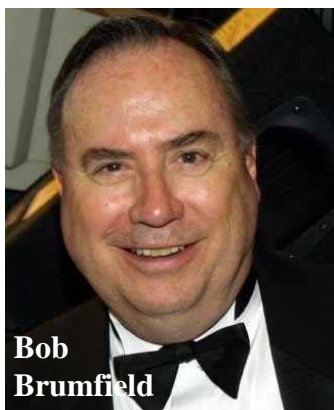
It gives me a sense of relief to know that the area of medicine I have practiced for 40+ years is finally getting the recognition it truly deserves. The key, my friends, is your mind set. PREVENTION IS THE ANSWER. PREVENTION. PREVENTION.

Till next time, fly safe and stay well.

"Ask The Doctor" column is featured every other month. We hope you've enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@gwestoffice.net.

Travel Tips by Bob

It's timely to mention security changes that are sure to take effect soon because of the Christmas Day incident on Delta/Northwest Airlines.



Passengers flying into the United States from abroad can expect to see additional security measures at International Airports, such as increased gate screening including pat-downs and bag searches.

As an example, the Canadian Minister of Transport announced new restrictions for flights originating in Canada, specifically a ban on any carry-on baggage. However, guests may have one personal item such as small purses, cameras, coats, items for care of infants, laptop computers, diplomatic or consular bags, crutches, canes, walkers, containers carrying life-sustaining items, medication or medical devices, musical instruments and special-needs items.

The added security measures will be in addition to existing measures. We are told that in time, there will be adjustments in an effort to eliminate the extraneous and properly implement what is required.

At this point, we should not let this discourage us from traveling but rather learn how to accommodate with the least amount of confusion. For additional information regarding security, go to SkyNet at <http://United.interanet.ual.com> and in the "Travel Tools" column click on "TSA Secure Flight Prgm FAQs" or go directly to the TSA web site at www.TSA.gov.

Another matter that has come to my attention that needs to be discussed is purchasing revenue tickets on a flight that we are already listed on as a NRSA. Doing this in essence removes the seat/s from inventory and is really frowned upon by the company. In fact it is considered fraudulent and may result in removal of pass privileges.

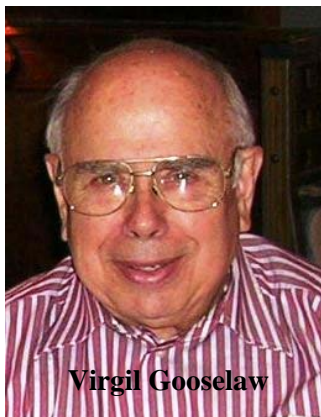
It is our responsibility as employees/retirees to be aware of the rules for NRSA travel. By going to SkyNet at <http://United.interanet.ual.com> and then clicking on the "Travel" tab. In this section, you will find all the information needed to be in compliance with NRSA travel.

Happy Travels

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Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 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** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*



Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the

Newsletter.

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Attention All Golfers

***The 2010 UARGC Golf Invitational will
be held in Mesquite, NV from
May 9th to May 14th.***

If you are interested, contact:

**Paul Levan: 517 W. Mesquite Blvd.,
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- or -

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Registration form is available on
www.ruaea.org or by contacting Paul
or John. ***Please register by March 10,
2010.*****

LOCAL NEWS

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November saw our snowbirds returning. Welcome back, we missed you. We've been having great turnouts at our Coco breakfasts. We have been averaging 20+ each meeting.

November brought our Pre-Thanksgiving day luncheon at the Tuscany Country Club in Pebble Creek. Forty seven members attended and the event was fun and the food was great.

Jackie Roush fell at her home in Sun City West. She broke her right collarbone and is in a great deal of discomfort. Of course, she is right handed, so give a shout out to our Jackie for a quick recovery.

Mel Hofer was hospitalized with kidney problems around Christmas. He is currently in the extended care facility at Freedom Plaza. **Millie** said he should be home soon and cards may be sent to him at home, 3373 Plaza Del Rio Blvd. #7722, Peoria AZ 85381.

Frank Grona, our dear friend and member, has succumbed to cancer. Frank fought a long but valiant battle for over two years. Cards may be sent to his wife **Roxanne** at 2255 N. 164th Dr., Goodyear AZ 85395.

December brought more cold weather. What? Is this a new Arizona? We're not used to wearing hoodies when we put up our Christmas lights. Our December luncheon at the AZ Broadway Theatre was a great success. We saw "A Christmas Carol" and it was wonderful. One of our best shows yet. Our theatre is

growing, maturing, and getting integrated into our community. There were 31 in attendance. The meals were wonderful as usual.

Quite a few of our members are traveling back East and to the Mid-West for the holidays. Sure hope they had a wonderful and safe time away from Phoenix, and we welcome them back soon.

Any UA retiree, whether you are pilots, flight attendants or ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast, please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

"Look at Life through the windshield, not the rear-view mirror."

Happy New Year too!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads

January 19

February 2

February 16

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Our weather here in the Phoenix area is wonderful compared to what other states are experiencing with the snowy and cold weather, so we hope that will encourage our members and guests to come out to our luncheons and breakfasts we have planned. If you've worked for United Airlines at any time and are of retirement age (55), membership in RUAEA is open for you. We welcome you to check our chapter out. We all enjoy getting together at our monthly luncheons/and or breakfasts.

Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at jbrigante@aol.com, or our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt** at (480) 396-3317, or at phomfeldt@cox.net. If you have any questions concerning our Re-United chapter in the Phoenix Metro area, they will be more than happy to answer them.

Our annual dues of \$5.00 each for regular and associate members was due in January. If you haven't paid them yet, please contact **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685, so you don't miss being included in our membership book and all our activities.

Election of officers for 2010 was held in January. Results will be announced later.

Our Fantasy Flight was held December 4th at Sky Harbor Airport with about 100 volunteers participating. This was the 16th year that we have been involved in it. There were 100 kindergarten and first-graders from the Children First Academy - a school that specializes in educating homeless and seriously disadvantaged local children. The children boarded the Santa One flight around the airport and then landed at Santa's Winter Wonderland, where Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted them. The children played various games and also were entertained by the Phoenix police with a helicopter, motorcycle, SWAT vehicle, horses and even police dogs, plus the Phoenix Fire Dept had their fire engine there. The children received many things such as toys provided by Toys for Tots, delivered by local Marines, plus mittens, socks, stadium blankets, and a stuffed animal donated by our members. Santa provided T-shirts for the children to wear for the event, plus each child received a picture as a keepsake. Football players and cheerleaders from Arizona State University, including "Sparky", the Sun Devil, were there too to make sure the children didn't miss any of the fun. What a great day! Thanks to everyone that helped in any way.

The Christmas Luncheon was held December 11th at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. There were 47 of our members there. Our special guest was Capt. **Bob Miller**, our very own Santa for our Fantasy Flight, who makes sure all of the children make the 30-40 minute ride around Phoenix to the North Pole to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Everyone enjoyed the meal and visiting with each other. Thanks to the **Wards** for setting this luncheon up.

The breakfast was held Dec. 18th at Crackers with 18 in attendance. The All-Arizona Luncheon, which we are hosting on Thursday, March 18th at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande was discussed. More volunteers are

needed to help. Please let us know if you would like to contribute a basket for the raffle; if not, a contribution would be greatly appreciated. Bring your items and baskets to the upcoming luncheons or breakfasts.

We were sorry to hear that one of our members, **Tom Carroll**, passed away December 28, 2009. Condolences can be sent to his wife, **Ann**, at 1908 E. Citation Lane, Tempe, Arizona 85284. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Our January 14th Luncheon was held at Grand View Steak House at Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa, hosted by **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt** and **Linda Koltz**. Also our monthly breakfast at Crackers in Mesa was held on January 22nd. We will report on them next month.

Our February Luncheon will be held Thursday, February 11th at Rosati's, located on the NE Corner of Ray & McQueen in Chandler, starting at 11:00 a.m. with the social hour, including a pizza bar. Lunch will be served at noon. A choice of three entrees are: Spaghetti with meatball; Breaded Chicken Breast with marinara sauce and melted Italian cheese on a bed of spaghetti, or Italian Beef Sandwich, served on a fresh French bread with sweet peppers. All entrees include a house salad, grated cheese, garlic bread, coffee, iced tea, water and Tiramisu for dessert. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please send your check, payable to **Ron Pedone**, along with your choice of entree, to **Ron Pedone**, 1471 W. Folley Street, Chandler, AZ 85224 by **Friday, Feb. 5th**. Any questions, contact **Ron** or **Donna Pedone** at (480) 821-8074.

The date for the February Breakfast at Crackers, 5356 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, is Friday, Feb. 26, starting at 9:00 am. Make your reservation with **Peg Homfeldt** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or at phomfeldt@cox.net. Our Breakfasts are held on the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers.

We have quite a few birthdays in February. They are: **James Pappas** (2/1), **Bonnie Fauber** (2/4), **Bob Gerdes** (2/4), **John Tiefel** (2/7), **Marilyn Morey** (2/8), **Ted Tollefsen** (2/10), **Gordy Kubiak** (2/11), **Carolyn Kraft** (2/14), **Bill Norwood** (2/14), **Sybil Voss** (2/15), **Ron Pedone** (2/16), **Ann Carroll** (2/22), and **Bud Hubbard** (2/28). Happy Birthday to all of you!

February Wedding Anniversaries are: **Marjorie & Joel Matteson** (2/2/63), **Janet & Don Burns** (2/5/2000), **Judy & John McFarland** (2/8/64), **Carolyn & Bob Kraft** (2/14/98), and **Lynn & Bud Hubbard** celebrating 61 years on February 28th. Congratulations to all the couples!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Calendar:

Feb. 11 - Luncheon at Rosati's, hosted by **Donna & Ron Pedone**.

Feb. 26 - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a. m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or phomfeldt@cox.net.

Mar 18 - All-Arizona Luncheon (Hosted by our Re-United Chapter), at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, hosted by **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt**, **Shirley Claggett**, and **Sybil Voss**.

Mar. 26 - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa

Apr 8 - Picnic, hosted by **Ron Paluch** and **Shirley Claggett**

Apr 23 - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa



TALL PINES

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Happy New Year to all from the Tall Pines. Christmas seems like a distant memory, but our party was fabulous right down to the place, menu, and show from our group. A Job well done!

Just to update on some of the latest happenings, we had some folks go to France, the **Mathenys** and **McCoys**. One item of note for others who plan to travel abroad is to secure possibly on the body, secretly compartmented, some of the most valuable documents and funds, if possible to prevent them from being stolen. It is seemingly very common.

Earl Risdon is healing well from his gash on his forehead, a popular subject of discussion for him at the Christmas party. Happy Nuptials and Congratulations to a wonderful couple, **Frenchy Bougiois & Joan** visiting and joining the Christmas party from Scottsdale, they were married January 16, 2010. By now they are well on their honeymoon or the blissful return. We wish them many happy years together.

Happy Birthday to all our February celebrants, **Blas** and **James**! We also elected our officials for the year: **Vicki** will continue to be President, **Marge** will make group calls to relieve **Blas**, **Anita** will continue with the newsletters, and **Earle** will remain treasurer. Our next meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the Month, January 26.

Calendar:

February 23 – Lonespur Café in downtown Prescott

March 23 - Lonespur Café in downtown Prescott

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The Oro Valley Country Club was where 35 Roadrunners met and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon luncheon on December 17th. Our host for this affair was **Beverly Goodlow**. She has put this Christmas time luncheon together for the past few years and has once again arranged for a good time and good food. The service personnel were also excellent.

This was the last luncheon for President **Bill Royle** as he passed the baton on to **Ed Kokut** who will be our chapter president for the next two years. Actually, the baton is a TIE that is passed on from President to President. Also starting her new job as Vice President was **Carolyn McGlothlin** who, along with outgoing VP **Pat Dilallo**, conducted the raffle.

It was good to see **Howard Hunter** returning to the luncheon after his auto accident back in October and his ongoing rehab. His daughter Elisabeth is with him during this recovery period.

Ray Woods was the focus of attention as he entered the dinning room wearing a visor with hair coming out the top. All he needed was a beard and old Santa would have been with us in person.

We tip our hats and send congratulations to **Jim Rudolph**, who has received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Rotary Club of the Saddlebrooke community. Jim also received an award from Sheriff Paul Babeau for playing a big part in apprehending a suspect in a series of burglaries that were occurring in and around the Saddlebrooke area. Jim has made helping other people a priority. Jim and his wife Gail have been Saddlebrooke residents for 16 years.

Our January luncheon will be at the Tucson Country Club where we will join the RUPA group. **Gordon Starr** said that consultants from WHQ will be on hand to answer questions. The date will be January 26th.

Calendar:

January 26 - Tucson Country Club

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We had our Christmas luncheon on Dec. 10th at the old Pelican Point restaurant which is being remodeled and will be called the Ventana Grill. This restaurant is still under construction, but with **John Stilwell**'s persistence, they promised him that they would be open for our luncheon and they did not disappoint us. Our room had a beautiful view of the ocean and 21 of us enjoyed the good food and service. **John & Barbara**

Stilwell were our hosts and provided great table treats that must have taken them some time to prepare. I found out from **Bob Wagner**, who was one of the original Central Coasters, that they had been having the Christmas luncheons at this restaurant for the last 14 years; the beginning of our chapter.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened our meeting by greeting everyone and introduced our guests. We were happy to have Marine 1st Sgt. Jim Pickens and Pam Forrester, coordinator for Toys for Tots, meet with us and tell us how gifts are distributed and how their organization works. Pam said she had over 3000 toys she received so far and with donations, she was able to buy toys at K-mart at cost. She is able to purchase gifts for kids of all ages and not just certain age groups, so there is something for all. This has to be a monumental task, but one she loves doing.

1st Sgt. Jim told us that he helps distribute toys with the aid of two young men from a Marine detachment. They are only a few of many who will be on the road delivering toys. Jim is the president of an organization called "*Veterans Helping Veterans in Need*". He told us of a phone call he had received just that morning from a Veteran who was wounded in action and was home with his wife and children. That morning, his refrigerator broke down and he called Jim. Jim found a replacement for \$200 that he was able to get delivered. Jim paid \$100 out of his pocket and needed help to pay the remainder. Our members didn't hesitate in giving personal contributions and if additional money was needed, President Zoldak made a motion that we should make up the difference from our treasury. This was unanimously approved by our members. We also donated the \$50 received for the 50/50 drawing to Sgt. Jim, and if this didn't put us in the Christmas spirit of giving, nothing would.

But we weren't through. We had decided several months ago that we would donate \$200 to the Toys for Tots. **Bob Wagner** made the presentation and gave a check to Pam Forrester. Bob has been involved with this program for years through the Moose Lodge of Pismo Beach. Pat, Bob's wife, is also a great supporter of this very worthy charity.

We did have a business meeting. **Mike Zoldak** told us that UAL is buying 25 Airbus and 25 Boeing Dreamliners. This has all been in the news and something to look forward too. His bit of trivia was; how many water landings have been made in the US and not amphibians? There were 2. I think we all remember the water landing in the Hudson River, but does anyone remember the JAL DC-8 landing in the San Francisco Bay short of the runway? Mike was one of the mechanics that helped repair that aircraft. I was able to see the plane raised by air-bags and then placed on a barge to be towed to the maintenance base. Mike said that Boeing, Douglas, and UAL bid on the job and we all know that UAL got it.

Our meeting continued with the election for new officers. Our officers for 2010 are: President - **Marcia Stanger**, Vice President - **Esther Bartlett**, Treasurer - **Dana Noyes** and Secretary - **Al Rybar**. **Bob Wagner** reminded us that this is the first time in the history of our Chapter, that we have had a female president and a vice-president. We are very fortunate to have them accept the positions for the next two years.

We could not have had our meeting end without a funny story from **Jack Cunningham**. His wife, **Eleanor**, was very gracious to just sit and smile.

Our meetings will still be conducted on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The Calendar section below lists the dates and hosts for each meeting.

The meeting ended with the gift exchange that is always fun. We all left with a good feeling of the Christmas spirit. In passing, someone mentioned to me that Sgt. Jim also came to enlist a few good men for the Marines, but since there wasn't any, he left to keep looking.

Calendar:

February 17 – Hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**

April 21 - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**

June 16 - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

August 18 – Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 20 – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

December 15 – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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The Brazen Raisins' January 2010 meeting was hosted by ex-President **Don Nessling** and wife **Donna** at our new digs, Carrows in Fresno. Carrows turned out to be a great restaurant for BR meetings - the staff bent over backwards to accommodate us.

Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** reported that **Curt Follansbee** is very ill and will not be attending meetings; also **Pat Gilbert** is still on the sick list.

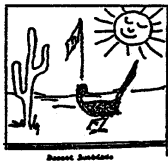
Don & Donna Nessling reported that they had attended the South Bay Chapter's December meeting and had a great time.

Roger Casterline, RUAEA Director, and daughter **Carla Vargas** visited; Roger said he would send information regarding United; he also said that there were some good signs that United will be staying in business.

President **Dick Hayes** read some articles regarding United, one about Captain **Bob Russo** who retired when United retired the 737s and another about United recalling 107 mechanics; another article stated that United was now accepting debit and credit cards for on-board purchases - United reported that they have earned \$1.2 billion from in-flight purchases; also, Carla reported that United transferred ground handling to United Express at six of their hubs.

Don Nessling had made a plaque showing a 767 and presented it to **Roger Casterline**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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Desert Sunbirds gathered for the annual Christmas party at Monterey Country Club hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**. The number was the largest of the year, and as usual, the decorations, party favors and gifts were excellent. The traditional Christmas meal was wonderful and yes, there was dressing with the turkey. Seems that last year a couple of Sunbirds believed that dressing was left off the menu!

Happy to see **Jim Clapper** at the event after a heart scare at Thanksgiving and sad to hear that **Marilyn & Sean Foley** could not attend due to illness and upcoming surgery. Also, we are sad to learn the death of **Cathy Sullivan** who was a member for many years. The **Pattersons** missed the party because of a trip to Germany, we missed her homemade cookies.

The Sunbirds continue to support the Christmas charities of the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, the House of Hope, the local animal shelter - the Shelter From the Storm, Paws and Hearts, and the USO group - SOS Drivers.

Birthday winner was **Melinda Lerg** and another December birthday kid, **John Schultz** won the 50/50.

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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**SACRAMENTO
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President **Francis Domaratius** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers December 9th meeting at Alta Sierra Country Club and thanked **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** for hosting this special Holiday Luncheon with 69 members and 4 guests for a total of 73 in attendance. Guests included Bunny Melby and Carla Moss, guests of **Forester & Jean Sinclair**; Bonny Randall, guest of her father **Charles Dinsmoor** and Barbara Curran, guest of **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan**. We were pleased to have N. Calif./N. Nevada RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** and

his wife **Pat** attend. They came from their home in Reno which was a 118 miles drive to and another 118 miles for their return trip home. Their drive can be very difficult at times, but fortunately, the weather cooperated nicely, allowing them to be able to join us for the luncheon.

Francis asked all of the 2009 outgoing officers and 2010 incoming officers to please come forward. The 5 men were presented with a boot arrangement and lovely corsages for the 7 ladies. **Francis** showed his sincere appreciation to those willing to accept officer positions for 2010 and thanked each of the 2009 outgoing officers for their efforts. The 2010 Gold Diggers officers include President **Ken Norton**; VP **Alice McPeak**; Secretary **Sherrill Morgan**; Treasurer **Judie King**; Sunshine **Angie Dellinger**; Historian **Stephanie Norton** and Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor**. A round of applause was given to President **Francis** and to his wife **Veronica** for their dedication this past year!

The outgoing chapter officers began their reports as follows: Vice President **Frank Dellinger** stated the January luncheon will be hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud** and February Past Presidents luncheon will be hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. Recording Secretary **Barbara Bertacini** reported anniversaries for December which include **Sanford & Frances Pinkiert** (62 years), also **Bill & Lois Hopkins** with 51 years. **Bill & Bettie Hunt** also celebrated their December 27 anniversary. Sunshine **Darryll Stroud** thanked those who did not get sick during this past year as it made his job a little easier. Treasurer **Judie King** reported the account balance and encouraged everyone to pay their 2010 dues of \$10 per family with check payable to the Gold Diggers.

RUAEA Director N. California and N. Nevada **John Zoboli** gave his report which contained many items of interest to our United family members. Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** encouraged, as did **John**, for all to consider attending the RUAEA Convention, May 23-30, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. **Ron** thanked all who give their time and efforts toward being a part of the Gold Diggers and also would like our members to consider being involved with RUAEA as well. **Ron** thanked Gold Digger member **Len Haubl** for being the RUAEA Treasurer and stated what a fine job he has done. It is good to have enthusiasm within our chapter and it is great to see many who do actively participate as officers locally and on a national level with our retiree organization, RUAEA.

Toys for Tots drive was very successful. Thanks to all for the gifts which were brought to the meeting. These items were distributed after the Holiday Luncheon in various areas. Within a few days, I received a most meaningful letter of appreciation from Judith Franco with the Family Resource Center of the Vacaville Police Department thanking the **Sacramento Gold Diggers** for the donated items.

Raffle Drawing was conducted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger** with many items to choose from.

It has been a pleasure sharing the chapter secretary duties these past few years with **Colleen Esola**. We both agree that it is a wonderful way to get to know more of our members. We would continue but both of us have other commitments at this time. We know that **Sherrill Morgan** will do a great job and we are always here to help as needed. Many, many thanks to our outgoing President **Francis Domaratius** and his wife **Veronica** for their kind and cheerful ways and for all they have contributed both as chapter officers and efforts during the Gold Diggers time hosting the RUAEA Convention!

Calendar:

January 27 – Houston's Surf & Turf Restaurant in Penryn hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**.

February 24 – Past Presidents Luncheon at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**



Redwood
Empire
Retirees

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREEES**

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Redwood Empire Retirees celebrated the holidays with a buffet luncheon at Quail Inn, Oakmont, Santa Rosa, California. Sixty members and guests attended, each arriving with an unwrapped toy gift for later donation to the Toys for Tots programs in the area.

Following lunch, attendees were treated to a modern interpretation of holiday music by the Maria Carillo jazz chorale from a local high school. This was the third year this group has entertained Redwood Empire RUAEA members. The group was given a check to help finance their upcoming trip to South Korea.

During the meeting, incoming president **Joanne Huhn** presented outgoing president **Oscar Chambers** and his wife **Joan** with engraved wine goblets in recognition of their considerable services over the past few years along with two bottles of wine from grapes grown by Redwood Empire RUAEA member, the late **Harry Rogers**.

It was announced that money raised in our Charity Fund in the amount of \$900 this year went to five non-profit agencies in Sonoma and Marin counties.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** led congratulations to two couples with December anniversaries: **Richard & Carol Hanna** (49 years) and **Matt & Norma Stilman** (69 years). She also told us that **Ann Burnett** suffered a dislocated shoulder from a recent fall.

We look forward to 2010 and welcome visitors and prospective new members. Our **February 11** lunch will be held again at **Quail Inn**, Oakmont, Santa Rosa. This is the club house for the Oakmont Golf Course on Highway 12. Our hosts for February will be **Mary Hill & Judy DeFord**.

Re-LAX-ers

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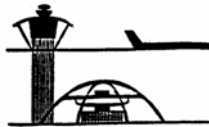
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This is **really** a dry month for news. Everyone is trying to get the new year started, the old year stuff filed, stored, shredded - thank you notes written, and so on and so forth. Whew! At my house it's even more "fun". I have solicited my "reporters" (Donna, Jim and Ray) but ended up with a "sorry, no news" from those sources.

Exception - Ray reports that **Alan & Janice Marconi** were able to attend the IAM Christmas luncheon. Their friends were pleased to see them there as Janice had serious surgery recently from which she advises she is slowly recovering. The latest report about **Norm Dugas** from Ray is that he feels there is a "dim light at the end of the tunnel". Let's concentrate our prayers for Norm and for Janice that improvements come faster and stronger!

For ReLAXers, the only one I know about is - me! I did get out of town, spending five days in LAS with friends. Standby? No way! I bought a well-priced tickets on Jet Blue from our terrific LGB airport - **so** easy. It was quite busy on that Tuesday before Christmas - I was way back at the security point - 6th in line! For LGB, that's a crowd. It was a very windy day going there, bumpy all 45 minutes of our flight with the worst turbulence just a few yards before touch-down. I was braced for a real slam-bang landing but much to our amazement, we landed like a feather - you could barely feel it. The passengers whistled and clapped and congratulated the captain as we departed. But what else could you expect - he is what a few friends and I call "our kind of pilot" - the kind we always hope to see on any flight we take - one with gray hair!

The Christmas parties of both our largest retiree groups (the IAM Retirees and Re-LAXers) were both held at the Proud Bird, and both went well. Larger than average turnout at both events with their customary Christmas themes going well for each. At the IAM party, it was good food, good socializing and many, many door prizes. At the ReLAXers party, there was good food, good socializing and three long tables loaded with toys and other gifts for our charity group in Mar Vista. Then, of course, not to be forgotten was the yearly hugely successful Fantasy Flight at LAX in Terminal 7 with the 747 flight up the valley over BFL and back. We all owe many thanks to the hard-working volunteers who put on these festivities - and trust me, it is very hard work. But we do have fun doing it. The Fantasy Flight especially involves long hours of really hard work - but well worth it - if you haven't done it before, do join us next year.

Just a reminder, the LAX airport employee/retiree parking is still available at a really great rate, but with several changes. No more Lot D. Lot E expanded with improved lighting, security and shuttle service. Just allow enough time to request my getting you a tag.

Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111th and Aviation at LAX.

February 4 -Luncheon.

April 1 – No fooling. Luncheon.

May 23 - Convention. See ya there!



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Now that we've all welcomed in the New Year, it's time to recognize your family and friends by sending them your *Love* for **Valentine's Day**. I think that *Love* must be about the one thing available these days that hasn't raised its prices nor interest rates. A timely quote by **Mary Cholmondeley**: *"Every year I live, I am more convinced that the waste of life lies in the love we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence that will risk nothing, and which, shirking pain, misses happiness as well. No one ever yet was the poorer in the long run for having once in a lifetime let out all the length of all the reins."*

Sadly we did lose one of our members in mid-December, **Ed Szabo**. His former address was 103 W. 31st Street, San Mateo, CA 94403. His daughter lives in Orange, CA but I have no further information, sorry.

We were very pleased recently to see the smiling faces of members **George & Alice Trombulak**. They have both spent a lot of time these past months with doctors but managed to escape unharmed!

And what a thrill it will be to help member **Milt Cavelli** celebrate his **97th** birthday at our January meeting! Wow ... What an honor!

We didn't have a December "General" meeting, but I'm sure we'll be seeing everybody back when they read what our inventive Food Coordinators, **Walt & Vera Kina**, have in store for us. To rotate between our usual monthly potlucks, on **March 22** we will have a "**Chinese Lunch**", **June 28** a patriotic "**Hot Dog Day**" (wear red, white and blue, please), **September 27** our "**Annual Picnic**" at Flood Park in Menlo Park, and November 22, "**Sandwich Day**". Thanks, Kids ... You do keep our spirits up!

Many of us were able to join President **Dave Saso** and the **San Jose South Bay Chapter** at their great December holiday luncheon. Thanks for the invitation ... we appreciated the camaraderie.

A very happy "morning-until-dark" tour was led in mid December by Local Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickenson** and little elf helper **Dolores ("Frankie") Frank**. Starting off at Duarte's family owned Nursery, our eyes were treated to the spectacle of hundreds of poinsettias in colors of crimson, pink, cream, and seven different reds. And everyone was given a large very healthy poinsettia to take home. After that and lunch in Modesto, we headed for the San Joaquin County Historical Museum's 18th Annual "Festival of Trees". We enjoyed the fabulous indoor displays of decorated Christmas trees, each differently decorated. What a treat, and thank you **Shirley & Frankie** for your hard work. This was our first day tour in a long time. **Shirley** says she hopes to be able to offer us 4 tours a year. (I bought a reversible Christmas apron, great pockets, hand-made by one of the Museum volunteers. Yep, I'm old fashioned ... I still wear (and collect) aprons.)

Personally Speaking: April (or perhaps sooner) will be bringing U.S. Census workers to our doors: They will have a **badge**, a **handheld device**, a **Census Bureau canvas bag** and a **confidentiality notice**. Ask to see these before answering their questions. They are **currently** only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking info to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. No matter what they ask, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address. They may (or may not) ask for basic financial information such as a salary range. **But remember**: You don't have to answer anything at all about your financial situation. Also, you will **not** be contacted by **email** at any time from a supposedly U.S. Census department. More info: www.bbb.org.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday of each month (except September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, William 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 annual holiday luncheon was held on December 8 at Mariani's in Santa Clara, CA. We had 100 people attend, (17 from other chapters), what could be called our most successful luncheon to date. Our guests were welcomed into a lovely winter wonderland of beautifully decorated trees and tables. Live music was provided by Daphna (a violin, guitar and vocal duo) playing seasonal and classical music. Our raffle tables were loaded with wonderful prizes donated by members and organizations. This new method of viewing raffles prizes first and selecting the item you would like to win has been very successful. We were able to raise a record amount for our chapter's bank account. President **Dave Saso**, Vice President **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal** and Secretary **Cheri Scales** would like to thank the following people for helping us set up for the luncheon: **George & Ella Sousa, Jack & Jean Jenkins, Dave Walb, Joanne Saso, and Charlie & Josie Esqueda**. As usual, **Tony Urso** provided lots of fun while announcing the winners of our raffle. A special thank you to **Colin Scales** for his help in handing out the prizes.

Our entire organization owes a big THANK YOU to President **Dave Saso**. He did the bulk of the work on our holiday luncheon including most of the work organizing all of the raffle prizes; this was a huge effort on his part that can hopefully be taken on by a committee in the future. Lucky us, Dave is already planning the holiday luncheon for 2010!

President **Dave Saso** thanked all of the people who helped run our organization this past year. He also announced that starting in January; we would have only one long business meeting on the first Friday of each month and shorter meetings (birthdays, anniversaries and Sunshine Lady) for the remainder of the month's meetings. This will free up some very important socializing time! Dave is also trying to arrange several guest speakers for upcoming meetings.

This is my last report as Secretary, **Joan Dahl** and **Nancy Walb** will be taking over starting next month. It has been a privilege to serve this fine organization, but much of my free time will now be filled with trying to keep up with my grandson, Colin. I know Joan and Nancy will do a great job.

The December list of people who need to find a way out of the clouds and into sunny skies is: **Vic & Elaine Kristen, Duane & Anna Howze, Delores Burda, Garver Sandy and Marion Gaever** (Gerry & Alice Frisch, we miss seeing you!) Your calls, cards and prayers will get these people up and flying around soon.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

February 10 – Quarterly "Ladies Only" luncheon, hosted by **Rosemarie Reichard, Karen Devlin and Jean Marcolina**, will be held at Rosemarie's home. Flyers will be out in early January.

June 15 – Summer Picnic hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**. Watch for details.



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Happy New Year to each and every one of you! I hope your holidays were special and blessed with family and friends. The time is passing us by very quickly and here we are in the year 2010 already. It's hard to believe, isn't it?

The San Joaquiners celebrated our Christmas luncheon on December 10th at the East Sonora Conference center. The luncheon was delicious, the table settings were beautiful and everyone was dressed in their Sunday

best. There were 61 members and guests in attendance. What a wonderful turnout and a happy time was had by all.

We were very happy to see **Barbara Edkin** at our luncheon; she had been quite ill and at UCSF for several surgeries. We were also happy to see **Ruth Swanson**, Ruth had been ill and had not been able to attend in a long time. **Ruth & Carl Swanson** are celebrating 60 years of marriage ... quite a milestone in my book. We were also happy to see **Ray & Lynn Harm** and **Ken & Jo Silva** at our luncheon.

We have several members on the sick list. **Lavina Brinsfield** could not join us because of her ankle surgery. She is recovering well but still has to stay off her feet. **Dennis Dergen** is battling cancer and continues to undergo treatments. **Bert Kent** has leukemia and is being treated at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. **Charlene Wood** had fallen and hurt her shoulder; she had just been released from the hospital so she could not join us. We are sending get well wishes to each of you.

Joan & Fred Verbaere went to New York City over the Thanksgiving holiday and they flew first class on UAL from SFO to NYC. They went to see the Macy's Thanksgiving parade and also went to see the high kicking Rockets show. They had no problem with space available flights, but several other members started to tell horror stories of their experiences trying to fly space available.

The San Joaquinners will not have a meeting in January. Our next luncheon is listed below.

Calendar:

February 11 - Luncheon meeting hosted by **Don & Joann Nesja**. Location TBA.

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Our December meeting was a resounding success for our annual Toys for Tots collection as well as for our group, with 37 members and guests in attendance.

We welcomed Marine Sergeant Masterson and Corporal Torrance, **Shirley House** and guest Bill, **Rose & Cleve Spring**, new members **Carol Parks** and **Emmalou Olson**. It was good to see **Adeline Lee & Ray** back, as well as **Sonia Mahler** who is finally back from a serious broken arm.

Our thanks to all who contributed door prizes - everyone won a prize. **Nancy Boyle** won the 50/50 and **Diane Griego** won the pie.

Next month we will have a financial specialist from Alliant Credit Union on hand to give us valuable information.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you all to come and bring your significant others (or just come alone). We have a great group comprised of many departments.

Calendar:

February 8 - Meeting

March 8 - Meeting

April 12 - Meeting

May 10 - Meeting



CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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We in the California Northstate (Yuba City to Redding) will start off the New Year with our January meeting on the 28th at 11:30am at the Holiday Inn in Redding, for a great lunch and a meeting to elect a new President and Vice President.

Due of \$10 will be due at the beginning this month. Please join us if you are new to the Northstate.

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On January 2, 45 Mile Highers and guests gathered at the United Air Lines Flight Training Center cafeteria for the first breakfast of the New Year.

We had a first timer, **Al Neilsen** who was brought by his daughter **Eileen Sumerlin**. Bring him again, Eileen. **Richard & Cleora Conner** who moved to Georgetown, Texas last year was in Ft. Collins visiting family. They decided to come to the breakfast and brought their grandsons Austin and Camion. Austin won two 50/50's and generously shared with his brother! **Connie Conine** also brought her father **Mel**. **Martha Gooselaw** brought her daughter **Diana Adkins**, her granddaughter **Rachel Adkins** and her friend **Allison Embury**. **Harriet Ahr** brought her son **Robert Ahr**. Robert is a Lead Ramp Serviceman in Denver.

Tom Goodyear reported Continental Air Lines has a new CEO, Jeff Smisek and that Delta Air Lines is now cleared to fully absorb Northwest Airlines. The airline industry may under go some radical changes in 2010.

Helen Taylor passed away on January 7; she is survived by her husband Robert. Arrangements are pending. Cards can be sent to Robert at 365 Inca Parkway, Boulder, CO 80303.

The move for UAHF and RUAEA at TK is still on hold and at this time, we do not know when it will happen. We still have the list of volunteers to help with the move and we'll give you a call when the time comes.

The Spring Luncheon is still in the planning stages and will be announced at the next breakfast. Many thanks to the folks who returned their 50/50's winning to the Mile Higher Chapter.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at 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!



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We held our regular meeting on Monday December 21st at The Village Inn and everyone wore a Santa hat. A late breakfast meeting was well attended. Attending were long time members **Casey & Gail Walker** from Franktown, CO. A special award certificate was presented to our waitress Shoni who has attended every meeting at The Village Inn.

We voted to change our meeting times to 12 noon for lunch on the fourth Monday of the month. Hope this brings out more Pikes Peak members!

Calendar:

January 25 – 4th Monday meeting, new time 1200 noon Lunch

February 22 – 4th Monday meeting, new time 1200 noon Lunch

March 22 – 4th Monday meeting, new time 1200 noon Lunch

April 26 - 4th Monday meeting, new time 1200 noon Lunch

May 24 - 4th Monday meeting, new time 1200 noon Lunch

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Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting. In spite of the unusual cold weather here in FL, 18 members managed to show up for our first meeting of the New Year.

Our birthday celebrant was **Steve Moddle**, and oh what an awful off-key rendition of Happy Birthday he got. Anniversary celebrant was **Penny & Omar Logan** (36 years) and company anniversary was **Dick Coughlin** (44 years).

Somehow our roll of tickets got lost over the holidays and we had no 50/50 drawing. Our Treas. **Penny Logan** was collecting annual dues. If you haven't paid up, please bring your money in Feb. Our Treas. reported that we have enough money to give to several charities, which will be chosen at the Feb. meeting. A reminder to everyone that the national dues for RUAEA is now \$25.

Jo Sanders is recovering from a hernia operation. **Bobbie Rieck** will be going in for hip replacement surgery the end of January. The **Coughlins'** son John is visiting with them now, but is still having problems from his industrial accident and expects to have lower back surgery in Feb. **Frieda** will go up to be with him then. Let's pray it will be a successful operation.

Lillian & Steve Moddle will be off on a cruise to warmer places, but will be back by our Feb. meeting.

Penny Logan gave a review of her trip to Dubai recently with a neighbor whose daughter & son-in-law live there, working for an American Co. Her descriptions of what she saw and experienced was very interesting as she visited the different areas. Many times, she mentioned how expensive things were there, and how many buildings were under construction and how many were only half occupied. Her neighbor enjoyed flying by United and experiencing First Class, a new experience for her.

Thought for today: *Few things are more delightful than the grandkids fighting over your lap.*

Calendar:

February 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

March 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

April 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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The Real McCoy's began the New Year with a great gathering of forty-seven members and guests at the Golden Corral. We welcomed three new members with rounds of applause! **Carol Woods**, our most recent retiree from MCOCS, **Corky Peterson** and **Richard Vinson**, both MCOCS retirees too! Good to see members

Sharon Ringer, Gary Mills, Norma & Bill Butchart, Judy Adam, and our snowbirds, **Jack & Jayne Regan! Joe & Barb Fitak** also brought daughter, Lisa and granddaughter, Karina.

Sincere and heartfelt sympathy to **Janie Grant** on the passing of **Chuck** on December 9th. A "Celebration of Chuck's Life" will be held at their home on January 30, 2010 at 1300. 6600 Bay Shore Dr. St. Cloud, FL 34771. Janie is preparing food and would like an RSVP if you plan to attend. Please call her at (407) 957-6169 or email jg6600@aol.com.

Hospice of the Comforter send us a very nice handwritten note for our Christmas donation. It was agreed by all present to collect items for the Central Florida Children's Home at the February meeting. We need items such as toiletries, snack-size packages, etc.

Cheery get-well wishes to recovering Real McCoys **Orlin "OB" Taylor** and **Ernie Vosges**. Continued prayers for **JoAnn Hall** as she begins a new treatment next week.

Lots of January Birthdays to celebrate! **Jim Mummah** and **Norma Butchart** – 4th; **Diane Lewis** and **Tom Cannata** - 5th, **Carol Woods** - 9th, **Barb Fitak** - 23rd, **Marilyn Lade** - 30th. Anniversary Best Wishes to **Jim & Pat Hernandez** who celebrated 27 years on January 3rd!

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting time has been moved to 1:30pm. Location stays the same.

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

February 3 –Luncheon

March 3 –Luncheon

April 7 – Luncheon

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights are held (usually) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Location varies but the time is always 4:30pm. Email me if you'd like to join us!

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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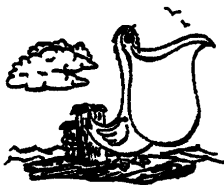
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On Friday, January 8, the Pelican Drop-Ins met at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers for the first meeting of the New Year. President **Bill Burg** greeted every one - twenty-three members plus six guests were present. Guests were **Paul Brown** (our regional RUAEA director) and his wife **Helga**, **Dick Storer** (retired from Cleveland/Akron/WHQ) and wife **Pat** from Sun City – Huntley, IL (guests of **Phyllis & Dick Allen**), and **Tony Novak** (retired from ramp service in Cleveland) and his wife **Darlene**, now snowbirds from northern Ohio.

Paul Brown shared information on this year's RUAEA Convention that is to be held May 23-30 in Orlando FL. The planning committee has been meeting monthly to design a full week of activities. Completed plans are published in this issue of the RUAEA newsletter including the Registration forms. Everyone was encouraged to attend. He also reported that United is to begin service to Africa in April; Southwest Airlines now requires non-rev's to pay by cash or traveler checks; and that in an emergency situation actives and retirees can now obtain a BP-3 at Tampa or Orlando for travel one way (not the return travel).

Paul & Ingrid Olson shared information (a flyer) on available and reasonable parking for your car if traveling out of Tampa Airport. A-1 Parking is relocating and expanding with both valet and self parking. Their website is www.alexpress.us for more information. **John Dainus** indicated parking in Ft. Lauderdale is currently \$9/day. (Spirit Airlines flies out Ft. Lauderdale.) **Bill Burg** noted the need for a volunteer to take over responsibility for our monthly 50/50 raffle, but no one came forth.

The speaker for the afternoon was **Marilyn Arnell** from Florida Power and Light, one of 54 utilities in the state of Florida. She has worked for FPL since early 1980's and gave a very interesting presentation. FPL is a regulated industry and the good news was that a rebate/refund will appear on the January bill for all users because of the savings in fuel for the past year. The "bad" news is FPL has a case in court that has not been finalized to date but they are hopeful they will get clearance to raise their base rate beginning in February if the court decides in their favor. She highlighted many factors that drive our use of energy - weather, appliances used, lifestyle choices, etc. Our homes impact our energy use. She suggested we ask for a free energy survey that is available and also explained the On Call program that gives a monthly credit to participants so that FPL can meet the energy needs during peak times. Typically, this program saves one month of costs. Many were not aware of that offered program. She was very knowledgeable and answered many questions for us. We each received a "green" tote bag to use.

The 50/50 raffle was won by guest **Paul Brown**. Other happy winners were **Jerry Pryde**, **Ray Winterhalter**, **Maxine Brown** (2 times), **Joan Gilkison**, **Ron Schultz**, **Darlene Novak**, and **Helga Brown**.

The next meeting will be on February 5, 2010, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club with lunch and a social time (no planned program). If any United Airlines employees/retirees are in the area, please call and join us for lunch and conversation that day. We are a social group and we would love to have you.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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Our first meeting of 2010 was held on Jan. 4th with 19 members and 3 guests. The guests were **Alicia Nelson**, **Kil Ullam** and **Eileen Dykstra**. Election of officers was held. **Barbara Riecse** is our new President, **Bob Lindstrom** agreed to be VP, **Jon Wilkerson** will be the Information Officer. The secretary went unfilled. **Jean Linehan** remained the Treasurer for another year.

There was much general discussion regarding getting on flights as the loads are very heavy. **Beverly Alderdice** traveled to Europe, flying into Frankfurt, taking the train to Dresden, Nuremburg, Strasbourg (France) and ending up in Munich. She had no problems with F/C most of the flights. She then went to Boston to visit her daughter and visited several cities in MA while she was there. Beverly stated that in cities that Lufthansa handles the United flights, they require proof of UAL employment. They accepted her insurance card as proof but were looking for the blue retiree card. **Jon Wilkerson** spoke of the very enjoyable Royal Caribbean Cruise over Christmas.

Picnic Chairman, **Jim Hottel**, stated that there will be more info on the April picnic at our next meeting in February.

Sunshine Committee - **Terri Breslin** reported that a get well card was sent to **Dave Kratofil** who had spent a couple of days in the hospital. She spoke to **John & Pearl Quinn**, both sounded better and John turned 92 on Jan 4th. **Dick Newman** is scheduled for heart surgery on Jan. 13th. Also a letter was received from JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund) thanking the chapter for the donation of \$350.

The only birthday was **John Quinn**, no anniversaries were noted.

Calendar:

February 1 – Tiffany's, 10:30 AM

March 4 – Tiffany's, 10:30 AM

April 5 – Anderson Park Picnic – 11:00AM

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The weather in Florida today, January 5, was very cold for Florida and some nights we got down in the 30's and 40's with daytime temperature in the 50's and 60's. For someone like me who is thoroughly enjoying the cold snap and hope it lasts for awhile since I find it a pleasant change from the 80's and 90's, most Floridians are hibernating. I really think the members were also stunned with the cold snap!

After all the partying, our 16 members in attendance were too pooped to pop as they say. The topics of conversation revolved around local politics, medical and prescription charges and rules plus a few other topics.

Barbara Dodenoff and **Bobbie Vitel** were under the weather and could not attend, we all send them best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see them next month.

Unfortunately, I had to leave the meeting early and in my haste forgot to wish **Millie Ross** and **Celina Xifaras** a Belated Birthday. Forgive me Millie and Celina, we hope you had a very Happy Birthday and we all wish you many Healthy and Happy ones. Our newest member **Catherine Coate** celebrated her birthday on January 18, she did not make the January meeting. We hope she is well and we too, wish her a Very Happy Birthday.

Artie Frage won the 50/50 again and the progressive was won by **Mike Carragher**, who was not in attendance, so it goes back in for the next drawing. **Frank & Jane Wise** were in attendance and as usual, they did not win, they only seem to win when they are not with us, but we would rather have them attend than not.

Al & Janice Popek will be leaving for a week to visit relatives in Boise on January 22. Thomas from Berlin, Germany who is a friend of **Paul & Diane Liebisch** is leaving the cold weather in Berlin to come to sunny Florida on January 15, will he be surprised when he arrives here in the cold! The temperature in Berlin is in the 30's. What ever happened to global warming! I didn't believe in it anyway, always thought of it as natural course of nature.

On the lighter side:

The Lone Ranger and Tonto - No matter how smart you think you are, sometimes there is absolutely no substitute for philosophical simplicity. Case in point:

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell asleep. Some hours later, Tonto woke the Lone Ranger and said, "Kemo Sabe, look toward sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replied, "I see millions of stars".

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger pondered for a minute, and then said, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo, Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?"

Tonto was silent for a moment, then said, "Kemo Sabe, you dumber than buffalo dung. Somebody stole tent".

You are never too old to Live life to its fullest and Love and Laugh!

Calendar:

February 2 – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

March 2 – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

April 6 – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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Twenty two flyers and one guest showed up at the I-hop Restaurant for lunch on December 6. Our guest was **Ruth Rumin, Don & Mary Lou Sullivan's** sister, in visiting from Pittsburgh. Ruth has been our guest many times in the past and was good to have her with us. It's been unseasonably cold here in the Atlanta area lately, although we had a good turnout this month. Still pretty fortunate compared to the West and Northeast who have had to deal with blizzards and extreme cold this season.

Good to see **Bill Bowling** back in town from his hunting camp, still no deer this season as yet. **Roy Cross** stopped by to have lunch and visit with us also. After a short business meeting, **Bruce Brodersen** filled us in on the progress of this year's convention in Orlando, FL. He will be traveling to Orlando soon to meet with the Chapters there, and is looking forward to a really good turnout this year.

Bruce also reported that he had talked to **Bobby Jones** and he has recently married again and is doing well. **Fred Cron**, our 50/50 director assisted by **Bill Bowling**, conducted our drawing this month. **Bobbie Foles** drew the winning ticket and as it turned out it was hers. She had her eyes closed the whole time so it was a fair draw. Bobbie graciously donated her winnings to The Promise Place. For those who remember, **Bill Farthing** of ATLRR passed away October 31, 2009 at the age of 86 in Dunwoody, GA. Bill, originally from Virginia, started with Pennsylvania Central Airlines as a ticket agent in the early 1940's and later with Capital Airlines. He was Regional Manager for reservations from 1955 to 1974. From 1974 to 1981 he was Southeast regional sales manager. Bill retired in 1988 as regional reservations manager, quite a long and distinguished career indeed. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 64 years, two daughters, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

It was also reported that **O. T. Heatherly** of Riverdale, GA. passed away October 29, 2009. He was retired from ATLCG for a number of years. On a much sadder note, **Kalyn O'Barr Poteat**, daughter of **Bryan & Kelly O'Barr** (currently of ATLCG), passed away in San Diego, CA the first week of 2010, Kalyn was 19. Our hearts and prayers go out to their family and friends from the Flyers.

On our sick list are **Sam & Eva Mace**, both recovering from eye surgeries for the past 2 months. We wish them both a complete and speedy recovery.

Calendar:

February 3 - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

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Our breakfast meeting in January was held at JB's in Meridian. Those in attendance were: **Shirley & Charles Perkins** who are off to Arizona and Mexico around January 15th searching for warmer weather! **Ned Yundt** and **Marilyn Taylor** arrived together. Their buddy **Marlene Croghan** was at home with a cold, as well as **Lil Jolly** at home with back problems. Our best wishes to them for a speedy recovery.

It was nice to see **Gloria Trotter** again as she is in the middle of moving back to Sacramento, CA. **Bud & Pat Peters** made it to the first breakfast of the New Year. The big table was shared by **Walt & Wilma Anderson**, **Joe & Joan Varady**, **John & Carol Bell**, and **Denny Snyder**. Since no one wanted the President's position for 2010, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** agreed to continue in that position.

Rick thanked Walt and Wilma for sharing their home with all of us for the Christmas Party. Happy New Year to everyone!

ILLINOIS



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We closed 2009 with a very successful Christmas celebration at the Avalon on Dec. 7th with over 300 attending. Skyliner President **Bob Jacobson** extended the welcome and holiday wishes to one and all. On behalf of the Skyliner Officers, the planning committee and all members, we thank the following for their donations to the postage fund. Donations insure printing and mailing event flyers and information to all Skyliners at the unchanged annual dues fee of five dollars.

Tina Acoba, Marlene Anderson, Sylvia Archer, Ron Artman, Elizabeth Ashton, Chester Aszklar, Ron Baker, Larry Barr, Roseanne Beaudette, Doris Bero, Lillian Bevan, Bill Berger, Jim Bickanse, Esther Broderson, Bob Bruns, Eugene Burda, Arlene Cada, Mildred Carl, Delores Carlson, Helen Cauwels, Irene Carroll, Marilyn Chaplin, William Churchill, Lynn Clark, John Cooper, Marge Daily, Richard Del Boccio, Betty Doran, Elaine Dore, Roger Dorsey, David Dunham, Sharon Dunham, Mary Dyhrberg, Paul Falzone, June Feiereisel, Mary Fitzgerald, Pedro Franco, Geri Furlong, Dick Gainer, Jan Gawenda, John Geiger, JoAnn Giannini, Laverne Gray, LaVonne Halach, Lois Hansen, Barbara Hanson, Betty Lou Heston, Walter Jeske, Ted Jung, Peter Kapischke, Lynn Kalweit, Lorraine Karpen, Patricia Kellerman, Linda Kirn, Mary LaSpisa, Helen Lewin, Charlie Lewis, Ken Lucht, Victor Liltz, LaVerne Lundquist, Herelinde Mandela, Chuck Matheson, Teri Martin, Marty May, Albert McGarrity, Ed Meyer, Virginia Monaco, Martha Moore, Henry Mueller, Gulshan Noorani, Michael Obert, Joan O'Hara, Edward Olsen, Hertha Orszula, Dorothy Overbey, Norm Pearson, Gary Peck, Curtis Petzel, Ray & Phyllis Potsic, Jack Rairigh, Doris Reynolds, Nick Romeo, Connie Russo, Jean Sampson, Tom Sashko, Shan Nalini, Roy Schmitt, Georgya Schneider, Al Schroeder, E. Jean Shelton, Jean Siel, Stephanie Simpson, Barbara Spratt, Marlene Stanek, Tony Stefanos, Eleanore Syoen, Mary Szabo, Mary Szczech, Wayne Tapp, Betty Tatge, Ken Thiede, Phil Theis, Howard Tutt, James Vlazny, John Wachowicz, John Wade, Sophie Wajda, Polly Wildermoth, Norm Wilkinson and MaryKay Wojtal.

Beside the Christmas centerpieces on the tables (creations of **Rich Surma**) that were raffled off after eating the great food, he was also instrumental in creating the new place card/name badge encased in colorful lanyards donated by Alliant Credit Union represented by Barbara Anderson.

Barb Hanson is a Skyliner, Credit Union employee and Vice President of United Airlines Historical Foundation. The UAHF will continue to display and maintain the foundations archive collection. At this luncheon, the 1930 to 1980 uniforms were modeled by Barb, **Linda Davis** and **Carole Gurdak** besides the display of many vintage uniforms and accessories. To join the UAHF for an annual fee of ten dollars, call Barb at (847) 751-0398 or visit www.uahf.org for further information. The 50/50 raffle raised \$650, half of which was donated to Elk Grove Charities.

I don't know if the weather was to blame, being the blizzard type, or the fact that everyone was all talked out after the Christmas luncheon, attendance at the Northside was sparse. So was the news.

I received a call from **Florence Bettke** advising **Gerry Cavallo** was in an auto accident Nov. 17th resulting in injuries to the right tibia and the left ankle. She is at Holy Family Rehab Center, 2380 E. Dempster, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Get well cards would be welcomed.

We were also advised that **Helene**, wife of **Al LaRoche**, died on December 30th, 2009. Cards may be sent to 1730 Ida Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60195.

Weather turned better for the Southside group with a whopping 17 attending. We had the usual raffle won by **Mary Brandt, Bill Brookins** and **Esther Broderson**. Two candy gifts donated by **Gwen Brookins** were won by **Sylvester Gant** and **Ted Guz**. Virginia came in a little late so she got the seat among all the boys. They had her twinkling. And twinkle-toes **Rudy Maki** took his November raffle winnings to Las Vegas. The slots were not so kind.

That's all folks!

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**February 23 & March 30**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**February 10 & March 10**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**February 2 & March 2**).

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There is no luncheon in February; our next gathering will be on March 17th which is the usual schedule of meeting on the third Wednesday of odd number months.

Calendar:

February – No Luncheon scheduled

March 17 - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

April – No Luncheon scheduled

INDIANA



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It is time I play catch up and cover some events that haven't been reported due to my own recent travels.

Our chapter welcomed **Jim Simon**, Midwest Regional Director, to our meeting in November. Jim reported on the fall board meeting held in Denver. He also reiterated the support the board has received regarding his "cruise for convention" idea, planned for 2012. I know he found it difficult traveling into Indy due to the cutbacks of United service. Words of appreciation must go to all the volunteer directors and board members, current and previous, as they donate their time and effort in an attempt to maintain the success of RUAEA as an organization and deal with issues us retirees have.

Our Christmas party was held on December 5th with 25 members and guests in attendance. We always have fun during our gift exchange, heaping our plates with delicious food and just enjoying the ambiance of friends at the Twin Bridges Lodge with its lovely, warm fireplace. Kudos to everyone who helped including: **Cheri** (chairperson) & **Ron Innis**, **Bud & Elly Barnett**, **Hannelore & Ray Brabo** for successfully planning a delightful holiday afternoon. Other members: **Mike Matlak**, Pres. and **Jeanne**; **Jim & Nancy Gibson** and **Jack & Carol Conway** arrived earlier in the day to help with setup and decorations. And, a great time was had by everyone!

Mary Chandler enjoyed her birthday at Disneyworld early in December. Several of her friends, including yours truly, accompanied her to help her celebrate. This passed year (2009), one of the promotions Disney offered was free admission to one of their parks on your actual birthday. **Hannelore & Ray Brabo** are looking forward to their son David's visit and his family arriving from California. **Cheri Innis** is recovering from recent eye surgery.

And now that the holiday gifts and decorations have been put away, (well, maybe not by everyone), it's time to settle in for the long winter's chill. As I write this, announced is the second winter storm warning of an

expected 6 inches of snow, not as much as that in the upper Midwest or “lake affect” area but enough for here. **Elly Barnett** states she and **Bud** are planning a cruise in February. I am planning a return to Florida also in February, to warm up.

Happy January birthday to **Dimple Rihel**; and February birthdays to: **Gail Allen, Terry Martin and Jack Conway**.

Calendar:

Feb. 8 – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

March 8 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

April 12 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

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The Nor'Easters Christmas luncheon was held on Dec. 9, at the Danversport Yacht Club, in Danvers, MA with 70 members planning to attend, however, due to a serious snow storm, only 50 members and guests attended. Yours truly, along with several other members living in NH & ME, fled to various cities around Boston the day before. Boston and all the cities and towns on the Atlantic coast, only got rain, but serious rain and wind!

Joe Duda & son Fred drove in from Bondsville, MA in that snow storm, as did **Frank & Poly Tramontozzi**, in from Tewksbury, MA. Brave People! I spent two nights in Boston, unwilling to return to NH until the snow subsided. When I did get home, the snow plows left a present in front of my driveway, preventing me from entering. Not to be outdone, my snow blower had a mechanical, which took two hours to resolve. Finally got my driveway down to the bone when the world froze around me. Just made it! At that moment, the temp went down to 20 degrees, winter had arrived. One good storm related note, all the uncooked meals for those who couldn't attend, but had paid for, were donated to Santa's Magic, an organization that distributes meals on Christmas day to families of active military personnel. Santa's Magic eventually sent the Nor'Easters a thank you note, advising 20 people appreciated our special treat.

Well, The Christmas luncheon was excellent for those who could arrive. Nice room, good food and even better friends. The 50/50's were won by **Ralph Torres, Bruce Eddy and Liz Restiano**. Free lunches were won by **Bill Rodenhizer** and our ever lucky, **Elaine Vanderwal**. There were so many prizes, **Liz Restiano** and **Poly Tramontozzi** each won twice. Other winners; **Norma Betters, Fred Duda, Joan Simard, Bill Shailor** (another regular winner), **Helmut Umbley** and **Dick Vee**. I can attest that the serious wind and rain didn't dampen our spirits!

Liz & Larry Restiano will soon be heading to St. Pete, FL for their regular snow birding, as well as **Ron & Joyce Heiseler** and **Jayne & John Regan**. **Pat & Bob Austin** are already there. **Ron Heiseler** advised on his last hunting foray, he got a six point buck, dressing out at 125 lbs. I like deer sausage Ron. **Bill Shailor** advised his four sons and only daughter were here with him on Christmas. His boys travelled to get here, his daughter, Kimberly, who usually attends the Christmas luncheon, was with us again this year. His son Jonathon, a professor at the U of Wisconsin, published a book about empowerment in the prison theater system. Bill is a proud man!

Tony Berardi was back on his chemo treatments in December. He advised he's had good days and bad days. The chemo knocked him down so he couldn't attend the Christmas luncheon, a first for him. **Dolores** was scheduled for knee surgery on January 14. Tony & Dolores, we'll be praying for you both.

Sad to report that past member **Ann Thornell**, passed away on Dec. 19. Ann succumbed to a long bout with cancer.

February's birthdays: **Gary Bosworth, Mark Domurat, Josephine Pizzano, William Spruce and Bob Wilson.**

February's anniversaries: **Robert & Claire Anderson** - 59 years, **Elizabeth & Lawrence Restiano** - 45 years and **Ralph & Elaine Torres** - 51 years.

Calendar:

March - No meeting.

April 13 - Lunch at the ship, route 1 S, Saugus MA

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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23 Escapees and 2 guests gathered for our first meeting of the New Year at the Snowman Place in Redford hosted by **Marie & Joan**. Our group ranged in age from 2 years, **Ian Henry**, to 95 years young, **Helen Venn**. I am so thankful that the snow held off until after everyone arrived or I'm sure we would have had many no-shows, but we did have thoughts of a large sleep over. However, the fearless did head for home and assume everyone made it safely, since I have not heard differently. **Lino Martinez**, who came from Spring Lake on the west coast of MI, is still en-route as he and **Joan** did stay the night.

Once again, I do have sad news to report as **Angeline Nigra** left this world on December 26 for her eternal rewards. Love and prayers to her daughter Carole & family @ 31456 Gardendale Dr., Warren, MI 48088-7357. Angie had been in the nursing home for several years now. Joan and I will always remember her sweetness, and all who knew her will surely miss her. Our last memory will always be of her flirting with Santa Claus when Joan and I walked in on their Christmas party. She was telling us how handsome, and tall with such broad shoulders Santa had. Also Love & Prayers to **Ron McCauley, Janey's** husband, @ 41293 Lore Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48038-2088 who lost his Mom Dec. 28th.

Likewise, our prayers are needed for **Rod Jacob, Sharon's** love, @ 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake MI 48386-2827, who is in intensive care. Sharon says that his cancer has come back with a vengeance. More love and prayers for a speedy recovery for **Mike Clynych's** wife **Elaine** @ 2806 Lillian Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-5314 who fell and broke her hip and for **Dee Hegle** @ 1102 S. 114th St. # 36, Mesa, AZ 85208-7932, recovering from a **pacemaker implant**.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

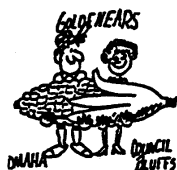
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Sixty members attended our Christmas Party at Anthony's. Thanks to our hosts, **Ev & Shirley Payton**, Keith for collecting the money, and **Dave Letts**, our one and only Bingo caller. It is always such a fun time to get together. We were happy to see **Bill Boner; Teddy & Dave Letts; Jackie & Andy Vassios; Van Van Houten; M. J. Bruening; Frank & Jane Sesto; Russ & Amy Meyer; and Marge & Louis Stankoski.**

There were several retirees who went to Macedonia on December 6th to attend a reception for **Jim Braden** as he retired from being the Mayor of that town after 21 years, also serving on the Council for 16 years. Our congratulations to Jim for many years of community service.

I touched base with **Paul Steuri** and he is doing okay. He has a woman who comes in a couple of days a week to help him.

2009 hasn't been the best year for **Trudy Tighe**. She had a car accident the first of the year which totaled her car. Then in July, she was taken to the hospital and was there 18 days.

Even though our newsletters are always a month late in the RUAEA Newsletter due to a conflict of dates, I still want to tell you the Story of the Candy Coal. A few years ago, I printed the Story of the Candy Cane:

The candy coal is a sweet version of the century' old Christmas folklore tradition where children placed wooden shoes by their beds or hung stockings by their chimneys on Christmas Eve anticipating a visit from St. Nicholas. The good children would awaken to find cakes, treats and candy canes. But if the children were naughty during the year they awoke to lumps of coal. Blue tongues and mouths are a sure way of spotting the "naughty" children.

We very much missed the following members who passed away in 2009: **Dottie Lewis** (March 24), **Clara Deaver** (September 19), **Bill Slaughter** (October 7),

Calendar:

2010 dates are still being determined.

NEVADA



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Our December 15th meeting was called to order at noon with 51 members in attendance. Two new members joined us; **Rosemarie Restivo** from WHQAC and **Christina Earl** LASCS, welcome to our Chapter.

We were served a delicious lunch by the Arizona Charlie's staff and followed with the Christmas meeting.

We had a successful "Toy Collection" that was delivered to the Marine Corps and also to the Safe Nest group.

We did not bother with nominations this time and just enjoyed each other. Nomination and election for officers will be in February 2010 of the Las Vegas Gamblers.

Las Vegas New Years Fire Works looked spectacular, they were displayed off the roofs of seven Casinos, it was a ½ million dollar extravaganza.

Calendar:

February 9 – Luncheon Meeting at 11:30AM. Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200.

April 13 – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM

June 8 – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM

RENO SIERRA **ROUNDUP**

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Wow! What a day for our Christmas luncheon. It was a very snowy day in the Truckee Meadows and N. California. It had snowed all night and continued throughout the day until late afternoon. In spite of the weather, we had a few hardy souls – 18 in fact – that made it to the 19th Hole, including the chef and 2 waiters!

The 18 attendees at our December Christmas luncheon included the **Scaifes** from Truckee, the **Reeds** from So. Lake Tahoe, **Sylvia Pendleton & Ed Williams** from Spanish Springs, **Maurine Williams** arrived via taxi and **Helaine Jones** and her guest **Joan** who had to park down on Plumas and walk up a quarter mile slope to the clubhouse. The **Flanagans** walked from their home nearby all bundled up. **Maurine** had called early for a taxi and was told she would have a two hour wait – then the taxi arrived a half hour early! Of course, we had a small contingent from the Reno area – The **Robinsons**, the **Zobolis**, **Mary Withers** and the **Klemms**.

Everyone arrived well wrapped up against the chilling cold. I think the high that day was 26 degrees. All enjoyed the company and the snow stories. Due to the small gathering, 2010 officers will be discussed at the January meeting. At that meeting, we will also be discussing the possible increase of dues.

John Zoboli won the 50/50. In addition, we have a number of other winners: Gifts were won by: **Mary Withers**, **Larry Reid**, **Duncan Scaife**, **Donna Reid**, **Pat Flanagan**, **Joe Robinson**, **Maurine Williams**, and **Sylvia Pendleton**. **Nancy Scaife**, **Sylvia Pendleton**, **Janet Flanagan**, **Kathy Robinson** and the **Klemms** all left with the centerpiece decoration.

We collected \$147.00 for the Food Bank.

December birthdays were celebrated by: **Nancy Scaife**, **Larry Leusing**, **Joe Robinson**, **Millie McGuire**, **Herb Klemm**, **Linda Klemm**, **Jim Compton**, **Inez Compton**.

NEW JERSEY



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The Gardenstaters held their Holiday Luncheon on December 9th. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We have representatives from all the different Departments at Newark Liberty Intl. Airport. He thanked everyone for coming.

Announcements – Parking privileges at the Sheraton Hotel were discontinued with United. It was \$4.00 to park there; it is now \$25.00 per day.

Violet Etler read the minutes from the last meeting and **John Murphy** gave a Treasurer's report.

Dick thanked everyone who brought in the toys for the Marine's "Toys for Tots". We collected quite a few at this meeting and the last meeting.

Copies of the membership list are available. Anyone is welcome to them. **John Murphy** reported that he will get a date for the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the "Great American Song Book". We need 20 people to attend to obtain the discount tickets. You will be notified of the date in the mailing/E-mail of the next meeting.

There were many door prizes given out.

Dick wished everyone a Happy Holiday and hope to see you all at the next meeting; which is the last Wednesday of every month.

Calendar

January 27 - Meeting.

OHIO

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The New Year has arrived and the Ohio Buckeyes are starting out with a new slate of officers. **Dolly Taucher** - President, **Arlene Taylor** - Vice-President, **Steve Pytel** - Treasurer, and "yours truly" is the Secretary. We are aware that we have some pretty big shoes to fill and we will be working hard, a great year is planned so that we can get together to renew and maintain friendships.

Our February meeting will again be held at Dimitris Restaurant in Parma on Wednesday Feb. 3. Because of the heavy snow which cancelled last year's meeting, they have given us a "SNOW DAY" of Thursday, Feb. 4th. Do not stay home just because there is some snow on the ground! If we have a serious snow storm, everyone will be notified by our callers. Please make sure to get your reservations and check into **Dolly & John Taucher** by **January 20**. This year, we will also preorder your choice of meals. Hope to see everyone there!

Please remember that our chapter dues are due in January: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. Make your check payable to "Ohio Buckeyes" and mail to **Dolly Taucher**, 8301 Lorraine Dr, Strongsville, OH 44149.

Treasurer **Steve Pytel** had knee surgery last month, he is home recuperating. Steve has been a "stand-in" for Santa for many Christmases and we wonder if that is where his knee problem developed! Also, **Steve Rack** took a very serious fall off of a ladder and fractured his skull. The good news is that he is now home recuperating. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families as well as those who are dealing with other health issues.

We have lost another of our members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Kasmer "Toots" Gardina** who passed away on Dec. 12, 2009, leaving his wife **Ruth**, their children and grandchildren. Toots and Ruth had been married 44 years.

Calendar:

February 3 - Dimitris Restaurant, 1830 Snow Road - 12:00 noon

March - Old Oak Church

OREGON

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There were 91 members at our Christmas luncheon or as we like to call it, a party. **Charlie Stemper**, our president, had a disk made of pictures taken at the last nine luncheons for all the members and they were given out as members arrived. The monthly drawing winners were: **Bill Raimer** (door prize), **Mary Lou Falbo** (birthday), **Mac & Naomi Heywood** (Anniversary) and **Veulah Lorts** (50/50). Veulah is one of the luckiest persons I know as she has won this prize a number of times. It is a wonder she hasn't won the Lotto.

Santa arrived in his red suit looking a lot like **Harold Miller** with his helper, **Margaret Borbely**, and they distributed the gifts to the winners of the Christmas drawing. Gift certificates went to **Betty Alff**, **Tony Farley**, **Bill Gribben** (guest of **Cora Harper**), **Patty Gurski**, **Charlie Stemper** and **Bob Woods**. Bottles of wine were won by **Bob Charron**, **Irma Larkin**, **Veulah Lorts** and **Joanne Patterson**.

Charlie announced that **Cora & Jack Harper** and **Anna & Harold Miller** have decided to quit doing the table decorations. The women were always the ones with the ideas but the men helped in many ways. Our

thanks to all four of them for their dedication in seeing there was always colorful displays for the holiday months. At this time, no one has come forward to take over for them; however, if you would be interested, please let Charlie know.

Dave Smith thanked the members for their continuing support of Shepherd's Door, a group home for women and children, with food donations. Please continue to bring canned foods and non-perishables to the meetings.

It is dues time again for the Dew-er's. If you are unable to attend a meeting before March 15th, please send your dues to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220. Annual membership due is \$7.50 for single and \$10.00 for a couple. Please make your checks out to RUAEA.

John Donaldson had surgery recently but has recovered and will be at a meeting very soon. **Mary Nolan** took a bad fall and fortunately, there were no broken bones but she had serious bruises. **Merle Pitman** is still having problems eating after his cancer surgery and **Lois** says he is weak and still not up to attending a meeting.

There will be a speaker for the February luncheon, Mike McHugh of Life Flight. Since we also celebrate Valentine's Day, don't forget to bring a card for the card exchange (one per person) and stay afterwards for the ice cream social.

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 12:00 PM

February 10 - Valentines Luncheon/Ice Cream Social

March 10 - Social

April 14 - Social

OUR CLUB

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It is with a heavy heart that we let you know that **Orlando (Lon) Vigil** passed away on December 16, 2009 at age 87. Lon, with his late wife, **Yvonne**, were among the founding members of OUR Club in the late 1980's. He was born in Walsenburg, CO and began his 45-year career as a United mechanic in 1940 in Cheyenne, WY. He interrupted that career to serve in the US Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid during World War II, then resumed his employment with the airline after the war. He transferred to SFOMB in South San Francisco, where he met Yvonne. Both worked at the maintenance base and were married in 1949. In 1989 Lon retired, and he and Yvonne moved from Redwood City, CA to Grants Pass, OR. In Grants Pass, they helped form the Oregon United Retirees Club chapter of RUAEA. Lon's death is a double sadness since Yvonne passed away only a few months ago - August of 2009. The Vigils are survived by a son, a daughter (also a United employee) and six grandchildren. Lon's abiding cheerfulness, mellow outlook, dry wit and always-ready smile will be deeply missed by the members of OUR Club and all who knew him.

Mary Crees, another longtime member of OUR Club, recently spent a number of days in the hospital and a rehabilitation facility as a result of a metabolic condition. Although Mary is one of the dearest people on this earth, she nicknamed herself "Sassy Mary." Our hearts and well wishes are with her that she'll soon be feeling very sassy again.

Since the January OUR Club luncheon is scheduled after the press time for the February newsletter, I'll double up next month on reporting the chapter's news.

Calendar:

February 5 - **Marge Calkins**, Las Fajitas.

March 5 - **Ric & Gidget Walcha**, Taprock Northwest Grill, Evergreen Room

April 2 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA



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Our annual Christmas party brought out 47 retirees. As we walked in the door, there was a table where you could purchase tickets for the silent auction. The games were already in progress. There was a card toss, (won by **Jim Reicheldorfer**) and a bean bag toss (won by **Maerlene Manning**). The entire wall was filled with hand crafted items as well as baked goods, a beer basket and 2 wine baskets. The handmade items were exquisite. They included beautiful handmade Afghans, pillows, a snow doll, Raggedy Ann dolls as well as woodwork items - snow man sticks, sleds with home baked bread on them. Miniature ornaments, and hand painted Christmas balls were among some of the Christmas decorations. The baked goods included cookies, bread, candy, fudge, chocolate coated pretzels, and candy canes. A basket of napkins and place mats were also donated. There was even a classy gift with the United logo and we even received a cook book.

Before lunch, President **Joe Brad** offered the blessing and we saluted the flag. The meal was especially delicious. It included 3 choices, Salmon, Pork Loin or Chicken. **Maerlene Manning** played the keyboard and **Dennis O'Neill** entertained us with his spectacular singing voice. After lunch, **Dennis, Joe Brad** and I led the singing of Christmas songs and carols. We were blessed to have the lovely voice of **Barbara Fanto** to help us out. One of our other vocalists, **Ralph Baker**, was having some voice problems. We'll enlist him next year.

The door prize, a dinner for two, was donated by the Ramada Inn. It was won by **Patricia Reicheldorfer**.

Our picture quiz had 3 winners. They were: **Karen Fox, Donna Lynn**, and **Karen O'Neill**.

Our retirees were very generous with their donations to the Veterans home. There were many boxes filled with items for the vets lined up to be delivered in time for Christmas.

Following is a photo of the retirees who served the Ronald McDonald House Thanksgiving dinner on November 23rd.



L to R – **Al Edwards, Joyce Lindenmuth, Pat Lyons, Marge Eggles, Tom Lyons, Gail Bradley, Shirley Roberts, Dee Burrs** and **Kathy Edwards**. **Frank Eggles** is seated in front.

Frank Eggles is still accepting donations to the flight 93 Memorial Fund so please make your check payable to “CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL” and Mail it to: **Frank Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address are on your check.

We do not meet in January or February, our next general meeting will be in March.

Calendar:

March 8 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

Date TBA - Committee meeting

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Happy St Valentine's Day! Thank goodness for Feb 14th. How drab and dreary everything seems without the wreaths, bells and tinsel. The Pit-Stoppers are planning a pre-Lenten luncheon some time later this month - more details to follow after our Jan 15th meeting.

It is with great sadness that we accepted the resignation of our loyal and very talented secretary, **Tami Yeager**. Tami, although not a UAL retiree, served our chapter faithfully for over three years. We will certainly miss her at the helm. I know hubby **Bob** will love having her all to himself again.

Speaking of secretaries, PITOZ former secretary **Olga Karmazyn** is coming along nicely, after her recent surgery. You can still send cards to 1938 Broadview Place, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Pit-Stopper **Bill Alex** was involved in a serious auto accident in early Dec. Bill, who is a very active individual, was broadsided as he was returning from the YMCA. He was hospitalized for several weeks and is recuperating at home. Wife **Verna** is having her hands full trying to keep him in tow. Bill will have to be off his feet for at least 10 weeks. I'm sure he'd love to hear from his friends c/o 210 Lenore Ave., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

The chapter lost another member in the passing of PITMM and DENMM **Victor Szalajda**. Vic retired from DEN after 38 years of service. Vic and his wife **Kathi** were both often seen at our functions, courtesy of **Mitch** and **Doris Abbas'** limo service. Condolences may be sent to Kathi c/o Paramount Senior Living, 5705 Baptist Rd. #238, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Condolences also to **Treatie Karwoski** on the recent passing of her sister-in-law **Helen Jean Krezmenski**. Treatie, for one, is happy to say goodbye to 2009.

Congratulations to **Lois Varrenti** on the completion of her 12 week cardio-rehab program. Next I hear she is training for the Pittsburgh Marathon - Way to Go Lois.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Breakfast at Shoney's was held on December 17th. Three of our "walking wounded" were there: **Jeanne Barkmann** had both knees replaced, **Mike Chapin** had a hip replacement and **Herman** with his arm still in a sling from his rotator cuff surgery in October. They all report that therapy is going well. Herman even got his "Christmas Wish" and got out of his sling on December 21st.

We all discussed our various Christmas and New Year plans and then some of us headed out to the nearby stores to finish up our shopping. We hope that all of our members, friends and family have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Calendar:

January 21 – Hosted by **Herman & Beverly Emmel**, (865) 278-3482. Location and time to be announced.

February 18 - 9:30AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I-40 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

March 18 – Hosted by **Betty Shipe**, (865) 922-3858). Location and time to be announced.

April 15 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On January 5, 16 chapter members met for coffee time at the Murray Heritage Ctr.; donuts were donated by **Pat & Don Graves** and were very much appreciated by the group. **Clair Anderson** & wife **Judy** were kind enough to bring the delicious fare to the meeting, as the Graves were enjoying the balmy Arizona climate during our icy UT winter months. Thanks, Pat & Don! And thanks to Clair & Judy for setting up the coffee service.

We greeted **Shirley Scown** & son Mike; **Lila Maughan**; **Betty Davis**. Chapter Treas. **Frank Christenson** brought **Jerry Hugentobler** who is getting around very well with the help of a cane. **Tony Brown** joined us and was in good spirit; he reported that his daughter had moved in with him after his wife's Dorothy death more than a year ago. **Fran Cantonwine** once worked for UAL as an F/A; it was nice to see her again. This correspondent had brought along a couple of Clipped Wings® "Quarterly" newsletters to give to Fran, for her reading pleasure. She would certainly recognize a few of her former flying partners in the chapter write-ups.

Grant Beutler, recently remarried, visited the group to reminisce about UAL's olden days when he started his airline career at Elko/NV, before eventually ending up in the DEN Flt. Training Center. Grant remembered that the AP code for Elko had been misprinted, and so he sent in a "suggestion" to correct it on timetables, etc. EXO accepted his suggestion - and he was rewarded with the full sum of \$5.00! Later in the afternoon, **Frank Murdock** leafed through an old "United Air Lines News" employees' publication, dated April 1956, which still showed President Patterson when he used to answer employees' questions ... and what did Frank find? An Elko station newsletter article, authored by **Ray Stott**, stating, to paraphrase it, "... (W)e welcome **Alan Muir**, replacement for **Grant Beutler**, who transferred to SLCPG."

We missed **Kiyoko Olsen**, **Lorraine Olson**, **Maureen Seikaly** & son Jerry, and we hope to greet them at the next meeting. **Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown**, our holiday-maker for local kids, told a few Christmas stories about his volunteer work at our malls. His cheerful work reminded this correspondent of other United Air Lines news, broadcast via radio/TV & newspapers, nationwide, during the month of December: *"UAL employees continue to spread the Holiday Spirit with a second round of Fantasy Flights. In the final round of Fantasy Flights this year, Santa arrives in Denver, makes a stop at DIA, continues on to Pittsburgh, heads halfway around the world to Japan, and finishes up his long night in Seattle."* - "What a day," says DEN Airport Operations Supervisor Rhonda Patterson. *"Every child we hosted this year left with a smile. We heard things like, 'This is the best Christmas ever,' and that's really what this is all about."* - This particular newspaper article continued with, *"Be sure to visit SkyNet to read the full story and see photos from the events."* - In years past, **Mike Brown** used to be our SLC "Fantasy Flight" Santa Claus.

Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** & Chapter Treas. **Frank Christenson** reported on the expression of appreciation from the Food Bank that was recipient of our chapter's donation of \$200.00. They also mentioned our group's donation to the Heritage Center in the amount of \$50.00.

Calendar:

February 2 - Coffee Time 10:00am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

March 2 - Lunch 2:00pm - Robertino's Restaurant, 1385 S. 500 W., Bountiful.

April 6 - Coffee Time 10:00am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

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We recently learned that **Leroy "Roy" Hamilton** passed away December 7, 2009 from Alzheimer's disease. Roy worked for United for 30 years, retiring in 1982 as a maintenance foreman in SEAMM. His first wife, **Lucile**, pre-deceased him after 60 years of marriage. He married his second wife, **Elizabeth**, in 2002, and she survives him. Roy and Lucile were very active in our chapter until they moved out of the Seattle area to Lacy, WA.

Bob Brumfield, a long-time member of the Seattle Men's Chorus, participated in their Christmas shows on several dates in November and December. The Men's Chorus is celebrating its 30th anniversary this season. The performances were well-attended and well-received by those in the audience. The selections ranged from classical Christmas music to humorous skits that parodied the Partridge Family, the Muppets and most of the Star Wars characters. For the Benaroya Hall performances, the Watjen concert organ was featured with some numbers, and the acoustics of the hall brought out the wonderful tones of the organ as well as the pleasing sounds of the singers. For the first concerts, **Betty Buckley**, the famous star of stage and screen (winner of a Tony award for portraying Grizabella in "Cats") was a featured performer. In her encores she sang her signature song from the musical "Memory" to great acclaim. As much as Bob enjoyed being in the concerts, he admits that with all the practices and scheduled performances, it's a lot of work and makes for long days and nights.

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 was a big day for Washington State as the Boeing 787 was taken for its first test flight by Boeing's chief test pilot **Mike Carriker** and first officer **Randy Neville**. Since this was the initial flight for the 787, only these two crew members were on board, each equipped with a parachute. Additional safety features for the flight included a switch in the flight deck that could be flipped in an emergency to blow out eight windows to depressurize the plane, and another switch to detonate a charge to blow off an exit door behind the right wing. These steps would make it possible for the crew to jump from the plane if necessary. Fortunately none of these measures came into play as the test flight of 3 hours was a big success. The 787 departed from Paine Field in Everett, 23 miles north of Seattle, flew an extended spaghetti-like pattern over the area and ended with the landing at Boeing Field, 6 miles south of Seattle. Crowds of people at both locations cheered the plane as it departed and landed. The flight was also broadcast live on the major TV channels in Seattle. This particular 787 was Dreamliner No. 1 and there are 5 other Dreamliners in the test fleet, all to be flown by 3 dozen test crews over the next year. The first customer delivery will be to ANA at the end of 2010. United has 25 787s on order, with delivery expected during the 2016 – 2019 time frame.

Kent & Carol Soffel sailed their 58-foot boat the WINDY-i in the 2009 parade of Christmas ships in the Puget Sound area waters on several nights over the holidays. This event is a 59-year tradition in the Northwest. The WINDY-i was brightly decorated in Christmas colors and the guests on board were provided Santa hats to wear during the cruise. Also featured were delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshing beverages to complement the singing and fellowship onboard. In 2007 and 2008, the WINDY-i won the prize of "Best Decorated Boat," but the 2009 competition was very stiff, and the judges decided to give another boat the award this year. Nevertheless everyone had a grand time singing Christmas carols and seeing all the decorated vessels following the large Argosy Cruise ships. At the completion of the singing at each waterfront stop, all the boats in the parade sounded their air horns as a form of applause.

Mary Blackman, wife of retiree **John Blackman**, passed away December 22nd at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. Mary and John were owners of the Argosy Cruises in Seattle and built the company into a successful cruise company with many big ships. After focusing on air transportation in his 32 years with United Airlines – at one point holding the position of VP-Sales at the Chicago headquarters – John switched to marine transportation with the cruise ships, prompting his United friends to begin referring to him as "Admiral." Besides John, Mary is survived by their two sons and their families, plus 3 sisters and a brother. Mary had grown up in the Hinsdale, IL area.

Evalena Hatcher, retired from SEAAH, is in her 11th year of volunteering with the USO at the Sea-Tac Airport, where she works weekly providing assistance to our service men and women. One recurring activity

she's involved in, is directing the military travelers to the proper gates for their departures to Japan and Korea. Currently there are 3 military charters per week. Evalena was also involved again this year with the American Airlines Snow Ball flight for children of fallen soldiers. This year the children and surviving parents were flown by American to Dallas, Texas where they were given admission to the annual rodeo. Last year, the kids enjoyed a trip to Disneyland. Evalena's son **Larry Tisino** also volunteers with the USO on a regular basis in addition to assisting his church with its congregation's programs.

Another SEAHH retiree can often be seen doing good work at the airport, and this is **Otto Wieland**, who receives and transports merchant donations for use by his local senior center and those who are in need. Otto has been doing food shelter work and has been engaged in his church's activities for many years. He and Evalena cross paths at the airport on a regular basis.

Ed Clay continues to cope with deteriorating hearing and eyesight, which has limited his activities. He has engaged a man who assists him on a daily basis, which is good. In a recent telephone conversation, Ed was a gentleman as always and didn't complain about the difficulties he's faced with. He wishes his United retiree friends a Happy New Year.

Member **Jim Yarbrough**, widower of the late **Mary Yarbrough**, passed away December 31st. A church service was held for Jim, following which he was buried with military honors at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA. Mary, who retired from SEAHH, had been our chapter's treasurer prior to her death several years ago.

Phyllis Lindblad celebrates her birthday during February, and wedding anniversaries occur in February for **Blaine & Vivian Anderson** (56 years) and **John & Adelaide Haferbecker** (44 years).

Calendar:

February 9 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

March 9 - Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

April 13 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

May 11 – Luncheon Meeting, Location to be announced

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Our winter in Spokane has been more wet than snow. We hope we don't catch last year's snow total of 98 inches.

Skip O'Halleron has volunteered to be our host for January. You should be hearing from him very soon. The good news is that **Laquita Bloom** has gotten a hundred names from **Jack Hooper**, our Regional Director. She has gone thru them and has about 80 people to contact to hopefully get them join as new members in Spokane.

Lance isn't doing as well as we would like but he is trying to be positive. It is very difficult for me. Take care and God bless.

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Greetings from icy Washington DC! Old snow, more than two weeks old is still piled up in the city and in the suburbs! Many corners are difficult to navigate, as it is impossible to see around the huge piles of dirty snow.

On December 9th, due to unfavorable weather conditions, Chapter President **Linda Scriven** conducted the monthly meeting for about 30 retirees.

This was a small crowd when compared to our usual turnout of 60-70. However, we collected many items for the local food bank and some checks too.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Frank Contento** [IADRR] on December 21st after a long illness. Frank was the IAM Representative and he was always willing to sit down and listen to your questions. When IADRR closed their doors on October 16, 2006, Frank was there to turn out the lights and join the ranks of United Airlines retirees. At the Dulles Loungers monthly meetings, it was Frank who greeted us and handed out the name tags. Frank is survived by 5 children and 9 grandchildren, he will be sorely missed.

Calendar:

February 10 - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 12:30pm.

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As the New Year arrives and we all get our sights set on the tasks at hand, Clipped Wings® members are pouring their efforts into one of our favorite philanthropy projects. We will volunteer at the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Lincoln, NE, July 18-23, 2010. We are planning to help with the airlift project in addition to hosting the reception for parents of the participating athletes. We have been hosting receptions for parents at International and National Special Olympics Games since 1987. If you are interested in joining this volunteer effort, please contact **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX) at swissrose@msn.com.

The Clipped Wings® airplane scarf has been sanctioned as an optional part of the UA Flight Attendant uniform. Sales are going very well. If you are interested in purchasing the scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Many responses have come from readers of this publication. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com. As the National Vice President, I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com.

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

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October 2009 SkyNet Listing

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Block, Adolph, EWRMM 10/03/09

Bolten, Norma L., IADRR 10/05/09

Boyle, Thomas D., ORDFO 10/08/09

Bredis, Thomas A., SFOFO 10/26/09

Budds, Brian P., CHIUC 10/14/09

Chapman, William D., SFOJL 10/20/09

Constante Jr., Peter, PITCG 10/20/09

Cruz, Nedy Y., SFOJL 10/05/09

Dahl, Ronald P., SFOPD 10/13/09

Di Gregorio, Carmen V., LAXFF 10/15/09

Dooley, John M., LAXJL 10/10/09

Doverspike, Raymond B., SFOPD 10/21/09

Dyson II, George T., SFOPK 10/20/09

Eck, Adalbert, ORDGQ 10/22/09

Eymann, Frank, DENOO 10/02/09

Fast, Christine A., SFOSW 10/09/09

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Gettmann, William S., SEAJL 07/31/09

Golden, Everett C., SFOFO 10/11/09

Greer, Carroll L., SFOEG 10/06/09

Grubaugh Jr., Jerry, LAXFO 10/30/09

Heatherly, Orville T., ATLCG 10/28/09

Holgerson, Miriam, WHQLD 10/24/09

Hopper, C. W., SFOEA 10/03/09

Hunter, Shelton, SFOJJ 10/04/09

Jones, Charles R., SEAMM 10/11/09

Jones, Fred D., BDLFF 10/04/09

Judge, Thomas L., ORDFO 10/13/09
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Perry, Gilbert A., DENFO 10/12/09
Powers, Roy B., LAXMM 10/28/09
Riggs, Joseph R., SFOFO 10/16/09
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Tennant, Melvin G., SFOLX 09/02/09
Thomsen, Aksel W., DENPV 10/09/09
Trembly, Dr. W. A., LAXFO 10/03/09
Venezia, Angela G., SFOEG 10/08/09
Waldron, Corinne M. W., FWA0Z 10/19/09
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Wilson, Vernon L., DENC G 10/11/09

LETTERS

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

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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.)

Correction: Due to a typing error in the January 2010 Newsletter issue, **Colin Cooke's** name and address was incorrect. The correct information is **Colin Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd., Clermont, FL 34711**, please accept our apology.

Santina Russo, 157 Opal Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062-2139

Thanks to all of the members responsible in keeping so many retirees informed (and alert) on new developments with UAL. I especially appreciate your help.

I have been retired for 17 years and still recall my hire on date of 1966. I enjoyed each day of my employment. If anyone wishes to say "Hello Sandy", I would love to hear from them.

I was in Food Service in the cafeteria SFOHF at the maintenance base.

The best to all my friends.

Velma Strough, 170 Treasurton St., Colfax, CA 95713

I will be 88 years old in November.

I think back to when I hired on in 1945 at SFOMB. I think of all the hundreds of wonderful friends I have met. I still see or keep in touch with them by the newsletter over all these years.

Thank you, for making this possible.

Leesa Bradley, PO Box 129, West Rupert, VT 05776

Thanks for the reminder from Treatie in the NE Region. Big thanks to all of you for your hard work.

There is no group in my area, so I organized a little reunion luncheon recently. People came from VT, MA, NY and CT. It is always great to get together with old friends.

Amy Ellis, 15949 Harvest Rd., Brighton, CO 80603-3891

Thank you to all of the Denver Mile Highers who keep the newsletter going.

My husband Richard is on dialysis, so we are not traveling. He did get on the active kidney transplant list, so maybe someday we can travel again.

John Houser, 4252 Memorial Hwy, Dallas, PA 18612-9158

After reading the Pelican Drop Ins article in the newsletter, I was wondering if **Mel Volz** still has ringing in his ears.

I wish **Hal Zerbock** the best.

I had a stroke in my left eye and now I am known as one eyed Jack. I never knew my name was John until I was in the first grade.

I want to say hello to **Bernie McNamee** and all from PHLMM. We had a lot of good years together.

A few years back, five of us went to Green Harbor, MA to fish for cod; it was a ten hour trip to and from. We came back with 1000 lbs. of cod. Everyone had fish for Christmas.

I wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to **Frank Eggles** for his collection efforts on Flt. 93.

Clark Luther, 111 Birdsong Way Apt E107, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1344, Luth747@roadrunner.com

Although I am a life member, I want to send this small amount to help you to meet the ever increasing mailing costs.

This year marks 25 years in retirement. My wife and I are enjoying living in Hilton Head Island in a retirement community called "The Cypress". It is a great place for retirement. They take very good care of us and all of our needs. They even drive us to our doctor's office and those visits are more frequent than in the earlier years.

I don't do much traveling any more but my wife still takes a few days to visit her sister in Fairfax, Virginia. Her health remains very good and mine is not all that bad for an 85 year old man. I still enjoying reading the Newsletter even though I don't remember many of the names, it is still good to keep in touch.

Good luck to all of you folks who keep the retirees so well informed.

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

Seems like I am having too much fun to remember that dues are due. I just returned from San Antonio. I had Thanksgiving with my granddaughter and her family. She is an army nurse in the ICU at Chaney. She sees a lot of trauma.

I spent my birthday at sea. We were cruising from FL to CA through the Panama Canal. There were 8 of us together, 3 sisters, 1 brother, 1 brother-in-law and a couple who are friends. We all had a great and enlightening time.

My health is better now than it has been in over six years (heart valve, rods and screws in back and a total new shoulder). I am very thankful

William Moore, 6635 Beechwood Court, Downers Grove, IL 60516-3037

The November newsletter contained more names in black print than most of the past ones; and I enjoyed reading all about people I "knew when".

The October issue was a great reminder of other things. In 1968 we started putting B-737s in service; that issue pointed out that the last one to go into service was in 1988, and now that one is retired. In 1968, I was Director of Schedule Planning, and those B-737s represented not only good airplanes, but also replacements for all our remaining piston-engine airplanes. If I remember correctly, it was 1969 or perhaps 1970 that we put 103 new airplanes in service; that was quite a year for schedule changes.

My wife, Magee, hit the 90 mark this August. We are both in fair condition and feel fortunate that we're as well off as we are. We live in a small townhome in Fairview Retirement Community in Downers Grove, IL, and like it very much. The staff is wonderful and other residents likewise.

We keep active; mostly it seems with doctors appointments. Also volunteer for various activities, such as Bridge Resident Council, Employee Christmas Fund, monthly Grapevine proof reading, Scholarship Committee, Ethics Committee, and a few other activities.

We are both using canes, with Magee better off than I. We haven't travelled for last three years, primarily due to my slow moving balance-watching, not-too-good, eyesight (no longer permitted to drive - effects of glaucoma and not enough peripheral vision) So Magee is **the driver**, and does well.

Keep up the fine job you, and your staff are doing on Newsletter.

I forgot to mention that I have fallen four times in last 5 years; no broken bones, but injuries to head. The worst was August 31, 2008 in route to church and going too fast. I fell into sharp edge of a door, 911 was called, and I was taken to the Emergency Room at the Hospital where the doctor did a wonderful job with 33 stitches and staples. I looked like a mess for a couple of weeks, but have healed well.

Nick Romco, 308 N Highland Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

I will be retired 22years at the end of December '09, much has happened.

Most importance was our 65th Anniversary. Our daughter, Juliet & her husband Todd have given us three days at the Hilton Hotel & Suites, formally the Stevens Hotel on Michigan Ave. in Chicago. Not being able to afford it in 1944, (one night) only. We enjoyed Planters Peanuts for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

So now; Juliet arranged for a limo to pick us up and return us home. She had peanuts and champagne in our room. My wife Angeline and I went to dinner at the Pantillion Restaurant in the hotel. The waitress asked if we were celebrating any occasion. We said, "Our 65th Wedding Anniversary". We had our dinner and were presented with two little cakes with candies, one had Happy 65th and the other had anniversary on it. Then the waitress left and returned saying "the dinner was on the house". What a surprise!

Then on the 18th of October, it was Angelina's Birthday. So we arranged for a family reunion, with some help of our daughters Sandy and Juliet. The reunion amounted to 41 family and a few friends. We had the occasion at the Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett, IL. So, it was a double celebration; our 65th Anniversary and Angelina's Birthday. A huge success!

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

My birthday and RUAEA dues come among the busiest holidays. It is hard to keep up with all the dates. I am thankful for our RUAEA publication and grateful for the staff keeping us informed on new changes and

connected as a family. Since I am no longer a good traveler, it is easier to read of others stand-by tales. It is not as fun as it used to be. I am lucky to let the excitement come to me.

Levi Leipheimer (Tour de France cyclist) lives in our city. In May he helped organize a "Conditioning Program" for September; limited to 3,500 @ \$115; sold out in one month which represented 35 states and 2 other countries. The distance was 36, 72 and 106 steep miles. It was well organized and started and ended 1 mile from where I live. I face the Santa Rosa Creek (separated by a hedge) and they ALL ended the race on the path past my window. One cyclist commented, "*That was grueling part!*" The funds covered cost, \$25,000 to a local charity and \$60,000 towards our annual spring CA 8-stage race with 1 night in Santa Rosa. Yes, we are known for more than our wine. It is beautiful country. Come for a short visit and enjoy.

Maureen Williams, 9757 Valencia Dr., Dsrt Hot Spgs, CA 92240

Thank you so much for the newsletter. I really appreciate all the time and energy you all put into getting this letter out. It sure keeps "The Family" together.

It has been a very busy year and then being ill the entire month of Oct. didn't help. I am so happy to be on the mend.

I have been busy with my two chapters of Red Hatters, shopping, lunching and a convention in Feb. in SAN. I was scheduled for another in Oct. in Laughlin but was too ill to attend that one.

In April, I was awarded the prestigious "Senior Inspiration Award" by Riverside County Supervisor Roy Wilson. It is a lifetime achievement award for service to my community.

I was a Team Captain in May for our Relay For Life. That is a 24 hour event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. My team took the most spirited award. And I was given an award for the individual raising the most money. I was there 28 hours altogether and very tired afterward. This year I will be in charge of registration.

I enjoyed the RIJAEA convention very much. Kudos to all those who worked so hard to make it a success. I also was able to visit family in Ahwatukee, AZ and friends in Vail, AZ.

In June, one of my daughters and I went to Haltom City, TX to visit another daughter. We all went to Branson, MO from there. I highly recommend it for a good family vacation. Branson now has an airport.

On Nov 4, I hit the big 80. Thank you all for the many birthday cards that were sent. And a very special "thank you" to my friends **Eleanor Jones** and **Martha Gooselaw** for putting out the word.

On Nov 7th, my children gave me a very elegant surprise birthday party. There were over 100 guests. A lot of the guests were from out of state. Many whom I hadn't seen in years. They came from Canada, Wisconsin, Utah, Arizona and Texas. Several of the people I had worked with at United. All the city dignitaries were there also: The Mayor, the City Manager, the Police Chief, the President of the Palm Springs Unified School District, the recently retired Police Chief of Palm Springs and some of Desert Hot Springs "Finest." Many came from the Desert Hot Springs Woman's Club, the American Legion, the Red Hat Society and 30 members of my family. I am on the Women's Club Scholarship committee. My family understands my giving of my time and energy to raise funds for the scholarships. They asked the guests in lieu of birthday gifts to donate to my favorite charity, "Dollars for Scholars." These wonderful giving people donated \$2,000.00 to the fund. I have to tell you their generosity brought tears to my heart and eyes. Thank you so very much.

This is a part of my life this past year. I am involved in much more. But to tell you all of it would take too much space. Have a Blessed year.

Best Regards To All,

Thomas Yanosko, 17833 E. Mississippi Pl., Aurora, CO 80017-4335

Thank you for a great publication. It keeps the United Family informed of the goings on past, present and future.

I can't believe that another year has passed by so quickly and it is time for me to renew. I just wish that the time had passed this quickly while I was still working my 35 years with United. But so goes life.

With all the talk about what is to happen in December 2012, I figured I should start preparing now. So please accept my renewal for the next three years. This should cover me till December 2012 and to take advantage of the multi-year discount ending in 2010. Your well published Newsletter each month has brought many familiar names to my attention through out the years that I have been retired from the United Family. One special name that was in the December publication was that of Capt. "**Buck**" **Hilbert**. I have many fond memories of him at the Cleveland Air Show which I spent many years selling pineapples and getting to ride in the Swallow Biplane. That is a thrill that has stuck with me and my daughter through out the years. Of all the memories of my 35 years at United, Capt. Buck is the most outstanding. And the Labor Day Cleveland Air

Show we did for MD. Thanks again for all of your special efforts with the Newsletter. To all my United friends who read this, Happy Holidays and may all of our United Pilots stay sober.

Robert M. Andrews, 9240 Sycamore Springs Trail, Vail, AZ, 85641-6449

First, I want to congratulate you on the fine job you accomplish with the newsletter. Now, I wish to add to it. If possible, you may find it interesting.

I am Bob Andrews, 30919, Life. I was hired as a dishwasher in 1938 in the Midway Kitchen under Chef John Neider. I transferred to CYX as an agent and Overhaul Guide and supply man (1 month), then to DENPS as a supply man to keep track of OS equipment (as we were losing it there), then as a station agent, then to PDX Dispatch as a Dispatch Clerk. I was on duty the night Pearl Harbor was bombed. The FAA shut off the ranges, we had several DC-3s approaching for which the FAA turned on and they landed ... safely. The next day I volunteered for submarine service. No go - I wore glasses. I waited to be drafted and would end up as an "operations clerk" since I had a restricted 3rd class radio license.

Anyhow, I ended up in England, at Honington Air Base as an Operations Clerk (from private to Tech Sgt.), later promoted directly to 2nd Lt - field commission! At the base, we repaired B-17s and serviced P-38s and P-51s operationally. Over 5 years, went to RAF Flying Control Officers School and graduated at top of class since I had experience (the other officers in the class were just off of combat and happy to be alive). During 5 years in Flight Control in England, we brought in 82 B-17s on their belly. Something about the hydraulics freezing up and not enough fuel left to thaw it!

The war in Europe ended with me back to good old UAL in personnel. I had two groups, MDW Ground Ops and MDW Flight Ops, led by **Charlie Hanline** and **Hal Knoop**. I got to know Hal well ... he learned to fly airmail CHI/STL when Lindberg did ... Hal's last flight was in a 747. Later I transferred to BDL and retired from there as Station Operations Manager in 1980 (1938-1980) after 42 years w/UA.

Went to several conventions but they ran out of people I know. I am now 92 and living with my son near Tucson, Arizona. Would love to hear from any RUAEA old timers in the area or who are passing through. Our phone # is (520) 751-3774.

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

Thanks to all the crew and staff who continue to keep us informed about all our United family.

I'm going to go for the 3 year discount price, \$60.00 hoping our economy will carry thru this administration. I might not be able to continue if we keep spending.

I really enjoyed BEE Buck Hilbert's article last month on the Swallow he built. I owe him credit. I built a Travel Air Airmail Airplane that Pacific Air Transport had 3 of at the Chrissy Field, San Francisco. But I did not give mine to Mr. Ferris only because I learned from Buck's experience of the Swallow from Varney. Bent wings from shipping.

Joe Flores, 80 Ruby Ln., Carson City, NV 89706

I will not thank you for reminding me that I will be 74 next month. But I really want to thank you for the great service you are providing us old timers!

I really enjoy reading the Newsletter every month. Sometimes it's sad when I read that some of my old wrench jockey friends are now doing their thing up there in that big hangar in the sky.

I retired in 1998 at 62, the same year we moved to Carson City, NV from the SFO Bay area because the climate was healthier for me. With my mild asthma, the warm dry air is better for me.

Prior to my retirement, I was playing music with 2 different bands in San Jose, CA for about 15 years. I really miss it because there's no one to jam with here. I played Sax and Steel Guitar and because I don't read music, the City Orchestra cannot use me. I only play "by ear".

Harold Grandchamp, 20591 E Weaver Ave., Aurora, CO 80016

Retired for 16 years and coming six times to Antarctica for four tours as shuttle driver. In April I will start my 16th season working for the Colorado Rockies Baseball Team at Coors Field.

Thank you all for the time and effort at RUAEA.

Trevor Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375 - Rigger6@cox.net

I've been retired for 20 years now, doesn't seem half that long. Time flies when you're having fun.

Doing quite a lot of woodworking projects lately, some furniture, toys, upgrades, and etc. - quite enjoyable.

Don't play golf much except when the grandkids show up in the summer. (Granddad still holds his own.)

Haven't done much traveling lately, but don't miss the uncertainty, crowds and airport security. (I ring the bell every time in the metal detector because of my 2005v knee replacement.) It's necessary I know but it gets old for the ringee!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who put the Newsletter together, it's good to revive old memories and events. Keep up the good work.

All the best for 2010!

Jane Yaguchi, 906 E. Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

Thank you very much for the monthly Newsletter. This is the only input I get from the company. I have been retired more than the time I worked at UAL (EXOAC),

My husband and I are very fortunate to travel as retirees since 1984 to Japan and California every year. But traveling to Japan had to be discontinued 3 years ago due to my arthritis. But we are fortunate to continue every year during the month of January and February to California.

Thank you for the Newsletter.

Bill Traub, 27401 N. Agua Verde Dr., Rio Verde, AZ 85263

Continue to very much enjoy the Newsletter. Notes about **Al Haynes** and **Tim McKernan** were most enjoyable. We are now full time in AZ, about 40 miles Northeast of Phoenix. Approaching 13 years of retirement - time goes too fast. Fortunately, my health is good and I still enjoy running, biking and golf. Best regards to all!

Carole Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 - tcrogers1347@aol.com

Unbelievable, 17 years retired from United seems like yesterday. I'm looking forward to celebrating my 75th birthday Jan. 23rd and of course going to the best place in the world, KONA! Haven't been back there since 98 so really am anxious to see how much this sleepy little fishing village had changed. Understand they have at least 6 stops light now.

Will be seeing a couple old buddies there, local bartenders from the hotels where we used to stay. Those of you that know me will not be surprised to hear that. We used to have some great times at the Kona Surf Hotel and especially more so when UAL had their interline golf tournaments and we stayed at this great hotel. Ah yes, those were the days.

Still feeling pretty good for an old broad, minor aches and pains like we all have these days. I'm even working at a local Credit Union 20 hours a week and enjoy all the people I get to meet. Oh yes, almost forgot the most important, enclosed find a check for my yearly dues. You guys and gals are the best, keep up the good work.

Robert Brummage, 13216 Country Trails Ln., Austin, TX 78732

This year has passed all too quickly and it's time to pay my dues again.

I celebrated my seventy-fifth birthday in December. I have been retired from UAL twelve years now, and enjoying it very much.

Keep up the good work at RUAEA. It's my best contact with what is happening with all the other retirees.

Diane Good, 7185 Cleveland St., Bellaire, MI 49615-9464

I really like your new format. It's so much easier to pick out points of interest. This last year was much better for me health wise and I'm looking forward to another good year.

I'm looking forward to our semi annual Loonies meeting in May. We have such a good time socializing and there is always someone new to get to know.

Robert Magdaleno, 6645 School House Ln., PO Box 325, Royal Oak, MD 21662

Thanks for your good work in keeping us retirees informed regarding our travel privileges (Travel Tips by Bob Brumfield) and the health advice by Dr. Reider.

I retired from ORDFO in 2001 and the address remains the same.

Happy contrails to the Newsletter staff.

Important Phone Numbers



United Retiree Service Center (Central Time)

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

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

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

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

Blue Cross / Blue Shield

1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

Traditional Plan information, claim status & forms.

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

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

Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

Go to SkyNet at <https://united.intranet.ual.com/>

Chicago Travel Desk (Central Time)

1-877-242-0035 (T/Th/Sat 9 AM - 1 PM)

If possible, please use local # (847) 700-1087

Portland Travel Desk (Pacific Time)

Toll Free - 1-888-278-7038 (M/W/F 10 AM - 2 PM)

If possible, please use local # (503) 249-4142

Seattle Travel Desk - Toll Free (Pacific Time)

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

If possible, please use local # (206) 433-4218

PBGC

1-800-400-7242

<http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

<http://www.ssa.gov>

Alliant Credit Union

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

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

Benefits Service Center (Central Time)

1-800-482-5236 - For all retirees pension, travel and ESOP questions. M - F, 7AM - 7PM.

Interline Ticketing Desk at DTWRR - Toll Free

1-888-874-1581

UAL Service Center (SkyNet Help Line)

1-800-255-5801

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

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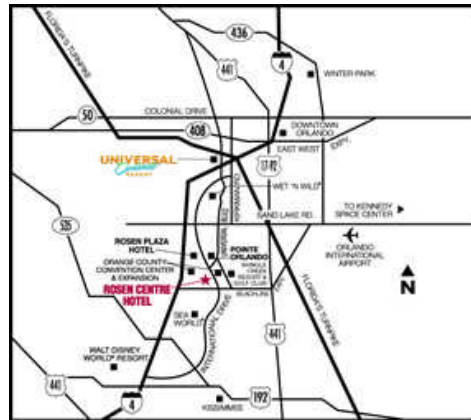


Orlando

RUAEA 2010 Convention

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Rosen Centre Hotel
9840 International Drive
Orlando, Florida USA 32819
Tel: 800-204-7234 or (407) 996-9840 - Fax: (407) 996-2659



Hotel Information

The Rosen Centre Hotel offers 1334 beautiful rooms in the heart of Orlando's convention center area. Great shopping, dining, and entertainment, all just minutes away! Join us for a "Magical Time"!

Hotel reservation cutoff date is Friday, April 23, 2010.

Great Room Rate –\$99.00 + tax (Double Occupancy)

Welcome to the City Beautiful - 2010 Orlando RUAEA Convention.

Driving Directions:

- ➔ ***From Orlando International Airport (10 miles):*** Take the Beachline 528 West and take Exit 1 - International Drive/Convention Center. Turn right onto International Dr. Rosen Centre is ¼ mile on the left, 3rd light.
- ➔ ***From the West:*** Take I-4 East to Exit 72 (Beachline 528E/Airport). Take Exit 1 - SeaWorld/Convention Center/I-Drive. Bear right onto International Dr. Rosen is ¼ mile on the left.
- ➔ ***From the North:*** Take the Florida Turnpike to I-4 West to Exit 72 (Beachline 528E/Airport). Take Exit 1 - SeaWorld/Convention Center/I-Drive. At bottom of exit, turn right onto International Drive. Rosen Centre is ¼ mile on left. Turn left at the 3rd traffic light which is Hawaiian Court.
- ➔ ***From the East:*** Take I-4 West to Exit 72 (Beachline/528E/Airport). Take 1st exit (I-Drive) and turn right at the bottom of the exit onto International Drive. Rosen Centre is ¼ mile on the left.
- ➔ ***From the South:*** Take the Florida Turnpike to the Beachline 528 West and take Exit 1 – I-Drive/Convention Center/SeaWorld. Turn right onto International Dr., Rosen Centre is ¼ mile on the left. Turn left at the 3rd traffic light - Hawaiian Court.

Hotel parking and car rentals

- ∞ ***Overnight Covered Parking at the Rosen Centre Hotel for RUAEA guests is FREE.***
- ∞ ***Enterprise Car Rental is offered on-site. Need more information? Check Page C-5***

Orlando 2010 RUAEA Convention Highlights

The Orlando 2010 RUAEA Committee welcomes all of you to our RUAEA Convention – May 23 – 30th, 2010. All of our Convention Committee members worked very hard to make sure that you have a great vacation in “*The City Beautiful*”. Our tour chairs **Stan & Barb Halterman** have put together a variety of tours, to share with you the many unique sides of Orlando. Invite your family and friends to join us! Orlando has so much to offer everyone!

There are many affordable restaurants to visit close to the hotel. They offer everything from pizza and beer to assorted ethnic foods and contemporary menus. You can view a directory of Pointe Orlando venues at www.pointeorlando.com, get information on the I-Ride Trolley at www.IRideTrolley.com, for stops all along the famous International Drive, or plan those shopping or golf excursions! Besides the tours that have been scheduled, there are a host of other things that you might want to see, if you have some free time or are driving to the convention.

International Drive - As Orlando’s tourism corridor, I-Drive (as it is known by the locals) offers 14 miles of shopping, dining and attractions. The north end includes Prime Outlets International Orlando and Festival Bay Mall. The center stretch is home to Pointe Orlando and the southern end features the Orlando Premium Outlets, SeaWorld, Aquatica and Discovery Cove.

Restaurant Row - It won’t appear on any map, but “Restaurant Row” has quickly become a dining destination of choice. It is the section of Sand Lake Road, west of Interstate 4 featuring Seasons 52, Morton’s of Chicago, Roy’s, and Ocean Prime, to name just a few of the culinary delights that await you.

Lake Buena Vista - Home to the Walt Disney World Resort, featuring the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Disney’s water parks, several golf courses and hotels, **Downtown Disney** and the **Boardwalk** for shopping, dining and entertainment galore!

Winter Park - Just minutes northeast of downtown, the quaint city of Winter Park offers upscale boutique shopping along Park Avenue and amazing museums and galleries.

Universal Orlando Resort Area - Home to Universal Studios Orlando and Universal Islands of Adventure theme parks and Universal CityWalk for shopping, dining and entertainment.

Downtown Orlando - The downtown area is a hot spot for nightlife, dining and entertainment where you will find museums, art galleries, theatres and concert venues.

Rosen Centre Hotel - The hotel’s concierge desk is helpful and informative. The Rosen offers complimentary transportation to Universal Studios, SeaWorld and Shingle Creek Golf Club. Transportation to other destinations by limo or cab can be arranged if you need it. And remember that all restaurants at the hotel offer a 15% discount to RUAEA members.

Important Check List: It is always recommended that you carry a cell phone, or be with a friend who has a cell phone, to help all of us keep in touch for directions or in the event of an emergency. Make sure you pack your camera and cell phone battery chargers, and don’t forget your medications. The on site convention committee will be happy to share cell phone numbers for those of you who may need to contact us for assistance.

Hospitality Suite: Orlando 2010 welcomes RUAEA to the Hospitality Suite in the Signature 1 Meeting Room on the first floor from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Wednesday and Thursday, there will be a no host cash bar, available 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Come join us and meet your old friends and new acquaintances.

Our Hospitality theme nights will be:

- * **Wednesday night – Beach Blanket Bash** – Find that flowered shirt, clam diggers, maybe your favorite straw hat and share this fun night with live entertainment and your friends at the RUAEA Convention.
- * **Thursday night – Karaoke Night** – Bring your best singing voice or just join in as our Karaoke entertainer, Monty Clark, croons some of your favorite tunes! Maybe you will win one of the many Door Prizes too!

The **50/50 Raffle** and **Arts & Crafts Display** will be in the Signature 1 Room. Take a chance on being the 50/50 raffle winner! The raffle will be right there in the Signature 1 Room. Thanks to the talented RUAEA members, who so kindly donated their gifts to help make the Arts and Crafts display possible. We really appreciate the time and effort that these folks put into making ours the best and most unique display ever!

United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) will display their memorabilia. This organization was founded by Captain **Bill Arnott** and a group of his co-workers in 1993. Foundation Reps will be there to answer any questions relating to the history of our company and the airline industry. They will also accept donations. If you have any item relating to United or other airlines, they will be welcomed by the Foundation. All donations are tax deductible as UAHF is a non-profit organization. Come share and take a step back in the history of the airlines. Their home office as well as a display of memorabilia is located in the Denver Flight Training Facility.

Clipped Wings is an organization of past and present United Airlines Stewardesses and Flight Attendants. The organization was founded by **Jackie Jos Ceaser**, in Chicago in 1941, to keep airline friendships alive and to help others less fortunate. Clipped Wings will be offering purchases of limited edition items of United. Clipped Wings is also a non-profit 501 organization. And they submit a monthly article for the RUAEA Newsletter, located in the Local News section.

Come and Share in the Magic that IS Orlando!

General Information:

ART EXHIBITS

Talented RUAEA members, family and friends contribute to our annual art exhibit and raffle, which will be displayed in the Signature 1 Meeting Room on the first floor. The arts and crafts will be on display throughout the convention week for everyone to enjoy, until the drawing on Saturday. The winner of each item will be selected prior to the Saturday evening Banquet dinner. **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, Arts & Craft's Chairpersons, are always looking for contributors. Please contact them at (407) 240-9255 or email myangel007@earthlink.net or jkm1944@bellsouth.net. Send to: **Angel Montalvo, 12303 Leeks Court, Orlando, FL 32827**

50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE

The popular 50/50 raffle will be held at the Orlando 2010 Convention. Raffles will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with ticket purchases until 5 pm and drawing at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, sales will be until 3:00 pm and the drawing at 4:00 pm. **Jim & Nan Multeri** are our raffle chairpersons.

CHAPTERS PRINCIPALS' MEETING

Ron Robertson, RUAEA's President, invites all Chapter Presidents/Principals to join him for a breakfast meeting, Friday, May 28, 7:00 am to 9:00 am in Salon 14. Please RSVP to **Marilyn Marcy**, mmarcy99@aol.com, or (703) 768-9269, or 5825 Cub Stream Dr., Centreville, VA 20120 *by May 1st, 2010*.

CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING

Virgil Gooselaw, RUAEA's Newsletter Manager, and **RUAEA Executive VP - Ron Bertacini**, will conduct a **Correspondents' Breakfast** meeting for all Chapter Correspondents or their alternates. The meeting will be Friday, May 28, 7:00 am to 9:00 am in Salon 13. *Please RSVP to Virgil Gooselaw at (303) 343-2102, vgoose@comcast.net, or 973 Uvalda St., Aurora, CO 80011 by May 1st, 2010.*

REGISTRATION

Your meal selections and tours are included in the Convention Registration packet. Events/tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours and events may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to better insure you will get your choices.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. Cancellations **must be received by Char LeGrand by May 1, 2010** (address is on the registration form). Tour, special event operators and the Hotel, require some advance payments and/or guarantees. If a Tour is sold out when your Registration is received, you will be given an option of a wait list, scheduling another tour, or receiving a refund. You are urged to book early. Cancellations received by May 1st will be refunded if there is no cost to the convention. Cancellations received after May 1st, will be reviewed individually at the conclusion of the convention and refunds will be granted, if there is no cost to the convention.

DISCLAIMER

All Meals, Travel and other Convention Activities arranged by and for **RUAEA members and guests** are for the convenience, benefit and enjoyment of said members and guests. **RUAEA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL BEING OR SAFETY OF CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS, PASSENGERS OR THEIR PROPERTY IN ANY MANNER PERTAINING TO SAID TRAVEL OR OTHER ACTIVITIES.**

CONVENTION CHECKLIST AND TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Orlando International Airport

The Rosen Centre Hotel does not have a courtesy van to and from the airport.

Mears Transportation Group –Mears Motor Shuttle leaves from Level One at the Orlando International Airport continuously, offering non-exclusive service to the Rosen Centre Hotel. We have arranged for a round trip discount if you use the coupon which will be printed in the March Newsletter Issue. Clip the coupon and bring it with you to receive a round trip price of \$26.00 for adults, \$20.00 for children ages 4-11, with the RUAEA discount.

Taxi Service – \$33.00 one way. Cost will cover transportation for three to four persons.

Rental Cars – **Enterprise Car Rental at the Rosen Centre** offers the best deal in town! **Code # NA15198** gives us a 5% discount and no charge for additional drivers ... plus no airport taxes. Call (407) 398-0526 directly or ask for Enterprise when you call the Rosen Centre's 800 number.

Limo's – Limo service operates from the "A" Side. Two passengers \$63.00 one way

Rosen Centre Hotel – Parking is FREE to all RUAEA Guests – **FREE** covered parking at the hotel has been negotiated by the RUAEA Convention Committee. This is a huge savings for anyone having a car at the convention.

Airline discounts (besides United) serving Orlando International Airport:

- ✦ \$50 plus tax one way: **Air Tran (purchase at UAL ticket counter).**
- ✦ \$50 plus tax round trip and a verification letter from UAL Benefits Center (1-800-825-0188): **Southwest Airlines (cash only) and Spirit Airlines (cash or check).**
- ✦ ZED Fares: **Air Canada, American Airlines, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Great Lakes, and USAir.** Just call DTWRR at 1-888-874-1582 and an agent will list you and SEND your standby ticket in the mail. Allow 2-3 weeks for this great service! Zed fare on **JetBlue** purchase only at JetBlue ticket counter. Bring letter.

RUAEA Greeters will be stationed in the Baggage Claim area for United, the "B" Side of the Main Terminal, beginning on Tuesday and running thru Friday to help direct you to and provide any information that will assist you in your transportation needs.

Check List

1. **Register** for regular **Convention Events** by May 1, 2010. Cutoff date for tour cancellations is the very same date – May 1, 2010.
2. Always include the required **registration fee** or **\$7.00** for **each attendee**.
3. Call the **Rosen Centre Hotel** at 1-800-204-7234 or 1-407-996-9840 to book your room(s). **The hotel registration cutoff date is April 23, 2010. Make sure the hotel knows you are with United RUAEA Convention (Booking ID 46411) for the \$99.00 plus tax - Double Occupancy. Please keep your confirmation number for your records after making the reservation.**
4. Plan your Agenda to attend Saturday's **RUAEA Business Meeting** on May 29, from 8:30AM to 10:30AM in the **Grand Ballroom**.
5. Plan your Agenda to attend Saturday's **Benefits' Panel Presentation** on May 29 at 10:45 AM in the **Grand Ballroom**. Door Prizes will be given out after the Benefits' Panel Presentation meeting. You will get a wealth of useful information that has been prepared for you by the RUAEA organization.
6. Remember to list or book your flight, bring a Photo ID, a copy of the Convention Registration Form, Hotel Confirmation Number, Medications, Comfortable Clothing, a Bathing Suit, Walking Shoes, Camera, Cell Phone and Cell Phone Charger. An umbrella makes a great sun screen if the weather is very warm.
7. The attire for some of the restaurants is **Business Casual Attire**.
8. Hotel registration cutoff date is **April 23, 2010**. Convention registration cutoff is **May 1, 2010**.

ORLANDO RUAEA CONVENTION 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – MAY 23– MAY 30

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sun	May 23	8:00 AM – Till ? 12:00PM – 8:30PM 12:00PM – 8:30PM	Committee Set Up Registration 1 st Floor Hospitality Room Open (Signature 1)
Mon	May 24	8:00 AM – 6:00PM 10:00AM – 4:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM	Registration 1 st Floor Tour Desk Registration (Late Tour Sales) Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Signature 1)
Tue	May 25	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Registration 1 st Floor Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Signature 1) Tour Desk Registration (Late Tour Sales) Tour - #1 Fantasy of Flight Tour - #2 Gatorland
Wed	May 26	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Registration – 1 st Floor Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Signature 1) Tour Desk Registration (Late Tour Sales) Tour - #3 St. Augustine Tour - #4 Winter Park Cultural Tour Hospitality Get Together (Signature 1)
Thu	May 27	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Registration – 1 st Floor Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Signature 1) Tour Desk Registration (Late Tour Sales) Tour - #5 Kennedy Space Center Tour - #6 Alligator Airboat Adventure Tour - #7 Gatorland Hospitality Get Together (Signature 1)
Fri	May 28	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM	Registration – 1 st Floor RUAEA Presidents' Breakfast (Salon 14) Correspondents' Meeting Breakfast (Salon 13) Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Signature 1) Tour Desk Registration (Late Tour Sales) Tour - #8 Alligator Airboat Adventure Tour - #9 Winter Park Cultural Tour Tour - #10 Fantasy of Flight Tour - #11 Gatorland Reception before Friendship Dinner (Foyer Outside Ballroom) Friendship Dinner (Junior Ballroom, 1 st Floor)
Sat	May 29	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 5:00 PM – 6:45 PM 6:45 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality, Art Display, 50/50 Raffle (Signature 1) Registration – 1 st Floor RUAEA Business Meeting (Grand Ballroom) Retirees' Benefits Panel Presentation (Grand Ballroom) Individual Benefits Discussions w/ Reps (CU, Insurance, Travel) Board of Directors Meeting (Salon 3) Breakdown and Storage Reception before RUAEA Banquet (Foyer Outside Ballroom) Banquet Dinner (Junior Ballroom 1 st Floor)
Sun	May 30	8:30 AM –	Cleanup and Checkout

RUAEA 2010 CONVENTION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Tours for the Retired United Airlines Employees Association for May 23-30, 2010

The following tours have been booked based on minimum of 40 people with a maximum of 100 people on any bus tour. All tours will depart from the Rosen Centre Hotel. You will want to wear comfortable walking shoes and casual dress for all tours. If you are sun sensitive, sun screen is a must and an umbrella makes a nice sun shade.

Tour #1 – Fantasy of Flight

Tuesday, May 25 (1:00PM-6:00PM), \$53.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people



Fantasy of Flight is an aviation-themed attraction, featuring the world's largest private collection of vintage aircraft, themed sight and sound "immersion experiences" cataloging memorable moments in aviation history and flight simulators that use real-time motion technology which realistically captures the sensation of participating in a WWII aerial battle over the Pacific. Upon arrival, a tour guide will take you through the attraction, starting with an outdoor aircraft flight demonstration. Then experience the different eras of aviation through a series of "immersion experiences" that recount the history of flight through the ages. The experiences range from a trip back in time to the trenches of World War I to a re-enactment of an aerial bombing mission over

Europe aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress.

After the tour, you will be on your own to feel the heart-pounding excitement and thrill of piloting a real aircraft. After receiving a pre-flight briefing, step into the cockpit of a Fighter town WWII aircraft simulator where you will experience aerial dogfights, banks and turns, take-offs and landings, even a landing on the deck of an aircraft carrier. Flight times last from six to ten minutes. At the end of this daytime activity, deluxe vehicles will be standing by to return you to the Rosen Center Hotel.

Tour #2 – Gatorland

Tuesday, May 25 (1:00 PM -5:30PM), \$45.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people

For over half a century, Gatorland has been creating fond vacation memories for millions of visitors who have entered through its gaping gator mouth entrance. Families, friends, and employees alike have ventured through the glass double doors on their way to a journey through this natural, low-tech adventure. Gatorland is one of Central Florida's oldest attractions, and provides a unique and natural alternative to the larger theme parks of today.



Founded by the late Owen Godwin in 1949, and still privately owned by his family today, Gatorland is a 110-acre theme park and wildlife preserve, combining "Old Florida" charm with exciting, new exhibits and entertainment. Known internationally as the "Alligator Capital of the World," Gatorland today provides affordably priced family-fun with thousands of alligators and crocodiles, a breeding marsh with boardwalk and observation tower, one-of-a-kind reptilian shows, aviary, petting zoo, swamp walk, educational programs and much more.

Gatorland has been entertaining people for years! Where else can you help a gator wrestler pick out the gator they are about to wrestle or have an up-close experience with really cool reptiles or see crocs and gators jump high in the air for food? Nowhere! So come and share the adventure at all of our fun shows.



Tour #3 – St. Augustine
Wednesday, May 26 (9:00AM -6:00PM), \$75.00 P/P Based on a minimum of 40 people

Few historic statements are questioned more than St. Augustine's claim to the title "*the nation's oldest city*." It is indeed the oldest permanently established settlement and more importantly, it is Spain's Colonial Capital. Standing in stark contrast to the understated Spanish structures are the luxurious hotels built by Standard Oil Tycoon, Henry Morrison Flagler, during the Victorian era. Flagler's own life change from money maker to community developer, forever altered the face of St. Augustine and ultimately Florida.

The tour begins at Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille, located in one of St. Augustine's oldest bay front homes. It was built in the 1740s, just steps from the Bridge of Lions. Harry's serves up fine New Orleans style dining with the freshest seafood, grilled steaks, chicken, pasta and more. It features a serene view from its courtyard, whose coquina walls are original construction. (Menu choices below).



Following a wonderful lunch, your St. Augustine guide will escort you on a tour of the nation's oldest city via motorcoach. You will see the *Mission of Nombre de Dios/La Leche Shrine* and hear about this most historic and sacred area in St. Augustine, the landing place of Pedro Menendez de Aviles, our city's founding father. We'll make a brief stop at the *Castillo de San Marcos National Monument* (remain on coach) for the story of the constructing of this fortress of coquina (a native stone) and the battles and struggles surrounding the fort. Traveling past the beautiful bay front and through the heart of the Old City by the *Plaza de la Constitucion*, you will then debark for a memorable view of the *Flagler Memorial Presbyterian Church*. This church was built by Henry Flagler, the east coast railroad baron and "Father of Florida Tourism". Henry Morrison Flagler's magnificent hotels are next on the agenda. The *Ponce de Leon Hotel* (present day Flagler College) is where many presidents and elite men and women stayed during their visits to St. Augustine.



After the bus tour you will be treated to a Flagler Era Walking Tour. Henry Morrison Flagler developed St. Augustine as the "Riviera of the South" for the rich and famous after arriving in 1884 to celebrate his honeymoon.

After the sightseeing tour, you will be able to tour St. Augustine on your own and experience the unique city! A must-see is St. George's Street which features many different shops and eatery places for everyone to enjoy.



<i>Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille Lunch Menu: (Guest's Choice of the Day)</i>
Harry's Signature Crab Cakes - <i>Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes Sautéed and Finished with our Roasted Red Pepper Aioli and served with Nola Rice.</i>
Half-Pound Angus Burger - <i>Grilled or Blackened and Served on a Kaiser Roll with Lettuce, Tomato and Onion. Served with French Fries.</i>
Shrimp and Scallop Orleans - <i>Lightly Blackened Shrimp and Scallops Served on a Fried Grit Cake and Finished with Tasso Cream Sauce and Served with a Seasonal Vegetable Garnish.</i>
Harry's Style Chicken - <i>Grilled or Blackened Chicken Breast with Apple-Wood Smoked Bacon. Topped with Caramelized Onions, Mushrooms, Cheddar and Jack Cheeses. Served with Smashed Potatoes.</i>
Sautéed Tilapia - <i>Dusted in Special Seasonings and Sautéed</i>

Tour #4 – Winter Park Cultural Tour
Wednesday, May 26 (9:00AM -1:30PM), \$45.00 P/P Based on a minimum of 40 people



Downtown Winter Park's charm is magnified in its details: Hidden gardens and side streets that are home to unique stores, a farmer's market that attracts both locals and visitors alike each Saturday morning and festive parades that mark the seasons. Running through the heart of Winter Park is Park Avenue. Bordered by a shady park that plays host to concerts and art festivals, Park Avenue is home to one-of-a-kind boutiques and well-known shops, sidewalk cafés, as well as world-renowned art collections in the area's museums. Often called "Little Europe," Park Avenue is a year-round destination that is sure to charm visitors of all ages.

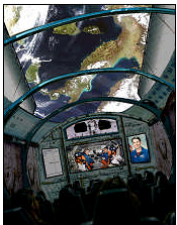


Take the Scenic Boat Tour that cruises through three of the city's lakes which border the area's most prestigious homes. The relaxing, narrated, one hour, 12 mile cruise through the lakes and canals is really the only way to see the true beauty of Winter Park.

Following the boat tour, you will arrive at The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art. The Morse Museum houses the most comprehensive collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany's works found anywhere, major holdings of American art pottery and representative collections of late-19th and early 20th century American paintings, graphics and decorative arts.

Tour #5 – Kennedy Space Center
Thursday, May 27 (8:30AM – 6:30PM), \$99.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people

Worlds apart from Orlando's theme parks, but only 45 minutes away, Kennedy Space Center is NASA's launch headquarters. Each year, millions of visitors make the trek to this hub of technology and discovery where many of mankind's greatest accomplishments take place. Tour NASA's launch and landing facilities, experience live shows and jaw-dropping encounters with massive rockets as well as have the opportunity to meet a real member of NASA's Astronaut Corps. It's all what you can expect during an inspiring day at Kennedy Space Center.



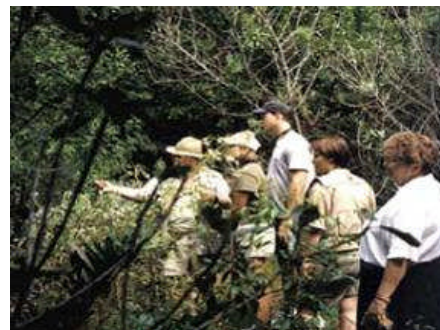
Your exploration of Kennedy Space Center starts with one of their world-renowned bus tours where you see many NASA landmarks, including the massive launch pads, the gigantic *Vehicle Assembly Building*, the awe-inspiring *Apollo/Saturn V Center* and the *International Space Station Center*. There is also much to see and do at the *Visitor Complex*, from live action theatrical shows to an educational *Astronaut Encounter* briefing. View 10-story high rockets from all eras of space exploration in the *Rocket Garden*, walk through a full-size Space Shuttle mock-up, enjoy *IMAX Theater* space films on gigantic five-story screens and see an actual Gemini program capsule on display. Shopping and food concessions are also available here for your enjoyment.

It's 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... launch as you take your own vibrant journey of the Space Shuttle's rush to Earth's orbit on the newest attraction, *Shuttle Launch Experience*. You will see, feel and live the trip to 17,500 mph. As the cargo bay doors open, what follows is a breath-taking view of Earth from space. Brace yourself for the sights, sounds, feelings and excitement of a vertical launch in mankind's most complex vehicle.

Lunch with an Astronaut is included in your Tour! With seating at 12:15PM and lasting approximately one hour, this program offers an up close opportunity to share in the excitement of space exploration through the eyes and personal stories of one of NASA's best, all while enjoying a buffet meal. You can ask questions, have photos taken with the astronaut and receive an autographed souvenir.

Tour #6 – Alligator Airboat Adventure
Thursday, May 27 (9:00AM - 1:00PM), \$69.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people

Imagine seeing the world in a whole new light. This educational excursion takes you into the seldom visited heart of natural Florida. You will see natural, protected wetland hammocks, walk through ancient Flatwoods, and travel by airboat into sections of fresh water marshes and upriver, into the bald cypress swamp - home of the Florida alligator, American bald eagle, and a myriad of wildlife. Certified eco-guides, biologists, botanists, and experts are trained to assure that you come away with a new profound understanding of Florida's vastly different land and plant communities and the importance of their interrelationship and preservation. You'll see up close a marvelous assortment of birds, reptiles, and plants - some endangered, some threatened, and a few native species found in this area affectionately called "The Central Florida Everglades."



The day's experiences will start on the bus ride to the Tosohatchee Florida Trail, an eco-system that borders a marsh, and a Tour Guide will narrate en-route. The certified eco-guides will take you on a short 30 minute walk into the heart of this pristine wilderness before you are transferred to a 100 year old outpost, a turn of-the-century fish camp. Upon arrival, you will board an airboat to ride the American Heritage River. Each airboat has its own guide and a Coast Guard licensed boat captain.

Learn about the fresh water eco-system, alligators, and the many creatures that call this habitat home. Afterwards, you will enjoy a sampling of alligator tail and a cold beverage at the 100 year old Fish Camp. This is an easy adventure without the dirt or danger. The ambiance of the fish camp and the natural beauty of Florida will make this outing memorable.



Tour #7 - Gatorland
Thursday, May 27 (9:00AM - 2:00PM), \$45.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people
Please see tour description on Page C-7

Tour #8 – Alligator Airboat Adventure
Friday, May 28 (9:00AM - 1:00PM), \$69.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people
Please see tour description on Page C-10

Tour #9 – Winter Park Cultural Tour
Friday, May 28 (9:00AM - 1:30PM), \$45.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people
Please see tour description on Page C-9

Tour #10 – Fantasy of Flight
Friday, May 28 (9:00AM - 2:00PM), \$53.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people
Please see tour description on Page C-7

Tour #11 –Gatorland
Friday, May 28 (9:00AM – 2:00PM), \$45.00 P/P based on a minimum of 40 people
Please see tour description on Page C-7

Retired United Airlines Employees Association
Rosen Centre Hotel

MENU

“Tropical” Friday May 28, 2010 – Friendship Dinner

Classic Salad with Wild Greens, Marinated Hearts of Palm, Cucumbers and Grape Tomatoes, with Ranch & Vinaigrette dressing on each table

Choice of the following:

Caribbean Spiced Pork Loin

- Or -

Fresh Salmon with Beurre Blanc Sauce

- Or -

Vegetarian Cavatappi Pasta with Fresh Spinach, Tomatoes, Olives & Basil Butter

Chef's Fresh Vegetable, Rice with Beans & Sundried Tomatoes

Coffee and Iced Tea Service

Wine by the Bottle available for purchase

Dessert – Florida Key Lime Pie

Served over Mango Coulis

“Black & White” Saturday May 29, 2010 - RUAEA Banquet

Caesar Salad prepared tableside with Garlic Croutons & Parmesan Cheese

Choice of the following:

Sliced Sirloin of Beef Au Jus

- Or -

Spit Roasted Chicken with Roasted Garlic Au Jus

- Or -

Vegetarian Lasagna

Chef's Fresh Vegetable and Mashed Potatoes

Coffee and Iced Tea Service

Wine by the Bottle available for purchase

Dessert – Chocolate Bombe

Creamy Chocolate Mousse over Chocolate Cake, encased in a Chocolate Dome Shell

Conv. Treas. use only	Batch No.	Form No.	Group No.	Check Amount
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2010 Orlando Convention Registration Form - Page One

Register Early – Cutoff Date is May 1st, 2010

(Please Print Clearly) Retiree/Associate File Number			Retired From:	
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:			E-mail:	
City:		State:	Zip:	Phone:
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Guest Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Additional Guest ~ use blank sheet of paper				

Instructions:

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

Date – 2010	Meal Choice	How Many	x Price (P/P)	= Total
A. Registration Fee – Non Refundable			\$7.00	\$
Fee Required for each Attendee				
“Tropical Theme” - Friendship Dinner				
Fri. May 28	B. Caribbean Spiced Pork Loin		\$40.00	\$
Fri. May 28	C. Fresh Salmon		\$40.00	\$
Fri. May 28	D. Vegetarian Cavatappi Pasta		\$40.00	\$
“Black & White Theme” RUAEA Banquet				
Sat. May 29	E. Sliced Sirloin of Beef Au Jus		\$40.00	\$
Sat. May 29	F. Split Roasted Chicken		\$40.00	\$
Sat. May 29	G. Vegetarian Lasagna		\$40.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =				\$
Total balance from Page 2 of Registration Form =				\$
Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check				\$

Make Check Payable to: RUAEA 2010 Convention

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:

RUAEA 2010 Convention, c/o **Charlotte LeGrand**, 1719 Branchwater Trail, Orlando, FL 32825

Email – cml2010@cfl.rr.com

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2010 Convention Registration Form – Page Two
Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is April 23, 2010

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

The Rosen Centre Hotel is the Convention Hotel at 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL USA 32819. A block of rooms has been reserved at the rates listed below. When you call, identify yourself as a member of the “Retired United Airlines Employees Association” and give the agent Booking ID #46411, which identifies our RUAEA conference at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Rates apply only through May 31, 2010.

- ➔ \$99.00 Single/Double occupancy + tax per room.
- ➔ \$20.00 Each Additional Person + tax per room.
- ➔ \$40.00 Upgrade per room to Club Level + tax per room.

To make reservations, please call Rosen Centre Central Reservations at 1-800-204-7234

Hotel Confirmation Number: _____ **Special Needs for Tours:** _____

Tour Registration: Cutoff date for cancellation is May 1, 2010. The following tours are based on minimum of 40 people with a maximum of 100 people on any tour.

Date – 2010	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	How many	= Total
Tue. May 25	Fantasy of Flight	1	\$53.00		\$
Tue. May 25	Gatorland	2	\$45.00		\$
Wed. May 26	St. Augustine	3	\$75.00		\$
Wed. May 26	Winter Park Cultural Tour	4	\$45.00		\$
Thu. May 27	Kennedy Space Center	5	\$99.00		\$
Thu. May 27	Alligator Airboat Adventure	6	\$69.00		\$
Thu. May 27	Gatorland	7	\$45.00		\$
Fri. May 28	Alligator Airboat Adventure	8	\$69.00		\$
Fri. May 28	Winter Park Cultural Tour	9	\$45.00		\$
Fri. May 28	Fantasy of Flight	10	\$53.00		\$
Fri. May 28	Gatorland	11	\$45.00		\$
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During WWII, 36 of United's 69 DC-3 airplanes were turned over to the Government's ATC and were soon painted in Armed Forces "war-time livery".

Late in 1941, the U.S. Airlines were warned by Edgar Gorrell, president of the Air Transport Association, that in the event of war they would be "taken-over" by the government if they didn't join together and create a plan for their war-effort.

Gorrell wanted to be able to offer the plan to President Roosevelt thereby preventing the complete seizure of the nation's airlines for the duration of the war.

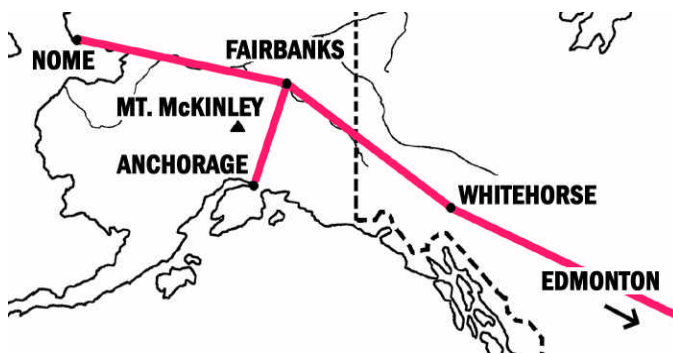
Immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Gorrell and General "Hap" Arnold, chief of the Air Force, were called to the White House. Gorrell and Arnold convinced F.D.R. that by following the airlines plan for an Air Transport Command, they would be able to begin flight operations immediately, whereas a government seizure would take weeks to organize.

In April 1942, following the Japanese naval movement into the Northern Pacific area, Gorrell asked Pat Patterson to make a "survey flight" to Nome, Alaska. On the flight from Salt Lake City were United pilots R.T. Freng, Bert Lott and R.J. Johnson and United weatherman Henry T. Harrison, SLC station manager Ted Johnson and some expert communications technicians.

The survey crew flew over 7000 ft. mountain

passes flanked by lofty peaks (including Mt. McKinley). While finding the available maps inadequate and landing fields few (and short), they did find the radio navigation aids better than expected.

United's proposed ATC route was from Dayton, Ohio to Calgary to Whitehorse to Fairbanks and Nome. United ATC crews launched operations between Dayton and Alaska on May 15, 1942. The Japanese attacked the Aleutian Islands of Attu and Kiska on June 3, 1942.



A second route between Ogden, Edmonton and Alaska started in early June 1942. By mid-June, 41 planes were being flown by 6 airlines rushing troops and supplies to Fairbanks and Anchorage using the most rapid turn-around schedules and routes possible.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired, from United Air Lines Annual Reports & "High Horizons" by Frank J. Taylor.

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