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## 2011 Convention Issue

At long last, inside this issue is the packet of information that you will use to register for the 2011 convention and tours. Be sure to read all the information before you make your selections. All of the tours sound interesting to me and I live here.

I never tire of the trip up to Mt. Hood and Timberline Lodge. Then going around to Hood River and down the Columbia River Gorge via Multnomah Falls always is worth the time. I hope to make the tour to Mt. St. Helens. Even though I live here, I haven't gone there since the volcano erupted. I look forward to it.

The tours within Portland will all be enjoyable. The gardens should be spectacular at that time of year and the mansions and breweries are great, no matter what the weather is.

Speaking of weather, be sure to include a jacket in case it gets cool and a slicker or raincoat in case of what we Oregonians call "liquid sunshine". Late May can be either warm and dry or cool and wet. Let's hope for warm and dry.

The wine tasting tour, with appetizers at one stop, lunch at a second and dessert at a third stop, should prove to be a delight. Appropriate wines for each type of food will be served at each location. There will be the opportunity to buy wines at a special discount, as well.

The tours to the various museums should be great. OMSI (the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) is right across the Willamette (pronounced will- LAM- et) River from the Marriott Hotel. It offers a variety of activities and exhibits, including an IMAX theater and a world-class planetarium. For more details of what is offered there, go to: [www.OMSI.edu](http://www.OMSI.edu). The Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum includes many fine exhibits from the early days of aviation (including United's first DC-3) and the Spruce Goose, right up to a Lockheed SR71 blackbird and the Boeing 747 on the roof of the water park. For more information, go to: [www.evergreenmuseum.org](http://www.evergreenmuseum.org). The Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) is located in Hood River, about an hour east of Portland, up the Columbia River Gorge. It has a collection of automobiles, aircraft, tractors, military vehicles and motorcycles that all are able to fly or drive ... and they do. All have been restored by volunteers. In their information, they say that the exhibits don't just run, "they purrrrrr!". Check them out at: [www.waaamuseum.org](http://www.waaamuseum.org).

You might enjoy the Jet Boat cruise on the Willamette River. It is a great way to see the city from a different perspective. The boats depart near OMSI and the trips last about two hours. Perhaps you would prefer a luncheon cruise on the Willamette. The *Portland Spirit* will give you a lovely two hour trip as you enjoy a sit-down, plated meal. These are two very different ways to cruise the river.

Remember to make your selections for the Friday and Saturday banquets. The menus give you nice choices. Also, remember that if you are traveling alone, you may request that you be seated at a table with others who also are traveling unaccompanied. What a nice way to get to know new people.

We hope that all of you will join us here in Portland in May. We want to renew old friendships and make new ones. Remember, we all are part of the United family. Here's to a good family reunion.

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# CONVENTION ISSUE

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

Well, here we are in a new year 2011. As always with a new year, there is plenty of hope for things to be better. But we can not just rely on hope. We will have to be diligent and ready to be pro-active. This last year produced significant change for us ... the airline that most of us enjoyed working for

merged with a competitor, Continental. The good news is that the new company is United but most of the new management is from Continental. The first big issue for retirees and a lot of the employees was what will happen to the Pass Travel Program. So came the much touted Pass Travel Survey. It produced lots of controversy and angst.

**Ed Tolle** and I met with three of the VPs from HR shortly after the survey was completed. What came out of that meeting was that the United Travel Advisory Committee will cease to be. That the results of the survey will be published and the results will have a bearing on the development of the new Pass Travel Program. The results should be forthcoming soon.

We understand that about 50% of those eligible took part in the survey and the majority of those responding were a combination of employees/retirees from United. This could be a good thing if the survey results are used to plan the new policy. The new program is to be announced sometime in the first quarter.

Finally, a few words about getting involved. There are some sixty plus chapters of RUAEA around the country. These chapters vary in size and structure. Some chapters have no problem having people step forward as officers each year. Others have had the same officers for years. And in some cases, if it were not for spouses being involved as officers, they would cease to exist. I ask all of you with this New Year to take a look and see what you can do to help your local chapter continue to thrive.

We all enjoy the social side but someone has to coordinate activities. In most cases, it is not as difficult as you may think. Also, those that have been officers will usually assist with new ones. This also applies to the National organization. Without volunteers to step forward and take active roles, the chapters and for that mat-

ter the organization would cease to exist.

**Think about it ... volunteer and participate!**

Ron Bertacini  
President – RUAEA

## Memories of Marlin Lade

Marlin Lade had a positive influence on RUAEA and was an inspiration to all the members he knew. As **Hank Gosselin** wrote, “*Marlin always encouraged me to continue with RUAEA. He was committed to RUAEA and was responsible for increasing our membership.*”

The following are memories other members shared with us:

From **Ron Bertacini** ~ *Marlin Lade had a long and successful career with United. His last position with United was either Director or Manager of Inflight Training at EXOTD. In retirement, he became very active with RUAEA and served in several offices. He was President from 2004 to 2006. He was the Executive Vice President when United filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and was President when the company reorganized and came out of bankruptcy. Marlin was an important player in establishing communications between RUAEA and the Executive Offices at United. As a result, our organization was recognized as a valid representative of the retiree community. An appointed position was established as Corporate Liaison in the person of **Ed Tolle**. RUAEA got a seat on the United Travel Advisory Committee. There were frequent meetings between RUAEA and the HR group at United to discuss retiree issues and there was a means for retirees to have their problems heard by the right people. Through Marlin's efforts, RUAEA was able to get retiree information in order to let new retirees know about our organization and invite them to join us. During Marlin's term as president, RUAEA achieved its highest membership. This relationship continued with the succeeding presidents of RUAEA. Marlin loved United and he loved RUAEA.*

*On a personal note, Marlin and I are fellow Nebraskans. Marlin started his career in Omaha in Customer Service. He knew me as a young fellow as my father also worked for United in Omaha. I didn't really get to know Marlin until after I retired from United. He encouraged me to become active in RUAEA and persuaded me to be the Chairman for the Sacramento Convention in 2007. He encouraged many of us to be active in RUAEA.*

*He would often remind me of his early days with United in Omaha. When he and Marilyn got married, he needed help in moving from his apartment to their new home. My father, Art, managed to get the company truck and assist in the move. Of course, that was a long*

time ago and probably would never happen today. Marlin will be missed by many. Not only was he a good leader, he was a very, very good person.



From **Jim Fauber** ~ After Marlin and I took office in 2002, we spent many hours in meetings and planning sessions. We traveled with our wives to these meetings and Marilyn and Bonnie became the best of friends. When you spend that much time with a person, you get to know them very well and I value the time that we had together.

I learned that he was a very dedicated person who loved God and his church, loved his wife and family, loved United Airlines, and his fellow retirees and was dedicated to RUAEA.

Marlin always had a smile for everyone and I will miss him and that smile.

From **Jim Simon** ~ Marlin was very instrumental in talking me into running for the Midwest directorship position, a job I thoroughly enjoyed. He became a great friend and an inspiration to not only myself but so many of us involved with RUAEA activities. His service to our organization benefited all of us as retirees of UAL. I will miss him deeply. I hope we can do something in his name through RUAEA to commemorate his dedication to all of us as retirees.

From **Chuck Cole** ~ Just a short story of how Marlin helped me in getting gainful employment. Through our activities with RUAEA, we had met Marlin. I had applied for a position with MESA Air in 2004, 3 years after retirement from UAL. The application was going well, until during the background check, I was asked to account for the last 3 years. Saying being "retired" was not accepted, they needed a letter vouching for me from a manager level or above from the prior employer. Due to having moved and all that had transpired with UAL, no one was available to write the letter. I thought of Marlin and called him. Marlin remembered me from the Seattle convention as having been co-chairman of the registration committee, so he was able to write the letter. As a result, the job was mine, and I always got to joke with Marlin that it was his fault. This is just one example of his always willing to help, friendly, outgoing attitude.

From **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** ~ When we received word that Marlin had passed away, we knew that a good friend had left us. Marlin was primarily responsible for encouraging us and many others to become involved with other retired people, at the time, namely through the RUAEA organization. We always consid-

ered his counsel important and worthy of consideration, he never let us down. Martha, and I have many fond memories of him, especially as traveling companions, with his wife Marilyn, back and forth from Colorado to Conventions and meetings. He always conducted himself with dignity, displaying a broad smile and never meeting a person he didn't like.

Our sincere condolence goes to Marilyn and the family, he was one great guy!

### **Pass Travel Survey concludes with record participation**

United's pass travel survey concluded on Wednesday, Dec. 8, with approximately 70,000 participants. This tremendous response confirms the belief that pass privileges are important to United's co-workers and retirees, and the company appreciates everyone's input.

Over the next several weeks, United will be working with an industry-leading third-party vendor, Hay Group, to evaluate and analyze the valuable survey input, including written comments, to help United create a new harmonized pass travel program that balances the preferences of participants with the business needs of the company.

As previously announced, United expects to announce the new pass travel program in the first quarter of 2011. Stay tuned to United Daily for more details.

### **Certain United Express flights to/from CO hubs to fly with UA code**



Certain United Express flights operating from the IAH and EWR hubs starting Jan. 4 will be advertised and listed solely as UA flights, rather than carrying the CO code share designation. The flights, operated with 70-seat regional aircraft, help support future growth of the combined carrier while providing critical customer feed from small and medium-sized communities. Staff are ready to assist customers who booked the flights under the CO code, and steps are in place to make necessary changes to reflect the elimination of the CO code. The code change comes as the result of an expedited arbitration of a grievance filed by the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA).

### **Special listing procedures for United Express flights to/from CO hubs**

As described above, certain United Express flights will operate from the EWR and IAH hubs beginning





Jan. 4. United will operate and market these flights solely as United Express flights.

CO and UA employees, retirees and their eligible pass riders will follow the same eligibility, boarding priority order and policies on these flights as they do when traveling on any other United Express flights today, with the exception of listing procedures and check-in.

Co-workers will list (for both space-available and positive-space travel) on these particular Shuttle America (S5) and SkyWest (OO) flights through the CO ePass Desk at 866-FLY-EPASS (or 713-324-7277 if dialing from Houston), and check-in will be handled through [www.continental.com](http://www.continental.com). In addition, as CO and UA work toward an integrated system solution, all employees, retirees and their eligible pass riders will travel on these particular flights with the economy class service charge waived. There will be no changes to listing or check-in procedures for mainline (CO/UA) or ExpressJet-operated redeployed aircraft.

#### **Aircraft financing transaction will save millions**



CO, which pioneered the use of enhanced equipment trust certificates (EETCs) to lower the costs of financing aircraft, issued EETCs on Dec. 2 at record-low interest rates to

finance the purchase of six new aircraft expected to be delivered by April 2011 and to refinance 12 existing aircraft. Finance Sr. VP and Treasurer Gerry Laderman says the lower interest rates he and his team attained will save about \$120 million over 10 years, as compared with the average interest rates for similar transactions in 2009. The EETC transaction will finance three new Boeing 737-800 and three new 737-900ER aircraft, and 12 current aircraft – three B737-800s, four 737-900s and five 767-400s. Of those 12 current aircraft, five have been refinanced and the remaining seven will be refinanced as they become unencumbered in 2011.

#### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each 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



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after the 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) 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. Please 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, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.*

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#### **Attention All Golfers**

***The 2011 UARGC Golf Invitational will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>.***

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**Please register by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Pensacola Naval Air Museum's Cubi Bar Café. We had 18 members present with one visitor. **Honey Dimitriadis'** son arrived in Mobile from D.C. and they came straight to the meeting. We all enjoyed meeting him and were so glad that he would join us. Several of our members were out of town at this time, so our attendance was down a bit but we look forward to January and hopefully, everyone will be back home.

After everyone had enjoyed their lunch, President **Bob Schwartz** called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. We, once again, introduced ourselves and told something new that we had not told before. The history of each member is so very interesting. We love getting to know more and more about each other.

Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** read the minutes and said she appreciated how everyone had given her the info needed to prepare the directory of our group. Treasurer **Barbara Serra** gave the financial report and then sold raffle tickets. **Doug Horne** won the raffle and very generously donated his winnings back to the group. **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** donated three door prizes, with a special gift to Doug for donating his winnings back to the Chapter.

A discussion was held about the treasury balance and how we would like to spend some of the money. By unanimous vote, it was decided to buy a brick paver for the Naval Aviation Museum. They are building a new addition to the current museum and there will be a circular area between the buildings with the pavers making up the circle. Our paver will be inscribed, "**Gulf Coast Chapter of UAL Retirees – 2010**". The paver should be in place by our January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are all looking forward to seeing it in the circle. If you are ever in Pensacola, be sure to visit the museum and then look for our paver. We talked about where our next meeting would be held and it was suggested that we plan to meet every month at the Cubi Bar Café in the Pensacola Naval Air Museum. It passed with a unanimous vote. We'll see you next month at the Cubi Bar! We also decided to continue meeting at 11:30 for social time and order lunch at 12 Noon.

We hope everyone had a very nice and healthy Holiday Season and had a chance to be with family and friends. As we age, we realize just how important family and friends are. We are all waiting to hear what United will decide about the flight privileges for retirees and what other changes will affect us.

### Calendar:

**January 25** – 11:30 AM – Cubi Bar Café's West Pac Room in the Pensacola National Air Museum. (Our meetings are 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and will be at this location each time.) Come Visit Us!

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Due to inclement weather in our Southern state of Alabama, we had to cancel our December meeting. This was very disappointing but necessary for the safety of our members. We are looking forward to our gathering in January 2011.

### Calendar:

**February** - Meeting - TBA

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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A happy Thanksgiving was had by all. Our luncheon was at the Pebble Creek Country Club on November 20<sup>th</sup> with 40 people in attendance.

Breakfast on December 7 had 23 attendees and what a crowd! Welcome back to **Marge & Gene Hinner** and it was nice seeing **Pat Butkiewicz** again. Lots of holiday travel. **Sonny & Barbara Carns** went back east to Virginia to celebrate the holidays with their son and his family. **Eldon & Geri** were absent as Geri shared her cold with Eldon and now he is under the weather.

We are very sorry to report that **Geri Hostetter** was admitted to the hospital before Christmas with severe dizzy spells. She is at home but still suffering from a severe medical condition. I am sure she would appreciate you including her in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Geri at her home, 17285 N. Del Web Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85373.

**Laura Sustrik** gave us a great overview of the Fantasy flight and all that the Phoenix UA and CO volunteers did this year. We sponsored two schools and over 150 underprivileged children. We are one of the only cities that actually take a flight of 30 minutes duration around the city. It returns to a different gate (North Pole). This year we had a snow making machine, lots of elves and of course, Santa. **Bobby Brooks Hamilton**, the son of the late great performer **Jackie Wilson**, volunteered his time to perform and interacted with the children. A wonderful time was had by all. Hope some of you got to see the TV spots on Fox and Channel 3.

**Marge & Gene Hinner** spent Christmas with family in Napa Valley CA. **Jean Kerman** will fly to Denver to be with her daughter and her family. I am sure many more will be traveling to visit with family and friends.

**Vic & Carol Liltz** returned from their Rhine River cruise on December 5 to report a wonderful trip (little cold and snowy) full of interesting stops ... visits to Germany, France, and Holland ... six tours of the Black Forest, castles, cathedrals, windmills ... lots of fabulous food and Christmas markets in every town. They had their share of "gluewein" (hot spiced red wine) and brought home the gluewein cups from every town, also, tasty pastries. Then they were back to Illinois for the Chicago chapters' Christmas luncheon to see ol' co-workers from OPC (EXO or WHQ), ORDCS and ORDMM and then to AZ to "warm up". They returned to Illinois for Christmas with the family.

We are taking names for volunteers for officers for the next session of the Azure chapter. Thanks to **Mike Richards** for volunteering to be President and **Joe Hopkins** to return as our Treasurer. We still need a secretary and vice-president. Anyone retiree or spouse would be welcomed with open arms.

Mark your calendars for March 17, 2011. That is the date for the All Arizona RUAEA luncheon in Casa Grand. The Azures chapter will be the host chapter this year. We will try to meet or even exceed the wonderful luncheons that have preceded us. It will be held, again, at the Holiday Inn. The hotel has put a lot of money into upgrading the facilities and we are sure you will like the new outdoor patio area where we will meet and greet for our pre-luncheon cocktail hour. We have asked for two bartenders this year so we won't have such a long line at the bar. We are still finalizing the cost, but have asked for corned beef and cabbage for those who will join us in celebrating St. Paddy's day and there will also be a chicken dish on the menu. A flyer and e-mail (with additional information) will be sent to all AZ chapters shortly after the New Year. Any RUAEA member planning on being in Arizona in March should contact one of our chapters; you are welcome to join us.

Any UA or CO retiree, whether you are pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, 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.

*We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.*

#### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - 8:00AM. Location - 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

#### **January 18**

**January 15** - Luncheon and White-Elephant auction - Camarones Restaurant

#### **February 1**

#### **February 15**

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The weather is beautiful, sunny and warm here in Phoenix. We hope everyone is enjoying this time of the year. Our Re-Uniteds chapter is active as usual with our monthly luncheons and breakfasts. We hope to see more of our members at our activities. You're welcome to bring a guest at any time. If any of our United Airlines retirees are visiting in the area, we would love to have you join us. Just give our President, **Jim Brigante**, a call at (480) 443-0031 or contact him by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), or you may contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [pnomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:pnomfeldt@cox.net). We are also open to any one who has worked for United Airlines at any time, and is at retirement age (55). We just want you to come and check our chapter out!

Our Christmas Luncheon, which was held at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, was really great, with 60 people in attendance. We had six new people join our chapter; they were **Marianne & Gerry White**, **Eldon & Geri Hostetter**, **Nancy Luby**, and **Barb Paymaster**. Welcome to all of you! There were a lot of door prizes won by those attending; so everyone had a good time. Thanks to the **Wards** for hosting this event.

25 people attended our Breakfast at Crackers on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We gave our special waitress, **Hannah**, a card along with the money we collected for her, for

giving us such good service. She was very touched and pleased by our generosity. President **Jim Brigante** discussed some of the UA/CO items that are presently going on, but most of the time was spent visiting and finding out where our members were spending the Holidays.

One of our members, **Bob Kraft**, who wintered in Mesa, but was from Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on December 4, 2010. A Memorial Service was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, NE. Our condolences go out to his wife, **Carolyn**, and his family. We will miss him.

Also, our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of **Marlin Lade**, past President of RUAEA from 2004 – 2006, who passed away on Christmas Eve. He was very involved in the organization and well liked, and will be missed by all those who knew him.

Our January 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Grandview Steak House Restaurant in Mesa will be reported on next month. We all looked forward to seeing **Jim Fauber's** wood carvings. Thanks to the hostesses, **Peg Snowdall**, **Rita Zarek**, and **Lynda Cooper-Koltz**, for making the luncheon a success, as usual.

Our February 10<sup>th</sup> Luncheon will be held at Rosati's, located on the NE Corner of Ray & McQueen in Chandler, starting at 11:00 a.m. with the social hour, and lunch being served at noon. Menu consists of the following entrees: Spaghetti, Chicken Parmigiana, Italian Beef Sandwich, and Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo served with house salad, garlic bread, ice tea, coke or water, with Tiramisu for dessert. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to **Donna Pedone** and include your choice of entree. Please mail this no later than **Thursday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** to **Donna Pedone**, 1471 W. Folley St., Chandler, AZ 85224. If you have any questions, please contact **Donna** at (480) 821-8074. New officers will be installed at this luncheon. The food is very good, so we hope many will join us.

Don't forget the **All-Arizona Luncheon** on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. The **Azures Chapter** from Sun City are in charge of it this year. The luncheon will have a St. Patrick's theme, and the menu will be Corned Beef and Cabbage. The cost is \$20 per person. Multiple gift baskets will be raffled off plus a 50/50 raffle. The guest speaker will be RUAEA's President, **Ron Bertacini**. More information will be relayed by our chapter in the coming weeks. Plan on attending and re-uniting with other retirees from other chapters who live in Arizona!

We have the following February Birthdays: **Jim 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), **Ron Pedone** (2/16), **Ann Carroll** (2/22), **Phil Snowdall** (2/27), and **Bud Hubbard** (2/28). Happy Birthday to all!

The following are celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: **Marjorie & Joel Matteson** (2/2), **Jane & Don Burns** (2/5), **Judy & John McFarland** (2/8), and **Lynn & Bud Hubbard** will be celebrating 62 years on (2/28). Happy Anniversary to all four couples!

#### Calendar:

**February 10** – Luncheon at Rosati's, located at the NE Corner of Ray & McQueen in Chandler, hosted by **Ron & Donna Pedone**. (See above for further info)

**February 25** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue) starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you are planning on attending. Her number is (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**March 17** – All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande.

**March 25** – Breakfast at Crackers.

**April 7** - Picnic hosted by **Shirley Claggett & Ron Paluch**

**April 22** – Breakfast at Crackers



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Our December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas luncheon was held at the Oro Valley Country Club. The affair was hosted by **Howard Hunter** and there were 27 & ½ in attendance. The Starr attraction was little **Isabelle McGilvray**, not quite 1 year old and the God Daughter of **Dora & Gordon Starr**. What a cute little girl and every one had to say hi to her and received a little smile in return.

The "Seniors for Kids" program was the organization we adopted this year for our Christmas giving. The program is run by a group of the Sun City Vistoso community people who work year around sewing clothing and making toys for distribution to charitable organizations in areas near Sun City. They also collect unused bikes and computers which they rebuild.

Donations from Roadrunner members to our treasury allowed us to provide a very generous check to the program. In addition, **Erika & Charles Williams** donated some gifts for the children.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Shirley Robertson** and **Lyn Callihan**.

**Beverly Goodlow** was to host the luncheon but was taken ill and had abdominal surgery. According to her son, Gary, she appeared to be recuperating, but then developed complications and passed away. A memorial for Beverly was held at the Oro Valley Country Club on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. A memorial was also held on the

11<sup>th</sup> of December at the home of **Ray Wood** for his wife **Ann**, who passed away at home in Sierra Vista on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Our heartfelt condolences go out to both families during this sad time.

Our January Luncheon will be held at Vitello's Restaurant in Catalina on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez**.

Calendar:

**January 20** - Vitello's Restaurant

## CALIFORNIA

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By the time this is read in the Newsletter, it will be 2011. The year 2010 has had some hardships with our members, but nothing that they did not overcome. Luckily, we are all together.

Our Chapter met at **Bob & Marcia Stanger**'s home on December 15<sup>th</sup> for a pot luck lunch. Everyone brought something and Bob cooked a delicious turkey with all the trimmings. There were 19 of us that enjoyed every bit of it.

Our President Marcia opened the meeting and the first order of business was to elect the board for 2011. **John Stilwell** said that **Marcia Stanger** did such a great job; he requested that she remain for another year. This was approved by everyone. Marcia then opened the remaining positions for volunteers. **Esther Bartlett** will remain as our Vice-President. **Dana Noyes** will be our Treasurer as she has been since our Chapter began. I asked anyone who wanted to be the Secretary to speak up and I would be happy to step aside. Since no one volunteered, I will be the Secretary for 2011.

Our President **Marcia Stanger** is quite a trooper. She had a complete knee replacement about two weeks before our meeting and she was able to get around her house with a walker (although she would walk without it at times). Their home was well decorated for the Holiday season and it put us all in the holiday mood. She can't wait to play golf and Bob has his hands full trying to get her to slow down. **John & Barbara Stilwell** were the hosts and they provided the table treats. John knows he will be hosting the Christmas meeting next year, and according to his wife Barbara, he goes out after the holiday season and buys the treats for next year. That is a smart decision. John wanted to know who might be going to the convention next year in PDX.

He plans on going and he might get his wife Barbara to go along. As a reminder, if anyone drives in Oregon, do not pump your gas for your car at Service Stations. They have strict rules about that.

We discussed the Pass Survey that was only available via Weblit. I noticed, as did some others, that when you got to question 22 for comments, there was a problem. The first time I tried it, my survey was not accepted. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time I tried it, I restated my comments and it was accepted. I think the computer didn't like my first one. After reading about the pass meeting, it appears that a decision has already been made and the survey isn't worth the paper it was written on.

We had guests with us again from the "Toys for Tots" organization. Our Chapter's **Bob Wagner** presented a check to them. Bob has been associated with this organization for years and he was very proud to continue this tradition. Our Chapter voted months ago to donate again as we have done in the past.

We were told the history of the "Toys for Tots" and how it started. In 1946, a Marine officer's wife had a doll she wanted to donate to a worthy child. She convinced her husband to try and collect toys wherever he could. This started off slow until now, our area collects thousands of toys that have to be separated and distributed. This seems easy enough, but that isn't the case. The volunteers have to make sure there are no war toys such as toy soldiers with guns or tanks. They have to make sure the toys meet very strict restrictions that are too numerous to tell. Our guest Jim Pickens, who is a retired Marine 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt., told us that he was given an all expense trip to Quantico, VA for a week's "Toys for Tots" training. I asked him if he was able to sight-see while he was there and he said that his day was from 8:00AM to 5:30PM and he was never able to get away. We were told that some people, who want to donate toys, do not bring new toys, but instead bring used toys which will not be accepted. So the volunteers have a monumental job getting toys ready for distribution. Our Chapter was very proud to participate in this worthy, non-profit, organization.

Treasurer **Dana Noyes** reminded everyone that the dues are due and will remain at \$10 per couple or \$5 for single persons. Dana told us that she heard from **Kathy Shurtleff**. She and her husband are cruising in their boat down in Baja. We'll have to wait until she attends our meetings to find out about her travels.

**Bob Stanger**'s mother, **Isabelle**, was out of town and he said that she will be 98 years young in May. She always attends our meetings whenever possible.

We have two notable anniversaries: **Bill & Dana Noyes** were married 66 years on December 29; **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** celebrated their 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. We should all be as fortunate as they are. They might have some health problems at times, who



doesn't, but we are happy they are still able to meet with us. **Bob Stanger** told us that he received a Christmas card from **Ralph & Sharon Linguis**. They are visiting their daughter in the desert for the holidays.

We are wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2011 from the Central Coasters.

#### Calendar:

**February 16** - Hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**

**April 13** - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer**

**June 15** - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

**August 17** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**October 19** - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

**December 14** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**



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The Brazen Raisins' December meeting (if you can call it that) was hosted by President **Dick Hayes** and wife **Hazel**; it really wasn't a meeting, just a Christmas party: No reading of the minutes, no Treasurer's report, no raffle, no old business, no new business, no nothing except good camaraderie and great food at the Claim Jumper restaurant.

The Brazen Raisins' January 2011 meeting was hosted by **Elida & Reuben Rivas**. Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** was absent as she had fallen and fractured several bones, she would be in the Clovis hospital for several more days and then would go to a nursing home for rehab.

President **Dick Hayes** reminded us of the RUAEA Convention in Portland, OR, in May. He also reported that **Jack Hartman** had passed away. Dick read an article in the RUAEA Newsletter about the relaxed dress code for employees, retirees and companion pass travelers.

**Mauricio Rehbein**, after many months absence, showed up and passed out do-dads called "Clip a Shade" which are for extending sun visors in cars; Mauricio had invented these and described the travails of trying to patent the Clip a Shade.

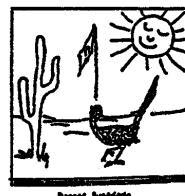
**Dick Hayes** read some jokes from the Readers Digest.

*Love is like quicksilver in the hand.  
Leave the fingers open and it stays.  
Clutch it, and it darts away.*

*~Dorothy Parker*

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For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, **Elaine & Ron Aggson** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' Christmas Luncheon at the Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert. A great turnout, 60 members and guests, enjoyed a traditional Holiday Dinner, roast turkey, with all the trimmings. The Aggsons' December (Christmas) Luncheon is a favorite of many Sunbirds, and always draws the biggest attendance of the year.

**Vern Behnke** brought **Pat Wieclawski** (LAXCS) as his guest, and **Barbara Rowe** brought her ex, **John Betty Rodgers** (LAXCS), lately a frequent guest, is now officially a member.

Our resident gypsy, **Dede Utzinger**, was in town long enough to attend the luncheon, but is back on the road again (sounds like a good song title - maybe Willie Nelson could write it), in her motor home, visiting friends and relatives all over the USA.

We were sorry to hear that **Bill & Donna Eads** are moving to Mesquite, Nevada. Bill is our "joke teller" at the luncheons. Sooooo, Bill, your moving does not excuse you from your duties; just email me your "Joke of the Month", and I'll do the rest.

The Birthday winner was **John Schultz**, and the 50/50 was not won by **Mike Bailardo**, but by **Al Pennington**, who, along with **Jenny**, will be celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on January 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, **Ray Silvestri** won a lunch for 2 at the host restaurant, the Monterey Country Club. Lastly, there were door prizes galore, to put a cap on a fun-filled afternoon.

#### *Children's Letters to God:*

- ☺ *I bet it is very hard for you to love everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family, and I can never do it. ~ Michael*
- ☺ *We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school, they said you did it. I bet he stole your idea. ~ Cindy*
- ☺ *Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. ~ John*
- ☺ *Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. ~ Bobby*

#### Calendar:

**February 13** - Hosted by **Mary Frank** and **Maureen Williams**





## SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on December 8 at the Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley. This was our Christmas luncheon. This was hosted by **Alice & Glenn McPeak** and **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. We had 76 Gold Diggers and 3 guests; **Jim & Cara Moss**, and **Bunny Melby**. Chapter President **Ken Norton** welcomed those attending and thanked the **Bertacinis** and **McPeaks** for hosting.

Officer's Reports: VP **Alice McPeak** said that **Orville Harshbarger** will be our new Vice President. Alice reminded everyone that sign-ups are here for hosting for the coming year. Secretary **Sherrill Morgan** read the anniversaries for November and December: Those 50 years and over: **Robert & Gail Opdahl** (51 years); **Sanford & Frances Pinkiert** (63 years); **Bill & Lois Hopkins** (52 years). **Bob Eggert** led us in the anniversary song. Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance. She also reminded us that our dues are now due \$10.00/year. Sunshine **Angie & Frank Dellinger** sent a card to **Ron King**; Angie wished us all a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said she took another 10 pictures today and will present the Historian's book at the Past Presidents' luncheon.

RUAEA Director for Northern California, **John Zoboli**, gave us some information about the 2011 convention in Portland, OR on May 22 – 28<sup>th</sup>; he also talked about the merger between United and Continental and some changes that will be coming; make sure we all join RUAEA; support Flight 93 Chapel., etc.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** talked about the travel survey that expired today at 10 pm our time. He talked a little about the upcoming convention and highlighted some of the tours that will be offered. All the information will be in the February newsletter.

Ken Norton introduced the new officers for 2011: President - **Charles Szekretar**, Vice President - **Orville Harshbarger**, Secretary - **Colleen Esola**, Treasurer - **Judie King**, Sunshine - **Angie Dellinger**, Historian - **Stephanie Norton**, and Roster Keeper - **Jack Raynor**.

We concluded with our raffle. Many of our Gold Diggers brought Toys for Tots to give to the local fire stations for needy children.

### Calendar:

**January 26** - Old Spaghetti Factory/Roseville – hosted by the **Strouds**

**February 23** - TBD – hosted by the **Nortons**

**March 30** - Cattlebarons in Penryn, hosted by the **McPeaks**

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We had our December Christmas luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup> at Oakmont Inn in Santa Rosa. There were 50 members and guests in attendance. It was hosted by the Officers and after a very nice buffet; our President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order and welcomed all our members and guests.

Vice President **Maddy McKinnis** introduced our guests: **Val Hulsey**, guest of **Jan Blackburn**; **Nancy La Rochelle**, guest of **Doug Saunders**; **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen** and **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**.

Treasurer **Judy De Ford** gave us our financial status and it looks good.

We had 2 anniversaries for the month, and they were very special. Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** presented a gift to **Carol & Richard Hanna** for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Judy De Ford** presented **Matt & Norma Stilman** with a gift for their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Matt & Norma were in the original group starting the Redwood Empire Chapter and they are still active.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced our birthdays for the month: **Mary Hill**, **Naomi Tolf**, **Lee Beery**, **Ann Sullivan**, **Kathy Staples**, **Dorothy Ochoa**, **Corrine Geppert** and **Mary Wilson**. Congratulations was sung to all. Verda then recited a Christmas poem for Seasoned Citizens and had everyone chuckling.

**Naomi Tolf** announced our Charity Donations for the year. Our first donation went to the American Heart Association in memory of **Grover Blackburn**. Also, on the list were Redwood Empire Food Bank, Redwood Gospel Mission and Meals on Wheels. Now, we have to start feeding the Charity Box for next year.

Joanne announced two Appreciation Gifts for **Oscar Chambers** and **Barney Hagen**. Oscar is always helping out with all the address labels, badges and anytime we need a new something, Oscar is always there. Barney has kept up our picture album for a very long time. He is always there to take the right picture. A Big Thank You to Oscar and Barney.

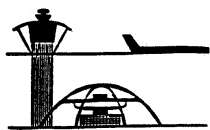
**Barney Hagen** told us that the Pacific Coast Air Museum at the Charles Schultz Sonoma County Airport is about to acquire a truly historic aircraft. The aircraft is a USAF F-15 fighter. This particular one was the "first responder" on Sept. 11. The aircraft was with the

Massachusetts Air National Guard, and was the first fighter to arrive over New York City after the attack. This aircraft will be the premier exhibit at the museum. The pilot that day was a United Airlines Pilot.

Thanks to all. There were many, many toys to distribute to Toys for Tots. They were divided between Santa Rosa, Petaluma and Marin County. **Barney Hagan, Oscar Chambers** and **Ron Huhn** delivered them. After all the festivities, the raffle was held with many people going home with wine, truffles and poinsettias. The January meeting will be held at La Gare in Santa Rosa, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**.

#### Calendar:

**February 10** - Oakmont Inn, hosted by **Maddy McKinis** and **Mary Hill**



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Thanks to reporter, Donna, I have some new news to pass along to you. But first, thanks to all my friends who've given such help and expressed concern about my having to have a pacemaker procedure. It was supposed to be last Tuesday (January 4<sup>th</sup>), but had to be postponed until *next* Tuesday. This, they tell me after I was all hitched up ready for the knock-out drip in the O.R. So, now we un-wire, unplug, un-tape everything and send me home. Bummer! But terrific friends have come forth - a ride to hospital at 5:30am on the 11<sup>th</sup>, **Lu Friel** (retired fm HLWTO) is still able to drive over from LAS to be the helper after I get home.

So, on to the rest of our group. Donna advised she just this a.m. heard that **Ed Clay** passed away on January 6<sup>th</sup>. You can contact his family (his two daughters and a son) by writing them at 933 111<sup>th</sup> Ave., N.E., #350, Bellevue, WA 98004. Ed was dear to so many of us and I know everyone extends deepest sympathy to the family. No plans for services are available at this time, but I'm sure they will be sent out via various lines of communication ASAP.

You can send a get well card to **Howard Lackey** - just don't call him! He's had a vicious case of laryngitis since early Dec. and his doctor ordered *no talking!* Easy for him to say, right? To make it more complicated, at Christmas, he was visiting with family when his sis became ill and had to go to the hospital - more talking required of Howard. He lives at 13856 BoraBora Way #122, Marina del Rey, CA 90292, [sfo2exo2lax@peoplepc.com](mailto:sfo2exo2lax@peoplepc.com). **Tarina Murray** is a real

fighter - having one dumb thing after another go wrong, it seems. In September, she had triple hernia surgery, then in October, underwent a reverse shoulder replacement (sounds awful!). She's pretty much immobile with the shoulder and in a lot of pain. Hopefully, the therapy will do the trick. Cards help - 7619 S. Victoria Av., Inglewood, CA 90306, (324) 756-2710.

Reporter Jim's "News to Share" tells us - Those of you around in LAXRR/FF as well as CLERR and NYCRR back in the 70s-80s will probably remember **Judy Popovitz**. She was a survivor of breast cancer in the early 80s, but succumbed to cancer on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. She was in CLE and was with family members there. Condolences can be sent to her mom, **Elizabeth Popovitz**, 5891 Lotusdale Dr., Parma Hts., OH 44130. **Jim Fuller** (husband of **Donna** who retired from LAXRR & RALRR) died of a massive heart attack on Nov. 29. You can address notes to **Donna Fuller**, 9411 Ramon Rd., #664, Cathedral City, CA 92234-3376 / 760-324-5435 / [FULLERPS2000@aol.com](mailto:FULLERPS2000@aol.com).

Sympathies to all who've lost friends and family members, and very best of luck to those of us trying to get back to whatever is called normal - until next month.

#### Calendar:

All at the Proud Bird, as far as we know now:

**February 3** - Luncheon

**April 7** - Luncheon

**June 2** - Luncheon

**May 22 - 29** - Convention in PDX

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The first breakfast of the New Year was held on January 6 and we had a good turnout. Everyone was in a good spirit of expectation for the coming year and what it may hold.

We do have some sad news to report. Shortly before Christmas, we lost **Frank Smith** who worked for many years on the Ramp in SAN. Also the loss of **Millie Hill**, wife of **Marv Hill**, who worked with us for so many years in Ramp Service. Marv & Millie had just moved into an assisted living residence and Millie passed shortly after their move. I have the address for anyone who would like to send a card to Marv. He is feeling very lost and lonely at this time.

On the bright side, **Kit Fogelman** is visiting with her Mother in Florida over the holidays.

**Bob & Helen Grissom** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 26<sup>th</sup> and Helen celebrated

her birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Don't know what year for her but we wish them the best and with good celebrating going on.

**Barry Constantine** is visiting family in Wisconsin. Perhaps we haven't had enough cold weather here in San Diego to suit him.

That's all for this month. Have a good one and looking forward to seeing you at the next breakfast on February 3 at the Pt. Loma Café.

#### Calendar:

**February 3** - Monthly breakfast at Pt Loma Café at 10:00. Address 4865 North Harbor Dr. San Diego CA. 92106

Spring Fling to be announced.



#### **GOLDEN GATERS** **SFO - BAY AREA**

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If this entire column gets published by the kind and hard-working RUAEA newsletter staff, it will be due to their previously described and generous nature. This past month, medically, many of my limbs and even optical parts have formed a union and have gone on strike. And ... I wish this to be a public apology to the RUAEA Newsletter staff and all of you (59 chapters?) newsletter correspondents across the nation, who do submit their "Local News" columns on time! Someone wiser than I, and obviously knowing I would need this, recently sent me the following little quotation in a pre-holiday "snail-mail" card: *"Some days we have to make our own rainbow."*

We had no December 2010 General Meeting but we did have a mid-month transitional Board meeting and lunch introducing the "new" to the "old", as follows: President - **Ralph Trullinger**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - **Jerome Underhill**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - **Kathlyn Hutt**, Treasurer - **Arthur Barrett**, Recording Secretary - **Donna Taiclet**, Corresponding Secretary - **Helen Cain**, Membership Secretary - **Barbara Underhill**, Auditors - **Judy Curran**, **Ben Vietz** and **Dorothy Reuszer**.

**Kathlyn Hutt** who secures our year-'round entertainment has come up with quite a lovely treat for the month of February: Tony Castle, humorist, songs, stories, memories. He royally entertained the UAL retiree South Bay chapter at their recent annual Christmas luncheon, at which many of our local chapter members were in attendance. Funny, funny man. And do you know, something rare in these "modern days" ... nothing dirty. Prepare to listen, laugh and love this man! (Pass the word/bring your UAL retiree friends.)

Incidentally, Folks ... we still have not acquired a new local Newsletter Editor; **Shirley Campbell** has repeatedly requested **somebody** to **please** volunteer. Shirley will be available to answer all questions and offer suggestions if and whenever you need her.

We also need two Day Tour Coordinators. We are hoping **you** will be able to plan and accompany one outing every 2 or 4 months. Temporarily, our energetic International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has very graciously offered to fill this post. Trips to the Hearst Castle and Solvang are being studied. In addition, if you have any suggestions as to where you wish to go (locally), please contact Ginger **right away** at (650) 579-1234 or email her at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Regardless, and with my vision temporarily impaired, I've borrowed a large magnifying glass to read my mail and emails. I am very much looking forward to our May 22-29, 2011 annual convention in Portland, Oregon and have saved all of the RUAEA newsletter front pages written by Portland Publicity Chairwoman **Kathy Russell**. She is presenting us with great descriptions of what we may expect to see and do in this beautiful city. (I met my soon-to-be husband there at a USO dance. He was absolutely the most gorgeous sailor on the heavy cruiser USS Toledo, Korean War.)

Still speaking about the upcoming Convention, our Golden Gaters chapter may just have the first RUAEA member **Bob Taiclet** to have already fashioned and sent in his contribution for the Arts and Crafts Department raffle. If you remember his donations from the past and even if you don't, Bob is a really great craftsman. If you've ever wondered where the money from the raffle goes, it is to be "seed money" for the next convention.

**Important ... Pass the word, please:** Beginning with our January 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, we will all be "brown bagging" it for the remainder of the year, except for a few (occasional) "special" catered meals. We will be celebrating the "Chinese New Year" at our March 28<sup>th</sup> General meeting. Tickets for this "special" meal will go on sale at our January general meeting.

Another change from our past schedule will be to have our annual autumn picnic (4<sup>th</sup> Monday, September 26 this year) at our usual Foster City location rather than taking the long drive down to Menlo Park. We will be paying the Park and Recreation department for the use of their outdoor grills and eat inside should it rain.

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting, promptly at 11:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (not in September or December or if a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on a holiday). William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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Each week, we look forward to meeting any guests who might be attending our breakfast. This month we were guestless, but do have three new applications for membership. It will be Joan and Nancy's last collaboration on the Newsletter for this year, but Joan will move into next year with **Rosemarie Reichard** as her new collaborator. It has been such fun and Rosemarie will share in that fun next year.

Our December 7<sup>th</sup> winter luncheon was a wonderful success. The warm spirit of the holiday season was evident in all 126 joyful people who attended. It was great to visit with our friends from other RUAEA chapters including Golden Gaters, Gold Diggers and Redwood Empire. It was also our pleasure to have members of RAFA, our retired flight attendants association, join us that afternoon. We are thrilled that all those attending guests from RAFA have decided to join our South Bay RUAEA Chapter. Welcome!

**Dave Saso**, our chapter social coordinator for 2011, is happy to announce that our winter luncheon for 2011 is reserved for December 6<sup>th</sup> and that our same musical entertainers and our Vaudevillian Master of Ceremony will be joining us again at Mariani's.

We are happy that **Dave Saso** was willing to "recap" our wonderful experience at the gala Winter Banquet. **Alex Klaus**, our newly elected President must be thanked again for the photography he provides for all of our events and special breakfasts. One of the leaders of Dave's band of helpers was **Cheri Scales**, grandmother of the EVP Collin, and mother-in-law of the appreciated Nicole, mother of Collin. Nicole is Cheri's computer guru in identifying, labeling and categorizing the donated gifts for our raffle at the winter luncheon.

We were happy to see **Jack & Jeanette Frederickson** back for breakfast after ditching their colds that prevented them from joining us at the winter luncheon; **LaDonna**, our Sunshine Lady is battling the pneumonia that took her to the hospital for a brief visit but she is in good spirits and may be able to attend breakfast next week.

More powerful hopes and prayers for the **Frisch's**. **Jerry** is battling a blood clot in his leg which took him to the hospital and while **Alice** was visiting, she fell and broke two fingers. They looked so nice and chipper at the luncheon. We must will them back to better health.

**Special Thanks** to **Vi Mattscheck** for sharing her

needle pointed tree ornaments from years past, but are still so beautiful.

**Tip:** Trick to good gravy: 3 Tbsp. of bourbon (don't know the source, did we make this up?)

### Calendar:

(8:00 AM Friday Breakfast at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot)

**February 11** - Valentine's Day Themed Breakfast.

**June 14** - BBQ & Picnic at Vasona (Flag Day)



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First of all, I want to wish each and everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and hopefully Santa was good to all. We had a wonderful holiday season, spending time with family and friends and we are blessed to have so many special people in our lives.

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Saddle Creek Resort Restaurant in Copperopolis and was hosted by the officers. It was a beautiful location, the lobby and banquet room were beautifully decorated and the buffet luncheon was excellent. There were 45 people in attendance and we all shared in the Christmas ornament exchange which was a fun event. We also had a raffle of wines from the Verbaere winery which were donated by our President and her husband, Fred.

**Joan Verbaere** resigned as President and after much coaxing and asking someone to step up and volunteer to take over her position, **Don Nesja** volunteered to be President and **Jack Walls** volunteered to be Vice President. This made all the attendees very happy and excited knowing that our chapter will continue to be active.

**George Gemberling** also resigned his position of Treasurer after many years of faithful service. **Rudy Reyna** volunteered to take over as Treasurer. Many thanks to all the past officers and the new officers from all of us.

We are saddened to report that another member in our chapter has passed away. **Charlie Passarell** died on December 14<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. Our condolences go out to his wife **Pat** and the family.

We will not be having a luncheon in January. Our first luncheon for 2011 will be on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at the Pizza Factory in Valley Springs, it will be hosted by **Don & Dixie Powlesland**.

If you would like to join us at any of our luncheons which are always held on the second Thursday of the month, please call our President **Don Nesja** (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

Calendar:

**February 10** – Meeting at the Pizza Factory

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Our November meeting was attended by 23 members and guests. We welcomed **Bob Sample** (SFOLX) who has joined our chapter. It was nice to see **Ruth Kinkaid** back.

The 50/50 was won by **Judy Tiu** and **Marilyn Harguth** won the Marie Callender's pie.

Our December meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 35 members and guests in attendance. It is our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Party and Toys for Tots. There were lots of toys this year, thanks to all who contributed. We were honored by Staff Sgt. Cardon and Sgt. Peterson of the USMC. They were very appreciative and said that the demand this year was much larger than last year. Many thanks to **Shirley House**, **Georgia Bouska**, **Don Rutkowski**, **Jack Smith** and **Jo Payne** for contributing gifts for our door prizes. We had enough so everyone received a prize (plus more). Thank you to **Emma Lou Olson** for bringing candy bars for all. Emma Lou knows of various organizations that recycle Christmas Cards, so bring them to our next meeting.

**Ed Bingle** brought **Bonnie Bingle** and his close friend Mark. **Vilma Patrick** brought her granddaughter, Stephanie. **Tom Johnson** brought his friend, **Ken Davey**.

So nice to see returnees **Len Hale**, **Jackie Ormiston**, **Shirley House & Bill**, **Gus & Sonia Mahler**, **Tom & Barb Cunningham** and **Manny Griego**. **Marilyn & Hoagie Harguth** were unable to attend as was **Adeline Lee**. Adeline had heart surgery, but is doing well and expected to come home soon.

**Gus & Sonia Mahler** are relocating to Southern California. We will miss them. Maybe they will come back for our annual Picnic - Gus has always brought ice cream!

The 50/50 was won by **Rich Bouska** and the Marie Callender's pie won by **Russ Miller**.

Big, big thanks to the Northern Lites for their most generous contribution to the **Al & Cindy Braun** fund. They are most grateful.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

Calendar:

**February 14**

**March 14**

**April 11**

**May 9**

**June 13** - Annual Picnic



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Happy New Year to everyone from the Northstaters! We did not have a meeting in the month of December and I need to make a correction on our meeting place in January 2011. We were supposed to have our meeting at the Holiday Inn in Redding on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30A.M. However, the Holiday Inn was booked solid so to accommodate us; we will be having the meeting/luncheon on Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Because they were booked, they have offered our buffet luncheon at \$7.50. That is a terrific price for a great buffet lunch so we hope to see everyone there! Please RSVP through E-mail or phone so we can get a good head count for the restaurant.

Calendar:

**February 4** - Meeting/Luncheon (Friday) will be held at Holiday Inn in Redding beginning at 11:30AM

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The first Saturday in January was New Year's Day; therefore, the monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center was moved to January 8. We had 55 in attendance. First timers were **Leon Scofield**, **Rich West**, and **Dan Aglor** and it was good to see **Terry**

**Snyder** back.

We were honored with out of town guests **Dan & Georgia Nielsen** from SJC. **Dianne Adkins** brought her mother **Martha Gooselaw**. There were 3 Continental retirees that attended the breakfast, **Leon Scofield**, **Mickey Manfre**, and **Don LeFureg**. Come back next month. We had a birthday girl, **Velma Larson** and of course, we sang Happy Birthday to her, led by **Tom Goodyear**. Or should we say "we attempted to sing". Ha!

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Charlie Hassler**, **Jim Spate** and **Cas Spokas**, thanks folks.

Since the Christmas luncheon, we learned that **John Malloy** passed away on December 14, 2010. Cards can be sent to his wife **Lynne**, at 14227 E. Marina Dr., Aurora, CO 80014-3761. His memorial service was on Jan 5, 2011. Also, **Charles Kern** passed away on December 26, 2010 of a brain aneurism. Cards can be sent to his daughter, Mrs. **Sharlie Morel**, at 1562 Oneida, Denver, CO 80220. It was also reported that **Helen Bullion**, wife of **Curt Bullion** passed away. Helen worked in DENRR and Curt worked in Customer Service. Cards can be sent to Curt at 13952 E. Marina Dr. #104, Aurora, CO 80014. We also learned that **Marlin Lade** passed away on December 24, 2010. Marlin was a Past President of RUAEA and a very well liked man. A Celebration of Life will be held for him on January 24, 2011 at St. Luke's Lutheran Chapel, 2021 West State Road 426, Oviedo, FL 32765. Cards can be sent to his wife, **Marilyn Lade**, at 2958 Arabian Ave., Brighton, CO 80603.

Tom reported that **Vic Serviss** is in hospice with melanoma. Cards can be sent to his home address at 6460 So. Vine, Centennial, CO 80121.



On December 8, 2010 the Mile Highers had their Christmas luncheon at the Holiday Inn with 70 people in attendance. **Ken & Velma Larson** celebrated their wedding anniversary of 62 years. Good to see **Pat & Anne Dulin** and **Marvin & Elizabeth Welt**. First timer

was **Stephen Pahs**. The **Engerts** brought their daughter **Suzanne**. **John Wade** brought **Ellen Pesavento** and **Harvey Collin's** guest was **Jean Thorne**. Special guests were **Stella Mendoza** and **Tom Brunz** from Alliant Credit Union and **Don LeFureg**, the President of the local chapter for Continental's retirees. And as is customary, the retirees brought Christmas gifts for the Star Light Children's Foundation. There were two pickup truck loads of gifts. On the next day, the following retirees helped wrap the Christmas gifts at the Training Center: **Bonita Ades**, **Carol Bare**, **Marv Berryman**, **Laura Coats**, **Ken Drisel**, **Tom Goodyear**, **Martha Gooselaw**, **Ted Griffith**, **Marilyn Hansen**, **Phyllis Jack**, **Janet Meyer**, **Susie Obiatt**, **Jim Odgen**, and **Rich Twardy**. A hearty **THANKS** for all their help! All the gifts were distributed to children during Santa's Sleigh ride and this year Santa's Sleigh was an A320. Pretty neat!

**Tom & Nancy Goodyear's** granddaughter graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with two degrees, Accounting and German. She will be working at an accounting firm in Denver, as soon as she completes her CPA exams.

On December 22, United Airlines hosted the annual Christmas party held at the Training Center. Everyone was invited and many retirees, their children and grandchildren attended. **Tom Goodyear** played his traditional role of "Santa Claus" and **Laura Coats** was "Mrs. Santa Claus" this year. There was plenty of good food and beverages, traditional Christmas carols and a great time for social activities. The kids got a short tour of the simulators and then they got to try out the large evacuation slide that the crews train on. Needless to say, they had a **BLAST!**

Watch your future newsletters for the date and location of the spring luncheon.

#### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!



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There was no regular meeting in December for the Pikes Peak Chapter. The **Stuller** family celebrated Christmas in Albuquerque, NM and New Years in Pasadena, CA. Several employees separated by our COSOZ

station closing in 2006 have found jobs with other carriers. **Susan McComas** has joined Frontier Airlines in Colorado Springs and **Kathleen Miller** was hired by Delta.

Our regular meetings are at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25. Welcome all to southern Colorado!

Calendar:

**January 24** - Regular lunch meeting

**FLORIDA**

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We're experiencing a little of the northern chill down here in sunny FL, but it does remind us of Christmases past when those of us lived in colder climes at this time of the year.

There were 19 Sand“DABS” who gathered together for our Christmas meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club. It was so nice to walk into the private room and see the tables that were so nicely decorated. It was so inviting and festive.

**Jim Meyers** had to cancel, as he went north to be with his mother who is ill. **Rick & Marion Johnson** shared that Rick's son's wife is gravely ill. Our prayers go out to all of them. We learned that **Mary Oliver** is moving away from this area.

Our birthday celebrant was **Lowell Johnston**. He jumped the gun and blew out the candle on our fake cake before we could sing to him. He had to blow the candle out again, so we could have a chance to sing Happy Birthday to him in our usual off-key tradition. Our company Anniversary celebrants were **Larry Horton**, **Marion Johnson** and **Lowell Johnston** - all who retired from UAL in December.

After a delicious luncheon so beautifully presented by the Yacht Club staff, we had a short meeting. We didn't have a 50/50 drawing, but there was a drawing for three little hand-made gifts that Bobbie brought to share. We also took some time to share thoughts and traditions of Christmas memorable to others. Some shared information about special local decorations that one might like to go to see. Prez **Dick Coughlin** shared about the decorating he does around their house, which sounded so very nice.

**Bobbie Rieck** shared a Christmas reading that she had written some years back which was a character study of Joseph, “*The Forgotten Man of Christmas*” that was very informative and interesting. It was a Happy

and Joyous Christmas meeting and we all wished each other a Happy Christmas before we departed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Report:**

Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting of the New Year with the pledge to the flag, and there was a short prayer for a good year and good health for everyone. There were 17 members present which included RUAEA Director **Paul Brown**. We learned **Jo Sanders** is working at a new job. Treas. **Penny Logan** is sick, **Jane Kress** had a Dr. Appt. and **Lowell & Anne Johnston** had just returned from a 14 day cruise. Lowell is not feeling well and they found they have a plumbing problem at their house. We held off taking yearly dues until Penny gets back with us in Feb. **Nancy & Frank Thomas** sold their house in Pelican Bay and will eventually be heading out to CA to be closer to their son.

Our praise items were **Steve & Lillian Moddle's** daughter, after an illness of 10 months, is finally recovering well. She had a serious operation at Mayo Clinic in JAX a few months ago which took care of her problem. Also, **Dick & Frieda Coughlin's** son John is doing so very well after his operation after 3½ yrs. of suffering from an industrial accident. Prayers work!

**Steve Moddle** was our birthday celebrant present. He has admitted to being 75. He & Lil will be off on a cruise later this month to celebrate. Company Anniversary celebrant was our Prez. **Dick Coughlin**, 45 yrs. **Steve Moddle** contributed a joke for Dick to read and **Rick Johnson** got a laugh over that one. **Bud Gammill** won our 50/50. The treasury is building up and we'll be choosing a local charity to gift with money soon.

During the meeting and chatter, people shared about their holiday experiences, parties and good times. **Emily Veracka** spent the holidays in Boston and shared about the snow that was dumped on in that area while there. Director **Paul Brown** shared information for us about the company and on-going working out of details to keep things running smoothly with the merger. The Red Carpet Room will now be called The United Club. Prez. Dick gave us some more information about the company he had and shared other things about what is going on in the industry.

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY: *Women are angels; even when someone breaks off our wings, we still fly ... on broomsticks, that is, we're resourceful that way.*

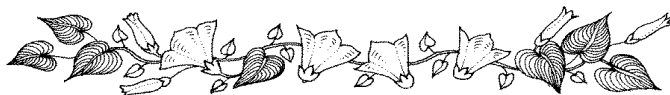
*Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. - Will Rogers*

Calendar:

**February 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**March 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**April 7** - 11:30 - Red Lobster







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Our first Christmas Luncheon held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the new Bonefish Grill, just off airport property, was a huge success! A festively dressed 59 members and guests gathered to ring in the holiday season with a delicious meal that was finished off with a chocolate brownie cake and ice cream dessert! HO! HO! HO! Rave reviews were everywhere! In addition to our regulars, we welcomed **John & Jean Hughes**, CLE snowbirds and now new members!

Also, a nice surprise visit from **John Starzynski**, CLECS retiree, and the return of **Cliff Hill** and **Jerry Crosby** from the Carolinas. **Charlie Ringer** also returned - "*looking good, Charlie*"! It was wonderful to see **Gene Hall**, **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** brought Ernie's sister, **Germaine**, to complete the group!

The group voted on our Christmas donations from the Charity Fund, an additional amount from the General Fund was also passed. We will be donating \$300.00 each to Hospice of the Comforter and to The Russell Home and \$100.00 to the Ft. 93 Memorial Fund. The 50/50 drawing for \$78.50 was won by **Joe Mannella**, who donated the entire amount to the Ft. 93 Memorial Fund, to a round of applause!

The current officers of the Real McCoys Chapter of RUAEA are: President - **Rich Llewellyn**, Vice-Pres. - **Ken Michels**, Treasurer - **Char LeGrand**, Secretary - **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, and Sunshine Lady **Barb Halterman**. Barb asked for volunteers from the membership for any of the positions and found none ... Surprise! We were unanimously reelected! **Again!**

December Birthday Wishes to **Charlie Ringer**, **Jim Hernandez**, **Jane Houston**, **Gloria Armistead** and **Lou Gaydos**! Anniversary Congratulations to the forever-young couple of **Ted & Char LeGrand** (55 years) and to **Dave & Lisa Leighty** (20 years).

The newly re-elected officers opened the first meeting of the New Year on January 4, with the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to 40 "regulars", we welcomed two guests "retirees-in-training", **Laurie Bork** and **Bob Duszynski** to our lunch gathering! We're saving seats - just let us know when!

January Birthdays include **Barb Fitak**, **Jim Mummah**, **Diane Lewis** and **Tom Cannata**.

Happy Anniversary Wishes and Congratulations to **Jim & Pat Hernandez**!

Apologies for this late info: MCO retiree, **Mel Sutton**'s wife, **Betty**, passed away in December after bat-

ting ill health for many years. Mel's address is 8726 Peppercorn Drive, Orlando, FL 32825.

**Stan Halterman** shared some offerings for the calendar below. Call Stan at (407) 852-6773.

- ❖ Two productions at the Osceola Theater: **April 3 @2pm**, "*Chicago*", cost \$13.00. Deadline March 3<sup>rd</sup>, **May 15 @2pm**, "*Barefoot in the Park*", cost \$13.00. Deadline April 12<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **October 16-22** - Smoky Mountains "Show Trip", 7 days/6 nights, \$525.00. This motor coach trip includes lodging (4 nights in the Smokies), most meals, 6 shows.

The RUAEA Chapter of the Real McCoys was all shocked and saddened at the passing of **Marlin Lade**. **Marlin & Marilyn** were our "snowbird members", spending the winter months here, playing golf and enjoying the warmer-than-Denver weather! Such a nice man, with a big smile for everyone. Marlin shared his knowledge and insight on Company issues with us and, as a past RUAEA president, was an enthusiastic supporter of their mission and purpose. He will certainly be missed by all our members. Our deepest sympathy to Marilyn and all their family.

### Calendar:

**First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.** Luncheon meeting at the **Golden Corral**, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

**February 1**

**March 1**

**April 5** - Picnic

**May 3**

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its first meeting of the New Year on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon with 24 members in attendance. A delicious lunch was served, followed by our program. President **Bill Burg** introduced **John Dainus**, our new VP. **John** then introduced **Carol Obermier**, Director of Aviation Marketing at Regional SouthWest Airport (RSW) in Ft. Myers. She noted she met John when she did contract work for UAL several years ago when United had a much larger presence in Southwest Florida than it does today. She now works for the Lee County Port Authority that operates the airport. She highlighted the history of RSW and

how much growth there has been since moving the terminal to its new location in 2005. Currently, there are 43 domestic and 5 international non-stop destinations being served by 20 different carriers. Currently, Delta, Air-Tran and JetBlue are the predominant carriers. The "new" terminal (opened in 2005) is configured for growth up to 68 gates when needed; currently there are approximately 25 gates in operation. Questions were asked, answers given, comments and opinions shared. It was a good discussion.

**Bill Burg** indicated he had heard approximately 70,000 persons had responded to the electronic survey of all UAL and Continental employees regarding future pass travel. That response speaks to the importance retirees and employees place on this travel benefit.

**John Dainus** ran the 50/50 raffle. **Marilyn McNabb** won the \$24 cash prize. Other winners were **Sandy Pryde, Bee McCarthy, Judy Clarke, Ed Clarke, Linda Volz, Rosemary Blake, Marge Burg, Nancy Kopp, Jerry Pryde, and Wanda Schmoyer.**

The members asked **Mel Volz** to reserve the picnic grove for May 6 for our end-of-the season picnic/cookout.

We next meet on February 4. Please join our group if you're visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples area this winter/spring.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> 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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President **Barbara Riecss** called the meeting to order on January 3, 2011 at 11:00AM at Paul's Shrimp House in Tarpon Springs with 26 members and 2 guests.

Minutes for the December meeting were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved.

Treasurer's report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved. It was noted that we gave \$300.00 to our charity which is Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

**New/Old Business:** **Jon Wilkinson** gave a report on the United/Continental merger and the progress being made in various areas.

**Bob Lindstrom** read an article regarding boarding pass rules at Continental stations. He also informed the members of **Marlin Lade's** passing on December 24, 2010. **Jean Linehan** was asked about dues, she stated that they are not due until July. **Jon Wilkinson** reported that there will not be a charge for the picnic grounds on April 4<sup>th</sup> because the area was not clean enough for our October 2010 picnic. Everything is in order for the picnics in April and October.

*Sunshine Report:* **Terri Breslin** passed around a card for **Pearl Quinn** who is recuperating.

Barbara informed everyone that **Bill & Jean Linehan** will be retiring from taking pictures of all our activities and would like someone to come forward and volunteer to take over this position.

Barbara thanked Terri for all her work at our Christmas luncheon and remarked that even though we have had the Jazz Band for many years that it was still very good entertainment and we need to support these young people.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries announced for January.

*Travel:* **Jim Hottel** reported on traveling at Christmas from 12/23 to 12/27 and although all stations were extremely crowded, they were able to get where they wanted to go and return. **Jorge Griva** also traveled during the holidays and mentioned that he had security issues. **Mary Judd** traveled to Dulles and back from 12/21 to 12/29 and her travel was also good.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

#### Calendar:

**February 7** – Paul's Shrimp House, 11:00AM

**March 7** – Paul's Shrimp House, 11:00AM

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Wow! What a way to open the New Year with 19 in attendance and all ready to go, included in the count are 2 new attendees, **Edward & Victoria Snyder**. To think that they have been living right in Jensen Beach, reading our Newsletter every month and finally decided to join us for lunch & meeting; and you guessed it, they became New Members. What a dynamic couple and we are so very happy to welcome them into our group. Since they know a few of our members, we suggested that Vicky get up and introduce herself and give us a rundown on her involvement with UAL. Well, let me tell you she has worked in PBI and MIA and knew **Al**

**Popek, Catherine Coate and Frank & Jane Wise.** Now Ed, on the other hand, has worked in ORF, CHI, DEN, MIA, just to name a few stations, not forgetting the SATO office. Here is a man who likes to see the world and while there, work. Needless to say, it was a very talkative meeting and Ed & Vicky will be back next month. We are more than happy they decided to join us. Vicky read so much about the meet tenderizer and block of wood, she requested that Al bring the gavel down twice, of course, we all got a good laugh as well as, Al. Gosh he loves to oblige, we are all such clowns!

Lots of the conversation during the meeting centered around pass travel, pensions, health coverage and the merger in general. It is very difficult to be involved but not be involved and wonder what will transpire after all the meetings and decisions that will be made. Patience is a virtue and that is what we have to maintain until the chips fall as they say. We are all hoping for a friendly transition and can't wait until it is over with.

We were very happy to have **Bobbie Vitel** come to the meeting; she looks wonderful and is feeling better.

We hope **Frank Wise** is doing well on recovering from his eye surgeries.

**Ron Brodis**, as you know, had knee surgery on December 13 and is recovering quickly at home, getting in home rehab daily. Way to go Ron, we are looking forward to seeing you soon on your new Bionic Knee.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Luster Smith**? If you know her whereabouts, please send me an email or have her call. Her Christmas party invitation was sent back to me so I have no clue where she may be residing. Luster worked at NYCRR, I think they went to IADRR but after that, I'm not sure.

The 50/50 was won by **Chris Taylor** and the progressive was won by **Sharon Kolibab**, but since Sharon & Tom have not arrived from New Jersey as yet, the money goes back into the pot. Sharon & Tom plan on being down for the February meeting.

Birthday wishes to **Catherine Coate** (1/18) and Happy Anniversary to **Al & Janice Popek** (1/28).

*On the Lighter Side:*

- ☺ *Why is the man that invests all your money called a BROKER?*
- ☺ *Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?*
- ☺ *Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?*
- ☺ *Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?*
- ☺ *Why do you drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?*
- ☺ *Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?*
- ☺ *You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?*

- ☺ *Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*
- ☺ *If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?*
- ☺ *Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?*

Now that you smiled at least once, it is your turn to spread the stupidity and tell these to someone you want to bring a smile or chuckle to, we all need to smile and laugh once a day.

Live, laugh and love today don't wait until tomorrow.

#### Calendar:

**February 1** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

**March 1** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

**April 5** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

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**DIXIE FLYERS**

Twenty six Flyers and three guests were in attendance on Wednesday, January 5 at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Melisa Lane** and **Tina Myers**, daughters of **Lyle & Joanna Myers**, always their Mom and Dads and ours, loyal supporters. **Colleen Austin**, daughter of **Don & Mary Lou Sullivan**, was also present. It was good to see Colleen again.

After The Pledge of Allegiance and the Blessing led by **Don Shelley**, we all had a great lunch with good service by two really efficient ladies. **Fred Cron**, our ever reliable 50/50 Director assisted by **Ron Heider**, conducted the drawing. Fred made sure the barrel was "shaken enough" and **Jean Knotts** drew the winning ticket held by **Don Sullivan**. Sully is getting around pretty well now after having his knee replaced, just slowed him down a little.

**Bill Elk** held a short business meeting and asked Flyers who have traveled recently during the holidays, to share their experiences with members on matters such as security, weather delays, cancellations, and how it may have affected their flights. **Bruce Brodersen** added there was not much news to report on the merger as we are still operating under two certificates until later on in the year.

The Flyers donated 15 gift certificates to The Promise Place residents for Christmas this year in keeping with our tradition as in years past. Members are reminded that 2011 dues are being accepted from now until the end of March.

After contacting **Ron Gunny**, he reported that his wife **Pat Gunny** is out of the hospital and in a rehabilitation center now, and is making slow but good progress after a very long illness. Our hearts and prayers go out to Pat & Ron for her continued and complete recovery.

#### Calendar:

**February 2** - Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:00 PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828.

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The Boise Gems had no meeting in January. We did have a nice potluck luncheon at **Shirley & Rick Dempsey's** home on December 8. Their four golden retrievers provided the entertainment when they got out of the computer room and raced to join the party!

At the December 6 breakfast meeting, we decided the February meeting would be a luncheon meeting at JB's restaurant in Meridian at 1:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone on February 7.

#### Calendar:

**February 7** – Meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian

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**Agnes Pearson** clued me in that the Skyliners are thirty years old in 2010, starting in the Wieboldt's restaurant in Ford City. From the original 53, we now have 568 in three group chapters – the Southside, Northside and the Loop Group. We close rank at all luncheons and group activities.

The Southside chapter had 18 for breakfast, missing a few regulars but welcoming a few who returned after

an absence. **Ted Guz** won, won, and his winnings enabled him a trip to Arizona. **Lavonne Halach, Javier Chavez** and **Carlyle Brandt** won the remainder of the cash and two goodie bags donated by **Gwen Brookins**.

The snow didn't keep these couples from tying the knot in winter as proven by **Pat & Ron Artman** with 55 years, **Ann & George Fudge** with 53 years and the senior couple, **Doris & John Daleo** with 58 years. Put them all together and we have a total of 166 years. We seniors know how to keep it all together.

**Connie Stec** flew to Amsterdam, Branson, Albuquerque and Indianatlastic, FL, to check out a Flight Attendant's life but didn't let us know what she thought about it. **Tina Acoba** visited Vegas for the gambling, then to California for a reunion with two brothers and a sister and then on to Portland to babysit two grandchildren and a dog. Perhaps Tina should have done this trip in reverse. **Theresa & John Jones** didn't win the annual pie eating contest in Cabo, VT, but they won first class both coming and going. I'm sure that made the trip worthwhile.

**Pat Muha** left for a tour of Southern India, Goa and Mumbai for three weeks. She says she'll come back ten pounds lighter, whether from weight, luggage or cash is the big question. **Paula Mangino** visited her son who recently moved to California in September but she didn't pass up the slots tournament in where else, Vegas, of course? **Marlene Marsiglia** and her husband visited relatives in September, also the ancient ruins and awesome panoramic views in Cefalu, Sicily.

**Helen Cauwels**, our Midwest Director is starting her Chapter travels. She had a luncheon with the Ohio Buckeyes on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and another at I-Hop with the Indy Racers also in Nov. Main concern in each chapter was that the Travel Benefits Survey was not on Skynet yet. **Pat & Bob Kalicki** are popping buttons due to 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Brandon making them great grandparents in November. Does Brandon know his grandpa is a President? Due to the death last month of "**Packie Parkinson**", **Pedro Franco** has volunteered to carry on the Storekeepers luncheons. This group is very grateful to be able to carry on as a group.

**Pat Artman** organized the Christmas Wish list for needy children with helpers **Ron Artman, Angie Halama, Norm Pearson, Liesel Schroeder** and **Mary Szabo**. That part was very successful and enjoyable but the sad part was that this may be one of last times being in WHQ cafeteria except for the distribution on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from all the generous employees. Will Willis Tower ever make this effort? Only time will tell.

Hopefully, everyone had a thankful Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report

December first found **Helen Cauwels, Angie Halama, Ellen Shofner, Norm Pearson** and **Mary Szabo**



in Soldiers Field distributing all the Christmas presents donated by the HDQ employees to needy children. This was done by a program sponsored by UAL, the Chicago Bears and Mike McCaskey and our own UAL President. Besides the entertainment and a great lunch, the Bears signed autographs and posed for pictures giving these children the thrill of their young lives. It was a win, win, win day for all involved.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we had a grand turnout for our Christmas luncheon, eating the great food at the Avalon. **Rich Surma** created his usual exceptional table decorations, Christmas greetings and name tags in beautiful envelopes. After the cash raffles and a few speeches, our Skyliner President **Robert Jacobson** came to the podium and graciously presented his gavel and a farewell speech to our new President **Robert Kalicki**. Sadly, while we were all enjoying our UAL togetherness, we were stunned to lose "Bob," our Jake, just twelve days later. His Memorial Service celebrating his life on December 28<sup>th</sup> had many Skyliners come to say goodbye. This charming gentleman will be greatly missed by all. Cards may be sent to his friend **Marge Daily** at 456 Millers Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016-2637 for distribution. Ginny and I will miss his usual donation of his martini olives.

**Jim Sommerfield** and son Jim while at a Bears football game in October were privy to Hester tying the NFL record for the most kickoff returns for a touchdown. The second thrill was their children surprising them with a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner party complete with family and friends. He still had time to complete beside the energy to finish his home remodeling in December. Hope he rested up for New Years night.

The Southside had 28 breakfasting December 28<sup>th</sup> including **Elmer Montgomery** who retired with 39 years in Air Freight. His friends there were kidding him about his years, but work? **Rudy Maki** took his raffle winnings to Vegas, but he just helped the economy and helped pay the electric bills for all the holiday decorations. **Marge Caliendo** braved the weather Christmas Eve with her niece to visit another niece in Elgin. Partway home decided to stay in Downers Grove before getting home on Christmas. **Bill Brookins** took a hit after his spill on ice and discovered his head was okay but his body hurt. Both he and his wife **Gwen** won raffle money and made plans to ring in New Years at the Horseshoe Casino. The seed money will be in a slot machine at midnight. Lucky? We'll let you know. **Mary Brandt** along with **Lavonne Halach**, **Bill Adams** and **Marge Caliendo** won the rest of the raffles. Thank you, **Mary Brandt** for filling in for me.

**Nick Romeo** gave me this info from his local newspaper. **Mary Pettinato** inspired by the service of her father and his comrades founded a non-profit organization called Honor Flight Chicago in 2008. They fly

World War II vets to Washington, D.C. at no expense to them. They leave Midway Airport early in the morning, land at Dulles, and ride busses to the World War memorial, other memorials and monuments before flying back. At the end of the day, the vets are greeted by huge crowds with flags and signs. There are no dry eyes. Nick took this trip with his daughter Juliet. Since the organization has no funding but is conducted by volunteers, if you are interested in volunteering, contributing, or signing up a vet, visit [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org) or call 773-227-Vets.

Unfortunately, this report will be ending on another very sad note with the notice that another great gentleman has left us to join his Maker. We received the news that **Marlin Lade** died on Christmas Eve. At this time, no other information is available.

#### Calendar:

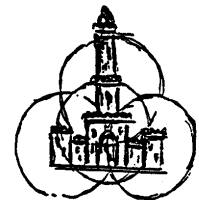
Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**January 25 & February 9**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café & Backereaia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**January 12 & February 8**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month

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There is no luncheon in February and our next gathering will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> which is the usual schedule of meeting on the third Wednesday of odd number months.

#### Calendar:

**February** – No Luncheon scheduled

**March 16** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

**April** – No Luncheon scheduled

*Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.*  
~ Henry Van Dyke

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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I'm back! **Dimple Rihel** had second thoughts about being our correspondent, and **Cheri Innis** convinced me we would make a great duo, so we're sharing. Now you'll get more than one prospective on happenings here in Indy. With the excitement of the holidays over, we settle back into the proverbial "long winter's night" with hopes that it does not include tons of snow or really frigid days. In the Midwest though, it's part of the scene to expect a lot of the white stuff and cold, cold, cold! We'll keep our fingers crossed that it passes us. Having finally added an extra ten inches of insulation in my attic, I hope it helps with the heating bills.

It seems like an annual event as the Indy Colts participate in the NFL playoff. First, against the Jets, then if they win, on to a match up with the Steelers! Care to guess where my support is, I'm a "burg" kid remember.

Many thanks to **Helen Cauwels**, Midwest Director, for her visit to Indy in November. She provided us with timely news from RUAEA, including information regarding the planned survey for standby travel for retirees and active employees. Have not heard the results of the survey yet nor new CO/UA boarding priorities.

Enjoyed lunch with **Bud & Eli Barnett** and **Dimple Rihel** while checking out a new pancake and grill restaurant. They're open for breakfast and lunch only, but as our waitress told us "*we don't want anyone to leave hungry*" and we didn't. Dimple is traveling to Texas for a short stay with **Gail & Warren Allen**. She originally planned to go in December but the flights didn't look good. Bud & Eli are looking forward to a Caribbean cruise later this month. The question is: *Is Russia on the springtime agenda??* **Mary Chandler** and I are traveling to Florida for a "too short" five-day stay.

Happy to hear **Cheri Innis** is recovering nicely from back surgery and she is feeling better, without much pain. I have not heard how **Charles Theiss** is at this time, but expect to see him at our next meeting. **Hannalore & Ray Brabo** have invited a recently retired Continental employee to our January meeting. We look forward his attendance.

Happy January and February birthdays to: **Dimple Rihel**, **Gail Allen** and **John Conway**.

### Calendar:

**February 8** – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd.

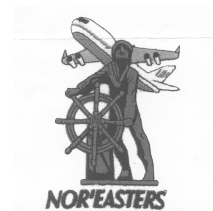
(Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 1:30 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**March 8** – IHOP Restaurant

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters December 14 Christmas luncheon took place at the Danversport Yacht Club, on the Massachusetts coast. A room surrounded by glass sliders, I'm sure a perfect spot for a warm weather venue. Fifty members and guests enjoyed good food and good company. Our senior member, **Bill Shailor**, was accompanied by daughter **Kimberly**. **Anthony Postale** and guest, **Edwina** drove in from Worcester MA. Also, new members, **Norman Hudon**, **Norman Powers** and **Anthony Bosco** were in attendance. Many of our regular Christmas lunch attendees were not present this year. In fact, our group was half the size of a few years past. Only those attending enjoyed the camaraderie and a great afternoon. Our 50/50 winners were **Don Latter**, **Judy Austin** and **Poly Tramontozzi**. Free lunches were won by **Helmut Humbley** and **George Mavreles's** guest, **Gregoria**. Many other Christmas gifts were raffled off, too numerous for me to get names. We missed **Joe Duda & family**, who never miss the Christmas lunch, making **Bill Vanderwal** the individual who drove the furthest to attend, 73 miles.

**Tony & Angelina Bosco** are about to snow bird off to Florida for the winter, joining those who already left us. **Lew & Sylvia Shakley**, there since the first of December, called to say the temp in MA was 15 degrees warmer than FL. Although we didn't consider officer elections at this meeting, someone suggested **Andy Montalto** as future President. Andy's response was that he spent his whole days trying not to make any meaningful decisions. **Bill & Judith Rodenhizer** booked an Eastern Caribbean cruise on the Allure Of The Sea, the biggest and newest passenger liner afloat. I'll be looking for info about this experience on their return. **Bill Shailor**, who always has news for me, advised his niece Barbara left her officers position at the AFL/CIO to join the staff of the MA Secretary of State. Bill, always smiling and our most often raffle winner ever, actually didn't win on this day.

**Lee Lyon** has been considering a hip replacement, but like myself, is waiting for a less invasive procedure. **Helmut Humbley**, who had a replacement last year, had

become an advocate for the operation. He says life begins again when the pain is gone.

**Dolores Berardi** wants to thank the Nor'Easters for all the cards she received when husband **Anthony** passed away. And, for the number of our members present at his "Celebration Of Life". Dolores had no idea how many friends he actually had at United. On our end, Tony will be missed.

**Ray Ouellitte**, 85 years young last summer, moved from MA to Twin Mountains, NH, to live with his son. Twin Mountains is up in northern NH, 160 miles from Boston. At about the four thousand foot altitude, he says they already have lots of snow and is prepared for a long winter. Not sure if we'll be seeing him at many luncheons. So far, Ray hasn't reconnected to the Internet, but when he is, I'll publish his email address so all of his friends can stay in touch.

Well, winter hit southern NH on December 14, a week earlier than the solstice. All the small lakes and streams iced over on this day, but, no snow here yet. Actually, the weather has been rather mild for this time of the year, unlike the mid western US. Yours truly has allowed my beard to grow out as I have been playing Sanity Clause (Santa Clause) for private groups. Keeps my chin warm! After working as a Customer Services Rep for 30 years, I still humbug Christmas. But, it's all about the children.

Our sad news this month is the passing of **Tyrone "Woody" Withrow** on December 22. Woody had an operation at the end of October and by mid December, told me he was finally feeling like himself again. However, he got an infection and while on the operating table the second time, he left us. Another good guy gone much too soon! Woody was a Miami Dade policeman before joining UA in 1968, working customer services. I worked along side Woody at Logan Airport many years. Our first serious winter snow storm made me afraid to drive down to MA on the day of Woody's service. I couldn't see my friend one last time. He will be missed.

The Nor'Easters lost fourteen retirees members, plus spouses from last year's count. We are down 33 retirees from our highest point. The way the industry has turned out, it looks like there may not be many more retirees to come either. We truly worked at a time when our company was the best and we can rest knowing we all made that happen. Unfortunately, I feel our numbers can only diminish in the coming years. So fellow RUAEA members, enjoy our many friends now, while we still can!

February's birthdays: **Gary Bosworth**, **Mark Domurat** and **Josephine Pizzano**.

February's anniversaries: **Robert & Claire Anderson** (60 years) and **Ralph & Elaine Torres** (52 years).

There is no chapter meeting in February.

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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19 Escapees and **Gene Michaels**, guest of **Susy Castora**, drove all the way across MI from Rockford, to join our annual January meet at the Snowman House. We missed those who changed their minds at the last minute, a/c weather, illness and a couple, in fact the first to RSVP that completely forgot until it was over. I will be kind and not mention any names. However, the host and correspondent also forgot to take pictures until almost all had left and her back-up photographers, one claimed she thought her pictures were blurred and the other one was a no-show. I will not mention any names here either. All had a great time though just reminiscing, with lots of stories and laughs. We were all happy to see **Maxine Raymond** back, looking wonderful, after some stent insertions due to a 90% right artery blockage and **Romanita Jenkins** who had been MIA for a year due to medical problems.

Keep in your prayers **Bernie McManus** for a successful surgery on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. for a medical meniscus tear. Right now Bernie along with Cinda are getting ready for the surgery by enjoying a cruise to Antarctica. In addition, **Carol Shaffner** severely cut her hand while removing something from the cupboard and ended up with many stitches. This is not a good way to start a New Year. Some good news; **Larry Beers** (DTWRR) is officially retired as of Dec., 19<sup>th</sup>, Yeah for Larry!

Again, Love and Prayers to **Geri Wimshurst** @ 22757 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI 48128, on the loss of husband, **Jim** who passed suddenly in his sleep. Also to **Irene Szuper** (DTWRR) @ 6680 N. Gulley Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-2093 and sister **Pat**, (who catered the cafeteria at DTWRR), on the loss of their father on December 27. He had a very serious stroke and the girls know he is in a much better place as his quality of life would have been awful, if he had lived. Lastly, Love and Prayers to **Marilyn Lade** on the loss of Marlin on Christmas Eve. Marlin was a wonderful guy and dear friend to RUAEA; all will truly miss him. Condolences can be sent to Marilyn in care of her daughter Michelle Andrews, @ 2958 Arabian Avenue, Brighton, CO 80603.

### Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

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Since the December get-together is in the Christmas holiday season, the Old Country Buffet was decorated & snow was on the ground, making a more festive atmosphere for the 34 Northern Lites who showed up that day.

A few gifts were raffled off, along with the usual 50-50 gamble. This time, however, the raffle was 100-0 ~ all the \$\$\$ collected was raffled as \$10 gifts plus the usual birthday gift. There were four members with December birthdays, so they all rolled the dice to see who won the prize. **Sonja Gunderson**, our perennial raffle-winner, was one of the birthday folks & after rolling only "4" on the dice, made a muttered comment about it being OK because she'd probably win the 50-50. As it turned out, the birthday winner was **Joe Eyestone** who rolled only a "5"! And true to form, **Sonja** then proceeded to have a winning ticket in the 50-50!

Got a report from **Jack Spalding** that he'd spoken with **Jim Wise**, one of our MSP supervisors from the 70's. Now 82, he's facing cataract surgery in the coming months & all things considered, is muddling along fairly well. Those of us who remember Jim send greetings & our wish for a good 2011.

Our pal, **Jack Doke**, is facing some surgery so a call was made to him at his home in Florida. Well-wishes were made to him for a successful surgery & happy Christmas. Cards can be sent to him at 927 LaQuinta Blvd., Winterhaven, FL 33881.

It's with great sadness that we mourn the passing of **Marlin Lade** and contemplate the contributions he made to RUAEA. His straightforward & common sense way of tackling issues was of huge value to the organization. His sunny & caring personality will always be remembered as he & his wife, **Marilyn**, joined in the festivities of the Northwood Loonies semi-annual reunions. He'll be sorely missed.

**Gene & Kookie Delvaux** recently returned from their 32<sup>nd</sup> cruise which was aboard the "Oasis of the Seas", one of Royal Caribbean's newest luxury liners. They were blown away by the size and amenities of the ship & said they took about 1,000 photos, some of which they shared with us.

Speaking of cruises, **Nel Brawner** suggested that our chapter think about taking a cruise one of these days. Since the **Delvaux**'s are old hands at ferreting out reasonable & interesting cruises, they were tasked with looking into the options for us. Discussion of this idea

will be brought up in the following months.

**Mary Kilian** related an incident which happened to her on the way to the doctors' office recently. She was entering the building & literally bumped into a fellow, both of them apologizing for the contact. She looked up into the 5-days growth of Brett Favre, aging quarterback of the Minnesota Vikings! Boy, did **that** make her day!

There was a buzz of discussion about the Pass Policy Survey. There was resentment that it was available only on the Internet, giving those who choose not to own or use computers the impression that their opinions were unimportant. Since all the active employees have access & are probably required to use computers in their work at some time or another, it seemed that retirees were being singled out for exclusion. The questions on the survey seemed skewed to the CO point of view ~ if one agreed with a portion of a question, one had to be careful in case you didn't agree with all of it. The comparison of the current policies made it apparent that the CO policy was unnecessarily complex & hard to administer. Given the fact that the new head of HR for the combined companies came from CO, the coming new policy is worrisome to all of us who have enjoyed UA's retirees-first policy for all these years.

Candid photos were taken of those attending & will be brought next time. A few shy ones wouldn't allow their photos to be taken, notably **Diane Storlie**, **Dee Eyestone** and **Alice Hendrix**. Hey, you girls don't look too bad ... certainly you're no worse for the wear than any of the rest of us!

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

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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What a fun and happy time we had at our Christmas party at Anthony's with 55 in attendance. Thanks to **Ev & Shirley Payton** for hosting and **Keith** for taking the money and reservations in advance. Everyone enjoyed our guest singer, **Michael Lyon**. Thanks to **Dave Letts** for calling our Christmas Bingo. That game wouldn't be the same without him.

I'm afraid I have given you lots of sad news this year and there is more to come. **Bob Kraft** passed away on December 4 after a short illness. A Memorial Service was held on December 9 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn. Our sincere sympathy to **Carolyn**



and her family.

**Louie Stankoski** is home after having lung surgery and is doing well. He did spend a week recuperating at his brother's residence, and now has visiting nurses come in since he is at home. At this time, he needs no chemo which is wonderful news.

**Paul Steuri** is still at Hillcrest Rehab. He did see his doctor on the 7<sup>th</sup> and he gave him permission to start putting weight on his leg a little at a time. He will see the doctor again on January 4<sup>th</sup> and will know then if he can be released from the rehab center. This has been a very long stay for Paul and he is anxious to get back home.

**Carroll & Rose Ballard** are both at the St. Jo Nursing Home taking rehab. Carroll had prostate surgery and is feeling much better. Rose is just trying to get strong enough to go back home.

We are happy to welcome new members, **Colleen & Jim Hardick**, 5017 S. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave., Omaha, NE 68127, Phone (402) 339-0763. Colleen worked in the sales office and later worked with **Johnny Orchard** at the United office at the Offut Air Force Base.

We were notified of the death of **Eddie Quinn**, Aurora, Colorado. He had been to our luncheon in June. His service was at Christ the King here in Omaha on November 29.

Eddie was never a member of our Retiree group, but always kept up with us via the RUAEA publication.

Another really nice story concerning a granddaughter of **Mel Harrison**. Many of you met **Cassandra (Casey) Harrison**, daughter of **Gary Harrison**, Mel's youngest son, at Horseman's Park a couple of years ago. Casey decided to follow in the footsteps of her father and became an Air Force pilot. She is now on her second deployment tour in the MC-12 plane and has been transferred from Iraq to Afghanistan. She has been upgraded from co-pilot to Aircraft Commander which means she is responsible for all decisions made on the plane and for ensuring the aircraft is safely brought back. She has flown over 100 missions and has 500 hours in this type of plane. She is happy to note that there is a Baskin Robbins Ice Cream with hot fudge in the chow hall in Afghanistan, so she is set. What a proud moment for Mel having a granddaughter with such high expectations.

Remembering our members who passed away this year – they will be missed: **Harold Rowe** (May 2), **Wes Wilbur** (August 17), **Marge Stankoski** (October 2), **Karlo Jeppesen** (October 2), **Charlie Shook** (October 24), **Bob Kraft** (December 4).

*What I need to live has been given to me by the earth.  
Why I need to live has been given to me by you.*

*~ Author Unknown*

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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The Christmas party started at 11:30 with 53 persons in attendance. The luncheon was served at noon and it was delicious. We were concentrating only on the festivities of this encounter and had a raffle of 50/50 plus exchange of gifts, all persons attending brought a gift and got a ticket number, then the tickets were raffled off.

Our 2011 year Las Vegas Gamblers Board members are:

- ★ President – **John Albert**, (702) 258-4299
- ★ Vice President – **George Fox**, (702) 642-5056
- ★ Treasurer – **Winnie Stone**, (702) 361-5839
- ★ Secretary – **Baldor Ziel**, (702) 616-9690
- ★ Sunshine Lady – **Eleanor Vasko**, (702) 898-0561

We also have two stand-in members: **Michael Vasko** as Substitute President and **Leonor Vasko** as Substitute Secretary, in case one of us cannot make it to a meeting.

Las Vegas added another Luxurious Hotel Casino, "The Cosmopolitan". Look it up! It is amazing that with the financial situation of this state that they keep adding these huge buildings with over a thousand rooms in addition to the existing availability, I did not visit this place so there is no description of all the new stuff they have.

See our new chapter logo; this was the first time I could get a full view of the Dam and that of the new bypass bridge.

If you visit Las Vegas and we happen to have a meeting during your stay, you are all invited, contact our treasurer **Winnie Stone** at (702) 361-5839, the cost is \$19.00 per person for a sit-down served lunch, coffee, tea included.

### Calendar:

**February 8** - 11:30 am, Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200.

**April 12** - 11:30 am

**June 14** - 11:30 am





## **RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP**

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The weather certainly cooperated for us this year and 29 members made it to our annual Christmas luncheon at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant at Lake Ridge Golf Course.

The attendees included the **Reeds** from So. Lake Tahoe, **Sylvia Pendleton & Ed Williams** from Spanish Springs, and **Maurine Williams**. The **Flanagans** also joined us from their home nearby. Of course, we had a small contingent from the Reno area – The **Robinsons**, the **Perkins**, the **Zobolis**, **Mary Withers**, the **Wagners**, the **Miskers**, the **Knutsons**, the **Klemms** and the **Comptons**, as well as **Ann Batty** to name a few. The **Stephens** and **Pat Nettles** came up from Carson City. Everyone arrived well wrapped up against the chilling cold.

**Mary Withers** won the 50/50. In addition, everyone walked away with a great prize.

We collected \$200.00 for the Food Bank.

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

## **NEW JERSEY**

### **THE GARDEN STATERS**

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The Gardenstater had their holiday luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup> and what a crowd. There were over 80 people attending and a lot of them came out of the woodwork. Needless to say, our get-together extended into the luncheon just to catch up on old times and old friends. **Dick Confer** welcomed everyone and it is such a pleasure to see so many whom we haven't seen in quite awhile. He hoped they would continue to come to our meetings.

Dick brought up the latest news about the merger. A big discussion was held about the so-called survey that the company was giving on our pass system. Many talked about the "trick questions" that couldn't even be answered. We hope that common sense would prevail

and we keep the United system. Also, the petition that is being circulated was discussed. **Violet Etler** will e-mail it to all the members so they can decide if they want to sign it.

There were many door prizes and 50/50. Dick wished everyone a happy holiday and hoped the New Year is a good one.

## **Calendar:**

**January 26** - Meeting

## **OREGON**

### **OREGON DEW-ER'S**

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It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm at the Christmas luncheon. **Dee & Bob Boelter** made lovely table decorations using the new battery operated candles and they were auctioned off at the end of the meeting. **Joe & Betty Alff** arranged for three fiddlers to entertain the group. It was a very festive meeting and thanks to all of the good cooks who brought delicious desserts. **Charlie Stemper**, our outgoing president, recognized everyone who had participated in making 2010 a good year for the Dew-er's.

Santa Claus arrived on schedule to give out the prizes. He has been "played" by **Harold Miller** for many years and Charlie recognized him by giving him and **Anna** a free lunch at the next meeting they attend.

There were many prizes given away but **Ron Gurski** brought eight hand carved toys to be given away and they were a big hit. The winners of the toys were **Betty Alff**, **Jerri Blodgett**, **John Carter**, **Marge Curtis**, **Chuck Falbo**, **Ashley Hall**, **Jack Hooper** and **Anna Miller**. Wine and restaurant gift certificates were won by **Joe Alff**, **Bob Boelter**, **Angie Brown**, **Jean Edwards**, **Mary Lou Falbo**, **Jane Futrell**, **Lorie King**, **Inge Pempeit**, **Lois Pitman**, **Dave Smith**, **Mike Thomas** and **Ella Wroe**.

On top of all of those prizes, the monthly drawing winners were as follows: Door Prize - **Louise Robillard**, Women's birthday - **Nadine Holten**, Men's birthday - **Dick Wahlberg**, Anniversary - **Mac & Naomi Heywood** and 50/50 - **Lorene Ludeman**.

It is with sadness I report the death of a special member of our chapter, **Malcolm (Mac) Heywood** who died on December 20 of heart failure. Mac was a young 101 years old with a remarkable memory and you often found members asking him questions about the past. He

and Naomi were at the Christmas luncheon and won the anniversary prize. He is survived by his wife Naomi, daughter Diana, son Geoffrey and grandchildren. Mac retired from UAL in 1973 as an Account Executive. There is to be a memorial service on April 23, 2011 in Vancouver, WA.

**Robert (Bob) Anderson**, PDXMM died on December 17 of Parkinson's disease. He is survived by **Phyllis Masters Anderson**. There was to be no funeral.

Please remember both Mac and Bob and their families in your prayers. Our condolences go out to all of them.

**Jack Curtis** had cancer surgery and expects to make a full recovery and **Joe Mortensen** has been ill. Get well soon!

A reminder to all that dues are due on March 15 and if you haven't paid and don't expect to make a meeting before the deadline, please mail your dues to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97220. The dues are now \$5.00 for a single person and \$10.00 for a couple.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

**February 9** - Valentine's Party

**March 9** - TBA

**April 9** - Easter Celebration

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It was with pleasure that twelve volunteers prepared dinner for The Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington, Del. at the A.I. Dupont Children's Hospital on Nov. 22. Hats off to all for a job well done. **Al & Kathy Edwards** are weekly volunteers and coordinate the dinner for us.

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 15 members and friends attended the *Miracle Of Christmas* at Sight and Sound in Strasburg, PA. It is a remarkable drama of the birth of Jesus.

December 13<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Christmas party at the Ramada Inn. 34 attended and had a good time with games, Christmas Bingo and a silent auction draw-

**Top row: Frank Eggles, Joyce Lindenmuth, Tom Lyons, Al Edwards.**



**First row: Leo Neelan, Charlene Neelan, Dee Burrs, Gail Bradley, Marge Eggles, Pat Lyons, Shirley Roberts, Kathy Edwards.**

ing for items made by members. Shoe boxes full of items for veterans at Coatesville Hospital were donated for Christmas. Needy families receive help for Christmas as suggested by our members.

We suspend our meetings for January and February. We will see you all on Monday, March 14 at the Ramada Inn in Essington.

**Bill Carmen** is being treated for a serious illness. Please send cards. He requests no emails. Our love goes out to him.



#### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Happy St. Valentine's Day to one and all and hopefully, the terrible towels will be flying at a Super Bowl Victory.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our friends throughout the system for all the kindness, well wishes and support during the Holiday season. I didn't realize how much the loss of my dear niece Jana Marie would affect me during the holidays. It was a truly difficult time; I was even admitted to the ER, spent the Christmas Eve and day in bed and totally out of it. It was eased somewhat by all of your prayers and well wishes. Thanks so much!

The Pit-Stoppers held their annual Christmas luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. Each member received a Christmas card along with a Steelers Lottery ticket, compliments of the local chapter. We didn't hear of any big winners though.

**Treatie Karwoski** gave us an update on the National RUAEA and asked if anyone was interested in running for the Northeast Director position. Treatie's

term will expire this year.

New officers were installed. They are: President - **Jeri Juth**, VP - **Cathy Matteson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - **Dave Beatty**, Secretary - **Lorraine Keith**, Treasurer - **Olga Karmazyn**. Former President **Ken Wolfe** will serve on the board. **Barb Seaholm**, **Ken Wolfe** and **Vic Ference** were all commended for a job well done.

**Joan & Vic Ference** celebrated their "1<sup>st</sup> Date" which occurred 57 years ago, must have been a good one – they're still together.

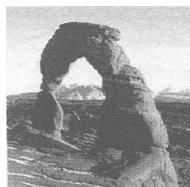
We were all saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend **Marlin Lade**. Marlin was a former President of RUAEA and prior to that, was Mr. EXOTD. Marlin was one of the finest examples of a true and dedicated UALER. He belonged to the "old school" of greats - like **Pat Patterson**, **Frank Murdock**, **Sam McDermott**, **Mort Wax**, **Jim Fauber** - just to mention a few.

Our condolences and prayers go out to Marilyn and family.

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On January 4, 14 chapter members met. As usual, Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** & wife **Judy**, and Chapter Treas. **Frank Christenson** & wife **Susan** provided the donuts and set up the coffee/tea table. Thanks to all of them.

We greeted **Hank & Mary Bons**, **Paul Scoville**, **Richard Papworth**, **Lila Maughan**, **Fran Cantonwine**, **Frank Murdock**, **Bill Berg**, and **George Dalton**. **Shirley Scown** conveyed greetings from her son, **Mike**, who usually accompanies her but could not be there due to work duties.

We also missed a lot of our other regulars on this very cold morning - fortunately, there was no snow-storm.

We were again reminded that our very professional & proficient Pres./Treasurer team will not serve beyond mid-2011 but is asking the membership to put up names for the posts by the August 2011 picnic. By then, **Clair Anderson** and **Frank Christenson** will have served in these capacities for 3½ years. We shall sorely miss their good services for the benefit of the chapter membership.

During the reminiscing session about our UAL careers, the topic of the Dec. 16, 1960 aircraft accident over New York City was discussed, involving UAL's DC-8 & TWA's Constellation. A *NY Times* article, re-

printed in the local *SLC Tribune*, brought details of the crash and photos of the crash site, bringing the horror of it to the mind of **Frank Murdock**, then based at LGA. The report also indicated that this incident "*left a legacy of improved air safety in its wake after crashing one mile above Brooklyn's Park Slope.*"

### Calendar:

**February 1** - Coffee & Donuts 10 A.M., Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

**March 1** - Lunch 2 P.M., (menu \$\$), Robintino's, 1385 S. 500 W., Bountiful.

**April 5** - Coffee/Donuts - 10 A.M., Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

## WASHINGTON

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This is the perfect time to recognize the Emerald City Slickers' officers for 2010-11. All have spent many hours planning our meetings and seeing that business runs smoothly. Congratulations on jobs well done to: President **John Haferbecker** (SEARR), Vice-President **Phyllis Bowman** (SEACQ), Treasurer **Helen Stanger**, Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk** (SEARR), Membership Secretary and Luncheon Coordinator **Mary Luke**, Travel Desk Manager **Bob Brumfield** (SEACS), RUAEA National Newsletter Correspondent **Gay Liesse** (SFOED) succeeding **Dee O'Donnell** (SEARR), Sunshine Lady **Marlene Nelson**, *Contrails* editor **Vicki Shumaker** succeeding **Lu Gardiner** (SEARR), and *Contrails* Coordinator **Phyllis Bowman** (SEACQ) assisted by **JoAnn Bernovich**, (SEAHH), **Nancy Langervall-Ference** (SEAPV), and **Betty Paul** succeeding **Ginger Phelan** (SEARR).

Meet our outgoing president, **John Haferbecker**, known to many throughout the system. **John** was born and raised in Wisconsin with his formative years spent in Wautoma, about 40 miles west of Oshkosh B'Gosh. Post-secondary education included a BBA degree from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from Northwestern. While undergoing Army officer's training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas in 1964, **John** met his wife, **Adelaide**, an Army nurse/lieutenant. As an Army lieutenant himself, **John** served in Verona, Italy, in 1964-65. The **Haferbeckers** were married February 12, 1966, in Birmingham, Michigan and have four children and eight grandchildren.

**John** joined the United Airlines Accounting Department at EXO in April 1966 and held positions in three different departments, being promoted to management in EXO Personnel Administration (later called System Personnel) where he worked until 1974. One of his responsibilities was to organize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinners, usually held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. In July 1974 **John** moved to the Pacific Northwest and the UAL Flight Kitchen as Business Manager, a title later changed to Manager-Administration, which included administrative responsibility for both Seattle and Portland's Flight Kitchens, remaining in that position until the Kitchen was sold to Dobbs International in 1994. After two years as a Dobbs employee, **John** returned to United as a Reservations Agent until his May 1, 2003 retirement. The Emerald City Slickers welcomed **John** as our chapter's vice president in 2006, and he succeeded to the presidency in January of 2007. He has served above and beyond the call of duty in leading the chapter through turbulent times for both our group and the company. **John** will be sorely missed as the Slickers' leader. We wish him well, as he deals with health problems and look forward to seeing **John & Addy** at chapter functions.

With no meeting in December and an early January deadline for this issue, we don't have the usual news to report. But we extend greetings to our members observing special dates. Happy January Birthday to **Bob Brumfield, Paul Burton, Virginia Dice, Sidney Harris, John Reed,** and **Steve Story!** Couples who celebrated January wedding anniversaries included almost-newlyweds (4 years) **Gary** (SEACG) and **Carol Moless-Maxwell** and long-timers (57 years) **Ted & Thelma Parks** (SEALP). Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

Our February babies include **Helen Ebert** – an awesome 98, **Phyllis Lindblad,** and **Fern Lockhart.** Those couples celebrating anniversaries this month are **Blaine & Vivian Anderson** (57 years) and **John & Adelaide Haferbecker,** observing a special 45-year milestone.

For the fourth time in the past six years, **Kent & Carol Soffel** (SEARR) have been awarded first prize for sailing the best-decorated ship in the nighttime 2010 Argosy Cruises Christmas Ship Parade, which features decorated sail and motor boats behind the brilliantly lighted Argosy "mother ship" to entertain folks along beaches and docks around Puget Sound. Choirs perform from the Christmas Ship at its various stops during December. The WINDY-i, a 58-foot Hatteras motor yacht, met fierce competition this year, but the lighted winter scene (Santa, reindeer and a forest of trees on the top deck and lighted snowflakes and candy canes decorating garlands around the perimeter) created by **Kent & Carol** prompted the judges to award first prize to the **Soffels** after the parade finale December 23. They fea-

tured a Christmas tree and other decorations inside the yacht. **Carol** reports that it takes about six weeks to decorate and one day to take it all down. Sound familiar? **Carol** also relates that they participated in a Predicated Log Race to Alaska on the "Capitol (Olympia) to Capitol" (Juneau) race last summer from May to September. The **Soffels** have been boating for years and bought their first big boat about 25 years ago.

Others celebrated the holidays with families and friends on the road and at home. It might be interesting to know how many of our retirees flew on United Airlines. Apologies from your editor for not sending out a questionnaire to learn how fellow retirees celebrated, but she does know that **Richard Devereux** and **Noreen Krawczyk** (SEARR) were with their families in Indiana and Michigan. **Gay & Ed Liesse** (SFOED) drove to Eugene, OR for their grandson's early-January wedding.

We sadly report that retiree **Renee Patterson** (SEARR) has been diagnosed with cancer and is hospitalized in California. Her daughter, **Renissa,** requests our prayers. You can send cards or notes to **Renee** at P.O. Box 1705, Wildomar, CA 92595.

**Mary Weseman** has suffered a mild stroke and is convalescing at home. We regret to report the deaths of **Jackie Dapp,** wife of **Ray Dapp** (SEAFO), **Darleen Schroeder** (SEAHH), and **Marlene Schurman** (SEARR), wife of **Gordon Schurman** and sister-in-law of member **Shirley Shurman** (SEARR).

Many thanks to **John & Mary Luke** for arranging our January and February luncheons at Fairwood Golf and Country Club and to **Vicki Shumaker,** new editor of *Contrails*, our Seattle chapter's newsletter. Congratulations, **Vicki,** on a great first issue from one editor to another. As always, we extend our appreciation to **Sidney Reed** (SEARR) and **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH) who accept reservation calls for our monthly luncheons and report them to the "authorities."

#### Calendar:

**February 8** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**March 8** – To be announced

**April 12** – To be announced

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

The Dulles Loungers gathered on December 8 to



celebrate the Holiday Season! The members generously donated dozen of toys for "Toys for Tots" sponsored by the United States Marine Corps. We piled the boxes and toys over 3 large tables and the variety was endless!

We were honored to have two members of the United States Marine Corps (wearing dress blues, so good looking) in attendance and they joined us for lunch and camaraderie with the members afterwards.

We passed the hat and collected \$400.00! Thank you Dulles Loungers for your generosity!

We had a very good turnout, perhaps the nice weather and the promise of a festive atmosphere, produced over 80 members. It was wonderful to see members who are not able to attend regularly.

This correspondent took a Christmas cruise on Holland America Lines and departed from San Diego on December 18 on a 8 days cruise to the Mexican Riviera. The itinerary included stops at Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, La Paz and Cabo San Lucas. A full day at each port was offered and many passengers went ashore for a tour. The weather was perfect and everyone was in a holiday spirit! Christmas Day was spent at sea, and we all rested up by the pool to get ready for the fabulous Christmas Dinner!

The ms Oosterdam was beautifully decorated throughout the ship with the most glorious fresh flower arrangements and silk flowers. Many Christmas trees were decorated in different styles all over the ship. A big crowd gathered on Christmas Eve to watch the Captain switch on the lights of the official ms Oosterdam Christmas tree! It was a Christmas to remember!

#### Calendar:

**February 9** - 1230pm, Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109

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From all of us in Clipped Wings®, we wish all of you in the RUAEA family a Happy St. Valentine's Day.

Our major event this year will be attending the Memorial Service in Shanksville, PA ~ On September 11, 2011 many of us in Clipped Wings® will be attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United's flight #93, in Shanksville PA. At our National Convention in 2010 in Nashville TN, we voted to donate \$4,000 to help with the restoration and addition of the Memorial Chapel that is

near the crash site. I hope we will meet some of you there as well.

Have you purchased your Clipped Wings® airplane scarf? They are still for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is still only \$20.00, plus \$2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves help support Special Olympics.

The International Special Olympics will be held in Athens Greece this summer 2011. Clipped Wings®, as a group, will not be attending the Games in Greece. We are donating over \$10,000 in Clipped Wings® Parents Grants to help parents of athletes from the United States attend the Games as their athletes compete. Our committee headed by **Patti Jacoby** (MAL) will review the applications and award the grants.

We are still actively recruiting new members for Clipped Wings®. If you are a former Stewardess, for United or Capital Airways, or a present flight attendant and would like to be part of Clipped Wings®, please visit our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com) or contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). We look forward to having you join us.



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Thank You!

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Retiree - **Yencich, Margaret A.**, on 1/5/11, WHQPZ, wife of Frank, 24 Bardsey Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60194

#### **October 2010 SkyNet Listing**

**Angulo, Ernesto G.**, SFOMK 10/17/10  
**Aue-Sanchez, Felipe**, LAXFO 10/02/10  
**Bentham, Mary C.**, SFOCS 10/09/10  
**Berardi, Anthony P.**, BOSoz 10/26/10  
**Bossio, Joyce M.**, LAXRR 10/18/10  
**Bremer, Reinhard M.**, JFKMM 10/14/10  
**Brown, John W.**, IADCS 10/14/10  
**Bryden, James**, LAXGQ 10/14/10  
**Cavallo, Sam**, ORDMM 10/21/10  
**Clark, Robert**, DCAMM 10/15/10  
**Cloonan, Dennis L.**, SFOFO 10/04/10  
**Conklin, Jerry O.**, SFOFO 10/14/10

**Conlon, James E.**, IADCG 10/13/10  
**Cook, Joseph Randolph**, SFOFO 10/20/10  
**Cronin, David**, LAXFO 10/02/10  
**Cushing, Rheo**, JFKSW 10/13/10  
**Dickson, Gene A.**, CLECG 10/18/10  
**Douglas, Harold M.**, DSMOZ 10/29/10  
**Eden, Mamie L.**, LAXMK 10/25/10  
**Gee, Kymond T.**, SFOCS 10/05/10  
**Gress, John L.**, SFOEP 10/31/10  
**Hanna, Philip C.**, DENCs 10/09/10  
**Hanou, Neeltje J.**, DENKD 10/17/10  
**Hinson, Dallas M.**, DCAFO 10/08/10  
**Irwin Jr., George F.**, SFOFO 06/29/10  
**Jacobson, Alice H.**, WHQWS 10/28/10  
**Jordan, Robert L.**, PDXMM 10/20/10  
**Lee Jr., Van N.**, SFOBL 10/20/10  
**Long, Lawrence J.**, SFORN 10/28/10  
**Matsuda, Daisy H.**, DENHH 10/01/10  
**Mc Dowell, John D.**, SFOFO 07/15/10  
**Mendez, Doris S.**, JFKCS 10/17/10  
**Moore, Irvin C.**, LAXMQ 10/09/10  
**Moore, William D.**, INDMG 10/27/10  
**Mueller, Richard F.**, DENMA 10/23/10  
**Napohaku, Isaac K.**, LAXCG 09/18/10  
**Newsome, Cheryl L.**, LAXSW 09/26/10  
**Peet, Roger I.**, IADRR 09/01/10  
**Phillips, Charles D.**, SFOOV 09/05/10  
**Polhill, Roy E.**, INDAF 09/24/10  
**Ptak, Damian A.**, ORDMM 09/19/10  
**Rezabek, Judith A.**, WHQCJ 09/04/10  
**Richardson, Larry T.**, PDXMM 06/17/10  
**Ross, Robert J.**, SFOIQ 09/07/10  
**Rothermund, Douglas K.**, DENTK 09/19/10  
**Row, Allan A.**, DENPV 09/17/10  
**Saldanha, Leonard J.**, SFOLE 09/03/10  
**Sather, Theodore J.**, SFOPD 09/01/10  
**Scott Jr., Edward**, ORDFF 09/09/10  
**Seth, Roy A.**, SEAFO 09/14/10  
**Sheldon, William B.**, ORDCG 09/09/10  
**Singley, Roy G.**, SFOPD 09/29/10  
**Smith, Glenn B.**, SEAFO 08/15/10  
**Spencer, Hershall I.**, DENFH 09/23/10  
**Sperb, Lyle L.**, PDXMM 09/30/10  
**Staples, Alvin V.**, PHLMM 09/30/10  
**Stokes, James H.**, DCAMM 09/25/10  
**Stovall, Garfield R.**, EWRMK 09/15/10  
**Swann, H Kirk**, DCAFO 09/24/10  
**Syrstad, Bruce C.**, SEAPV 09/27/10  
**Tormey, Charles G.**, LAXMM 09/20/10  
**Turner, Noble L.**, LAXCS 09/25/10  
**Vaughn, Robert D.**, SFOJZ 09/29/10  
**Wallace, Jo Ann L.**, JFKSW 09/02/10  
**Weaver, Dorothy A.**, LASHH 09/18/10  
**Wise, Robert J.**, MRYOZ 09/02/10  
**Wisecup, Gayle N.**, SFOEG 09/07/10



## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

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Letters Editor

Hi members,  
I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

### WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Robert Alexander, Betty Jane Ballash, Kathryn Baran, Peter Bilsich, Dola Boals, Michael Bowles, Christopher Brown, Edward Carnes, Beatrice Caudie, Frances Chambers, Kevin Dillon, Maxine Dixon, Amy Ellis, Jeannie Evans, Nora Fitzpatrick, Liz Fujimori, Joan Gisle, Bonnie Goodman, Rose Marie Gonzalez, Helene Guay, Alice Hockensmith, Gertrude Holmbo, John Hombaker, William Kemmler, William Krainak, John Larson, Joyce Lopez, Mac McWhorter, Frank McAnulty, Russell Miller, Geraldine Milner, Joann Mochinal, Margo Montelongo, Jacklyn Muller, Susan Neumeier, Joyce Richter, James Stevenson, Marian Swanson, Kazuko Tajii, Robert Templeton, Barbara Weir, Norman Wilkinson, Doris Williams, Bob Woods, Bernice Wright.

### 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.)*

#### **Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307 Newtown Square, PA 19073**

Thank you, UA Retirees, for your support for the 93 Memorial Chapel. Total donations now exceed \$14,000.00. Great, keep the donations coming. We have been advised the cost to enlarge the Chapel will exceed \$50,000.00. Should you wish to donate, make a check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to the Chairman: Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike,

B307 Newtown Square, PA 19073.

A quote from Charlene Takeguchi of Chatsworth, CA ~ "9/11 is a day our Family (UAL) will not forget the sacrifices made by others".

Have a great year.

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

It is hard to realize that it is December again and another year (75) has crept up on me. Living the past year alone without my dear wife was quite challenging to say the least. But the support from my family and my many good hiking friends helped me through some of the darker days. I do try to stay active though. A long planned trip to Australia finally became a reality in March and I recently returned from Central America, visiting the Mayan temples of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize.

During the year, hiking friends invited me on a backpacking trip to the Lost Coast of Northern California and also a 22 mile trans-Sierra hike. In late August, I had a chance to explore the White Mountain area in Southern California. The area is known for the Bristlecone Pine forests, the oldest living things on earth. While there, I could not resist walking up to the top of 14,200 ft White Mt.

You folks responsible for our monthly newsletter continue to do an outstanding job and my many thanks go out to you again. Merry Christmas to all of you, and until next year, I remain respectfully yours.

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

I have had a good year health wise with minimal pain which I am most thankful for.

I had cataracts removed from both eyes and I was amazed at how blue the sky really is.

I have done lots of flying travel. I took an Alaskan cruise out of Vancouver, Canada; and it was great. Happy New Year to everyone.

#### **Trevor Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, rigger6@cox.net**

It's unbelievable that another year has gone by. Let's hope 2011 is a little kinder! It's been 21 years since I folded up the tent and departed SFOIQ, seems like only yesterday (not quite).

After all this time in Arizona, we finally saw light snow falling in S.C.W. It did not stay around except on the mountain tops and was quite a pretty sight. We also had a couple of days of freezing temperature and I did not care for that one bit, but compared to the rest of the country, it was a minor event.

I guess we are all waiting to hear what the pass policy will be. Hopefully, they will stay the same!



I still enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter. Thanks again to the RUAEA staff for their effort!

**Phil O'Neil, 959 Moreno Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303,  
philjoneil@comcast.net**

It's that time of the year again. My dues will be in the mail shortly. I look forward to the Newsletter. It brings back many memories of the years I worked. In the early years (1946), I worked as a passenger agent at Midway and HNL (1952) and SEA, and then to SFO until I retired in 1982.

I find it hard to realize that I have retired for 29 years. Where does the time go?

Keep up the fine job that you are doing for us.

**Georgianna Tonne, 98 Winding Ln., Mountain Home, AR 72653-6800**

I was late sending in my dues, as we were really busy around the end of the year. We took a cruise through the Panama Canal, it was a great experience. We boarded the ship in FLL and cruised for 15 days, ending in LAX. We were on the Island Princess, a nice ship and we had a lot of fun. Dick enjoyed the balcony and all of the good food. Ha! Ha!

We chose not to try using passes as we had to fly from Springfield, MO to FLL. We bought tickets on American and it worked out great, we then flew from LAX to SGF.

I really hope we are still able to keep our same flight benefits and BP6B, it doesn't sound that way, though.

I use United a lot from SGF to ORD or DEN to get to PHX to see my sisters.

Hope everyone has a good year.

**Joe & Goldie Flores, 80 Ruby Ln., Carson City, NV 89706**

It's so hard to believe that another year has gone by! And that awful reminder that I'm going to be 75! But I shouldn't complain, I'm still warm and breathing, in a fairly good health.

Anyhow, here's my due payment and a little donation to the postage kitty.

Thanks for the great service that you are providing us old foggeys.



## 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/>





Welcome to the  
Portland 2011 RUAEA  
Convention  
May 22—May 29

**Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel**  
**1401 SW Naito Parkway**  
**Portland, OR 97201**  
**1-800-266-9432**



We have chosen a hotel that we are sure you will enjoy, the **Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel**. The rooms are lovely, many with views of the Willamette River. There is a beautiful heated indoor swimming pool, a whirlpool and great exercise facilities. The Marriott has earned both the Energy Star Award and the Green Seal Certification. And the hotel staff are sure to please!

Show your Convention badge, and you will receive a 10% discount at Allie's American Grille, Champions Sports Bar, and the Starbucks kiosk in the hotel lobby.

**HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

A block of rooms has been reserved for RUAEA Convention participants. The room block has been set up as "Retired United Airlines Employees Association Convention". The code is: **RUA**. Rates apply only through May 29, 2011.

To make reservations, please call the **Marriott Worldwide Reservations Line at 1-800-266-9432** or go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AnnualMeetingRUAEA>.

**Room Rate**

***\$112.00 + tax (Double Occupancy)***

***\$132.00 + tax (Triple / Quad Occupancy)***

***Deadline for hotel reservation is Sunday, May 1, 2011***

**Hotel Confirmation Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

# TRANSPORTATION

## To and From Portland International Airport

The Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel does NOT have a courtesy van to and from the airport

- ➔ **Blue Star Airport Shuttle:** Departs every 30 minutes from 7:00 AM to 12:30 AM from the Lower Level (Baggage Claim). Please advise the driver that you are a “United Airlines retiree” going to the Convention at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. We have arranged for a discounted rate of \$11 per person (normal fare is \$14 per person).
- ➔ **Door-to-Door Van** ~ \$14 one way
- ➔ **Taxi Service** ~ About \$40 one way
- ➔ **Limo** ~ About \$50 one way
- ➔ **Rental Cars (off airport):** National, Alamo, Thrifty
- ➔ **Rental Cars (on airport):** Hertz, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise

## Transportation To and From Amtrak Station

*Taxi:* About \$15 one way

## Other Airlines Serving Portland International Airport

- ➔ **Alaska:** ZED Low Coach
- ➔ **American:** ZED Medium Coach
- ➔ **Continental:** ZED (see SkyNet)
- ➔ **Delta:** ZED Medium Coach
- ➔ **Hawaiian:** ZED Medium Coach/Medium Business
- ➔ **Horizon:** ZED Low Coach
- ➔ **Jet Blue:** Suspended indefinitely
- ➔ **Southwest:** \$25 Per Segment
- ➔ **US Air:** ZED Low Coach

## Other Transportation

**Tri-Met:** Tri-Met offers three kinds of transportation in the Portland area. MAX (Light Rail) connects downtown Portland with Beaverton (including the Zoo), Clackamas, Gresham, Hillsboro, North/Northeast Portland and Portland International Airport. Fares are zone-based. There is also bus service, and a Trolley Car that circles the downtown area and continues on to Portland State University. Tri-Met maps will be available at Convention.

You may purchase tickets on the bus or trolley as you board; purchase MAX tickets (when required) **at the light rail stations prior to boarding**. There is a **Free Rail (only) Zone**, basically downtown. You may board any MAX train in that area without paying for a ticket. **If you travel outside the Free Rail Zone, you must have purchased and validated your ticket before boarding.** Current Honored Citizen rate for a two-hour ticket on MAX is \$1; a one-day pass is \$4.75. Validate your ticket before boarding MAX. Keep your ticket with you and show it to a fare inspector upon request.

**Motor Homes:** Portland City Center has **no parking available for motor homes**. You will be cited by police for parking on a city street. Check with your motor home club (AAA, Trailer Life Magazine, Good Sam Club, etc) to discover parking possibilities outside the metropolitan area.

# **HOTEL DRIVING DIRECTIONS & CONVENTION CHECKLIST**

## **Driving Directions to the Marriott**

- ✈ **From Portland International Airport:** Exit Airport on NE Airport Way. Stay right, merge onto I-205 Southbound toward I-84/Salem. Merge right onto I-84 West toward Portland. Stay in the center lane, follow signs to City Center. Go over the Morrison Bridge. Stay in the right lane, and take the Naito Parkway Exit just before the end of the bridge. The hotel is eight blocks down on the right. Enter second driveway on the right for Valet Parking.
- ✈ **From the West:** On Highway 26/Sunset Highway, stay in the center lane and take the Market Street Exit. Follow Market to 4th Avenue. Turn left onto 4<sup>th</sup>, continue to Columbia Street, and turn right. Follow Columbia to Naito Parkway. Turn right onto Naito Parkway, and enter second driveway on the right for Valet Parking.
- ✈ **From the North:** On I-5, take Exit #300B (OMSI/City Center). Stay in the right lane and follow the City Center signs. Go over the Morrison Bridge. Stay in the right lane and take the Naito Parkway Exit just before the end of the bridge. Hotel is eight blocks down on the right. Enter second driveway on the right for Valet Parking.
- ✈ **From the East:** Take I-84 West exit toward Portland. Stay in the center lane, follow signs to City Center. Go over the Morrison Bridge. Stay in the right lane, and take the Naito Parkway Exit just before the end of the bridge. The hotel is eight blocks down on the right. Enter second driveway on the right for Valet Parking.
- ✈ **From the South:** As you approach Portland via I-5, remain in the left lane. Exit left onto #299B, take the Naito Parkway Exit #1A which approaches rapidly on the left. The freeway ends, and you are on Southwest Harbor Drive. Harbor Drive turns left and becomes Clay Street. Turn right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Turn right onto Columbia Street. Turn right onto Naito Parkway, and enter second driveway on the right for Valet Parking.

### **Hotel Parking**

**Overnight Valet Parking for Registered Guests:** \$15.00 per night with unlimited in-and-out privileges.

## **Checklist**

1. Make **hotel reservations** at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. The group rate code is **RUA**. See Page C-2 for Marriott Reservations phone numbers and internet link.
2. Fill out both sides of the **Registration Form** at the back of this Convention Packet. **Registration forms must reach us no later than April 29, 2011.** Send them to Nancy Hooper, PO Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671. Keep a copy.
3. At both dinners, there will be tables set aside **for those traveling alone**. Please remember to check the box on the front side of the Registration Form if you wish to be seated at one of these tables. It's a great opportunity to make new friends!
4. Registration Forms for those who wish to sit together at the Saturday evening Banquet **must be mailed together in a single envelope**.
5. Remember to pack your **medications**.
6. This is Portland - bring an umbrella or rain gear!
7. It is always recommended that you carry a **cell phone** (or be with a friend who has one) in the event of an emergency.
8. Make sure you pack your camera and cell phone **battery chargers**.

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## **RUAEA Convention Highlights**

The Oregon Dew-ers Convention Committee would like to welcome all of you to Portland! In the past, it was customary to limit attendees to those who were members of RUAEA. This year, for the first time, we are especially pleased to welcome some “new” branches of our United Family: **RUPA** (Retired United Pilots Association), **Clipped Wings** (Former and current UAL Flight Attendants), **Golden Eagles** (Retired Continental Pilots), **ARECA** (Association of Retired Continental Employees), **RAFA** (Retiree Association of Flight Attendants), the **IAM Retiree Association** and **Golden Penguins** (Former Continental Flight Attendants).

We are excited to offer interesting and unusual tours around our beautiful city, including visits to Mount St Helens, Mount Hood, Oregon’s Wine Country and the Portland Microbrewery scene. We offer trips to three of our most interesting museums: Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, and the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum. Three short blocks from the Marriott is an opportunity to enjoy a luncheon cruise on the Willamette River. And our Portland City tour will take you to three wonderful gardens: the International Rose Test Garden, the Japanese Garden and the Lan Su Classical Chinese Garden.

All of our Convention spaces are located on the Lower Level of the hotel. Take the elevator or escalator to the Lower Level, then follow the RUAEA Convention signs to the Registration Desk and the Hospitality Suite.

The **Hospitality Suite** is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our Arts and Crafts Raffle, ticket sales for 50/50, and maps and information to help you navigate around Portland. This room will be available from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Monday, from 8:00 AM until 8:30 PM Tuesday through Thursday, and from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM on Friday. Shorter hours on Saturday will accommodate the Business Meeting and the Benefits Panel.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be **Hospitality Nights**, with a no-host cash bar and social hour from 5:30 until 8:30 PM in the Hospitality Suite.

Representatives of the **United Airlines Historical Foundation** will be present to answer questions regarding UAL’s history. Donations, both of memorabilia and monetary, would be welcomed by the Foundation. All donations are tax deductible, as UAHF is a non-profit organization.

Members of **Clipped Wings** will be present to represent current and former UAL Flight Attendants. They will have Clipped Wings scarves and ties for sale.



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# **Portland Convention Information**

## **ART EXHIBITS**

Talented RUAEA members, family and friends contribute to our annual Arts and Crafts Raffle, which will take place in the Hospitality Suite. All items will be on display throughout Convention week for everyone to enjoy and bid on. The winner of each piece will be drawn and posted prior to the Saturday evening Banquet. We are still looking for art, and for craft items. If you have something to donate, please contact **Carol Mitchell**, Arts and Crafts Raffle Chairman, at (360) 694-3464 or e-mail her at [demitch@peoplepc.com](mailto:demitch@peoplepc.com). Forward all Arts & Crafts to: **Carol Mitchell, 5701 NW Alki Rd., Vancouver, WA 98663.**

## **50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE**

The popular 50/50 Raffle will also be held in the Hospitality Suite. Drawings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM, on Friday at 4:30 PM, and on Saturday at 11:00 AM. Tickets may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Schedule for Special Raffles will be announced at the Convention. **Steve Borbely** is our 50/50 Chair.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Ron Bertacini**, RUAEA's President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a breakfast meeting on Friday, May 27, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM in the Columbia Room on the Lobby Level. Please RSVP to **Diane Griego** at (925) 676-6097 or [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) *prior to the Convention*.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING**

**Francis Domaratus**, RUAEA's Newsletter Manager, and RUAEA Executive Vice President **Hank Gosselin** will conduct a **Correspondents' Breakfast** meeting for all Chapter Correspondents (or their alternates). The meeting will be held Friday, May 27, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM in the Douglas Fir Room on the Third Floor. **RSVP to Hank Gosselin** at (253) 939-4362 or [hankgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:hankgosselin@comcast.net) *prior to the Convention*.

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are included in the Convention Registration packet. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available.

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

Registration fees are non-refundable. Cancellations **must be received by Nancy Hooper by April 29, 2011** (address is on the registration form). Tours and the hotel require advance payments and/or guarantees. If a tour is sold out when your Registration is received, you will be given an option of being placed on a wait list for that tour or choosing another tour. **You are urged to book early.** Cancellations received by April 29<sup>th</sup> will be refunded **if there is no cost to the Convention**. Cancellations received after April 29<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed individually at the conclusion of the convention, and refunds may 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 MATTER PERTAINING TO SAID TRAVEL OR OTHER ACTIVITIES.**

**PORTLAND RUAEA CONVENTION 2011  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – MAY 22 - MAY 29**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	10:00AM – 4:00PM 4:00PM – 8:00PM	Committee set up Registration/Late tour sales – Lower Level
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 23</b>	10:00AM – 8:00PM 2:00PM – 8:00PM	Hospitality / Art Display/ 50/50 Raffle – Salons A-D Registration/Late tour sales – Lower Level
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 24</b>	8:00AM – 8:00PM 8:00AM – 8:30PM 8:30AM – 5:00 PM 8:30AM – 3:30PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Lower Level Hospitality/ Art Display/50/50 Raffle – Salons A-D Mt St. Helens Guided Tour Guided Portland City Tour Hospitality Get Together – Hospitality Suite
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 25</b>	8:00AM – 8:00PM 8:00AM – 8:30PM 8:00AM – 5:00PM 8:30AM – 5:00PM 8:30AM – 3:30PM 9:00AM – 5:00PM 9:00AM – 2:00PM 10:00AM – 5:00 PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Lower Level Hospitality/ Art Display/ 50/50 Raffle – Salons A-D Mount Hood/Columbia Gorge Tour Mt St Helens Guided Tour Guided Portland City Tour Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Tour Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) Tour Wine Tasting and Progressive Lunch Tour Hospitality Get Together – Hospitality Suite
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 26</b>	8:00AM – 8:00PM 8:00AM – 8:30PM 8:00AM – 4:30PM 8:00AM – 5:00PM 8:30AM – 3:30PM 8:30AM – 5:00PM 9:00AM – 5:00PM 11:30AM – 2:00PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:00PM – 9:30PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Lower Level Hospitality/ Art Display/ 50/50 Raffle – Salons A-D Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum Tour Mount Hood/Columbia Gorge Tour Guided Portland City Tour Mt St Helens Guided Tour Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Tour <i>Portland Spirit</i> Luncheon Cruise Hospitality Get Together – Hospitality Suite Portland Microbrewery Dinner Tour
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 27</b>	7:00AM – 9:00AM  7:00AM – 9:00AM 8:00AM – 4:30PM 8:00AM – 11:00AM 8:00AM – 4:30PM 8:00AM – 4:30PM 8:30AM – 3:30PM 9:00AM – 4:00PM 9:00AM – 2:00PM 11:30AM – 2:00PM 5:30PM – 7:00PM  7:00PM – 10:00PM	Chapter Presidents' Breakfast – Columbia Room, Lobby Level  Correspondents' Breakfast – Douglas Fir Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Registration – Lower Level Late tour sales – Lower Level Hospitality/ Art Display/ 50/50 Raffle – Salons A-D Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum Tour Guided Portland City Tour Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Tour Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) Tour <i>Portland Spirit</i> Luncheon Cruise Cash Bar Reception before Friendship Dinner – Oregon Ballroom Lobby Friendship Dinner – Oregon Ballroom Lobby
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 28</b>	8:00AM – 4:30PM 8:00AM – 11:00AM 8:00AM – 10 30AM 11:00AM – 1:00PM 1:00PM – 3:00PM 1:00PM – 3:45PM 1:15PM – 3:00PM  5:30PM – 7:00PM  7:00PM – 10:00PM	Registration – Lower Level Hospitality/ Art Display/ 50/50 Raffle – Salons A-D RUAEA Business Meeting – Oregon Ballroom Retirees' Benefits Panel Presentation – Oregon Ballroom Breakdown and Storage Board of Directors Meeting – Columbia Room, Lobby Level Benefits Breakout Sessions – Salem and Medford Rooms, Lower Level Cash Bar Reception before Banquet – Oregon Ballroom Lobby RUAEA Banquet – Oregon Ballroom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 29</b>	7:00AM	Departure to Seattle for Alaska Cruise

**Pre-Convention Cruise**  
**Inside Passage to Alaska on Holland America's *ms Oosterdam***  
**May 15 - 22, 2011**  
**Rates start at \$849 per person/Double Occupancy plus taxes—Inside Cabin**

**Post-Convention Cruise**  
**Inside Passage to Alaska on Holland America's *ms Oosterdam***  
**May 29—June 5, 2011**  
**Rates start at \$990 per person/Double Occupancy plus taxes—Inside Cabin**



Spring is the best time to see Alaska, and there is nothing more relaxing than a cruise! Watch as whales breach and massive glaciers float into view. Participate in unique onboard activities and shore excursions that match your passions and interests. Enjoy the service and hospitality of Holland America Cruise Lines.

Travel through Alaska's sublime beauty to popular ports of call, including Glacier Bay, Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Victoria, BC.

Both the pre- and post-Convention cruises depart from and return to Seattle on the beautiful *ms Oosterdam*. Officially christened in 2003 by Her Dutch Royal Highness, Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, the *ms Oosterdam* embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies such as her use of a diesel-electric power plant for optimal energy efficiency and an Azipod propulsion system that maximizes maneuverability.

WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO CRUISE BEFORE THE CONVENTION OR AFTER, YOU DEFINITELY SHOULD **CHOOSE TO CRUISE!**

For more information, and to book your cabin, contact Tours Chair **Cindy Passannante** at (503) 658-5646 or [cptrips@aol.com](mailto:cptrips@aol.com).

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## RUAEA 2011 CONVENTION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

The following tours have been booked based on minimums of 45 people. All tours will depart from the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, on the south side of the building, on Clay Street.

### ***MOUNT ST. HELENS GUIDED TOUR***

***8:30 AM—5:00 PM***

***Cost \$83.00 per person***

**Tour #1 operates Tuesday, May 24**

**Tour #3 operates Wednesday, May 25**

**Tour #9 operates Thursday, May 26**



Until May 18, 1980, Mount St Helens was one of Washington State's snowcapped crown jewels. On that date, at 8:32 AM, an explosion of incredible force blew the top 1,313 feet and much of the north face off the mountain, shooting a thick plume of smoke and ash 80,000 feet into the air. This released a mile-wide avalanche, raising Spirit Lake more than 200 feet. Mud and logs surged down the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers, clogging the Columbia River shipping lanes with silt and debris. The ash fall halted air and land traffic for a hundred miles, and covered parts of three states with a fine gray powder.

A professional guide will narrate as you drive to Mount St Helens, where you will make several stops. The **Forest Learning Center** offers displays highlighting the eruption as well as the recovery and reforestation efforts currently under way. Enjoy a videotaped helicopter tour of the mountain. The **Silver Lake Visitors Center** offers a walk-in model of the volcano that illustrates its composition, along with interpretative material and a film. **Johnston Ridge Observatory** is closest to the crater and the lava dome, and offers amazing views. Interpretive exhibits explain the series of events leading to the eruption of Mount St Helens, and the resulting changes to the landscape.

Enjoy a box lunch, included in the price of the tour, with your choice of Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian options. **Please be sure to indicate your lunch choice on your Registration Form.** (All admission fees and a tip for your guide and coach driver are included in the cost of this tour.)

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### **GUIDED PORTLAND CITY TOUR**

**8:30 AM—3:30 PM**

**Cost \$79.00 per person**

**Tour #2 operates Tuesday, May 24**

**Tour #4 operates Wednesday, May 25**

**Tour #10 operates Thursday, May 26**

**Tour #16 operates Friday, May 27**



A professional guide will narrate this tour, describing Portland's history and major attractions. A special treat will be a three minute tram ride of 500 vertical feet up to Portland's Oregon Health and Science University campus - one of the best views of the city!

You will spend time at the **International Rose Test Garden**, where you can see 550 varieties of the roses that give Portland its nickname, "City of Roses." Next, visit the **Japanese Garden**, considered the most authentic Japanese garden outside of Japan. Afterward, drive past the **Pittock Mansion**, built by Henry Pittock, founder of the *Daily Oregonian* newspaper. Following a short drive, you will

arrive at the Pearl District, known for its restaurants and shops.

Enjoy lunch at one of the local fine restaurants, choosing from a pre-arranged menu. Afterwards, there will be time to explore the shops as well as the famous Powell's Bookstore. After lunch, tour the **Lan Su Classical Chinese Garden**, designed in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Ming style. Enjoy Lake Zither, the waterfall, and nine pavilions where you can relax and enjoy your surroundings. (All admission fees, lunch, and tip for your guide and coach driver are included in the cost of this tour.)

### **MOUNT HOOD/COLUMBIA GORGE/WATERFALLS LOOP TOUR**

**8:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**Cost \$79.00 per person**

**Tour #5 operates Wednesday, May 25**

**Tour #11 operates Thursday, May 26**



Drive through the foothills of the Cascades to the historic **Timberline Lodge**, one of Oregon's most popular tourist attractions! A US Forest Service Ranger will lead a 25-minute tour of the Lodge (or you may view a 30-minute video about the creation of the Lodge). Enjoy lunch at the Lodge, including a special presentation by the Chef. Then walk the grounds and view **Mount Hood** "up close and personal." Mount Hood is the United States' most-climbed glacier peak, and is the only place in North America where alpine skiing is practiced year 'round.

Continue around the mountain to **Hood River**, the Windsurfing Capital of the World. Enjoy the quaint shops and watch the windsurfers on the Columbia River (weather permitting). Re-board your motor coach for the drive along the mighty Columbia River, viewing the many beautiful waterfalls that cascade from the southern cliffs, including a stop at **Multnomah Falls**.

(Lunch at Timberline Lodge and tip for your guide and coach driver are included in the cost of this tour.)

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*EVERGREEN AVIATION AND SPACE MUSEUM TOUR*

*9:00 AM—5:00 PM (except Friday 4:00 PM)*

*Cost \$68.00 per person*

Tour #6 operates Wednesday, May 25

Tour #13 operates Thursday, May 26

Tour #17 operates Friday, May 27



The Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum is home to more than 150 historic aircraft, including Howard Hughes' renowned Spruce Goose. And, where else will you see a Boeing 747 (yes—a real one!) sitting on the roof of the new Waterpark Building?

In the Aviation Museum, besides the Spruce Goose, are beautifully restored civil and military aircraft from World War I through the modern era. This includes British, German, and Russian fighters plus almost all of the US combat aircraft utilized during this time period. Civil aircraft from this period include Bleriot, Curtiss, Great Lakes, Beechcraft, GEE-BEEs, Pitts Specials, Thorpe and many more.

In the Space Museum are German V-1s and V-2s, Redstone and Titan missiles, Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo spacecraft, the complete Space Launch Control Room from Vandenberg Air Force Base, an SR-71 Blackbird, and more.

Lunch is on your own, at either the Spruce Goose Cafe in the Aviation Building or the Cosmo Cafe in the Space Building. (Admission fees to the Aviation Museum, the Space Museum, and the IMAX Theater, as well as tip for your coach driver are included in the cost of this tour.)

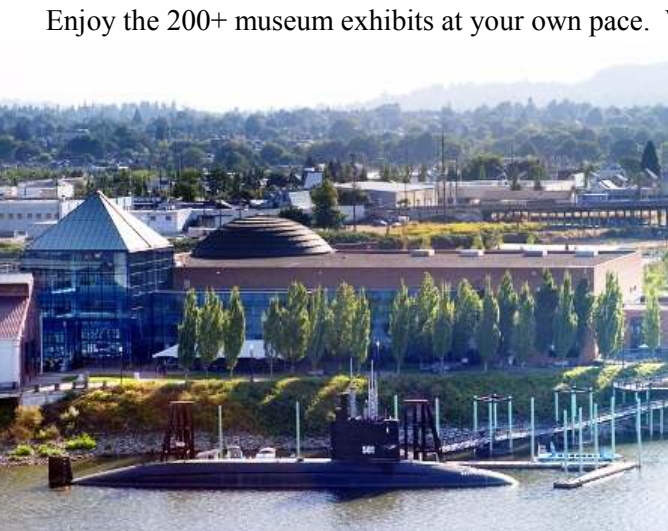
*OMSI - OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY TOUR*

*9:00 AM—11:30 AM/12:30 PM/2:00 PM*

*Cost \$52.00 per person*

Tour #7 operates Wednesday, May 25

Tour #18 operates Friday, May 27



Enjoy the 200+ museum exhibits at your own pace. Watch the OMNIMAX presentation, and tour the **USS Blueback**, the last diesel-electric submarine built for the US Navy. The Blueback was used in the filming of "The Hunt for Red October." There are also presentations at the Planetarium.

Lunch is on your own. You may depart for the hotel at 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM or 2:00 PM. (Admission to the museum, the OMNIMAX Theater, and tour of the Blueback, as well as tip for your coach driver is included in the cost of this tour. Admission to the Planetarium and Laser Light Show are included if scheduled.)

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### **WINE TASTING AND PROGRESSIVE LUNCH TOUR**

**10:00 AM—5:00 PM**

**Cost \$134.00 per person**

**Tour #8 operates Wednesday, May 25**



Today you will tour three of Oregon's highly acclaimed wineries and participate in a lovely progressive lunch.

Learn about the world-renowned Oregon wine industry and its very special wines from our wine expert/tour guide. At the first stop, you will be served appetizers along with your wine tasting. At the next stop, lunch will be served on the crush pad (weather permitting) with several more wines to sample.

The third winery will offer wines paired with dessert.

Wineries may include **Elk Cove Vineyards**, **Willakenzie Estate**, **Argyle Winery**, and **Arborbrook Vineyards**, but are subject to change.

Wines will be available for purchase at special discounts at all these stops, so plan accordingly. (Lunch and tip for your guide and coach driver are included in the cost of this tour.)

### **WESTERN ANTIQUE AEROPLANE AND AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM TOUR**

**8:00 AM—4:30 PM**

**Cost \$59.00 per person**

**Tour #12 operates Thursday, May 26**

**Tour #19 operates Friday, May 27**



The Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum is unique! On exhibit are early-model aircraft from Aeronca, Piper, Stinson, Fairchild, Waco, Fleet, Curtiss and many more. The planes represent early attempts by the manufacturers to determine what designs flew well and were marketable. You will see rare models from the 1920s onward that never made it to the local grass strips of your childhood. And they are all flyable.

The automobiles consist of early models of American and foreign manufacture: Stanley Steamers, Locomobiles and other early types of both domestic and foreign manufacture, covering a time period from 1899 through the 1960s. Some are of limited production. Also included are farm tractors, both steam- and gasoline-powered. All vehicles are restored and fully driveable!

After enjoying the museum, you will reboard your motor coach and drive into the town of **Hood River**, the Windsurfing Capital of the World, where you may explore the quaint shops and restaurants of the area. Lunch is on your own. A guide will be provided to point out landmarks and points of interest along the way. (Admission fees and tip for your guide and coach driver are included in the cost of this tour.)

***PORTLAND SPIRIT LUNCHEON CRUISE***

***Boards at 11:30 AM—2:00 PM***

***Cost \$38 per person***

**Tour #14 operates Thursday, May 26**

**Tour #20 operates Friday, May 27**



A short three-block walk along the river will take you to the departure dock for the *Portland Spirit*. Enjoy a plated luncheon on a two-hour cruise along the beautiful **Willamette River**. Lunch includes an entrée selected on board, bread, fountain soft drinks, coffee, hot or iced tea, and live piano entertainment. Appetizers, salads, desserts and other beverages are available for purchase. (Lunch, service gratuity and group seating are included in the price of this tour.)

***PORTLAND MICROBREWERY DINNER TOUR***

***6:00 PM—9:30 PM***

***Cost \$54.00 per person***

**Tour #15 operates Thursday, May 26**



This unique tour begins as your guide explains how and why Portland is the heart of the micro brewing renaissance. First stop is at **Widmer Gasthaus**, the home of the most popular of all Northwest craft beers—Hefeweizen. You will learn about how beer is made, the differences in brewing lagers versus ales, brewing history and the evolution of the microbrewery. Next, visit the **Portland Brewing Company**, home of the famous McTarnahan's Scottish Ale. This tasting room features authentic Bavarian brew tanks. Finally, we will stop at the **Bridgeport Brewing Company's** Full Sail Pilsner Room on the riverfront. A voucher valued at \$20 will be provided for food available at the various breweries. (Tip for your guide and coach driver are included in the cost of this tour. The list of breweries is subject to change.)

# *BANQUET MENUS*

## **Friday Evening May 27, 2011 – Friendship Dinner**

**Northwest Salad served with Raspberry Vinaigrette**

*Choice of the following:*

**Braised Beef Short Ribs with Scallion Mashed Potatoes and Oven Roasted Tomato**  
Or  
**Columbia River Steelhead with Smoked Mozzarella Risotto and Red Pepper Coulis**

Bread Service with Butter  
Starbuck's Premium Blend Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee  
Taylors of Harrogate Specialty Teas  
Wine will be available by the bottle, for cash only, from your server

**Orange Dream Cake**

## **Saturday Evening May 28, 2011 – Banquet**

**Caesar Salad with Focaccia Croutons and Asiago Cheese**

*Choice of the following:*

**Filet of Beef with Herbed Polenta and Roasted Root Vegetables**  
Or  
**Lemon Garlic Seared Chicken Breast with Roasted Fingerlings**

Bread Service with Butter  
Starbuck's Premium Blend Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee  
Taylors of Harrogate Specialty Teas  
Wine will be available by the bottle, for cash only, from your server

**Chocolate Ganache Cake**

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## 2011 Portland Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Registration must be received by April 29, 2011\***

(Please Print Clearly) Member's File Number			Station & Department:	
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:			E-mail:	
City:		State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
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<b>I would like to be seated at a table with others traveling alone, check one</b> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				

### **Instructions:**

1. Complete both sides of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrées and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event.
3. Make certain the Member'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 8 people.**
5. No credit cards can be accepted for payment of convention events.

Date – 2011	Meal Choice	How Many	x Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>A. Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> ***Fee Required for each Attendee***			<b>\$7.00</b>	\$
<b>Friendship Dinner</b>				
Fri. May 27	B. Braised Beef Short Ribs		\$40.00	\$
Fri. May 27	C. Columbia River Steelhead		\$40.00	\$
<b>Banquet</b>				
Sat. May 28	D. Filet of Beef		\$40.00	\$
Sat. May 28	E. Lemon Garlic Seared Chicken Breast		\$40.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =				\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-16</b> =				\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>				\$

**Make Check Payable to: Portland 2011 RUEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:

**Portland 2011 RUEA Convention, c/o Nancy Hooper, PO Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671**

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**2011 Convention Registration Form – Page Two**  
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**Tour Registration**

Date – 2011	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	How many	Total Cost
Tues., May 24	Mount St. Helens Guided Tour ***	1	\$83.00		\$
Tues., May 24	Guided Portland City Tour	2	\$79.00		\$
Wed., May 25	Mount St. Helens Guided Tour ***	3	\$83.00		\$
Wed., May 25	Guided Portland City Tour	4	\$79.00		\$
Wed., May 25	Mount Hood/Waterfalls Loop Tour	5	\$79.00		\$
Wed., May 25	Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Tour	6	\$68.00		\$
Wed., May 25	Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Tour	7	\$52.00		\$
Wed., May 25	Wine Tasting and Progressive Lunch Tour	8	\$134.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	Mount St. Helens Guided Tour ***	9	\$83.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	Guided Portland City Tour	10	\$79.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	Mount Hood/Waterfalls Loop Tour	11	\$79.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	Western Antique Aeroplane & Auto Museum	12	\$59.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Tour	13	\$68.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	<i>Portland Spirit</i> Luncheon Cruise	14	\$38.00		\$
Thurs., May 26	Portland Microbrewery Dinner Tour	15	\$54.00		\$
Fri., May 27	Guided Portland City Tour	16	\$79.00		\$
Fri., May 27	Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Tour	17	\$68.00		\$
Fri., May 27	Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Tour	18	\$52.00		\$
Fri., May 27	Western Antique Aeroplane & Auto Museum	19	\$59.00		\$
Fri., May 27	<i>Portland Spirit</i> Luncheon Cruise	20	\$38.00		\$
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-15</b> )					\$
*** <b>BOX LUNCH Choices for Mount St. Helens Tour:</b>					
Beef <input type="checkbox"/>		Chicken <input type="checkbox"/>		Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>					

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Bomber production exceeded losses but there was a shortage of experienced flight crews to fly them.

By the conclusion of WWII, the Cheyenne operation had installed over 4 million aircraft parts and had equipped 5,736 B-17s for combat. Modifications peaked at eleven planes per day and on one day, there were 99 bombers either in the shops or on the Cheyenne airfield.

A total of 1,600 men and

women were employed at the Center, many of them living in the 300 temporary government-owned trailers or in newly constructed dormitories. After Cheyenne housing overflowed, a bus service was started to carry 650 employees from Greeley and Fort Collins, Colorado.

*Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired, from the UAL 1944 Annual Report and other UAHF sources.*

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B-17 "Flying Fortress" crews returning from bombing missions suggested improvements in the planes. The military determined it was more productive for the aircraft factories to continue building the planes "as designed" and ferry them to United's Cheyenne Modification Center and other centers for the changes.

Modifications included installing new machine-gun mounts, rebuilding tail turret assemblies and installing microphone switches on machine-gun grips.

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