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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi fellow RUAEA Members,

Here it is 2013. Where does the time go?

Now that we have had the "End of the World Dates", we can all go forward. Hopefully, everyone had a great Holiday Season.

As we, your RUAEA Officers, prepare for 2013, a major challenge for us is our next convention. We are proceeding with plans for a 2013 convention. I expect to make an announcement in the near future.

Please continue your efforts in your respective chapters, to recruit members for your local chapters as well as recruiting for RUAEA.

My plans are to attend the all Florida meeting in February and the All Arizona Picnic in March.

United, the new company is still facing many challenges as far as the merger is concerned. I believe most of you who travel are getting more familiar with the new policies. We do not expect any changes during 2013.

We have some issues coming up at our next Board Meeting, and we will keep you informed. Please let me know of any issues or concerns you may have so we can address them.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

All-Arizona Luncheon



Welcome all UAL & CO retirees to the All-Arizona Luncheon. This event is sponsored by Phoenix Re-United's and will take place on March 14, 2013. Social Hour starting at 11:00 a.m., Luncheon at 12:00 Noon. The event will be held at Holiday Inn Casa Grande, 777 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122, Phone – (520) 426-3500, www.holidayinn.com/casagrandeaz. This facility is Handicap Accessible.

There will be Door Prizes - Basket Raffles, Scheduled Speaker and Entertainment. A large, multi-choice buffet with lots of desserts will be featured. Sorry but we do not have the final price available at time of printing.

Reservations are due by March 4, 2013 with checks payable to Re-United's. Send to: **Rita Zarek**, 823 W. 14th Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120.

For questions and further information, contact **Rita Zarek** at (480) 288-6685, or our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610.

Change to Employee MileagePlus Explorer Card Offer



As we have mentioned in past issues, things are always changing. In January, we wrote about the United MileagePlus Explorer Card rebate form. Well, it appears that has already changed. Please read the latest below. It is posted on Flying Together in Employee Discounts.

Beginning January 1, 2013: If you are a United employee who is the primary Cardmember of the United MileagePlus Explorer Card, you are eligible to receive an annual \$80 statement credit from Chase. There are no forms to submit to receive this credit. The

credit will be applied by Chase automatically to your April credit card statement each year this offer is in effect; please allow an additional month for the credit to be reflected on your paper statement.

To be eligible for the \$80 statement credit in 2013, **you must be an active United employee** and a primary Cardmember of the MileagePlus Explorer Card effective February 15, 2013. If you currently have another MileagePlus credit card from Chase, and would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Chase at the number on the back of your credit card to see if you are eligible to get the Explorer Card. **All former rebate offers provided by Chase to United employees and retirees have been discontinued as of December 31, 2012.**

Webinars, A New Year, New Terminology



FlyingTogether now offers Webinars, or WebEx sessions and we thank **Jim Morehead**, RUAEA and RUPA member for writing this article to introduce us to this new information format.

The WebEx sessions are now available in three locations on the Travel tab:

1. In the left navigation column under “WebEx Sessions & Reference Guides.”
<https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=Travel&path=/Integration/links/travelGuides.jsp>
2. Under on “Reference Guides” in the middle of the main Travel page.
<https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/travel.jsp>
3. On the “Pass Travel Highlights” page.
https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=Travel&path=Integration/news/SVP_Messages/index.jsp

The above links require you to sign in to Flying Together to access them. It will lead you to 6 WebEx or Webinar sessions. Of greatest importance are #1, #2, and #6. #4 could have some interest to cancel a PNR or to change a PNR. Canceling a PNR is simple and you should cancel if not going to travel or your trip is delayed. If using a Vacation Pass, it puts it back into your bank if the trip was not started. Changing a PNR or Travel Plan happens if changes are necessary. I found that, since listings do not roll over to the next day, if you need to change because you missed a flight later in the day, you can do so. It is especially important to use CHANGE SEGMENT if a route has just one flight per day and you could not be boarded to preserve the vacation pass status. Take the example of an ORD-MUC flight which runs daily and you misconnect or can't get on. Had you used the VP on the first segment of a multi leg trip, you have already used the VP. To preserve its value, you will need a change segment to list for the next day if that is your goal to continue trying. Remember, in a hub (10 of them), you have 72 hours in which to pass in/out of a hub and then it is still considered one pass and even for your entire group if you stay together. If you break it up segment by segment or day by day, the computer can not understand your wishes and you'll be charged for more than one. You'll need a good explanation for the people at ETC!

Retirees do not get Positive Space nor Buddy Passes, so two of these Webinars would not be of interest unless you have lots of spare time on your hands!

The Webinars walk you through step by step and you will only learn a lot by trial and error in the system. It is far different than the old Weblist and even the new Website is different for former Continental Employees. You'll find where you would stand on the Standby List with or without a VP before you list. After you list, it will tell you exactly where you are. Remember that the listings in this website include Positive Space People at the top and Flight Attendant Jumpseat riders at the bottom. That's why sometimes you will see someone that appears to be listed twice when in fact they wish to list for the passenger cabin and the F/A jumpseat. It is perfectly legal and just the way it was carried over into the merged system. Remember, too, that PS people already have a coach or business seat (whether 2 or 3 class airplane) and really will be no factor except they'll be upgraded first, over a pleasure pass rider. Of course domestically, they upgrade their Premium customers first anyway, so a Premium class is hard to achieve domestically except for very early morning, late at night, or holiday flights.

#6 is how to travel on interline Other Airline (OA) ZED/90% tickets. Always check the OA directory to make sure how each carrier does it. While many are the ID90T in the Webinar, the next most popular listing system is one called MYIDTRAVEL and it has its own website. OA travel is complicated often because there are so many combinations. There are some carriers that have their own websites. Some are e-tickets and e-listings. Some require PAPER tickets acquired through the ETC after approval and a PNR and subsequent paper ticket pickup physically at the airport or City Ticket Office. Not all airports can write tickets, so this takes

preplanning. Some require the actual ticket NUMBER which will start with United's 016 code, otherwise you can't list.

I don't wish to make this too long, but there are so many passwords and some vary if you were former United or former Continental. In the case of many of them, you'll be paying in advance and picking an exact flight and date for which to list. Some find that helpful and some don't. Refunding is hard and far too lengthy to discuss here, so do your homework and hopefully you'll get on your desired flight and day.

Some still use paper tickets with an e-listing like Delta. As you get into it, this is one where you need the actual ticket number and then a listing electronically making it a two step process. You'll get into their particular flights and as you pick a particular flight, it will have a Smiley Face or Frown to give you the load and your chances to be boarded. Remember paper tickets are good for 90 days (some carriers enforce it more than others) and have 1 year to actually submit it to get your money refunded back, generally on a credit card. They can be mailed back in for refunds.

UAL exits several unprofitable markets



On January 12, UAL will load schedule changes that reflect its decision to exit several unprofitable markets in April. As a result, United will cease service to PAP (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), CUR (Willemstad, Curacao) and DRT (Del Rio, Texas). The company is also eliminating flights in the following markets, although it will continue to serve the spoke cities shown below from other hub markets.

- ➔ EWR-PHL (Philadelphia)
- ➔ ORD-SJU (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- ➔ IAD-MHT (Manchester, N.H.)
- ➔ IAD-PNS (Pensacola, Fla.)
- ➔ IAH-CID (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
- ➔ LAX-TUL (Tulsa, Okla.)

In general, UAL is making the changes due to the financial performance of the flights and its continuing efforts to put the right aircraft in the right market to meet customer demand.

UAL begins and announces new routes from hub cities



On December 19th, UAL launched new service between ORD and MTY (Monterrey, Mexico) and IAD and SAL (San Salvador, El Salvador). United Express operates the ORD-MTY service with Canadair CRJ700 regional jet aircraft. UAL currently offers service to 28 Mexican destinations - more than any other airline from the U.S. It also serves MTY seven times daily from IAH. UAL operates the IAD-SAL service with Boeing 737-800 aircraft. It also offers twice-daily flights to SAL from IAH.

United also recently announced new nonstop routes from its hub cities to destinations in Latin America, Canada and the U.S.:

Latin America – GUA and SJO

IAD and ORD – On April 13, UAL will begin weekly year-round service between IAD and both GUA (Guatemala City, Guatemala) and SJO (San Jose, Costa Rica) subject to government approval and United also offers weekly year-round service between ORD and SJO, subject to government approval. UAL will operate Boeing 737-800 aircraft. The new flights complement its existing service to GUA and SJO from EWR and IAH.

Canada – YEG, YVR and YMM

EWR – New flights to YEG (Edmonton, Canada) begin on May 1, 2013. UAL will operate the flights six times weekly using Airbus A319 aircraft. ORD, DEN, IAH, and SFO currently serve YEG.

IAD – New service to YVR (Vancouver) begins on June 8, 2013, using Boeing 737-800 aircraft operating on Saturdays and Sundays through August 25, 2013. UAL serves YVR year-round from ORD, DEN, IAH, LAX and SFO and seasonally from EWR.

DEN – UAL will start service to YMM (Fort McMurray, Canada) on June 6, 2013, the only nonstop service between the airport and the U.S. SkyWest Airlines will operate the daily flights using 66-seat Canadair CRJ-700 regional jets. YMM is United's 18th destination in Canada. The company offers more flights to more destinations in Canada than any other U.S. airline.

U.S. – FAI, SAF, ICT, FLL and GRR

ORD – Daily flights to FAI (Fairbanks, Alaska) begin on June 6, 2013, using Boeing 737-800 aircraft. UAL also operates flights between DEN and FAI.

DEN – Twice-daily United Express service to SAF (Santa Fe, N.M.) begins on May 1, 2013. ExpressJet will operate the flights using 50-seat Embraer regional jet aircraft.

LAX – New United Express service to ICT (Wichita, Kan.) begins on May 1, 2013. SkyWest Airlines will operate the daily flights using 66-seat Canadair CRJ-700 regional jets. These flights are in addition to United's existing service to ICT from ORD, DEN and IAH.

IAD – United will add daily United Express service between IAD and GRR (Grand Rapids, Mich.) beginning May 1, 2013. ExpressJet will operate the flights with 50-seat Embraer regional jet aircraft. United currently serves Grand Rapids from ORD, CLE, DEN, IAH and EWR.

SFO – On April 9, 2013, United will begin daily service to FLL (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.). It also serves FLL from IAD.

787 international flying schedule changes



As UAL prepares its Boeing 787 Dreamliners for international service, it is delaying plans to fly to some international destinations so that the company can focus resources on its LAX-NRT service scheduled to start on January 3. By focusing on this route, United expects to provide consistent, reliable service to customers with this new fleet.

UAL now plans to start using 787s on its IAH-LOS (Lagos, Nigeria) route in late January, instead of January 3, continuing to operate a Boeing 777 in the interim. UAL plans to temporarily use Dreamliners on its IAH-LHR (London-Heathrow) service beginning March 1 instead of February 4. It also plans to start temporary IAH-AMS (Amsterdam) service on February 24 as well as regular service between DEN-NRT and LAX-PVG (Shanghai) in late March.

By delaying the LOS and LHR service, UAL will use this additional time to work with Boeing to continue to improve the reliability of the aircraft.

From the start of regular service in November to December 23, United's Dreamliners have carried about 43,000 customers over more than 800 hours for 330,000 miles – the equivalent of 10 trips around the world.

Prepping for next summer with new B747 routing, checks



Starting in April of 2013, UAL will consolidate most of its Boeing 747s flying out of SFO to capitalize on the parts, tooling and spares that are concentrated at the hub. In addition, all of the aircraft will undergo a special check designed to address some of the chronic issues United has experienced with the fleet over the past several years. All of the aircraft will undergo these special checks prior to the summer travel season.

These steps will position United to have a more reliable 747 fleet this summer, said SFO Line Maintenance Managing Director Chris Carrick. *“These changes will allow us to more effectively utilize aircraft downtime, and we have full inventory support through the maintenance base warehouse and support shops.”*

Line Maintenance Planning Managing Director Barry Beacher said the changes also improve United's ability to service international 767s and 777s at ORD, using resources previously deployed on 747 overnight checks and recovery.

“These moves, along with other fleeting changes, give us the ability to focus resources where they can do more to support reliability across all of our fleets,” Barry said.

Effective January 3, United replaced 747 aircraft with three-class 777 aircraft on its nonstop between ORD and NRT, and in March, on its nonstop between ORD and HKG (Hong Kong) with continuing service to SIN (Singapore). As the company redeploys those 747s to SFO, it will upgrade select 777 flights on a seasonal basis in 2013, including SFO-FRA (Frankfurt, Germany), SFO-LHR (London-Heathrow), SFO-KIX (Osaka, Japan), NRT-HNL (Honolulu) and, starting next October, its new nonstop service between SFO and TPE (Taipei, Taiwan). LAX will continue to see 747s for the SYD (Sydney) nonstop.

With the new changes, Line Maintenance Operational Planning Manager Bruce Fullerton noted, United will enhance “repeatability and exposure,” as the same planes come through SFO with greater predictability.

United We Care gives more than \$1 million in 2012



The United We Care Employee Relief Fund surpassed last year's total fundraising, raising nearly \$258,000 before a \$100,000 company match UAL instituted after Super storm Sandy and former Continental CEO Gordon Bethune's \$500,000 donation. In 2012, United We Care awarded \$484,529.69 to 235 co-workers and \$568,300 in emergency funds to more than 1,400 Super storm Sandy victims for a total of \$1,052,829.69 in grants.

Co-workers thought of many creative ways to support the fund, including bake sales, pizza parties, golf tournaments, a dunk tank fundraiser and more. In addition, co-workers donated funds through the Perfect Attendance program. During 2012, 24,329 co-workers were recognized for six consecutive months of perfect attendance, and 616 of those chose to donate their six-month awards to the relief fund, raising almost \$31,000.

Please keep in mind that United We Care provides assistance not only in times of natural disasters. The fund provides confidential, timely, short-term crisis relief to those in the United family needing basic assistance unavailable through other resources. The assistance is to pay for basic necessities such as rent, clothing, medicine and food during unexpected emergencies such as floods, fires and personal illness.

If you have been helped by the fund and would like to share your story, please email Janet Sampson at janet.sampson@united.com, and if you're interested in donating to United We Care, please visit the Employee Services tab > United We Care Employee Relief Fund.

Centralized parts coordination and better communication improving UAL's metrics



An improved process has reduced deferrals of United's MEL (minimum equipment list), CDL (configuration deviation list) and interior items on the Airbus fleet by 23 percent since mid-October, and United now has expanded this logic to other fleets.

Deferral Management Director Sal Lagreca said United has centralized parts coordination by working more closely with the AOG (aircraft on ground) team and aircraft routing to ensure that if re-routes occur the parts shipments are also re-routed.

“This sets us up for success,” Sal said. “When our AMTs are assigned their work, all parts and tooling are available so they can concentrate on clearing our deferrals, making our product second to none for both our external and internal customers.”

Warehousing and Distribution/AOG Director Jody Herrera said that because the changes to how deferrals are handled is working well for the Airbus fleet, United will begin phasing in the other fleets in the first quarter of 2013.

United is replicating the same procedure for planned maintenance. The goal, said Line Maintenance Planning Managing Director Barry Beacher, is to *“get the parts to where the aircraft are going to be and have sufficient ground time to accomplish the work.”*

Barry and Jody said numerous co-workers in Tech Ops and in the Network Operations Center contributed to the improved procedures. The two divisions have been working much more closely lately to coordinate and communicate in areas such as aircraft routing (see Oct. 23 United Daily).

Forbes: United ups the ante on premium services

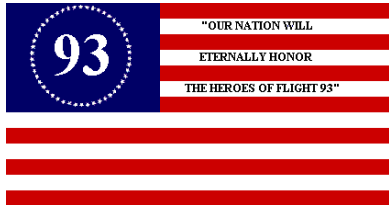


Blogger and travel-aficionado Larry Olmsted recently flew in BusinessFirst from EWR to HKG (Hong Kong) and shared that experience with readers. His article, "United Airlines Ups The Ante On Premium Services," highlights how, as he puts it, "*United rolls out the red carpet*" for customers. He raved about our lie-flat seats – "*I got eight solid hours of REM shuteye*" – and gave a special nod

to United's local cuisine.

It's evident the features and enhancements UAL will be adding in the coming year are winning over premium customers. "*We have the world's largest fleet of aircraft with flat-bed seats (175 planes and growing) and we're installing fleet-wide global Wi-Fi for both domestic and international connectivity, something that no other U.S. carrier currently offers,*" said Product Marketing Director John Yeng. Check out the review for yourself at Forbes.com.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



I received incorrect information on the building of the auditorium. The auditorium is scheduled for review when the board meets on November 20, 2013. I will keep you posted.

Bishop Mascherino is not in the best of health. I used to receive emails via electronic voice printing. This is no longer possible as his voice is distorted. As his fingers are bent, this prevents him from using the keyboard. Please keep the bishop in your prayers.

During the year 2012, United retirees reached an accumulated donation through the years, of almost \$30,000 to the chapel. The largest donation to date, \$6,242.00 was in 2009. Thank you very much. 2013 will be a big year for expenses and we hope your support will continue. Your donations are greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

Please make your check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank J Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19073 – 4252

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of 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 after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.



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LOCAL NEWS

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11 members of our Florida/Alabama Chapter of RUAEA met Monday, December 17 in Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had to change our meeting date due to remodeling in the Cubi Bar. Several of our members were unable to attend due to prior plans. Members in attendance were: **Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Mary Renfro, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Harold Stofko** and **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**. We were happy that **Barbara Serra** was able to be back with us again.

The restaurant manager had told us we would be on their Indoor Patio area of the Cubi Bar due to the remodeling but when we arrived, she told us we would be able to use the West Pac Room where we normally hold our meetings. The construction is not complete but the room is beautiful! They have added hardwood floors and picture windows both to the museum aircraft displays and to the outside. We felt honored to be the first group to use the room. **Yvonne Schwartz** decorated the tables with Christmas tablecloths, placemats and decorated baggies of candy for everyone.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order after lunch at 12:45 PM. Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra**. Our winner was **Bill Hayden**. Congratulations! Our waitress brought 3 extra cookies and raffle tickets were drawn for them. The winners were **Conrad Hamilton** (Cookie Monster!), **Barbara Serra** and **Harold Stofko**. We are all envious of them as they enjoyed the extra cookies.

Bob announced our December birthdays for **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** (13), **Bob Heinrich** (16), **Tommy Zander** (18), **Nancy Aldrich** (19) and **Edna Horne** (30). Happy Birthday you 5! **Annie** was the only birthday celebrant there and we all wished her "Happy Belated Birthday". We have no January birthdays.

Conrad Hamilton reported that he delivered the money we donated to Manna Food Bank and Waterfront Rescue Mission. He said they were very appreciative of our help.

Steve Wilkey announced that there will be a reunion in May, 2013, of the first AOC class to graduate from NAS Pensacola. He graduated in that class in 1955. Congratulations, **Steve**! Our own VIP!

Bob read emails from **Jim & Penny Alston** who are in Utah, moving into their winter home. We look forward to their return in the Spring. **Park & Billie Learned** are in Hawaii! **Rich & Maureen Hurst** said he is recovering nicely from his heart problems and they hope to be back in Pensacola soon. We are looking forward to seeing them again.

We then began our fun game of Dirty Santa! This is a game where you choose a gift and then the next person can either steal the gift you took or choose one from the table. It is so much fun and generates lots of laughter. There were several delicious gourmet food items (chocolates!), liquor and other great items.

Our meeting didn't adjourn until after 2:00 PM (I was having so much fun that I forgot to write down the ending time!) Once again, several of us stayed to visit until the restaurant was ready to close.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th and we will be out on the Indoor Patio Area again since there is a special meeting happening in our usual room.

Is it cold and snowy where you are? If so, we invite you to come down to our Gulf Coast where it never gets extremely cold and the Gulf is always so beautiful. Jan. 1st was in the upper 70's and a gorgeous day! We invite you to plan a vacation, so you can join us for one of our meetings. Also, an all day trip to the Aviation Museum should be included on your agenda. Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

February 15 - We always begin at 11:30 AM

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Submitted by Carol Wilbanks

The Sweet Home Alabama chapter met at **Charlotte Gibson's** home for our "first" Christmas party on December 10. Charlotte's beautifully decorated home put us all in the Christmas spirit. Those attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Joe & Marie Duncan, Bobby & Jean Cox, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Gay Fowler, Joe & Jane Jones, Travis & Zoe Glass, Jim & Donna Gooch, Charlotte Gibson, and Cheryl Gallego.**

We really enjoy having retired (and not so retired) flight attendants at our meetings. They always have interesting stories about their time in the "friendly" skies.

Our meal was "pot luck". We have some great cooks in our group. Members feasted on turkey, salads, beans, carrot soufflé; and Charlotte provided the desserts, which were delicious.

We missed **Bill Preston**, who had recent cataract surgery. **Judy Slover** is still unable to join us due to family responsibilities. Hopefully, they can come back soon.

December birthdays were **Herb Wilbanks, Bobby Cox, and Travis Glass.**

Plans for January meeting were made a few days ago. We will have lunch at Dodiyo's in Homewood for our next meeting. If you are in Alabama and want to have some good food and fellowship, please join us on the 2nd Monday of the month.

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Our December luncheon was a wonderful event with 48 members in attendance. The chef at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West was more than accommodating when the banquet coordinator ordered "chicken piccata" instead of "almond crusted chicken" but he made it anyway and made the beef kabobs with beef filets. All in all, we had a great time with our "Christmas" White Elephant Sale and brought in over \$400.00 from the sale and, also, from our 50/50 raffle. We always donate \$250.00 to United's Fantasy Flight and the white elephant sale helps us achieve that goal.

We were pleased to see **Frank Callahan** and **Al Ruetten** and friend, **Sandy**, attend the luncheon since we haven't seen them for awhile. Hope we see more of them and, Frank, we hope you enjoyed your holiday cruise with your son and family.

December and January birthdays kind of got lost in the shuffle; but, belated congratulations to: **Pat Paulson** (12/2); **Mike Richards** (12/4); **Ken Paulson** (12/22); **Rose Barry** (12/18) and **Carol Brie** (12/31). Also, congratulations to **Dick & Jean Wood** on their anniversary (12/5).

January birthdays are: **Jim Ehas** (1/3); **Sherry Muoio** (1/24); **Dick Wood** (1/25). Also, congratulations to **Don & Jeanne Sellon** on their anniversary (1/19). Our February birthdays are: **Vic Liltz** (2/4) and **Millie Hofer** (2/11). Those are the ones I know, congratulations to all the other members that I missed. Please email me your birthdays and anniversaries so that we can honor you also.

Azure travel news: **Vivian Klick** took off for her usual Christmas trip to California to visit her daughter and family, **Vic & Carol Liltz** left AZ 12/16 for their Christmas trip to Huntley, IL. Unfortunately, Carol ended up with "shingles" while in Chicago and pretty much messed up most of the holiday activities. They got to see the daughters and grandchildren and families for gift exchanges. They also were able to see Carol's Emily and Ben

be acolytes on Christmas Day at Prince of Peace Church in Palatine. We hope everyone experienced Christmas joy this season as we did.

Our January luncheon was on January 12 at B.J.'s Restaurant and Brewhouse on 99th and Northern Avenues in Glendale, AZ. Pizza, pasta, salad and pizookies for dessert were the planned menu. No plans yet for a February luncheon. About 25 members are going to the Arizona Broadway Theatre on February 16 to see "Hello Dolly". Our luncheon for March 9 is planned for the Vistancia "Verde Grill", more to come on price, etc. And, then the All Arizona luncheon in Casa Grande on March 14.

Calendar:

Breakfasts at 0800, Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City West

February 5

February 19

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February is always a great month to be in Arizona, where the weather is always warm and sunny. Many "Snowbirds" and visitors enjoy coming to seek warmer weather, so if you are visiting in the area, why not come to one of our Re-United's breakfasts or luncheons and enjoy the camaraderie with other United retirees? We are a very active group and enjoy getting together once a month for breakfast or lunch. Our breakfast will be on Friday, February 15 at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert and our luncheon will be Wednesday, February 20, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the social hour and lunch at 12:00 noon at Mount Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ, 444 N. Pinal Parkway; also known as Hwy 79. Please contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at Indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be more than happy to give you any information you need, direction, cost, etc.

We had 26 people at our December breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. We talked about the Fantasy Flight luncheon for all the helpers on January 8th at the Golden Corral and the upcoming January 17th luncheon at the Grand View Steakhouse at Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa, hosted by **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**. **The All-Arizona Luncheon** to be held Thursday, March 14th at the Holiday Inn Casa Grande, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the social hour, followed by the buffet luncheon starting at 12:00 noon. The address is 777 N. Pinal Avenue. Directions from Phoenix off I-10, East/South, take exit #185; go right at exit about 9 miles. The hotel is on the right side of Pinal Avenue and Florence Blvd. Our chapter is in charge of it this year, and will need your ideas for decorations, entertainment, plus donations of baskets for the prizes. The committee is working hard to make this luncheon one of the best ever! There is a special room rate of \$99 at the hotel, which includes breakfast, for those who might be interested.

We had a new member join us at this breakfast, **Peggy Taylor**, who worked at WHQ LAXSS PAB (NYC) Pan Am. We're happy to have you with us. We also had two guests, **Peg's** sister and **Rita's** daughter. We're always glad when they come. We were happy to see **Bob Hallden** back with us after his surgery. He mentioned that RUAEA is still looking for a Convention site for 2013.

Our February luncheon on Wednesday, February 20th at Mount Athos Restaurant at 444 N. Pinal Pkwy. in Florence, AZ, starts at 11:00 a.m. With the menu being Gyro classic, Chicken on Salad or Cheeseburger Deluxe, with the Greek dessert, Gallakto Bouriko. There will be 2 for 1 draft beer and house wine available. The price is \$18. Checks should be sent to **Natasha Schmidt**, 3668 W. Saratoga Ct., Florence, AZ 85232. She can be contacted at (520) 723-7939, or by e-mail at mohrle@q.com.

Have you paid your annual dues of \$5 per person yet? If not, please send your money to **Rita Zarek**, our Treasurer, right away, or better yet, see her at one of our breakfasts or luncheons. Please also let her know if you have any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail, so we can make any changes in our Membership Directory before it gets published soon. **Rita Zarek's** address is 823 W. 14th Ave., Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Her phone number is (480) 288-6685. Please do this promptly.

If you haven't joined RUAEA yet, membership dues are \$25 for one year. Mail it to Retired United Airlines Employees Association, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. Be sure and include your file number on your

check and any correspondence. This is a wonderful newsletter and keeps you informed on the company plus news about many of your friends, whom you may have worked with, throughout the system. You may also go online at www.ruaea.org for up-to-date information.

The election of officers for our Re-United's Chapter will be held this month with installation being held in April.

The January 17th luncheon at the Grand View Steak House in Mesa, hosted by **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** will be reported next month.

We heard **Dakota Morris-Terry's** husband, **Dillion**, recently went through cancer surgery in December. We hope his recovery goes real well. Cards can be sent to him at 903 S. Saranac Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85208. Also, our sympathy goes out to **Doris Ailshie** in the death of her husband, **El**. They both were members of our group for many years. Cards can be sent to Mrs. **Doris Ailshie**, 9255 Magnolia, #293, Santee, CA 92071. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from our members.

For those who would be interested in seeing the Chicago Cubs and White Sox in a spring training game, mark your calendar for March 7, and see **Ron Paluch** for tickets.

We have a number of birthdays in February ~ **Jim Pappas** (2/1), **Bonnie Fauber** (2/4), **John Tiefel** (2/7), **Marilyn Morey** (2/8), **Ted Tollefsen** (2/10), **Gordy Kubiak** (2/11), **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 have Wedding Anniversaries this month: **Marjorie & Joel Matteson** (2/2/63), **Janet & Don Burns** (2/5/2000), **Judy & John McFarland** (2/8/64), and **Lynn & Bud Hubbard** (2/26/49). Congratulations to all the couples!

Calendar:

February 15 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by February 13 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Note: Date change.

February 20 – Luncheon at Mt. Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ., starting at 11:00 a.m. Contact **Natasha Schmidt** with your reservation at (520) 723-7939, or by e-mail at mohrle@q.com.

March 7 – Cubs/White Sox baseball outing. Contact **Ron Paluch** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at ripal96@yahoo.com.

March 14 – **All- Arizona Luncheon** at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. Contact **Rita Zarek** at (480) 288-6685, or by e-mail at rzarek1@q.com, or **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at Indind75@yahoo.com. Reservations due March 4, 2013.

March 22 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

April 12 – Annual picnic at Crescent Run in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Our Christmas luncheon was held at the Oro Valley Country Club on the 13th of December. There were 30 people in attendance including one guest. **Wayne Byle**, the son of **Claire Byle**, a UAL employee at Denver flew in to enjoy a great meal at the Country Club. **Ann Borucki** and **Loretta Norman** were the 50/25/25 winners of the raffle. Loretta was also the winner of a special prize, a Christmas Sleigh filled with assorted chockalott goodies. **Alice Lopez**, our chapter's photo wizard once again displayed albums of our members going back several years. It was wonderful display, Alice. Thank you.

Hank & Lou Dykhuis returned from their 28 day cruise to the Hawaiian Islands and the South Pacific. They talked about their visit to the Arizona Memorial and how attentive the Marines were in helping them navigate up and down the ramps.

A recent email to our chapter secretary **Claire Byle**, from **Charles Williams**, tells us that he is doing well and on the mend after his recent heart surgery. Charles & Erika wish to thank everyone for their cards and letters.

Our January luncheon will be held at Mimi's Café on the corner of Oracle Rd and Wetmore near the Tucson Mall. **Bill & Bonnie Royle** will be hosting this event. The date will be January 17th and will start at 11:30am. Anyone visiting our area at this time is invited to join us. Contact Bill or Bonnie at (520) 825-7274. United or Continental retirees. We'd like to see some new faces.

Calendar:

January 17 - Mimi's Café Tucson Mall

February 21 - TBA

CALIFORNIA

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Our Christmas meeting was held in the Spyglass Restaurant on December 19th at Pismo Beach. It was sponsored by **John & Barbara Stilwell**, who also furnished very nice table treats. The restaurant did a great job on setting up a room for our use and the service and food was very good. There were 18 of us in attendance. We missed our regulars, **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**, **Rosina Harvey**, **Betty Rupp**, and **Wayne & Jean Foster**. **Ken Bake** and **Stella** came late just in time to eat. They said they thought our meeting was the next day. John sent an invitation to **Bill & Dana Noyes** to attend our December meeting. They responded by saying how much they would have liked to attend but were unable at this time. They did say they are enjoying their living conditions and being so close to relatives. We are very happy for them and miss them very much.

President **Esther Bartlett** welcomed everyone and the first order of business was to elect a new board for 2013. With some arm-twisting, **Mike Zoldak** volunteered to be President, **Esther Bartlett** as Vice-President, **Marcia Stanger** as Treasurer. I again volunteered to be the secretary.

After this, we needed sponsors for next year's Chapter meetings. In February, it will be the Bartletts, April will be the Zoldaks & Schaefer, June will be the Stangers, August will be the Rybars, October has been assigned to the Cunninghams (they weren't here to object so when you snooze you lose), December the Stilwells have already reserved the Spyglass Restaurant again for next year.

Mike Zoldak & Bridget went to the east for a family function and said that they were able to see the Flight 93 memorial in PA. They were very much impressed on the way it was displayed. They got involved in the last of Hurricane Sandy, while they were driving. Most of the traffic was trucks carrying supplies to the devastated areas in the east. Their flights worked out well and they were happy with how well things went.

Marcia Stanger showed us pictures of our Chapter that were taken several years ago. We had quite a group at one time, but since then we have lost several members. I guess it is the sign of the times. Our dues still remain at \$5 a person. We donated money to the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties Toys-4-Tots and **Bob Wagner** said he would make sure they receive them.

I have heard and read about horror stories from retirees when they attempted to fly. For a change, I heard nothing but good news from **Bob Stanger** on his trip from SFO to Tokyo during Thanksgiving. Marcia had booked Bob, using the computer, on a vacation pass. Bob had others traveling with him and they all got on in business class. He said the service was great, as was the flight. He went to Japan to visit two of his grandchildren who are in the Navy and based there. On his flight home, they were put in first class. Bob said it was like flying on UAL before the merger, which they all enjoyed.

Nina Powers told us of her 3 week trip to the Antarctica. She flew into Buenos Aires and then boarded a tour boat. Her main purpose on this trip was to see the penguins. She had a rough voyage between the Falkland Islands and Antarctica as they got caught in a hurricane. Besides the penguins, she said that several countries have research centers that they were able to see.

John & Barbara Stilwell said that they just celebrated their birthdays. Barbara on November 12 and John on December 10. Their age difference was not mentioned. Also **Bob Wagner & Pat** celebrated their anniversary as well.

Here's wishing all the Retirees a healthy and happy New Year.



BRAZEN RAISINS

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First, I would like to wish everyone a very "Happy New Year"!

Brazen Raisins got off to a good start this year with another potluck held at **Peggy & John Oakshott's** home. There were 11 people attending. We were glad to see **Charlie & Millie** back from traveling, but we missed the **Van Pattens** and **Gil Gilbert**. **Virginia Van Patten** had both knees operated on in December, so she is still on the mend. We hope she will soon be well and back with us.

Our officers for 2013 are as follows: President ~ **Elida Rivas**, Vice President ~ **Dick Hayes**, Treasurer ~ **Dick Shryock**, Secretary & Corresponding Secretary ~ **Peggy Oakshott**, Sunshine Lady - **Hazel Hayes**.

We held a short meeting with a lively discussion on health insurance and we were surprised at the different costs of similar plans. For instance, if you had signed up for Kaiser from Kaiser, it was free, where United is charging retirees a large fee for the insurance.

Our President, **Elida Rivas**, let us know that two of our favorite restaurants – Bentley's and the Victoria Rose Cottage, closed their doors. We will be back to hunting for quiet places to hold our meetings.

"Happy Birthday" to **Lincoln Jones** on January 17th. All of the wives took home my "Serbian Eggs" recipe. **Millie & Charlie Barnett** won the 50/50 raffle.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds' annual Christmas Luncheon/Meeting was held as usual (if 23 years in a row can be considered usual), at the Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert. Hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**, 54 members and guests feasted on a traditional Holiday dinner - Roast Turkey with all the trimmings. Perfect!

The Christmas Luncheon always attracts members that we do not see very often, and this one was no exception; **Judy Ford**, **Louie Horvath**, **Alan & Gail Wayne**, **Sean & Marilyn Foley**, and **Vern Behnke**. Guests this month: **Claire Staples** brought her sister, **Lou**; **Patti Sica** brought a friend visiting from Canada, **Maureen Kirkwood**; and I brought **Marji**, who now has been upgraded from a 1/8 guest to an "honorary" member.

Tom Labrow (LAXSW-Retired) currently living in (Arizona?), came to the Luncheon and told us that he will be moving to the desert soon, and will be joining the Sunbirds. Welcome, Tom.

Sad news: **Ray Silvestri**, battling diabetes and a bleeding ulcer, lost the battle and passed away on December 6th. Our prayers and sympathy go to **Flo** and the family.

Unfortunately, our "health" report does not end here. **Ron Aggson** was rushed to the hospital with an irregular heartbeat and a lung infection. He received mega-doses of antibiotics, and had a pacemaker implanted on December 20th. After 2 weeks in the hospital, Ron was transferred to a rehab center in Rancho Mirage, where we understand, he's getting better, and looking forward to getting back home.

That's not all! **Sandy Sereno** advised us that her husband **T. J.**, was rushed to the hospital on December 22nd in critical condition, heart and lung related. Sound familiar? On the 24th, T. J. was upgraded from critical to stable. And better news; he was released on the 29th, and is now in a skilled nursing facility for rehab.

Elaine & Ron, and Sandy & T.J., know that the Desert Sunbirds will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Back to the luncheon ~ Our chapter again collected toys and gifts for the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. **Carole Paquin** again volunteered to transport the toys to the Mission, and ably assisted by **Betty Rodgers**, took 3 carloads to the facility. We should mention that **Ron & Barb Napier** are and have been regular helpers at the Mission. A big "Thank you" to the four mentioned above, and to all who contributed!

Congratulations to **Al & Jenny Pennington** on their 63rd Anniversary on January 1st!

Door prizes, supplied by Elaine & Ron, were distributed by Santa's Elves, **Maureen Kirkwood** and **Marji Gomez**. Winners were **Dee Whately**, **Sheryll Waiss**, **Werner Brunken**, **Barbara Rowe**, **Gail Wayne**, **Mary Frank**, **Tom Labrow**, **Carole Paquin**, **Mike Bailardo**, **Patti Sica**, **Judy Ford**, **Marji Gomez**, **Lia Schultz**, **Jenny Pennington**, **Alan Wayne**, **Glen Voirol**, and **Bill Schultz**.

Center pieces at each table were taken home by **Maureen Kirkwood**, **Sandy Sereno**, **Brad Sydow**, **Barb Napier**, **Marge Lenz**, **T. J. Sereno**, and **Jan Kellerhals**.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Glen Voirol**; and there were two winners of \$50.00 apiece in the 50/50 drawing; **Maureen Kirkwood** and **Barb Napier**.

Lastly, on behalf of the Desert Sunbirds, **Patti Sica** presented President Elaine with a flower arrangement and an American Express Check. I don't know the amount, but it isn't nearly enough. Thanks Elaine, for all that you do - and have done for 24 years. You are the best!

Calendar:

February 13 - Hosts - **Ron & Barb Napier**

March 13 - Hostess - **Sandy Sereno**

GOLD DIGGERS

SACRAMENTO



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DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on December 13, 2012 at the Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley for our Christmas luncheon. This was hosted by **Rose & Hank Wikstad** and **Dale & Dorothy Volker**. We had 75 Gold Diggers attending and 3 guests. Guests of **Forrester & Jean Sinclair** were **Jim & Clara Moss** and guest of **Frank Uhl** was **Mary Bikowski**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Wikstads and Volkers for hosting.

Officers' Reports:

President ~ Terry thanked his wife, Penny, for all the support and extra things she did to help him this year as President. He said that he really enjoyed his year as President. They only joined the Gold Diggers about 4½ years ago.

Vice President ~ Orville gave us a luncheon update for next year: January, February and April are covered. We need hosts for March and May plus the rest of the year.

Secretary ~ Colleen read the anniversaries for November: **Robert & Gail Opdahl** (53 years, December); **Sanford & Frances Pinkiert** (65 years); **Bill & Lois Hopkins** (54 years). **Harold Esola** led us in the anniversary song.

Treasurer ~ Judie gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine ~ Angie sent a card to **Joesie Hennig** and read a thank you note from **Jim Meek**'s family.

Historian ~ Stephanie brought the photo albums. She wants everyone's picture in the book. Please check the book for the person's name, if there is someone you don't know.

Roster Chairman ~ Jack asked that members check for corrections on the roster and email him as well.

Installation of Officers ~ Thank you to **Penny Greenacre** for making our beautiful corsages. President ~ **Hank Wikstad**, Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak**, Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger**, Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton**, Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola**, Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor**, Treasurer ~ **Judie King**.

Calendar:

January 30 - Luncheon at Mel's Original Diner in Auburn, hosted by **Alice & Glenn McPeak**

February 27 - Past Presidents & Gold Diggers Anniversary – Woody's Grill & Bar in Rocklin, hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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What a great way to finish 2012! Our luncheon was held at the American Legion Hall in Placerville. With the help of our members, the hall became a bright and festive setting. Talk about food! Oh, my goodness - you all are wonderful cooks! Everything was delicious! Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, sweet potatoes cooked various ways, vegetables, salads, appetizers, desserts - a meal fit for kings and queens. A rousing "Thank You" to each of you and to our hosts, **Rosemary & J. R. Heier** and **Jane & Bill Gibson**.

Our president, **Jon Somplack**, was not able to join us at the last minute. Jon, we hope you are feeling better. **Rosemary Heier** called for our meeting before we enjoyed our lunch.

President ~ Jon sent his Thank You to all of you who helped out the past years during his time as our president.

Vice President ~ Rosemary introduced the board for 2013: **Rudy Blazius** ~ President; **Bill Dinette** ~ Vice President; **Tom Kenny** ~ Treasurer; **Jane Gibson** ~ Secretary; **Lynda Lima** ~ Historian; **Jeanette D'Amico** ~ Sunshine.

Secretary ~ Jane let everyone know that **Joanne** and **Graham Dilks** have moved to Louisiana to be closer to their son. Our best to them in their new home.

Treasurer ~ Tom reports that there is \$527.45 in our checking. However, that amount changed as members gave him the \$10 annual membership dues for 2013. Last count I was given was \$667.45.

Historian ~ Lynda was busy taking pictures!

Sunshine ~ Jeanette was not in attendance.

Old Business ~ A reminder that our annual dues are being collected. You need to have your \$10.00 in to **Tom Kenny** (3841 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667) by the meeting in March.

Our sign-up sheet for the 2013 luncheons was passed around and we have hosts for each month - except, December is still available. Let us know if you would like to host December, which is really fun to do. Rudy put together a sheet with guidelines for the host(s). If you have not hosted a luncheon yet, you are encouraged to sign up. If you would like to have a "seasoned" host help you out, just let us know.

New Business ~ None was brought up.

RUAEA ~ Rudy has been in touch with RUAEA and will bring updates to us when we will not have a representative at our meetings. We can always go to the RUAEA website for information. He also mentioned that Dale Harper has set up a website (ual-retirees@googlegroups.com) where retirees can send information, ask questions, share concerns. Go to the website to get on his email list.

Two of our couples celebrate anniversaries in December: **Rosemary & J. R. Heier** (49 years); **Herbert & Kathy Prevost** (49 years). Also, **Suzanne Kenny** enjoyed her birthday this month on a special day 12-12-12! Congratulations to you all!

Mary Lou Wagner expressed how much she enjoyed the Sierra House last month. It is, indeed, a very warm and relaxing setting.

Rosemary Heier sent this to each of you ~ *Hi Miners! During our short meeting at the Christmas Party, I forgot to thank everyone who not only brought wonderful gifts for Toys for Tots but food for the Food Bank. Wow, what a haul! The gifts for Toys for Tots went to the Mosquito Fire Department. They will distribute them to ten families in the area. If there are any left, they will go to the Georgetown Fire Department to be given to kids in that area. Thank you for your generosity. Now, I would like to thank Jane for the decorations she made for all the tables. She did a terrific job and the labor of her talents was appreciated by everyone! Thank You!*



REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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We had 41 members and 14 guests at our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont on December 13, 2012. President Barney welcomed everyone and remarked how beautiful the view is from the banquet room. Barney thanked the officers for hosting.

We had a moment of silence to honor **Bernice Anderson** who passed away earlier this week. We will all miss her and our thoughts and prayers are with Charlie and her family.

VP **George Schwin** introduced our guests: **Sara Storer**, guest of **Ruth Loy**; **Fred McCauley**, guest of **Lou Legnitto**; **Lee Trevalyan & Lynn Cassil**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**; **Pamela Olson**, guest of **Edie Olson**; **Marlene von Bordel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; **Alice Eastus**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Jill Schraty, Oscar & Joan Chambers** daughter; **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guest of **Les Carey**, **Barbara & Jerome Underhill** and **Almira Rilgrim**, guests of **Pat Ortega**.

George then presented Barney with a thank you gift for serving as our President. The gift was two wine glasses with engraving on them and a nice bottle of wine.

Barney announced the full slate of officers for next year: **George Schwin** ~ President, **Brandon Maus** ~ Vice President, **Valerie Hulsey** ~ Secretary and **Jan Blackburn** ~ Treasurer.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported the total balance as of 11/30/12 was \$702.99 of which \$ 657.78 is in the general account and we have \$45.21 in the Charity Fund.

The following distributions were made from the Charity Fund: Earl Baum Center for the Blind - \$200, Redwood Empire Food Bank - \$200, Meals on Wheels (through Council on Aging) \$150 and The Children's Village of Sonoma County - \$150. A total of \$700 was distributed and the remaining funds were put towards next year's fund.

Jan is collecting dues, so please remember they are \$10 next year. Checks should be made payable to the Redwood Empire Retirees.

Sunshine lady Verda forgot her binder but she did a great job "winging it". We had three December birthday folks present and instead of a drawing, Verda had them pick a number between 1 and 20. **Mary Wilson** was the lucky winner and she won a free lunch. Verda doesn't need notes for a good joke and we all enjoyed the one she came up with today.

Pass travel update ~ the reservation computers are improving and you can access them from your smart phone or iPad while you are traveling which is a great improvement.

As always, the raffle was fun and lots wine, candy and beautiful poinsettia centerpieces were given away. Next month's luncheon will be hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen** on January 10 at La Gare, always a favorite.

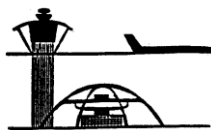
Special note: Contact info for **Norm Burnett**, 1391 Crestwood Drive, Redlands, CA 92373. Cell – (707) 321-9151.

Calendar:

February 14 - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

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The **Schusters, Peter & Barbara**, went to visit friends and relatives in Germany, in early December. They trampled over snow in Peter's hometown of Stuttgart and then north to Berlin, enjoying the cold weather and beautiful scenery. They both are ready to do it again.

We've had a chance to talk to **Eleanor Jones** regarding the death of her son before Christmas. He'd been fighting the damaging effects of diabetes for many years and finally succumbed just before his 65th birthday, a very difficult loss for any mother. Our deepest sympathies to her and her family; 4110 Waterwood Dr., Baytown, TX 77521-3078.

Speaking of children, Hal and I had the pleasure of the company of a Mother, a 7 yr old son and a newborn baby for about 6 months in our home. Abruptly, our lives were filled with soccer games, children's TV shows, feeding and cuddling a baby with big brown eyes, a killer smile and a sweet little cooing sound. They departed just before Christmas to their new home, and we 70-somethings were left a bit sad.

But Christmas Day, our grandkids made a big entrance with one grandson singing a ballad in a baritone we had not heard before and the other decorating our banister with Christmas wreaths and lights; and life returned to normal. Amazing, how children can change your whole perspective!

We just had a request from **Charles Onesko** to send an application to join the ReLAXers; to a retiree from Continental. Great! We welcome the new-comer, **Earnie Growe**.

Just as we were finishing the wrap-up from our Fantasy Flight on December 1st, we saw **Jane Perry** running to gate 74 to catch a flight. She's recently moved from the LA area and we got her new address on the run, 7211 Merganser Dr., Sun River, OR 97707.

We received an e-mail from **Peter & Shirley Criscione**, who reside in San Diego. Shirley's illness has kept them from attending luncheons for a long time and they wanted to send greetings to all and we return good wishes to them, 453 W. El Noerte Pkwy, #210 Escondido, CA 92026-1929.

Sadly, we've been advised that **Flo Bettke** has passed on a few days before Christmas, after suffering from a very long illness. We send our deepest sympathies to Norm and his family and friends, 312 Ave D., Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Calendar:

February 7 - Luncheon - Proud Bird



RESANS

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Our first breakfast of the year, 2013, got off to a good start with twenty six retirees in attendance. The atmosphere was subdued as we mourn the loss of **Mary Semon**, SANCS, and even more recently, **Loys Sheehan** and **Al Ailshie**. There will be services for Loys and Al later.

As I was leaving the house for the breakfast, I received a call that **Betty Tomaino's** father passed away the night before. They were visiting in Reno and he had a stroke. Our thoughts are with Betty and her family as they make their way home from Nevada.

Roberta Parisi took her nephew to Cabo San Lucas and she reports that it was very expensive and they couldn't get on any flights as standby. Ultimately, they had to buy tickets to get there. On the bright side her nephew had a great time and that is what counts when it comes to doing something special for your family.

Plans are underway for our Spring Fling, date and location to be announced.

We are back at the Pt. Loma Cafe for 2013, so come and join us when you are in San Diego.

Calendar:

February 7 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226 0255

GOLDEN GATERS

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Term Limits ~ We don't have a meeting in December as this is the month for our transition of officers meeting and luncheon. As our group doesn't seem to recognize Term Limits - there is no change to our slate of officers to run the SFO meetings. We need to get volunteers to help run the group but, this has not been in the stars.

2012 left us with some much needed rain - up to our eyebrows in many instances! Late November brought us the very sad news that our dear **Helen Cain** had passed away. Our "Easy Does It" and Corresponding Secretary lady had not been well these past couple of years - this did not deter her from coming to our meetings dressed to the nines, never complaining, always wearing one of her signature hats - always ready to help if someone needed help. She was an inspiration to us all and we will truly miss her. We will also miss **Clint Sundstrom, Joe Vaccaro, John Kensinger** and **Sal Ortega** - may they rest in peace.

As we have not had any volunteers for Helen's "job", various Golden Gater members will take a month and write the column.

Our special thanks this New Year go to **Ralph Trullinger** as he takes the helm (again! - he may outdo FDR!) for the umpteenth year. He runs a good, tight ship (or airplane) and keeps our meetings going quickly and smoothly. Kudos to all our board and coordinators who stayed on for another year. **Kathy Hutt** saw that we were entertained over the year with singers, dancers, speakers - and a fascinating lady Pilot who told us all about her career. Our financial treasurer, **Art Barrett**, "shows us the money" each month and keeps us stable. Our auditors, **Dorothy Reuszer, Judy Curran** and **Ben Vietz**, need to go to Washington as they have given us a budget over the years and done it quickly (no new taxes!) and efficiently! **Donna Taiclet** has done a dandy job as Recording Secretary. **Barbara Underhill** has had her hands full making sure members pay their dues (some twice or three times!) Our kitchen crew, **Walter & Vera Kina**, have done an outstanding job making sure we have "special occasion" meals (Chinese fare for Chinese New Years, Hot Dogs and the works for the 4th of July, our September Steak Picnic, just to name a few.) **Harriet Kunze** does such a good job as our Memorial and Charity lady that we were able to send 5 substantial checks to local charities. **Shirley Campbell** has been our editor-in-chief for our local newsletter - she gets to nag at us to get information to her on a timely basis.

We look forward to a healthy 2013 remembering our loved ones who have gone before us and keeping those in our hearts and thoughts who are not feeling well - send a note to them as they are not forgotten! If you are in the area, come see us!

Calendar:

We meet on the 4th Monday of the Month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) at 11am until 2pm, Foster City, CA 94404. Any mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

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Happy Valentine's Day!

The South Bay RUAEA has enjoyed a regular weekly average attendance of 40 members and guests.

We love to celebrate member's birthdays and anniversaries. Recently **Claire Eber** celebrated being 90 years young. A notable 51st anniversary for February is **Dwayne & Anna Howze**. Congratulations to all of you.

We're happy to see **Bill Copley** back at our meetings. He has been caring for his wife **Carol** who was hospitalized.

Dave Saso reminded us of making changes to our enrolled friends using our passes. Some have found this new change in policy to be confusing and others have used this benefit quite successfully.

The ladies of our chapter celebrated a "California winter" at **Ann Olthof's** home with a delicious lunch hosted by **Karen Devlin, Margie Klaus, Ann Olthof, Rosemarie Reichard, Sally Urso** and **Nancy Walb**. It's always nice to find another excuse to enjoy each others company.

Our RUAEA South Bay meets every Friday morning at 8 AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose/Cupertino, across from the Home Depot. Please join us.

Calendar:

June 18 - South Bay RUAEA annual picnic is on Tuesday at Vasona Park in Los Gatos.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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All of us in the San Joaquiners Chapter wish you all a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Our Christmas luncheon was held at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson and we had 46 people in attendance. We are so happy to see so many people come to our Christmas get-together. It is always fun for all and a wonderful way to end the year. The luncheon was hosted by the officers and it was a fun time for everyone there.

We have new officers for 2013. **Jack Walls** ~ President; **Nancy Buddington** ~ Vice President; **Barbara Edkin** ~ Secretary and RUAEA Correspondent; **Rudy Reyna** will continue as Treasurer; and **Joy Blair** will continue as Sunshine Representative. Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to a wonderful 2013.

Our Chapter always meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks** and will be held on February 14, 2013 at my very favorite restaurant, Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs, located on the corner of highways 26 and 12. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call **Jack Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

Happy Valentine's Day and regards to all!



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Our December meeting was held at Back Forty Texas BBQ. We enjoyed a delicious buffet. We were honored to have three Marines in attendance: SSgt Whitcomb, Corporal Salas and Lance Corporal Man. 44 members and guests were present and, as usual, were more than generous with their contribution to Toys for Tots. Thanks to everyone.

The 50/50 was won by **Nolan & Mary Untiedt**. Thanks to the great organization of **Jo Payne**, we had many door prizes and everyone went home with something. We had extra so gave them to the Marines.

We welcomed a new member, **Cheryl Kinkead** of ORDSW. Her parents are **Lou & Ruth Kinkead** who have been members since the beginning of our chapter.

It was great to see **Caryl Payne** again and we hope to see her at many more meetings.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. There are three exceptions during the year: June is our annual picnic, which we are planning to hold again at **Hoagie Harguth's** home, July we do not meet, and December will be held again at the Back Forty restaurant. Social

time is from 1100-1200 then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many departments represented.

Calendar:

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10 - Annual Picnic

CALIFORNIA
NORTHSTATERS

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Happy New Year to all from the Northstaters! Northern California area has had off and on great weather days during early January. The Northstaters had a Christmas luncheon/meeting at Marie Callendar's in Chico. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed 21 retirees and their spouses at a great luncheon and meeting. He thanked **Sharon Simonton** for setting up the reservation.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **John Isbell** and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary and **Vincent Neidlinger** and his wife celebrated their 45th anniversary in November.

Merritt reminded everyone that their \$10.00 dues per family are due at our January meeting. We really like our Regional Director to come and visit us. Sharon reported that she sent out a personal invitation to **John Zoboli**, who lives in Reno, Nevada, offering lunch and accommodations at member's homes when he visits us.

We had several members take some wonderful trips during the summer. **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** went on a Viking Cruise down the Danube and **Kati Innocenti** had a great trip to Shanghai. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** had a great cruise from New York to Quebec City, Canada. They went on the trip before hurricane Sandy and thought the weather and colors were wonderful.

Our member profile this month is **Jim Geiger** ~ Jim started his career in aviation during 1965 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After receiving the proper training, he was qualified as an "Aviation Maintenance Technician" and was assigned to a squadron based on the island of Guam. He soon qualified as an air-crewman and was assigned to a crew aboard an EC121K better known as a "Super Connie" or Super Constellation. The Squadron was known as VW-1 or Early Warning Squadron One. The primary mission was to track, penetrate and determine weather conditions inside a typhoon. The secondary mission was to fly night time recon flights over the Gulf of Tonkin in Chu Lei, Viet Nam. His job was to maintain the aircraft after the flights and be ready for the next evening flight assignment. During these flights he was in training as a flight engineer. Over 5 years with the Navy, he accumulated over 2000 hours of flight time.

After his military obligation, he returned to college and obtained his A&P license along with his Aircraft Inspection Authorization, AA Degree in aircraft maintenance, private pilot license and FCC radio operator and maintenance qualification.

He held positions in the General Aviation sector (FBO) as a Maintenance Technician, Inspector, Maintenance Supervisor and owner/operator of his own business. He also worked for South Seattle Community College teaching A&P School and Boeing Aircraft Co. as a Boeing 747 final assembly inspector.

He was hired by United Airlines in 1985 as a traveling instructor for the 747 aircraft. Most of his training assignments were within the Pacific Rim markets. He retired from United shy of 19 years all of which were in the training department. Jim is now enjoying his retirement in Stirling City, Calif. with his lovely wife Caroline enjoying six grandchildren and lots of fun on ATV rides with a little hunting and fishing thrown in.

It was **Klaren Odor**'s lucky day. She won the 50/50 raffle and the \$15.00 gift certificate for lunch. We also had a great Christmas present exchange game that **Klaren** wrote a story for. It was great fun. The next meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Redding on Thursday January 24th at 11:30 A.M. and **Richard Skelly**, our Vice President, will be setting it up.

Calendar:

January 24 - Holiday Inn in Redding beginning at 11:30 A.M. Come join us!



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We're preparing to have our first meeting of this marvelous New Year on January 9 at Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville, unencumbered by political dialogue or vitriol, depending on who's doing the talking.

We currently have 40 charter members whose names we will supply for the next RUAEA newsletter. It would be nice if they all attend all the meetings but of course they won't. Oh Well.

The December 50/50 raffle was won by **Pad Gardner**. He was advised to use his winnings to buy UAL-CO stock but I don't believe he will.

We hope to find a restaurant that can fulfill our needs in Fairfield, CA, 'bout 12 miles from Vacaville, so we can rotate the meeting places that will be convenient for everyone.

We all wish a very Happy New Year to all our members and especially to the Lilac City Flyers in Spokane (My old chapter).

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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January 5, the Mile High Chapter had their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center. There were 46 retirees and friends in attendance. We had three first timers, **Jeanie Habish**, **Marilyn Marcy** and **John Koehl**. **Stella Mendoza** from Alliant Credit Union was also present. Visitors are always welcome; please come back again.

Marilyn Marcy is the VP of Conventions and **John Koehl** is responsible for Site Selection for upcoming conventions. They were in Denver exploring the possibility of having a convention here in 2013 or 2014. They were here from RUAEA National exploring the possibly of having a RUAEA convention in Denver in October 2013. They found the local hotels friendly with the possibility of hosting the convention but other things must be considered. If you are interested in helping with a convention, please contact **Tom Goodyear** or **Virgil Gooselaw**.

Harriet Ahr was in rehab for over 3 weeks after falling at home and she is now back home with 24/7 home care. We are thankful for her improvement and if you want to send her a card, her address is 4576 Hooker, Denver, CO 80211-1354 and her phone is (303) 477-2918. Tom's voice was a little crackly as he is recovering from bout of pneumonia and Nancy had a bad sinus infection over Christmas and New Years, but they both are on the mend.

Tom reported that in the near future, retirees will be receiving retiree's badges and possibly be included in the FedEx discount program. It's his understanding that the discount can amount to be as high as 75%. Stay tuned for details on this one!

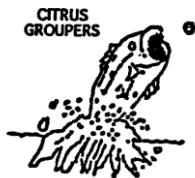
For up coming events, we are planning a spring luncheon at the Fresh Fish Company, watch your Newsletter for details. Please keep August 21 open for a CO/UA retiree's catered picnic at "Wings Over The Rockies" Museum. **Don LeFurge** and **Tom Goodyear** are working together to make it happen. This should be a real blast!

The following folks returned their 50/50 winning to the chapter: **Charlie Hassler**, **Cas Spokas** and **Gil Rohde**, (Cas and Charlie won twice). Thanks for your contributions, they are appreciated. The Double Tree Hotel donated a can of cookies and a can of candy for the drawing. **Eve Burnhan** won the cookies and **Walt Hansen** won the candy.

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on Ground Hogs Day, February 2nd at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

FLORIDA



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We are approaching our forthcoming "Florida Retirees Uniting" at warp speed. Final preparations are well under way and we are looking forward to a great get together for Florida Retirees on February 22, 23 and 24.

We already have plenty of people registered to ensure our event is going to be a success as well as a lot of fun. Our National RUAEA President, **Hank Gosselin**, has graciously accepted our invitation to speak at our banquet. Our regional director **Paul Brown** will also be in attendance. We have registrations from all over the state of Florida as well as a few out of state ones. We are excited to be hosting this first ever event at the beautiful Waterfront Inn in The Villages, Florida.

The Waterfront Inn has given us a special rate for this gathering. The remaining rooms that we have blocked must be released 30 days before the start of our event. After our blocked rooms are filled or 30 days before the event, whichever comes first, the rooms will be on a space available basis. The registration deadline of January 10 is being extended until February 1, 2013 or when we reach the maximum we can accommodate.

If you would like to attend this event and need a registration form, please email me at the above address, and I will email you the form as an attachment that will open in Excel. There is not much time left to get registered. We are not planning to accept new registrations at the event.

Our first regular meeting of 2013 will be on Thursday January 31 at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant on Buena Vista Blvd. in The Villages. We will start with lunch at 11:30 AM and have a short business meeting after lunch to go over last minute details of our upcoming "Florida Retirees Uniting" gathering.

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I will be combining our last two meetings in this writing. Our December Christmas meeting was held at Halifax Yacht Club in Daytona. The group was small, but nice. It consisted mostly of the officers and spouses: Prez **Dick Coughlin** & wife **Frieda**, VP **Steve Moddle** & wife **Lillian**, Treas. **Penny Logan** & husband **Omar**, & myself, **Bobbie Rieck** plus the faithful members **Rick & Marion Johnson**. We were all seated at the same large round table, so we could all see each other and talk and share conversations together which was great.

There were lots of airline trip stories. I read my Christmas article that I write for my church newsletter monthly. It was about a little reminiscing of years gone by and music of that era. This led to other stories of long ago, the music, and a few humorous stories of Christmas. **Omar Logan** shared a joke about an elderly lady that didn't need a driver's license anymore. I shared this at another party and it got laughs there too. We didn't have a formal meeting, just enjoyed one another's company.

Our January 3rd meeting took place at Red Lobster as usual. Only 11 members were present as some of our group hadn't returned yet from holiday visiting. **Steve & Lil Moddle** from NC, **Rick & Marion Johnson** are on another cruise, **Nelson Funkhouser** is now in an assisted living place because of some health issues. If anyone wants to contact him, he's at Countryside Lakes, 941 Village Trail, Port Orange, FL 32127.

There were no birthday celebrants present. **Penny & Omar Logan** are celebrating 39 years of marriage, **Dick Coughlin's** company Anniversary is 47 yrs. We had three 50/50 drawings ~ **Gloria Marcontoni** won the money, **Bob Clinedinst** won the chocolates, and **Larry Horton** won the cookies.

Penny reports a good amount in our Treasury. Because of the small turnout, we will choose a charity at the next meeting. Prez Dick gave some airline news. UAL is still struggling to get all details worked out between the two companies. He mentioned the new things that will be added in 2013 at different stations. Also, he mentioned the new planes coming in with new features and the older planes that will be retired. He also gives us information that is going on in other airlines.

I invited anyone who wanted to come hear an American Airline pilot Steve Scheibner who will be speaking at my church Saturday, February 2, at 8:30 a.m. at a breakfast meeting. He was the pilot originally assigned to fly the flight on September 11, 2001, from Boston to SFO. Because of some mix-up, another pilot took that flight and it was the first plane to hit the towers in NY. This has changed Steve's life forever in dramatic ways and he will be telling about it at this meeting.

We adjourned until February 7, when we will meet again at Red Lobster. I leave you with this thought: *Knowledge knows that a tomato is a fruit, but wisdom knows not to put it into a fruit salad.*

Calendar:

February 7 - 1130 - Red Lobster

March 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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Bonefish Grill was festively decorated for our Christmas Luncheon on December 11th. Everyone started arriving at 11:30am and after an hour of socializing, we began our meal service. First, the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Ernie Vosges** and then our prayer of thanksgiving by **Al Fields**. Fifty of the best-lookin' seniors you've ever seen were gathered to share smiles and hugs and a wonderful luncheon served by the Bonefish staff.

December's birthdays included **Charlie Ringer**, **Jim Hernanede**, **Gloria Armistead**, **Jane Houston** and **Lou Gaydos**. Our Wedding Anniversary couples are **Dave & Lisa Leighty**, **Angel & Julia Montalvo** and **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**.

Seems the current Board is doing a great job 'cause you re-elected us again! Thanks, we think! So, once again, President/Joke Teller **Rich Llewellyn**, VP/Beverage Procurer **Ken Michels**, Treasurer/KeepingUsHonest **Charlotte LeGrand**, and Secretary/Photographer, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, are here to serve you for 2013!

The membership voted to split our \$600.00 Charity gift three ways, giving to Russell House, to Hospice of the Comforter, and to the VA Hospital for their Rehabilitation Unit. **Ted LeGrand** had visited the VA and gave a moving and informational talk on Florida's 80,000 vets and the help and care they receive through local support.

Stan Halterman is looking at a Riverboat Cruise in Europe for September 2013. If you think you might be interested, please let him know. He also has a DCA motor coach trip April 4th - 9th; deadline is fast approaching, so call him at (407) 852-6773.

Our January luncheon is too late to make the "news", so tune in March for a two-month report.

Calendar:

Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd.

February 5

March 5

April 2

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, January 5th, at noon at Sabal Springs Golf and Tennis Club in North Ft. Myers. We had met here for the past several years until the restaurant closed for renovations and a change in management. It was good to return and twenty persons were in attendance for our meeting. We welcomed retiree **Don Mitchell** from Moline IL, a “snowbird in the area” for three months. President **Bill Burg** led a discussion of possible new meeting places for our monthly luncheons. The membership decided to return to Sabal Springs through April. In May, we will have a seasonal ending picnic—location to be announced. **Bill Burg** also indicated that **Tom & Marilyn McNabb**, long time members, will soon be relocating to Wisconsin to be near family. They will certainly be missed. **Roy Brown**, **Maxine**’s husband, is still recuperating from a stroke last year and hasn’t been able to come for lunch. Also missed was **Bibianne Schultz** who is scheduled for surgery soon.

Information was shared about the weekend invitational event planned by the UAL retiree group in The Villages. That weekend will be February 22-24. Hopefully several of the Pelican Drop-Ins will be able to participate.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Burg**. Other winners were **Ingrid Olson**, **Jerry Kliner**, **Sally Sciple**, **Wanda Schmoyer**, **Bee McCarthy**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Peggy Kliner**, **Jerry Pryde**, and **Joan Gilkison**.

We next meet on February 1. Please join the Pelican Drop-Ins if you’re visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, Cape Coral or Naples area this winter/spring. We would welcome you.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1st Friday of the month Oct.-April (Sabal Springs Golf & Tennis Club, North Ft. Myers)

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

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We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon on December 13 at the beautiful Perdido Golf and Country Club. There were 26 of us in attendance, and the big thrill was 5 newcomers! We welcomed for the first time **Dee Jones**, **Patricia & Hank Gieseler**, and **Lesley & Barry Brynjolfsson**. We hope this was the first of many times we’ll see them.

The attendance prize was \$10 but winner **Sandy Lacey** was not with us, so the “pot” goes up to \$15 for next month and hopefully the winner will be there. Chances for the 50/50 drawing netted \$75; the chapter treasury got \$40; **Liz Mavis** won \$20, **Pat Trice** won \$10 and **Jim Goodson** won \$5. Who has more fun than us? A special gift of a ceramic Christmas tree, donated by **Alice & Jim Parker**, was won by **Pat Kelly**.

We honor January birthdays for **Suzan Goodson** (1/14) and **Faye Pillow** (1/16) as well as a 17th wedding anniversary on 1/5 for **Bill & Inge Phillips**.

With the “Season” upon us, some of you may be planning a visit to the area, or maybe spend the winter down here. We’d love to hear from you and have you join us for lunch at any of our meetings!

Calendar:

February 14 - 11:30 a.m., Der Dutchman Restaurant, Bakery, Gift Shop, 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, FL. (941) 955-6007

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Our meeting was called to order by our president **Barbara Rieces** at IHOPS. Minutes and treasurer's report were read. **Lillian Sawyer** volunteered to be our new treasurer.

We had only one birthday this month: **Volrie Fusina**. Sunshine committee will send a card to **John Rieces**.

We received a letter of thanks from JDRF, Juvenile Diabetes, for the check we sent.

Terry Breslin wants to thank the following people for their help at the Christmas Party: **Carolyn & Dave Lodge, Jan & Bob Lindstrom, Beverly Alderdice** and **Mary Judd**.

Several people visited family and friends over the holidays. **Jim & Pat Hottel** flew to Huntsville, AL. Beverly flew to Hartford, CT. **Mary Judd** flew to Washington, D.C. The only one that flew on a pass was **Barbara Rieces** who went to Hawaii. She stayed at the Imperial Hotel and highly recommends it.

President wants everyone to think about getting a speaker for our meetings and also new officers for 2013. Our next picnic will be in April.

Calendar:

February 4 - IHOP - 10:30am Bring a friend.



TREASURE COAST

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Our meeting was attended by 24 members and 1 guest, **Arlene Glazer** from Long Island, New York and brought to our meeting by **Diane Brodis**. Arlene is a friend of Diane's since they were in the 6th grade. Now that is a lasting friendship if there ever was one to have in your lifetime!

Our treasurer **Frank Wise** came to the meeting and left soon after since he was coming down with a severely bad cold and did not want to share it with anyone. Get well soon Frank and thanks for your concern of others. For other members that are under the weather, we sincerely hope they are also on the mend.

Before lunch was served, **Al Popek**, our President made the sad announcement that one of our members and the mother of **Judith Frage** passed away just before Christmas, we hope and pray for **Bobbie Vitel** and may she rest in peace. Al asked all in the room to keep a minute of silence in her memory. Artie & Judy were not present at the meeting and it is understandable that their presence was not with us at this sad time.

Some of the topics covered were boarding priorities, Easy Scripts taken over from Medco, new vacation passes added to your allotment, so please check Flying Together for more info. Be aware that if you have not checked into Flying Together every 90 days, you are blocked out of the website and if that should happen, please call Benefits to be reinstated. At the next meeting, we will talk more about the picnic this summer and a possible day cruise or overnight one, we shall see. Keep tuned. Six members of our group will attend the Ocala get together the latter part of February.

The 50/50 was won by **Anne Kenda** and the Progressive was won by **Pat Williams**.

Do you know United's Five Rules? Well here is the answer: 1. Safety, 2. Passenger Comfort, 3. Dependability, 4. Honesty and 5. Sincerity.

Our February Anniversaries are **David & Carolyn Lindgren** (50th on February 1), Wow! **Artie & Judy Frage Sr.** (February 29 or March 1 if not leap year or February 28, take your pick!) One Birthday is **Ona Dechant** (February 18). Congratulations and Happy Birthday!

Everyone is extremely pleased with Wahoo's for the food, service and all the amenities they offer, our private room, our private bathroom facilities and our own bartender and bar, etc. A great move and the compliments are from everyone.

People are still talking about our Christmas/Holiday Party and what a wonderful affair it was. It was too bad more could not enjoy the evening with us at Wahoo's. Needless to say, we are on the River with a beautiful view.

On the lighter side ~ *Keep laughing, loving and enjoy life the clock is ticking. Today was a present.*

Calendar:

February 5 - 1230PM Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, Stuart, FL

March 5 - 1230PM Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, Stuart, FL

April 2 - 1230PM Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, Stuart, FL

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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When we left you last month, we all were anticipating the United Airlines Operation Santa's Sleigh, also known as the Fantasy Flight. This year 68 elementary age children were selected from schools in Kuna, a small town near Boise. While waiting for departure, several of the cheerleaders and football players from BSU (Boise State University) were there to interact with the children. Santa Claus also helped keep the kids occupied during that time. Their first glimpse of the "North Pole" was when they deplaned and walked into the gate area. The adults, who include family members as well as school counselors and teachers, were there to greet them.

It didn't take long for the children to find the pile of gifts under their school's sign! At **Teresa's** signal, paper started to fly! All children received two or more gifts, in addition to filled backpacks with United printed on them. **Teresa Slagel** again did a splendid job organizing the event, along with many airport helpers. Boise Gems members attending were **Louse Duvall, Robert & Palmer Sarnoff, Gloria Hubbert, and David & Carol Adams**. The golf tournament in October, sponsored by Boise area current and retired flight attendants, raised \$5000 to help with the expense of the flight. Everyone who was there left with a happy heart!

On December 11, we enjoyed our annual Christmas party, this year's event was held at Jaker's for the first time. We had a great turnout, with 27 in attendance. The food was excellent, along with the service.

Calendar:

February 12 – Jerry's State Court Café at 11:00

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2012 is but a memory now, as we jump feet first, into 2013. Last year had some good times, memories, and even a few we'd like to forget. Most of all, may 2013 bring good health. Having reached this tender age, we'd like to grow old gracefully and go out with some dignity. We all lose some of our senses as we age; the worst ones to lose are the sense of decency, humor and common sense. Of course, we should have had these all of our lives, in order to lose them.

Our December North Side Breakfast had only about a dozen people since it was the day after our December Luncheon. Our retirees know it's important to still stay United, and not become Un-tied. Various groups from EXO, ORD and MDW still meet every month for breakfast. Retirees from Aircraft Maintenance, Air Freight, Ramp, Reservations, Flight Ops, Inflight, and various unions get together and reminisce about the "good old days". At the time, some of us didn't realize they were, the "good old days". We do now, and smile from the memories, and some of the people that made us laugh. We always talk about our trips, if we got First or Business, or got bumped. Our families became world travelers and learned different traditions; saw beautiful museums, several wonders of the world, in various countries and even in our own country. We also learned how to occupy our time between bumped flights, how to handle 2-3 crying children, and how to run from B3 to C23 for the next flight to somewhere. We also learned patience, and how to dress nicer than movie stars and millionaires. Now we can wear jeans ... and sit in the back.

There was no breakfast on the South Side, because our date fell on Christmas Day. We'll meet again on January 29.

Eleanore Syoen, or Ele, fell in November, broke her shoulder and had to have it replaced. She was released from rehab in December, and will continue her therapy at home. Her address is 2189 Hidden Valley Drive, Naperville, IL 60565. She's doing very well and looking forward to joining us again.

Our dear **Esther Broderson**, passed away December 30. She was ill with pneumonia, and then had a stroke. She worked in Payroll for many years, and was very involved with UA activities. Esther wrote this Newsletter for a few years. Even though she had many health issues, she attended the North and South Side breakfasts, went to the Conventions, and attended the Loonies trips twice a year. Esther's husband, **Al**, doted on her, the love of his life. **Al** also worked at United in ORD Security and Stores. Cards of encouragement can be sent to him at, 51 Bonnie Lane, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514.

Postage Fund Donors for the 4th Quarter are: **Richard del Bocchio, Kathleen Towns, Vivian Bukar, Lynn Clark, John Koehl, Olga Pivarci, Hal Weary, Bill Hamilton, Rudi Heskele**. Web Site Fund Donors are: **Delphine Perry, Ken Lucht, John Koehl, Bill Churchill, and Bill Hamilton**. Thank you everyone for your generous donations.

So, Happy New Year, to all my young-at-heart friends. Keep busy and your brain cells will stay intact. It's ok to misplace your car keys, just don't forget that you drove.

Calendar:

Northsiders' Breakfast—Ritzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**February 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southsiders' Breakfast—Jedi's Restaurant, 9:00 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**January 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

Spring Luncheon - Invitations for our March luncheon will go out next month.



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There have been no recent luncheons to report on and the next luncheon is scheduled for March 20th so mark your calendar.



Following is a UAL history about one of our retirees, **Carol Faust**, who has had an interesting career at UAL which began in June 1956 with her first job out of college which happened because when she applied at AA, they weren't hiring and said "try UAL".

Carol started in the Public Relations Department as a secretary at MDW and then moved to EXO. This was a fun job as all the men in the department were former newspaper reporters. After moving to EXO, she became secretary to the editor of the Mainliner Magazine, then to the Assistant Director of Public Relations and finally the Director of Public Relations. When Tim was born, **Carol** transferred to Reservations so she could work part time and went full time when ESOP began.

Carol retired in 1999, just short of 43 years. After retirement, she got involved with the Skyliners and was secretary for 3 years and President for 2 years plus being the Midwest Director for RUAEA for 4 years.

Carol helped start up the travel desk and arranged training for the volunteers. The travel desk began in 2008 and was in business for 4 years, closing in May 2012 because the new UAL would not give the department the programs to do their job.

Carol has been to about eight RUAEA Conventions and continues to be involved with the local retiree groups. She has spent the winters skiing in CO for 41 years and has been married to Bob for 39 years. Now they spend their summers in Dillon and return to ski in the winter where they are near their son and wife.

Carol loves to travel and has been to all 7 continents but now they spend most of their time traveling around CO.

While **Carol** has many stories to tell, a most unfortunate accident happened to her while on a trip to Peru in 2009. While exploring the Amazon River, Carol fell and broke her hip and had surgery for a hip replacement in Lima. She spent 17 days in hospitals in Iquitos and Lima having had only a 3 day vacation before the fall. She and Bob returned home on Thanksgiving Day on AA First Class with coach service. Not a happy ending and she never got to see Machu Picchu.

An update on **Tony Stefanos** who is still living at the Moorings, in Assisted Living, 811 Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. He will be there for the next 2-3 months as he is still in rehab from surgery as well as for some hip therapy and **Helen** is staying with him.

Marjorie & Howard Nelson went to Hawaii last month, traveling during the week using their vacation pass, and had no problem getting on non stop flights to and from Honolulu with coach seats.

Calendar:

February – No Luncheon scheduled

March 20 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

April – No Luncheon scheduled

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To wrap-up 2012, we offer this picture of our resident Santa Claus, **Charles Theiss**, who welcomed Indy Racers to both our Christmas party and the Beef & Boards Dinner Theater production of A Christmas Carol. With Charles is **Cheri Innis** who served as the organization's treasurer last year.

Indy Racers are hoping the Ground Hog does not see his shadow this month. We are ready for Spring after welcoming the new year with nearly 12 inches of snow that stayed on the ground for over a week in January. But we are optimists. Our officers met the first week in January to make plans for the year, and the agenda included checking on dates for our Summer Picnic.

To evade Indiana's winter weather, **Ralph (Bud)** and **Elly Barnett** escaped to the Caribbean for a cruise with popular TV chef, Paula Deen. We are hoping that they bring back lots of good recipes for the group to try.

Mary Chandler is heading to Asia this month for a cruise that includes ports in Viet Nam. We will be eager to see pictures and hear stories from this exotic trip.

The Racers are sending good wishes to Past President **Mike Matlak** and Vice President **Mario Bergante**, both of whom had recent hospital stays.

We also offer best birthday wishes to Indy Racers **Gail Allen** (2/1), **John (Jack) Conway** (2/4), and **Jeanne Matlak** (2/12). Happy Anniversary to **Ed & Concisa Loftus** (2/28). And Happy Valentine's Day to all RUAEA members.

Calendar:

February 12 - Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

March 12 - Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

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The Nor'Easters won't hold a February meeting. With our new officers, we hope to plan future meetings with a venue, as well as lunch.

I called **Lynn O'Hara** to inquire how she's doing after her operation of rib and muscle removal. Not good she said, as they now want to do the same on the other side. She is still in pain, yet had to stop taking pain pills, not to become addicted. She advised her doctor that she may need up to a year's break between operations.

I had a great conversation with Lynn, now living in the woods of Maine. We recounted the good old days at UAL. She was a stewardess, me at customer services, always treating our customers with dignity and respect. How wonderful our company was and how we were so proud to be part of it. We agreed that some of our management never realized how dedicated we all were. Now, we are both sad to see what that great company has turned into. Seems like it's all about money!

Bob Anderson had a triple heart bypass in early December at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge MA. He advised he never had pain, is home, doing fine and living a normal life. Way to go and stay healthy Bob!

I tried to contact **Paul Newcomb** to see how he is doing after several bouts of returning to the hospital with breathing problems. I haven't been able to reach him yet.

February's birthdays ~ **Gary Bosworth, Nicholas Bouzianis, Mark Domurat, Josephine Pizzano** and **Joan Simard**.

February's anniversaries ~ **Robert & Clair Anderson** (62 years) and **Ralph & Elaine Torres** (54 years).

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Our December lunch/meeting was held on a very significant date ~ 12/12/12. Something good must come from that, right? However, we had the smallest attendance in memory. Only 17 Lites came to round out 2012. It was particularly nice to see **Wayne & Karen Cole** again before they head south to 'Bama after the holidays.

In honor of the Christmas season, all the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle were given back to those attending in the form of cash prizes.

Sick list notes:

- **Joe Kelley** had some complications with his meds after hip surgery and landed back in the hospital for a bit. His BP plummeted and put a fright into **Arlene**! The report is that he's back on track for a good recovery. Not sure about **Arlene**'s blood pressure, though.
- **Wes Briest** is temporarily in a care center.
- **Jo Ayres** is recovering nicely from foot surgery.
- **Dick Curry**, former MSP-er now in PHX, is experiencing a slow, frustrating recovery from his battle with a heart virus. He's hoping to get a transfer soon to Sioux Falls where he'll be closer to family.
- **Nel Brawner**'s nephew, Tom, who is her llama caretaker when she's off doing her traveling, is dealing with some serious health issues which started with a stroke over the holidays. Keep **Nel** & her family in your thoughts, OK?

By the time this is read, our snowbirds will have flown down the I-35 corridor (or another in the same direction) to their winter hideaways. You'll be missed by those of us who don't mind winter and we'll look forward to seeing you again in Spring!

Late news: We're saddened to hear of **Esther Broderson**'s passing. She was the RUAEA correspondent for many years for the Chicago Skyliners and a valued member of the Northwoods Loonies. Our condolences to her husband, **Al** & their family. We'll miss her sunny attitude and smiling face at future Loonies' meetings.

News from **Glenda Morton** ~ She's been scratching things off her bucket list in the last year ~ did a bus tour of New England during the color-watch season in late September, really enjoyed the lobster; saw a Christmas show at Epcot Center featuring a 500-voice choir, full orchestra and Gary Sinise reading the Christmas story; rode with a race car driver at speeds over 130 MPH for a few laps and found that the hardest part of **that** little adventure was getting in and out of the window dressed in a fireproof suit plus helmet; and finally, went parasailing and really enjoyed the view. Wow, she doesn't mean to slow down anytime soon! You go, Girl!

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

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What a beautiful evening 51 members/guests enjoyed at our Christmas dinner at Anthony's hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**. Those in the area, who didn't attend, missed a great and festive night. **Joyce Torchia** couldn't have been better as she sang a variety of great songs for us. Guests were **Greg & Bethany Jones**. Greg became UAL General Manager OMA Airport Operations and arrived here in August. We were very happy to have them join us. Bethany had a great time singing with Joyce on one of the songs. Joyce picked M.J. to sing a Hawaiian song with her and **Keith Cornish** for a little dance (he did very well). We continued our Christmas Bingo with Tony taking over and he did a superb job.

We are excited to welcome new member, **Antonella Gosselin**, who just retired. Her address is 3310 S. 106th St., Omaha, NE 68124, phone # (402) 312-5455. Please add her to your roster.

We couldn't believe we had 60+ degree temperature for our dinner on December 4, but we will take whatever we can of that gorgeous weather as we know snow will hit us soon.

Birthdays for the month of January: **Sharon Farrell** (1/2), **Sydney Greenstreet** (96 on 1/4), **Joy Whisinnand** (1/4), **Frank Sesto** (1/9), **Louise Mitchell** (90 on 1/17), **Jackie Sortino** (1/17), **Jim Schreiber** (1/20), **Eileen Holly** (1/23), **Amy Meyer** (1/29) and **Dick Weak** (1/31). Enjoy your special day!

Larry Farrell said he was doing very well from the surgery he had just a month ago. He has been in rehab and goes three times a week. He sounded strong for the extensive surgery he had.

Remembering our friends who passed away this year: **Ardith Bredow** (April 15), **Jim Hardick** (July 4) and **David Letts** (October 18).

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Wishing a very Happy New Year to all our families and friends! May you be filled with love, goodwill, happiness and most of all, good health.

Our fifty members, spouses and guests could feel the love at our Christmas Luncheon this past December. The decorations were exquisite and Arizona Charlie's knows how to put on a terrific party! Please try to join us for our February luncheon on Tuesday the 12th (also Lincoln's Birthday). Our menu will be: Baked Lasagna, Mixed Salad Greens, Garlic Bread, Hot Fudge Sundae for dessert, yum, yum!

December also marked the gavel being passed from **John Albert** to **Rosemarie Restivo** as our new President for the Las Vegas Silver Liners.

John Albert, we thank you for the several years that you guided us through the meetings as our President and to your wife **Leila** for putting up with us. **Winnie Stone**, you were our treasurer for years and now you passed the book to **Christine Earl**. We wish all good health and happiness, and thank you again for a job well done.

Our treasurer, **Christine Earl**, would like to remind everyone who has not yet paid their dues for 2013 to do so ASAP. Please make your check out to: "Las Vegas Retired United Airlines Employees Association" and mail to **Christine Earl**, 5535 Wild Olive St., Las Vegas, NV 89118. That is how our account at the bank is named. If you leave the name in blank, Christine has a stamp to insert it.

Michael Vasko had eye surgery on Thursday 1/3/2013, tear canal related, and is doing fine. **Judy Cernava** is very ill and her husband John is caring for her, it is serious. **Baldor & Celia Ziel** celebrated their Golden anniversary on December 29th. **Christine Earl** had her big 70 on January 3rd.

I received a call from **Hannelore & Ray Brabo** from Indianapolis and they started the UAL Retirees chapter there, nice to hear from you and good luck.

Calendar:

February 12 – 11:30 AM Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200



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There were 17 members and 3 guests at our December Christmas Luncheon at Sardina's. **Tom Diehl** brought a guest and **Kathy Robinson** brought 2 guests.

No business matters were discussed. The group spent time socializing and enjoying the wonderful food.

The 50/50 and other prizes were won by all at our gathering. Everyone, including the 3 guests, all left with a gift from the drawing. Some of the gifts were spendable, some were drinkable and some were edible and some were just fun.

December birthdays were celebrated by **Nancy Scaife, Joe Robinson, Herb Klemm, Bill Royle, Linda Klemm, Jim Compton, Larry Leusing and Pinkie Perry.**

We collected \$135.00 for the Northern Nevada Food Bank. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Please remember that 2013 dues are to be sent to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. There has been no price change from 2012 - \$5.00 per person. The dues help fund the monthly newsletter and our summer picnic and Christmas lunch.

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We are back. After the "Great Storm", over 70 of our members attended our December meeting. It opened with Pres. **Dick Confer** leading the flag salute, and a moment of silence for those of our members who have passed on.

George Whitman gave the report, that he was working for the Red Cross for two weeks, and met many volunteers from all over the United States and even from Mexico. **Marty Etler** reported that a **Kathy Edwards** called from the Philadelphia Independents to offer any help that was needed. It was a generous offer in our time of need. Orchids for Kathy!

I know there will be a lot of happy kids from our response for Toys For Tots. There will be plenty to give away. **Jerry Confer**, wherever he is, from the US Marine Corps Reserve will be smiling. "As an old soldier, rest easy for a job well done."

Our 50/50 was won by **Jenifer Deily** and **Frank Warzocha**. Along with an additional 25 door prizes, it ended in a great afternoon. Everybody did a lot of socializing and left with good spirits.

Calendar:

January 30 - Next meeting at Snuffys.

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It was great to see 75 people at our December luncheon enjoying a sit down meal with a variety of desserts brought by members. The decorations of small tinsel trees surrounded by tea lights were made by **Kathy Russell**. We had musical entertainment provided by the Debonaires, an a cappella choir from nearby Parkrose High School.

Paul announced our chapter collected \$400 to distribute to needy senior citizen groups in Oregon and Washington. \$50 gift certificates were given to Loaves & Fishes in WA and Gresham Senior Center in OR. What a wonderful way to help at Christmas time.

Santa Claus (**Harold Miller**) in his red suit and beard arrived after lunch and handed out door prizes of restaurant gift certificates, bottles of wine, cinema tickets, hand made cutting boards done by **Harold Miller**, photo prints by **Craig Strand**, calendars and posters.

Winners of our monthly drawings for a free lunch were as follows: Men's birthday ~ **Dick Wahlberg**, Women's birthday ~ **Mary Lou Falbo**, and 50/50 ~ **Jack Hooper**.

I am happy to report there were no serious illnesses or deaths this month. PS: **Johni Wilson** was suffering from a nasty cold when I talked with her.

Rosalie Betschart is accepting dues for 2013 and they can be sent to her at 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220 if you don't plan on attending a meeting. Dues should be received by March 15th in order to have your name listed in the yearly roster. Dues are \$5 for one and \$10 a couple.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

February 13 - Valentine's Day Celebration & Ice Cream Social

March 13 - Social

April 10 - Social

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From all of us in the Pit Stoppers Chapter, we wish all of you in the RUAEA family a happy St. Valentine's Day. Don't forget to buy your sweetie some sweets. There are several days to remember in February. Ground Hog Day February 2, I hope Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow because we will have six more weeks of winter, if he does. Brrrr! I'm not complaining, I will take cold weather over the heat we had last summer. Other noted dates in February, Abe Lincoln, George Washington and Presidents Day. Ash Wednesday falls on February 22, does that mean Easter will be here before we know it? Winter made an appearance two days before Christmas; we had a beautiful snow fall. The kids were happy and skiers were elated. Now we have piles of dirty snow and freezing temperatures. Yes, it's winter in western Pennsylvania.

Mary Jane Stewart and I flew to Boston in December to attend the Christmas Revels starring **Wilda Squires** (BOSCS) as one of the village singers. This year was an Irish theme "An Irish Celebration Of The Winter Solstice". Wonderful! Bravo! What a great way to start the holiday season.

Our dear **Phyllis Smith**, after having severe pain in her foot since September, found out it was broken. This was the fourth Doctor she had seen regarding her foot. She is now wearing a boot, not permitted to drive, go outdoors and no walking. She's been housebound since the beginning of December. You can call her at (724) 251-0511 or send off a note to 1672 Henrici Ave., Ambridge, PA 15003.

Jim Csizmadia, fell and broke his arm. Get well wishes can be sent to 1912 Maratta Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Rich Guida is not doing well; a blood clot was discovered in his arm. What treatment he is going through we do not know. His wife **Barb** has her hands full; she's not able to keep the driveway clear on snowy days as **Rich** needs all her attention. If any of you strong guys out there can perhaps give **Barb** a helping hand, she would appreciate any time you can give her. Her phone number is (412) 264-5057. Please keep **Rich & Barb** in your prayers.

Sad to report one of United's long time skycaps, **Jim Tunie**, passed away in September. Our condolences to his family. Those of you that attended the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh in the year of 2008 should remember our speaker, **Tamara Tunie**, **Jim's** daughter. **Tamara** played in several L. A. Law series on television. She is now featured in the movie "Flight", and portrays a flight attendant. Perhaps you will recognize her when you see the movie.

February birthdays: **Ruth Redfern** (15), **Jack Tinney** (27) and **Kay Ike** (28). Happy Birthday to all! No anniversary celebrations this month.

It is now time to pay your dues, please send your \$5.00 to **Olga Karmazyn**, 1938 Broadview Pl., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

The chapter has no plans for a Valentine luncheon at this time. Our next luncheon will most likely be in March for St. Patrick's Day or/and my birthday.

Until next month, don't forget those sweets for your sweetie.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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Heavy rain kept several of our members away from the November breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in Turtle Creek Shopping Plaza. Those of us who made it out enjoyed the ambience and the good food at this restaurant. We have decided that this will be our "breakfast" restaurant this year.

After breakfast, several of us headed out to finish up (or in our case start) our Christmas shopping. Herman and I enjoyed having friends over for dinner on Christmas. Then our son and family came down and spent several days between Christmas and New Years. It's always so nice when family can visit. The grandkids are sure growing up fast. We hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday season. **Terry Taylor** will be hosting our January luncheon and meeting - location to be determined.

Calendar:

February 21 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza.

March 21 - Hosts are still needed for our luncheon meeting.

April 18 - Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant

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Our Christmas party this year was held on December 4th at the Totem Steakhouse in Salt Lake, on Redwood Road. It was a good central location for most of our members. We gathered together early at 2:00pm, and had time to view the photos taken at our events throughout the year that **Laraine** had posted in large frames. **Elaine Papworth** did a great job being our photographer this year. We sat at tables with musical snowmen as centerpieces. The room was spacious, nicely decorated, and pleasant holiday music in the background. We had 27 of our members attend which was about half of the number we had in attendance last year. We had over 75 invitations mailed out to our active chapter members.

At 3:00 pm, we had a delicious buffet set up for us and everyone had their fill of salads, potatoes, vegetables, ham and beef, along with rolls and butter. Delicious chocolate cake was available to anyone who had room. Those attending were: **Rich & Elaine Papworth, Mike McGuire & Lori Brady, Dave & Laraine Darby, Bob & Judy Turgeon, Art Scott & Carol Finney, Doug Peterson, Fran Cantonwine, Frank & Susan Christenson, Keith & Nancy Tronier, Mickey Swenson, Ron & Shirley Jensen, George Dalton, Lila Maughan, Bob Killian & Denese Ahrens, Bill & Jewel Berg, and Richard & Karren Balderston.** Everyone had brought a wrapped \$10 gift and was able to pick one off of the table when their number was read. The gifts were all very nice and it's believed that all went home happy and in the holiday spirit. As the party ended, our president **Rich Papworth** announced that in the New Year we would continue to meet on a less formal arrangement for lunch or coffee.

This is the final newsletter from me as correspondent. **Rich Papworth** will continue to email everyone who wants to remain active in our chapter and send out the date of each upcoming lunch or coffee. His Happy New Year just went out to everyone announcing our next luncheon which will be in the first week in February. He will let us know the date later this month.

Our Salt Lakers are such a great group of retirees, with half of our members aged 75 and above. We even have our eldest member turning 101 next month. It's been my pleasure to send out some e-cards to those in their 80's and 90's. We hope our chapter can continue as we recruit some of the younger retirees who may want to take on the leadership of our group and continue the friendships we have all made. Thank you, everyone, and Happy New Year!

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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With the Emerald City Slickers' not meeting in December and a "hitch in the giddyup" that canceled the January luncheon (the restaurant was closed!), it seems a long time since our group has met to enjoy each other's company and share war stories of the "good old days."

Now we look forward to the February luncheon meeting and getting back on track. As usual, we'll meet on the second Tuesday, February 12, at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, WA. Those of us who had our taste buds set for the January menu hope that the selections will be the same for February.

Holiday travels and special events occupied many chapter members, but few can claim the same as **Kent & Carol Soffel**, who entertained numerous friends on their yacht, the WINDYi, decorated from stem to stern with Christmas lights and garlands, as they followed the commercial lighted Argosy Christmas Ship with its musical entertainment through local waters. The Argosy ship calls at different local ports throughout December, providing extra holiday spirit and music to chilly audiences, some of whom gather around bonfires on the beach.

Birthday celebrants in February include **Helen Ebert, Phyllis Lindblad, Fern Lockhart, and Carol Soffel.**

Happy Anniversary to those couples reminiscing about their long-ago weddings during February. **Blaine & Vivian Anderson** will remember 59 years of wedded bliss while **John & Adelaide Haferbecker** look back over 47 years.

The Emerald City Slickers of the greater Seattle area would like very much to see your smiling face at a local meeting. If you or your spouse are retired from United Airlines, we would welcome your membership. Dues of \$10 a year currently are being collected by Treasurer **Helen Stanger**. Membership includes your subscription to *Contrails*, our local newsletter edited by **Vicki Shumaker** and published during each month the chapter is active. News generally is more timely than what you read in this column in the national newsletter and covers the airline business items presented at meetings. Do join us for a delicious luncheon in a pleasant setting.

Calendar:

February 12 – Luncheon at Fairwood Gold and Country Club, Renton, WA

March 12 – Luncheon at Fairwood

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We had our Christmas dinner at the Chick A Rea. Its name has been changed, but I don't remember the real name. We had 17 people and a grand time with the gifts. We allow anyone to steal someone's gift if they want to, but only 3 times. We had a lot of laughs. In January, our dinner will be hosted by **David & Theresa Reissenauer** at the Outback in Valley Mall. I hope more people will be there.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

The Dulles Loungers met on December 12th to celebrate the annual "Toys for Tots" Christmas celebration. Three tables were piled high with a fabulous collection of gifts for boys and girls of all ages.

It was our pleasure to entertain to lunch two US Marines stationed at Quantico VA, Cpl. Sara Weeces from Iowa and LCpl Andrew Boothe from Louisiana. We were delighted to learn that these two wonderful young people had been trained by the Marine Corps as Air Traffic Controllers, and they chose to visit the Dulles Loungers from a list of donors, as they wanted to mix and mingle with airline people! Of course, we had some members with service in the Marine Corps and they were happy to make our visitors feel welcome.

The 50/50 was won by this correspondent and the \$42 prize was donated to start off the cash collection that rose to \$972.00 by the end of lunch. Thank you Dulles Loungers for your generosity. You are magnificent!

Our Dulles Loungers member **Jack Lawler** (IADMK/IADRR) took an interesting trip in early December to Dubai, where he linked up with his son. United has nonstop service to Dubai from Dulles and the flying time is 13½ hours westbound and 14½ hours eastbound. Dubai was created in the 1990's and is a wholly manmade environment. The population is 5 million of whom, 4 million are imported workers from all over the world. Dubai is the home of the worlds tallest building, but you can only go partway and then you can enjoy a fabulous view of the Emirates and the Arabian Sea. There is a lot to see and do, including the world's largest shopping centre, complete with a full size Olympic skating rink and a huge aquarium complete with sharks, etc. Jack discovered on both flights that first class and business class were full so he had three Economy Plus seats to himself. Dubai is a new and interesting destination for the well travelled retiree!

Calendar:

February 13 - 1130am, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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Happy New Year to you and yours! We hope and pray for a more peaceful 2013.

The Special Olympics (World Games) will be taking place in South Korea from January 26 – February 6, 2013. Clipped Wings donated 13 grants @ \$1,500 each to parents who will travel to see their athletes perform in this very special event.

As of this date we have welcomed several Continental former and present flight attendants, in addition to fifty-three (53) first time members, into the ranks of Clipped Wings for a total of 1,047members.

A special note of kindness was the San Diego Chapter whose members assembled and delivered over 400 boxes of filled Christmas stockings to the 29 Palms Marine Base in California for the troops spending the holidays protecting our country.

Many chapters sent news of successful Holiday parties attended and held by Clipped Wings and RUPA in addition to the Charity locations across the country.

Dates for your calendars:

- Special Olympics (World Games) – South Korea – January 26-February 6
- Special Olympics (National) –Princeton, NJ – June 13-June 21, **2014**

Updates:

- ❖ The newly designed airplane scarves and ties are in the final stages of approval.
- ❖ The new Clipped Wings website should be ready for launching very soon.
- ❖ A new Clipped Wings brochure has been designed and will soon be ready to print.

We sincerely hope you will join us! Please feel free to contact me by e-mail if you have any questions.

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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.

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Tarina Murray, 7619 Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305-1250

Another year has come and gone just as quickly as the last. It seems the older I get, the quicker time passes. I think it is almost at the point that I wake up and it is time to go to bed.

I started off this year with just a very minor hernia repair which ended up being quite major. I am still experiencing problems but like every thing else it could be worse. That was in February, about six weeks later my father, George Floyd, moved from Illinois to live the remainder of his life with Charles & me here in California. He had been diagnosed with Lung and Liver Cancer. Four days after his arrival he had a stroke. Four weeks after that he had another stroke and lived about five more days.

We had to take him back to Chicago for his services, but I am sure he was happy as he was where he wanted to be, with us. They gave him about 9 months to live but only God knows for sure. He died from complications due to the strokes; therefore he was in no pain and never had to be medicated. He was a wonderful man. He smoked for 77 years but he lived to be just a few months short of his 90th birthday. Every time I think of him I smile, which is a good thing.

I have had a few more surgeries this year but I live one day at a time. Our Granddaughter, Anna-"Banana", who lives with us, made her Debutante Cotillion on November 23 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. It was wonderful to see her and Grand-Pa Charles waltzing around with the other young ladies and their fathers on the dance floor with the beautiful long white dresses and the dads all in their tuxedos. They have been preparing for this since June and now, it's just a memory.

A memory just like all my years with United Airlines, Chicago (CHIRR), Los Angeles (LAXRR) and Beverly Hills (LAXTO)! Now in just a couple years it will be 10 years since I retired! I enjoyed my career with United and I am enjoying my retirement. Until next year, I wish all of you, a Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Soon to come and soon to also become a memory!

Nick Romeo, 308 N. Highland Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-2245

Well, November is my birthday month. So move out of the way 89 and make room for the big 90.

My wife and I just celebrated our 68th anniversary on October 1st. Much has happened to her since the first of the year. I had to rush her to her to the primary doctor who after examined her, told us to go immediately to the ER but her vitals checked out okay. While she was in the ER, I passed out. She was released but I had to stay overnight. My sympathy pain was the diagnosis, and I was released after 2 days.

After this, with a snap of the finger, she got a virus with blisters in her mouth. The doctors said it was a form of herpes. Her white blood count was so low; it affected her bone marrow which affected her legs. She was unable to walk and talk; and she was in the hospital for about 2 weeks and rehab for a while. She was given a chemotherapy drug, lost her hair; but it is returning slowly. Now she is using a walker to get around.

While this was all going on, I had hernia surgery. I complained of back and stomach pain, so it was back to surgery to repair the hernia and an obstruction of the bowel. I was in the hospital for another 6 weeks. I can't drive now except only if someone is with me.

I must give credit to our daughter, Sandy; she is with us almost daily. She keeps a record for her mother and me. She calls herself a RDMD; says she has a Readers Digest Medical Degree.

My best to the RUAEA crew for putting out this informative newsletter.

Phyllis Singer, 9345 Landings Ln. Unit 301, Des Plaines, IL 60016

It is my birthday time without my Beloved George. He was one day older than I. He passed away in February.

Thanks to my working for UAL, we did travel extensively. I am most grateful for all those wonderful memories.

I appreciate the Newsletter as it keeps me updated on what is happening with UAL.

Kenneth Storey, 16039 12th Ave. SW, Burien, WA 98166

My wife and I want to thank the Washington, DC committee and all of those who helped to put on the convention. We had a great time; the hotel was fabulous, and the dinner was excellent. The dinner cruise on the Potomac was a lot of fun.

We spent Sunday in DC roaming the many museums and monuments. We waited until Monday to fly home, and had no problems either way on the non stops to and from Seattle.

Seattle was well represented at the convention.

Emily Turner, 2210 Pullman Ave., Belmont, CA 94002

I very much appreciate all the work the staff does to keep up with the latest news, some good and some bad, especially for widows of retirees. They devoted just as much time and work as the employee.

Thank you again for what all the staff does to keep us informed.

Jason Weiner, 91 East End Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801-2248

Thank you for the very enjoyable monthly newsletters.

The last ten years of my 36 years with UAL before retiring in 1988 was with the ground Communications Department (JFKGC), we set up and maintained ground communications as well as setting up and maintaining security systems in all of UAL's northeast terminals. This gave me the opportunity to meet and work with the managers and people in many different departments.

My wife, Ona and I had a most unusual and distressing 2 week experience. On October 29th, the storm "Sandy", struck. We live about in the center of Long Island. The damage to this area had heavy wind damage to homes from trees and power lines that were blown down. With no electricity, heat, or hot water, we decided to stay and tough it out. However, the nights became very cold; the outside temperatures dropped into the low 30's.

On November 6th, we got 8" of snow. On November 7th, we decided to go to a shelter at a local school, which had been set up by the National Guard and Red Cross. They provided cots, blankets, showers, hot food and moral support.

To add to our consternation, the shelter lost power on the first night we were there and did not get it back until 4pm the following afternoon. We stayed there another 3 nights. During the day, we spent our time alternating between 2 local libraries that had power, as did hundreds of other people.

The National Guard and Red Cross personnel did a remarkable job. They earned our highest praise.

Power was restored to our home after 13 days, on November 11th. Our house had no damage, there were many pieces of shingles, large and small tree branches and enough leaves that filled 29 large bags that blew into our backyard.

No matter our inconveniences and discomfort, we consider ourselves fortunate. Many people lost their lives and many suffered injuries. In addition there were flooded houses and a tremendous amount of property damage.

Maureen Williams, 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Thank all of you so much for the newsletter. You do a really fantastic job. I have been retired since July 1, 1991 and the newsletter is pretty much my only contact with those I worked with as I moved from the LA area. But I do have some wonderful new friends here in the desert that worked for UA.

I was able to go to the convention this year with the help of a daughter. Anyone that was unable to go missed a wonderful event. Thank all of you that worked so hard on the convention. We took 4 of the tours in 3 days plus we came in on the previous Saturday to take in sightseeing before the convention.

I won a beautiful handmade white shawl. I have already worn it 4 times in the evening. So a very special thank you to the very talented and generous person that made and donated it. So sorry I don't know their name.

Jane K. Yaguchi, 906 E Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-7134

I retired from EXOAK in 1984. I always look forward to the monthly RUAEA newsletter, but I rarely see co-workers' names from my past in the newsletter anymore. However, I appreciate this connection to the retirees as this is my only source of news of the UAL.

Last May 4th, I fell and broke my femur. After staying at Moorings of Arlington Heights, IL, I returned home in September. With the help of a nursing aid that comes three times a week, I can now live back at home. Incidentally, my husband of 63 years of marriage, Mas, passed away from a stroke last year in the summer of 2011.

My traveling days are now over, but those fond memories of traveling all over the world will be remembered for the rest of my life.

The best thing I did when I retired was become a lifetime member of RUAEA. I am so thankful for this lasting connection to UAL through this newsletter.

Ceil Allen, P.O. Box 13, Lanesboro, MN, 55949

Somehow this year has gotten away from me and I'm months overdue on my membership. The major reason is the sudden loss of my Dad, **Lynes Allen**, on July 1 at his home in Brighton, CO. I followed in Dad's footsteps at United. He was an A&P Mechanic in Denver for 32 years. After retirement in 1984, Dad and Mom (Iris) were involved RUAEA members. For several years, they helped get the newsletter in the mail each month and were active participants when Denver hosted the annual convention. Dad read each page of the newsletter every month. Being a WWII Vet, he had the privilege in 2010 of going on a Rocky Mountain Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Donations can be made to this organization in memory of Lynes Allen. As for me, I'm still in Lanesboro, MN, just finishing a 4-year stint on the City Council. I encourage everyone to come visit my corner of the world known for its scenic beauty and bike trails. We're also the B&B Capital and Rhubarb Capital of Minnesota.

Greetings to all and thanks for providing reliable information via the newsletter

Phyllis Easley, 882 Annesley Circle, Meadville, PA 16335

Thank you for the great job and much time and effort everyone puts into the production of the Newsletter for us.

The convention in Washington D.C. was wonderful. We did not repeat any tours from the last time. There is still more to see and do; so we are ready to go again.

We did enjoy the Fall period. Travel seemed easier and better than in the Spring with so many family functions taking place.

Happy Holidays and Blessing in the New Year for all.

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

A well deserved Thank You is in order for each of you involved in keeping us informed as to what's happening in the company and how much of it affects us as retirees.

Time goes by fast as you age. I will be retired 20 years at the end of December. It sure doesn't seem that long.

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

I have just celebrated my 77th birthday, which is also a gentle reminder to take care of the annual dues. Well, I have not been sitting still this year. In fact, I did a lot of traveling and walking. In May, I toured northern Italy with an organized group, followed by a week of independent travel through Austria. In July, I joined the Southern Yosemite Mountain Guides on a 23 day trek of the John Muir Trail. This 220 mile long trail starts in Yosemite, traverses 12 mountain passes and ends on 14,490 ft. Mt. Whitney. Being the oldest in our group of 8 and loaded down with a 50lbs. backpack, made this a strenuous adventure for me. But I have always wanted to hike this trail in its entirety and so, I could finally cross it off my bucket list. The mountains were absolutely beautiful.

Much more relaxed was my trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland in September. The weather cooperated most of the time, allowing us to enjoy the fantastic scenery and beautiful cities and towns. In the evening, lively Pubs and a Guinness or two provided some good entertainment. Some of the pubs had as many as 17 fiddlers to treat us to beautiful Irish tunes.

On a more somber note, the sudden death of my brother in Germany required a third crossing of the Atlantic for me this November. I flew standby this time, but was fortunate to secure a seat in business class.

I shall close my note with a hearty Thank You for your entire staff. Month after month you continue to publish this most informative newsletter. Thank you again.

Karen Lebert, 14 Larkspur Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107

I so do enjoy reading the news from fellow retirees. Thank you for keeping us all informed as to what is going on with the Company.

These last six months have been rough as far as health goes. Cancer returned and ended up at the U of I, with the DaVinci to do surgery. It did what it had to do. Now no more chemo or radiation. I am on my own, now, that is scary. Those who know me from ORDMK would say "Look out!" I am not one to take a lot of medications, which is a good thing.

But, I will have to take life one day at a time and let God call the shots.

I hope all is well with everyone from ORD.

Thanks again for a wonderful newsletter.

Marie MacDonald, 6 Timothy Lane, Bloomfield, CT 06001-5015

Thanks so much to all of you in the RUAEA office for making our organization what it is today. The effort and coordination really show, and it's appreciated.

RUAEA is now so much more important than in the years before the Continental acquisition, and the information we receive has grown in importance as well. The new newsletter format is very professional and continuing to include the retiree names in bold is great.

Not sure if I'm late with this dues check, and if so, sorry. I had a hip replacement in September and allowed some things to "pile up"!

Again, thanks for keeping us United.

Ken Paulson, 3927 N 151st Dr., Goodyear, AZ 85395-8712

Even though the birthday month is no longer used to renew our membership, it is still my time to contribute. This year is special because it's my 80th birthday. I'm enjoying good health and am still active in golf (lousy), tennis (decent), and biking (at least I haven't fallen). I always enjoy getting the Newsletter to see what's happening with my old (and new) world at United, and old friends.

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

Birthdays seem to come fast and I may be sliding in the Back Door on this. I so appreciate the "Progress Report" on the battle for our former benefits, but winter is coming and the progress is like molasses! I have done my time in overnights at an airport and health cannot endure any more.

Those of us that started in the DC-6 era or before can especially enjoy the current letters being published; some have a LOT of history. The "Good Ole Days" were exactly that. I started in the old Tucker Plant on Cicero where there was no A/C! I enjoy that portion of the Newsletter, but read it from cover to cover. Thanks for all your hard work in keeping us in the loop

William Traub, 27401 N Agua Verde Dr., Rio Verde, AZ 85263-5041

I have been retired approximately 15 years now. My only regret is that time goes too fast, Sandy and I have been blessed with good health and a wonderful home in Arizona. We are full time residents about 40 miles northeast of the Phoenix Airport. We live in a golf community called Tonto Verde; in spite of my free time, my golf game has not improved very much.

I would like to thank all of those who are responsible for the wonderful RUAEA Newsletter. I still recall many of the names and a few of the pictures. It was always a delight to welcome the dedicated members of RUAEA when they stopped by the Training Center. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a terrific New Year!

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United's physical exam

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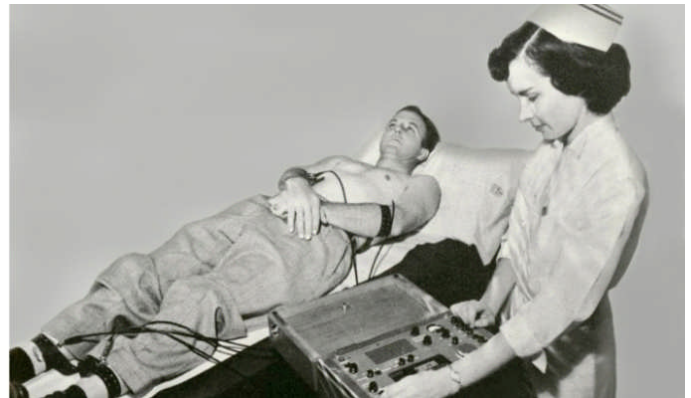
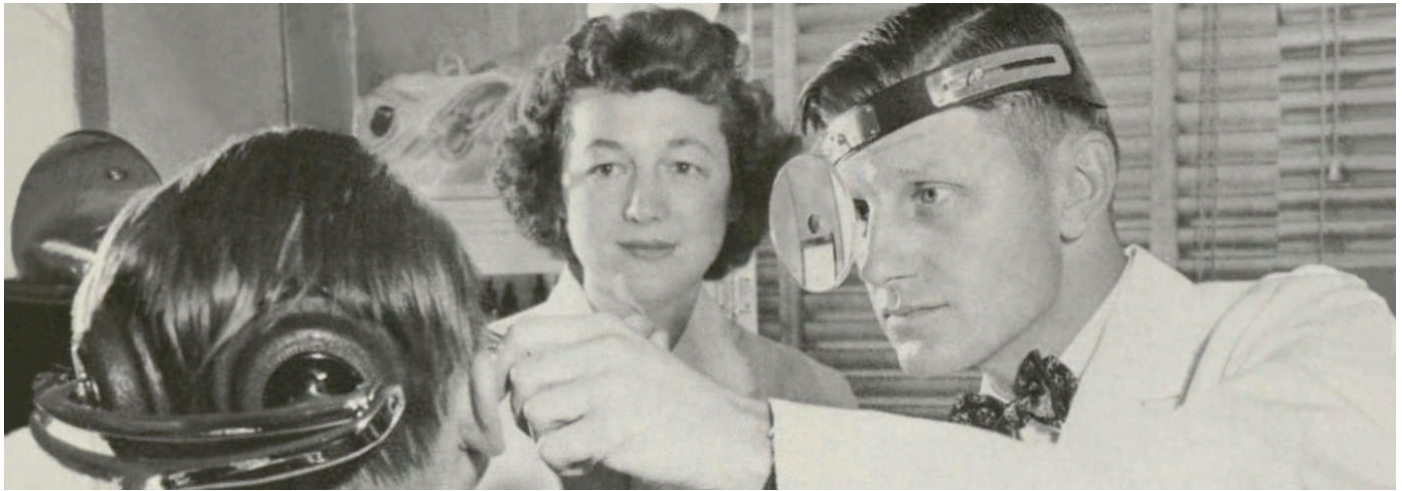
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