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Happy New Year! As we start the year 2014, the newsletter staff thanks some very important people. They are the officers and managers of RUAEA's local chapters and national organization. The presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, correspondents, treasurers, historians and roster keepers who keep our local chapters alive and thriving. The officers, directors, Denver staff, including the membership manager, secretaries, letters editor, computer expert, web managers, who work to keep us united. Without them, there would be no RUAEA. For some, we realize the position has become almost a life time commitment. They all do a tremendous job, sharing their time and talents with us. We do not have photos of everyone. However, we are able to show you a few of these generous people. The accompanying photos were taken at the 2013 Denver convention, Presidents and Correspondents meetings.



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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

Hi Fellow Members,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday season. Now here we are in 2014. We, your elected officers, Denver staff, newsletter staff, website staff are as always ready to work for you. Please let us know of any concerns you may have during this year and we will be there to help you. Also, if you like what you see, let us know, as many of you have with your generous donations during 2013.

We are planning a Board Meeting in late March. So, please let your Directors know of anything you may wish us to address. Also, please plan to attend our annual Convention in San Diego if you can. It is a wonderful location and place to vacation. Start your vacation planning now and include the 2014 RUAEA convention. Again, I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and prosperous 2014.

TSA Pre✓™ expansions may simplify holiday travel



TSA aims to ease airport congestion during the busy U.S. holiday travel season by increasing the number of airports with TSA Pre✓™ expedited security lanes and by allowing certain trusted travelers to use the lanes even though they have not previously enrolled in the TSA Pre✓™ program.

TSA Pre✓™, which features separate security lines for trusted travelers, is now available at about 100 U.S. airports. Customers using the TSA Pre✓™ lines may breeze through security without removing computers, 3-1-1 quart bag, belts, light coats and shoes. The administration hopes that by the end of 2013, 25 percent of U.S. travelers will use some form of expedited security screening.

“People in TSA Pre✓™ lanes tend to get through security at least twice as fast as people in the general security lines,” said Global Aviation Security Director Missy Sraga. *“This is a big step toward easing some of the stress associated with holiday travel.”*

Additionally, TSA has begun selecting travelers for TSA Pre✓™ based on information they provide when making flight reservations. If you see a TSA Pre✓™ logo on your boarding pass, it means you may use the expedited security lane. As a reminder, TSA will always incorporate random and unpredictable security measures throughout the airport. No individual will be guaranteed expedited screening. To learn more about TSA Pre✓™ and to familiarize yourself with TSA Pre✓™ screening processes, visit tsa.gov/tsa-precheck.

To learn more about trusted traveler programs and how they affect pass travel, visit Travel tab > Trusted Traveler Programs

Need help with Flying Together Issues?



The correct phone number to call if you have problems accessing “My Info/All About Me” is 1-800-255-5801 (the United IT Service Desk). AKA Flying Together Help Desk

Request interline tickets through Flying Together



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Enhanced technology with eTicketing has considerably reduced the demand at the staff travel offices in IAH, EWR and CLE, which were originally opened to support United’s paper ticket process. Now these offices issue fewer than 10 tickets per day, on average. United will close these offices on Jan. 1, 2014, and those co-workers will begin serving revenue

customers. United encourages co-workers and retirees to use the many helpful resources on Flying Together for booking interline travel.

Go to Flying Together > Travel > Other Airline/Interline Travel for a variety of resources. Click on “ID90T’s Other Airline Itinerary and Calculator tool” to see other airlines’ routes and obtain ZED fare information. Select an interline agreement from the drop-down menu to view eligibility and validity information for a specific carrier. Depending on the carrier you have chosen, you will see instructions for obtaining a paper ticket or eTicket. On that page, you’ll also find a recorded webinar that walks you through the process of using ID90T. And if you have questions, use the Ask Alex feature.

Handheld devices help flight attendants boost in-flight sales



The handheld devices (HHDs) that United’s flight attendants use to take credit card payments for food and other items and services have helped drive a 5.5 percent increase this year in the revenue United earns from sales of food and beverage. For United’s customers, HHDs enable flyer-friendly conveniences like easy payment and upgrades to Economy Plus from economy seats.

The role HHDs now play in United’s mainline and express cabins has expanded greatly since the company introduced them to cabins in 2009. Back then, United used HHDs mainly to facilitate credit card payments for products during flights. These days, they track in-flight inventory, help predict customer demand for products and even communicate information about sales promotions to flight attendants in the air. Flight attendants also use HHDs to report information about long tarmac delays to United’s Network Operations Center.

“HHDs have helped us modernize our cabins and improved the way we collect revenue,” said Food Services Retail Director Todd Traynor-Corey. *“They also help us manage costs by tracking our inventory and ensuring we have the right amount of a particular product on each flight. This is especially useful to us as we stock our planes with perishable items that must be discarded if they go unsold.”*

Flight attendants and customers both prefer the convenience of credit cards over cash. In 2012, United’s cabins became completely cashless, when United stopped accepting cash on flights in Chinese markets.

In April of this year, Food Services combined the HHD software from subsidiary United and Continental to create a standardized application that allowed United to use the devices across the entire fleet.

GuestLogix provides the HHD hardware and software that many airlines, including United, use. GuestLogix recently declared United the 2013 POSie Award winner for the category of Best Onboard Merchandising Strategy at its fifth annual User Group Conference in London. POSie Awards honor the year’s best in in-flight retail innovation and excellence, and United won in a category for creating new retail initiatives that have made a significant impact to its business.

Improved p.s. fleet puts United ahead of its competitors for transcontinental flights



United has completed improvements to all 15 Boeing 757-200s that fly the p.s. “Premium Service” routes between JFK (New York-Kennedy) and SFO and between JFK and LAX, making the company the first and only airline to offer customers premium-cabin, flat-bed seats on every scheduled flight in these premium transcontinental markets.

The revamped p.s. aircraft offer 28 180-degree flat-bed United BusinessFirst seats, 42 Economy Plus seats and 72 Economy seats. Designed to give customers an experience comparable to long-haul, international flights, these p.s. aircraft also offer inflight Wi-Fi; personal, on-demand entertainment; power outlets and USB ports at every seat; and two additional inches of legroom in United Economy Plus compared to Economy Plus legroom on pre-renovation p.s. service.

Photos of the redesigned p.s. aircraft are available in the newsroom on united.com.

FAA issues Airworthiness Directive for 787s



The FAA issued an engine icing Airworthiness Directive (AD) for Boeing 787s powered by GE’s GENx engines. Boeing issued a notice recommending that airlines fly the affected aircraft at least 50 nautical miles from thunderstorms that may contain ice crystals.

United will comply with the AD and does not expect any operational impact. The company will continue to review its routes with the AD in mind and make any necessary adjustments to ensure it complies with the directive.

United's investment in SFO's Boarding Area E adds luxury, innovative technology to airport experience



Beginning Jan. 28, 2014, United will operate from 10 gates in SFO's Boarding Area E, the first phase of Terminal 3's renovation. The renovation includes a 150,000-square-foot concourse connecting to Boarding Area F, as well as a new 8,300-square-foot Flight Operations base on the ramp level of the new Boarding Area E facility that will open with the new terminal. The new boarding area will be able to accommodate customers on more than 50 arrivals and 50 departures each day. United plans to operate primarily mainline service out of Boarding Area E.

Boarding Area E will offer more spacious waiting areas and natural lighting. Amenities include unique local retail and dining options; art by California artists; modern, functional furnishings; and SFO's second yoga room. Boarding Area E is designed and built to achieve LEED® Gold certification, with features that reduce carbon emissions while creating a more healthful environment for customers and employees. Other features include:

- ➔ Nine state-of-the-art work stations and access to more than 375 power outlets;
- ➔ Interactive kids' play area;
- ➔ Spacious restrooms with private dressing areas;
- ➔ Private nursing area with comfortable loungers for mothers and children; and
- ➔ A 23-foot-high window wall with views of the airfield and the Bay Area.

As part of the project, United plans to open a new Global Services reception area and new United Club in Terminal 3. United will operate a temporary United Club in Terminal 3 beginning in May 2014 until the new club opens in July 2015.

Bay Area residents can get a sneak preview of Boarding Area E at a community open house on January 25, 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.flysfo.com>.

Torgy's Travel Tips



Having just returned from a wonderful trip to Europe, I thought I would pass along some travel tips that you might find helpful for your next trip - be it to Europe, Asia or just a quick getaway somewhere much closer.

Having a plan but also remaining flexible was the key to success for our recent trip. Since our itinerary was centered upon a 12 day cruise from Rome departing in early November, we took a calculated risk that pass travel would be favorable at that time of year. But the risk was minimized because we planned on arriving early. Some people we met on our cruise, however, did not have such a plan.

One couple booked their YYZ-PHL-ROM flight (revenue tickets) to arrive the morning of the ship's departure. A delay in their outbound flight from YYZ caused them to misconnect in PHL. They were hurriedly rerouted via AMS and then to ROM on Alitalia and barely made it to the ship on time. Their bags did not. Upon arrival in Rome, Alitalia refused to open a lost bag report because the passengers did not have their bag claim checks. Later, US Air refused to open a claim stating the rule that only the transporting carrier to the final destination is responsible for that action. So where were those bag claim checks, you ask? They were attached to the back of the original boarding passes which were taken away when US Air issued new ones for the PHL-AMS flight. End result ~ the customers ***never*** received their luggage throughout the entire 12 day cruise!

Another situation we heard about concerned medications packed in checked luggage which, again, did not make it to the ship. The individual was lucky enough to have brought a copy of his prescriptions which were filled at an Italian pharmacy on one of the port calls, but he forfeited his shore excursion in order to take care of this.

And how about those travelers you see dozing off on the sightseeing bus while the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World pass by the window? Those were the folks who did not think about how time-zone differences affect their body clock. Why not get the best out of your dream vacation by spending a few extra dollars acclimating to the local time before you begin the structured part of the trip?

The lessons we can all take away from these true-life scenarios are:

- ✓ Arrive early!
- ✓ Keep your bag claim checks with your wallet or passport, not stuck to the back of your boarding pass.
- ✓ Never pack medications in checked baggage
- ✓ Bring copies of prescriptions with you
- ✓ Be aware of the affects of time-zone differences

One last topic for this issue concerns buying wheeled luggage. The current rage is The Spinner – luggage with 4 vs. 2 wheels, allowing you to maneuver the bag without a telescoping handle. These bags are extremely popular in Asia and you may have seen people guiding these sometimes very large bags through the terminals both here and abroad. I would urge caution before purchasing this type of bag. Not only do these bags “have a mind of their own” when pushed over uneven surfaces such as sidewalks and cobblestones, the fact that the wheels are not encased into the bag make them the extremely vulnerable to breakage – especially when used as checked baggage. Because the wheels stick out at least 2 inches unprotected from the bottom of the suitcase, they tend to break if hit by other bags on conveyor belts or in containers. Don’t try to file a damaged bag claim because airlines are not responsible for broken handles, zippers or wheels, according to the contract of carriage.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



In the past, Flight 93 Memorial Chapel was closed for the winter. It has been opened since Father Alphonse Mascherino was laid to rest on February 16, 2013. This year, the Chapel will remain open all winter. Our hope is to keep the Chapel open all year round. Over one hundred and fifty buses have come to the Chapel in 2013. As mentioned previously, a new roof is in place; the torch of freedom has been restored and is back and placed in front of the Chapel.

Regarding the USS Somerset dedication at Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia, it will be in March. I will have more info in the next issue.

To make a donation to the Chapel, make check payable to United Flt. 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307 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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What a great meeting we had at the Pensacola Yacht Club in Pensacola, FL on Tuesday, November 19. It was a beautiful day with mild temperatures, so we were able to really enjoy the dining area overlooking the water and boats. We have fallen in love with our new meeting location. 19 members were able to attend. They were: **Nancy Aldrich, George & Denny Atteberry, George & Jean Dobison, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, and Steve Wilkey.** We were so glad that **Steve Wilkey** was able to be there even though his wife, **Annie**, was still under the weather with eye problems. It was great to have **George & Denny Atteberry** back after their extended vacation in Indiana. We were all so very sorry to hear about **Park Learned's** recent health problem. He suffered a stroke in late October and **Billie** said she hopes to bring him home later in November. Our prayers are with them and we look forward to them being able to attend again soon. **Yvonne Schwartz**, our secretary, brought a get well card and everyone wrote a note to **Park** and she will mail it to him. **Nancy Aldrich** announced at our meeting that she has sold her home and is moving to Weslaco, TX very soon. We will all miss her. **Conrad Hamilton** had to go out of town at the last minute and he was missed. It's just not the same when he is missing!

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 1:05 PM after we had finished our fabulous lunch. We are truly being spoiled with all the delicious food the Yacht Club prepares for us on their buffet. We really love their seafood gumbo! **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** sold raffle tickets to everyone and the winner was **Bev Heinrich**. Congratulations!

Nancy Aldrich brought a large unusual picture to show us. It was a photo of United's first 727 that had been retired and donated to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. It had to be sent across Lake Michigan to a small town in Michigan to be set up the way the Museum needed it for display. They had a couple of pilots fly it to Meigs Field, which was a very small airfield located just off the shore of Chicago, where it was loaded somehow onto a barge to be ferried across the lake to the repair facility. The gentleman who took the picture worked in downtown Chicago and happened to have his camera at work that day and looked out his office window and saw the plane sitting on the barge and took a picture of it. Only a few of these prints were made and **Nancy** said she was very lucky to have gotten one of them.

The financial report and minutes were emailed to everyone and there were no corrections.

Our December birthdays are **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** (13th), **Bob Heinrich** (16th), **Tommy Zander** (18th), **Nancy Aldrich** (19th), **Edna Horne** (30th), and **Denny Atteberry** (31st). We don't have any January birthdays in our group. Happy Birthday to all of you in December!

Because of conflicts with our December meeting date, the date has been changed to Thursday, December 19th, which was the only date the Yacht Club had open. We are all looking forward to playing our Dirty Santa (gift stealing!) game! We all love this game and it does get exciting!

Our December meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, at 11:30 AM at the Pensacola Yacht Club. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), please come join us at our new location.

Calendar:

December 19 - 11:30 am

January 21

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Our group of retirees and spouses met on November 12th at the Irondale Café, the original Whistle Stop Cafe in Irondale, AL. Those attending were **Bobby & Jean Cox, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Gay Fowler, Charlotte Gibson, Joe & Marie Duncan, and Joe Jones**. Some members of our group were travelling and we hope to see them back in December.

Our former station manager **Donna Gooch** fell at her home and fractured her wrist, requiring surgery the next day at a local hospital. We send her our best wishes and hope to see Donna and husband Jim at our December meeting! **Jane Jones** has returned from her "Footsteps of Paul" trip to Turkey and Greece and will be back for the next meeting.

As always, we welcome any United retiree to our luncheons, usually the second Monday each month at an area restaurant. For details, you may call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825, or **Bobby Cox** at (205) 833-0655.

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Parties ... Shopping ... Traveling to Family ... Wow! Wonderful holidays!

The Azures gathered at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West for our November meeting and to celebrate the Thanksgiving season with a turkey dinner "with all the fixins". We had 46 members in attendance. We always enjoy Briarwood and their meals are yummy.

It was good to see **Phil Derbas** and **Frank Callahan** at the lunch. At Briarwood, our long-time member **Mel Hofer** awed us with WWII stories when he was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the South Pacific in 1942 when Doolittle's Raiders left on their mission on April 18, 1942 to bomb Tokyo. Mel was on the communications team and helped track the mission. He had a picture of the bombers taking off from the aircraft carrier, USS Hornet CV-8, which his son gave him as a present but he reminded us that the bombers took off to the right of the carrier and the picture showed the bombers taking off to the left. But it was a beautiful and dramatic picture anyway. Anyone interested in more information on this mission, look up www.USS-Hornet.org/history/wwii/doolittle.shtml. Five pages of great read!

We will report on our December 14 outing to the Arizona Broadway Theatre for the production of "The Sound of Music" in next month's letter. We plan to have 24 members and some friends attending.

Our January 11 meeting will be held at B.J.'s Restaurant & Brewhouse, 9748 West Northern Avenue, Glendale, AZ. We will meet at 11:00am. The menu consists of: 4 kinds of "all you can eat" pizza, with pasta & salad, all non-alcoholic drinks are included and "pazookies" (vanilla ice cream over a chocolate chip cookie) for dessert. A notice will go out to members after the New Year's holiday.

Our February meeting/luncheon will be held at Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 North 73rd Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85305 on February 8. We have not enjoyed a luncheon at Arrowhead for quite a long time and are looking forward to it. It's a lovely resort and, hopefully, we can plan more meetings there in the future.

The Azures are also planning another trip to Turf Paradise in February (maybe February 18). Plans are not finalized yet. Some of our members enjoy a "bet or two" or more and really enjoy the banquet they set up for groups.

This year, it's the Azures' turn to host The All Arizona Luncheon which will be held March 20 at the Holiday Inn at Casa Grande, AZ. We will advise all the Arizona RUEA chapters, and anyone else interested, of the specifics after the New Year.

We welcome back some of our snowbirds ~ **LB & Pat Neal, Marge & Gene Hinnners**. Huntley, IL is a little too cold now to stick around there.

January birthdays ~ **Jim Ehas** (1/3); **Joe Hopkins** (1/13); **Dick Wood** (1/25)
January Anniversaries ~ **Don & Jeanne Sellon** (1/19).

Calendar:

Breakfast at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ continue at 0800 on **January 14** and **January 28**. Call **Jim Bechtold**, (623) 885-6523 for reservations.

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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with family and friends. Welcome to 2014! We're starting a new year and hope it will be a good one for everyone. We hope you will consider being an active part in our Re-United's Chapter. We welcome anyone who has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and is at least 55 years old. Please come and check us out. We love to see a lot of faces. We normally have a breakfast meeting each month and luncheons also during the months of November through April. Please contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610 or by email at Indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net. They would be glad to answer any questions and give you directions to our breakfasts or luncheons. We're a friendly group and try to keep our members informed on what is happening with the company and answer any questions you might have about traveling, etc.

We heard some sad news recently about one of our members **Jim Dopp** who lived in Sun Lakes, AZ. Jim died on October 17, 2013 from cancer of the lungs. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Our November breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert had 23 members in attendance. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. One of our members, **Judie Preston**, was trying the TSA Pre-check which was printed on top of her stand-by ticket to see if it made a difference. It's suppose to speed up going through the check-in line, as you go to the very last line on the left, which enables you to not take anything off, such as belts, shoes, etc., and make it a lot faster. **Ron Paluch** mentioned there is a new Maintenance Base at Dulles Airport and they are looking for mechanics. There's a lot of movement going on with United. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, mentioned that all the decorations put up for the Fantasy Flight have to be taken down by December 10th. They plan to start taking things down right after the Fantasy Flight is over on December 6th.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 4th at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes with 48 members attending. Everyone enjoyed the entrées of Chicken Cordon Bleu or the Roast Pork Loin. It's always a very festive luncheon; getting everyone in the mood for Christmas. Many members brought items for the raffle, so many went home with a prize gift. Our President, **Shirley Claggett** passed out the calendar of events coming up in January through April 2014. Something special to look forward to each month! There may be some changes at the Flight Training Center in Denver; so before anything is done, if you get a chance to see the Training Center and Simulators, try and go there. A lot of history to be seen also. Definitely worth a trip! Thanks goes out to the hosts, **Carol & Skip Ward**, for their part in organizing this really special Christmas luncheon!

The Fantasy Flight was held on December 6th at the Phoenix Airport. What an exciting time! The children were so happy. Everyone did such a wonderful job organizing this annual event. **Rich Vehring**, who along with all the workers is to be commended. There is a lot of work that goes into this Fantasy Flight, but it is very rewarding. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success once again!

The January luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at Mt. Athos Restaurant at 444 N. Pinal Pkwy in Florence, AZ. **Natasha Schmidt** is the hostess for this luncheon. The social hour starts at 11:00 a.m., with entertainment on the patio, followed by the luncheon around 12:00 noon. The menu consists of the following: Appetizer will be Saganaki (Greek Flaming Cheese), with the entree choices of: Gyro with Greek Salad, Grilled Chicken over salad, or Cheeseburger Deluxe. Coffee, tea, or soda is included. Natasha will be furnishing the dessert. Your choice of entrée plus your check for \$17.00 each, made payable to Natasha Schmidt, should be sent to her by January 6. Her address is 3668 W. Saratoga Ct., Florence, AZ 85232-6804. If you have any questions, you can reach Natasha at (520) 723-7939, or by e-mail at mohrle@q.com. Directions:

Take US-60 east to exit 212, right onto AZ-79S, towards Florence/Tucson. Keep straight on AZ 79 to 444 N. Pinal Pkwy, on the corner of Rt. 79 and Ruggles Avenue on your right.

The February luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 13th at Monti's Steakhouse, 100 S. Mill in Tempe, AZ. The social hour starts at 11:00 a.m, with lunch at 12:00 noon. You will be able to order off the menu when you get there. The entrées are your choice of 6 oz. Prime Steak (broiled medium), topped with Mushroom Peppercorn Sauce; Chicken Breast with Mushroom Tomato Cream Sauce, or Broiled Salmon, Citrus Glaze, Seasonal Apple Salsa. These include mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable, along with Garden Salad, served with House Italian Dressing, and Monti's Roman Bread. Also offered is the Vegetarian Pasta Rosa, with veggies, sundried tomato cream sauce, parm cheese. The dessert for everyone is the Chef's Choice Plated Dessert plus coffee service. The cost, including tax and gratuity per person for the above menu is \$20.00. The hosts are **Ron & Donna Pedone**. If you wish to contact them, their phone number is (480) 821-8074 and their email address is octobermoon10@yahoo.com.

Ron Paluch is trying to get tickets for the March 27 Cubs/White Sox Spring Training Baseball game at the new Cubs Park. It's always fun to see the Chicago rivals playing each other. We're looking forward to seeing the brand new Cubs park!

Mark your calendars for our annual picnic at Crescent Run in Mesa. This will be held, Thursday, April 10th, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.

It's time to decide who we want to run for any of our offices. If you are interested in running for any of the offices, please let the Nominating Committee, who are **Bob Irwin** (Chairperson) and **Ron Paluch** (Assistant) know. It's not hard, so think about it. Any spot is open, except "Sunshine", and that is **Tony Ribeiro** for life. The Nominating Committee will take the nominations and make out the ballots to be given out at our February luncheon.

If you haven't paid your annual dues of \$5 per person yet, please see **Rita Zarek**, our Treasurer. You can pay her at one of the breakfasts or luncheons, or mail it to her at 823 W. 14th Ave., Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Her phone number is (480) 288-6685. Please also let her know if you have any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail, so we can update the Membership Directory before it gets published. We plan to hand out the directories at the April picnic. Thanks for your help in doing this promptly.

Be sure and join RUAEA too! The dues are only \$25 per year. You can now use a credit card instead of mailing a check. Check the website at www.ruaea.org. Be sure to include your file number. If you wish to mail your dues, the address is RUAEA Office, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. If you are renewing, check the mailing label on the back cover of the newsletter for the date your subscription ends above your name and address.

We have the following January Birthdays ~ **John Gaudio** (1/5), **Jane Miller** (1/14), **Molly Norwood** (1/14), **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (1/15), **Judy McFarland** (1/22), **Barb Paymaster** (1/22), **Rose Rheam** (1/23), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (1/25), **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/28), and **Skip Ward** (1/28). Hope you all have a wonderful birthday. We have three couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries; they are **Dakota & Dillion Morris-Terry** (1/8), **Donna & Ron Pedone** (1/10/80), and **Barbara & Jay Hartough** (1/16/71). Happy Anniversary!

Calendar:

January 15 – Luncheon at Mt. Athos Restaurant, 444 N. Pinal Pkwy, Florence, AZ, (520) 868-0735, starting at 11:00 a.m for the social hour, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**. Contact her at (520) 723-7939 or by e-mail at mohrle@q.com.

January 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by January 22nd, at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

February 13 – Luncheon at Monti's Steakhouse, 100 S. Mill in Tempe, starting at 11:00 a.m, hosted by the Pedones.

February 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

March 20 - All Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande, AZ

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Our Chapter will not be meeting this month, but we are all looking forward to the Christmas meeting on December 18th hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. They always have some fun thing planned that we all enjoy.

On a sad note, I've been reading about the passing of **Paul Brown** who was RUAEA FL Regional Director. I received a phone call from him a few months before I read of his passing. During our conversation, there was no indication that he was ill. What you don't know is that Paul and I used to work for Capital Airlines at MDW during the 50's. We reminded each other about the times we worked together, he was in Operations, and I was in the Radio Room. We hadn't kept in touch after the merger, so his phone call was quite a pleasant surprise.

Back in the MDW days, Capital formed a baseball league consisting of all the major stations. We traveled to NY, DCA, CLE, DTW, MKE, & PIT and those cities would fly to MDW when we could schedule a return game. We had a very active V.P. who organized the beginning of the baseball league. Our V.P. enjoyed baseball and when his schedule allowed, he would fly to our games. Paul and I were part of MDW's team. We all knew the MDW flight crews and they would give us special treatment when they knew we were on board. More than once, some of our team would help serve passengers food just to help the Stewardesses and make the flight a lot of fun. Not once did we get bad responses from the passengers, in fact they got quite a kick out of it. As we all know, those days are gone forever and I have to thank Paul for remembering with me those days we enjoyed so much. Now that I look back, there is only one other that I know of that is still around from our old team.

This will be a little late in coming, but our Chapter wishes all RUAEA members a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyful Christmas season. Someone said that the days seem to drag on, but the weeks fly by.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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There were nine members attending our Christmas party at Marat's Armenian Restaurant. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Armenian food and the entertainment from the owners' son who told us some jokes and stories.

President **Elida Rivas** called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. **Dick Shryock** made a motion that we not pay dues for the 2014 New Year. We voted on it, but the majority of members wanted to continue to pay the dues for 2014. Another vote was taken concerning the officers for 2014. It was decided that we will keep the same officers for 2014, as follows: President - **Elida Rivas**, Vice President - **Dick Hayes**, Secretary/Corresponding Secretary - **Peggy Oakshott**, Treasurer - **Dick Shryock**, Sunshine Lady - **Hazel Hayes**.

Dick Hayes told us that he met some United retirees at a party, whom he hopes to recruit for the Brazen Raisins. We have lost so many members and would welcome new members.

Elida Rivas has a birthday on December 15. Have a very Happy Birthday, Elida!

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Charlie Barnett**. Wine was won by **Dick Hayes** and **Dick Shryock**.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Thirty nine Desert Sunbirds and guests dined at the Jackalope Ranch in Indio for our November Luncheon. Our lunch choices were Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Beef Slider Trio, Pulled Pork Sandwich, and a Barbeque Chicken Salad. Thanks to our hosts, **John & Maureen Schultz**.

President Mike reminded everyone that the Desert Sunbirds were celebrating our 25th anniversary. A big hand for **Elaine Aggson**, the guiding force and first and only President for the first 24 years; until early this year when **Mike Bailardo** took over.

Bill & Gay Scholes made a rare appearance. They are considered "General Guests" as no one wants to take the responsibility for inviting them. Just kidding Bill! You and Gay are always welcome. Bill is a retired UA Captain and LAXFO Manager. Others we have not seen for a long time; **Matt Gauss & Marilyn, Anna Crisci, Rosemary Palmieri**, and our returning snowbird, **Robb Bohart**. Also, **Dave & Kathy Wilson** brought a friend, **Virginia Kepley**.

I suppose no news is good news, as I've not been advised of any health or medical problems. Let's keep it that way.

Our Birthday winner was **Sandy Sereno**, and **Melinda Lerg** took home \$43.00 from the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes of a bottle of wine were won by **Marge Lenz** and **Carole Paquin**. And finally, **Elaine Aggson** added to the door prizes with a "25th Anniversary" wine, won by **Patti Sica**; and a box of chocolates – "*You never know what you're going to get*" - won by **Mike Bailardo**.

Calendar:

January 8 – Hosted by **Flo Silvestri**

February 12 – Hosted by **Brad Zittel & Company**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Once again we Miners scored. **Bill & Pati Kenney** hosted a delicious Mexican luncheon at Cascada Restaurante and Cantina. 35 Miners dined on burritos, wraps, tacos and taco salads, enjoyed plenty of beverages and finished up with homemade cookies and Jordan Almonds. We thank you for setting this up! And, a Happy Birthday wish to you, Pati!

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** covered anniversaries and birthdays and welcomed our guests. **Thom Biro** brought **Claire LaFleur**, **Bill & Pati Kenney** brought **Kerry & Ann Kozelka**. Kerry & Ann will be joining the Hangtown Miners in January. Welcome!

Rudy passed around a clipboard with the sign-up sheet to host the monthly luncheons for 2014. There were only a few months not spoken for, so those of you who didn't get a chance to put your names down, you will still be able to host a month. Rudy had attached information on the duties of the host(ess) and suggestions to help host a successful luncheon if you're taking on this "job" for the first time. It isn't a difficult task, so jot your name down at the next meeting.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not attend.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report this month.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** is on a trip to Texas. **Jane Gibson** reported that there is \$1,705.61 in our checking account.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** is also on a vacation. **Jane Gibson** reported that she sent a Get Well card to **JR Heier** who was at the luncheon and feeling quite well after surgery on his right shoulder.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was at the luncheon but had to leave early.

Old Business ~ December - our final luncheon for the year. It is always a cheerful, sparkling, happy time to be with friends, enjoy great food and just have fun. This year, **Thom Biro** is heading up this luncheon. He has booked us at the Veterans Memorial Building in Placerville. Originally, he was going to work with a caterer he knew, we elected to have prime rib and turkey. However, Thom said that the caterer had changed his prices on him and was not in good communication either. Thom decided to drop the caterer and opted to do the food ourselves instead. So, we will be going with ham and turkey with all the trimmings. Thom is still tied to the job he's doing in Shingletown but is hoping to be home for Thanksgiving. A sign-up sheet was passed around to let him know what dishes our members would like to bring to the December get together. We have 3 appetizers, and plenty of desserts so far. Could use some more side dishes. I will be calling to see what you would like to bring to be enjoyed by all. If you can come early to help with setting up - or are able/willing to stay and take down, please let Thom know.

In past years, the Hangtown Miners have made donations to various charities at this time of the year. Rudy asks that each Miner give some thought to an organization they feel deserves a donation from us. Please bring your suggestion(s) to the next meeting along with information about the charity. We will listen to the recommendations and the club can decide on which one(s) will receive a donation from us this year.

I don't know how the months fly by so quickly, but it is already time to elect our officers for 2014! Since we like to steer clear of "business" at our December luncheon, we took the bull by the horns and got the job done. Rudy asked if there were any volunteers for any of the positions. After the moment of silence, he told us that each of the current officers have agreed to continue another year. So, nominations began: *President* - **Rudy Blazius**, **Bill Gibson** nominated and **JR Heier** seconded; *Vice President* - **Bill Dinette**, **JR Heier** nominated and **Bill Gibson** seconded; *Secretary* - **Jane Gibson**, **JR Heier** nominated and **Rosemary Heier** seconded; *Treasurer* - **Tom Kenny**, **JR Heier** nominated and **Bill Gibson** seconded; *Sunshine* - **Jeanette D'Amico**, **Rudy Blazius** nominated and **Bill Kenney** seconded; *Historian* - **JR Heier** nominated and **Bill Gibson** seconded. Vote taken and all approved.

New Business ~ We covered items from the General News section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Thom Biro reported that he recently traveled to Hawaii and had good experiences with the CSRs in Hawaii. He learned that you can double list! The passes that are not used will go back into your system. If you don't make a flight, be sure to check with the gate agent to be sure you are listed on the next flight.

It was requested that we remind you of the code that will help you get your luggage checked through without paying when you have purchased a ticket. Should you have a disagreement with the CSR, give them this code **GGBAGEMP**. It will show them what to do to get those bags checked in free.

Rudy closed the meeting and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Jack Fitzpatrick** was the winner of the donator's ticket. I neglected to collect the list of members who brought items to be raffled. A big Thank You goes to each of you who brought something to be raffled.



REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Our November luncheon was held at the Fountain Grove Inn on Thursday, November 14, 2013. Unfortunately, there was a problem in the kitchen so lunch was delayed for one hour. The good news was that we had a guest speaker, Tony Castle, who entertained us with his One Man Show. We all owe **Zelma Kibler** a giant Thank You for asking Tony to join us. He put on a wonderful show and brought back many memories and lots of laughter.

After lunch, President **George Schwind** thanked our hosts, **Brandon & Pat Maus**. Brandon then introduced our guests, **Helen Furber's** daughter **Jan Baty**; **Marlene Von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; **Sherry Quock**, **Diana Quinn's** daughter and **Charlie Anderson's** guest, **Nina Matlock**. We had a total of 40 people at the luncheon.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported we are barely still in the black. The total balance as of 10/10/13 was \$566.21 of which \$92.32 is in the general account and we have \$566.21 in the Charity Fund. Dues (\$10) for 2014 are due and payable now. Please make your checks payable to Redwood Empire Retirees.

Verda was out of town this week so Secretary **Valerie Hulsey** announced the October Birthdays ~ **Madeline McKinnis** and **Ernest Stukey**. Ernie won the free lunch which he promptly donated to the Charity Fund. It was too late when it was pointed out that **Elsie Kuhl** and **Norma Stilman** also have October Birthdays so Verda will have to add their names when she draws the free lunch in December.

Happy Anniversary wishes went to **Richard & Maria Southon** (41 years) and **Delbert & Iva Lou Clark** (61 years).

Roger Casterline reported the Denver convention went well and nine of our members attended. They had no trouble getting on flights and he said they all thought the tours were really good. All in all, it was a very successful convention and next year's convention will start on September 28, 2014 in San Diego.

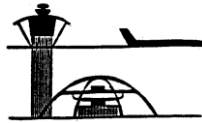
We did not have a report from Barney as he was unable to attend this month.

George announced the slate of officers for 2014. President ~ **Brandon Maus**, Vice President ~ **Larry Wilson**, Secretary ~ **Mary Wilson** and Treasurer ~ **Oscar Chambers**.

As always, the raffle was fun and lots of wine, candy and beautiful plants that were the centerpieces were given away. The luncheon next month will be on December 12 at the Quail Inn. This year's officers will be the hosts. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.

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Our December luncheon allowed us to savor the uniqueness of the Proud Bird restaurant for the last time. Soon the New Year will be upon us and we'll be scrambling for new venues for 2014. **Jeanneane Bunch** has already called with a list of possible locations and we thank her for her help.

We hope the mild winter months helped **Al Tschirhart** recover from a fall last year. **John Daley** advised he spent 2½ weeks recovering from pneumonia. Hopefully, the New Year will be healthier for both of them. We missed **Margie Equihua** during many meetings for our local Fantasy flight. She had critical back surgery; but is expecting full recovery by the New Year.

We thank **Don Garner** for sharing the information of **Bud Winn**'s passing. He worked at the downtown ticket office for many years. Some of us even remember calling him to request "will-call" ticketing. Yes, it was **that** long ago.

We congratulate **Jerry & Rachel Luxenburg** on the celebration of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary. Rachel told me that Jerry retired after 38 years of service from United. Their son, Verne, retired after 35 years of service and their granddaughter, Tanya, joined the United team 6 or 7 months ago; to make the 3rd generation from the Luxenburgs family to work for United. Congratulations to this dedicated family and congratulations to each of them.

We want to thank several of our Re-LAX-er members who have done us a great service this year. At our Christmas luncheon; several of them could not attend and wanted to participate in the Vista Del Mar Toy drive. Dear **Charlene Walker** flew into LAX with a connection up north, and left a huge box of toys in baggage claim for us. Then the Luxenburgs mailed a huge box of toys for the children and **Becky Booker Weidner** dropped off her gifts personally. We thank each and every one for their kind generosity to the needy children.

Calendar:

Hopefully the 1st Thursday in February. Nothings final yet.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported that we had three guests. There were five November Birthdays but no November weddings. Barbara also reported that **Jacque Ahern** sent a get well card to **Gene**

Walter. He had knee surgery but was at the meeting and looking good. Jacque is still with her granddaughter who is doing well.

1st Vice President **Jerome Underhill** said that **Monte Monson** will cook for the picnic next year (2014).

President **Ralph Trullinger** reported that the March 2014 meeting will be March 31, the 5th Monday of the month. We still need a replacement for **Shirley Campbell** who is our retiring editor of the Local Newsletter.

Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunz** told us that we have raised over \$1000.00 that will be given to our chosen charities. The charities will be CALL Primrose Center in Burlingame, CA, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Disabled American Veterans, Society of St. Vincent de Paul in San Mateo and Samaritan House in San Mateo.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported on future trips including the Fun Snow Train trip February 7 to 9, 2014. A flyer will be out soon for the Begonia Parade August 31, 2014 and a Christmas Market Place trip on the Europe waterways. She is looking into a visit to the Charles Shultz Museum.

Roger Casterline gave a report on the Denver Convention. He said it was successful with about 350 in attendance. There were 300 at the banquet. The next convention will be in San Diego on September 28, 2014. Roger said that retirees can only have two friends on their travel list but there may be some changes. Watch the Travel Section of Flying Together. Roger will look into any security changes.

2014 March meeting will have a Chinese luncheon set up by **Vera Kina**. This will be on March 31, 2014.

New officers for 2014 were nominated, voted and approved. Nominating Chairman **Bob Taiclet** read the list of new officers for 2014: President ~ **Jerome Underhill**, 1st Vice President ~ **Bob Taiclet**, 2nd Vice President ~ **Kathy Hutt**, Recording Secretary ~ **Donna Taiclet**, Corresponding Secretary ~ **Patricia Niland**, Treasurer ~ **Arthur Barrett**, Membership Secretary ~ **Barbara Underhill**, Auditors ~ **Dorothy Reuszer**, **Ben Vietz**, and **Judy Curran**.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Ralph Trullinger**. SFO-Bay Area Golden Gaters wish all UA retirees a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Calendar:

January 27 - Next Meeting, Monday, 11am -2pm

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Happy New Year! Our South Bay RUAEA is welcoming the New Year with our new officers for 2014. They are: President ~ **Dave Walb**, Vice President ~ **Dave Garland**, Secretary/Correspondent ~ **Merle Sweet**, Treasurer ~ **Cheri Scales**, Historian ~ **George Sousa**, Sunshine ~ **Maureen Snyder**, Photographer ~ **Vernon Snyder**.

The South Bay RUAEA held the annual Christmas Celebration at Mariana's Italian Restaurant in Santa Clara on December 3. President **Bill Reichard** welcomed everyone, including guests and members of other RUAEA chapters. It was great to see old friends and former colleagues from San Mateo, Santa Rosa, Hangtown, and the Central Coast Chapters. Bill gave a special thanks to the out-going officers, and introduced the new officers for 2014. **Maureen & Vernon Snyder** assembled the candy favors for the ninety-nine guests. The celebration included a fund raising raffle and bake sale which helps off-set our dues. This event was organized by **Cheri & Ben Scales**. **Margie & Alex Klaus** accepted member donations of toys for the Toys for Tots Program. **Ella & George Sousa** had previously collected canned goods for The Salvation Army. The event's Master of Ceremonies was a Magician, **Doug Jones**. The Fremont High School Choir from Sunnyvale, under the direction of Joe Howard, performed an entertaining program of Christmas Carols.

It was great that we were joined by **Marion Gaevert** and **Wilma Sandy**. **Jean Jenkins** was welcomed back after her recent surgery. **Vi Mattscheck** and **Geneva Schaller**'s health challenges prevented them from joining in the festivities. Our thoughts and prayers are with them, and hope to see them in this new year.

Roger Casterline and **Zelma Kibler** took a cruise from New York to Houston. **Sally & Tony Urso** had an **eventful** cruise from San Francisco to Hawaii. **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard** rounded out their year with a holiday cruise from San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal.

Special wishes are extended to **Marian Swanson** this month for her 90th Birthday!

We meet weekly, every Friday, 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. At our last meeting in 2013, a special thank you went out to our dedicated servers, Lenora, Roberto and Beverly, who help make our weekly breakfast meetings even more enjoyable.

On-going event ~ **Harry Willever** collects various items, such as toiletries, magazines, and paperback books to be donated to the Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto.

Calendar:

Correction to date in December Newsletter: The Ladies' Winter Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 5th**. Flyers with more information will be coming soon from **Nancy Walb**, (408) 867-1112.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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We met on November 14 for our monthly luncheon at Thomi's in Jackson, with an attendance of 29 members. Our luncheon (a Thanksgiving spread from one of our favorite restaurants) was hosted by **Fred & Joan Verbaere**. The room was warm and comfortable, probably made more so by the shared friendships.

We began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by President **Jack Walls**. **Don Nesja** led off our usual "jokes of the month" presentation to get us in the mood for laughter and sharing, joined by **Guy Hoffman**. These two always seem to have laughter to share.

President Walls noted birthdays for attending member **Ken Wesela**, and anniversary for attendees **Don & Dixie Powlesland** and **Mel & Eve Oberg** (who reached 34 years).

The Treasurer (**Rudy Reyna**) was off to Hawaii, but left his report. All bills are paid and current, with a net balance of over \$600.00. December meeting we will decide what groups to donate to, and how much to donate.

Since no one has volunteered to take on Presidential duties (Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to stay on), there was quite a discussion as to the group's options. **Joan Verbaere** brought up the idea of having the position rotate to whoever is the host for the meeting. Since this would be a serious decision to make. **Joan** agreed to decide on some specific wording for a motion to present at the December meeting. Questions as to what this would mean/do to the organization need to be brought up at the time of the motion, and input from ALL the members would be appreciated so we can have all the information possible before making such a serious decision.

Our door prizes consisted of bottles of wine bottled by **Fred & Joan Verbaere** (the label shows the back of their home, and the winery is Ver'Baere Winery).

We adjourned until the next meeting, Thursday, December 12, at the Conference Center in Sonora, hosted by your officers. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073, for meeting information.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our November meeting was held on Veteran's Day at a new location, El Tapatio Restaurant in Pleasant Hill with 26 attendees. Good food, great price and a nice room. Looks like a repeat down the road. We recognized those Veterans in our group and thanked them for their service.

We welcomed back **Carol Payne**, **Arnold Hansen** and **Carolyn Davis**. **Nolan Untiedt** brought his sister, **Sybil**, a United retiree who worked in CHIRR.

Rich Bouska is collecting dues for 2014. Our Treasury is looking good, so we will be making our annual donating to a Charity next month. Please bring your suggestions to the December meeting.

We continue to search out new locations – suggestions most welcome.

We meet the 2nd Monday on each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. In December, we will meet again at the Back Forty restaurant in Pleasant Hill for our Christmas Party/Toys for Tots. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We would also like to encourage current active employees.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition we accept new and used greeting cards. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept them.

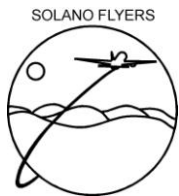
Calendar:

December 9 – Back Forty Restaurant, Pleasant Hill/Toys for Tots and annual Christmas party

January 13 – Sizzler Restaurant, Concord

February 10

March 10



SOLANO FLYERS

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This will be my last report to the RUAEA Newsletter. Being a good secretary of an organization requires an organized mind and that's what I ain't got. My daughter tells me I am the most un-organized person she knows. I'll have to agree with her. My mind is not designed for the minutia of good secretarying, if there is such a word. I'm supposed to take minutes during a meeting. I thought minutes belong to a clock.

Anyway, my year is up and I'll turn over my duties to another poor unsuspecting soul.

Al Pochop has done a yeoman's job leading a mob of often unruly ex mechanics, electricians, inspectors and other odd jobbers. It started out with dubious hopes and at the end of our first full year, he has fashioned us into an actual RUAEA chapter. We have about 50 members with a pretty solid core of about half who attend meetings.

At the meeting, Al suggested that we elect officers for a two year term and that we should include a position of Vice President who, after a two year term will automatically serve as president. These and other items will be up for a vote in January.

Also, Al produced a likeness of our new name badges which will be metal and attached to a plastic backing. Pretty neat. We thank **Harold "Mitch" Mitchell** for the design. Mitch also designed our Chapter's logo.

Dorothy Robinson, widow of member **John Robinson**, won the 50-50 drawing. Congratulations Dorothy. It's good to have you back and we want you to know we missed you and will miss John. A secondary drawing was won by **Bob Ewald** which was a bottle of wine. Imagine that! A bottle of wine from California!

Our last meeting for 2013 will be held at the Benicia Grill in nearby Fairfield.

Thanks for putting up with the ramblings of an old aircraft inspector for the past months. See you around.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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December in Denver has been very cold. On December 4, 48 retirees braved the snow & cold for the Mile Higher's annual Christmas luncheon at the Holiday Inn. Every one that attended received a door prize. **Laura Coates** did all the shopping for the door prizes. **Harriet Ahr** and **Sharon Floyd-Ahr** hosted the luncheon. Thanks! Toys for the Fantasy Flight in Denver were collected also.

We had our regular breakfast meeting on December 7th. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Carole Longbella**, **Walt Hansen** and **Jack Green**. They donated their winnings. One guest, 11 year old, **Daniel White**, grandson of **Marilyn Hansen** & great grandson of **Walt Hansen** won four times. Lucky!

Since our meeting was on December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, we had a moment of silence. In attendance, we had two members tell of where they were on that fateful day. **Marvin Olsen** was at Hickham field and witnessed the first bomb drop and **Harriet Ahr** was on her way to the movie theater in Denver. The Denver Post printed an article about UA retirees, DENTK, that served in World War II. The article was written by **Bob Duensing**, DENTK. He was a 50/50 winner at the luncheon and returned his winnings.

On a sad note, we recently learned that **Mary Ann Amend**'s husband, **Jim**, passed away October 31. Mary Ann also said she is now home from being hospitalized for a urinary tract infection. **RK Moore**, from ramp service passed away on November 12. **Jim McVeigh**, a Denver Ramp Serviceman passed away on November 24. **Barbara Chapman** is home recovering after a stay in the hospital with breathing problems. **Tom Goodyear** is in a cardiology rehab program to strengthen his lungs and managing stress. **Teena Davis** had 5 stitches in her head after the storm door, assisted by the wind, hit her head. **Pat Dulin** had a knee replaced and is doing very well. If you want to send these retirees a card, check RUAEA Mile Higher directory for addresses.

Virgil & Martha Gooselaw are great grandparents of a baby boy. This makes their third great grand child.

Some important dates to remember ~ Wednesday August 13, 2014, we will be having our second annual United and Continental catered picnic at Wings over the Rockies Air Space Museum. The RUAEA 2014 Convention will be in San Diego, September 28 to October 4 at the Town and Country hotel.

Calendar:

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be at the United Flight Training Center, on January 4th. The entrance is located on 35th Ave, just East of Quebec. Don't forget the aluminum.

FLORIDA



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Well folks - the Real McCoys didn't take November off, but this secretary did! So, it's on to our December 10th Christmas Luncheon celebrated once again at the Bonefish Grill by the airport! We figured everyone knew the way - to the airport and to the Grill since we've celebrated Christmas there for the past two years now. The food and service and nicely decorated private gathering place are always perfect. This year was no exception and we all had a wonderful time!

The Charity Fund grew this month by leaps and bounds and once again, our chapter was able to give a tidy sum to the charities voted on by our members! Thank you one and all for your generosity!

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving and thanked God for all the blessing we have had in our lives. But November was also a time of much sadness for our United friends. Former member **Joe Buffomante** passed on toward the end of the month after a year-long illness. The address for **Marie** is 3405 Sterling Lake Circle, Oviedo, FL 32765.

Then on November 26th, current member of the Real McCoys, **Lou Gaydos**, was called home after battling many health issues for the past 3 years. **Joan's** address: 526 Wildwood Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168, (386) 478-1237. Memorial details ~ Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 AM Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Smyrna Beach. Cremation was by Dudley Crematory, New Smyrna Beach. Memorial donations may be made to VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, 2381 Mason Ave., Suite 100, Daytona Beach, FL 32117. Dudley Funeral Home, 1108 N. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach, is in charge of arrangements, (386) 428-6414.

We all send our collective sympathy to Joan and Marie during this difficult time.

Birthday Guys and Gals include: **Charlie Ringer, Jim Hernandez, Gloria Armistead, and Jane Houston.** Anniversary Best Wishes to **Dave & Lisa Leighty, Angel & Julia Montalvo and Ted & Charlotte LeGrand!**

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm - Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd

January 7

February 4

March 4

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Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 6 at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral. Attending were **Rosemary Blake, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, John Dainus, Nancy Kopp, Mary Moran, Bee McCarthy, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Sally Sciple, Wanda Schmoyer, Mel & Linda Volz, and Ray Winterhalter.** We also welcomed visitors **Gary & Janice Crittenden.** **Trudy Helgeson** was our guest speaker. We hope the Crittendens and Helgesons will consider joining our group.

Trudy Helgeson retired from United as Manager at Regional Southwest Airport. She then went to work for TSA. She worked in Detroit, Miami, Fort Myers, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Her presentation was interesting and we could relate to the various stories she told. It turned out that pilots **Gary Crittenden** and **Mel Volz** used to fly into Page Field before the new RSW airfield was built.

Many Toys for Tots were collected and delivered. This has become one of our annual projects.

The annual Christmas Wright story was read by **Judy Clarke.** Every time left or right is mentioned, White Elephant gifts are passed to each other from left to right. Whatever gift is held at the end of the story is kept and opened. It's always a lot of fun.

It was announced that **Sally Sciple**, a retired United flight attendant, has been chosen as a Grande Dame for Fort Myers. It is quite an honor and we're very proud of her.

Calendar

Luncheon meeting, 1st Friday of October – April at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, Cape Coral

Breakfast at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers June - September

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We had a great group of Sand Dollars gather at the IMG Golf and Country Club for our November 14 luncheon. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed a spectacular view of the Gulf from our second-floor dining room. We are glad to begin welcoming back our Snowbirds.

We celebrate members' birthday ~ **Loretta Marvett** (12/15), **Gretchen Bulin** (12/27), **Suzan Goodson** (1/4). Wedding anniversaries ~ **Bill & Inge Phillips** (1/4) and **Russell & Joanne Wasser** (1/30). A Toast to All!

Our 50/50 drawing had the following winners: 1st Prize to **Bill & Inge Phillips** (\$25), 2nd Prize to **Skip & Cindy Irwin** (\$10), and 3rd Prize to **Alice & Bob Parker** (\$5). Even the non-winners had fun, though.

Calendar:

December 12 - Christmas Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. Peridia Golf & Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. E., Bradenton, FL

January 9 - Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Airport – Sarasota, 8009 15th Street, Sarasota, FL, (941) 355-9000. **Note:** Our January lunch location is not yet confirmed; those not on our member mailing list who plan to attend, please contact the Holiday Inn or our Sand Dollar number above to verify.

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December 2nd meeting was our annual Christmas luncheon held at The Spartan Manor with 27 in attendance. We had a wonderful lunch and another great performance by the Hudson Middle School Jazz Band directed by Mr. John Keon. This will be Mr. Keon's last performance as he will be retiring.

After the entertainment, we had a short business meeting called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. **Terri Breslin** gave the Sunshine report stating that a card was sent to **Marie Summers** as she had suffered a stroke.

Birthdays for December are **Tom Thiele** (12/3) and **Jim Hottel** (12/31).

All other committee reports were postponed until the January meeting.

John Riecse thanks everyone for thinking of him and for all the cards sent during his illness.

Calendar:

January 6 - IHOP Restaurant at 10:30 a.m.

February 10 - IHOP Restaurant at 10:30 a.m.

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Submitted by Janice Carter (daughter of Ronald Heider)

Dixie Flyers met on December 4th. Blessing of the meal was given by **Don "Zot" Shelley**, Pledge of Allegiance given by **Fred Cron**, Fred's guest was **Melba Turner**. Other guests: **Pam Abbadangelo**, daughter of the Carringers; **Noah Shelley**, grandson of the Zot and **Debbie Heider**, my daughter who moved back to Atlanta after 45 years in Las Vegas.

A new addition to the Flyers is **Sybill Voss**, formerly of Phoenix Re-United. We hope she enjoyed herself having a good conversation with the **Russys** and **Sully Sullivan**.

Our 50/50 Raffle conducted by **Fred Cron** and **Bogie Wallace** produced a winner at my table, namely **Debbie Heider** whose \$19.00 share will go towards Christmas presents for her 5 grandkids. Shelly will have his 14th UAL TPA and ATL reunion in April, firm date in January.

Frank Russy baked oatmeal cookies and **Judy Elks** baked a sheet cake for our desserts.

Birthday acknowledgements ~ **Joyce Blair** (12/18), **Bobby Jones** (1/20), **Ed Paille** (1/7), **Don Shelley** (12/30), **Eva Mace** (12/14), **Mary Owen** (1/17), **Barbara Russy** (1/19), **Stan Cebula** (1/2). The following member was AWOL: **Roy "Kris Kringle" Cross**; his reindeers couldn't get traction in our 60 degree weather!

The January meeting will be on January 8, 2014 at the Broadway Diner Fayetteville, GA at 2 PM. **Bill Elk** booked us for the next year. What a deal, no room, rent, and members pay just the cost of their meal and tip the waitress. My new home number is (678) 782-3262. From the Flyers we hope "ya-all" have a Happy Holiday.

Calendar:

January 8 - Meeting at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, 2PM.

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At our November 12th meeting, we more than made up for last month's attendance! The following Gems met together: **Denny Snyder**, **Roni Adams**, **Louise Duvall**, **Bob Sweeney**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Bud & Pat Peters**, **Carole Bell**, **Louise Haugen** and daughter **Verla Haugen**, **Lois Rodriguez**, **Ileen**

Bunce, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Charles & Shirley Perkins, David Adams, and Karl Besteder. Karl formerly worked in Boise and now lives in the East and winters in Leesburg, Florida from December through March. We were glad that he could join us. I wasn't able to be there, as I was in Israel with our daughter and oldest granddaughter on a fantastic, once-in-a-lifetime tour.

Denny reports that he's still flying! **Roni** will be traveling to Texas to visit a grandson at San Angelo AFB. **Bob's** wife, **Carol**, was at her job, giving shots. **Louise** says, *"I am happy to report my 3rd daughter, Dina, husband Everett, and 2 great grandkids will be coming to see me November 23 through Thanksgiving."* Being from Houston, they are hoping for snow. **Lois** says "Happy Holidays to All."

The **Dempseys** enjoyed a great trip to the North Pole in July – "Fantastic trip!" They eagerly await the arrival of their first grandson in March. **Charles & Shirley** have been living the quiet life lately but looking forward to holidays. **Marilyn** reports that she and her daughter from Portland went to Jackpot and did alright!

Our time at the Denver Convention was enjoyable; there were just four of us attending. **Rick & Shirley** had a great time in Denver at the Convention. **David & I** were glad they could join us. When we arrived Wednesday evening, we stepped into bustling activity! Thursday was the day for selecting from various inviting side trips. **David** was most interested in touring the pilot training center where all the simulators are. We had a very knowledgeable guide. Displayed along the way through the buildings were many historical photos. Friday morning found me at the meeting for secretaries and for **David**, the presidents' meeting. There was a lot of good sharing. Later that day, we were able to visit friends. **Frank Pol** worked here in Boise for United before moving to Denver with his family in 1967. That same day we drove to Loveland to see friends dating back to the year I taught with Vicki at the Mtn. Home AFB elementary school (the largest in Idaho then because of the SAC base). Saturday morning a general business meeting was held, discussing several topics. All that insurance info went right over my head! That afternoon, David & I drove to Ft. Logan National Cemetery to once again visit the grave of a military school classmate. Bill is one of only two Congressional Medal of Honor winners buried there. That evening, we enjoyed a very nice banquet, meeting some new friends at our table. We are anticipating another great time next fall when the convention is held in San Diego.

Calendar:

January 14 - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview.

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January, Holy Cow, where has the time gone? Guess the man upstairs is going to give us a chance to try this again, and maybe get it right. After all these years, I think we're getting close to perfection. January is named for Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions. He is usually depicted as having two faces, back to back, looking to the future, and to the past. He was also associated with traveling, shipping, and the beginning and ending of conflict. Sounds like a pretty important guy. And he has a great name. Lots of people celebrate New Year Day by plunging into the cold water. Some Polar Bear Clubs do it for charity; some do it just for fun and to freeze their butts off in the Northern states. Most cities have fabulous firework displays, with New York, Paris, and Sydney being the most spectacular. My uncle Johnny would go out at midnight and shoot his gun up into the air. One year he had to surrender his gun to the police after he shot through an electric wire and knocked out the electricity for miles. Great stories about our eccentric relatives! Football is the game of the day. Gator, Cotton, Citrus, Sugar, and the Rose Bowls, have revelers glued to the TV set all day, game after game, after boring game. Most sleep through them after being up all night. We end the month with Chinese New Year, year of the horse. May all of our fortune cookies tell us that we will have a healthy, prosperous and happy 2014.

Our new restaurant, Elly's, in Arlington Heights, is really attracting our retirees. We had about 50 people in November. New members are **Joan Teister, Lynn Hildebrand, CHIRR, and Myrtle Jessogne, EXOAX,**

whom we haven't seen in awhile. Please join us and enjoy the new surroundings and see old friends. **Howard & Marj Nelson** spent a few weeks in HNL, and reluctantly returned in December. **Barb Wesemann**, returned from a bus trip to Branson, MO, where she saw 10 shows in four days. Wow! Then she went to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl Parade and a tour of how they put the floats together with millions of flowers. The staff works tirelessly, getting those flowers on in time for the parade. This is a sight to behold, for sure, and a lasting memory. **Carol & Charlie Lewis** are planning a Caribbean cruise next month. Their grandson spent Thanksgiving with them, and then returned to the University of Tulsa. He also celebrated a birthday last month. Believe me, he doesn't look over 80. Geritol or Olay?

Our Southside breakfast had 14 retirees. Our raffle was won by **Sylvester Gant**, ORDCG, **Marge Caliendo**, EXOAX, and **Barb Wesemann**, EXOAN. A few of our regulars have been under the weather and have not been able to attend. We hope they are better soon and will return before long. Credit is given to **Agnes & Bob Pearson** for planning and keeping our breakfasts successful. Agnes was married to **Jim Hartley**, from EXORA. Bob, his wife, Valerie, and the Hartleys all went to the same church. When Valerie and Jim passed away, Bob and Agnes still went with the church group to various functions. Eventually, they started dating and found a mutual understanding and sharing of life's beauty in their lives. They did marry a short time later, and certainly make a charming couple. Neither one ever worked for United, but they have taken charge of keeping the Southside group together. We salute you, and thank you.

At the ORDMM breakfast, three of our prodigal mechanics returned after an absence: **Jim Hall**, **Jim Lyckberg**, and **Carl Bowling**. They had entertaining stories to share.

About 225 people came to our Christmas luncheon at the Avalon on December 10th, more laughter and reminiscing. Half of our raffle contributions went to the Elk Grove Food Pantry.

Two of our members have flown their last trip. **John Podlesny**, ORDJL, known as "Mr. United", died November 23. His wife, **Rose**, can be reached at 5136 N. Rutherford, Chicago, IL 60656. Also, **Carol Koehler**, CHIRR, passed away on November 21. She had been married to **Jim Koehler**, who died many years ago. No other information available.

Just the other day, I received a pleasant surprise phone call from **Ruby Singer**, ORDCS. She now lives in Alabama. She can be reached at 108 Canterbury Circle, Athens, AL 35612. She said hello to anybody who remembers her. She'd be thrilled to hear from you. Ruby and I used to golf together years ago. We attempted to golf, we were each other's handicap. Usually, just got teed off.

I know of about seven people who are not feeling the best, had surgery, or have fallen. They would rather I didn't mention their name, but maybe a prayer or good thought would help them. Thank you.

In hopes of starting 2014 fresh and free from sin, I will correct two errors I made in 2013. (The rest will remain a secret). Last month I gave kudos to **Liz Mallstrom**. Her name is Lil. Don't know where I got the Liz from, there is a Z in her email address, maybe that's it. She and Roe did the Loop Group since 2007. One more Mea Culpa goes to **Virginia Vlach**. I incorrectly listed her niece on the Dean's List at Marquette University. It was her granddaughter. Same person, just the wrong kin name. Now I can start out 2014 with a clean slate and make new blunders and bloopers.

Now, let's go out and have a great, productive and exuberant year! And if you can't make somebody laugh and have them forget their problems, just amuse yourself. Laugh and enjoy, it helps.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**January 8**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 31**) Last Tuesday of the month.

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00

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During our November meeting, Susan Spilly-Lee from the Indiana Health Insurance Assistance Program explained 2014 changes to Medicare services, including Durable Medicare Equipment Provider modifications, service fees and deductibles that are decreasing, to 24 Indy Racer members and two guests. If you have questions about Medicare Durable Medicare Equipment suppliers, she suggests you log on to www.Medicare.gov. At the bottom left side, click on "Find Suppliers of Medical Equipment and Supplies. Enter your "zip code" and click "go." Pictured are Susan Spilly- Lee, Marine Staff

Sgt. Brock Dienst who collected the two huge boxes of toys donated for the Toys for Tots campaign, and **Jack Conway** and **Elly Barnett**.

Attending the November 10th meeting were **Ralph & Elly Barnett, Ken & Deanna Boeke, Ray & Hannelore Brabo, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Ed Duffey, Bob Duty, Jim Gibson, Chris & Shary Johnston, Lenny Kurtz, Tom & Jane Lane, Mike Matlak, Frank & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, and Charles Theiss**. Guests included Joyce Bishop, friend of **Wanda Bryce**, and Marine Staff Sgt. Brock Dienst. Chapter President **Chris Johnston** won \$30.50 in the 50/50 drawing which helps support the "memorial fund." **Shary Johnston** distributed a draft copy of the membership roster and asked that members let her know if addresses or telephone numbers had changed.

Past Indy Racer President **Mike Matlak** reported that he and his wife had just returned from New Orleans where they visited with their daughter and family. They were planning a return trip for the Christmas holidays. **Tom & Jane Lane** enjoyed their October trip to Amsterdam and spent time with family in North Carolina during the holidays.

Our December meeting was held at The Milano Inn where members and guests enjoyed a Holiday Lunch Party with a Secret Santa Gift Exchange.

Scheduled for our January meeting agenda is a report from the Bylaws Committee on proposed changes. **Wanda Bryce, Jim Gibson** and **Shary Johnston** reviewed the Bylaws and will be making suggestions for changes, including allowing other airline employees to join the group.

Happy Birthday to **Dimple Rihel** (1/22) and Happy Anniversary to **Chris & Shary Johnston** (1/2).

Calendar:

January 14 – Emmy's Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30PM and the business meeting begins at 2:30 PM.

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The Nor'Easters Christmas luncheon was attended by 44 members and guests. Our own **Fred Parks** scheduled to attend, was the only no show. Our numbers were half what they were just a few years ago. However, all had a good time. Food and accommodations are excellent. First timer **Sarah Pitt-Wooll** was a 50/50 winner. Good for you Sarah, come to more meetings. **Lew Shakley** was also a 50/50 winner. Other gifts

winners include; **Norma Betters, Judy Austin, Carol Montalto** (twice), **Elaine Vanderwal, Edwina Lundquist, Marie Dwyer** and **Peter Fusco**. **Frank DeStefano** was announced a progressive winner, but he wasn't present. The next progressive will be \$30, be there to win. We all missed **Helmut Umbley** who was out of state. This was the first meeting Helmut ever missed.

I talked with **Charlie Staula** who was hospitalized, then had a pacemaker installed. He is home and doing fine now. He advised he misses meetings because he no longer drives very far. Hang in Charlie!

Charlie & Paulette Enos bussed from MHT to YUL, and then took a Holland American cruise through the canal and up the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic. They stopped in Nova Scotia, Maine and on to BOS. Both said it was a great trip with no planes involved. Then unfortunately, Charlie was in and out of hospitals several times recently with leg problems. He is home now and feels 95% recovered.

I talked with **Joan & Larry Meister** who advised they don't get around much anymore. Other than minor aches and pains, they are both well but miss coming to meetings.

I also talked to **Lee & Sid Loyn**, they have had little physical problems also. Christmas party regulars, they won't attend this year because of the driving distance, especially with the chance of winter weather. We miss you both!

I also talked with **Frank Procopio** who hasn't been to meetings in some time. He spent several months hospitalized this year. He is finally home and just starting to get around and glad to be home. Can't blame him, we'd all rather be home!

Josephine Pizzano hasn't been well this past year either. She is now in a nursing home in Winthrop, MA and most likely will not be joining us in future meetings.

Let me back up just a little here. How appropriate to wake up on Thanksgiving morning to find twenty two wild turkeys foraging around my bird feeders. There are so many wild turkeys in rural NH, traffic on back roads stop when they cross, myself included. If there were as many turkeys before the European settlers arrived, I'm sure turkey was a normal repast for Native Americans.

Because attendance has been poor lately, we would like to point out 2014's meeting dates so as not to compete with other commitments. We've decided on five meetings, all to be on the first Tuesday of April, June, August, October and December. Hopefully, we'll have a committee to investigate and set up an all inclusive over-nighter that proved so successful last September. That will cover the Bylaws six meetings a year.

Hope all enjoyed Christmas and everyone's New Year's Eve celebrations were happy and free of mishaps!

January Birthdays ~ **Bruce Eddy, Donald Lewis, James Murray, Sarah Pitt-Wooll** and **Frank Procopio**.

January Anniversaries ~ **John & Peggy Dellelo** (55 years), **John & Joyce Lagadinos** (50) and **Joan & Larry Meister** (29).

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Hopefully, everyone's Holidays were filled with family fun and that you're all ready to get down to dealing with whatever 2014 brings. I always like to think it's a new beginning.

Thanks to **Mary Brennan** for taking notes for me at the November meeting. She said that due to the absence of our President-for-life, **Lee Storlie** & his bride **Diane**, who were off cruising with **Gene & Kookie Delvaux** again, the meeting was pretty low key. However, 28 members showed up for lunch and camaraderie, including a face we haven't seen in a long while ~ **Bill Young**! Two other seasonal faces that will be heading south soon if they haven't already, belonged to **Wayne & Karen Cole**.

Rosemary Soltis had plans to attend the convention in DEN, but even though she armed herself with not only her UAL passes, but Frontier and Delta ZED tickets as well, her efforts were thwarted even after standing by all day long. She finally wound up attending a gathering of former employees in Chicago consisting of about 300 persons.

Our vice-president, **Janet Meyer**, conducted the meeting in Lee's absence and regaled the group with details of her recent trip to Israel. Brave lady, travelling to the Middle East, I say. No doubt in December she'll show us a few of the 1,259 photos she took while there.

Sick list ~ **Frank Ehr**, bless him, is still fighting the good fight down in Iowa. His family is trying mightily to get him moved to Denver where they're located, but he's resisting. Keep on keepin' on with those prayers, everyone. **Gordy Olson** visited with **Rick Jones** recently; he's home, but still doctoring.

The birthday lunch was won by **Arlene Kelley** and this time her **Joe** wasn't the lucky ducky he's been with the 50/50 raffles. Our Miss **Sonja Gunderson**, though, still wears the crown in that department, so her new chair and table are obviously working. Her rival for her longtime place, **Joe Balogh**, took home the peanut brittle that the **Kelleys** brought to be raffled off, so there's still magic in that corner.

The 50/50 raffle box has seen many years of use and is really beginning to show its age. We need new photos of MSP's times past. If you have any squirreled away in a box somewhere with pics of our working buddies "back in the day" and you're willing to donate some to being used to cover the raffle box (they won't be returned), please send them to **Diane Storlie** at 11532 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

A reminder: it's time to pay your annual \$5 dues again. Send them to **Bud Ayres** at 1583 Covey Drive, River Falls, WI 54022 or better yet, come to lunch and he can collect from you there!

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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We had 33 at the Bohemian Café. Thanks to **Tom & Rose Langan** for hosting and to **Elaine Carlson** for her delicious baklava. We were happy to see **Elaine, Collen Hardick** and **Cary** and **Toddy Manson**. The 25/25/50 money was won by **Linda Chapman** and **Dick Weak** for \$15.00 each. I neglected to put in the newsletter last month the winners of the 25/25/50 and they were **Barb Soseman** and **Emery Dickinson** for \$18.00 each.

Don Jensen did not get released from Brookestone in July as we thought. While at the Nursing Center, he fell as he was getting out of bed breaking his clavicle, among receiving other injuries. Then he had the misfortune of having his foot stepped on and broken. **Sena** transferred him to the Life Care Center of Elkhorn the middle of October. The doctor said Don had the beginning stages of Parkinson's. **Don & Sena** have certainly had their share of bad news and things can only get better. Cards may be sent to **Don** at Life Care Center of Elkhorn, 20275 Hopper St., Elkhorn, NE 68022. **Sena** also said their daughter was jet skiing at Dodge Park this summer and one of the other jet skiers ran on top of her. She was taken to the Creighton Trauma Center where she had 5 broken ribs along with other injuries. They had to do surgery and she has a 17" scar on her back.

Birthdays for the month of December ~ **Mel Harrison** (12); **Stan Longmeyer** (20); **Hope Acevedo** (21); **Dick Schwan** (21); and **Ralph Bichel** (25). Birthdays are a lot like Dandelions – no matter what you do, they come up every year.

Jean Kirsch passed away November 6 from Type 4 Kidney Disease. A private service was held on Monday, November 11. **Jean** retired from the Flight Kitchen. She was a delightful lady. Our sympathy to her family.

I called on **Ralph Bredow** at St. Joe Villa and we had a long visit. He is having trouble swallowing, but other than that, seems to be doing pretty well. He always appreciates anyone who drops by to visit.

Had a card from **Mary Sue Manhart** saying she had moved. Her new address is: 14091 E. Marina Dr., Apt. 112, Aurora, CO 80014.

I talked to **Hilde Schwan** and she said she is having problems with her hip and legs. She has had the shots but they don't seem to help. Surgery may be an option but she is not sure about that - she will let us know.

With sadness, **Harley Hughes**, age 78, retired mechanic, passed away November 12. His Funeral Service was held November 16 in Council Bluffs. He is survived by wife, **Beverly**, and three daughters and their families. Our sincere sympathy to **Bev** and her family.

Roger Jensen had surgery on October 28 for cancer. I talked to **Roger** on November 11 and he returned home from the hospital on the 10th, which was a little longer stay than he anticipated. He's had quite a change in his life, but happy the surgery is over and looking forward to a complete recovery.

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There were 13 members at our November meeting, including 2 new members – **Dottie & Allen Robbins**. Allen had worked at the SFO Maintenance Base in OV for over 30 years. They recently relocated to Reno from Tennessee.

November birthdays were celebrated by **Janice Flanagan** and **Tom Diehl**, as well as new member **Allen Robbins**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lynda Klemm**. Thank you also for the 6 Fall/Thanksgiving theme gifts donated for our drawing by **Larry & Donna Reid**, which were won by **Allen Robbins, Mary Withers, Joe Robinson, Pat Zoboli, Ann Batty** and **Tom Diehl**.

There were 23 members and guests at our Christmas Luncheon, including guests **Anthony Nettles**, son of **Patricia Nettles** and **Bob Taylor, Mary Withers'** guest. It was nice to see everyone festively attired for the holiday season. We missed regular luncheon attendees the **Robinsons** and **Scaifes**, who were celebrating Joe's 80th birthday on Maui. We also missed the **Stephens** since Lloyd is currently undergoing physical therapy following a broken leg. The Tamarack Junction casino did a wonderful job with the food, the service, the facility and the decorations. We look forward to our return luncheon next year.

December birthdays were celebrated by **Bill Royle, Nancy Scaife** (Maui no ka o'i), **Larry Leusing, Don Wight, Joe Robinson** (Happy Mai Tai to you), **Herb Klemm, Lynda Klemm, Jim Compton** and **Pinkie Perry**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Anthony Nettles**, guest and son of **Patricia Nettles**.

Thank you also for the gifts donated for our drawing by **Barbara Leusing** and **Ann Batty**. In keeping with the holiday spirit, everyone left with a gift. In addition, members donated \$130 for the Northern Nevada Food Bank. Our baker-in-residence **Bill Perkins** brought some wonderful, holiday decorated shortbread cookies to share.

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Our Christmas luncheon attendance numbered 88, including guests **Pat Hanno, Bill & Florence Legenhausen, Bernie Varrone, Len Morelli, Kathy Statuto, Joe "Ski", (guest) Darmstadt, Linda Giuliano** and **Irene Parker**. Welcome all! We may get a new member or two out of them. There is no more beautiful setting than the Milleridge Inn during the holidays, every nook and cranny is festively decorated.

We only have happy news this month ~ **Iggy Blanda** is the proud recipient of the Gold Veterans Badge from the IAM for his loyalty and services. Congratulations, Iggy!

It has been decided to continue the **Artie Shepherd** award, which this year went to **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder**. I, **Cassie Manelski**, am very honored to have received the **John Pucillo** award. I understand these two gentlemen were responsible for the formation of the NY Metros. I'm happy to say, we are still going strong. Thanks everyone, especially our founding fathers, Artie & John.

We raised \$180.00 for the Marathon School with our drawing. First prize, a big screen TV, went to Artie Wilsdorf, second prize, luggage, to **Lester Darmstadt** and third prize, a GPS to **Peter Kraus**. Now the switch, since Artie won the TV two years ago, he worked out a deal with Lester to exchange their prizes with each other. I'm sure they are all happy. Enjoy your winnings.

There were six winners in the 50/50, so from top to bottom, they are: **Joyce O'Donnell** (our own paparazzi), **Nick Manfredo** (again), **Vilma Jones**, **Pete Korsch**, **Rosanne Vascellaro** and **Jim Ammon**. Nice going! Joyce, please airbrush any photo of me. Please!

I made a special trip to the Calverton National Cemetery on Veterans Day to say a prayer at the graves of our two recently departed, **John Muller** and **Charlie Kaczinski**. I also wanted to locate the gravesite of Colonel "Gabby" Gabreski. Maybe some of you veterans know of him. He was the top Ace of WWII as well as the Korean War. I got to know him personally as he and one of my cousins were both serving at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. What a story he had to tell. We saw a film taken from the nose of his plane when the bombing of Germany took place. Thanks to all our wonderful veterans.

Farewell to our snow and flake birds as they fly off in their Vee formation heading south. The Schroeders, on the other hand, are going west to Hawaii for two months. Wow! Their address is "Do-Drop-In" if anyone needs a place to stay. See you all next year.

Thanks to Linda and Irene, the Pucillo daughters, who make the trip to LI from New Jersey every December, to honor one of us. It is much appreciated. Stay well, everyone. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! The Metros will be on sabbatical in January.

Calendar:

February 5 – Meeting at the Milleridge Inn.

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We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We had our last get together for 2013 when we gathered for our Christmas luncheon which was hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**. We send out a big "Thank You" for bringing us back to the beautifully decorated Williams On-The-Lake where 80 of us gathered.

Our President, **Dolly Taucher**, took some time to inform us of the passing of member **Herman Gregory** on November 23rd. A memorial service will be held at a later date. **Lou Gaydos**, a non-member passed away on November 26th in Florida. Members were reminded to sign the cards and that the Newsletter for February through August of 2014 were there to be picked up.

Vice President **Arlene Taylor** led us in saying "Grace". As we finished our meals, Santa made a surprise visit, stopping to chat with each and every one! Santa announced he needed someone to help **Arlene Taylor** with handing out gifts. **Shirley McCarthy** joined Santa's helpers! Besides our usual gifts, there were 3 gift cards from Tony K's Restaurant, a tree skirt, a fleece throw and a few more surprise items.

Dolly then announced the birthdays, and we send our best wishes to those unable to be with us. The following enjoyed our first-rate serenade: **Hannah Beish, Mary Londahl, Carole Mullen, Steve Pytel, John Schulte** and **Carol Seifried**.

Did you know that our special Santa has a December birthday?

We had no December Anniversaries to celebrate, but do send out our best wishes to all of you who could not be with us to celebrate.

On behalf of all our members, **Arlene Taylor** thanked **Dave & Marie Placko** for their dedication of conducting our 50/50. Also thanked were **Dolly & John Taucher** for everything they do to keep our chapter operating as it does. You are more than welcome to visit the website that they take care of. At the heading section of this letter, you can get the information to see the latest Christmas party. We do have a really nice time and a lot of fun! You might even spot an old friend.

Fifty/Fifty netted 3 winners ~ **Bob Alexander, Mary Lou Muck** and **Helen Hockett**. Lucky folks!

Calendar:

February 5 – Stancatos Italian Restaurant, hosted by **George & Mary Lou Kuretz**

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It was nice to see 83 of us at our Thanksgiving luncheon where we were served a traditional turkey dinner plus a lot of our members brought delicious desserts for all of us to enjoy. We had a guest this month as **Johni Walker** brought her daughter **Teri Jaeger**.

Nadine Holten arranged a speaker from Portland State University, Professor of Geology Scott Burns who spoke on Earthquakes - "Are We Ready for the Big One". It was an interesting presentation, but his time was cut short for asking questions as he was leaving on a UAL flight to Denver after his speech. Luckily, the airport is only a couple of miles away.

In November, **Jerry (Abe) Knott** had back surgery and **Irma Larkin** was hospitalized with a mild stroke. I have talked with Irma and she is in good spirits, is having weekly physical therapy and is hoping to come to the February meeting.

Congratulations to **Bill & Sara Petersen** on 52 years of marriage. Please note that the Petersens also celebrated birthdays this month.

November birthdays were **Sarah Blare** (74), **Anita Donaldson** (74), **Veulah Lorts** (82), **Lorene Ludeman**, **Mel Martin** (77), **Sara Petersen** (76), **Bill Petersen** (83) and **Beryl Rennie** (83).

Our drawing winners were as follows: Door Prize ~ **Paul Russell**, Woman's birthday ~ **Beryl Rennie**, Man's birthday ~ **Mel Martin** and 50/50 ~ **Joyce Garrett**.

The January meeting will be a social and in February, there will be an Ice Cream Social. The Dew-er's Board will be meeting the first of the year and hopes to come up with a speaker in early 2014.

Calendar:

All meetings are scheduled at Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd in Portland

January 8 - 2014 Social

February 12 - Celebrating Valentine's Day and an Ice Cream Social

March 12 - Social

OUR CLUB

(Oregon United Retirees)
Grants Pass, OR
Gidget Walcha



The meeting of December 6th was our annual Christmas Party and it was a snowy wonderland outside. It was held at the Rue 26 in Grants Pass in which will now be known as "the snow room". What a way for us all to start out the holiday season with a heavy snow fall and being able to watch it come down during our party. There were 14 of us who braved it through the forecast of 1 to 6 inches of snow to enjoy great company, fine food, coffee, wine and a couple hot Kahlua coffees.

Just after I had submitted the last newsletter, we had gotten the news that **Jim Frincke** had passed away. Our beloved **Jane** was at our gathering today and her presence helped to heal our hearts. Also to know she is making it fine because "Jim had prepared her to take on anything". Her children were with her when Jim passed. All our love goes out to Jane and her family.

We were happy to see **Neal & Sonnia Appleton**. Our love and prayers go out to them as Neal continues to deal with health issues. They both bring smiles to all of us and a positive attitude. We also send out prayers to **Bob Lindberg** who has had back surgery and hope to see him soon.

On a brighter note, we had our 50/50 which was won by **Neal & Sonnia Appleton** and continued our annual party with the drawing of special gifts. Those winners were **Gidget & Ric Walcha** (I have to give Ric credit

because he pays for the tickets), **Barbara & Harry Horne** and **Peggy & Bob Wright**. To top that off, we then continued with yet another drawing for the beautiful lighted jar center pieces that **Jane Frincke** had made. The winners were **Peggy Wright**, **Jane Frincke** and 2 by **Russ & Alberta Randall**. Two must be their lucky number because they just adopted 2 dogs from Rogue Valley Humane Society. Those that did not win could take a candy cup home with them.

After the merriment, it was time for business and we elected our new officers: President ~ **Ric Walcha**, Secretary ~ **Gidget Walcha**, Treasurer ~ **Linda Althouse**, Sunshine Lady ~ **Alberta Randall**.

Our charity donation of the year was divided between Lovejoy Hospice and the Rogue Valley Humane Society. It is also that time of the year for dues. They are \$5.00 a person or \$10.00 a couple.

We wish to say a big thank you to **Jane Frincke** who hosted our Christmas party this year and set such a wonderful festive table and also to Jim who was watching down on us from heaven and telling us all to have fun and for giving us the snow.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Harry & Barbara Horne** on January 3, 2014. Where has the year gone?

From OUR Club to yours, Happy New Year!

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Well, off to a healthy New Year! Once again "*I'm back*". Treatie and I are switching positions once again. Treatie has won the election for the Director of the Northeast region and I will once again resume the correspondent position. Hats off to Treatie for a job well done!

Speaking of Treatie, she is now home after undergoing successful back surgery. She is coming along quite well and wishes to thank all of her friends for their visits, prayers, and cards. Her address is 1900 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. We hope to see her at the December luncheon. We will recap the luncheon as it was held after the Newsletter's deadline.

I spoke to **Marlene Mootsey** (wife of former PITMM Ray). After suffering a stroke, she is in therapy at the Medical Center in Beaver. She is having a very rough time and I am sure she would love to hear from you, c/o 3300 Harding Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Ken Wolfe is still in therapy after more amputation. Please keep him in your prayers, cards are welcome c/o 1461 Dormont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

Vic & Joan Ference have returned after 2 weeks in Sarasota. They returned from 82° to 16°. Brrrrr! They had fun feeding the flamingos and enjoying the parrots. Vic said Joan felt much better in the warm weather, can't say that I blame her.

Kay Frye, wife of former PIT **Bob Frye**, had successful surgery and is doing well. Bob still maintains his membership in the local.

Bernie & I attended the annual Marine Corps Birthday Dinner in November. I was really looking forward to this year's affair as they were honoring the Women Marines. The affair was attended by 285 people. Our own **Bob Wagner** is on the committee. To my surprise, when the WM's were asked to stand and be recognized, yours truly and one active WM were the only ones to stand. I'd thought there were more than that around.

I'm happy to report my youngest great-nephew Brett Pompeani will graduate this year and has accepted a scholarship at Robert Morris University. Hopefully, he will do as well as his brothers Brock and Brandon who both starred on the golf team.

Our January honorees are as follows: Birthdays ~ **Betty Musko** (23rd), **Steve Moliterno** (26th), **Betty Tinney** (27th). Anniversaries ~ **Kay & Ed Yauch** (25th).

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Our hostess for the November Luncheon was **Betty Shipe**, the luncheon was held at the Waterside Tavern at Concord Marina. This is one of our favorite locations on the Lake. As always, the ambience and food were excellent.

In the absence of our President, V.P. **Betty Shipe** conducted the meeting. She recently talked to **Cal & Maxine Anthony**. Cal is just doing so-so. She is planning on going down to their home before Christmas and spending a couple of days with them.

For our charity this year, we voted to send \$100 to the Wounded Warriors. **Jo Ann Swallom** will get us the address. The main order of business for the day was the election of officers. With a little persuasion, **Pollie & Terry Klosky** have agreed to be President and Secretary. The other officers will remain the same.

The 50/50 was won by **Terry Klosky**. Door prizes were won by **Patty Leonhardt, Jeanne Barkmann, Dave Leonhardt** and **Jack Ferrell**. Our breakfast on December 19th will be held at Mimi's in Turkey Creek. In January, we will discuss 2014's location for our breakfasts.

Calendar:

January 16 – Hosted by **Noreene Koan** and **Ray Perry** - location and time to be announced.

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Notice: The Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association, have changed the date and the location for January and February meetings. Please note the changes, which will be detailed in the January *Contrails*, the group's local newsletter.

The January luncheon meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday, January 21, and will be held from 11:30 – 2:30 at The Old Spaghetti Factory, located at 17100 Southcenter Parkway, Suite 160, Tukwila, WA 98188. Luncheon reservations with entrée choices are required, as usual, and will be listed in *Contrails*.

The February luncheon meeting will be held at the same location but on the second Tuesday, February 11, our normal meeting date.

Many thanks to President **Dave Jones** and Luncheon Coordinator **Mary Luke** for bailing us out of a sticky situation.

Fifty-eight members and guests attended the November luncheon (we don't meet in December and the November meeting occurred after the deadline for the December column) at Fairwood Golf and Country Club. Our own **Hank Gosselin** was among the group, and we appreciated having a report on retiree issues straight from the RUAEA president himself.

Hank reported on the Denver national convention, attended by 350 retirees and guests and announced the 2014 convention to be held in San Diego, California, next September. He mentioned the recent convention's Benefits Panel and discussed benefits selections, urging participants to call the national Benefits Center with updates. If a member retired prior to 2003 and has no changes, no notification is necessary. And, yes, retirees will be able to change or update this year's selections during the 2014 registration period.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** introduced new member **Eddie Karr** and noted that **Phyllis Mitchell** was celebrating her 92nd birthday. She congratulated Slickers celebrating November and December birthdays and anniversaries before supervising the drawing for door prizes.

November winners were **Phil Andersen, Wyman Anderson, Myrt Armstrong, JoAnn Bernovich, Vern Bozarth, Mike Bratovich, Corky Ives, Eddie Karr, Noreen Krawczyk, Ed Liesse, Gay Liesse, Carol Lucarelli, John Luke, Anita Malco, Betty Paul, John Paulson, Ginger Phelan, Rita Reynolds, Ed Rousso, Jeannette Schlau, Carol Soffel, Helen Stanger, Jackie Stenger, Chuck Westpfahl, and Dona Westpfahl. Rita Reynolds** walked off with the coveted 50/50 prize.

Among donated door prizes in November were United tee shirts brought back from convention by **Ed & Gay Liesse**. **Ed** modeled a familiar flight attendant's apron – the Clipped Wings gals had to dig out a large size! The **Liesses** also shared literature from the convention Benefits Panel.

Secretary **Carol Soffel** was welcomed back after a brief absence for cataract surgery. Her knee replacement followed the next week. A heart flicker slowed her down before Thanksgiving, but she's back to forwarding jokes over the Internet.

Evalena Hatcher thanked members for their support during her recurring ill health. To paraphrase Jess Lahr, "She ain't well, but she sure is better."

Sunshine Lady **Marlene Nelson** is asking for a replacement to take over the duties of that office.

Dave Jones recognized veterans on our Veterans' Day meeting date, and **Don Hanson** was resplendent in his Navy uniform. Not many 91-year-old veterans can still fit comfortably into those duds. **Gay Liesse** shared a newspaper article and photo showing **Don** marching in the Veterans' Day parade in Auburn the previous weekend. Instead of sitting in his "honored" seat in the VIP section, **Don** prefers to shake hands with parade-goers along the street. **Hank Gosselin** also participated in the parade.

Past President **John Haferbecker** is recuperating after receiving a long-awaited kidney transplant, and we hope to have him back with us soon.

Theo & Merry Sluys have abandoned the Evergreen State for the warmer clime of Henderson, Nevada. **Theo** and his son **Bob** will be remembered as the featured entertainment at our summer picnics – **Theo** on accordion and **Bob** on guitar.

Wedding anniversary greetings are extended to our January couples **Lloyd & Penny Baker** (46 years), **Gary & Carol Moless-Maxwell** (6 years), and **Ted & Thelma Parks** (59 years).

Emerald City Slickers who ring in the New Year with January birthdays include **Penny Baker, Bob Brumfield, Paul Burton, Virginia Dice, John Reed** and **Steve Story**.

Calendar:

January 21 - Old Spaghetti Factory, Tukwila, 11:30

February 11 - Old Spaghetti Factory, Tukwila, 11:30

Future meeting locations to be determined

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

A very Happy New Year to all our Retirees and the best for 2014!

A huge crowd arrived at the Golden Corral in Manassas Virginia to celebrate the Annual Toys for Tots event. We met on Wednesday, November 13, on a lovely fall day and everyone was in high spirits. This annual event brings in members from near and far and is highly anticipated! The tables were piled high with packages for the children to enjoy, a fabulous event hosted by the United States Marine Corps.

Our Marine host was Cpl. John Stagliano, home town West Chester, PA. Cpl Stagliano is 26 years old and is an Aviation Electronics Technician stationed at Quantico, VA. He chose to meet with us from a long list of Toys for Tots events as he wanted to mingle with Airlines people!

The 50/50 drawing brought in \$48 and the winner was **Jim Hartley** (IADRR/IADCS). Jim graciously donated his winnings to Toys for Tots. The hat was passed around at the end of the luncheon and \$1311.00 was collected for Toys for Tots. Well done!

Chapter President **Linda Scriven** handled the drawings for the Door Prizes and everyone seemed pleased! Linda concluded the meeting and wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

We hope to see you all again on December 11.

Calendar:

January 8 – 11:30 AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

February 12 – 11:30 AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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So once again the snow is falling and what a great time to leave Colorado for travel to Arizona. This time it is not Tuscany and the landscape is a bit different.

We invite you to join us. Former Capital and Continental Flight Attendants are welcome as well as former and present United Airlines Flight Attendants. The website www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org has a Membership Contact Form that is easy to complete.

Our “First Time” membership has reached forty (40) so far this month. We are seeing an increase in active flight attendants joining many of the chapters. We hope to see an increase in overall membership with the rejoining members.

- ❖ We have the airline scarves for sale. Do you have yours? Contact **Cheryl Jensen:** RJensen148@aol.com (**Great Christmas/Birthday presents**).
- ❖ Tag your 2014 calendars for the Special Olympics in New Jersey in June and the National Clipped Wings® Convention in Washington, DC in September.

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- 3) Last Station worked
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- 5) Address

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Retiree – **Oney, Margaret E.**, on 10/21/2013, SFOHK, wife of Ralph P. Oney (deceased) grandmother of Cindy Pierce, 3740 N Romero Rd. #B23, Tucson, AZ 85705

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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:

John Brinnon, Mildred Carl, Margery Clark, Diane D'Andre, Theodore Gielas, Gordon Kibbe, John Kozlik, Lorene Ludeman, Samuel McDermott, David Meyer, Celena Nash, Shane Neeley, Irene Robbins, Sue Sealey, Pat Tremont, Mona Walter, Roy Williams, Clifford Wong, Mary Yando.

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.)

Phyllis Easley, 882 Annesley Cir., Meadville, PA 16335

I enjoyed the Denver convention and I am looking forward to San Diego again. Our first convention was in San Diego in 1995. It seems like a long time ago and returning will be fun.

Thanks for all your time and hard work putting the newsletter together and keeping us informed.

Elroy Buck Hilbert, 8102 Leech Road, Union, IL 60108

I am now eighty-nine! It has been a long time since I walked away from my DC-8 after my last trip from BDL to ORD.

As usual, everything went awry on that last trip. Equipment substitution, a two hour delay while waiting for an airplane, weather, and impatient passengers who just wanted to get to their destinations.

My co-captains were “**Bud**” **Solberg** and **Bob Komm**. Both had volunteered to fly that last trip with me, which was an honor, making me extremely proud and happy to this day. “Bud” and I maintain our friendship as we both recall what a great “Family” airline United had.

Bradley Field was dark and cool when we arrived. The tower controllers were still up in the cab waiting for us and critiquing my landing. Since I had flown my first trip as Captain to BDL, I wanted to do my last as well. They made some complimentary remarks and patted me on the back via radio.

The Ground Service people were all there. It was old home week. Most of them were either there on their own nickel or working overtime. What a great crew.

Dining Service sent over a special meal for the Captain. A little strange since it was a Cargo meal set up.

Those of you who remember, the little “doggie” dishes and paper service that was all packed in a cardboard container, right. When I opened it and uncovered the “doggie” dish, what? There was a block of frozen garbage with a note saying, “*This is for all the garbage you’ve been giving us all these years!*” The “joke” was on me and I’m told the look on my face was something to behold. The real dinner came later and the return flight to ORD although hours late, was beautiful.

Arrival at ORD was so late that everyone except the immediate family had gone home, so here we were at two A.M. having Champaign in operations. The Duty Officer was having a fit about alcohol on the premises and I was threatened with immediate termination.

And so that was my last flight and my last opportunity to work with the best partners in the world.

Fred Kremerskotter, 1430 Fallen Leaf Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035

I just paid my dues online and I like this new option for payment. Usually, I also include a few lines about what I have been up to and that too, I can do via an email this time. Thanks for being innovative. As always, this year went by fast. In fact, this December starts my 23rd year of retirement. Life without my lifelong partner is different, but I try to stay busy. The good California weather lets me enjoy the wonderful parks all year long.

In April, I joined a tour to Japan, visiting many highlights of that country. In September, I traveled to Morocco and was amazed by the friendly reception everywhere we went. This was my 5th trip to Africa but the northern part of the country is such a contrast to sub-Saharan Africa. I don’t travel Standby anymore, it is just too much trouble for me.

Thank you all for publishing our great newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Charles Lewis, 801 E. Thomas St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4923

Having retired 8/1/92, I am now in my 22nd year of retirement. I haven’t had any regrets of so doing.

I appreciate all the work and efforts of our DEN staff, especially you folks who take care of our membership records. Thank you for your total dedication to this background activity. If it weren’t for you, our membership records would not, could not, be maintained

Toni Peterson, E21060 SD Circle, Augusta, WI 54722

I have been retired for 10 years. I retired from the Benefit Service Center which was located in EXO aka WHQ. I loved my job of helping all the fellow employees.

I still have my home in Wisconsin on Lake Eau Claire. During the week I am in Glenview, IL, caring for my 3 and 5 year old grandkids. I love it and it keeps me out of trouble.

I still keep in touch with many of my UAL friends. How fortunate we are to have our friends and memories.

Frank Reed, 3400 Wagner Heights Road A #162, Stockton, CA 95209-4874

I retired from United September 30, 1982, as a lead mechanic in the accessory shop at the San Francisco maintenance base. The reason for my retirement at that time was, my wife of 62 years was going down hill, health wise and needed my full attention. I lost her in February of 2007.

What prompted me to write was the inside of the back cover. It brought back a flood of memories as I joined United August 23, 1946. I started in Chicago telephone sales, moved to Denver payload control and in 1950, got my preferred job of mechanic. I remember the 1954 "Saturday Evening Post" ad very well.

For the past 31 years I have been out of the loop, so to speak, and now would like to get back. I hope this note can help get me started right, with your help, yes and thanks.

Ken Storey, 16039 12th Ave SW, Burien, WA 98166

We felt bad that we had to cancel going to the convention in Denver. This was the first one that we have missed since I retired in 1997. We had a daughter that was having brain surgery.

I want to mention how much I enjoy receiving the RUAEA Newsletter to read. I tried it online for a while but I did not enjoy it as much. I read the whole thing now.

Maureen Williams, 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1852

Thank you all so much for the fantastic job you did again this year. I do see fewer and fewer names that I recognize. I guess that is to be expected as I have been retired 22 years.

I just had my 84th birthday. This old body is totally worn out. But I can't complain. I had a lot of fun wearing it out. With each year my family increases in size. This past year, 2 of my grandsons were married. Plus we added a new baby this year and 2 more due next year. Family is the best.

Again, thank you all so very much.

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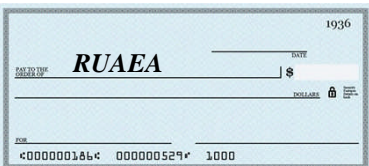
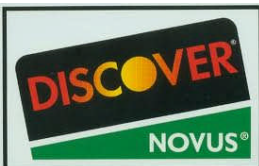
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