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## Recognition of Local Chapter Officers

In this issue, we are introducing a new feature. RUAEA appreciates those who serve as local officers and wants to acknowledge their service. As discussed in the Correspondents Meeting at the San Diego Convention, we will publish photos of the officers sent to us by our correspondents.

Publication is on a "first come, first served" basis. We thank **Jan Gawenda**, Chicago Skyliners, and **Liz Tollefsen**, Phoenix Re-United's for responding so quickly to our request for photos. And we thank all the officers for their work.



L to R: **Bob Kalicki** - EXOKA (President), **Helen Cauwels** - EXOAS (Vice President), **JoAnn Gianinni** - EXOKC (Sunshine Lady), **Bill Churchill** - EXOKH (Secretary), **Jan Gawenda** - OPBCM (Correspondent) and **Charlie Lewis** - EXOKA (Treasurer).



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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

We leave 2014 on a sad note with the passing of one of our Denver Secretaries, **Carole Longbella**. She was one of the cheerful, helping persons who assisted many of you over the phone. Carole will be greatly missed.

Welcome to 2015. I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. As I mentioned before, membership must be our top priority for 2015. We all need to help increase our membership as it is vital to keeping RUAEA alive. We are in the planning stages for the 2015 annual convention in Pittsburgh. The Newsletter, which is a mainstay for many of our retirees who have no other contact with fellow retirees or with the company regarding any new changes to policy, will continue with our fine Newsletter Managers, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. I do recommend that all who can use our website, [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) to find more timely information. Our Web managers, **Jim Sommerfield** and **Toni VanKampen** are always on top of anything and will inform you of any changes at UAL. There are new links to sites that will help you and of course, News within RUAEA. Please visit the website often.

**REMEMBER THE MODEST DUES INCREASE OF \$2.00 FOR YOUR 2015 DUES.**

Hank Gosselin  
President – RUAEA

## Carole Longbella, Denver Office Secretary



Carole passed away on November 9, 2014. She was shopping on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> and fell while on the way to the parking lot, suffering severe injuries and never recovered.

Carole was one of the RUAEA Denver Office secretaries for the last 10 years. If you called the Denver Office on a Wednesday, she was the one that answered the phone. She always brought joy to the office and to those who she spoke with by her pleasant and assuring demeanor. She was a great lady who always wanted to do right by all she came in contact with and especially the RUAEA members. She done a good job for all of us and will be missed.

Virgil Gooselaw - Executive Vice President

## From the VP of Conventions



Ron Bertacini

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015. I know it is early but get out your calendars and highlight the week of September 20, 2015. That will be the week of our 2015 RUAEA Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, PA. The convention will officially start on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue through Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Of course on Saturday we will have our annual Business Meeting, Benefits Panel and conclude with an evening Banquet. The Benefits Panel includes representatives from various providers, such as Alliant Credit Union, Express Scripts, Aetna, and Employee Travel. After their presentations, they are available for one on one sessions for specific questions and/or problems. The Banquet begins with a social hour followed by a very nice three course dinner and entertainment.

The venue is the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree. The Green Tree area is about half way between the Pittsburgh airport and downtown. The rate will be \$112.00 plus tax per night. The rate will be available three days prior and three days following the convention. This hotel was completely renovated recently and is very beautiful as well as inviting. Our rate includes guestroom internet, a 10% discount in the hotel's Season's Restaurant, Champions Sport Bar, Bistro and Marketplace. Options include accessible rooms

designed for elegance and easy movement, with roll-in showers and generous door/furniture clearances. The hotel also has a free shuttle from and to the airport.

Pittsburgh is a great venue. The steel mills are gone so the skies are clear. There are great museums, history, baseball and many great sites. We had many great tours the last time we were in Pittsburgh and look forward to the same this time around. Our local Chairpersons, **Treatie Karwoski** and **Mary Jane Stewart** are getting organized to take care of all the details. So we hope to see many of you in September for fun and social time with old friends and even some new friends. For you folks living in Chicago and the East, it should be a nice drive in the early fall and there is plenty of free parking. More details will be forthcoming in the months ahead. Oh, and don't forget the DoubleTree always has those great warm chocolate chip cookies when you check in.

Ron Bertacini – VP Conventions

### **Open enrollment for 2015 pass travel begins Dec. 10**



Eligible co-workers and retirees may update their enrolled friend, spouse or domestic partner elections December 10 through December 29 (until 7 p.m. CST). If you do not wish to make any changes for next year, you do not need to take any action.

For more information on these programs and on how to register, including [questions and answers](#) and an [overview chart](#), go to Travel > [Enrolled Friend](#). To update your elections, go to Employee Services > My Info > Pass Riders.

### **Save The Date!**



The Tucson Roadrunners invite all to attend the **Annual All Arizona Luncheon**. Date - March 19, 2015 at 11:30 AM, Location -The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85130.

A buffet luncheon will be served with a choice of entrees. Vegetarian dishes are available with advance notification. Great food, door prizes, 50/50 raffles. Cost - \$23 P/P. All checks must be received by no later than March 11, 2015. Make your checks payable to **Pat DiLallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood, Oro Valley, AZ 85755.

### **Personal device entertainment now available for Android users**



United's personal device entertainment (PDE) service is now available for customers with Android devices.

PDE enables customers with Wi-Fi-enabled mobile devices and laptops to view hundreds of movies and television shows stored on onboard servers (no Internet required). It's part of United's long-term inflight entertainment plan to outfit all mainline aircraft with Wi-Fi connectivity plus at least one other entertainment option.

United now offers PDE on nearly 200 aircraft, with a focus on several fleets that currently do not have seatback entertainment or previously did not offer a choice in what to watch. This is composed of United's entire Airbus and Boeing 747 fleets as well as 9 Boeing 777s and 12 Boeing 757-300s. Next year, United will expand PDE to over 200 CRJ-700s, E170s, E175s; more than 70 Boeing 737-900ERs (aircraft that do not have seatback DIRECTV); and 21 767-300s (three-cabin aircraft that do not have seatback on-demand entertainment).

Customer satisfaction scores on aircraft with PDE have improved since United launched the new system earlier this year.

To access PDE, Android users will download the latest United app for free from the Google Play store prior to boarding a flight. While in flight, users can visit [www.unitedwifi.com](http://www.unitedwifi.com), select Entertainment and proceed to select content, which will launch the United app. The app is compatible with Android 4.0+.

Customers booked on flights with this service receive an email the day before their flights advising them that PDE will be available so that they may come prepared with their devices. Teams will also remain in our hub gate areas through mid-December to assist customers and to explain the simple steps for using the service.



To find out if a flight offers personal device entertainment, customers can check their inflight amenities in the 24 hours before scheduled departure via Flight Status & Information at [United.com](http://United.com) or on the [United app](#).

### Global Traveler names United “Airline of the Year”



A panel of Global Traveler Advisory Board members and its employees chose United as the 2014 Airline of the Year based on outside research, experiences traveling with United and information provided by the individual airlines that were nominated.

Global Traveler also announced that its readers named United the Best Trans-Pacific Airline and, for the 11<sup>th</sup> straight year, named MileagePlus the Best Frequent-Flyer Program. MileagePlus also won for Best Frequent-Flyer Bonus Program.

In Global Traveler’s announcement, publisher and CEO Francis X. Gallagher noted the “exceptional quality” of United and of Marriott, United’s partner in the Rewards Plus program, which offers United’s and Marriott’s top customers elite travel benefits.

### Torgy’s Travel Tips



The Big Apple (no, not another new computer) - New York City! This month’s travel tips are a compilation of handy time-and-money saving suggestions for your next trip to one of the greatest cities to visit in the USA.

United serves all 3 NYC area airports, but our hub airport for NYC is Newark. Although it is located in New Jersey, it is only 16 miles southwest of the heart of Manhattan, where all the action is. You don’t need (or want) a car in NYC, so here are some suggestions to get you from Newark airport into Manhattan:

1. **Newark Airport Express** ([www.newarkairportexpress.com](http://www.newarkairportexpress.com)) in my opinion is the easiest, as it involves no stairs and no transfers. The bus, operated by Coach USA, stops on the arrival level outside all 3 terminals of Newark airport. Signs are well marked and you may purchase your ticket either inside at a staffed desk next to the baggage claim area, or on the bus itself. If you are 62+ the cost is only \$8. It drops you off in Manhattan at your choice of 3 midtown locations: Port Authority Bus Terminal at 8<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> St.; Bryant Park (next to the NYC Public Library) at 5<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> St.; or at Grand Central Station. All of these drop-off sites are connection points for the NYC subway system as well. During rush-hour traffic, it took me exactly 65 minutes from the time I left the airport till I arrived at the furthest stop, Grand Central Station.
2. **Air Train**’s rail system links the Newark airport terminals with the Air Train Airport Station, where you can then transfer to either Amtrak or New Jersey Transit for trains to NYC. The fare to Penn Station, Manhattan, runs \$12.50. Be aware that you need to buy your Amtrak or New Jersey Transit tkt to Manhattan (or elsewhere) at a Quik-Trak machine inside the terminal to avoid an additional \$5.50 just to ride the Air Train from the terminal to the Airport Station.
3. **New Jersey Transit** runs local bus #62 between Newark airport and Newark’s Penn Station (not to be confused with Penn Station in Manhattan), where you can catch a PATH subway for Broadway and 33<sup>rd</sup> St. The fare varies between \$3.75 and \$5.30. This option has many stairs and limited room for luggage.

Getting around once you’re in the city is a breeze. Do what the locals do and ride the subway. It is easy, fast and inexpensive. If you are concerned about safety, ride in the conductor’s car, which is located in the middle of the train. If you’re concerned about missing a stop, just ride a local vs. an express train as local trains stop at every station. To save time and money, purchase your MetroCard (a thin plastic fare card) for more than just one trip. The fare is deducted each time you swipe the card upon entering a station. There is \$1 fee each time a new MetroCard is purchased, but not if you simply add money to an existing card. Seniors 65+ travel for \$1.25 per trip and unlimited ride cards for any age are avail for 7 days for \$30. MetroCards are valid on all buses as well as subways. **Beware:** Using a credit card more than two times in one day at a subway station will cause your card to be declined for another purchase that day. This is to prevent thieves who steal credit cards which they use to buy subway tickets, selling them on the streets for cash.

Broadway plays are a must-see when visiting NYC but they can take a big bite out of your travel budget. For years, the Theatre Development Fund ([www.tdf.org](http://www.tdf.org)) has operated their famous red TKTS booth at Times Square offering same-day tickets 25-50% off. This booth opens at 2PM daily and the lines form long before that time. Here are two tips: #1: There is a separate, shorter line for dramas (vs. musicals) at the corner of the booth. #2: Avoid all the lines and get your tickets starting at 11AM at the TKTS location at South St Seaport at Front & John streets. You may also purchase next-day matinees at 10AM at this location.

The National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial is entered at the intersection of Albany and Greenwich streets in lower Manhattan. You can take the #1 subway from midtown and exit at Rector St. The open-air Memorial is a quiet, somber and respectful tribute to all those who lost their lives on that horrendous day, as well as those killed in the 1993 WTC bombing. It is open for reflection between 10AM - 8PM in spring and summer, 10AM - 6PM in fall and winter, and is free.

The adjacent Museum, newly opened in May, is located at Fulton and Greenwich streets and can easily be accessed from the Memorial. The cost is \$24 and tkts can be purchased in advance with reserved entrance times. Call 800 220-6282 or go to [www.newyork.com](http://www.newyork.com) for info.

If you can't get a ticket for the Museum, there is a free alternative that is every bit as reverent – St. Paul's Chapel on the corner of Fulton and Broadway, across the street from the Memorial. This church was mere yards away from the towers, yet it miraculously survived. It became a refuge for the rescue workers, a place where both physical and emotional needs were tended to and volunteers worked around the clock for months providing meals, comfort and support. There are powerful displays of photos taken at the time and handwritten testimonials from workers and volunteers – some from as far away as Africa.

How about a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge? It's easy and free and the cars glide beneath you so you have the top all to yourself. My tip: walk from Brooklyn not towards Brooklyn, because the walkway is steeper on the Manhattan side and you'll be walking downhill then. You'll also have the luxury of great skyline views of NYC. Take the A or C subway line to High St in Brooklyn to begin your journey.

Ever been to Coney Island? Well there's a hotdog with your name on it waiting for you on the boardwalk and it's only a subway ride away. The F, D, N or Q subway lines all end at Coney Island. Couldn't be easier.

We all know how to get to Carnegie Hall, don't we? It's practice, practice, practice. But if you're really looking to attend a free concert rehearsal or take a free docent led tour, you're in luck. Because UA is a corporate sponsor, we qualify for these benefits offered by Carnegie Hall. Simply call (212) 903-9663 or email [corporatefund@carnegiehall.org](mailto:corporatefund@carnegiehall.org) to free rehearsal tickets, or show your UA ID and mention CRP code 19969 at the box office and a \$10 tour is yours for free. More info is available on [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) in the Travel tab under Employee Discounts.

And don't miss the fun of ordering your breakfast or lunch at one of the hundreds of deli shops in NYC. The service is fast, sometimes lightning fast and the food is generally very good. Try to be prepared to order as soon as you are given eye contact, or you may hear some groans from the patrons waiting behind you. The employees are hard workers and deserve a tip in the tip jar!

I haven't dwelled on many of the more famous sights such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Empire State Bldg, Rockefeller Center, etc., because you can get that info from most any brochure or website. But hopefully the tips I did mention will help make your trip even more pleasurable.

Happy travels!

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles** **Chapel Damaged As Result of Car Accident**



I received a letter from the office of the director of Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, Bishop Ramzi R. Musallam. On November 25, 2014, our chapel was damaged by a two car accident in which a woman was killed on the chapel property. One of the cars came inside the Memorial room and the other hit the torch, Bell Tower and one other side of the Chapel. The cost to fix the Chapel is \$136,000.00. One lady has insurance and the other one doesn't. Insurance will not cover the whole cost. Please help us fix the Chapel so it can be opened again.

Note: This is a very dangerous intersection; maybe they will now do something and make an improvement. Prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Father Al told me of another incident where a man was killed in a similar accident. He hit the side of the Chapel to the right of the entrance.

To donate make check to the United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (***Note:** Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.



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

## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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Our Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA met on November 10 in the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum in our usual room. We had 24 members and 4 new members attending this month: **Bill & Ann Delavan, Bob & Carol Dorsey, John & Myrl Eisinger, Gayle Furlow, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Ray & Mai Owens, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey, and Tommy & Sande Zander.** Our 4 new members are **Jesslyn “Jessie” Arnold, Mike & Elaine Austin, and Honey Dimitriadis.** We welcomed back **Bill & Ann Delavan**, who have been in Maryland for several months and **Bob & Carol Dorsey** who spent the whole summer in Maine. We missed you four and are so glad you have returned!

Members unable to attend this month: **Jim & Penny Alston** are on their way out West for **Jim’s** winter ski job and will be gone until April; **George & Denny Atteberry** are still in Indiana but should be back for our Dec. meeting; **Keeton Barnes** was at a funeral; and **Ed Southworth** had a conflict. **Monica Leonard** had Knee Replacement surgery last month but had serious complications after returning home. She returned to the hospital for a bowel obstruction surgery and then serious complications from that surgery! She is finally back home recuperating and we pray she can attend our next meeting.

We were thrilled to welcome 4 new members to our group this month. **Jesslyn “Jessie” Arnold** retired after working in multiple positions with United. She retired from the New York area, moved to Birmingham, AL area but recently moved to Orange Beach, AL. She had been a member of Sweet Home Alabama Chapter of RUAEA. **Mike & Elaine Austin** never worked for United but have been guests with us several times. He was in the Air Force, CEO of Steel mills, taught at South Alabama University and most recently they were full-time RVers. Elaine retired as top real estate salesperson and wrote a monthly article for RV magazine as they

traveled around the country. We are so excited to have **Honey Dmitriadis** back as a member! She had been a member for a couple of years before moving to Louisiana. She moved back to Mobile, AL recently and returned to us! She retired from DCA as a flight attendant.

President **Bob Schwartz** opened our meeting by wishing Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps and to our 4 former Marines: **Conrad Hamilton, Park Learned, Norm Reinoehl** and **Ed Southworth**.

Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra & Bill Hayden** and **Jessie Arnold** drew the winning ticket. The winner was **Mike Austin**. **Mike** donated his winnings back to the chapter. Congratulations and thank you! Winners of our two extra cookies were **Carol Herrick**, and **John Eisinger**.

Neither the Treasurer's Report nor the Minutes had any corrections.

November birthdays are **Bob Schwartz** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Penny Alston** (17<sup>th</sup>), **Jessie Arnold** (19<sup>th</sup>), **Myrl Eisinger** (23<sup>rd</sup>), **Maureen Hurst** (25<sup>th</sup>), and **Jeanne Reinoehl** (30<sup>th</sup>).

December birthdays are **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** (13<sup>th</sup>), **Bob Heinrich** (16<sup>th</sup>), **Carol Dorsey** (17<sup>th</sup>), **Tommy Zander** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Edna Horne** (30<sup>th</sup>), and **Denny Atteberry** (31<sup>st</sup>).

Happy Birthday to all of you!

The group voted unanimously to donate \$25 to **Jake Wilkey's** high school basketball team for equipment. Jake is the son of **Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**. Our group has "adopted" **Jake & Eddie Wilkey** as our grandchildren. They are such super young men!

We also voted to make a donation to the Manna Food Bank in Pensacola, FL since they are having such huge demands for food.

**Bob Dorsey** told us about Aetna and his hearing aid problems. We hope all works out for him. Discussion followed about a site you can go to for lots of Veteran discounts. The program's site is Veterans Advantage.com. There were several very favorable comments about this program.

Discussion followed regarding our Dec. meeting. It was decided everyone will bring a wrapped gift and we will play our favorite "Dirty Santa" game where you never know if you will get to keep the gift you picked or if it will be taken from you by someone. Members were also encouraged to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots program.

We always welcome visitors. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call and plan to join us at one of our fun meetings.

#### Calendar:

**January 12** – 11:30AM Meeting at Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

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Our Birmingham chapter met November 10<sup>th</sup> at Dodio's in Homewood for lunch. Those attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox** and granddaughter **Anna Claire, Charlotte Gibson** and her mom, **Joann Benton, Joe & Jane Jones, Jim & Donna Gooch, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Travis & Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terissa**.

November birthdays are **Jim Gooch, Jane Jones, Joe & Marie Duncan, Jesslyn Arnold** who has recently moved to Orange Beach, AL and **Terissa Mendum**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Beverly Yeager**.

We meet every second Monday for lunch at 11:30 and welcome all retired United employees and their families. Our December meeting will be at the home of **Keith & Charlotte Gibson** in Trussville. For information, please call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.



## ARIZONA



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Our “special holidays” are over for another year and most of us are welcoming a little “west *and relaxation*” (per Elmer Fudd) from the hubbub of the season. Our Thanksgiving luncheon on November 15 at Lou’s Tivoli Gardens in Surprise, AZ was remarkably delicious and all 36 Azures members attending thoroughly enjoyed the good food and private room venue. Lou’s wife cooked the turkey and made all the sides so it really was a “home cooked” Thanksgiving dinner. That just might be our annual November luncheon site from now on.

**Vivian Klick** visited her California daughter and family in early November after a much-needed visit and the same family came for Thanksgiving at Viv’s house in sunny Arizona. They played bocce ball and board games and enjoyed the sunny Arizona weather.

**Rose Barry** had her two oldest grandsons (28 and 24) visit for Thanksgiving and **Marge Mullman** joined the group for a turkey dinner. Rose was thrilled to have these young men visit and stay with her to celebrate the holiday. What a wonderful Thanksgiving for Rose!

A vote was taken by the regular breakfast chapter members to change the meeting time of the breakfasts to 0830 every other Tuesday morning. I’d guess to accommodate the late sleepers and possibly some Goodyear folks. Since the drive to Sun City from Goodyear takes about ½ hour (20+ miles), most Goodyear or Avondale, AZ members balked at setting the alarm to go to breakfast that far away. Hopefully, there will be more breakfasters considering the later start time.

A group of Azures enjoyed the spectacular performance of “White Christmas” at the Arizona Broadway Theatre on December 6. With the luncheon beforehand, wonderful songs, the lovely settings and costumes of the play, the holiday season got off to a wonderful start. Attendees were **Maria & Ed Bobrik**, **Lowell & Pat Neal**, **Marge & Gene Hinners**, **Enza Scarso**, her brother, **Frank & wife**, **Carol** and two friends, **Ginny Meyer**, **Shirley June Bailey**, **Vic & Carol Liltz**, **Joe & Lisa Hopkins**, **Sherry Muoio & Susie Hughes** and a neighbor. We all had a grand time reminiscing the 1954 production with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera Ellen.

On December 13, 41 Azures enjoyed the annual Christmas luncheon held at Briarwood County Club in Sun City West, Arizona. It was a yummy lunch (choice of chicken piccata or beef sirloin kabobs) with all the “fixins” and a way of bringing Christmas cheer to the Azures members that attend. **Carol Liltz** and **Rose Barry** made up boxes with holiday treats of candy kisses for each place setting that really sparkled up the already made up holiday tables. As a special treat, **Joe Hopkins** announced the Azures would treat all members to a glass of wine of choice.

Our January luncheon will be held on January 15 (Thursday) at the Golden Corral Buffet, 17664 N. Litchfield Road, Surprise, AZ in a private room. Individuals will pay at the door (approximately \$10.00-12.00 each with a beverage). This is a new venue for us and we hope it will be successful. We will meet there at 1100 as usual.

In February, our luncheon is planned at Arrowhead Country Club, Whitusa Room, 19888 North 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Glendale, AZ. We will hold our annual “White Elephant” sale, which is a favorite activity of the members. This event brings in some extra funds for our Treasury and the Fantasy Flight which our chapter always contributes to. The luncheon starts at 1100 for meet and greet and lunch will be served around 12noon. Again, they will offer two choices of entrées to satisfy everyone’s palate. Prices to come after we finalize the menu.

A belated birthday to **Mike Richards** (12/4). Birthdays for January are Marie Bobrik (1/1), a “New Years Babe”; **Jim Ehas** (1/3); **Sherry Muoio** (1/24); **Dick Wood** (1/25); **Sally Illingworth** (1/30).

Also, anniversary congratulations to **Don & Jeanne Sellon** (1/19).

The Annual All-Arizona Luncheon hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners will be held on March 19, at 1130am at The Property Conference Center, 1251 West Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85130. A buffet luncheon will be served with a choice of entrées. There will be great food, door prizes, and 50/50 raffles. Sounds like fun just seeing old friends from our large United family. Make checks payable to **Pat DiLallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood,



Oro Valley, AZ 85755. We have distributed flyers to our members but if you've failed to get one, I will be glad to send one to you. Remember, all United and ex-Continental retirees are welcome to attend.

Calendar:

**January 15** - Golden Corral Buffet, 17664 N. Litchfield, Surprise - 1100am

**February 14** - Arrowhead C.C., Whitusa Room, 19888 N. 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Glendale - 1100am

**January 13 & 27** - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell Rd., Sun City, 0830am. Call **Sherry Muoio** for reservations, (623) 572-4828, by Monday night before.

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Happy New Year! Time sure flies by, doesn't it? We have a lot of things coming up this year that we know you will enjoy, so be sure you mark your calendars so you won't miss out in all our Re-United's activities. We welcome anyone who may have moved recently to our area, and those who have been here for awhile; but just haven't gotten involved with our retiree chapter. All it takes is for you to be 55 years or older, and have worked at any time for United Airlines. Give our President, **Shirley Claggett**, a call at (480) 354-7610, or send her an e-mail at [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com). She's very friendly, and will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Give us a try; you'll be glad you did!

Our November 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon was held at the Golden Corral in Gilbert with 25 people in attendance. It was nice to have **Barb Paymaster**'s mother, **Dorothy Tibbits**, at the luncheon. We discussed the Fantasy Flight, which will be December 5<sup>th</sup>. Decorating Gates C and D will be November 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30 a.m. Students from Arizona State University will be participating this year. This will be our 19<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring this event for the children. This will probably be the last year for us to have it at the C and D concourse; but plans are being made to possibly move it next year to Gate 9, near Alaska Airlines. The drawing for the prizes benefiting the Fantasy Flight will be held on January 7, 2015, at the Golden Corral. We were sorry to hear **Marge Matteson** fell and broke her ankle and will be in a cast for 6-7 weeks. Besides the normal 50/50, at this luncheon, there were several bottles raffled off. Thanks to the **Rockenhausers** for hosting this very nice luncheon.

Our November 21<sup>st</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Restaurant had 23 people there. **Peg Snowdall** passed around a sympathy card for our waitress, Janna, whose son, only 26 years old, died. A reminder, our annual dues of \$5.00 each are to be paid January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see our Treasurer, **Rita Zarek**, or mail your dues to her at 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Please let her know if you have any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail, so our directory will be correct when it comes out next spring. At the January meeting, officers for the coming year will be announced. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please let **Ron Paluch** or **Bob Irwin** know. It's always nice to have new people taking over. It's not a hard job. **Cindy Hilsabeck** was selling chances for a photograph made by Ted Van Dem Berg, valued at \$150, drawn on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our members, **Bob & Valerie Forsberg**, returned recently from a train trip they took from San Diego to Eugene, Oregon. It took 23 hours. They really enjoyed the trip and saw beautiful scenery, the ocean and the mountains. While on the train, an attendant gave them information about the history of Oregon and pointed out things to see while they are in the area. They had beautiful weather while there and recommend this trip to anyone who might be interested.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Skip & Carol Ward**. There were 47 people there. Many members donated wrapped gifts to be raffled off, along with the normal 50/50 drawings, so a lot of prizes were taken home by everyone. **Rich Vehring**, gave us up-to-date details on the upcoming Fantasy Flight. Many of our TV news media will be there, with NBC broadcasting live, showing the decorated cabin, the children arriving at the airport, going through security, boarding the flight, being on board the flight with them, seeing them deplane at the "North Pole", and enjoying the many activities planned at the "North Pole", including visiting with Santa, Mrs. Santa, and their Elf. It's really going to be a fun morning for the children and all the volunteers who have done so much work. Thanks again to the **Wards** for hosting this very special Christmas luncheon. Everyone had a good time.

Our Fantasy Flight, which was held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, turned out great! The children were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were two bomb-sniffing dogs that interacted well with the children. There were firemen there with two of their trucks and one of their helicopters. The children were able to sit in the driver's seat and the firemen explained what they do with the fire trucks and helicopters. All of the children received a new pair of Nike shoes, which were fitted individually by the sales people, who then had the children run a course in their new shoes. Thanks goes out to everyone who had a part in making this Fantasy Flight the best ever!

Our December 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, will be reported on later. Our January luncheon will be held Wednesday, January 14 at Mt. Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. with the social hour. The appetizer will be Greek flaming cheese, and the menu will be your choice of Gyros with Greek Salad, Cheeseburger Deluxe, or Grilled Tilapia on a bed of salad, plus dessert, along with free coffee, tea, or soda. **Natasha's** friend, **Maria**, will be singing for us again during the social hour. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Make checks payable to **Natasha Schmidt** and mail it to her at 3668 W. Saratoga Court, Florence, AZ 85132, no later than January 7. Directions to the restaurant have been sent to you. If you have further questions, you may contact **Natasha** at (520) 510-3655.

Some dates coming up are the February 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Floridino's in Chandler and a tour of the Basha's Gallery of Western American and American Indian Art also in Chandler, hosted by the **Tollefsens**. Also, on March 27, the Chicago Cubs and White Sox Spring Training Game is scheduled to be in an area in the park, where all the food is included in the price of the ticket for \$42 each. It's a good deal!

Don't forget to renew your RUAEA membership also. The information is available online at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

We have the following birthdays in January: **John Gaudioso** (1/5), **Jane Miller** (1/14), **Molly Norwood** (1/14), **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (1/15), **Judy McFarland** (1/22), **Barb Paymaster** (1/22), **Carol Hinkle** (1/24), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (1/25), **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/28), and **Skip Ward** (1/28). Happy Birthday to all! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries, **Dakota Morris-Terry** and **Dillon Terry** on January 8<sup>th</sup> and **Barbara & Jay Hartough** on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

#### Calendar:

**January 14** – Luncheon at Mt. Athos, 444 N. Pinal Pkwy, in Florence, AZ, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**.

**January 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) with your reservation by Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**February 11** – Luncheon at Floridino's, 590 N. Alma School Rd. in Chandler and a private self-guided tour of the Basha's Gallery, in Chandler, hosted by **Liz & Ted Tollefsen**.

**February 27** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.



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Now that we are in the middle of the holidays, or we just kissed them goodbye (all depends on if you are reading the online or the hard copy version of the newsletter). I am personally wishing you a prosperous 2015. May the events you encounter be only good ones.

The Roadrunners are returning to the "old" days when we had activities in addition to the monthly luncheons. In November in addition to the luncheon, a tour of the UA mirror lab was on the agenda. Twenty one took the tour and then were joined at Claim Jumpers by sixteen more for lunch. Thanks to **Pat & Rich Dilallo** for making the arrangements.

As always, luncheon activities included the 50/25/25, the winners of the drawings were **John Bennatts** and **Charli Nicholson**. President **Sandy Lawyer** introduced and welcomed two new members, **Merit Nerland** and **Emmett Doyle**. The Roadrunners are trying a new method to locate possible members in the Tucson area. The RUAEA newsletter from the previous month is perused and any mention of Tucson in the letters or in the new members listing is noted and then contacted by our secretary **Doris Clark**, who sends them a current Roadrunners' newsletter and an invitation to join.

Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, so news of that event will be reported in the February RUAEA newsletter.

This will be the beginning of my mentioning the All Arizona luncheon but it will not be the last. On March 19, 2015 at 11:30, the Tucson Roadrunners will be hosting the All Arizona luncheon at The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85130. A flyer has been sent to the correspondents for the four chapters in Arizona.

Anniversaries: **Bonnie & Bill Royle**. Birthdays: **Ed Kokot** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Carolyn McGlothlin** (9<sup>th</sup>), **Alice Lopez** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Marcy Degan** (20<sup>th</sup>), and **Ron Robertson** (31<sup>st</sup>).

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Since our group only meets every other month, we did not meet in November. We will be meeting in December for our Christmas luncheon at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach. We will have the usual gift exchange that gets everyone involved.

We will be collecting the yearly dues plus selecting the board members for next year. We will also have the signups for next year's luncheon hosts.

Until next month, our Chapter wishes all other Chapters a Merriest of Christmases and a Happy New Year.



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**Patti Sica** was the Desert Sunbirds' hostess for our November Luncheon/Meeting at the Broken Yolk Cafe in La Quinta. Thirty nine members and guests chose from the following menu items: Very Berry Salad, Roast Turkey Sandwich, Chicken Caesar Wrap, Tuna Melt, and the old reliable Half-pound Burger. There were only two guests this month: **Doreen Roberts** brought her brother-in-law, **Charles Hallsted**, and **Tom Wheaton**.

Missing our November meeting were **Werner & Brigitte Brunken**, off to Switzerland visiting family; and **Dede Utzinger** (staying closer to home) was on a West Coast Cruise.

I'll report on our Coachella Valley Rescue Mission toy drive next month. The Sunbirds have been collecting toys for the C.V.R.M. at Christmas for quite a few years now, and every year we seem to be more and more generous.

The Desert Sunbirds are always open to inviting any Retirees (United & Continental) visiting our Desert Area to our Luncheons. We hold the Luncheons the second Wednesday of each month. If you're going to be in the area at that time, please call or email me, and I'll give you all the information.

No anniversaries in December, so we'll close by reporting that **Doreen Roberts** won the Birthday Lunch, and **Brad Sydow** took home \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

### Calendar:

**January 14** – TBA, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**

**February 11** – TBA, hosted by **Gwen Craven**, **Scoobie Wolfe** and **Sherylle Delaney**



## HANGTOWN MINERS

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Orange, gold, red, green, brown, the colors of fall. Driving thru the lovely countryside to get to Cascada Cantina, one is able to enjoy all these warm colors. Then when you arrived at this wonderful restaurant, you were able to enjoy this fabulous mix of colors again! **Bill & Pati Kenney**, our host(ess), brought the outdoors inside. The table decorations were so great which complemented the meals enjoyed by all 32 attending. We welcomed guest, **Chuck Chance**. Chuck and his wife, **Sandra**, recently moved to Granite Bay. He had such a good time; he has joined the Hangtown Miners.

There doesn't seem to be any anniversaries in November, but, we did catch **Pati Kenney** having a birthday! Happy Birthday and Thank You, Bill & Pati, for arranging such a delightful luncheon for us all.

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** covered his report in the "Old" and "New" business sections below.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** who is chief handler of our Drawing Of Opportunity, made sure all our drawing donators received their "red ticket" and that everyone had an chance to buy their raffle tickets.

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

*Treasurer* ~ Our esteemed treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was not able to attend this meeting, so he sent his report with his lovely wife, Suzanne.

*Sunshine* ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** extended a heartfelt Thank You to all our veterans – both attending and in general – for their service to our country. She also mentioned that it was the 239<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the United States Marines. Jeanette brought sad news to our chapter. Long time member, **Ann Czapkay**, passed away suddenly. Her husband, **Dick**, is out of the hospital himself and their granddaughter is staying with him. She sent a condolence card for the Hangtown Miners.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** was not in attendance today.

*Old Business* ~ Let's take care of December luncheon first! Our December luncheon will be at the Sequoia House in Placerville on Bee Street. The cost for each member in attendance will be \$11.50. The Hangtown Miners will be covering the balance. However, if you wish to bring guest(s), their cost will be the full amount of \$22.50 each. A reminder ~ if you wish to bring your own bottle of wine, please know that there will be a corkage fee of \$18.00. As we have done in the past, we ask that you bring items for the food drive. Easy things like canned fruit or veggies, dried beans, soups, mixes – you know, non perishables. And, let's not forget the children! When you venture into the (dreaded) toy section of your local store, don't be afraid! Choose an item or two for pretty much any age. If you don't want to do that, you could pick up a gift card that can be given to a child/teen and they can select what they would like to have. Do not wrap the presents! Since we have these "extra" purchases, we will **NOT** have our monthly raffle in December.

*Charities* ~ Each year we give a check to various charitable organizations. This year **Bill Gibson** motioned and **Bill Dinette** seconded giving \$200.00 to each of these groups: Senior Center of El Dorado County, Snowline Hospice, H.E.L.P. , and Wounded Warriors. Motion passed.

*Officers Nominations* ~ At our October meeting, this panel of officers was nominated: President – **Rudy Blazius**; Vice-President – **Bill Dinette**; Treasurer – **Tom Kenny**; Secretary – **Jane Gibson**; Sunshine – **Suzanne Kenny**; Historian – **Lynda Lima**. You had a month to consider any changes and none were suggested. Our membership present voted to approve these members to these positions.

*Dues* ~ Just a reminder that our annual dues of \$10.00 (such a deal) is coming up January 1, 2015. Of course, you can pay before then! If you wish to pay by a check, please make the check out to "Hangtown Miners". If you'd like to mail it in, send it to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

*2015 Hosting Sign-up* ~ Thank you! You have filled up our hosting list for 2015. Just in case you forgot what month you put your name next to, here's the line up: January – Dinette; February – Blazius; March - Biro; April – Wolfram; May - Heiers and Buschman; June – Akin; July – Dalleske; August – Hyde; September – Ames; October – Lima; November – Kenny; December – everyone!

*Stock Certificate* ~ I'm getting curious to see this stock certificate that **Thom Biro** found at a garage sale! Everyone who attends our December luncheon will be given a ticket and whomever has the lucky ticket drawn will get this memory.

*New Business* ~ Items from the last issue of the RUAEA Newsletter were discussed.

*Miscellaneous* ~ Wolframs passed along the information that on December 6<sup>th</sup>, Georgetown will have a bazaar with lots of booths selling items to raise money for the fire department.

**Bill Dinette** mentioned that **Bill Gibson** passed along a "Hi!" From **Slim Seljeseth**. If you know Slim from your UAL days and are in the Seattle area – drop by!

Rudy closed our meeting and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. The **Fitzpatricks** won the donators' prize. Thanks to all who brought items for our raffle: **Kenney** – white serving dish; **Heier** – fall arrangement; **Dinette** – wine & trivet; **Biro** – blanket; **Kenny** – aircraft book; **Wolfram** – Santa; **Gibson** – owl salt & pepper shakers & dish; **Kozelka** – UA polo shirt; **D'Amico** – cookies basket; **Akin** – eggs; **Ames** – crock pot; **Fitzpatrick** – Ghiradelli Candies; **Dalleske** – wine; **Buschman** – salt & pepper shakers.



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On November 13, we held our luncheon at the Villa Restaurant, located up on a hill overlooking the scenic wooded hills of the Bennett Valley area of Santa Rosa, CA. We had a great private room for our 38 members and 5 guests, and were very pleased with our new location which we previously had used some years ago. The food choices were delicious, which included roasted lamb shank, chicken piccata, and a nice salmon dish.

We were surprised and happy to see our Treasurer, **Oscar Chambers**, attending along with his daughter. Everyone greeted him warmly and gave him our condolences for the recent loss of his wife **Joan**, who passed away after a brief illness, and battle with cancer. There is a planned memorial luncheon to be held in her honor on Monday, December 1, 2014 at the Wild Fox Restaurant in Novato. Please RSVP to Oscar if you plan to attend!

President **Brandon Maus** welcomed us all to our first meeting after many years at the Villa Restaurant. He and **Pat** had some very nice fall floral decorations for the table, and had bought a lovely sheet cake for our dessert.

Vice President **Larry Wilson** announced and greeted all the guests by name which were: **Dan Williams**, guest of **Helen Furber** and **Jan Baty**; **Jill Schraiz**, guest and daughter of **Oscar Chambers**; **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Jack Donahue**, guest of **Joan Olsson**; and **Nancy Gookin**, guest of **Larry & Mary Wilson**.

The Treasurer's report was read by **Oscar Chambers**, which shows us, after expenses, at \$208.67 for the general fund, and \$811.11 in the Charity Fund. **Joanne Huhn** placed out the list of all the charities to choose from for our Christmas donation selection, to be voted on by all the members. A few will be chosen, and will include by unanimous agreement, the North Bay Hospice who took care of **Joan Chambers** during her final days.

**Barney & Clare Hagen** just returned from a trip to Winnipeg, Canada. They were able to purchase 20% discount tickets online, and choose their seats off the seating chart with an extra fee per seat. The Global Pass is now available for TSA pre-check to bypass the long security lines at check-in; for info on how to obtain your global pass, you might talk to **Brandon & Pat Maus**, who now have theirs.

RUAEA Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** encouraged us to invite new members to join our group, especially recently retired airline employees, which also includes retirees from Pan Am, which was an airline originally purchased by United Airlines.

Secretary **Mary Wilson** announced the birthdays for November: **Ernie Stuckey**, **Madeline McKinnis**, **Elsie Kuhl**, **Norma Stillman**, **Clare Hagen**, **Carol Hanna**, and **Phyllis MacDonald**. **Ernie Stuckey** was the lucky winner of the free lunch!

The November Anniversaries are **Richard & Marie Sothern**, who now live in Illinois, 42 years, and **Delbert & Iva Lou Clark** – 63 years, for an average of 52½ years. Congratulations were sung for all celebrants! **Larry Wilson** shared a few jokes for our entertainment in place of our Sunshine Lady, **Verda Burr**, who visited her daughter in Georgia for Thanksgiving. We expect to see her next month at our Christmas holiday luncheon.

The Officers appointed for 2015 were announced by **George Schwind**: **Larry Wilson** will serve as the President of our chapter; **Jerry Underhill** will be our Vice President; **Mary Wilson** remains Secretary; **Oscar**

**Chamber** our Treasurer; **Barney Hagen** our Photographer and historian; and **Verda Burr** will continue as our Sunshine Lady. We applauded all!

The next luncheon will be our end of year luncheon on December 11, at the Quail Inn in Oakmont, hosted by all the Officers. We had a reminder by the President to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots toy drive of Sonoma County. We were also reminded that membership dues for 2015 are now being collected, and we will hopefully be fully funded by the end of the year. The Raffle for wine, candy and the centerpieces finished up our fun time together. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we complimented the Villa Restaurant Management for the food and great atmosphere; we will be back next year!

Post luncheon note: The final list of charitable recipients has been chosen and will be announced at our December luncheon. Our UAL Redwood retirees were able to divide and distribute **\$900.00** raised by our generous members to the Charity Fund. We are very proud of the “**Heart of Giving**” attitude that we have among our group members.

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We hope you didn't miss **Sylvia Allen**'s November party. She said it was a huge success. And guess what? She's planning another one in May!

We had a wonderful catch-up call from **John Ippolito**. It's been quite a while that he's been unable to drive to our luncheons due to severe eye problems. He asked about several friends and inquired how they were doing. **Barbara Smith** was top of the list. She now has a full-time care giver and cannot drive. Barbara still has trouble speaking due to her stroke. When you call her, please give her time to get to the phone, (562) 430-4886.

John asked if **Howard Lackey** was still walking as much as he used to. The answer is yes - almost as much. His only remaining problem is the painful shingles in one eye. But, he was able to pass his driver's test; so he gets around in his charming little blue sports car.

John then asked about **Olga Jean Barnes**. We were recently called by Olga Jean to assist her; as she had fallen and could not get up. Her life-alert wrist band could not help since a heavy iron screen door had been installed and was locked. Fortunately, Olga Jean had given a key to me for just this kind of emergency. We quickly drove over unlocked the door and soon emergency crews filled her living room and transported her to the hospital. The final result was a broken hip and within a few days she was operated on and moved to a nursing facility to assist in rehabilitation. Please send notes and cards to her at her home address and **Sharon Record** or I will take them to her. Your love and prayers are appreciated. 7024 Flight Ave., Westchester, CA 90045.

**Judi Dunworth** has been taking medication to ward off vertigo. She says that, so far, it's doing its job and we are grateful for that. What would we do without our dear treasurer?



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There was much sadness at our breakfast this morning as we mourn the loss of two of our beloved members, **Rich Richardson** and **Elliott Schwartz**. They will be missed.

We had thirteen at breakfast this morning due to Rich's Memorial Service being held. Service for **Elliott Schwartz** was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> with many in attendance. Our prayers are with the loved ones they have left behind.

On a bright note, we have a few December birthdays, **Arlene Roberts**, **Maria Pollack** and **Kit Fogelman**. We wish them many more good years to come.

**Gloria Glaeser** has become our newest RUAEA member and **Rich Putko** has joined our RESANS group.



The yearly Christmas Luncheon was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> and it will be reported next month. We are doing Toys for Tots again this year and everyone enjoys bringing gifts for the children in need.

If you are going to be in the area, please drop in and join us for our monthly breakfast held on the first Thursday of the month. Please note the exception for January 1<sup>st</sup> due to the Holiday.

I wish you all the best for 2015.

See you next at our next monthly breakfast.

#### Calendar:

**January 8** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255. No breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January due to the Holiday.

#### GOLDEN GATERS

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Happy New Year to everyone, especially SFO employees living far and wide. SFO Golden Gaters are here and going strong. Sorry we missed the last newsletter!

At the October meeting, member **Paul Larsen** picked up the tab for a catered Fried Chicken luncheon with all the fixins! Entertainment was a “Tribute to the Classics”, performed by singer John Siracusa. We celebrated 3 birthdays as well as two wedding anniversaries - **Vera & Walter Kina** (57 years) and **Joan (Cookie) & Butch Brochu** (53 years). Joan & Butch brought a guest, **Tommie Burks**. **John (Brandi) Branstetter** was in attendance, he now lives in Oregon. Before he moved, he always worked on our annual picnic. He reminisced about the early picnics with \$2.00 hamburgers, and later \$5.00 steaks! John was glad to see everyone at the meeting. Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** reported that 10 bags of food items collected at our last meeting were delivered to Shelter Network. Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** reported that the 2014 Convention held in San Diego was a great success. There were 407 members registered with 370 attending the banquet. All the tours were sold out. There were representatives from many chapters with California having the most present. The 2015 convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA at the Double Tree. The rooms will be \$112 but does not include breakfast.

The November meeting was our annual potluck. We had 10 uncooked steaks from the September picnic that were kept on ice. President **Jerry Underhill** put his expert knife skills to work and **Barbara Underhill** used her culinary expertise to turn the steaks into Beef Stroganoff for the Potluck for everyone, with leftovers! It was kind of a loaves and fishes thing! There were loads of dishes from all the members. All delicious. Another successful Potluck. Entertainment was Singer/Guitarist Scott Holiday. We celebrated 6 birthdays and **Emily O’Toole’s** anniversary. **Harriet Kunze** collected toys and reported we will be donating \$200 to each of the following organizations: Mission Hospice and Home Care, San Mateo; Second Harvest Food Bank, San Mateo; Salvation Army, San Francisco; PARCA, Burlingame; St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room, Menlo Park.

**Jacque Ahern** missed the Potluck as she was staying with her family. President **Jerry Underhill** is looking into caterers for next year’s meetings, so hopefully no more bag lunches, more on that in January. Some sad news to report ~ **Helen Fassett** and **Al Lockwood** passed away. We are also sad to report that **Geneve Lockwood** has Parkinson’s. Please say a prayer for their families.

From the travel corner, by the time this newsletter arrives **Ginger Dahlberg** will have taken a group to the European Christmas Markets and later the Rose Parade. There is a great line-up of trips for next year too! Please contact Ginger for all the travel info: [GingerSFO@aol.com](mailto:GingerSFO@aol.com) or (650) 224-1865.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Officers Transition Luncheon was held. Officers were nominated and elected at the November meeting and will be in next newsletter. No General meeting in December. See everyone in January! Happy 2015 to all RUAEA!

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 well-attended (almost 100) December Luncheon at Mariani's in Santa Clara got our holidays off to a festive start, but before we knew it we were "ringing in 2015". Now we find ourselves putting away holiday decorations, watching numerous College Bowl Games, and making New Year Resolutions. In the New Year, I plan to follow **Marion Swanson's** example, and I Resolve to Walk Every Day! Perhaps this will get rid of some of my Christmas Cookies.

The New Year also brings us one new officer for our group, **George Midwin** agreed to be Vice President for the next year. Not only is he a new officer, but George is also one of our newest members! Way to go George! Your contribution to our group is appreciated! **Dave Garland** is stepping up from his post as last year's Vice President, officially, into the President slot. Other officers from 2014 have agreed to continue for 2015; i.e. Secretary – **Merle Sweet**; Treasurer – **Cheri Scales**; Sunshine Chairman – **Maureen Snyder**; Photographer – **Vern Snyder**; Historian – **George Sousa**.

**Dan & Georgia Nielsen** and **Dee & Stan Kolman** (a former SFO/SJC President) start the New Year celebrating Wedding Anniversaries. We are all aware that Martin Luther King was born in January, but did you know that January is the month in which Elvis Presley was born? A little closer to home are our following members who were "New Year Babies": **Charley Brown, Bill Copley, Elfriede Grossman, Leon Manou, Jean Marcolina, Marion Swanson, and Harry Willever**. Happy Birthday to you all!

We want to begin the New Year highlighting **Lloyd Eber**. Lloyd was born in 1925 in the village of Dix, in the western part of Nebraska. He was not a Cornhusker for long because his family moved to Avalon, California on Catalina Island when he was four. This is where Lloyd attended grade school and high school.

During World War II Lloyd joined the Navy in 1943. He was made an Aviation Machinist's Mate, and spent a year and a half in the South Pacific where he was island-based and maintained Carrier Aircraft engines and their related systems.

Upon leaving the Navy, Lloyd was hired by United Air Lines and worked on *United's first island station west of the United States*. And ... (Trivia Question) Which island would that be? Hint: It's not Hawaii, rather ... **Catalina Island**! The Airport on Catalina was commissioned by the Wrigley Family, and officially opened in 1946. Two mountain tops were leveled on the island, and the remaining canyon filled in to create the runway. Construction had begun in 1940 and was nearly complete when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941. Because of World War II construction was halted and the airfield, along with the rest of Catalina Island, was leased to the United States Government for \$1 per year. After the war the island was returned to the Wrigley Family and the Santa Catalina Island Company, and the airport was completed. United flew DC-3's to Catalina starting in June, 1946. Lloyd was a UAL station agent. His duties were many and varied. For example, he made reservations, loaded baggage and ***manned the fire extinguisher*** while the flight crew started the engines! Whew! Multi-tasking is not a new concept!

The next year Lloyd moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming and began an apprentice mechanics training program. However, after only two months the apprentice training program was discontinued due to UAL financial problems. Before being rehired by United, he attended an Aircraft Mechanics School and obtained his A&E Mechanic's license (later called A&P License). Lloyd worked as a sheet metal mechanic in Van Nuys, and went back to school at Cal Poly. From Cal Poly he received his Bachelor's degree in Aircraft Engineering.

It was during this time when **Lloyd** met **Claire**. Claire was born and raised in Papillion, Nebraska. The name Papillion is derived from the French term for butterfly. According to local tradition the early French explorers named the creek, which flows through the city's center, Papillion because many butterflies were found along its grassy banks. Nebraska is more than just a "fly-over" state. For example, it is the home of Offutt Air Force Base where the Enola Gay was built, and was also the headquarters for the former Strategic Air Command (SAC).

Claire had moved to Los Angeles where she worked as a secretary, and lived in a house with several young ladies, including Lloyd's sister, Elaine. Claire and Lloyd were married in 1950.

Lloyd was rehired by UAL in June of 1952 to work in the Power Plant Engineering Department. He worked on the maintenance of Pratt & Whitney and Wright Aeronautical Piston Engines. It was before the Jet Age.

In 1957 Lloyd transferred over to the Aircraft Interiors Group where he worked on Cargo Systems and Passenger Cabin Interiors. This included maintenance decisions, repairs, modifications, and specifications for new airplanes. When UAL bought the Pan Am Pacific Division he worked on the modifications to the 747SP and the L1011 airplanes to make them compatible with UAL airplanes. He helped write specifications for the Cargo Systems and Emergency Equipment for several new Boeing and Douglas airplanes.

Lloyd retired in September of 1988 after 36 years with UAL. End of career, right? Wrong. Between 1988 and 2001 he returned to UAL about six times for a total of over six years. His first assignment was providing engineering to install Boeing modifications to Nose Landing Gear support structure. Later, he worked on new aircraft Interior arrangements and on Maintenance Procedures.

Lloyd's contract was terminated after the 9/11 act of terrorism, making his retirement final. Lloyd stated, *"The people that I worked with and the people I worked for were great. Working at United Air Lines was a great experience."*

#### Calendar:

**Every Friday** – 8:00 breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino (across from Home Depot)

**On-going** – Donations for Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital – see **Harry Willever**

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Thank you to **Rosie Walls** for taking the notes from the November meeting.

**Bob Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Don Nesja** started out our gathering with many jokes. This was a good way to get people smiling and laughing.

Luncheon was held at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson. There were 33 people in attendance. We feasted on turkey and ham and all the trimmings. The luncheon was hosted by **Jack & Rosie Walls**.

We had guests: **Jack & Marge Raynor**, **Stan & Darlene Odell**, **Joe Schwirian**, and **Cindy Brinsfield**. **Jack Raynor** brought in a box of pomegranates to donate to attendees.

**Bobby Wood** said he would take over as president in 2015. He asked for a volunteer to take over as vice president because he and **Eleanor** want to travel and he will need someone to host the meetings while he is gone.

**Rudy Reyna** gave the treasurer's report. As of November 13, we had an ending balance of over \$700.00. He said he will be asking for recommendations for names of charities next month so that the chapter can make their annual donations. Rudy also said we have the funds to donate \$5 per member to subsidize the luncheon for the Christmas party.

**Bob Brooks** read the names of the individuals celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. **Bobby & Eleanor Wood** are celebrating their 1 year anniversary this month.

**Darlene Odell** brought in her album of photos taken during the UAL Reunions in Minden. She has been taking pictures and keeping up her album the past years. **Darlene** also has a notebook which she asked people to fill in their names and information so they can be on her mailing list when planning the gathering next summer. She also talked about a gathering in April next spring to be held at Jackson Rancheria and asked if anyone would be interested.

**Jack Walls** held the raffle and there were 9 winners of various bottles of wine

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month with the exception of January. Our next meeting is December 11, 2014 but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks** (209) 772-9814, for meeting information. The first meeting in 2015 will be on February 12, 2015.





## **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our November meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 23 members and guests at a new venue. We experimented with the Home Town Buffet which presented a willpower challenge with their “all you can eat” set price. Many hot entree selections to choose from as well as a large salad bar and dessert area.

We missed **Bill & Nancy Boyle** who decided to spend some time in Hawaii and **Lou Kinkaid** who will be back for our Christmas gala at Zio Fredos.

The 50/50 was won by **Tom Johnson** and **Rich Bouska**, **Darlene Platten** won the bottles of wine. Our thanks to **Carol Park** again for being the candy lady.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

### Calendar:

**January 12** – El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill

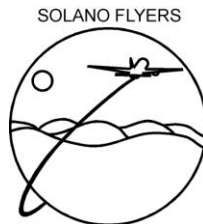
**February 9**

**March 9**

**April 13**

## **SOLANO FLYERS**

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Solano Flyers meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> found the following members in attendance: **Robert & Michiko Allen, Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Bob Zweighardt, Louis Pell, Rudolph Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Bob Ritche, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Ben Reed, Robert Zirzow, Allan & Peggy Pochop, A.J. Sukdarshan, Eugene Boyce, Charles Johnson, Rich Cox, Stewart & Elanor McCale, Rich & Mary Dabbert.**

Birthdays this month were celebrated by **Robert Allen** and **Luci Perez**.

United Life Insurance ~ **Robert Allen** brought up that all members need to contact United to verify their eligibility for the life insurance, 800-651-1007, [ybr.com/united](http://ybr.com/united). From the Retiree Life Enrollment Worksheet, I quote, “*United Airlines provides you with Coverage (\$10,000) at no cost*”. If you have filed a spouse claim, the benefit will be reduced by the \$1000, already taken. 800-651-1007, website [ybr.com/united](http://ybr.com/united). Assume that employee can obtain \$1000 off of his/her life insurance for spouse? At this website, I found the “Health/Insurance”, reviewing this there was no life insurance list for me? Using the “contact us”, posed the question if I had any life insurance. I did receive a email message, that acknowledged that I did have life insurance. Printed this page and added it to my life ending documents, for beneficiaries. Retirees may wish to consider this.

Meeting Locations ~ Our November meeting was at the City Bar & Grill, in Vacaville. Finding a location that has a dedicated dining area away from the open public is problematic, as many in the area charge for the room. Working with the manager, we were able able to off set the \$90 room charge with a increase price per meal, all inclusive. Also limiting the meal selections to three items, Old Fashion Hamburger, with trimmings, french fries, Chicken Club smoked bacon, Swiss cheese, with fries, and Deli Melt, Ham, Turkey, Swiss & Cheddar, tomato, grilled on sourdough, with potato salad. By membership vote, the chapter funds paid for the meals, which were outstanding and everyone enjoyed our time together.

Chapter election for 2015 officers ~ In January, we will be electing our new officers for the year. As all of the prestigious positions pack much executive power within the organization, this undoubtedly will result in a large candidate turn out.

Calendar:

**January 14** - 11am, at Denny's in Vacaville

## COLORADO



**DENVER**  
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Yes, Happy Holiday, which includes all festivities for the month. As I write this, I'm still working on the Thanksgiving turkey leftovers. We had our monthly breakfast meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at DENTK cafeteria. A pleasant surprise was a chef on duty. We were able to purchase food made to our desire. We had a total of 32 attendees. One name I had not seen before was **Herman Ezpeleta**, DENFF, welcome.

**Tom Goodyear** kept us informed as to our members' status. We lost one of our long time volunteers and members this past month. **Carole Longbella**, secretary in RUAEA membership office, passed away from the results of a fall which broke her neck. She will be missed by all. We received notice (from a daughter in Seattle) that **Fhigru Hayahy**, who was a guard at DENTK passed away. **Barb Fiske**, widow of **Milt Fiske**, DENMM, recently passed away. One note of error: Last month I had reported that **Phillip Miller**, DENTK has passed away. **Correction: He is alive and looks great!** Sorry about that. He did tell me that a long lost friend was concerned and they got back in touch.

Since **Carole Longbella** had been our "Sunshine" representative, her friend **Carol Bare**, DENCM, another RUAEA membership secretary will assume those duties.

Illness - none were noted which is always good.

**Don LeFurge** announced that the B-52 that is displayed at "Wings Over the Rockies" is decorated for the holiday with 152,000 lights. The lights are on from 5-9pm. Drive by for a spectacular display.

**Tom & Nancy Goodyear** celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 11/24. **Tom** also told me he will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. Congratulations!

Travel items ~ If you are traveling on United on a revenue ticket and have excess baggage, the customer service rep can just put an override on the charge GGBAGEMP.

**Eva Burnham**, who is 92 years young, told of her traveling non-rev to LAX for a reunion. She got on her first flight, no problem. The return flight was more difficult. She said that there were 25 from her group that were on the standby list. Who says that retirees don't travel. Way to go Eva!

**Marv Olsen**, DENMM had an article in the Denver Post about his experience on December 7, 1941. He was stationed at Hickam Field, which adjoins Pearl Harbor and watched the Japanese dive bombers attack the US Navy ships.

50/50 drawing was handled by **Laura Coates**. We had four winners who had returned their prize to the chapter: **Bill Brehmer**, DENMM, **Eva Burnham**, DENCC, and **Charlie Hassler**, DENMM twice. Again, thanks for those contributions. Thanks also to the aluminum recycling; we have not had to collect any dues from our members.

Our holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>, and we are expecting about 40 attendees.

We discussed our upcoming year.

1. Spring luncheon
2. Dues increasing to \$27.00 effective January 2015
3. Recipes to send into the RUAEA newsletter
4. UAHF will be submitting items for the display cases at DIA. The display will showcase United, Continental, Frontier (carriers who have served Denver) memorabilia. The display will be February 15<sup>th</sup> thru August on the bridge between main terminal and A terminal. Plan to stop by and visit the displays.

Calendar:

**January 3** - Mile Highers breakfast at DENTK

January 17 - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every other month)

## FLORIDA

### CITRUS GROUPERS

The Villages, FL

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#### Submitted by Mary Nellans

The October meeting of the Citrus Groupers was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages with 16 members present. The meeting was called to order by President **Ralph Brick**. Treasurer report was given. It was suggested that we donate part of our funds to the Flight 93 Memorial.

**Don Nellans** made a motion that we donate to the Flight 93 Memorial. **Bob Faust** seconded it. Vote was taken and carried.

There will not be a meeting in December. Our next meeting is in January.

2<sup>nd</sup> report: We vacated our usual meeting place at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages, Florida so we could have an adventure for our November/December meeting. We will be back at Nancy Lopez for our January meeting. For our last meeting of 2014, we decided to take a "Captain Mike's Lazy River Cruise". On November 20, fourteen of our group met at the Withlacoochie River between Inverness and Ocala, Florida. This is where Stumpknockers Restaurant is located and where Captain Mike's Lazy River Cruise departs. We met at the restaurant at 2 PM for our cruise and boarded Captain Mike's 16 passenger pontoon boat to start our adventure. We were treated to a great two hour tour up the river with spectacular wildlife sightings, we were able to see a mama gator with her baby, whistling ducks, great blue herons, large egrets and some turtles and gators lying on logs working on their suntans.

With the cooler temperatures, the beautiful cypress and Florida maples gave us a grand show of fall colors. The cameras never stopped clicking. It would be very hard to put into words the beauty of this trip. Everyone who participated felt it was a great experience. Captain Mike shared a lot of his local knowledge about this river and ecosystem. We all learned a lot besides just enjoying the scenery. A little Florida trivia is in order here. We learned that "stumpknocker" is a fish that bangs head first into cypress tree knees (roots) to knock the algae off the root to attract smaller fish to eat the algae. The stumpknocker then eats the minnows that were attracted to the algae feast.

After our tour was over, the group went into Stumpknockers Restaurant. They feature local Florida cuisine such as gator, cat fish and grouper as well as many other local delicacies. We all enjoyed a great meal, and everyone seemed to find something on the menu that they were very happy with (they had good old fashioned steaks as well). While we did not have a regular business meeting, President **Ralph Brick** led the group in thanking **Claus Brinnitzer** for arranging this trip and dinner. Ralph reminded everyone the next meeting will be back at Nancy Lopez in January and wished everyone a great Holiday Season. If anyone has any questions about our group you are welcome to email President Ralph Brick, [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net).

#### Calendar:

**January 29** - 11:30 AM Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant, The Villages, Florida



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Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Smyrna Yacht Club and what a wonderful location and meal! Our thanks to **Ken Carpenter** for making the arrangements and to **Juanita Ritt** for donating 3 centerpieces for a raffle. Those pieces will now be enjoyed in the homes of **Omar Logan**, **Herb Gardner**, and **Karen Gammill**.

President **Dick Coughlin** was in the spirit of the season donning his elf costume. A little known fact about Dick is that he collects elves! I believe the 2003 film **ELF** was really about Dick and Will Ferrell did a great job of portraying him.

We were pleased to see **David & Marian Wickersham** back for our luncheon. They are in the final stages of permanently moving to this area so we hope to see them on a regular basis. Welcome back! **Lowell Johnston** is celebrating a birthday this month. Happy Birthday Lowell!

It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day in Florida so we adjourned to enjoy the weather. Our next meeting (normally the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month) will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday for January only due to the New Year's Holiday. Happy New Year to all!

Calendar:

**January 8** – 11:30, Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**February 5** – Same as above

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The tables were decorated, the guests arrived - 62 in all came to celebrate the Christmas Season, fellowship, and good friendships at the Bonefish Grill on December 2<sup>nd</sup>! After a wonderful meal that included our favorite dessert, President Rich began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our flag bearer stood and the rest of us joined in.

Char announced that our chapter had sufficient monies in the Charity Fund to send \$250.00 checks to each of the charities we would vote on today. As in past years, the Russell House for Atypical Children, The hospice of the Comforter, and the VA Rehab Center here in Orlando, will be the recipients of our Christmas donations.

**Tom Cannata** reminded us of the Memorial for **Stu Hunter** on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Henry Chapel at the First Baptist Church of Orlando, followed by travel to the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Stu will be remembered by all of us as a great friend and fellow employee, with a disarming smile and charming personality. He will be sorely missed. Cards for comfort and strength to Bev and the family: 13273 Kirby South Road, Orlando, FL 32832, (407) 282-2089.

**David Leighty** is off the "injured reserve" list! He was looking great at the lunch. **Don Ulman** is home from the hospital and still in need of our prayers and cheery messages! His address is 144 Easton Circle, Oviedo, FL 32765, (407) 977-7292.

Birthday candles to our December Guys & Gals: **Charlie Ringer**, **Jim Hernandez**, and **Gloria Armistead**! Anniversary Congrats to **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**, celebrating 59 years together on New Year's Eve and **David & Lisa Leighty** with 24 years on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

Best Wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy 2015!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

**January 6** - Golden Corral

**February 3**

**March 3**





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The December 5 meeting was our annual Christmas party. Fletcher's Grille & Spirits did a great job of decorating the table. They gave us an even better holiday menu than their usual great choices. Some members were still out of town due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Attending were: **Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Gary & Janice Crittenden, John Dainus, Nancy Kopp, Mary Moran, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Diane Roberts, and Mel & Linda Volz.**

We omitted the 50/50 in order to play the annual gift passing game that everyone looks forward to. Rather than a White Elephant exchange, "nicer" gifts were given. It was a lot of fun for all. Many Toys for Tots were collected and delivered to the Iona/McGregor fire station.

We missed **Sally Sciple**, one of our longtime members, who is unable to attend due to serious health issues.

**Ray Winterhalter** was a patient at Cape Coral Hospital November 17-24, and then was transferred to Health Park in Fort Myers. He had quadruple heart bypass surgery December 1. He will be undergoing Rehab to regain his strength.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month Oct. through April at 11:30 am. Steak Fry in May. Luncheons are held at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, 627 Cape Coral Pkwy W., Cape Coral, FL 33914.

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Our lively group had a great time November 13 at the Stonewood Grill with over 40 members and guests in attendance. We were pleased to welcome some new members, **Doug & Sandy Horuczi**, ORDFO, **Larry & Charlotte Johnson**, MIAFO, and **Tim Sherer**, TPAOZ. Our new member **Alice D'Souza**, CHIRR, had hip replacement in September and missed the October meeting; but she was in great walking form at the November lunch - glad to see her doing so well. **Eunice Bruton** has been in the hospital and unable to be at the November lunch, but hopes to join us for the Christmas luncheon.

We were happy to have **Don & Mary Nellans** with us; Don is The RUAEA Florida Regional Director. He spoke with the group about the company going paperless and that we should be getting less and less information via the mail. We are all encouraged to sign into "Flying Together" and to join and maintain membership in RUAEA to keep abreast of changes in policies. Some of us were unaware that as Retirees we are entitled to a discount with Federal Express - good news! Don discussed the fire at the Flight 93 Memorial in PA; they are accepting donations to help rebuild part of the facility. We want to thank Don & Mary for making the trip from Ocala to join our luncheon.

Our attendance drawing of \$20 was won by **Sandy Horuczi**. Our 50/50 drawing winners were: **Loretta Marvett** (\$25), **Mary Nellson** (\$15), and **Larry Johnson** (\$10). Larry donated his winnings to the Flight 93 Memorial.

We celebrated Birthdays in November: **Lou Balestra** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Paul Grossman** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Kay Frye** (19<sup>th</sup>), **John Larson** (19<sup>th</sup>), **Joanne Bauman** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Betty Woods White** (23<sup>rd</sup>), **Shelly Grossman** (28<sup>th</sup>), and **Roger Ratz** (29<sup>th</sup>).

Our December Birthdays are: **Elsie Spahr** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Kent Slater** (9<sup>th</sup>), **Loretta Marvett** (15<sup>th</sup>), **Don Spahr** (19<sup>th</sup>), **Chris Wigardh** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Gretchen Bulin** (27<sup>th</sup>) and **Tony Cerimele** (27<sup>th</sup>).

December Anniversaries are: **William & Judith Macklin** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Paul & Shelly Grossman** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Belle Weller & Roger Ratz** (13<sup>th</sup>) and **Lou & Phyllis Balestra** (23<sup>rd</sup> - 61 years!)

At our Christmas luncheon December 11 we are encouraged to bring a wrapped Christmas-theme "White Elephant" item for a drawing (an old ornament or decoration, etc.) Remember one person's junk is another person's treasure - or something like that. Also we will be collecting checks for Meals on Wheels, our annual tradition. Please be sure to note if you want funds to go to Sarasota or Bradenton branch. We stress that no one should feel pressured to bring either a White Elephant or a donation. This is all for fun and no obligation.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month from September through May at 11:30 for a lunch in a local restaurant. Our January location has not been determined yet. Please contact us if you're not on our mailing list as a member and we'll let you know as it gets closer.

Wishing all fellow RUAEA members a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, and a safe, peaceful New Year!



#### **TAMPA BAY**

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Our December meeting was held at the Heritage Springs Clubhouse where we had our Holiday luncheon. It was kind of a meeting/nonmeeting since we were really at the luncheon to celebrate the Holidays.

It was a shame that more of our members did not attend since we had a lovely lunch and there was lots of conversation going on at all the tables. The 24 of us who were there had a very nice time.

**Terri Breslin** was given a round of applause for all the work she did in arranging the luncheon. She and **Beverly Alderdice** did a fine job in making sure everything worked smoothly. This is the first time that we had our luncheon at Heritage Springs and it seemed that all enjoyed the venue. The decorations in the clubhouse were very festive.

Birthdays this month: **Elsie Morris** (12/24), **Barbara Rice** (12/26), and **Jim Hottel** (12/31).

#### **Calendar:**

**January 5** – Meeting, 10:30am at the IHOP.

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Since our meeting this month was cancelled because our Christmas/Holiday Party was scheduled for December 15, everyone had a little respite so they could have lots of extra energy for the party, like they need it!

There were no birthdays but one anniversary, **Al & Janice Popek** on 1/28. Happy Anniversary to our President and his lovely wife Janice!

Remember to Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking. Today is a present and tomorrow is unknown so live life to its fullest and don't wait to do what you wish to do tomorrow for you may not be here to do it!

May peace be in the world and all its troubles solved and put to rest.

#### **Calendar:**

**January 7** - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Wahoo's Stuart, FL

**February 4** - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Wahoo's Stuart, FL

**March 4** - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Wahoo's Stuart, FL



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We had 8 folks at our November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. While our numbers are remaining about the same we consistently welcome new members. This time we were so pleased **Diana & Larry Kaiser** joined us. Diana worked at IAD and had a lot in common with returning members **Carol Hill** and **Edith Morse**. Both of those ladies worked in the DC area as well. Edith also brought her daughter and son-in-law **April & Ted Rivers**. We missed our regulars **Bill & Eleanor Hughes**. Eleanor said Bill celebrated Veteran's Day a little too much. Red Lobster was still offering free appetizers for any veterans in our group so out of the 8 people in attendance, 4 were veterans. Thanks to them all for their service to our country! We also missed **Sandy Danielson** who wasn't able to make it but hopes to be at our next meeting.

We discussed a little United business and **Carol Hill** suggested we try to get together with the Daytona retiree group and meet in the middle. I'll be talking to the Sanddab's President **Dick Coughlin** about the possibility. That would be a great idea!

We had no birthdays or Company anniversaries for November but **Diana & Larry Kaiser** celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on November 20. Congratulations to them! Our next meeting will be January 8, 2015. We'd love to see more new faces and keep the old. Spread the word and come join us!

#### Calendar:

**January 8** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 416 Commerce Center Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225 (904)727-7460

### GEORGIA

#### DIXIE FLYERS

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Our Dixie Flyers met on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for our monthly luncheon, gab fest, and to reminisce about good times at UAL. **Fred Cron** did triple duty as he gave the blessing of our food, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted the 50/50 drawing with the help of **Bogie Wallace**. The 50/50 of \$34.00 won by **Mary Broderson** who donated her \$17.50 to our Charitable cause, Ladies in Distress, who always acknowledges our monthly gift.

This month, the members contributed out of their pocket for gift cards from Wal-Mart. **Andy & Mary Lou Rybick** drove from Peachtree City via Interstate, via Indianapolis to Chicago to see newborn grandson, 864 miles, worth every mile to see him smile (the writer just added that rhyme in).

**Fred Cron** spent overnight at O'Hare and finally getting on the 5<sup>th</sup> express flight. Atlanta needs more Mainliner service with more seats.

**Judy Elk** baked a chocolate sheet cake, **Frank Russy** made Oatmeal, peanut butter and other cookie delights as well as a special Tin of cookies for the correspondent of our newsletter (me!), for the effort I put forth to keep our members informed of happenings. (*Dad, I am sure some of those cookies were meant for the typist of the report, to keep the members informed, you always taught us to share!*)

**Janice Hicks** in Camden, TN added a wing to his house as well as a full standing shed in the back of his Ponderosa. Wife **Ruthy** healed well after her back surgery and is very mobile.

The members in attendance agreed that we should continue luncheon at the Broadway Diner, 585 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628. The next luncheon is **January 7!**

December's birthdays ~ **Bill Elk** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Don Shelley** (30<sup>th</sup>), **Joyce Blair** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Eva Mace** (14<sup>th</sup>). Retirement happened for **Fred Cron** (12/1996).

May all our Dixie Flyers have a Happy New Year!

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to [HNLRUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Fourteen gathered for our November lunch meeting: **Marlene Croghan, Louise Duvall, Susan Shaw, Marilyn Taylor, Denny Snyder, Carol Bell, Bud & Pat Peters, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Charlie & Shirley Perkins**, as well as **Connie Gifford** and **Lin Harris**, retired flight attendants, who brought us up to date on the Fantasy Flight, held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. They spoke about the volunteer positions available and also passed out reading material that explained the volunteer duties. United is ferrying an airplane from SFO to BOI just for this event! Connie informed us that there will be 82 children involved this year. More info will be shared in the next newsletter. Thanks to **Carol Bell** for bringing apples (lots of them) to share.

Thanks go to Bud also for leading the meeting, as it was only one day after a total knee replacement for President Dave, who is progressing well. Physical therapy is twice weekly. I am learning more each day about care giving!

David is so happy to now be able to walk at the mall, first with a walker, now a cane (and soon even without it). I'm sure many of you know exactly what this is like!

### Calendar:

**January** - Meeting place to be decided



## ILLINOIS

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January 2015! Seems like yesterday we worried about Y2K! Now it's 15 years later. Tempus Fugit. Remember that from Latin 101? Time flies, yes, it does. Grandpa told me, before 21, the time just drags on. After 21, it goes way too fast. Like that song from "Fiddler on the Roof, 'I don't remember growing older, when did they?'" So, what's your plan for the year? Travel, surgery, cleaning, grandchildren? Maybe a wedding? Enjoy every minute, don't look back, we're not going that way anymore. Believe it or not, we DO have things to look forward to.

There were about 30 people at our Northside breakfast. Lots of folks looking forward to Holiday dinners and get-togethers. We celebrated a few birthdays, **Harry Gilling**, turned 90, **Charlie Lewis** and **Jim Vlazny**, both 85. We welcomed a few newbies, **Tom Badon**, ORDPV, **Boris Spitz**, ORDMM, **Dave White**, EXOIS, **Lois Malone**, CU, and **Edie Heisler**, EXOCA. Great to see new faces, please make us part of your Wednesday routine. For some reason, I want to call **Harry**, Terry. Don't know why, for once and for all it's, **Harry Gilling**, a charming and patient man!

**Nancy & Mike Pasquerelli**, ORDMM, took a cruise down the Danube from Vienna to Istanbul. They had a wonderful time. A group of MM mechanics also meet at the Filling Station in St. Charles, for happy hour drinks on the third Wednesday of the month.

Our Skyliners Luncheon at the Avalon hosted about 240 people. We had a group, Radiance, that sang after lunch. They were very entertaining. Our 50/50 raffle was shared with over 20 retirees and the Elk Grove Food Pantry.

The Southside Group had 16 retirees. The weather was chilly, but we were warm welcoming each other. **Bob & Agnes Pearson**, have been a little under the weather, but they were there. **Jan Gawenda** was looking forward to her cataract surgery. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** left their winnings in LAS. Too bad, their daughter will be getting married this year. **Al Broderson** received a check for \$4,100 from an alleged publishing house. It is a scam, they want him to cash it, so they can get his pertinent information. Be careful, these hackers and scammers are a step ahead of us all the time. And they love to pick on us cute little elderly citizens. Don't fall for these letters. All that glitters is not gold. Our raffle was won by **Mary Brandt**, **Sylvester Gant**, **Gwen Brookins** and **LaVonne Halach**. For Christmas, we'll have a small grab bag. Just a little something to sparkle our tinsel.

The good with the bad, our fellow UAL'ers have left our side. From EXO, **George Grammas**, EXOIS. He had a brain hemorrhage, required surgery, but never woke up. He was living in North Carolina. **Ann Wagner**, EXOIT. We heard from **Bill Alenson**, EXOAD, that his secretary, **Charlotte Beskse**, passed away in LAS about six years ago. From CHIRR, **Dolores Gibson**, who worked the Rate Desk. From ORD, **Al Kubilius**, **Frank Vassios**, and **Marigene Sanders**, CG. **Marigene**, Supervisor, was a clever and outspoken woman. You always knew where you stood with her, but she had a generous soul underneath it all. From ORDCS, **Alice Lachman**, and **David White**, husband of CS Lead, **Katherine White**. From ORDFF, **Mary Theresa Wydra**, wife of **Paul**. And from ORDMM, **Tom McDowell**, and **Dennis Ryan**. **Dennis** was Manager of MM, and also CLEMM. He was a friendly, energetic man, with a wicked sense of humor. Denny was well liked across the system. Also gone is our candidly speaking Chicago Mayor, Jane Byrne, an inspiration to many young women in the early 80's, who learned to speak up for themselves, like Jane did. Also, Jimmy Ruffin, who crooned, "What becomes of a Broken Heart?" We teen girls could relate to that, as we were so emotional about life then. Additionally, Mike Nichols, brilliant director and writer. I remember him with Elaine May, and then he went on to win Awards for so many excellent movies, Broadway and TV. Our condolences go to the families of all these old friends of ours. Please take care of yourselves. I really don't want to put your name in here this year!

More words of wisdom, these from **Juanita Schrecongost**, ORDCS, "*It's better to have loved and lost than be stuck with a psycho the rest of your life.*"

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all!

### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**January 14**).  
Second Tuesday of the month.

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

**March 25** - Spring Luncheon, The Cotillion, Rt. 14 and Creekside Drv., Palatine, 1200 P.M.

Our 2015 RUAEA Convention will be in PIT, from September 23-26. Mark your calendar, save the date.

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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Indy Racers are recuperating from all the holiday activities with friends and family members and looking forward to warmer spring weather. At our Christmas party, we collected two large boxes of toys for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program and had fun with a member gift exchange. **Bob Duty** (pictured) is having fun unwrapping his surprise gift card from Subway Sandwich Shop.



Others attending the party at the Mediterranean Grill were **Ken & Deanna Boeke**, **Ray & Hannelore Brabo**, **Mario & Margie Bregante**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Jack & Carol Conway**, **Bob & Ruth Duffey**, **Ed Duffey**, **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Jim Gibson**, **Chris & Shary Johnston**, Chris' mom, **Margaret Johnston**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Phil & Joan Romano**, **Charles Theiss** and his daughter **Amy Christine Fallowfield**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. Throughout the gift exchange, **Frank Prins** entertained the group by playing Christmas Carols on his trombone.

Outgoing President **Chris Johnston** has appointed **Margie Bregante** to audit the financials of the organization by January 31, 2015 and present a report to the membership.

Indy Racers newly-elected officers will take over their duties at the Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. President ~ **Mario Bregante**, Vice President ~ **Margie Bregante**, Secretary ~ **Hannelore Brabo**, Treasurer ~ **Dimple Rihel**, and Correspondent ~ **Rita Prins**.

The group sends happy birthday wishes to **Dimple Rihel** whose birthday is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Calendar:

**January 13**—Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch and informal card playing are available at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 2:30 p.m.

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Our Christmas Luncheon was attended by 34 members and guests. Jimmy's Steer House provided good accommodations, food and service. Everyone agreed the meals were great. First timer in attendance, **Gladys Willis**, BOSCS, a new member and **Eric Fairweather**, MHTCS joining the Nor'Easters for 2015.

The 50/50's were won by **Norma Betters** and **Sarah Pitt-Wooll**. Our many Christmas gifts were won by **Marie Dwyer**, **Peggy Dellelo**, **Dick Vee**, **Helmut Umbley**, **Carol Montalto**, **June Alberino** and **Oscar**

**Bauerle.** Free lunches were won by **Carol Montalto**, **Bill Betters** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. The progressive name picked out of a hat was **Paul O'Mara**, second time he was called this year. However, Paul was not present either time. The next meeting progressive will be \$50. Be there to win!

Then, we got down to the business portion of our luncheon, officer elections. New president for two years is **Carleen Eddy**, Carleen was past president for eight years, stepped down, and is back again. Vice President, **Mercedes Hersom**, Merc was one of the founding members and served as our first secretary. **Bill Vanderwal** will remain as treasurer, starting his eighth two year term. **Dick Vee** will remain as secretary, starting his ninth two year term. Strange, no one wants to be to be treasurer or secretary. We say thank you to our outgoing president and vice president, **Anthony Postale** and **Edwina Lundquist**. Anthony took a position with Jet Blue at Worcester, MA regional airport working graveyard's, and hasn't attended the past several meetings. We miss you both.

The membership voted on whether to keep meetings on Tuesdays only or change to alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays; alternating days won. We voted whether or not, to keep our Nor'Easter Facebook page open to members only, or allow UAL'ers to join. The choice was to open it to all UAL'ers with the hopes of attracting more members. Good choice! One can only join this page by being invited. And, pictures taken at meetings are now displayed on our Facebook.

**Joyce Heiseler** had rotator cuff surgery a few months back, is now doing well and almost back to normal. Hubby **Ron**, who was at the hospital being diagnosed for the same, fell while there, unfortunately, on his bad shoulder. He will be going in shortly for total shoulder reconstruction. Something different, the hospital wants him to pay up front, then, be reimbursed by his insurance. Strange!

I got a letter from **Bill Shailor's** daughter, Kimberly, which I read to the members. Kim advised us about Bill's life at the nursing home. His physical condition is not the best, but he is mentally aware and still being Bill. He especially enjoys the birds at the window feeders. Bill couldn't attend our luncheon, which he never missed, and gave his regards to the membership.

January's birthdays ~ **Bruce Eddy**, **Don Lewis**, **Bob Lincoln**, **Jim Murray**, **Sarah Pitt-Wooll** and **Frank Procopio**.

January's anniversaries ~ **John & Peggy Dellelo** (56 years), **John & Joyce Lagadinos** (51 years) and **Joan & Larry Meister** (30 years).

#### Calendar:

No meetings planned for **January** and **February**

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25 Lites came for lunch and visiting in November, including our still-actively employed pal, **Melissa Noonan**, CSR from Spokane, WA and her dad, **Frank Noonan**. It was great to see her again and all remarked that she hasn't changed one iota. Still the feisty, funny, sweet girl we all loved to work with.

News on the current sick-list ~

- **Al Kilian** still hasn't been given the OK to drive. He and **Mary** are very frustrated that he hasn't gotten his get-out-of-jail card yet.
- **Joe Kelley** didn't have enough on his plate with his eye issues; he started having chest pain and had to be transported in slick, snowy conditions to the hospital. Happy to report that his heart is fine and that he's making some progress in the eye dept.
- **Diane Storlie** continues with her treatment and remains upbeat.

At President **Lee Storlie's** suggestion, the assembled group voted to make annual gifts from the treasury to the MSP military club for travelling service personnel, the Flight 93 Memorial & the Salvation Army for their good works.

**Al Gunderson** won the birthday roll of the dice for the \$5 prize and we were all happy to see our newest member, **Bonnie Doberstein**, win one of the \$10 raffle prizes.

**Mary Brennan** related how she bumped into an elderly (a relative term at this point in our lives) gentleman in the grocery store and got to visiting with him. He was a WWII vet and told her about some of his experiences as a swabby in the Navy, even showing her a photo of himself at 18 in his uniform. She intended to pay for his small purchases, thinking he might be short of funds and wishing to thank him for his service, but he got out of the store ahead of her. When she approached her vehicle, though, she saw him loading his stuff into a Lincoln Continental, so decided that he wasn't a charity case!

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!

Note: New lunch venue! Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:00am at The Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., **Woodbury, MN**. For directions, call **Mary Brennan** at (651) 429-7343 or me.

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There were 42 who enjoyed lunch at the Bohemian Café, our thanks to **Tom & Rose Langan** for hosting. The lucky winners of the 25/25/50 were **Al Habeeb** and **Arnie Mahoney**, each receiving \$16.00.

We received word of the death of **Don Behrendt**, age 75, on October 23. Services were held at the St. Paul Catholic Church in Nampa on October 28. **Don** was in Customer Service in Omaha for many years and later transferred to the Sales Department. He and **Fran** retired in Nampa, Idaho. Our sympathy to **Fran** and her family!

**Roger Jensen** was in the hospital with a viral infection, plus a reaction to the medicine he is taking as a preventive measure for cancer. The good news is that his cancer is in remission. **Don & Carol** celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 30.

**Hilde & Dick Schwan** went to Ft. Worth for Thanksgiving, thanks to his daughter who is driving them. **Hilde** is having lots of back problems so she can't drive very far as it is too painful for her. We hope to see them at our Christmas luncheon if she can make arrangements with her son to drive them.

December Birthdays ~ **Mel Harrison** (12); **Stan Longmeyer** (20); **Hope Acevedo** (21); **Sharon DeLong** (21); **Dick Schwan** (21); **Ralph Bichel** (25).

**Jim & Dorothy Braden** left for Texas where they will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family. **Dorothy** is doing fine after her E-Coli episode.

With sadness, **Jackie Vassios** passed away November 13, our sincere sympathy to **Andy** and his family! Visitation was held November 16 with a Prayer Service. Funeral service was held November 17 at the All Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church.

Calendar:

**January 6** - Golden Corral

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There were 10 members at our November meeting at the Black Bear Diner. After some discussion among members present, it was decided that Bartley Ranch would be the site of our next picnic. Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion will need to be made early in 2015.



November birthdays were celebrated by **Tom Diehl** and **Janice Flanagan**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Perkins**.

## NEW YORK

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There was nothing like our Christmas luncheon at Milleridge Inn to put one in a holiday mood. Every nook and cranny of this old house is adorned with beautiful and charming decorations. We had a great turnout of 68 members and 10 guests, some who will hopefully become members. Guest were **Eileen Parker**, **Pat Harben** (FLTOS), **Barbara Maffeo** (FLTOS), **Pat Hannon** (LGACS), **Kathy Kennedy** (JFKTR), **Joe Ski**, **Bob Renn** (JFK), **Desmond & Alice Brennan**, **Christopher Bittar** (grandson of late member **Mabel Bittar**) and **Lenny Morelli** (LGA). So happy to see you all!

Greatly missed were our "regulars" **Roy Portelli**, **Dale Deuber** and **Cathy Corrente**. We'll be looking for you in February. **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** were absent, but I know they were headed for two months in Hawaii. They missed last year due to an illness with Mike so they deserve this great escape. Everyone else accounted for so no news there.

We raised \$140 for the Marathon school, which will be donated in memory of Rosemarie & Joe Totaro. The raffle of an iPod was won by **Jordan Levine**, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to **John Green** and 3<sup>rd</sup> to **John Klos**, which are free lunches. The big prize for loyal attendance (\$150) was won by **Diane Pozzi**, congratulations! There were six awards in the 50/50 drawing: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$25 went to **Nadine Cordes** and **Joe Ski**, lesser amounts were won by **Joe Lilly**, **Ed Pozzi**, **Pete Klos** and **Roseann Vascellaro**.

Remember folks, we will not meet in January, we hibernate. Let's hope we don't have a repeat of last February's record snow and ice. I guess we have a few snowbirds and snowflakes heading south, happy flying! We'll see you Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Oops, almost overlooked in my messy notes. One of **John Pucillo**'s daughters (they both attended our Christmas luncheon) presented the Artie Shepard Award to **Jim Richardson**. Congratulations, Jim; you certainly deserve it for your past and continuing contributions.

### Calendar:

**February 4** –Milleridge Inn

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Hello UAL Retirees! The year is swiftly passing by. We only have two more meetings and we will be into the year 2015. It sure seemed to fly by. Of course, this is one of the nicest times of the year with all we have to look forward to. Getting together with family and friends, finding the right gift for someone special, getting together for Thanksgiving dinner and finally to gather around the Christmas tree and sing our little hearts out. After that we start all over getting ready for celebrating New Year!

Now I must get down to business and report on our last get-together. Our meeting was held at Copper Top Golf Course with 82 members gathering. They have a very large room for parties, and it could hold double that amount plus some. This luncheon was hosted by **Joe & Shirley Moses**. As I have stated before, having them take over the responsibility, the rest of us just have to show up and find a seat. Thanks again for all that you do!

**Arlene Taylor** led us in a prayer of thanks as only she can do. President **Dolly Taucher** called the group together after our luncheon and asked if there were any concerns or questions. None followed and she discussed an idea that her "Team" (the Officers) had considered and she went on to say that we wondered what everyone would think about our having a collection over the next three months to be donated to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. Thus we will go forward with this and see how things go. We have a great group of members!

Our "Fifty-Fifty" had 3 lucky winners, **Betty Kriskker**, **Carrie Kercel** and **Barb Vauls**. Congratulations Ladies! What's your secret?

I would like to send our best thoughts and wishes to member **Dennis Ryan** who has been dealing with health issues. Also to **Sharon Garrah** who is showing improvement.

We had 80 Members present to serenade our birthday bunch: **Florence Alexander**, **Dave Cleary**, **Don Elster**, **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste**, **Mary Ann Friedel**, **Marty Hassel**, **Jean Hughes**, **Joe Moses**, **Pearl Park**, **Cathy Pytel**, and **Arlene & Earl Taylor**.

We also had 6 couples celebrating anniversaries: **Bob & Florence Alexander** (58 years); **Ed & Alene Allen** (52 years); **Gene & Jacki Craig** (52 years); **Joe & Shirley Moses** (57 years); **Dick & Carole Mullen** (54 years); and **Leo & Doris Schueler** (54 years).

## OREGON

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There were 80 members at our November 12 meeting which is always a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon. Ham and turkey was served with side dishes and as always, delicious desserts brought by so many. Thank you! **Louise Robillard** did the table decorations and will also do Christmas, but she is stepping down so someone will have to take over brightening up the tables. It is not necessary to have them each month but they are always appreciated.

Santa Claus, our new president will be missed at the Christmas luncheon as he is working for our downtown Macy's. He worked two years ago in Stockton, CA. **Dennis Cline** has the full mustache and beard along with some padding in the front. We will all be eager to hear about his work at Macy's as he presides over the January meeting.

I am sorry to report that **Pat Taylor**, wife of **George**, died on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Pat worked at the maintenance office in PDX but was furloughed and eventually hired on in SFO at the maintenance base. She retired in SFO and Pat & George moved back to Gresham, OR. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

**Herbert Harrell**, PDXMM, died in November but that is all the information I received. **Lila Blough**, wife of **Bruce** (deceased) died on October 11. There is a private memorial service planned at a later date. One of our oldest retirees from PDX, **Climpson (Pete) Clapp** age 92, died on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pete retired in 1983 and had over 30 years of the good life.. He suffered from severe macular degeneration, but it didn't keep him from enjoying his golden years. Our condolences to all of the families of the deceased.

Our only anniversary for November was **Sara & Bill Petersen**.

Birthdays for November were **Sarah Blare** (75), **Lorene Ludeman** (87), **Mel Martin** (78), **Sara Petersen** (77), **Bill Petersen** (84) and **Beryl Rennie** (84).

Winners for a free lunch are as follows: Door Prize ~ **Sandra Bowles**, Women's Birthday ~ **Beryl Rennie**, Men's Birthday ~ **Bill Petersen** and 50/50 ~ **Patsy Ogden**.

A group of the Dew-er officers went to the Colwood Golf Club to have a tasting lunch and see if it would be advisable to move back to our old location. After talking with the new manager and enjoying the food served, it was decided to move back for our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. I hope all of you will be as satisfied as we were.

Please remember dues for 2015 can now be paid at our luncheons or sent to **Rosalie Betschart** at 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97220. They are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. Deadline for the dues to be received is the March 11 meeting. This will guarantee your name in the 2015 roster.

My tenure for writing this column has come to an end. It has been over 15 years and I feel someone new must step up with their own ideas and hopefully be able to get more information from the members. It has been a wonderful ride (or should I say flight) but all things must come to an end. Thank you for your support over the years and I know whoever takes over will enjoy writing the column as much as I have.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Course, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. Social Hour 11:00 AM. Lunch served at Noon

**January 14** - Social

**February 11**- Valentine's Day Luncheon

**March 11** - Social



**OUR CLUB**

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Our Nov. luncheon was held at Elmer's and hosted by **Sonnica Appleton**. We do love Elmer's as they have such an extended menu and good food. There were 15 of us gathered around the table and many topics of conversation passed. We all agreed we miss our **Jane Frincke** who is doing well in California enjoying her grandbaby and having her daughter close by.

One end of the table talked politics while others stayed away from the conversation and discussed more interesting topics we could laugh and enjoy. Not to say politics are not laughable, just saying! The weather here has been cold, warm, raining and a couple of nights even freezing. The fall colors were beautiful this year, now that is something we can all agree on.

Our thoughts go out once again to **Miriam Lindberg** who we miss and wish her the best and to **Russ Randall**. I received news from **Peggy Wright** that her sister passed away so our prayers and thoughts are with her, **Bob** and their family. Yours truly is waiting for news about a possible implant for my back pain so if you don't hear from this chapter in the near future you will know why. I truly do believe the so called "golden" years were when we were in our 20's as it seems we all have lots of aches and pains now. Due to all our stupid adventures of our youth, I believe or at least that is the story I am sticking to.

December Luncheon ~ Our Christmas/Luncheon party was hosted by **Ric & Gidget Walcha** at the Rivers Edge in Grants Pass. What a beautiful setting of the Rogue River, we were put in a room with no view but I am sure if we had another room it would have been nice. I was given help by Alberta (our former Sun Shine Lady) to decorate the tables in a festive setting. She and Russ have done the holiday meeting for so many years I was grateful she came to my rescue. We had 18 people in attendance and started off with our usual meeting before all the food arrived. We voted to dispense with quarterly minutes which will help yours truly with having to sit at the computer any longer than I have to. I am still facing either another back surgery or an implant. We had a wonderful meal with poor **Ric Walcha** and **Steve Austin** waiting until almost the end of our luncheon to get their meals. After eating we voted on our annual donation to a favorite charity with much chat about where it should go. In the end we donated to The Rouge Valley Humane Society, Candleliters for children, The Women's Crisis Center and our local Library. Some members donated extra or matched their favorite organization. There are so many different worthy charities that it is hard to cover them all. Our surprise guests were **Steve & Cindi Austin** who had moved to Montana last year so was really great to see them and catch up on the latest news in their neck of the woods.

New officers were voted on and **Ric Walcha** kept the Presidents position, **Gidget Walcha** the Secretary position, **Linda Althouse** remains Treasurer and **Albert Randall** stepped up to once again be our Sun Shine Lady. The Walchas and the Wrights discussed a possible idea of taking their RV's to Alaska in July, depends on that darn implant if I can make such a trip, one can only dream. **Sonnica Appleton** visited with her family in AZ. and caught a cold from all her Grand/Great grand children so could not attend. Come to think of it, **Ida Rogers** was not there, hmm, where were you Ida? Our prayers continue to be with **Miriam Lindberg**.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Happy and Healthy New Year to one and all! Time for all those resolutions, I wonder how many will be broken by month's end?

The Pit-Stoppers will be busy planning for the upcoming RUAEA convention. We wish to extend an open invitation to all present and former Pittsburghers to assist in any way. If you remember what a great success our prior convention was, we are going to top that. **Treatie Karwoski** and **Dave Beatty** are co-chairing the event and are looking forward to any help.

Our Christmas meeting will be covered in the next issue.

Our Iron Man **Jim Weber** is recuperating from his last surgery - Partial kidney removal. He is doing fine, has a great nurse in **Diane**, Jim is one tough cookie. Keep it up Jim.

I spoke to **Art Todd** former PITCS who is also recuperating from surgery. Art had hoped to attend the Christmas luncheon but the travel plans didn't look that great. Best wishes Art, hope to see you in April and we can celebrate our Birthday. Art spoke to former PITCS **Jack Gillooly** now living in FL. Jack is also facing surgery. Our prayers are with you ole buddy.

One of the Pit-Stoppers ardent supporter **Ruth Redfern** is ailing and wasn't able to attend the luncheon, please keep her and husband **Bill** in your prayers. Cards would be welcome at 207 Clubside Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Our January Birthdays are as follows: **Betty Musko** (1/23), **Steve Moliterno** (1/26), **Betty Tinney** (1/27). Our January Anniversaries are: **Ed & Kay Yauch** (1/25). Congratulations and Best Wishes to one and all!

Have a safe and healthy New Year! Don't forget Pit Convention September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Y'all Come!

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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We had our breakfast meeting at the Egg and I on October 16<sup>th</sup> with 12 people in attendance. This is always a good time to catch up on news with our fellow members.

Our monthly meeting was hosted by **Mike & Barb Chapin** at one of our favorite restaurants, the Lakeside Tavern in Knoxville. There were 19 in attendance including **Mary**, daughter of **Jack & Sue Ferrell**. It is always a pleasure to see her and we just might make her an honorary member.

President **Polly Klosky** and her husband **Terry** were somewhere basking in the sun so **Betty Shipe** graciously led our meeting.

Treasurer **Mike Chapin** gave us his report. He also advised us that on checking with the Wounded Warriors group that the government is now providing the liners for our troops. We voted to let the \$300.00 dollars donated by our group to them, to keep it and use if for the other programs they have for our servicemen.

**Patti Leonhard** won the 50/50 drawing of \$25.00 and goodie bags for door prizes were won by various members.

### Calendar:

**December 18** - Social Breakfast at the Egg and I 10:00am

**January 15** - Tanasi Country Club, Tellico Village, Knoxville, 12:30pm EST, hosted by **Noreen Koan** and **Ray Perry**



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Welcome to the New Year!

The Emerald City Slickers do not meet in December, so news is from our November 11 luncheon meeting at the Elks Club in Burien. Attendance was down to 40, but many of those who were not otherwise occupied on the holiday stood to be recognized and honored as veterans of the United States armed forces.

President **Dave Jones** welcomed members and guests and conducted the business meeting. Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** distributed door prizes with the help of **Jim Small** and announced November and December birthdays and anniversaries at the close of the meeting.

**Helen Stanger**, retiring treasurer after 13 years on the job, gave her final financial report at the ripe old age of 92. (Perhaps "retiring" is not the right word – **Helen** will soon be off on her annual trip to the Cayman Islands.) The chapter treasury is in decent shape as **Jackie Stenger** takes over as the new treasurer. **Jackie** observed at the registration table before the luncheon and is ready to collect "lunch money" and dues at the January 13 meeting.

**Helen** thanked **Noreen Krawczyk** for serving as assistant treasurer, keeping luncheon reservations straight, and **Richard Devereux**, who peddles 50/50 raffle tickets at the registration table. **Helen** reported that we have 162 paid chapter members with 21 former members who did not renew for 2014. Six members passed away during the year.

Chapter dues are \$10 a year and are payable now. Make your check out to RUAEA and bring it to the January meeting or mail it to **Jackie**. *Contrails* is our biggest chapter expense. The chapter newsletter is distributed before each meeting with items of interest regarding United Airlines, the chapter, and RUAEA. Most important is the page detailing information about the upcoming luncheon. Many members have elected to receive the newsletter electronically, which is a boon to the treasury. If you're computer savvy, you might switch to printing your own copy (it comes in color that way!) and saving the chapter some expense.

*Contrails* interim editor **Tom Holford** is seeking a "permanent" volunteer to take over the job. Without the newsletter, there would be no chapter, as it is our major means of communication for company updates, minutes of meetings, and – most importantly – details on the upcoming luncheon.

November door prize winners were **Phyllis Bowman**, **Jan Brecht**, **Richard Devereux**, **Bud Dice**, **Sally Holford**, **Tom Holford**, **Ed Karr**, **Dan Miles**, **Ginger Phelan**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Arno Schaetzke**, **Jim Small**, **Carol Soffel**, and **Jackie Stenger**. **Dan Miles** was a double winner when his number was called for the 50/50 prize.

We regret to announce the passing of **Ernie Nelson**, SEAGQ. **Ernie** had suffered a fall in late October, breaking his back and necessitating a 2-week hospital stay and a move to the health unit at Judson Park, where **Ernie & Marlene** made their home. **Ernie** had served United as Plant Maintenance Manager at SeaTac. A memorial service was held December 2. **Marlene** is the Slickers' newly-retired Sunshine Lady of long standing.

As a thank you gift for her many years of service to the Emerald City Slickers, **Helen Stanger** was presented a beautiful, hand-crafted African mahogany jewelry box created by chapter member **John Luke**.

Note: Listings of birthdays, anniversaries, and door prize winners will be discontinued in 2015. The November door prize winners appear this month, but they are the last.

### Calendar:

**January 13** - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

**February 10** - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

**March 10** - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

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Happy New Year, RUAEA:

As we welcome in the year, 2015, we are looking forward to having new Chapters spring up in several different locations. Our goal is to increase our membership with those Flight Attendants who will be retiring with the buyout of 2014.

We are aggressively searching for those who are interested in helping their communities, National and International Special Olympics. If you know of any F/A's who might be interested in Clipped Wings, we would really appreciate your help in contacting them.

We hope your Holiday Season was filled with family and friends. Our Best Wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2015.

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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

Retiree – **Allen, Vincent**, on 10/28/2014, PITFF, husband of Arleen B. Allen, 330 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Homestead, PA 15120

Spouse – **Achierno, Mary V.**, on 11/9/2014, wife of Anthony J. Achierno, DENTK (Deceased), 12643 W Iliff Ave., Lakewood, CO 80228

Retiree – **Fisher, Ralph D.**, on 4/9/2013, husband of Barbara H. Fisher, 1055 E. 900 So. #14, St. George, UT 84790

Spouse – **Fiske, Barbara P.**, on 11/14/2014, wife of Milton Fiske, DENMM (Deceased), 1325 Vance St., Lakewood, CO 80214

Spouse – **Frisch, Alice J.**, on 10/13/2014, wife of Gerald R. Frisch, SFODC, 3850 Thousand Oaks Dr., San Jose, CA 95136

Retiree – **Longbella, Carole D.**, on 11/9/2014, DENCM, wife of Jack Dennis Longbella (Deceased), 3150 Tamarac Dr., Apt B205, Denver, CO 80231

Retiree – **Moody, Joe C.**, on 11/21/2014, DENFO, husband of Estele Moody (Deceased), 2020 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO 64118

Retiree – **Mullikin, Stanley H.**, on 11/19/2014, SFOSF, husband of Luann Millikin, 1235 Henderson Ave., Unit E, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Retiree – **Pitts, Robert W.**, on 3/1/2014, ORDCG, husband of Dolores A. Pitts, 2305 Sigwalt St., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Retiree – **Ryan, Dennis P. (Denny)**, on 11/20/2014 ORDMM, husband of Alice Ryan, 100 Brookmont Rd. Apt 153, Akron, OH 44333

Retiree – **Sanders, Marigene K.**, on 12/1/2014, ORDCG, 394 Argyle Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

Retiree – **Totaro, Joseph A.**, on 9/29/2014, LGAMM, husband of Rosemarie Totaro (Deceased), 61-20-220<sup>th</sup> St., Bayside, NY 11364

Spouse – **Wydra, Mary T.**, on 11/26/2014, wife of Paul J. Wydra, ORDFF, 703 N Gibbons Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

## 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:**

Gerda Biglin, Ben Bogucki, Robert Byrd, Ruth Christy, Marion Gaevert, Frank Gibbons, Betsy Hamblin, Jerry Herbers, Robert Kaczor, Jeanne Kalahiki, Lynn Kalweit, John Kozlik, Duarte Lemos, Cecilia Mossman, Celena Nash, Herbert Rosskamp, Shirley Telegdy, Pat Tremont, Eleanor Williams.

### **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.)*

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

This December marks my 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ignoring the little aches and pains that one can expect at this stage in life, I still enjoy good health. I continue to go on long weekly hikes with the Sierra Club and still do a little climbing in the Sierras. In Spring, I toured Burma (Myanmar) and Laos with a group; both are fascinating countries. In early summer, I went on a trip to Germany for a high school reunion. Mingling with my old school friends after so many years, it was reassuring to see that I was not the only one who had grown older. In July, my 16 year old grandson joined me on a five-day hike in the Desolation Wilderness area around Lake Tahoe. For the past few years, it has become a tradition for the two of us to go on longer hiking trips in the mountains. What is different now though is that I don't have to turn around looking for him. Now he is way ahead of me. Then in October, I crossed the big pond once more to tour Italy's Tuscany and Umbria regions. The tour's itinerary covered mostly the smaller, lesser known towns of these hilly areas. It was beautiful scenery, truffle hunting with well trained dogs, lots of wine tasting and good food make Italy one of my favorite destinations.

Sadly, there are fewer names that I recognize in our newsletter, but I enjoy reading all the news.  
Thank you very much for all your work

#### **Charles Lewis, 801 E. Thomas St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

When I left United some 22 years ago, I hardly expected that I would still be drawing money out of my pension. Nor did I ever expect to reach the ripe old age of 85. But the truth is, I am glad to be doing both.

I want to extend my thanks to all of the RUAEA members who, in their spare time, take care of all the activities in the DEN office. I can appreciate, to some degree, the amount of work everyone puts in to keep our membership records up to date; to handle all the money that comes in, scanning our checks to make sure they have been properly written; updating our records; making deposits and generating membership and financial records. And, there are probably more activities that you all do.

Also, big thanks to all who employ their time and energy to put together our monthly newsletter. Even after 22 years, it is still an enjoyable periodical to read.

**Teri Koclanes, daughter of Carole Longbella, 21411 County Rd. 3, Berthoud, CO 80513**

Carole Dee Longbella (Schulz), 79 passed away unexpectedly on Sunday November 9, 2014 after a tragic fall. She was a beloved and fun-loving mother, aunt, grandmother, friend and co-worker to so many.

Carole graduated from Ashland High School in Ashland Nebraska. She worked in a bank in Ashland after high school until moving to Denver in 1954 with her best friend. She immediately went to work for United Airlines where she worked for 35 years in various administrative and flight operation positions until her retirement in 1991.

Carole married the love of her life, Jack Dennis Longbella on April 12, 1958 and had two children Teri Dee and John Dennis. They were married until Jack passed unexpectedly on a business trip in 1971.

Carole loved the theatre, and always had a passion for art and entertainment. She had a life long desire to sing and dance, never missing an opportunity to attend a traveling Broadway show or a new art exhibit.

After retirement, Carole volunteered at Metro CareRing, along with being very involved with the Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA), working closely with many of her friends and acquaintances from over the years at UAL. In addition, Carole loved to travel and spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren, children and her huge circle of friends that meant so very much to her.

She is survived by her sibling Roger Schulz, daughter Teri (Peter) Koclanes, son John Dennis/JD (Terri), grandchildren Brooke (Joey) Vanhavermaat, Kelly (Ben) Huelsing, Nicole (Taylor) Hudson, and John Tyler Koclanes, numerous cousins, nephews and nieces, wonderful friends and co-workers too numerous to list.

True to Carole's wish - A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, November 13 at 4:00pm at the Greek Community Center of Denver, 4610 East Alameda Ave. in the auditorium. Many of her family, friends and co-workers came to show how well Carole was liked.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carole's honor may be made to: Metro CareRing, P.O. Box 300459, Denver, CO 80203 or their website at <http://www.metrocarering.org>.

**Ken Norton, 17518 Long Branch Ct., Penn Valley, CA 95946**

It has been almost 22 years since I left dear "old" United. It seems like each year goes by a little faster.

My wife, Stephanie, and I attended the convention in San Diego, and we enjoyed it immensely. Our daughter was married on the following Saturday, so we spent 2 weeks in San Diego.

My health has been good and I do a lot of volunteer work around the community, like cooking, bar tending, park docent and highway trash picker upper.

We have been active in the SAC Gold diggers for the last 15 years.

Thanks for the newsletter!

**Phyllis Singer, 9346 Landings Ln., Unit 301, Des Plaines, IL 60016**

I am happy to make another year and pay my dues. It is great to read the doings around the country.

One big thing for me this year was a family cruise to Alaska in April. The grandkids came in from all over. It was great to be together. My only complaint was paying for a full fare ticket. I remember when George and I did it for a fraction.

Another big happening is becoming great grandparents.

**Marty Etler, 15-12 Elmary Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-2403**

Every kid growing up has some great event that stays in their memory forever. Mine was a visit to the New York World's Fair in 1939 and in 1940 in Flushing, New York. I was 10 years old. I don't remember much about the grand opening, but I do recall many people talking about it and saying that Pres. Roosevelt would be there to do the honors. All this meant nothing to me until my mother said one day she was taking me to see it. I immediately ran out of the house and told all my friends of my "coming attractions".

Getting there from Paterson, New Jersey was not as easy as "rolling off a log". First we had to take a bus to downtown Paterson and walk over to the Erie railroad station on Market Street. That train took us to the Chamber Street ferry, and we got off that ferry, then had to take the subway to Penn Station in order to get the Long Island railroad out to the Fairgrounds. While Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn may have had their adventures, now at the tender age of 10, I can tell you that mine were just as grandiose.

There were four things that I remember that still come to mind: The aviation and railroad buildings, General Motors, and the Perisphere and Trylon. Many of the exhibits were hands-on and you can imagine how I felt as a



youngster to make believe that I was flying or in control of a gigantic steam locomotive. My mother was always at my side prompting me to move on because there was so much to see. At the General Motors building there was the famous “Futurama” exhibit that attracted long lines of people. When you finally got in and sat in the seat and looked down, you saw vast panorama of what the future may look like. As you rotated around the exhibit, a speaker in your seat described everything. When you come to think about it, not much has changed except, now we have more cars, more traffic in a never ending struggle to control pollution. Anyway, there is no such thing as “the good old times”. I’m not willing to go back, and I don’t know anyone with those kinds of ambitions. To cap everything off, the Perisphere was the greatest of all exhibits. There was an escalator that took you up to a revolving platform of this massive globe. Along the walls there were continuing displays of pictures of Americans at work in all stages of our industry. What an impression that left with everyone who saw it.

My mother had taken me twice to the fair in 1939 and twice in 1940. I vividly remember the lights going out on the French Pavilion in 1940 and then playing their national anthem, all because they had surrendered to the Germans in World War II. At the railroad building, my mother bought me an engineer’s hat and a pair of goggles. Yes, with my imagination I was the mighty Casey Jones driving the old “Wabash cannonball” at full speed down the tracks. That hat and goggles I had for the longest time are long gone, but those wonderful memories, are still with me to this very day.



## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOLLOW**

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1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

## **United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

## **Employee Travel Center**

1-877-825-3729

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## **Flying Together Help Desk**

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## **New United number: 877-825-3729 (International**

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1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

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*By Marvin Berryman DENTK A/V Retired - Excerpted from 1952 issues of "United Air Lines News".*



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*(left photo) Station Ground Services Manager W.A. Bouve. - (middle photo) District Passenger Service*

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**Writers' Column - DC-3 Documentary with  
RUAEA Member Vicki Herrell By Pete Mason**

**Vicki Herrell**, of Aurora, Colorado, worked a combined total of 29 years for United and Continental reservations before her retirement in 2000. But her airline career really began in the 1940's when she began flying DC-3s as an air hostess (that is, flight attendant) for TWA. Vicki flew for three years, leaving TWA to get married, but never lost her love for flying and for the DC-3 in particular.

Earlier this summer (2014), an edition of UAL publication contained an item from a subscriber who provided the name and e-address of another person who wanted to get in touch with former stewardesses who had served on DC-3s. In a roundabout way, this was brought to Vicki's attention who immediately felt she might be a rare and perhaps unexpected resource for whatever this person would want to know.

She quickly sent an e-mail to the address given in the UAL news item and within twenty-four hours she was in touch with Arrow Media. Arrow Media (Arrow), an independent media production company based in London, England, advised her they are currently working on a documentary called "Planes That Changed the World" which will focus on the incredible DC-3.

The Arrow contacts were exceedingly interested in meeting Vicki and in filming/taping a detailed interview with her to be included in the documentary production. In an early conversation with Arrow, she learned that she would be flown to southern California where she would meet the production crew and tour, as well as possibly fly in, a privately-owned, pristine DC-3.

Exactly one week before Vicki's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday (yep!), she flew on United Express to Ontario, CA. The interview and filming took place at nearby Chino airport, a place chosen mainly because that's where the airplane was located.

Vicki said she *"was immediately charmed by the youthful Arrow crew, their unfailing courtesy, and their delightful British accents."* And, certainly, she was *"in*

*love all over again"* with the DC- 3, which had been restored to the style of an earlier commercial airline.

Recalling her work on the plane, Vicki spoke of the great sense of *"... coziness and safety and wonder ..."* But she is quick to mention that today the aisle seemed *"so much steeper to walk than she remembered,"* and there was *"often turbulence"* to deal with, and unexpected (but not entirely unwelcome!) layovers due to weather or mechanical problems. Sadly, the DC-3 in Chino was grounded for *"maintenance"* so she wasn't able to fly in it.

She said she was surprised at how *"simple"* the cockpit controls seemed (especially compared to today). She also shared that flight attendants' height and weight restrictions were strictly enforced and none could be married or over 30!

After the interview, filming and iPad picture-taking, Vicki was provided a taxi ride back to SNA (Santa Ana/Orange County), where she flew home exhausted but happy. And on the flight home, she was pleasantly surprised to be seated in a Business Class seat on Southwest, all courtesy of Arrow Media. □



*DC-3 Air Hostess, Vicki Herrell and  
DC-3 Stewardess, Anne Iwamoto  
enjoyed meeting at the SAN Convention.*