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New Year's Resolution: Attend RUAEA 2004 Convention Where: Doubletree Hotel, Seattle, WA When: May 23-30, 2004

Folks, we have a week full of activities planned just for you. A few are listed below. Check it out!

The Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport
18740 Pacific Highway South
Seattle, WA 98188

Rather than an alarm clock or telephone to awaken you each morning, you can waken to the sounds of birds chirping outside your window. You will find the accommodations roomy and comfortable. The hotel is in a garden-like setting, just minutes away from the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. You will have convenient access to downtown Seattle to enjoy the waterfront, Pike Place Market, Seattle Center and Space Needle. Golf Courses and Shopping Malls are nearby.

Highlights:

- Nightly entertainment starting Mon., May 24,
- Daily tours scheduled, with choices of Mt. Saint Helens, Museum of Flight and many more options,
- Nightly Social/Cocktail Hour,
- Thurs., May 27 - "Prop Wash" Party at Maxi's Lounge, located on the 14th floor of the hotel. Enjoy the beautiful views of Mt. Rainier, and the Cascade and Olympic Mountain ranges. You will probably catch a beautiful sunset as well.
- Fri., May 28 - Friendship Dinner
- Sat., May 29 - Banquet
- Sun., May 30 - Vancouver Island Cruise.

This is just a little nibble of what the Emerald City Slickers have in store for you. The next issue will be full of information. Stay tuned! We can hardly wait!

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GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently I have been getting many E-mails & letters regarding United's pass policy and the effect it has on retirees. The statement I hear most is "I worked for United for 35 years and when I retired, free passes were a part of my retirement package." I agree with you, after all the years that I worked graveyard shift, I feel that I earned the free passes. That was before 9-11-2001 and United filing for Chapter 11 on 12-09-2002. These two events changed our lives forever, and it changed the way United is doing business.

Deep in the archives of United is the history of a company that overcame bitter disappointments, also moments of greatness. History is being made everyday with the strong leadership that is now in place, also with very strong & dedicated employees. All of us worked through the peaks & valleys of the aviation industry over the years, but at no time did we face the problems that the present employees have had to deal with. The loss of jobs, pay cuts, loss of vacation time, loss of ESOP and retirement money. The list goes on.

When United filed for Chapter 11 last Dec. 9, we took a survey of what retirees were most concerned about; the answer was:

1. How can retirees help in the recovery of United Airlines?
2. Pensions
3. Health Care
4. Prescription Drugs
5. Pass Travel

The recent mail would indicate that #5 pass travel has suddenly become #1 and that really baffles me. United has come a long way on the road to recovery, but folks we still have a way to go. The pass policy is reviewed about every two months, and, yes, we have been and will continue to be in contact with WHQ as to how any new developments will affect our members, but I must tell you, I do not see any changes in the pass policy for our members in the near future. As far as I know United is still the only airline to board retirees ahead of active employees. For that we can be thankful.

Just think of this same time last year; a lot of people were sure United was not going to survive - many on Wall Street said it would be good for the industry if United was split up among the other carriers. They even had a plan. Delta would get Dulles and divide our European trips with U.S.Air. American would get Chicago. Continental would get Denver; Northwest would get Los Angeles & San Francisco plus most of the Pacific routes.

United will recover and become a much stronger company. You are still a part of that recovery, so keep your hopes and dreams alive for United in 2004.

Jim Fauber, President, RUAEA

RUAEA WEBSITE

Introduction

According to the By-Laws and Policy & Procedures Manual, the purpose of RUAEA is to function as an information source and assist United Airlines in communicating information concerning policies, plans, benefits (pension, insurance & passes), services, etc. to retirees. The primary activities of RUAEA are to publish a national newsletter, conduct an annual convention, and support local chapters.

Over the past number of years many RUAEA members asked if we could establish a website. We didn't pursue that initially, as we assessed that most members didn't have access to the Internet. Most recently we learned that a majority of the members now have Internet access. We conclude that the issue is not "if" we should establish a RUAEA website, but "when". We decided that the "when" is now.

We see the RUAEA website as a media to more effectively and efficiently communicate with our members. The potential of our website is limited by our imagination. As a first step we decided to publish our monthly newsletter on the website. As we refine the website we will continue to add more features.

Numerous members have had questions and wanted more information about our website. Bob Kalicki, Jim Sommerfield & Marilyn Thomson are our website managers. Bob & Jim collaborated in writing the following article to give us more information, explain the process and bring us up-to-date on our own RUAEA website.

RUAEA

Website Background

RUAEA decided to develop a website to enable members to access the current newsletter earlier than it's currently available by mail, to help reduce and control the escalating cost for RUAEA to print and mail the newsletter. In addition, previous newsletters would be available on the website for members to view.

The RUAEA membership system hands off a file to the website of all RUAEA member names and addresses. When a member signs up for web access, their name and zip code are compared to this file. Therefore, members need to utilize their surname as it appears on their Newsletter mailing label. The website in turn hands off a file to the Membership System that indicates that the member is receiving the Newsletter via the website. New computers are being purchased to speed up the integration of this Membership function. When this procedure is fully developed the paper copy of the Newsletter will no longer be mailed to members who are registered for web access thereby achieving our cost savings.

RUAEA will be looking into possible future enhancements such as events calendar, a membership directory, information advising members of volunteer activities to assist United as well as community service opportunities, temporary employment positions available to retirees. RUAEA may consider providing information regarding retiree tours, discount travel & hotels. Additional links to other United related sites will be considered as well as suggestions for additional enhancements from members.

As you can see by this list of possible future enhancements, RUAEA has ambitious plans to put information at its members' fingertips. RUAEA needs membership support to be successful. We need for you to sign up for the website access and help to make the site the informational tool that RUAEA envisions.

RUAEA WEBSITE **Online Procedure**

WEB Address: WWW.RUAEA.ORG

Website Purpose:

To provide RUAEA members with a computerized method for viewing and printing the monthly RUAEA newsletter along with direct LINKS to other designated websites of interest to RUAEA United Airlines members.

Website Features:

The website allows for members to enroll to view the Newsletter on the website, provides for the establishment and management of user logons & passwords. Access is restricted to RUAEA current dues paying members.

Direct Links:

The website provides direct links to the following different websites:

1. AARP
2. Air Lines Pilot Association
3. Clipped Wings
4. Federal Aviation Agency
5. Retired United Airlines Pilot Association
6. United Airlines Historical Foundation.

Currently there is no direct link to United Airlines Intranet Site from the RUAEA website, but we will pursue having that link.

General Information:

To access the website RUAEA members must go to WWW.RUAEA.ORG. Upon accessing the website they have numerous features available to them even if they haven't signed up for online access to the newsletter.

The following features are available to them from the website:

1. What is RUAEA
2. Who can join
3. Contact RUAEA
4. Chapters - Lists by states what chapters are present
5. Convention News
6. Links - URL Links to those websites which have been identified as of interest to RUAEA members.
7. Newsletter (Requires registration)
8. Support - Website support (help function), questions, problems.

Newsletter:

Upon selecting Newsletter the individual will

be given the following choices:

1. Proceed to the Login Page (for registered users).
2. Proceed to the Registration Page (for unregistered users)
3. Online Support for WEB related questions.

Login Page: (for registered users)

Initially the individual will be required to enter their User Name & their password that they will need to remember, as they will be prompted for these whenever they wish to view a Newsletter. Their password should be at least 6 characters in length. Subsequent Logons will require the same User ID & password.

Registration Page: (for unregistered users)

When signing up for the website members must use their surname & zip code as it appears on their current newsletter mailing label.

The following information is required when registering:

Last Name

Zip Code (5 digit zip code)

E-mail address

Online Support:

If the user has a question regarding the website or has a problem utilizing or registering for the website they may use this feature to convey their question or problem.

Newsletter in General:

The current newsletter is available for viewing in two different formats. It is available on the website and has its sections indexed for ease of use. This is the easy way for users to view the newsletter and quickly move through the document, view or print specific sections. Each section is located under the Grey Menu shaded area on the left side of the screen.

The second option available is to download the file into a PDF file that can then be read using Adobe Acrobat Reader. This option allows the users to view, scroll, and print the Newsletter in the exact format that they would have if they had received the hard copy of the Newsletter for that month. If you don't already have Adobe Acrobat Reader, there is a link that with the URL address which you may click on to get it downloaded for

free to your computer. To download and install this correctly you must know what operating system your computer has and identify it as such when prompted during the download and subsequent install.

Archived Newsletters:

The latest 13 versions of the Newsletter ultimately will be available in PDF format for members to view and print.

Glossary of Terms:

URL - Uniform Resource Locator

PDF - Portable Document Format

POSSIBLE NEW RUAEA CHAPTER

J. Ray Brabo, retired from the Indianapolis Maintenance Base, would like to start a RUAEA Chapter as there are many UA retirees living in the area. If any of you would be interested, please get in touch with Ray. Address: 6334 Pergola Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Phone: (317) 487-1997.

Note from Ray: Indy - let's get a Chapter going. Keep up with the "Friendly Skies"!

DON'T ACCIDENTALLY JEOPARDIZE YOUR PASS BENEFITS

I recently received information from United Airlines to the effect that Revenue Accounting is now **four months** behind in replying to inquiries made of them by either e-mail or standard mail. To add insult to what is already an injurious situation, Revenue Accounting no longer has a valid telephone number. This deplorable situation is the direct result of the personnel cutbacks that United has suffered recently.

What this effectively means is that if you have a problem with pass surcharges, the best advice is to pay the billing statement within the required time deadline and settle up with United Airlines after the fact. Otherwise, you run the serious risk of having an inflexible system automatically cancel your flight benefits. How, you may well ask, could this happen to me? Let me give you an example:

Suppose that one or more of your flight segments is listed erroneously. This could result in an overcharge or an undercharge on your billing statement with United. At any rate, an error of

commission has occurred, and probably on the part of United Airlines, once again due to its personnel being understaffed and overworked. Logically, one would either subtract the dollar difference or add on the difference, write a check to the calculated amount and send it off in the mail. Also, you would have probably enclosed a note or a letter explaining what you had done and would United please correct their records accordingly?

Now is when you enter the dangerous "Catch 22" realm. Being four months behind on e-mails and letters, and currently **having no phone number at Revenue Accounting**, you will hear absolutely nothing from United until you receive another billing statement, this time almost two months later, and from a United Airlines **collection representative**. A collection agent? What, you may well ask yourself, will all of this do to my credit rating? And, inasmuch as your problem involves money, all other offices of United Airlines will refer you to Revenue Accounting for action on your problem.

United says on their accounting statement "Payment must be received in full within 15 days from date of invoice. Failure to pay the amount in full can result in loss of travel benefits." I believe that you have a total of 45 days in which to pay, after which your benefits will be automatically cancelled. How many times does 45 days fit into the four months lag on the part of Revenue Accounting? Long enough for you to find that you can no longer fly on United passes!

Here are the contact points at United and their response times:

United Airlines WHQAK, PO Box 66282, Chicago, IL 60666 - Fax 847-700-1452: at least **four months**.

Employee-pass-invoice@ual.com (this is United Revenue Accounting, and you will receive an automated e-mail response telling you that they are currently working four months behind). If you are dealing with one of United's "collection representatives", they seem to be responsive over the phone (if they are at their desks and not on another phone) and by e-mail. After all, a collection representative is a sort of "court of last resort". When and if you receive a billing statement from one of United's collection agents, **pay your bill immediately and e-mail or call the agent and tell them the money is on its way**.

Linda Lister, United Travel Benefits Manager is NOT the person to call regarding your problems with Revenue Accounting. Ms. Lister only formulates travel policies for United Airlines.

The system is not at all what it used to be and what we all have become accustomed to over the many years. Be careful - you could very easily lose a valuable travel privilege!

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NRSA JANUARY TRAVEL ALERTS

Customer service representatives in Sydney, Australia, are getting nervous. They are remembering that on some days in Jan. 2003 they had as many as 300 non-revenue space-available (NRSA) travelers standing by for the two, already full, outbound flights to LAX & SFO.

Other international destinations that already have particularly full flights in early Jan. include Frankfurt, Germany & San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Also do your best to discourage any unaccompanied companion travel. These travelers have very low boarding priority & tend to be unfamiliar with United's travel policies.

MEDICARE COSTS TO RISE

The monthly premiums will shoot up in 2004 to \$66.60 a month, an increase of 13.5% or \$7.90 a month. This is one of the largest premiums in the history of the program.

The monthly Medicare premium started at \$3.00 in 1966, climbed gradually to \$7.20 in 1976, was still under \$25 in 1988 & reached \$50.00 in 2001. The premium will be 33% higher in 2004 than in 2001. Source: Washington Post - 10/17/03.

Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff

Beverly "Bev" Strand, Membership Secretary, was employed by United Airlines 2/13/67 as a Reservations Sales Rep. in Reservations Dept. - New York City - retired 11/1/01 as a Customer Service Rep in DEN at DIA.

Bev worked in various depts. & states "All were a great experience." Received 2 Awards of

Merit while working on the East Coast. In DENRR was awarded "Employee of the Month", received numerous "Gong the Extra Mile" certificates & pins. Many customer thank you letters resulted in Outstanding Customer Certificates.

While in DENRR she served on the local Roundtable, as well as Mountain Region, Division & System Roundtables. Worked the United booth at the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo. Participated in the 1999 Parade of Lights on the UA float. For the last seven years of her DENRR career was on the planning committee for the UAL/MDA dinner auction - had the honor of being chosen to attend the National MDA Telethon when it was broadcast from LAS.

Bev volunteered as a Ski Guide at the Keystone Ski Resort for OTHG (Over the Hill Gang!) Leisure activities include skiing, biking, hiking, golf, scuba diving - or "anything outdoors".

She & husband, Richard, really enjoy all those outdoor activities. Bev has been a regular member of RUAEA's Mailing Team since her retirement.

We are very happy to have Bev Strand as a member of Our Team.

CREDIT UNION OPENS NEW BRANCHES

The Credit Union recently opened two new Service Center branches, with another on the way, to serve the needs of its United-affiliated membership, as well as all members. The new, public access Service Centers are located at New York's Kennedy International Airport & at the Air Park Plaza in Oakland. The Credit Union also plans to add a full-member-access Service Center in the lobby of the Washington Dulles Reservations Center in Feb.

"Serving our United-affiliated membership remains a top priority for the Credit Union, now and into the future" says David Mooney, Credit Union's President/CEO. "With the opening of these new service centers, we're expanding our accessibility. We will continue to operate service centers where large numbers of our United members and their families work and live. For member convenience, we also offer various alternate 24-hour access services, such as ATMs, self-service telephone & online banking"

- The new JFK location is in the cargo area of the airport, inside the main lobby of

Building 22A, adjacent to the employee bus stop; free parking is provided.

- The new Oakland Service Center is at 433 Hegenberger Road, Suite 108; it is located just off Interstate 880 toward Oakland Airport. The Oakland branch will host a Grand Opening celebration the week of Jan. 26-30. So if you live in the area, please stop by for treats & daily raffle prizes, including a grand prize TV-DVD player.
- The Washington Dulles Reservations Service Center will be located in the lobby at 22800 Davis Dr., Sterling, VA

All these Service Centers are fully accessible to all members, including United retirees, employees, furloughed employees & family members. For your reference, here is a list of Service Center locations and accessibility:

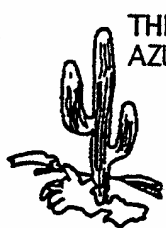
- Boston Logan International Airport (accessible only to badged airport employees)
- Chicago - Credit Union Headquarters (public access, free parking)
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (accessible only to badged airport employees)
- Chicago United Airlines World Headquarters (accessible to all United employees & retirees with an employee badge or travel card; WHQ badged employees can escort family members or former employees)
- Denver UA Flight Training Center (public access, free parking) *Moving to a nearby public-access location in Feb.*
- Denver International Airport (accessible only to badged airport employees)
- Honolulu International Airport (public access, free parking)
- Los Angeles Old Freight Building (public access, free parking)
- Los Angeles International Airport (public access, requires airport parking)
- Miami International Airport (accessible only to badged airport employees)
- New York International Airport (public access, free parking)

- Oakland Air Park Plaza (public access)
- SFO United Maintenance Operations Center (accessible to MOC badged employees; MOC badged employees can escort family members)
- San Francisco International Airport (accessible only to badged airport employees)
- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (public access, requires airport parking)
- Dulles International Airport (accessible to badged airport employees; United Airlines-affiliated members without airport badge can obtain a pass from Customer Service allowing access)
- Washington Dulles Reservations Service Center coming soon.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Feb. 2004 are due in DEN by Tue, Jan.6, Mar. reports by 2/6, April reports by 3/5. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. If reports are more than one page, list name of Chapter at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, please address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA. Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays. We cannot extend deadlines.

LOCAL NEWS

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The Thanksgiving dinner at Luke Air Force Base was a huge success. Thank you, Mel Hofer for making the arrangements. Captain Paul Hammel was the guest speaker; he did a great job.

The food was wonderful, as usual! We welcomed a new member, John Rickoff. We had quite a few guests: Brian & Barbara Wilson, guests of Bob Lutzinger. Also attending was Voula Dodd from SEA who is a friend of Shirley Alexander & Georgia Cardella. Elsie Balke who is 93, is Dottie

Quick's mother, attended. Diane Leith of San Francisco was guest of Carmel & Ernie Hutchinson. Mike Quinn from Chicago was guest of Jackie Rosch. It was great to see Sally Illingworth back. I was so proud of my husband, Alan, who donated his 50/50 winnings to the Fantasy Flight program.

Good to see Ben Meyer who is recovering from back surgery. Ginny has been a very good nurse to Ben. Horst Heinig is doing well after his back surgery. Shirley Fraser is still troubled by her hip & pinched nerve. Don Toeppen was at our luncheon, doing well after the recent loss of his wife. Our best to Don & his family.

The calling list has been reactivated with volunteers Joan Aaronson, Olive Crowthers, Jackie Rosch & Rita Wilson accepting the job of doing the calling. Some may be on the calling list, some on the e-mail, so make sure you are on one of the lists.

Birthday wishes in Jan. to Marta Bobrik, Vi Mumaugh, Marlene Bechtold, Sherry Muoio, Richard Wood & Sally Illingworth. Happy Anniversary to Jackie & Bruce Rosch, also to Lois & Larry Bertsch who are celebrating #60 on Jan. 22. God Bless you. If your name is not on the list, please let us know.

A report came that Norma Mattozzi is home & recovering. That is good news. The Azures breakfasts at Coco's are 1/5 & 1/19. Please let Pat Butkiewicz know, 935-9235, if you are going to attend.

Our next luncheon is Sat., Jan. 10, at Briarwood Country Club. We will have our annual "surprise" auction. Save those white elephants.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Chuck & Tuffet Sharpe who lost their grandson in a tragic car accident recently. He was home on leave from the army; his car was struck by a speeding driver. Our thoughts are with you.

We, Azures, wish everyone a very happy & healthy New Year from AZ.

PHOENIX METRO

RE-UNITED

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There were 60 people in attendance at the Nov.

luncheon, and all enjoyed the Naples Ristorante. Ginny Hallden was there, what great news, so happy to have you back with us, Ginny.

Jim Fauber spoke briefly about the convention in SEA next May. For those of you that have never attended a convention, they are great fun. SEA is a great town, so make plans to attend in 2004!! He also mentioned a pilot program at PDX airport that is using retirees to help passengers navigate the airport. Also discussed was the Phoenix fantasy flight for under privileged children. Ed Eason made a motion that we donate \$100 to this event, motion seconded by Skip Ward & passed.

On a sad note, we received word from Paul Weatherford that his wife, Regina, formerly of EXOPZ, has developed Alzheimer's and is in a care facility. She would love to have friends send cards & letters. Her address is:

Mrs. Regina Weatherford
Room 310
Stratford Square of Scottsdale
9410 E. Thunderbird
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Please keep Regina & Paul in your prayers.

On a lighter note, we received a note from Hank Falk, who just returned from Winnipeg. He said he spent a few days on the Tundra watching the polar bears, then on to a guest ranch & watched assorted wildlife. A fantastic trip that should be enjoyed once in one's lifetime.

Our calendar is filling up for the winter season.

Jan. - lunch is being held at Sun Lakes Phase 1 Navajo Room hosted by Ed & Marie Conlon, 11:30 a.m., no host bar, 12:30 lunch. Cost \$12.00 p/p. Contact Ed & Marie for details.

Feb. hopefully is Scottsdale again, no details at this printing.

March - Casa Grande

April - Red Mountain Park

Specific dates & times to follow for these events. Hope you all had a great holiday; hope to see you at the Jan. luncheon!

Special thanks to Carol & Pinky for standing in during my absence.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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47 Roadrunners met at Michelangelo Restaurant on Nov. 20 for delicious food & sparkling conversation. On Dec. 1, a smaller number, but no less enthusiastic, met at Tucson's Reid Park Zoo to decorate our Christmas tree. "The Festival of Lights" is an annual event at our Zoo. Many organizations decorate a live evergreen tree & the people at the Zoo hang lights everywhere. The very colorful festival remains on display until just before Christmas day.

The Christmas lunch was held at the Oro Valley Country Club on Dec. 11. After the festivities, we gathered the gifts we have purchased for the 4 families we have adopted at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. The gifts were delivered to the base in time for the happy arrival of Santa.

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Garver & Wilma Sandy will host the first luncheon for 2004, Feb. 18, at the Apple Farm Restaurant, San Luis Obispo. Details will be in the flyer.

Central Coasters meet every other month on the 3rd Wed. All retirees & guests are most welcome. For chapter info, contact Pres. Al Rybar (805) 595-2532

Calendar

Apr. 21 - Luncheon TBA

BRAZEN RAISINS-FRESNO

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The Brazen Raisins' Nov. meeting was hosted magnificently by Dick Shryock at the Pacific Seafood Restaurant in Fresno. We welcomed Dorothy Petersen's latest chauffeur, Phyllis, Sunshine Lady Donna Nessling reported that Jo Parrish is home now but is not feeling well. The Fahrnis reported that Don is feeling better; they

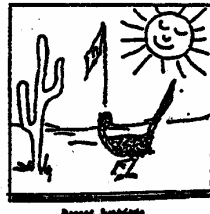
hope to rejoin us soon.

Pres. Bud Garcia suggested a slate of officers for 2004. They were voted on at the Dec. meeting. Bud also opened a discussion of the UAL pension plan. After the traditional (and mandatory) joke session, the meeting was adjourned.

Palm Springs Area

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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We had 39 attendees at the Nov. meeting. Guests were Dan Rubin, friend of Roberta Craig; James Chavez & Elizabeth Horvath, guests of Louis Horvath. Mike Bailardo has been very busy with his magic the last few months but was able to be with us this time. Patsy Kolar had recovered from some health problems, Karen & Wally Schmidt were back from WI after the summer. Tischlers had to cancel as Tom had foot surgery and couldn't get his foot wet (it was raining hard).

Louie Horvath's condo caught fire. It started in the unit next to his & was destroyed. Louie's unit had heavy smoke damage. He was in DEN & his mother was alone. She was asleep so didn't hear the smoke alarm. A neighbor realized she was there alone, broke in and rescued her.

It was our anniversary meeting; everyone had to bring something plastic. Louie Horvath & James Chavez selected a huge bag of cleaning supplies - appropriate for cleaning up their condo after the fire.

Maureen Williams sponsored the luncheon, made 8 beautiful Thanksgiving centerpieces which were given as door prizes. Dick Gorman won the free birthday lunch; Maureen Williams won the 50/50.

We need luncheon hosts for June 9 & Nov. 10 for next year; then the calendar will be complete.

Calendar

Jan. 14 - hosted by Roberta Craig. Place will be advised

Feb. 11 - hosted by Elizabeth Kratky. Also to be advised.



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The Nov. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 13th at the Silverado Brewing Co. in St. Helena, with 62 members & guests present. The food was perfect for a dark, fall day. Pres. Patrick Cadden opened the meeting by expressing his thanks to the hosts Brandon & Pat Maus and co-hosts Dan & Judy DeFord.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced there were 9 birthdays. The winner of the free lunch was Carol Hanna. There were 4 anniversaries for a total of 109 years. The Sunshine Lady had her usual repertoire of fine jokes.

V.P. Ron Huhn introduced our guests: Kathy Housh, guest of Howard Dixon; John Resendez, guest of Bill & Helen Furber; Dianna Mayon, daughter & guest of Corrine Geppert; Lee Trevelyan & Lynn Cassil, guests of Barney & Clare Hagen; Maxine Kruse, guest of Naomi Tolf.

Treas. Nick Van Kruining requested all members to pay your dues if you have not already done so & remember the Charity Box.

Patrick thanked Naomi Tolf & the nominating committee for providing the slate of nominees.

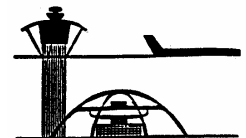
New address for Jim Lea is 5251 Maverick, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

We are in need of volunteers for future luncheons. Brandon Maus reported on some parking slots being available for retirees in the employee parking lot. This is being investigated.

Thought for the month: *"It is a good thing for an uneducated mind to read a book of quotations."*

ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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Jim Ferrance's e-mail newsletter to the LAXRR folks advises us about Jane Mueller who died early in Nov. Cards can be sent to Mrs. Jean & Mr. Ray Silvius, 10 Dornoch Way, Coto de Caza, CA

92679, e-mail JMSILVIUS@aol.com. As Jim told us "Jane was a wonderful, sweet caring person & loved by so many. We shall all miss her. Our deepest condolences to her family."

Thanks to Dale Harper's informative listings, I found Arnold "Nurdy" Nordhagen's name on the Obit list. He died June 16. He & Ruth (also deceased) were regular members for some time until their health prevented their attending meetings. I have no next of kin for friends to send notes. If anyone has it, let me know.

New Members: Donna received requests for membership applications & invitations to the Christmas party on the Queen Mary from: Billie Gaynor (reinstating), Brenda Saxton, Linyou Sukamoto, Dianne Burbank, Shoko Ito, Liz Hreno, Gary Edsen, Judy Grohne, Dorene Roberts & Linda Harris. Donna reports that Eleanor Jones will come from TX for the party & is seriously considering moving back to L.A. to be with all her friends. We would love that - we've missed her!

Membership Rosters are changing by the day it seems, but I'm doing my best to keep the list up-to-date. If anyone wants a copy, send me \$2 for postage, large envelope & printing.

2004 DUES are DUE. Notices went out with the Christmas Party invitations - cheap at \$5 per member. We go over the list sometime in Feb., so if you haven't paid by 2/1/04, you're in the dead-letter-file! But check your checkbook records - we don't want you over-paying!

"Lost" member: Last year Margaret Guyselman, one of the founders of ReLAXers, moved to where we all call "back east" (anywhere east of DEN). We lost track of her - are you out there, Margaret? Many of your friends in this area would love to know how you're doing, your address, etc. Let us know.

The Southern California fires threatened many, including members of the ReLAXers & ReSANS. Carolyn Hastings had an excellent report about it in the Dec. ReSANS column. Per the Skynet NewsReal, some UAL folks in the fire area suffered property losses. Very fortunately, no members of either chapter had any damage. The rest of us spent days cleaning up the smoke ash dust even though we were quite a distance from the fires. Much appreciated was a kind offer from the Redwood Empire chapter via e-mail from Pat Cadden for assistance wherever or however they could help.

Do any of you have young relatives or friends in the military? Be sure to tell them about the USO facilities in various cities worldwide. The locations, phones, hours, e-mail addresses can be found at WWW.USO.ORG. At LAX the USO lounge is quite near the UA terminals & is staffed by over 100 volunteers, among them UA LAX retirees Betty Houck, Jo Ann Briggs & me. If you have a military friend or relative or are yourself retired military & want to visit the LAX facility (free coffee, sodas, hot dogs, TV, small library, baggage storage if you need it.) (Donations welcome!) All you need is your military ID (active duty or retiree); you will be welcome.

TRAVELING, TOURS & HELPFUL INFORMATION: Easy Check-In is great. As reported in Skynet's NewsReal, NRSA passengers are urged to use the Easy Check-In kiosks rather than taking our own time & an agent's time at the ticket counter. Recently I flew LAX-BOS & TPA-DEN-LAX; my check-experiences at LAX & at TPA are sterling examples of why Easy Check-In is so terrific. At LAX with Easy Check-In, I received my D.M. card, checked a bag, all in about 10 minutes from my entry into the terminal until I was free to go through security. In TPA, Easy Check-In machines had been delivered, but were not operating. I stood in the check-in line for 55 minutes when a Skycap came & took all of us DEN passengers out of line to a separate counter - total time from entering the terminal to heading for security - 1 hr. & 5 minutes! I had arrived at the terminal 1 hr. & 45 minutes before departure, ended up arriving at the gate as they were paging standbys! Have I sold you now? See Skynet for the Easy Check-In demo.

Parking prices at the LAX airport employee lots remains the same so far. Let me know if you need one -- Lot E is \$15 for the month + 5 days & Lot D is \$30 for a month + 5. I am happy to get the tags for you (add \$2 for my excellent & kindly service!), but remember I may be out of town so there could be a time delay by the time I get to LAX to buy the tags. Call or e-mail for details and/or maps.

Flyers for Palm Springs April Tour - You'll soon receive the flyer for the Apr. 8-9 tour to PSP to enjoy the Fabulous Follies once again. The tour includes lunch at a PSP restaurant, the matinee show & time afterward to shop the equally fabulous

street fair. Rather than the long drive home & arriving home late, we'll stay in PSP overnight. Next morning - continental breakfast at our hotel, then head out. On the way home we'll stop for lunch at one of the desert casinos to pig out (and maybe luck out?), so you won't have to think about cooking when you get home. Call if you want details before receiving the flyer.

Calendar

Feb. 12 - Luncheon, Hacienda Hotel

Apr 8-9 - Palm Springs trip

Apr. 15 - Luncheon

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.



ReSans

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On a beautiful day in SAN, 85 members met on Dec. 5 to enjoy Christmas Greetings, good will & a delicious buffet at Tom Hams on the Bay. Pres., Marian Owens, opened the meeting with a prayer.

The 50/50 raffle was divided 4 ways with 4 lucky members taking home \$40 each. Once again, our members were very generous in bringing unwrapped children's gifts. Our White Elephant Sale was so much fun with a huge table of donations to choose from, ultimately \$186 going to our treasury.

We were delighted to welcome new members: Wanda Ono, SANCS, & Carol Schneider, LAXSW.

Bob Owens, Director of the Southern California Region, said the Pension Relief Bill must be approved before Congress adjourns, requested members to contact their Senators & Congressmen.

Bill Lindsay announced that the Lindbergh Alumni Group will meet on the first Thurs. of every month. Next meeting is Feb. 4 at Jimmy's Restaurant on Midway Dr.

Planning is in the mill to hold a joint picnic on Mission Bay with the Clipped Wings & ReSans. This will be a potluck picnic in July or Aug. More information will follow as plans are formalized.

Barbara Smith mentioned her Palm Springs trip in April & that she will pick up parking tags for folks who want to use the LAX Airport. She only charges \$2.00 for this convenient service.

We are very sad to report that Randy Tidmore lost her sister.

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Wendel lost their son.

Time is running short to sign up for our tour of Ireland in late April. Anyone who may be interested may request a flier at the above telephone number or contact me directly by e-mail at CarolynH777@aol.com. Ireland is a spectacular country to visit with friendly people & beautiful scenery.

Calendar:

Feb. 4 - Lindbergh Alumni Group - Jimmy's on Midway Dr. Contact Bill Lindsay for information.

Apr. - Spring Fling at Reuben's on San Diego Bay

July or Aug. - Potluck Picnic on Mission Bay with ReSans & Clipped Wings

Oct. - Halloween Party at Fireside Restaurant in Escondido

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Pres. Walter Bartkowiak called our Nov. meeting to order, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, 126 present on this Mon. before Thanksgiving.

Membership Sec'y, Carol Walter, introduced 2 new members, Juan Pineda & Daryl Coe. In Oct. we added Betty Mock, Donna Kopeck & James Grant. We now have 624 members in our SFO group. Carol reminded us that our dues should be paid before Dec. 31 so next year's roster can come out on time. There has been some confusion between the dues of our local group & the national RUAEA. Carol explained the difference, said that if someone seems confused "tell them where they are."

Cards were sent to several of our members who had surgery recently. Helen Cain had foot surgery, Shirley Dickinson had surgery on her hand &

Virginia Thompson had some surgery on her head. All 3 were at the meeting & seem to be well on the road to recovery. Joan Jervis has an ongoing illness & surgeries. She told me that her goal is to make the SEA Convention; we look forward to seeing her there.

Elizabeth Bennauer has been hospitalized since July 25. Don Hansen received a new hip joint this month, hear he is doing well. Don has not been attending meetings since he has had several back surgeries.

Harriet Kunze thanked everyone who brought wrapped shoeboxes or Chiristmas stockings filled with gifts for children that were sent to Shelter Network. She also announced that we sent donations to 5 charities this year.

Ernie Bloom, SFO Volunteer, told us that if you are traveling standby on an international flight & you don't make the flight you have to re-list & check in again. But, he added that things are always changing. Another good piece of information - when you give your *passport to the ticket agent be sure that they give you back your passport.*

Nominating Committee officer, Frances (Rosie) Rosenthal presented the 2004 proposed slate of new officers. They are:

Pres.	Walter Bartkowiak
1 st V.P.	Bob Taiclet
Co-2 nd V.P.	Monte & Mary Ann Monson
Treas.	Gene Walter
Recording Sec'y	Helen Cain
Corres. Sec'y	Donna Taiclet
Membership Sec'y	Carol Walter
Auditors	Ozzie Schmidt, Don Reuszer & Tony Hutt

The motion to accept the proposed officers for 2004 was passed unanimously.

After the potluck Monte Monson introduced our program, the Peninsula Choraliers, with our own Helen Cain. This is 25-voice women's chorale that was established in 1963. They provided us with some beautiful music; we always enjoy having them entertain us. January's program will be Carol Tyler, speaker, vocalist & violinist.

Travel info: Want to take a trip? Contact Ginger Dahlberg at 650-345-5548 or e-mail gingersfo@aol.com.

Calendar

Singles Club: 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce, 650-593-7328

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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This will be my last newsletter of 2003. I hope everyone had a Healthy & Happy Holiday. Now we start year 2004. Where did the time go?

We had 2 luncheons in one week in Dec. Wow!! One was for the ladies on the 3rd with 24 present. Everyone brought a toy for a needy child. We thank Claire Eber, Jeanette Frederickson & Alice Frisch for being our hostesses. Lunch was great. Several of our ladies had to cancel due to illness & other commitments. We wish you well, to those who are ill. Take care.

Our RUAEA luncheon was on the 5th with 92 present. Toys again were collected to be given to the Marine Corp to distribute to needy children. Alex Klaus & Tony Urso were in charge. Non-perishable food was collected by Bob & Ruie Bradley to give to the Salvation Army. George & Ella Sousa and Wilma & Garver Sandy were hosting this event.

By this time, Bert Swanson (my husband), will be finished with his chemo treatments. We hope & pray they did what they were supposed to do. He wishes to thank everyone for cards, phone calls & prayers.

We want to give our sincere sympathy to Alice Frisch for the loss of her brother in Kansas. Alice & Gerry traveled there for the funeral.

Congratulations to Clyde & Jean Jenkins for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They received a gift from the group.

Lois Rodriquez will be our new secretary for 2004 - so have a good year. I enjoyed working with our group. Now it is time for a change. Have a great year.

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 DeAnza Blvd., San Jose, CA, 7:30 a.m., meeting 8:25 a.m. For more information contact Pres. Bill Copley (408) 725-8420

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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their Nov. meeting with 35 members & guests. We welcomed 4 new guest: Ed & Joyce Takara, retired from SFOSW, formerly HNLSW and Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth, retired from SFORR, also a return member from a year ago, Dick Sperling, retired from SFOFO.

Howard Payne issued some very interesting information on Interline cruises & websites. Great discounts & information. He will also have the information available at our next meeting. He has encouraged everyone with internet access to use it for the RUAEA Newsletter. To sign up: WWW.RUAEA.ORG.

Just a reminder about the new (sort of new) BP10 category. It is only for active employees.

Calendar

2004 meeting dates:

1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10

We meet at Baker's Square Restaurant - Willow Pass Road - Concord. Social time from 11:30, lunch from 12:00 to about 1:00 or 1:30. No notice needed; just come on down!!

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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There were 55 Mile Highers at the Dec. 3 breakfast; first-timers were: Nancy Goodyear,

Aggie Holcomb & Lonnie Kemp. Three of the 50/50 winners donated their winnings to the stamp fund: Lynes Allen, Doug Colbert & Ron Siensen. We also received a special donation from Frances "Babe" James for the stamp fund.

Tom Goodyear, Mountain Region Director & also Pres. of the Mile-Highers Chapter was "Santa Claus" for 5 organizations this Christmas season. Tom does a great job - all of the kids love him.

Luncheon on 12/8 at the Fresh Fish Company was enjoyed by 101 persons. First-timers were: Margaret/Victor Andretta, Ann/Pat Dulin, Roberta/Ed Hueson, Ruth/Dwyne McKenney, Adrene/Robert Melcer, Rose Anne Rohrbach, Linda/Bill Williams. On 12/9-12 Mile Highers were busy wrapping donated toys for Santa's Sleigh Ride.

Therman Eaton has been in the hospital recently, is now recuperating at home. He would enjoy hearing from his RUAEA friends. Address: 14233 E. Marina Dr., Aurora, CO 80014.

Gerry Johnson has been quite ill, requiring 2 weeks in the hospital, then 2 weeks in a nursing home, now is recuperating. She is moving into a new apartment and would enjoy receiving cheering-up cards, notes or telephone calls. Address: c/o Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe St., Apt. #612, Denver, CO 80210, telephone #303-300-1151.

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Al Hierser on 11/16/03. Al was a very active & dedicated member of our chapter. His seniority date 3/6/29 & was #3 on the RUAEA Seniority List. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Elizabeth, & family. He will be missed. Elizabeth's address: 828 S. Johnson Ct., Lakewood, CO 80226.

DEN Retirees: If you would like to receive the Denver Mainliner Club newsletter "Contrails" drop a post card to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. The DEN MLC will pay the postage.

Also - to the recently retired people - if you have not received your Life-time Mainliner Club Card, stop in the TK - Mainliner Store to pick up your card. It is necessary to bring your UA Retirement Card.

Please remember to bring those aluminum pop cans to the next breakfast - they sure do help our treasury. Also bring a fellow retiree to the next breakfast. We welcome all the first-timers. Starting in Jan. cost of breakfast will be increased to \$6.00.

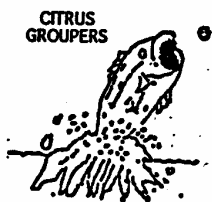
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Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPEES

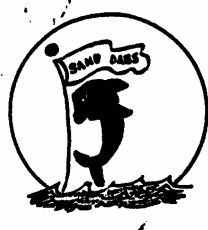
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Maxine Wood is doing much better and we hope to see her & Frank soon.

Jan. 22 we will meet, 11:30 a.m., at Sonny's Bar-B-Q, 750 W. Main St. (US Hwy. 41 N), Inverness. Please notice that we have to change restaurant for Jan. because the New Hong Super Buffet is closed.

On Feb. 26, we will meet at Bentley's Restaurant, 11920 N. Florida Ave. (Hwy. 41) in Dunnellon.



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Pres. Dick Coughlin called the meeting to order. Even though we were a small group of 12 at our Dec. meeting, it was a very talkative & harmonious group. Among the missing: Ed Watson was off to CA to be with his kids; Martha Priehs was cruising the Western Caribbean with some former high school friends; Rick & Marion Johnson are still on their 51-day cruise.

Prez Dick brought us up-to-date on company news. We saw a picture of the new TED airplane & its paint scheme. Dick noted the number of planes, number of seating, number of different fares. We all had to agree TED was an unusual name chosen. We learned UAL was named the "Airline with the best Frequent Flyer Program" in Business Traveler Magazine - for the 8th straight year. Good job, UAL. We are concerned about how the new government drug benefit will affect our present

Medco program.

Birthday celebrants present were Lowell Johnson & Andy Kress. They share the same day - Dec. 16. We enjoyed singing to them. At joke time the Prez had quite a few "old age" funny ones, such as "the older we get the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for."

Treas. Frieda Coughlin gave this report: After our contributions to 3 charities of \$100 each, we are still in the black. The Prez had us play a little funny game getting a new name based on the letters of our real name. Some were really funny. Many of our group will be traveling during the holidays. Those we know about are: Dick & Frieda Coughlin to CHI & NJ; Bill & Mary Oliver on a Caribbean cruise; Steve & Lillian Moddle to NC to be with the grandkids; Lowell & Ann Johnson to Scottsdale, AZ with son & family; Juanita Pointer to AZ to be with long-time friends; Andy & Jane Kress will remain in FL but will be in St. Augustine with daughter for Christmas; John & Bobbie Rieck will be having their whole family come to FL - first time to be all together for Christmas in about 30 years or more. Welcome to the "zoo" I think.

Since the Jan. meeting will fall on the 1st, we will not meet until Jan. 8. At that time we will discuss some activities we could do such as lunch at Spring Garden Ranch in DeLeon Springs, and/or dinner & show at the Hawaiian restaurant in Daytona. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday with family & friends.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *When the Power of Love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.* (author unknown).

Calendar

Jan. 8 - 11:30, Red Lobster

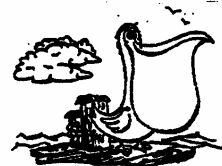
Feb. 5 - 11:30, Red Lobster

Mar. 4 - 11:30, Red Lobster

SW FLORIDA

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There were 38 members & 1 guest, Marie

Bonnes, who was guest of Ray Winterhalter, at the Pelican Drop-Ins Christmas Party. Christine Fowler, a gospel singer, led the group in Christmas carols. Everyone received a small prize at the end of a fun game, conducted by Carrie Belluso, that left everyone laughing.

Sally Sciple, Rip Patisini & Harry Walton donated prizes for the 50/50 raffle. These added to the other items, totaled 15 raffle gifts plus \$49 in cash.

A large table was loaded with Christmas gifts, as well as \$45.00 in cash, for the children of Tice Elementary School. This is joint project with the United employees at the airport. A "Thank You" was received from the children's families for the food & money our group donated at Thanksgiving. We were advised our contribution was able to feed 20 families.

Because the first Fri. of Jan. falls too close to New Year's Day, our Jan. meeting will be held on Jan. 9.

Calendar

Luncheon meeting 1st Fri. of the month at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Fort Myers. Reservations are necessary. For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb, (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers), UALMKE@aol.com; Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda), jgilkison1@comcast.net; Carrie Belluso, (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers), Tutupapa1@aol.com.



THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS CELEBRATE GROUP'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

On Oct. 28, 1993 the first meeting of the Orlando UAL retirees group took place at Denny's Restaurant on Rte. 436. Vance Rogers (MCO) conducted the meeting. Gloria Hoffman (HDQ) was acting secretary. Election of officers took place; Jack Cavner (MCO) was elected Pres., Ed Chattey (MCO) - V.P., Gloria Hoffman - Sec'y/Treas. & Maureen Anderson (EWR) volunteered to

assist Gloria. At their next meeting in Jan. 1994, the 23 attendees voted to adopt the name of "The Real McCoys". So began the evolution of a great group which today boasts a paid membership of 94 retirees - and we're still growing!

Pictured on attached photo (with cake decorated to commemorate 10th anniversary) are from left to right: Robbie Corbin - 1998-99, Gene Hall - 1995, Richard Llewellyn, 2000-2004, Ted LeGrand - 1996. Missing are Jack Cavner, 1994, and Eldon Hostetter, 1997.



Pres. Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting at the beautiful Plantation Gardens Clubhouse after we had enjoyed a WONDERFUL holiday repast with 50 in attendance. After Sec'y Norma Butchart read the minutes & Charlotte LeGrand read the Treasurer's report, which were approved as read, a special THANKS & appreciation gift was presented to our hostess, Netta Darroch who makes it possible for us to use the facilities. Netta also had available pictures of Phyllis Ellis (Barker) who has left us for TN.

Guests were Charlie Ringer's nephew & wife, Doug & Judy Monig from NY.

Anniversaries celebrated in Dec. - C.B. & Betty Davidson, John & Irene Beck and Ted & Char LeGrand. Also The Real McCoys are celebrating their 10th anniversary, a date which we share with the 100th anniversary of the flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk!

New officers were approved for 2004: Richard Llewellyn, Pres.; Sid Edelman, V.P.; Norma Butchart, Sec'y; Gloria Armistead, Corresponding Sec'y; Charlotte LeGrand, Treas.; Barbara Halterman, Sunshine Lady. It will be a great year for The Real McCoys!

Rounding off our Christmas Charity Fund for

the year 2003 to \$300, we were able to donate \$100 to Hospice & \$200 to the Narcoosee Children's Home. The home is also in need of volunteers: Homework Volunteers to help the children with their studies - Housework Volunteers to help so the children have some personal time. See Char LeGrand for details.

A reminder - Jan. is the month 2004 dues are expected.

The new "*Let's Go, I'm Taking You to My Favorite Restaurant*" will begin in Jan. We will try to do 6 months in advance. Forms are available from Richard.

Bids were taken for the painting by Ed Chattay of a United 767. The highest bidder will be announced next month. Sofie Karpierz had some of her pictures on hand, also sign ups for some available time share locations.

Our special thoughts & prayers are with C.B. Davidson and his upcoming operation. God Bless.

A great big THANK YOU to the Llewellyns, Haltermans & Netta Dorroch for making our Holiday Party a great success!

Happy New Year to All.

Calendar

Jan. 10 - Orlando Broadway Theatre. *Nunsense Nutcracker Suite*

Spring 2004 - Trip to Branson

Fall 2004 - Trip to New England

For more details & tickets contact Stan Halterman, 407-852-6773

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Jon Wilkinson opened the Dec. meeting at Buddy Freddy's with the Salute to the Flag. There were 26 attendees.

Sadie again announced that the West Coast Luncheon in Jan. will be held at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. Cost per person for the luncheon is \$15 for a choice of lamb shank, prime rib or chicken. Although the cut-off date is Jan. 10, Sadie will take reservations up to the day before the luncheon. She has to give Pappas Restaurant a hard number by the afternoon of the 18th. Jo Madden

will be the speaker, also Marlin Lade, Executive V.P., will give us an update on United Airlines & RUAEA.

Terri Breslin welcomed John Hargraves to our meeting & informed all present of Ruth Farley's condition. Since the meeting, Ruth passed away. Glen, Ruth's husband, would like any donations to be sent to Gulfside Regional Hospice, 3539 Universal Plaza, New Port Richey, FL 34652. The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Jo & Bob Taylor celebrated 60 years of marriage on Dec. 21.

The Treasurer's report was read. Jon Wilkinson then opened the floor for nominations of officers. There were 3 nominees for president, namely - Mike Rice, Ron Wilkerson & Dick Riedl. Bob Taylor was nominated for V.P., Lillian Sawyer for Treas. & Denise Allen for Sec'y again.

Jon suggested that the April picnic again be held in Anderson Park on the first Mon. of April. This was approved; Jon said he would make the arrangements.

Jon then filled us in on some happenings with United; then the meeting was adjourned.

Calendar

Jan. 5 - Monthly meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday, 10 a.m.

Jan. 19 - West Coast Luncheon

THE VILLAGES

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The Nov. meeting of The Villages Airline Retirees chapter was held at the Saddlebrook complex on the 20th at 7:00 p.m. The group was smaller due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We were entertained by the Theatrical Variation & Dance Group of The Villages.

Tentatively, a trip to LAX is being planned with no specific date set at this time.

Jan. meeting to be at the Saddlebrook complex. Membership dues for 2004 are now due.

We hope that everyone enjoyed a nice holiday season; we look forward to having more fun in the New Year together.

Calendar

Meetings are held the 3rd Thurs. of each month at the Saddlebrook complex in The Villages.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Bud Peters opened the meeting on Dec. 1 by reminding us that this was election day. He completed his 2-year term as chapter president on Dec. 31. Nominations were invited. First he said he had a volunteer, Ron Hamann, who said he'd serve if we would also elect a 1st V.P. to assist him. Ron chaired very successfully the committee to find us a large meeting room. Since he works 3 days a week, he felt that he would need help, therefore the proviso. Bud asked for nominations. By popular acclaim Bill Jones, F/O Retired, accepted. With a big round of applause, it was a done deal. A retired mechanic (also a pilot) & a retired flight captain - *what a team!!* Congratulations Ron & Bill. Thanks.

What do we know about Ron Hamann? He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Arkansas from 1962 to 1964. He attended Northstar School of Aviation in Fairbanks & received his A&P certificate in 1966. He started with UAL 4/11/67 as a mechanic at the SFO Maintenance Center. Furloughed in Nov. 1970, he worked for Frankes Aviation converting Gruman Mallards to turboprops. Late in 1971, Ron was recalled to UAL. Meanwhile, he had earned his pilot's certificate. From 1985 to 1992 he was a lead mechanic in SFO, until transferred to BOIMM Line Maintenance. In 1993, he received his FAA Inspection Authorization, & about the same time qualified for Aircraft Line Inspection. On 10-20-2001, BOIMM was closed, & he transferred to SFOMM. For 20 days he commuted to SFO, retiring on 11-30-01. He & wife Denise live in Meridian, ID.

We were reminded that this would be our last breakfast meeting at Perkin's restaurant. Starting Jan. 5, we will meet at the Holiday Inn at 3300 Vista Ave., in Boise. Our room is the Peregrine

Room, 9:30 a.m. Future meetings will be at the Holiday Inn on the first Mon. of each month, unless otherwise announced.

Don Behrendt gave us an update on the Warhawk Air Museum project. He said his committee is developing a pictorial display of the history of the UAL Shield, going back to company's origin. He also said the museum is planning to double the size of its facility in the near future. Meanwhile, through the persistent efforts of "Ned" Yundt, the GEMS continue to ask for donations for another display case for the museum. That was helped along by a generous donation of \$100 from Mr. & Mrs. Orval McPeak. Kathryn McPeak is sister of Edna "Eddie" Glee Smith Pool, who died recently in BOI. The donation was made in Eddie's memory.

Roni Adams added that on Dec. 17, several GEMS helped with the "Centennial of Flight" program that the Warhawk Air Museum is taking to some of the area schools. When the team said they needed another volunteer, Bud Peters said he would join the group. We now have Don Behrendt, Roni Adams, Dave Adams, Sharon Kolins, Denny Synder & Bud & Pat Peters working on the project. Thank you one & all. Roni has designed a logo to be embroidered on the vests worn by the volunteers working the information desk at the airport. The logo has been approved by the Airport Marketing & Air Services.

We were disappointed that Richard & Doreen Hardy did not make it, but they will be along later, hopefully for our regular meeting in Jan. With all the kind words the Hardys had to say about our column in the Newsletter (well-written informative & entertaining), what can I say? I guess I have the job for life.

Calendar

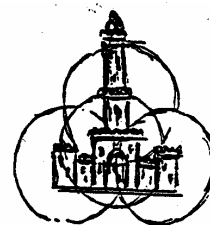
Jan. 5 - Breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 2 - Breakfast at the Holiday Inn, 9:30 a.m.

ILLINOIS

LOOP GROUP

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It was the day of the Loop Group luncheon & the weather was beautiful. I felt it would be a good idea to go down to the Palmer House to be sure everything was in order. I made my way to the French Quarter, stopped at the reception desk, spoke with a clerk, who informed me the LOOP Group was not scheduled for the Alcove spot since the room had been rented to a group from out of state. We spoke about the problem; finally the manager came over. He was aware of the problem but that's the way it is. Impasse, our conversation continued very civilized, no temper flared. Suddenly from the corner of my eye I noticed activity at the Alcove, tables being set up, breathed a thank you to myself - like a mirage taking place. I saw 3 souls wandering in - all is well that ends well. There was much laughter and talk. Someone asked how Pat Schaeffer was; her address is 6007 N. Sheridan Rd., #773-294-2595.

I became aware of Mary Gray who appeared sad & very quiet; I asked what the matter. Well, her younger brother a former priest was in hospice. Also for those who remember the ticket office at the Palmer House, a former worker, Shirley Mullin, would be delighted to establish contact again.

This is the first newsletter for 2004 & the Loop Group extends wishes to everyone and all the blessings of love, good health & the best for the New Year.

I've been asked, and the answer is "yes"; I am going to Greece. It will be great to see old friends again. In the meantime please remember the following:

Calendar

Jan. 21 - Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m.

Before ending - A BIG THANK YOU to the folks at RUAEA.



CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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We receive letters regarding things that we have left out or forgotten. Here is one from Chet Groch, 4560 El Cajon Ave., Fremont, CA 94536-5541, who described the great northwest. This is

appropriate because our next year's convention is in Seattle. "Just a friendly reminder." Mt. McKinley - 20,320 ft. high - is in Alaska, about 200 miles due north of Anchorage. Washington State has Mt. Ranier, 11,411 ft. high. Mt. St. Helens, 8,366 ft. high. Both are south of SEA. Chet retired in 1989 from SFOPD.

Someone passed this note to me, but did not sign a name: "Carol Quintavalle passed away 11-10-03. Carol retired from CHIRR in Feb. 2003."

The Northside had a new retiree, Jeanette Curcurd, in the group of over 100. Phone (773) 775-2671, welcome her aboard. We had another retiree, Helen Bottalla, #847-438-7595, who retired on 11/1/03 from WHQWS (Cargo Call Center) which was out-sourced to Nova Scotia, Canada.

Our North Atlantic traveler, Mary Szabo, was in Belgium in Sept. & Oct. Lucked out going 1st class each time.

At the Southside Brunch, we had 23 people & were pleasantly surprised by 4 visitors from ORD Air Freight. They were Ray Prost, John Morrissey, Gary Olson & Bob Franson. Retirement dates were in 2002 and 2003. They like our operation because 3 of the 4 won raffle money! We suggested that they come next month and not be so lucky.

Retirement has new pleasantries. Note that Kay Mulvihill just became a great gramma to a baby boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces. They call him Luke Mathew. Check it out, #708-389-8906.

Although Christmas will be past by the time you read this, there is still a need for supplies for the local Food Pantry. Please bring one or two cans of food to help those less fortunate in the New Year.

This will be my last news column for RUAEA. Rich Surma is taking over the monthly report, so give him your help in gathering information about our local retirees. I'll be semi-retired, will occasionally get news items for Rich from the Southside.

Calendar

Southside Brunch - Last Tues. of the month, 10:00 a.m., Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL

Northside Breakfast - 2nd Wed. of the month, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant, Golf Rd. and Busse Hwy, Mt. Prospect, IL

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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With Thanksgiving at hand, the Nor'Easters didn't hold a Nov. meeting. We are putting a lot of effort into the Christmas luncheon. Communications between myself, V.P. George Mavres & our new treasurer, Bill Vanderwal have been smooth & effective. We're looking forward to a new chapter president being voted in, in 2004.

I regret to advise of the death of Pat, wife of Paul Newcomb, in mid-Nov. Paul & Pat were instrumental in the founding of the Nor'Easters. Paul served as an officer for years, sometimes holding 2 positions at once, with Pat always right there. She worked at United before becoming a stay at home mom.

ALSO, William MacDonald. He sent in his dues for 2003 early in Dec. '02, then passed, on the 23rd. The chapter didn't know of his demise until just a few weeks ago. Our condolences to both families.

To all my fellow United Airlines retired employees everywhere, I wish you a healthy & Happy New Year. God bless us all. God bless America!

MICHIGAN



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Nov. 6, 18 Escapees including 1st-timer & new grandma Patty Gates gathered at the Olive Garden, hosted by Mary Burglund & Carol Shaffner. It was decided that instead of past traditions we would do something to help someone less fortunate this year. Rhea Jay took on this assignment & we have adopted 3 families for the holiday. Now we have

many elves hustling to make 13 dreams come true

Our Dec. host, Julie Felix, had a fun idea as 26 Escapees, including guest Larry with his mom Betty Martinez (looking great, no limping or cane, after successful hip surgery), returned to the Book Bldg. We met at the Bookers Tavern, formerly the AA city ticket office. What a jogging of the old memory cells were tested. Most of the surrounding buildings had been torn down & replaced. The Book Building, Tiger Stadium (soon to be torn down) & St. Aloysius across the street were a couple of the few familiar sites. I am sure many ears were ringing as we fought to recall those good old days. Marlene Jeffery & Gloria Alexander really recalled those days when they received parking tickets for not beating our city's best to the meters to deposit their \$.25 on time. I believe that used to be \$.10 when we worked. We recalled when Chuck Hollenbrook, (CTO supervisor) & major offender of the parking meters, was escorted in handcuffs by our boys in blue. He was hauled away, directly to jail for non-payment of tickets, owing in the thousands. We always wondered what our customers were thinking. After lunch we took a memorial elevator ride to the 11th floor, now empty & under renovation looking for a new tenant.

A cool story by Fred O'Keefe: when he & his brother were on an outing just happened to note a couple pieces of paper on the ground. Curious Fred had to go check them out. Would you believe they were two tickets to the Mich, Ohio State game, currently going for \$400 each. Fred thought that if they were his tickets & he lost them, what would he hope for. The only thought was to return them...but to whom? Soon they noted a couple men & 2 little girls that seemed to be scanning the ground with their eyes. Fred walked up to one of the little girls, asked if she was looking for something. She told them "some tickets". Fred reached into his pocket, asked her if they looked like these. The little girl said they looked just like them. Then Fred told her he had found them for her. He said the smiles on the two little girls' faces were worth a million. Thank God for special guys like Fred to find them.

Good news from Charm Nicole; her latest mammogram showed her cancer free, in Charm's words, Yaaa Hooo!!

We were saddened to hear Pat Haddon, sister of Celeste Folmer had joined the friendly skies. Love & prayers to Pat's daughter, Jeral & Celeste, 9400

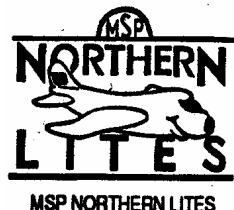
Grand Gate, Las Vegas, NV 89131
Wishing all many blessings in 2004.

Calendar

First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail

MINNESOTA

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A first taste of winter: snow, rain, slush & wind, brought 30 hearty retirees to our Nov. meeting. Everyone found our new location in West St. Paul without too much difficulty. Of course, Jim Simon had his G.S. navigational system working, so he was the 1st one there.

We attempted to have an election of officers for 2004, but it seems to be an "until death do we part" office. Lee Storlie, who has done an excellent job as our president, was re-elected. Donna Gray still holds the purse strings as our treasurer. Connie Glattly & Mary Brennan continue on as co-secretaries.

Dues for 2004 will remain at \$5.00 per retiree or couple. To receive our local mailings, e-mails & phone notifications, also be a retiree of "good standing" - please remit your dues at our next meeting or mail your check for \$5.00, payable to Donna Gray, 6711 Lake Shore Dr., #1102, Richfield, MN 55423.

Pictures were shared from our Oct. boat trip from Red Wing, MN down the Mississippi. A beautiful fall day, colors, eagle sightings & buffet lunch at the local casino. There were even a few winners!

Nel Brawner, Jim, the Glattlys & Brennans joined the "Loonies" for their fall get-together in mid-Oct. lovely fall colors, weather, wine tasting, good food, good accommodations & good fun made for a good 'ole get-together. Thank you, Loonies, for your hospitality.

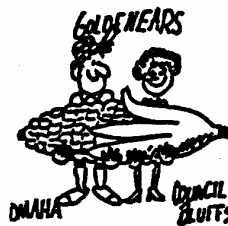
It was voted to put our name on the calendar for the next year at Old Country Buffet in West St. Paul. The meeting room worked well, cost is reasonable, food is good plus they have cinnamon

rolls for Dorothy Wood. The snowbirds will be leaving soon - hope everyone has a safe winter, good health & Happy Holidays!

Calendar

Lunch at Old Country Buffet, West St. Paul at Hwy. 494 & So. Robert St., 2nd Wed. of the month, 11:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA



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What a great turnout at the Bohemian with 53 attending. Thanks to Tom & Rose Langan for hosting, also for the Halloween favors.

Peggy Mangiamelli & Casey Casebeer were married Sept. 26, honeymooned to Branson, MO. Our sincere congratulations to Peggy & Casey. They dated 45 years ago for about 4 months and when Casey saw that Joe had passed away, he sent Peggy a card & started calling her. His wife had also passed away.

I finally ran Mickey Koewler down, found her at Methodist Hospital. She had been there 2 weeks, sent her home on Sat., had to go back on Tues. I went to see her on Thurs., the 6th. She was being transferred to the Ambassador Nursing Home for rehabilitation as she has lost the use of her legs. She said they told her she might be there a week. She was really happy about going to the nursing home. Our thoughts & prayers are with Mickey as she goes through the rehabilitation process. Her spirits are wonderful & she is very optimistic.

Judy Nekonchuk had surgery on Nov. 13 for 3 crushed discs in her neck. She is at Methodist Hospital. We wish Judy a speedy recovery.

I saw in the paper where Margaret Wright passed away. As most of you know, she moved to Scottsdale, AZ 3 or 4 years ago. Her services were held on Nov. 8 in OMA.

I had a call from Shirley Lee, Edna & Commodore Plummer's daughter. She wanted us to know that Commodore is in the Bethany Lutheran Nursing Home, 7 Elliott, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, phone 323-9017. as you all remember, Edna was

taken there about 3 years ago with Alzheimers. They are not in the same room. She said her dad kept falling, so they felt it was time he goes to a nursing home.

I had a note from Gene O'Brien; he & Carol have moved - here is their new address so you can change your roster: 1645 Delta Wind Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648

Calendar

Feb. 3 - Malara's, hosted by Dick & Marilyn Weak

Mar. 2 - Bohemian Café, hosted by Rose & Tom Langan

NEVADA

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We had great turnout; 40 people attended the luncheon meeting at The Red Lobster. Elizabeth Brown opened the meeting & introduced our new members: Dave & Gillian Isbell, retired from SFO in 1998, now live at Lake Tahoe. Virgil Simon also a SFO retiree, now resides in Pollock Pines, CA. Carl & Maree Bodin, now in Fallon, NV.

Our guest this month was young Amanda Mason, granddaughter of John & Roberta Wagner.

Elections were held for new officers; here they are:

Pres.	John Zaboli
Sec'y	Mary Withers
Treas.	Shirley Dringenberg
Badge Coordinator	Roberta Wagner
Newsletter	John Brown

Our raffle was won by John Robinson.

NEW YORK

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Dec. 10, 52 of us gathered at Salvatore's Italian Gardens for our Christmas get-together. This year's menu, a choice of Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu, offered everyone an opportunity to again enjoy Russ Salvatore's exceptional food. The restaurant was lit up in white, gold & silver Christmas decorations & presented a truly festive setting. If anyone has ever visited this restaurant saying it was "lit up" is an understatement.

2 newcomers & wives joined us. Roland & Molly Powers recently moved back to Grand Island, having left here about 30 years ago. Don & Frankie Gaydos returned after spending several years in Myrtle Beach, SC. Think they got tired of dodging the big wind storms; the most recent hurricane in Oct. blew past just a few days before the moving van arrived. Two recent departures for DEN, Lloyd & Janet Cliff returned to spend the evening with us. Welcome to all; we hope to see more of you in the future.

The sick list this time is a bit long: Harry Barber had a slight stroke in Sept, while up & around is a bit timid about getting out at night. Joyce (Joan) Izydorczak had back surgery in early Oct. but returned to the hospital for 3 additional surgeries to stop a spinal fluid leak. She is finally home & feeling much better. Ralph Loffert suffered an aneurysm in the groin, had a difficult repair but is now in rehab & expects to return home in a week or 10 days. Gerry Aquino was down with the flu. Shame on her for not getting a flu shot. Our thoughts & prayers are with them for a rapid return to normal.

GUYS AND DOLLS

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As usual, our Holiday party which was arranged by Pres. Marge Segal was truly festive. 39 members enjoyed tapas & sangria followed by lunch. First-timer attendees were Jim Micawzri (JFKSW) & his wife Linda; Dian Hess Gilmore (JFKSW) & Ann Windmuller (NYCSS). We were happy to see Jim & Joan McGilvray after a long absence.

San Martin owner, Ramon, presented each of us a gift bag of a coffee mug & a pen.

All were invited to share a recent travel experience. Anne Dean spoke of her wonderful trip to South America; Barbara Koprowski said her trip to Alaska was beautiful.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Marsha Sullivan, second winner was Anne Dean - finally!

We wish everyone a Happy & Healthy 2004!

Calendar

Feb. 3 - luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo (212) 753-6128 or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

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This year our annual Christmas Party was a huge success, with 127 members & guests attending. The Millerridge Inn was decorated in full holiday finery to brighten the spirits of all attending. It worked! The table centerpieces, designed by Diana Talochino were more beautiful than last year's. Good job, Diana! Many ladies wish they were as handy as you, myself included.

There were 8 guests at the banquet, Susan Fleming, JFKFF; her sister, Carol Cenkus LGACS retired; Renee Hamilton & Chris Bittar, guests of Mabel Bittar, & Yvonne Guella. Also, Marie Ossi who is a regular at our Christmas parties, plus the every faithful Pucillo sisters & Paul Mongelli, son of Rocky & Martha Mongelli.

The Millerridge Inn had put a limit of 130 people that could occupy the banquet room. Any members that called Rosemary to place their names on the attending list & were denied, we are truly sorry.

Birthday greetings to Mary Shepherd who will be 83 on the 15th of this month & Vic Auletta who was 86 on Dec. 13. Best wishes to all our other Dec. birthday celebrants.

The New York Metros chapter has 4 new life members for the year 2003: Jack Dowling, Harold Malasardi, John Butera & Charlie Kaczinski. All four have reached their 80th birthday this year. Congratulations, guys!

Besides the 4 elected officials, 9 members were

appointed to the Board of Directors for the New York Metros: John Butera, Elliot Olenick, Joe Musynski, Roy Portelli, Dave Curtin, Diana Talochino, Mike Maddi, Jack Dowling & last but not least, Ed Possi. I'm sure all will continue to do a great job.

The annual Arthur Shepherd Presidents Award was presented to Martha Mongelli, posthumously. Once again, we cannot express our feelings enough for Martha Mongelli & the work she had taken on for the good of the New York Metros. The plaque was accepted for Martha by Rocky & their son, Paul, who works at JFK. The room burst with applause in appreciation.

It was good seeing Peter & Edythe Dollis' smiling faces at the Christmas luncheon. Both of you look great!

The John Pucillo Award is another yearly award, presented to the member most deserving, elected by the Board of Directors & presented by John Pucillo's two daughters, Irene Pucillo Parker & Linda Pucillo Guiliano. The 2003 recipient of the plaque went to R. Schneider who thanks everyone for the accolade & acknowledgment.

Thank you Irene & Linda for attending our yearly festivities and presenting the John Pucillo Award to our recipients in your father's name. We love having you with us.

Calendar

Our monthly meetings are at the Millerridge Inn at 12 noon, the first Wed. of each month.

Jan. 7

Feb. 4

Mar. 3

OHIO

BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes had a whooping 126 members attending the annual Christmas party on Dec. 11 held at Piper's Three. It was the largest number of members attending our luncheons. Emily & Dave Robinson, thank you for hosting

your 2nd annual Christmas Party luncheon at Piper's Three. The entertainment was provided by John Kowalski.

I understand that Jolly Ole St. Nicholas in his red suit just might have dropped in to visit the "Buckeyes". I understand that he has been making his annual visit for the past 10 years. If we're good he just might have some goodies in his little red bag. The retirees always look forward to his coming. We now have a total of 250 members.

As you know, our chapter is sponsoring a friend who is going to walk 26.2 miles in a marathon on Jan. 11 in Orlando for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Her goal was \$3,000; to date she has collected \$4,000 due to a generous gift of \$1,000 from one family. In Nov. I received a call from Lee Storlie, Pres. of Northern Lites Chapter in MSP/StPaul. The Northern Lites Chapter wanted to make a donation to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We "THANK YOU", for your kindness; it is truly appreciated.

I spoke with Mary Ellen Frink & learned that they would not be able to attend our Christmas party but, are looking forward to seeing everybody at the Feb. meeting at Dimitri's.

There will be no meeting in Jan. The next meeting will be held Feb. 4. Starting at our Feb. 4 meeting the 50/50 tickets will be sold at the door. It will be a two-part ticket. This will be a one-stop shop. Get your name tag & partake in the 50/50, if you so elect to. We look forward to seeing you then. Let us hope that the year 2004 will make this great nation of ours even stronger. My wish for all of you is good health, happiness & peace. Happy New Year to all & May God Bless You.

Calendar

Jan. 2004 - No meeting

Feb. 4 - Dimitri's Restaurant, 12:30 p.m., 1830 Snow Rd., Parma, OH. This is NOT PRE-PAID. Must pay your own check. The callers will notify you to get a count.

Mar. 10 - Massaimo Da Milano, 1:00 p.m., 1400 W. 25th St., Cleveland, OH. Please note this is the 2nd Wed. of the month. Pre-paid.

Apr. 14 - Mable's, 1:00 p.m., Forest Hills Plaza, 63 Pearl Rd. Brunswick, OH. Please note this is the 2nd Wed. of the month. Pre-paid.

OREGON

DEW-ERS

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If the pilgrims could have seen the dessert table for our Thanksgiving luncheon they wouldn't have believed their eyes. Every single one was delicious; Billy Davis came through with several of his special pecan pies. His secret is a hefty amount of liquor. Need I say more. It was another large group of 132 including 3 new members: Fred Dixson and John & Joan Poitras.

A big thank you to Cora Harper & Cherie Maltase for the lovely table decorations. Even with all of the headaches of battling cancer, Cherie always finds time for her special projects.

One of the victims of a helicopter crash in Iraq, Eric Kesterson, was the son of Clay Kesterson of Independence, OR who retired from PDX in 2000. Clay doesn't belong to the Dew-ers but I wanted to mention this incident because it makes us all remember how closely our lives are entwined. Our thoughts are with the Kesterson family.

John Donaldson, Darrell Handley & Harold Miller all received get well cards last month. Darrell fell, John had sinus surgery, Harold broke his ankle & totaled his motorcycle. I also should mention that our sunshine committee chairpersons are Lois & Merle Pitman. Last month I inadvertently forgot to mention that Merle was the one having health problems.

A reminder that dues are due in Jan.; in case you can't make a meeting please mail them to Duane Heidegger at the above address in this column. Yearly dues are \$7.50 single, \$10 for a couple. Having your name in the Dew-er's directory and receiving a copy of Plane Talk are just one of the benefits of belonging to our chapter.

Something to look forward to is our Valentine luncheon & ice cream social on Feb. 11.

Happy New Year Everyone!

The travel desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503 249-4142 & 4143). Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services. The staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

Jan. 14 - TBA

Feb. 11 - Valentine's Day/Ice Cream Social

Mar. 10

PENNSYLVANIA



Philadelphia, PA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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48 retirees came to our Nov. 10 luncheon. Joe Brad offered the invocation, also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pres. Bernie McNamee started singing God Bless America & we all joined in.

After lunch, past pres., Jim Fanto, spoke of one of our local retirees, Vince Bonino, who was wounded at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Vince is not doing well, would appreciate being remembered and receiving some get-well cards.

Jim Gallagher had a recent knee replacement. Retiree, Dottie Thurman is very ill in Crozier Hospital. John Amero passed away.

Our first speaker was Joe Lock, Delaware County Fire Chief. He spoke about fire safety & fire prevention week. He gave us many helpful ideas on how to prevent fire in our homes. Our second speaker, Fred Madden, spoke about AIDS. He gave us some statistics & some of his ideas on AIDS testing.

Our beautiful turkey centerpieces, made with a pineapple, by Shirley Roberts were awarded to the oldest veteran at each table.

The executive committee met at Kathy & Al Edwards's house on Nov. 21. Ron & Joyce Lindenmuth provided the delicious refreshments. It was good to see Al back on the scene.

Attendees included: Pres. Bernie McNamee, Al & Kathy Edwards, Marge & Frank Eggles, Tom Lyons, Ron & Joyce Lindenmuth, Al & Betty Mudd Pyle, Shirley Roberts & Dee Burrs.

We were saddened to learn that Henry (Hank) McGill passed away on Oct. 23. His brother left a message on my answering machine. We also lost Pete Serizan. We will miss them.

Please keep Dottie Thurman in your prayers as she begins her chemotherapy.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 23 at the Edwards'.

We had the largest turnout yet (except for our June reunion). 71 members celebrated at our annual Christmas party. Our theme was "Hawaii"; we had many who, in spite of the freezing weather, dressed in Hawaiian attire.

Ways & Means Committee chairman, Joe Brad, offered the blessing. Pres. Bernie McNamee led the Pledge of Allegiance; then everyone sang God Bless America. Maybe it was my imagination but it sounded as though everyone sang with a lot of emotion this year.

Before lunch, we had hors d'oeuvres then enjoyed a delicious sit down lunch. During the meal, Bernie read a reminder about why we celebrate Christmas. Then he gave us a weather report for Hawaii (as most of us battled snow, ice & freezing weather in the last few days). Bernie really knows how to rub it in.

Al & Kathy Edwards provided games with lots of great prizes. Our Santa, John Hassiepen, did a great job. There were many prizes. The winners had to play a game before claiming them. There were many happy winners.

Mel's wife, Maerlene Manning did a beautiful job playing the piano & providing the music again this year. A few volunteers led the singing of Christmas songs & carols. The volunteers were: Dennis O'Neal, Joe Brad, John Hassiepen, Barbara Fanto, Dotty Baker, Gloria Taylor, Cathy Edwards & Dee Burrs.

We discovered we had some professional singing talent. Past Pres., Jim Fanto's wife, Barbara, has been studying singing for over 30 years. Wow! Ralph & Dotty Baker are fantastic. Of course, Dennis O'Neal was in unusually fine voice. Unfortunately, the best singers were too far from the microphone (we need a longer cord). What voices! I hope we can enlist their talents for next year.

It was good to have Jim Vogel back, looking so well, also to see Dick & Louise Sommers who have moved out of the area.

Our beautiful centerpieces were made by Shirley Roberts, received rave reviews.

Calendar

Jan. 12 - meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., at the Ramada Inn near the airport on Rte. 291.

Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers

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Happy New Year to one and all. Unfortunately the Dec. festivities occur after the newsletter deadline. Early predictions for the annual "New Retirees" dinner seem to indicate another good turnout. More news next month.

Ed Ike is recuperating at home after back surgery. We certainly missed Ed & Kay at the Dec. parties. Cards can be sent to Ed at 1816 Cardinal Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Our Beaver Falls commuter, Treatie Karwoski has decided to return to her "roots". Her new address is: 1900 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Phone #724-843-1755. Good luck in your new dwellings, Treatie.

Sadly we have several passings since our last publication. Condolences & prayers to Joan Madden & her children on the untimely passing of her husband Patrick. Pat was a veteran of 40 years service with TWA. Joan's address is 194 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Condolences also to John Griglak on the sudden passing of his wife, Anna Marie. John's address: 327 Jenny Lind Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Condolences & prayers also to the Bob Finlay family on the passing of their mother Evie. Evie had been in ill health since Bob died several years ago.

The election of officers for 2004 was held at the Christmas luncheon on Dec. 18

Lastly, our best wishes to Dave Lucas, former PIT Manager. Dave was recently promoted to Manager in MIA. We'll certainly miss Dave & his wife Mary Ellen. They were very much involved with the retiree group.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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(Submitted by Jerry Barr)



Some places need to be revisited occasionally. It had been 4 years since we last met in Rugby, so Cal & Maxine Anthony arranged our Nov. 20 luncheon at the Grey Gables B&B Inn in this historic English colony in the Cumberland Plateau. Included in the 27 who attended were 2 guests of the Anthonys, Bob & Dorothy Steffa, and recent new members Mike & Barbara Chapin. Barb retired last year after a career as flight attendant based at ORDSW.

As a brief history, the Victorian village of Rugby was founded in 1880 by Thomas Hughes, a British author & social reformer. His vision was to establish a like-home community for second sons of the English gentry, inasmuch as it was common for first sons to inherit most of the family's wealth. Many were attracted to the cause; the town had an early population of around 600. Unfortunately, a severe first winter & a poor work ethic on the part of these second sons combined to severely damage this social experiment. Even so, the bucolic area has drawn visitors from all over the globe, eager to get a glimpse of the utopia it was designed to be. A few even stayed, more came later, pushing the population back up past the 650 mark. It's an interesting place to visit.

Ed was out of town so V.P. Jerry Barr conducted the meeting. It seems that the first order of business is usually to exchange information about who's on the sick list. That includes Dave Leonhard with a hip replacement & Jackye Jeacock with a knee replacement, both of whom were absent. Les Swallom was present, but dealing with some medical challenges. A discussion ensued regarding difficulties a few members encountered in getting reimbursed for medical coverage.

United's good 3rd quarter results were discussed, along with the new low-cost operation about to be launched. Most members seemed unimpressed initially with the name Ted, but some felt that it was quirky enough to work in that market with the right advertising support. Most of us outside the DEN market admittedly aren't exposed to everything that's going on to introduce this new product. We're also watching closely as Atlantic Coast apparently moves toward independence from UAL with a serious intent to establish itself as a stand-alone airline. Rumors are bouncing around that if ACA ceases to be a United Express carrier, UAL may return to TYS. 2004 should be interesting in many respects.

UTAH

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On Nov. 19, 21 chapter members met for coffee & donuts. An extra box of delicious creamy donuts was donated by the Loyolas. Thanks, Pete & Jackie!

We welcomed 2 newcomers: Frank "Bud" Farrington & Gray Lowery. Bud had come with Sandy Cantonwine whose wife Darlene was, again, not feeling well. Also in attendance was former chapter pres. Roger Veillette, in from Scottsdale, AZ, but without wife Bonnie; Roger came to SLC to visit their daughter & family. It was good to see him again.

Kiyoko Olsen joined us after she had undergone another recent hospitalization for cancer - she is doing fine. Frank Murdock talked with longtime SLCCS sec'y Claire Shuholm, now living in St. Geo. UT, who related that she & sister Lucille are doing fine; they wanted to be remembered to the group.

Bob Faydock spent a few days at LDS Hospital (11/10 to 13) to get his health back up again; his sister attended to his needs at his home. He is doing all right again.

Chapter Pres. Pete Loyola related an interesting story: Recently, he met SLC retiree Andy Gallegos (he had never been to our meetings) who promised he would join us at the Heritage Ctr. today. While the two chatted, Andy took out his checkbook & wrote a \$25 "donation" to our chapter. "To the postage fund" he explained. Thank you, Andy! Come & join us.

Jackie Loyola mentioned the Murray Heritage Center's quilt sale & showed us her own work. A cozy quilt she is donating to the holiday sales effort.

The *Nordstrom* raffle prize went to Lila Maughan - a beautiful Christmas tree ornament of a Kris Kringle riding his sled. Betty Davis was off to WA state to visit family. Maria Apperson of Evanston, WY, missed two meetings already; Frank Ayrton of Layton could not come either.

There was some discussion about whether our chapter should establish a permanent place to have meetings or continue floating around the eastern half of the state. Our membership is widely dispersed but with a little greater concentration around Knoxville than any other locale. The consensus was to continue to have volunteer hosts select a place of their choosing, because there are so many interesting places to visit that we might not otherwise have a chance to see.

This was election time and would you believe that nobody campaigned for a single position? With a combination of arm-twisting, volunteering & simply not stepping back quickly enough, we ended up with the following officer for the next two-year period:

Pres.	Jerry Barr
V.P.	Herman Emmel
Sec'y	Mary Lou Barr
Treas.	Mike Chapin
Care Person	Terry Taylor

Jack Ferrell was in absentia, so by acclamation we extended his role as photographer.

Dues for 2004 continue to be \$10 per couple (or \$5 p/p). Checks may be made out to Mike Chapin & sent to him, 708 El Monte Cir., Knoxville, TN 37922. And as a reminder, mark your new calendars for the 3rd Thurs. of every month.

Our meeting closed with the Innkeeper speaking at length about growing up in Rugby. She may well be one of the better cooks on the planet. Four couples - the Emmels, Jeskys, Taylors & Barrs - stayed overnight, thereby enjoying more of her wonderful fare.

Calendar

Jan. 15 - 12:30 p.m. EDT, luncheon, location to be determined

Feb. 19 - 10 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Farragut, Exit 373 from I40-75 on Campbell Station Road.

Mar. 18 - 12:30 p.m. EDT or 11:30 a.m. CDT, luncheon somewhere

"Seven days without laughter makes one weak."

Joel Goodman

Tony Brown had undergone eye surgery; wife Dorothy was called into service as his able chauffeur during the recuperative period. A call to George Dalton's home affirmed that he was busy & well. Bill Ottman joined us, but we missed wife Shirley who was busy on another appointment.

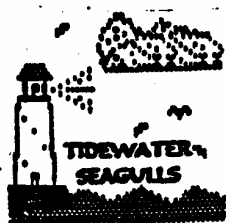
Pete Loyola asked former chapter pres. Grant Beutler to give a synopsis of his UAL career that spanned a period from 1954 to 1989, with many transfers in between. Grant worked at UAL's DENTK where the flight crew classes & recurrent emergency crew training classes were held at the old Stapleton AP.

Calendar

Jan. 21 - Coffee, 10 a.m., Murray Heritage Center

Feb. 18 - Lunch, 2 p.m., Jumbo Buffet, 6930 S. State St., Murray

VIRGINIA



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Our regular luncheon was held Nov. 20 at Locks Point Restaurant in Chesapeake with 24 attendees & 1 guest, Helen Neal.

Pres. Connie McManus thanked all who were responsible for the great pig roast. Claire Karlson hosted our Christmas luncheon.

Bob Briggs told us that Mesa Airline will take over all stations now served by UA Express. Connie sent around a letter explaining the new "Ted" Airline. Letter was read thanking us for our contribution to Davis Corner Rescue Squad.

As usual, the manager of Locks Point came by to greet us. A delicious meal was had by all. 50/50 drawing won by Bob Riggs & Faye Omeira. 5 table decorations won by McManus, Lippert, Riggs, Casey (2). Hosting the luncheon were the Washingtons.

New members are Rick & Sally Lippert.

Money can buy happiness. For most of us, though, it's out of our price range.

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We started Nov. 11 with a new place at the Golden Steer in Kent; 65 attended, more than we expected, a bit crowded for socializing. We've been promised a bigger room in March as well as a lighter menu of sandwiches, dessert & a lower cost.

Nov. 16, 18 Slickers & active employees took a bus ride to Key Port, WA to hear the Navy Band honor all branches of the service & Veterans Day. Enjoyed a great Grayline driver who had grown up between MSP & SEA. Stopped at a "Country" Country C&G near Gig Harbor, WA. This interesting driver enjoyed us as much as we did her.

Carol Soffell flew with husband & adult son, Charlie, to Connecticut as her 94-year-old mother passed away. She & husband flew back to SEA arriving early Thanksgiving morning.

Christmas preparations & chores have kept members quite busy. An unusual wind storm came through Western WA & OR Dec. 3., lot of tree damage to houses, roads & power outages. Crews from YUR, eastern WA, ID & OR have been called in.

The travel desk appreciates your calls & challenges. Ken Rudzinski & I work every Wed. (206) 433-4218 Mon/Tue/Wed&Thur. between 10:00 a.m & 2:00 p.m.

Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Looking forward to greeting all of you at the SEA 2004 RUAEA Convention. The committee members are working hard to give you a fun convention.

Calendar

Jan. 13 - Luncheon at Fairwood C&G

Feb. 10 - Monthly luncheon at Maxi's, top of Double Tree Hotel

Mar. 9 - Monthly luncheon at Golden Steer



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Our annual Christmas party & gift exchange was hosted by Les & Vera Graham. It was held 12/13 at the Chic-A-Ria in North Spokane. Everyone had a great time. It is always fun to take a gift that someone else has grown fond of. Guess we are all a bunch of kids at heart.

Our Fantasy Flight was held Dec. 6 at Spokane Airways at GEG. United was able to royally entertain 59 very needy children this year. Some of the retirees helped with the event, as they do every year. Gary & Sharon Holmes, one of the biggest helpers of the season, could not get back from MN to do their part as Sharon's mom was not doing well; they chose to stay with her. Gary did recruit more help from the retirees; it worked out fine. We hope things go well for Gary & Sharon. We all send a prayer for Sharon's mom.

Snowbirds from our area will be leaving shortly, if they haven't flown away already. Lance & I are leaving for Palm Springs the 4th of Jan., returning the last of March.

All of us in Spokane wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

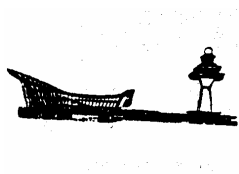
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The Jan. event is being hosted by David & Theresa Reisenhauer. It will be the 2nd week in Jan. You will be getting a call as to time & place.

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On Nov. 12, 70 members & guests assembled at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA to enjoy a tasty lunch & exchange ideas for forthcoming Holiday travels.

Our special guest speaker was Ms. Alexandria P. Marren, V.P. - Airport Operations; she is based in CHI. After lunch, Alexandria spoke for 30 minutes, gave us an update on the many facets of airport operations. Many new ideas & innovations are planned as business travel increases around the system. Some of our members were already acquainted with Alexandria from her days as Operations Manager at Dulles.

In her current capacity Alexandria works with frontline employees & management teams to deliver safe on-time departures, also provide our customers with exceptional service. The region covers the East Coast, 41 airports, including Dulles & New York airports, over 500 flights a day. With 5000 employees serving 45,000 customers a day, this is a huge responsibility!

Alexandria was most generous with her time, stayed to answer all questions from the members! Alexandria explained that United is looking at new routes. We were delighted to learn that service to Cancun from Dulles will be resuming in the near future. The members gave Alexandria a hearty round of applause & invited her to come to the Dulles Loungers anytime!

The 50-50 prize of \$40 was won by John Dovel, well done!

Calendar

Jan. 14 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

Dec.'03 Newsletter - Dew-ers Chapter (Portland) stated "The Dew-ers with a membership of 320 is the largest chapter." This statement is not correct. We have received information from 3 chapters with their number of members: Chicago - "Chicago Skyliners" - 600; Los Angeles - "ReLAXers" - 500+; San Francisco - "SFO Retirees Group" - 624.

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LETTERS

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

Ed Carnes, William J. Dubacher, Loretta (Lorie) Lorenzo, LaVonne Wilhoite, Ann Shaffer, Delores Burda for Don Burda, Roni Adams, Jim Dopp, Virginia Starr, J.F. Lucas, Marcia Perry, Cas Mroz, Mary R. Taylor, Rose Marie Gonzalez, Veulah Lorts, Juergen Brunke, Elizabeth Haws, Bernard L. Sandner, Gae Bockelman, Aleta Quinn, Vernon R. Duley, Winnie Stone, Cecelia A. Silverstri, David G. Geske, Alton Bullard, Arlene Taylor, Ann Fulford, Wm. Brendel, Doria N. Benford, Mary Shepherd, Donna Seago, Jim Hottel, Miyuki Hilliard, Ron Pryer, William A. Hauet, Adolph "Abe" Gonzales, Lyn Walter, George A. Voss, Mildred Fleming, Marlene Moore & John Michael Moore, M.B. Cheney, Bob Kaczor, Lovina Thompson, Judy Spelts, Albert Brennsteiner, Jr., Robert Bryan, Judith G. DeBenny, Clifford Blare, Richard Samiec, Ranelle Brandt, Paul F. Davis, George W. McDonald, Estella R. Krass, Travis Glass, Jim Cook, Marge Fluder, Margaret White, Jean Barron, Jean Tippie, Al & Jeanne Barkman, Clem Ellington, Jerry Anglea, Mary L. Howard, Randy Benson, Pat Jahde, (Slim) Coron F. Baurdeau and Clarissa D. O'Hara.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Clark E. Luther, 1498 SW Brewster Pl., Stuart, FL 34997-5612

I am enclosing my check as a contribution to the mailing account. Even though I am a lifetime member I want to consider this as a little something extra to offset any shortfalls that you might be encountering in your business expenses.

The last several years have been a little tough on me from a health standpoint as I have undergone four major surgeries, ended up with a staph infection in July of this year. Even though I have been cured of that "bug", the antibiotic really knocked me out, have been somewhat under the weather since July. Rehab 3 days a week has helped somewhat but it has really made it very difficult to do much traveling. Golf is a thing of the past. But I am still alive, hopeful that I can get stronger without any more operations.

We have been experiencing some unusually cold weather for FL this winter but no snow as yet! My wife, Bobbie, is holding up well, playing bridge several days a week in addition to mahjong on Sat. morning. Since I am able to walk a bit we get out to

dinner & brunch quite often; also it gives Bobbie a little break.

I enjoy receiving & reading the RUAEA Newsletter but after 19 years of retirement I recognize fewer & fewer names except in the obituary section. Thanks to all of you volunteers for keeping the letters coming.

Jim McMullan, 3921 Elston Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066

A suggestion - I have never been at a gathering of current or ex-UALers without hearing at least one good "War Story" about something that happened on the job. They are usually too long, but maybe you could print one per month. If you ask you will probably be flooded with letters. Here is one of my favorites:

While returning from Hong Kong from repairing a J19 bird strike engine (it ate a seagull on takeoff), (big mess), I had just settled down with some Jack Daniels looking forward to watching a movie & maybe getting some much needed sleep when the Flight Attendant came by - told me we had a streaker on board. The guy had taken off all his clothes & was running up and down the aisle. They had gotten him dressed & back in his seat. I said, "if you have any more trouble call me if you think I can help." About one hour later she came flying down the aisle & said, "He's at it again." I chased him down & tackled him in the galley area. The aircraft was a 747SP with that big galley forward on the right. After wrestling him into a chair I realized he was running a very high fever, was very hot to the touch. We managed to break the fever with cold wet towels (dipped in the ice bucket used to chill champagne). Naturally, there was no doctor on board. Steven Wolf was. He came down from first-class, stood for about 10 seconds at the front of the galley looking at a naked passenger being held down by a 250- pound mechanic and disappeared. The Captain came down; I identified myself to him as being from SFOPD (Production Dept. Jet Shop). He apparently heard the "PD" & thought I was a cop. He said "you got him" & left. We found a passenger that was a nurse who volunteered to sit with him. She found out that he was a missionary sent to China to do God's work & had contracted malaria. His religion forbade him to take medication; therefore, at first chance he got on an airplane to go home. The malaria caused him to

contract a fever & put him around the bend. I stood guard at the door about 6 feet from where they were sitting. We all know that you can't open a door on a pressurized aircraft at 40,000 ft., but the passengers didn't know this & didn't need any more trauma (they had seen enough). 5 hours on my feet wasn't too bad. The Flight Attendant brought me my own galley cart with all the goodies I could possibly want. On landing at SFO we were met by about a half dozen real cops, all the airport security they could muster, paramedics, ambulance & various curious people. It was a very interesting field trip.

That's about 500 words and may be too long. Also it loses something in print and maybe is better told. Anyhow I'm sending it along for the staff's enjoyment. Please show it to Jo - maybe it will cheer her up. Sorry about the messy writing and the misspelling. I still don't have my computer fixed. Looking forward to seeing a page in the newsletter called "War Stories" or "Maybe you can top this".

From the Editor: I certainly agree with Jim McMullan - there are many great stories our retirees can tell. If we do not put them in the RUAEA Newsletter, the stories will be "gone" forever. All you members out there with "special" stories about United Airlines that should be preserved, please send them to me so we can print them.

What shall we call this column? "Can You Top This?" - "Previously Untold UAL Stories." Let us hear from you.

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

As another fast year has passed, it is time to pay dues & thank you folks again for your hard work producing this great newsletter. I really like the electronic version, hope it will help keeping mailing costs under control.

The year started with a wonderful trip to Nepal including a 17-day trek, a climb up 18,500 ft. Kala Pattar & 20,300 ft. Island Peak. The latter was quite a challenge as it required ice axe, crampons &

ropes. The country and people were wonderful! I arrived home just in time for the birth of our second grandson, Cameron, on Mothers Day. We love to spoil our grandkids; they don't seem to mind at all.

In May I attempted climbing Mt. Shasta, but bad weather forced us to abandon at 8,300 ft. I had better luck in Yosemite in Aug. when climbing 10,000 ft. Clouds Rest. To keep the domestic peace, Carol & I took a three-week trip to South Africa including a visit to Kruger Park. We enjoyed seeing the wild animals in their natural habitat; we were lucky to spot four of the Big Five - only the leopard escaped us. Since our South African Airways flight departed from Atlanta, we spent three days sightseeing there. Labor Day was again time for my traditional climb up 14,000 ft. Mt. Whitney, leaving Whitney Portal at 11 p.m., reaching the summit at sunrise. In early Nov. I joined a group to Death Valley. While I had been there many times before, I never explored any of the beautiful canyons. But the most demanding adventure was climbing 11,060 ft. Telescope Peak from the valley floor. Starting at 2:30 a.m. from 250 ft. below sea level, we reached the summit in 13 hours. From there it was a relatively easy 7-mile descent to Mahogany Flat campground, where we were met by a car. The total distance was 24 miles with 12,000 ft. elevation gain. Not bad for an old man ☺.

**Chuck & Linda Evans, 40728 Sundale Dr.,
Fremont, CA 94538**

Thank you again for the wonderful job you are doing, publishing the RUAEA newsletter. You certainly can't say it's a thankless job!

Our hearts go out to the UAL employees that are suffering through these hard times. I remember when Ed Carlson said it didn't take Airline people to run an airline. It only takes good business people. Too bad they never found the good business people.

We spend a lot of time with our grand babies. Our AMSOIL, synthetic oil business is booming so we don't have as much free time as we would like, but we love working the business. We do spend a fair amount of time traveling in our motor home though. Good health & happiness to all!

Let us hear from you. E-mail chucknlintaevans@aol.com. Phone (510) 657-0830. Please sign up on the seniority list with Art

Shattock. It's a worthwhile enterprise.

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

I am a life member of RUAEA. Since my birthday is in Jan., I am enclosing a check for the postage.

Thank you for everything you have done for the retirees throughout the year. Wishing all of you a Happy, Healthy New Year.

**Sam Owens, 125 Bayview Dr., San Carlos, CA
94070**

Welcome to 2004! I almost made the deadline but it seems that time flies faster the older you get. I hope everyone had a great year & 2004 will be even better. I am still doing the dialysis thing but otherwise am doing well. I made my annual trek to Montana for my high school reunion. My 3 daughters, my son & my son-in-law just spent a week in HWI. I now have five great-grandchildren! One granddaughter had a son in March, another had a son in July, my grandson & wife had a girl in July. I am still volunteering at the Hiller Aviation & International Airport museums.

Thanks to all for your great work with the newsletter. etc.

**Vic and Carol (Todt) Liltz, 15723 W. La Reata
Ave., Goodyear, AZ 85338**

This has been a busy year for us. Carol retired from ORD Customer Service on 10/31/02. We were married on 11-30-02. Carol sold her house in Schaumburg, IL & "packed her bags", moved to sunny, warm & beautiful Pebblecreek Resort in Goodyear, AZ. We went to Ixtapa, Mexico with long-time friends in Feb. 2003. Carol had left hip replacement surgery in May, 2003, now fully recovered.

On 7/6/03 we moved into our new home (it was 107 degrees that day) & began decorating. Carol took a design course at the Pebblecreek clubhouse, has some good decorating ideas.

We travel (Carol more than Vic) to CHI to see family & see Carol's grandchildren: Emily, 3 ½; Ben, 2 & Brandon, 4 mos. They are sooooo beautiful!

We've met great friends at Pebblecreek since Vic moved here in 1998. We lunch, brunch, dine, swim, walk & just relax. "Ain't retirement great!"

And, we've had friends & relatives visit a few times.

We miss all our friends (UAL & others) in CHI & elsewhere. Connie Russo keeps us informed on all the news at ORD. We hope 2004 finds everyone healthy & happy, also that their holidays were good. Our e-mail address is VICH CJ1@aol.com. Send us a note or drop by & visit.

A big THANK YOU for those that work so hard to publish this wonderful newsletter every month.

**Dan Bryant, 9504 Welsh Rd., Brookville, OH
45309-8203**

First day of Aug. 1960, I started working for United Air Lines in OMA. I was there for just over a year. 9/26/61, I joined the U.S. Air Force, 4 years later, I returned to United in OMA. I then transferred to Washington National (DCA) in Oct. 1965. I worked there just over a year & went to Chattanooga, TN as a Station Agent.

I met my wife, Betty, in (Washington) Alexandria, VA. We were married 5/19/67. We were in Chattanooga 4 years. United cut flights. I was transferred to Dayton, OH in 1971. We remained at Dayton until retirement, March 2001. Betty & I have 2 children, Elizabeth & James.

We say "Thank You" United Airlines for all they have done for Betty & me & our children!

**Sheryl K. Schubert, 3541 Bear Canyon Cir.,
Sedalia, CO 80135 skys@compuserve.com**

Thank you for the red stamp. I look forward to receiving the newsletter each month & thank you, the staff, for all your hard work. Difficult to believe that I have now been retired 7 years. What a shot in the arm the retiree membership has received with all the recent flight attendant retirees! It has been so nice to read the names of some of my favorite flying partners. Hello to Suzanne Blasovich, Becky Grant, Judy Grohne, Paty Kobe, Shane Neeley, Pam Nolan, Fran Ponto, Janet Sarbaum, Patti Sica, Brad Zittel. Know I have missed mentioning some; I'm sorry, but would love to hear from all of you. Happy Retirement.

**Naomi Tolf, 137 Sequoia Cir., Santa Rosa, CA
95402**

I will not beat the "Red Stamp", but I will beat the deadline. You do such an excellent job that it is

hard to keep up with your schedule.

I find travel is not as easy once these GOLDEN YEARS hit full force. I made 2 trips to FL, but the highlight was going to MI for family & high school reunion before I checked in for the CHI convention. We sure kept the hotel jumping. It was good to see friends & co-workers that we may only see once a year. I did go on to Montrose, CO from there to check out a possible move to be closer to family. I still say winter running down the gutter beats a shovel!!

Virginia Monaco, 516 Camdon Cir., Bartlett, IL 60103

Another year, another red stamped newsletter, and, of course, another birthday...the latter I would like to forget...

Two years have passed since I retired from ORDCS; so much has happened I cannot imagine how I found the time to work. I have been so involved with remodeling our home, plus keeping up with all my friends, many of whom I became acquainted with while working with the Chicago Skyliners & our past convention. It was a pleasure to work with so many wonderful & enthusiastic people. I am now looking forward to next year in SEA.

My husband & I celebrated our 40th anniversary in July and took a cruise to Bermuda in Aug. The weather was wonderful; we just returned home before the hurricane hit...what timing. Just recently I went to Belgium with 3 other friends, rented a van & took off through all the towns, what an experience...retirement sure is fun...

My best to Jo, and all the special people who keep us so well informed through the newsletter.

Pat Surwall, 864 Applewilde Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

Thank you for the last 9 years of newsletter. I retired in 1994, have moved from CHI to SAN area to be near my family. Best move I could have ever made, but miss my friends from ORD, HDQ, etc.

But between the newsletter & e-mail have never been out of the "loop". I think I speak for everyone who thanks you for all the hard work & dedication it takes to put all the information together which keeps us "United".

Teresa McNamara, 103 Goodson Loop, Pawleys Island, SC 29585

This year has been a bad year for personal, family illness & deaths. Two weeks ago I had surgery to remove a brain tumor. The surgery was successful and thank God, the tumor was not malignant. I am looking forward to a complete recovery. I'm hoping to be able to attend our convention in May.

Thanks for all your efforts to publish the newsletter. It is still the best source of information about UAL.

Hank Gosselin, 1402 NE 22nd, #84, Auburn, WA 98002

Hi folks, I really thought I sent this in! My checkbook shows I wrote it, but the bank says it has not been cashed. Need to balance more often I guess.

The website is great, I'm sure will save many trees over the years.

The convention planning here in SEA is progressing & will be ready for the convention issue in Feb. We have quite a few new events for next year planned. Hope to see you all there.

Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Cir., McHenry, IL 60050

Due to my mother's sudden health problem & subsequent demise in Sept., I completely went into a "mind fog" about my annual national dues; however, Pat O'Shaughnessy sent me a "senior moment" notice that brought me back to the light of day.

Traveling to the annual convention was sure made easy this year since CHI was the host. It's always such a pleasure to see all the familiar faces of the past & getting updates. As all other conventions attended, my husband Ken & I had a great time. It was even more fantastic when my name was drawn for the 50/50 & I won \$500+ to add to my "mad" money.

Look forward to next year's convention in SEA. Thanks again for all your hard work & synchronization in keeping us "United".

Marge Weiss Benson, 89 Hoxsieave, Charlestown, RI 02813

Another year has flown by so I'm sending my dues & many thanks to you. I love receiving the Newsletter and keeping up with the UAL news & friends. After working as a Customer Service

Agent in JFK, HNL, DEN, SFO, SJC & ISP, I transferred to BDL where I retired in '99. My husband, Joe, & I are now snowbirds and spend our summers at 89 Hoxie Ave., Charlestown, RI 02813 & our winters at 362 Yorktowne Cir., Atlantis, FL 33462. Ain't retirement great!

Thanks again for all your work in giving us a great newsletter.

Gino DiPaolo, 48745 Windmill Cir. W., Macomb, MI 48044

Retired since 1984, my wife Charlotte & I have enjoyed every minute. Back in MI after a 3 ½ year "vacation" in Ft. Myers, FL. Grandchildren brought us back.

We've been married 53 years & both in reasonably good health. Met while working with Capital Airlines in 1947 - then on to United. I will be 80 in Dec.

Don't know too many people now, but look forward to the newsletter every month. Thank you.

Mary Stinson, 1 Baldwin Ave., Apt. 422, San Mateo, CA 94401-3849

Greetings from SFO. Sorry I'm so late with my dues. Guess my 96th birthday was too much for me. I'm still perking along - did some traveling with the help of my daughter & son-in-law and a wheelchair at the airports. Enjoy the news - appreciate all your work.

F.H. "Mike" Stough, 170 Treasurton St., Colfax, CA 95713

Hi...It's time again for thanking all of you for your great job bringing us the monthly "Newsletter". It's greatly appreciated....keeps me informed of co-workers.

24 years of retirement has slipped by...Don't do much anymore...but eat & take pills...but that's OK...I can handle that!

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

This note is to express my appreciation to all UAL retirees for their cards and well wishes for a speedy recovery. They really helped during my downtime.

I had surgery on Oct. 1, 2003, for colon cancer. I am happy to report the surgery was successful (a right hemicolectomy). The doctors say I am cancer

free. It is 6 weeks later & I am feeling great.

I will be back to Coors Field for my 10th year in April. Also, hope to complete my 6th season in Antarctica next year.

Eileen Haynes, 618 Stratford Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60193

Again thanks for all the work that is done to get the Newsletter out to the retirees and those of us who are widows & widowers of deceased UA retirees.

We need the Newsletter to keep us informed about what is happening at United.

Phyllis Easley, 23439 Capp Rd., Venango, PA 16440-1005

Thanks to you for keeping us connected to United & informed about happenings in our changing times. Certainly appreciate the paper copy & the red stamp reminder. See you in Seattle.

Mary Kakuris, 865 N. Cass Ave., Westmont, IL 60559

I thank the great team that brings our Newsletter to us. I just reached my 88th year, can't say that I feel the years gone by. So far we will probably make 89.

Marianne White, 16938 W. Artesia Dr., Surprise, AZ 85387-7578

I'm happy to be able to read the Newsletter online. It saves a lot of paper plus time & effort. Thanks for keeping us so well informed on the "United Bankruptcy" status, as well as the people (retirees) of United.

My first year of retirement has raced by, but thanks to all your efforts, we are still up-to-date on United.

Georgette & Tim Carrothers, 7516 Goose Meadows Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8169
GCARROT@SUREWEST.NET

This past year hasn't been one of our best as far as health goes. We have both had problems, but we are on the mend now, and look forward to better times!

Please note our corrected e-mail address above. We really appreciate the newsletter.

Bob Roeder, 590 Nelson Ln., Des Plaines, IL

60016-1038

Our biggest adventure this year was a 16-day tour of Italy & Sicily arranged by Mort Wax's wife, Lorrie, who works for a local travel agency. Globus was the tour company; I can't say enough good about them. We were mother-henned by our tour director from the moment we arrived in Rome until we left. We put about 2,000 miles on the tour bus, saw roughly 75% of the country. The trip was very educational, in terms of geography & history. Since I do not handle stress well when flying standby & United's flights are running full, along with the need to connect to a foreign airline, the need to meet up with a tour on a given date, for the first time in my 51 year association with UAL we paid full fare. In no way does Alitalia's service begin to compare to United's.

Was sorry to hear about Mary Ann Wallace having to quit working for RUAEA. We worked together in Flight Operations at EXO.

Harlen & Candy Jesser, 230 Tenderfoot Trail, Dillon, MT 59725-8590

Here it is that time of year again. Thank you for all your hard work.

Just wanted to let all of our United family know of our move or Montana. We are really enjoying the big sky country. Please give us a call if you are passing through.

Velma Childs, 2002 Fan Palm Ct., Santa Clara, CA 95050-3483

Many thanks to all of you for the information you supply to so many retirees. Your efforts are really appreciated. I enjoy every issue of the Newsletter.

Arnold H. Hansen, Jr., 409 Oakwood Cir., Fairfield, CA 94534-1488

I am converting from paper to using the internet for viewing the Newsletter. this way I know where my copy of the Newsletter is at all times. At the last meeting of my local chapter, the president reported that less than 9% of the members have signed onto the internet. Please encourage other to convert to save a tree.

Phyl Fruehauf, 2384 Tubbs Dr., Tustin, CA 92782-3385

Am so thrilled each month when your

handiwork arrives. This is read cover to cover; fond memories flash through my mind & heart of our happiest years together! Thank you for sharing & your dedication tools to spread these messages to all of us.

Dorothy Matara, 3944 Tarpon Point Circle, Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Thanks for reminding me I am a year older. Most of the time I try to forget it!

I am sure many people at EXO will remember Lucille Dickens. She passed away on Nov. 23, just six days after her husband, Kenneth, died. Sylvia Archer & I flew to CHI to attend the service. Had no standby problems in either direction.

Once again, thanks for all the great work you do in keeping the Newsletter coming.

Bill McElman, 203 Rainmaker Run, Lake In The Hills, IL 60156 4843 Goalielite@AOL. Com

Tick-tick-tick. The red stamp has caught me again. Number 70 this month; I can't believe it. I look in the mirror & wonder who that old man is that's looking back at me.

Nancy & I are happily surrounded by our children & grandchildren - ain't nothing better than that. Nancy's quilting keeps her busy, has so many in the process I don't know how she keeps track. We have plenty of soccer, hockey, softball, baseball games as well as gymnastic & dance programs to keep us going.

I have been "out" 10 years this Jan.; hope the next 10 years are as much fun.

Had one bout with the doctors that resulted in a kidney removal but other than that our health has been fine.

Like I tell the moaning "old timers" who come out to our golf course, be thankful you woke up on the right side of the green stuff.

Bill Duggans, 3450 Wedge Way, New Port Richey, FL 34655

Thanks for your efforts in keeping us oldsters advised of the news at UAL. Don't see many names of friends of mine anymore except in the obit column!

Lee Camphouse, 1653 Hollingsworth Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040

It's always a special privilege to include very

best wishes when I respond to your red ink birthday greetings

Sincerely appreciate your labors & very special talents as you keep us all together, especially during those days of Chapter 11.

Marylyn & I are doing the "well as can be expected" route and trust you all are doing the same. Hang in there!

David Ivy, 1822 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061-3335

Thanks to all the officers, directors & staff members for their time & dedications to reach out to reunite the retired people once more. I just had celebrated my first retirement anniversary, enjoying every chance I can. Never missed reading your Newsletter each month.

Kurt Kubatz & Ingrid Kubatz, 703 Cypress Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066-3305

We thank you for all your efforts to publish such interesting Newsletters for all the retired employees of United Airlines.

We wish all of you the joys of the season & a very successful 2004.

Amelila aka "Amy Jo" Ellis, 15949 Harvest Mile Rd., Brighton, CO 80603-3811

Thank you for the Birthday Greetings. Hello to Adele Fishler, Bev Strand & Laura Coats. It is great reading what all the retirees are traveling and doing.

Thanks to all who put up such a newsletter. A Joyous New Year to all.

Tom & Carol Veeninga, 8122 W. Wandering Spring Way, Tucson, AZ 85743-5444

I was unable to locate a red stamp on my computer screen. But I know that the dues need to be paid again this month. It's been 4½ year since Carol and I retired from United. We are snowbirds and summer ducks, spending the summers in central Minnesota and the winters in Tucson, AZ. Enjoying the good life of retirement. We want to thank all of you for the great work and dedications you put into getting a newsletter out on a monthly basis.

Cathleen Heinig, 17015 N. 123rd Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375-5101

Enclosed is \$20 for my annual dues to RUAEA. Thanks for all your hard work. You touch so many people.

Karen J. Richman, 45 Essex Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Many thanks for all the work you do to get the RUAEA Newsletter out each month. I look forward to reading it, always looking for familiar names of co-workers & phone contacts across the system from my UAL days. Most of you know me as "KJK" or Karen J. Kearns. For the last 6 ¾ years I have been married to a wonderful person & now go by Karen J. Richman. Would love to hear from any co-workers.

T.D. (Don) Donaldson, 12690 Roundup Rd., Parker, CO 80138

It's that time of year to send in my dues & thank RUAEA for the wonderful newsletter. Michele & I are really enjoying our retirement. Can't believe it's been almost 8 years for me and 6 years for her. Now we know where the saying comes from "How time flies when you're having fun!"

We celebrated our 35th anniversary in Nov., plan a cruise for Spring 2004. We have 5 grandkids that keep us busy; we love it! I've played a golf game or two a week, never seem to get tired of chasing that little ball!

We enjoy helping the mailing whenever possible. It's a great gang of people working hard each month to keep us UNITED.

Our wish is for UAL, it's retirees & employees to enjoy a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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The Denver Staff thanks the members for their most welcome Holiday Greetings. We send our best wishes to all of you for a wonderful 2004.