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HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD! While attending the RUAEA Convention 2005, you are aware of the many & varied places of interest near **Hollywood and Highland**. During your stay, part of the activities will be two banquets on Friday & Saturday nights. The grand ballroom at the Renaissance Hotel will be used, which is the site of the fabulous Hollywood Star packed dinner following the Academy Awards ceremonies. It is a huge room, can seat over two thousand people, depending on table arrangements. The meals will be prepared by the world renowned chef, Wolfgang Puck, which I am sure many of you have heard of. He prepares the meals for the Academy Awards dinner every year. You can be assured that you will enjoy a truly classic gourmet meal at the dinners, plus using the same room with the folks from the film industry. Nice of them to share it with us!

Now, we have a **"Sneak Preview"** for you. One of the **post** convention tours is a 4-night cruise to Ensenada, Mexico, via Catalina Island. Our tour operator must receive a deposit of \$175.00 (per person) by Feb. 28, 2005. The fare inside is \$413.45 - outside, \$453.45 including taxes. **To book, call I.V.V. at either (310) 641-2611, or 1-800-421-2261; speak to Lanel, or anyone in her office, state that you want to book the RUAEA May 30, 4-night Mexico cruise. The prices include cruise, a cocktail party, a bottle of wine per cabin & a \$25 on-board spending credit per cabin.**

Another **"Sneak Preview"**: A **pre-convention** tour is an early one. On the first day of the Convention, May 22, the last performance of the Fabulous Follies of Palm Springs will be held. The tour includes the show, also a tour of the Palm Springs area including many of the area celebrities' homes, lunch at the Cedar Creek Inn. The fare includes everything, including the bus drivers' tips! **Price p/p is \$85.00.** The bus will leave the Renaissance Hotel on Sun, May 22, 7:30 a.m., return about 7:30 p.m.. **To book the Follies Tour, payment must be received by Feb. 28, 2005. To book the tour, contact Barbara Smth at email RUAEA05barb@aol.com. or call at (562) 430-4886.**

As we enter the New Year, those of us on the RUAEA Convention 2005 committee join in sending all of you our very best wishes for a healthy & happy New Year. We plan to make **YOUR** New Year memorable with the extravaganza we are organizing for your enjoyment. Mark your calendars, make your plans, and remember to bring your cameras to record your stay in **the film Capital of the World!**

RUAEA CONVENTION 2005 DATES: May 22 - May 29, 2005 at the Renaissance Hotel, Hollywood, CA.

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GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mort Wax & I joined Ed Tolle in a meeting with Glenn Tilton. Mort's item in this newsletter summarizes our discussion.

I have received many responses from the letter I wrote in the Nov. 2004 newsletter about our pension. Many asked for more detailed information. The "Defined-Benefit Plan Termination" article in this newsletter provides that detail. That article is a composite of many person's inputs & discussions with key principals at the PBGC. Dave Simmon, retired from Flight Operations, was instrumental in drafting this summary. The source of this information is the PBGC. (This article is also on the RUAEA website.)

I value questions & comments I receive from you. I do respond to each. I will write articles in future newsletters on those items of a general nature & interest.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE -PRESIDENT

On Nov. 18, RUAEA President Marlin Lade, Corporate Relations Representative Ed Tolle & I met with UA CEO Glenn Tilton & Sr. VP - Human Resources Sara Fields. Much of what we discussed has been reported in the media but, to close the loop, we are reporting on the answers received to our questions.

First, we asked the status of the company's exit from bankruptcy. We were told that arrangements for refinancing had been completed with financial institutions which enable the company to meet its debt covenants through Jan. 2005, & that the arrangements had been approved by the applicable Creditors Committees. The company's revised business plan will be presented to the court in Jan. It has undergone comprehensive reviews by the financial institutions, all of the Creditors Committees (including the unions & the PBGC), also by the firm specializing in restructuring & reorganization designated jointly by United & the AFA/IAM. Each of these groups has also involved their financial & legal advisors. At this point there was no suggestion that any of these groups were characterizing the plan as unsound or would offer alternatives. Among other items included in the business plan and discussed with each group are termination of the defined benefit pension plans (with the PBGC), revisions to union contract compensation provisions & work rules (being negotiated with each union), plus renegotiation of all United Express contracts (with all potential carriers). The company's plan modifies structure & infrastructure to grow in the international arena and to decrease in the domestic. It emphasizes profitable routes & shifts less profitable routes to United Express. It is based on the development & implementation of operational efficiencies. All of these are projected without changing United's hub and spoke system or emulating the Low Cost Carriers. Overall, the premise is that the assets/advantages of continuing United as a viable carrier/company far outweigh the liquidation value of its assets. (Subsequent to this discussion the trustee for the pension plans filed a petition before the court to include this year's required contributions to the plans as administrative expenses, essentially giving them a priority status for payment; the committee controlling leases for 170 aircraft has attempted to foreclose on 14 of them which would cause significant problems in Asian market service. A U.S. District court has reversed the bankruptcy court's ruling on the SFO airport lease that the company would be able to pay less than the full dollar cost. If upheld, that decision would also apply to

CHI & LAX airport leases. Each of these if upheld would have a significant impact on United's business plan.

Second, we asked whether the new business plan assumed any changes to other retiree benefits. We were told that the business plan did not include any changes to the previous agreement on retiree medical benefits, also that there were no current plans for any future changes. We verified that the 401K plans in employee/retiree names at Fidelity are fully protected and not subject to attachment by any of the company's creditors. We were not advised of any changes in travel benefits.

Finally, we again asked how the retiree community could contribute to the viability of the company. We reaffirmed information provided to us some time ago that there are existing laws which prevent retirees from working alongside active employees in any operational area; however, there are many instances systemwide in which active employees & their costs may be assigned to community service functions instead of to operational activities. We agreed to initiate joint discussions with company representatives to determine how retirees could on behalf of UA replace active employees in such community service activities.

Mort Wax
Executive Vice President

DEFINED-BENEFIT PLAN TERMINATION

The following summarizes the benefits that should be available to United Airlines retirees upon the distressed termination on the defined benefit pension plans. (This includes the pilots A plan.)

Upon plan termination all the assets of the plan are transferred to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). The PBGC will pay each retiree his/her pension benefit, or insurance benefit, limited by the maximum amount described below. The insurance benefit is funded from the \$19 per employee per year from all companies who have a defined benefit pension plan. The PBGC only considers qualified benefits, non-qualified benefits (i.e., the second check that some retirees receive) are not considered by the PBGC.)

The PBGC has six priority (PC). PC3 & PC4 apply to current retirees, also to those employees who could have retired three years prior to the plans termination.

The PC3 calculations are complicated. For PC3, the PBCG takes the assets in the plan and distributes them to all retirees & employees who could have retired three years prior to the plan termination. If these assets are sufficient to cover all these participants retirement pay, they will continue to receive that amount. If the funds are insufficient everyone's benefits will be reduced by the percentage of under funding (i.e., if the assets are 60% of the amount required to meet all the pension liabilities, then each participant will receive 60% of their pension benefits.) Pension benefit increases implemented within five years of the plans' termination will be prorated. If a retiree is receiving a pension benefit greater than the guarantee listed below, and if the PC3 calculations using the plans assets still amount to more than the maximum guaranteed, the retiree would receive the greater amount.

PC4 is the insurance benefit. If under PC3 the participant's pension is reduced, due to lack of funds, PC4 will make up the individual's reduction - subject to the maximum guaranteed insurance limitation. In 1974 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) was enacted. The law specified a maximum insurance guaranteed amount. That amount has been adjusted each year, based on the cost of living increases. The same percentage is applied as is applied to Social Security benefits. For the year 2005 the maximum guaranteed amounts (rounded to the nearest dollar are:

Age 53 \$18,702 Age 61 \$32,842 Age 69 \$67,964
Age 54 \$19,614 Age 62 \$36,035 Age 70 \$88,308
Age 55 \$20,526 Age 63 \$39,228 Age 71 \$88,308
Age 56 \$22,351 Age 64 \$42,421 Age 72 \$100,897
Age 57 \$24,175 Age 65 \$45,614 Age 73 \$113,487

Age 58 \$26,000 Age 66 \$50,175 Age 74 \$126,076
Age 59 \$27,824 Age 67 \$55, 193 Age 75 \$138,666
Age 60 \$29,649

The PC4 benefits apply to all vested members of a defined benefit plan. Active employees will receive the benefit when they retire. The amount of the initial benefit is then frozen for life. The maximum guaranteed insurance table is frozen on the date of plan termination. The maximum amount applies to one's age on the date the plan is terminated. Benefits are prorated for fractional years.

There are rumors about sharing the loss by asking United to buy annuities for all retirees equal to a percentage of their present benefits. This would not be in the best interest of older retirees and furthermore appears to be illegal. ERISA section 206 (d) (1) has an anti-alienation rule. IRS regulation 401 (a) (13) has the same anti-alienation rule and also has an anti-cutback rule in 411(d) (6). This means United has two options: Pay the benefits they agreed or terminate the plans. (These decisions require the approval of the bankruptcy court.)

Once the plan is terminated United will calculate the estimated benefits that will be paid to each retiree until the final calculations are made by the PBGC. These final calculations are complex and may take a year or more to complete. Due to the many legal & technical issues that may arise, it is possible that only the adjusted age rated insurance figures listed previously will be used to calculate the estimated benefits. Failure to include the PC3 benefits in this calculation may result in reduced estimated benefits for some retirees. There should not be any break in payments to retirees. The first monthly check after termination should come from United and must conform to the post PBGC requirements. Subsequent checks should come from the PBGC. If necessary, adjustments will be made after the PBGC completes their final calculations. It may take up to a year to change the amounts set by the United plan administrator.

The PC4 guaranteed benefit is based upon a single life annuity. Retirees who have chosen other forms of benefits (i.e. contingent annuitant, 10-year certain, no remainder), will most likely receive the similar benefit subject to the maximum insurance limit discussed above. Under some retirement plans, the retiree had an option to take an initial cash withdrawal upon retiring and thus reduce their monthly pension payments. Retirees who elected to take an initial cash withdrawal will most likely see a reduction in their insurance benefit, (i.e., if a 60-year-old retiree took an initial \$250,000 cash withdrawal, the \$250,000 would be converted into a single life annuity - about \$20,000 - this amount would be deducted from the retiree's PC4 insurance benefit. The PC3 benefit would not be affected since the retiree's current benefit already reflects the initial withdrawal.)

Older retirees should get most, if not all, of their current pension from their PC4 insurance benefit.

All of this assumes that the PBGC will continue in existence. They are currently about \$11 billion in the red and may need some kind of taxpayer bailout in the future. An important question for all retirees is what the administration in Washington, D.C. will do about pensions & the PBGC funding.

(For more information check the "Pension Primer" on RUAEA's website or the PBGC website at "PBGC.gov".)

**United Airlines Historical Foundation
Wishes You a Happy, Healthy,
Prosperous New Year**

We also want to remind you that the Foundation needs and values your support. We invite you to become a "Friend of the Foundation". All contributions are welcome and tax-deductible. UAHF is a non-profit, IRS 501(c) 3 organization.

As a special incentive for all donations of \$20 or more, we are continuing to offer a beautiful 8" X 10" color photo of the Swallow biplane, that the Experimental Aircraft Association in cooperation with UAHF, recently restored in the authentic, silver & blue livery of Varney Air Lines. This aircraft is of the same vintage as the one flown by Captain Leon Cuddeback on April 6, 1926 to inaugurate Contract Air Mail in the United States - the birth of United Airlines. Each photo will be autographed by UA

Captain Buck Hilbert (ret.) who restored and piloted a similar aircraft in 1976, then actually test flew the current Swallow 28 year later.

Your tax-exempt contribution can be mailed to:

UAHF Swallow Offer
Capt. Ray Lahr, Treasurer
18254 Coastline Dr.
Malibu, CA 90265

COMPANION TRAVEL FOR RETIREES GOES ELECTRONIC IN JANUARY

Paper companion tickets will no longer be necessary for companion travel beginning Jan. 1, 2005. In lieu of the paper tickets, companion flight segments will be deducted from your annual allotment after they are flown.

Unused 2004 paper companion tickets will be converted to electronically stored flight segments on Jan. 1, 2005 & will be valid through Feb. 28, 2005. In addition, the 2005 allotment of 24 flight segments will automatically be available to retirees for use on Jan. 1, 2005; you do not need to call to request them. The expiration date for the 2005 companion flight segments will be Dec. 31, 2005.

The 2005 Companion Travel Guide has been mailed to retirees at their home address; see the guide for more details concerning the new procedures. The guide is also available on SkyNet,.

ELECTRONIC COMPANION TRAVEL **effective 1/1/05**

Companion travel will be electronic or paperless beginning Jan. 1, 2005. The 2005 Companion Travel Guide is being distributed to everyone eligible for companion travel benefits to inform them of the changes to the program. Paper copies of the Guide are being distributed as follows:

- active employees (except PHLSW and LASSW flight attendants) - via bulk co-mail
- all other companion travel eligible employees/retirees - mailed to home address.

Important changes include:

The travel sponsor should use WebList, Apollo or 1-800-UAL-LIST to create the initial listing/PNR. Use of one of these systems by the travel sponsor to list a companion for travel will electronically authorize the companion to use one or more companion flight segments.

Companions can make limited itinerary changes after the PNR has been created; see the Guide for details.

Employees & retirees can access the guide in the SkyNet Travel cabinet. To view the guide, click on this link or else paste the URL below into your internet browser.

https://skynet.ual.com5802/hpages/whqhr/html/peoplenet/travel/pdf/CompanionGuide_2005.pdf.

Linda Lister
Manager
Travel Benefits & Relocation

POSSIBLE RUEEA CHAPTER IN MILWAUKEE

As the airline industry is changing every day, we feel it is necessary to get information to all retirees in the MKE area. I would like to try to form a chapter. Who am I? My name is Irene Scheuerell. I am a retired flight attendant based at ORD for 35 years. I live in South Milwaukee with my husband Jim. If you are interested in becoming part of the new MKE chapter, please contact me. Send an e-mail to Scheuerells@aol.com or phone 414-764-8190.

Irene

U.S. DOMESTIC ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS **TAKE EFFECT IN JANUARY**

Effective Jan. 6, 2005, United & United Express will reduce unprofitable flight frequencies from hub locations to several U.S. domestic markets. United Express service will replace select mainline flying.

The company is adjusting its schedule & fleet size to best meet customer demand. United is expanding international flying, redeploying aircraft to more profitable routes & reducing the size of its mainline fleet. While U.S. domestic capacity will decrease, systemwide mainline available seat miles will decline by only 3% due to the increase in international capacity.

Flight reductions & reallocations, along with seasonal adjustments, result in a U.S. domestic capacity decrease of approximately 14% for 2005 compared to 2004.

Details on the Jan. 6 schedule changes at United's five hubs are as follows:

From Chicago, mainline frequencies will be reduced to Baltimore, Denver, Los Angeles, Manchester, Oakland, Philadelphia, Portland, Seattle, Sacramento & San Jose, CA. United Express will replace select mainline frequencies with regional jet equipment to Atlanta, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Des Moines, Detroit, Indianapolis & Omaha. Additionally, United Express Embraer 170 regional jets will replace both mainline roundtrips in the Chicago-Albuquerque market. United Express will reduce departures from Chicago O'Hare to Albany, Colorado Springs, Harrisburg, Hartford, Norfolk, Raleigh/Durham, Rochester & Wichita. After the reductions, United, Ted & United Express will offer 614 daily departures from O'Hare.

From Denver, United will decrease frequencies to Baltimore, Boston, Columbus, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle & Spokane. Ted temporarily will reduce one frequency to Orlando from Jan. 6 to Feb. 14 due to a seasonal drop in demand. United Express will replace mainline aircraft on select departures between Denver & Atlanta, Boise, Charlotte, Colorado Springs, Des Moines, Detroit, Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, San Antonio & St. Louis. United Express will replace all mainline service between Denver & Cleveland. United Express will reduce frequency to Billings, El Paso, Memphis, Nashville & Rapid City, while increasing seasonal service to Palm Springs. United Express will discontinue service between Denver & Raleigh/Durham. After the reductions, United, Ted & United Express will offer 382 daily departures from Denver.

From San Francisco, United will shrink frequencies to Los Angeles, Newark, Philadelphia & Seattle. From Jan. 6 through Feb. 14, United temporarily will reduce frequencies between San Francisco & Honolulu, Kona & Maui due to a seasonal drop in demand. United Express will reduce frequencies from San Francisco to Eugene & Redding. In Jan. United, Ted & United Express will offer 229 daily departures from San Francisco.

From Los Angeles, United will reduce frequencies to Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Portland & Seattle. Service to Maui will decrease during the Jan. schedule only. United, Ted & United Express will offer 236 daily departures from Los Angeles in Jan.

From Washington Dulles, mainline frequencies will reduce to San Francisco & Seattle, while United Express frequencies will decrease to Detroit, Hartford & Memphis. In Jan. United Ted & United Express will operate 307 daily departures from Washington Dulles.

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 and to help reduce and control the escalating cost for RUEA to print & mail the newsletter.

In addition, previous newsletters would be available on the website for members to view.

The RUEA membership system hands off a file to the website of all RUEA member names & addresses. When a member signs up for web access, their name & 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 were purchased to speed up the integration of this Membership function. Members requesting the Newsletter via the website will no longer receive mailed copies of the newsletter enabling RUEA to achieve cost savings from reduced postage costs.

RUEA 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. RUEA 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 RUEA has ambitious plans to put information at its members fingertips. RUEA 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 RUEA envisions.

RUEA WEBSITE

Online Procedures

WEB Address: www.ruaea.org

Website Purpose:

To provide RUEA members with a computerized method for viewing and printing the monthly RUEA newsletter, convention news and pictures, along with direct LINKS to other designated websites of interest to RUEA United Airlines members including the corporate United Airlines Intranet website.

The website also serves as a vehicle to communicate important information to retirees regarding Retiree Pension information, Retiree Medical information & United Airlines Bankruptcy information.

Timely information pertaining to retirees resulting from meeting between RUAEA & United Airlines corporate officers is presented on the website.

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 and passwords. Access is restricted to RUAEA current dues paying members.

Important Retiree Information:

Retiree Pension Information

Retiree Medical Information

United Airlines Bankruptcy Information

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 Intranet
7. United Airlines Historical Foundation.
8. United Airlines Retirees Website

Note: There is also a direct link from the corporate United Airlines Intranet site directly to our RUAEA website found under their quick hits.

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 userid and password.

Registration Page: (For Unregistered Users)

When signing up for the website members must use their surname and 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 (support@ruaea.org):

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 it sections indexed for ease of use. This is the easy way for users to view the newsletter, quickly move through the document and 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 either a single-column (the one you're reading) or double-column PDF file that can then be read using Adobe Acrobat Reader. This option allows the users to view, scroll, & print the Newsletter in the exact format that they would have if they had received the hard copy of the newsletter in the mail. It includes graphics, logos, & pictures if any were present in the published 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.

From the Membership Office

As most of you know a letter & application were sent out hoping to encourage retirees that do not already belong to RUAEA to join. To say the least the response has been excellent. To date we have added over 600 new members & counting.

As you may have guessed this has been a big burden on our Membership Secretaries. They, being the type of individuals they are, have handled the extra work in stride. To show you the type of individuals they are, some have put in quite a few days more than normal, & one of the secretaries, Harriet Ahr, has even given up her weekends to help get the job done sooner.

A note to our Correspondents: if you have a computer please send in your Local News as an attachment to an email. The process we use in the Font is "Times New Roman & we use 12 point. One other item please use single line, not 1.5 or 2-line spacing for the lines.

Happy Holidays from all of us in the membership office to you & yours.

Howard Tress
Support Manager

Dear Members,

This is the last newsletter of the year. It is time for us to look back and thank all the good people that are responsible for making the newsletter possible.

There are many volunteers that contribute their time and efforts to the successful completion and delivery of the newsletter. They are: the Chapter Correspondents who send in monthly reports, the Denver mailing volunteer group which numbers around 60 retirees, the Denver office staff that consists of the Newsletter & Membership teams. All have worked hard this past year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Also, to you, the readers; thank you for your submissions, subscriptions, & for being a part of RUAEA. We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Feb. are due in DEN on Thurs., Jan. 13, March reports by Feb. 11, April reports by March 11.

Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Reports may also be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com. Please list chapter name at top of each page; also please use 12 point (pica) type - anything smaller is hard to read. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to: Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX AZURES

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At our Nov. 9 breakfast meeting we had several new members: Welcome to Don (ORD) & Marsha Wohlbrandt and to Clay (EXO) & Joanne Hippensteel; both couples reside in Surprise, AZ. It was good to see Elsie Dikeman back with us; her daughter Phyllis was visiting her. Please continue to keep George & Vivian Klick in your thoughts & prayers. They are still in Cleveland, Susie Hughes is home, doing well. Sally Illingworth is on her way to recovery from back surgery.

Bob mentioned that the Azures would entertain having 2 breakfasts, one at the current Coco's location, another in the Pebble Creek area on alternate Tuesdays. He is looking for someone who would be willing to organize a site selection & coordinate the breakfasts. Please contact Bob Lutzinger if you are interested.

For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's you must call in advance. Call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00 p.m. of the Mon. prior to the breakfast, #623-935-9235.

62 members attended our annual Thanksgiving luncheon at Luke AFB. It was so good to see so many of you out & enjoying our great weather. Thanks to Mel Hofer for organizing this luncheon with the base.

Calendar

Jan. 4 - Coco's breakfast meeting

Jan. 15 - Briarwood Country Club (Saguaro room - bring your wrapped white elephant for the auction.)

Jan. 18 - Coco's breakfast meeting

Feb. 12 - Union Hills Country Club (Gold room - valentine luncheon)

Mar. 17 - Casa Grande - All Arizona luncheon - hosted by the Azures

Apr. 9 - End-of-the-year cookout at Luke Air Force Base Officers Club

TALL PINES

Prescott, AZ

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Our last event of the year 2004 for our Tall Pines Chapter was our Annual Christmas Party held on Dec. 9 at the Pine Cone Inn.

A welcome was extended to newcomers Bill & Linda Willisom who recently retired from DEN, & Marge Matheny who joined our chapter. It was good to see Millie & Frenchy Bourgeois who came up from PHX to join in the festivities & Chuck McCoy back from an extended leave in Alaska.

Get well wishes are extended to Pat Pierson who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. We understand that Pat is progressing very well - thanks to her hubby - Norm.

Jean Risdon announced that the Annual White Elephant Auction held at our picnic at Goldwater Lake in Sept. amounted to \$150. This amount was donated to the Yavapai Shrine Club who sponsors the Clothe the Child Program. We received a letter of acknowledgment from the Shrine Club thanking our Chapter for this donation.

Calendar

Jan. 27 - Meeting at the Plaza Café, 11:00 a.m., Hope to see all of our members there.

Feb. 24 - 11:00 a.m., Plaza Café

Mar. 23 - 11:00 a.m., Plaza Café

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

Submitted by

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Nov. 30 we decorated our United Airlines Retirees Christmas tree at the Tucson Zoo. Our theme this year was airplanes. Some of us hung store bought planes. Some of our talented, imaginative creative people hung clever little hand made planes & kind of lorded it over the rest of us. Alice Belzer & Ray Wood did their annual performance of "Deck us all with Boston Charlie, Walla Walla, Wash. & Kalamazoo" to the great satisfaction of their throng of cheering groupies. The first year they performed, about 75 people decorated the tree. Regrettably, attendance has fallen each year since.

Dec. 9, for our Christmas meeting, we had lunch at the Oro Valley Country Club. Gisela Mead-- (several months ago Gisela was listed in the obituary column in the RUAEA newsletter. We have subsequently celebrated her resurrection)-- Gisela took pictures of everyone at the luncheon & let me tell you, we all looked pretty darned good! A lot of the men even dusted off their ties.

For our Christmas project we adopted a Title I school & provided a goodly bunch of sorely needed school supplies for the students & teachers.

Our Jan. meeting will be a luncheon on the 20th at the Viscount Inn and Suites Hotel. An Oro Valley police officer will speak to us on the subject of how old people can protect themselves. Among our group it seems to be generally agreed that abstinence is the surest method, but we look forward to the officer's viewpoint.

Ken Kuehn, at this writing, is still in the hospital, but it looks like they won't put up with him much longer. We believe he'll be home soon.

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

Pismo Beach, CA
Wilma Sandy
223 Perry St.
Milpitas, CA 95035-5711
(408) 262-1548

The first luncheon meeting of the Central Coasters for 2005 will be Feb. 16, hosted by Bob & Pat Wagner, (805) 481-5705. For Chapter info, contact Pres. Al Rybar (805) 595-2532.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

Submitted by

Elaine Aggson

55 Desert Sunbirds & guests gathered at Monterey Country Club for our 15th annual Christmas Party, hosted by Elaine & Ron Aggson. After a toddy by the fire all enjoyed an excellent luncheon with holiday table decorations.

Five new members were introduced - Janice Ward, retired from PDXCS, Jim & Liz Clapper, LAXCS, and John & Dede Utzinger, LAXFO & LAXCS. We were pleased to see several of our infrequent attendees, Vern Behnke, Edna & Fred Fanucchi, Bud & Kennie Gimple, Elizabeth Kratky, Chuck Lamas, Cathy Sullivan and Gil & Marianne Patterson. Guests included Naomi Stanton, guest of

Elizabeth Kratky, Mary Jane Sheehy & Frances Herrera, guests of Mary Butler and Mark Kaplan's father, Frank.

Some of our regulars were missing this year. Lynn Morrow, Dave Podnar, Louie Horvath & James Chavez were on a cruise to Mexico, Jan & Fred Kellerhals were in NY. On the sick list were George & Loraine Lantz and Bill Dixon all of whom suffered falls recently. Mike Bailardo was in San Diego doing a hypnosis show at the Officers Club at NAS North Island. Barbara Rowe had to cancel as she is embarking on a new job with the AMC theater in Ontario.

We received an Email of Christmas wishes from Marge Eastman. She is getting settled in, in snowy MI waiting for her new home to be built.

Miriam Osgood arrived looking pale - no, she wasn't sick. She & John returned from Branson at 9:30 the night before, found that all her makeup was missing from her luggage. Although baggage is now supposed to be left unlocked to allow screeners to search contents if necessary, there is a TSA approved lock which can be placed on your bag, screeners have a special key to open. Marie Slater advised these locks are available at "In The Bag" in Palm Desert for \$10.

There were many winners: Wally Schmidt won the free birthday lunch, in the 50/50 drawing. Sandy Sereno went home \$100 richer; Mary Butler & Joyce Bossio each won consolation prizes of lunch for 2 at Monterey CC, plus 30 people were door prize winners.

Desert Sunbirds invite you to join us if you are in the area

Calendar

Jan. 12 - The Anchor Restaurant in Hemet. Call or email Miriam Osgood, 951-927-0067 or ozziejohn@netzon.net.

Feb. 9 - Call Marie Slater for details. 760-322-4640

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

Santa Rosa, CA

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The Nov. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 11th at Josef's in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square.

Pres. Ron Huhn called the meeting to order after a lunch & thanked the hosts Brandon & Pat Maus and Roger * Kay Casterline. This being Remembrance Day a moment of silence was held in memory of our veterans & present day service personnel. Naomi Tolf introduced the guests & reminded us of the need to volunteer to host future luncheons. There has been a partial disbursement of our charity monies to two food banks.

Oscar Chambers reported that our accounts are in order. He thanked the members for the early return of the membership forms.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr, again brightened the day with her story telling. Winner of the birthday luncheon was Bernmice Anderson. Joan & Frank Olson were awarded their gift of wine for last month's celebration of their 50th anniversary. Ger well cards were sent to Marion Gaevert, Ted Bell & Zepha O'Kelly. Elaine Kristen is making progress.

The nominating committee members are Charlie Andersen, Grover Blackburn & Norm Burnett. Charlie Andersen announced the new slate of officers. They are: Pres., Les Carey; V.P., Norm Burnett; Judy de Ford, Sec'y & Oscar Chambers, Treas.

Thought for the day: *A clear conscience is usually a sign; of bad memory.*

Re-LAX-ers

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What would correspondents do without “reporters” in their chapter? I’d surely sink! In catching up with some info, I’ve received in the past month - Marie Nichols was hospitalized in Sept. for an infection & dehydration. She missed the LAXRR reunion, but made it to the Oct. luncheon, weak but steadily improving at home, 1631 W. Buena Visat, Anaheim 92802. Phyllis Easley, now a resident of rural PA, but a frequent visitor in LA (even a member of the RUAEA ’05 planning committee), lost her mom on Nov. 9. “Mom” had been struggling with Alzheimer’s & had a stroke in Oct., passed away at age 87. Phyllis can be reached at 23439 Capp Rd., Vernango, PA 16640, or tpeasley1@Alltel.net. Jan Kessler, a Re:LAXer member retiree from LAXFF, called to advise that the son of Frank & Colleen Birch (LAXTR retired) passed away in Nov. Call Jan for details, 310-372-3872.

MORE ON EARLY CONVENTION TOUR BOOKINGS

Contact me at the address/fone numbers in our column heading for helpful details.

ABOUT PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES tour on May 22. This will be a great trip including PSP’s best tour guide to show us “his” town, lunch at a very nice restaurant, tickets to the Fabulous PSP Follies. The Follies are so consistently great that many folks within a few hours drive of PSP go every season (I’m planning on doing this one!)

We managed to get tickets for this last performance of the season. For all this, it will cost you only \$85 - which includes all the above plus your driver’s tip. You will need to come to Hollywood on the 21st since the tour leaves our hotel at 7:30 a.m. Please call me, #562-430-4886 or 310-308-2251 or email me at RUAEA05barb@aol.com for specifics on how & where to send payment. Payment can precede the general Convention booking due to the very early deadline imposed by the theater. (Don’t send anything else to this email!)

Remember the POST CONVENTION CRUISE - Another very early deadline requirement situation. Join us for a cruise from Long Beach to Catalina, to Ensenada, Mex. & back for 5 days/4 nites on the Carnival Cruise Line. It will leave on Mon, May 30 from the very convenient cruise-port near the Queen Mary, in the “bubble” hangar which at one time housed the Spruce Goose. We realize that the departure date leaves you with the whole day on Sun. after closing banquet to do - what? The reason for this - (1) that’s the date the ship sails, (2) no tour provider wants to do business with us for departures on the Sun. of the holiday weekend. So, we will have surprise Sunday activities arranged for you if you wish, followed on Mon. With pre-arranged transportation to the dock. To reserve the cruise, do so with Interline Value Vacations by calling 800-421-2261. Lanel del Carmen is handling it, but if she’s not available, anyone in the office will help you - refer to May 30, RUAEA Carnival Mexico Cruise. Remember (as mentioned in last issue) inside cabins are \$413.45, outside \$453.45, including those nasty taxes. “There will be a small charge for these activities and we’re handling it, not the cruise line.

REMEMBER TO BOOK EARLY FOR THESE TWO TOURS. *CALL OR EMAIL ME FOR HELP IF NEEDED.*

Calendar

Feb. 10 - Luncheon

Apr. 14 - Luncheon

May 22-29 - CONVENTION - Be there!!

Re-Sans

San Diego

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Our lovely Christmas Party was held on Dec. 3 at Tom Hams Restaurant with 65 ReSans members attending. A very delightful luncheon was enjoyed as well as laughter & Christmas music. Woody Grover performed his piano magic for us.

A 50/50 drawing was held. Ralph Willhelm & Darlene Hansen were the lucky winners of \$47 each. In addition, many White Elephants gifts were won. Many children's gifts were donated.

Bob Owen said there are some 36,000 United retirees and that the RUAEA organization has become more pro-active in working for the needs of the retirees during these trying times. We encourage all retirees to join RUAEA & to voice their opinions.

Bob also mentioned that there is a travel desk available to list your flight plans if you do not have access to a computer or would like to speak with a live person. This is the Portland Travel Desk at 503-249-4142 or 503-249-4143. They will have an 800 number in the near future.

Please make note of the fact that your yearly dues in the amount of \$5.00 are now due.

SYMPATHY: We are saddened by the death of Marjorie Willis on 11/23. Cards & notes may be sent to her daughter, Lea Lowe, 1151 Gleneagles Terrace, Costa Mesa, CA 92624-4030.

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Milt Cavalli & Emmett Landrum greeted our members and guests today. We had 115 present. Pres. Walt Bartkowiak called the Nov. 22 meeting to order - our last meeting in 2004. Treas. Gene Walter reminded us that it is time to pay our dues, preferably by the end of the year.

Membership Secretary Carol Walter introduced 2 new members, Jim & Margery Donovan. We congratulated Ken & Rita Wahl who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary this month.

We were sorry to hear that long time member, Mary Stinson, passed way Oct. 8 at the age of 97. Send cards to 1 Baldwin Ave. #422, San Mateo, CA 94401. Emily O'Toole had hip replacement surgery. Please send cards to 1734 Borden St., San Mateo, CA 94403. Margery Hechinger moved, her new address is 5555 Paradise Dr., Corte Madera, CA 94925 #256.

Harriet Kunze thanked everyone for their donations of diapers & also the shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for children at the Burlingame Shelter Network. Harriet announced the names of 5 charities that will receive our donations this year. They are: St. Anthony's Dining Room, Children Shelter Network, Kaiser Hospice, Make-A-Wish, & Samaritan House. Ginger Dahlberg thanked everyone who donated bags for a mentoring program. She said it gives the kids something to put their possessions in.

New officers were voted on & approved for 2005.

President

Ralph Trullinger

1st VP

Bob Taiclet

Co-2nd VP

Tony & Kathy Hutt

Recording Secy.

Helen Cain

Corresponding Secy.	Donna Taiclet
Treas.	Eugene Walter
Membership Secy.	Carol Walter
Auditors	Ozzie Schmidt, Ken Wahl, Bernard Schneider

We thank outgoing Pres Walter Bartkowiak, the outgoing Co-2nd VP Mary Ann & Monte Monson & Auditor Don Rueszer for all the hard work they did in 2004.

Western Director, Howard Payne & his wife Jo were at our meeting. Howard spoke about the RUAEA letter that was sent to all retirees. He said that it would benefit us if more retirees would join both the local & national RUAEA organizations.

After the meeting & potluck the 25 Voice Peninsula Choraliers again entertained us. The Choraliers include 2 of our members, Magda Frei & Helen Cain. We always enjoy their beautiful music; it was exceptionally beautiful this time.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg's has two trips planned for 2005. The date for "Country Roads, Gardens & Stately Homes of Britain" is Aug. 1 - 15, 2005 & the Scandinavian-Russian cruise is Sept. 2-12, 2005. Give Ginger a call at 650-244-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com for more information.

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 am 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.

SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA **SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY CHAPTER**

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Anniversaries in Nov were Charlene & Jerry Warren, and Sally & Tony Urso, who celebrated 50 years. Sally & Tony renewed their vows for the third time, celebrated with family & friends, many who came in from out of town.

We had several visitors, Sandy & Connie Williams, cousins of Tony Urso's who came from San Diego to help celebrate. Gary & Jeanie Fahl stopped by on their way back to Fallon, NV. We had Jerry & Jeanie Pohl, UAL retirees, also Tony & Helen Rose Seidl, UAL retiree. Tony had attended our meetings years ago. Keith & Roxanne Howell attended; we hope they will become new members.

New members are David Sasso, Ron & Kathy Berg.

Elaine Kristen doing much better, is at home. Dwayne Howze is also at home after his lung transplant. Delores Burda is also doing much better-had all her family over for Thanksgiving.

Sad to report that Duane Dahl passed away on Nov 13. Our sympathy to his family.

New officers for 2005 were chosen & were installed the last Fri of Dec: Garver Sandy, Pres., Jack Fredricken, VP, Jerry Frisch, Treas., Alice Rostirolla, Secy.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held Dec. 1 at the Ramada Inn in Sunnyvale. Ladies' Luncheon was held Dec. 7 at the Radisson Hotel in Sunnyvale.

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:30 am, meeting convenes at 8:20 am. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Bill Copley (408-725-8420), for more information.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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Hosts for this luncheon were Sophie & Bill Feaster. It was a special meeting with Bob & Jo Cuff in attendance. Bob had the latest news regarding UA affairs.

A large number of the members came to hear Mr. Cuff's report.

Other guests were Mary Murray-caretaker for Carol Wasela and granddaughter Michele plus Ron & Patti McDuffee. Ron was thanked for the great new signs he had made for us.

The Feasters donated many prizes of plants & wine. Members were reminded to give their preferences for donations to various charities - Club officers to make the final decisions.

UA - EL DIABLOS

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Our Annual Christmas Party was a resounding success. 46 attendees & guests in addition to 2 fine Marine Corp Representatives for our Toys for Tots program (Corporal Daniel Apocada & Lance Corporal Hans Carnice). Again, thanks to Vilma & Sam Patrick for coordinating this most worth of charities. Our members gave most generously - it took many trips to the pickup truck for all the gifts.

Donations for our raffle were given by Dan & Judy Deford, Warren Bartlett, Fred Brown, Ed Binge & Marie Callendar's restaurant. Each year Ed bakes a wonderful gingerbread treat. This year was Santa in his sleigh, all 8 reindeer, plus Rudolph with a red nose! Truly a work of art.

It was good to welcome back Rich Lopez, Sue Donner, Dick Abe & Tom Cunningham. No new members this meeting.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's in Concord. Hope any of the East Bay retirees who haven't visited us as yet will do so. We have our social time from 11:30 to 12:00, then luncheon.

Calendar

Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11th, May 9th, Jun. 13th - Annual Picnic

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The monthly breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course on Dec. 1 was attended by 45 retirees. It was great to see Walt Hanson who is recovering from a broken leg. Larry Rehfeld & Walt Hanson were winners of the 50/50 drawing - both of them returned their winnings to the RUAEA stamp fund.

Denver Mainliner Club's Snowflake Ball was held Dec. 4; Nancy Goodyear won the Grand Prize \$250.00!!!

The Mile Highers' Christmas luncheon on Dec. 7 was held at the Holiday Inn, 455 S. Colorado Blvd, 111 in attendance. Pres. Tom Goodyear opened the luncheon with a minute of silence in remembrance of Pearl Harbor, 63 years ago & recognized the veterans present who have served our country. First-timers were Marion & Pete Mason, Terri Davis, Carol Steele, Bob & Antoinette Duensing & Teri Pauley.

We were happy to have Eunice Langton from MO & Art Shattock from Los Altos, CA as guests.

14 retirees wrapped over 200 Christmas gifts for Santa's Sleigh Ride. Senior V.P. of Flight Operations, Capt. Steve Forte was at the controls for the trip to the North Pole (United's Hangar). On arrival, Santa Clause (Tom Goodyear), Mrs. Clause (Nancy Goodyear & one elf (Brad Bruchs), Tom & Nancy Goodyear's grandson, greeted the children. One boy age 8 only wanted a new pair of shoes.

Terri & Howard Tress & their daughter Tammy, Michelle & Don Donaldson helped Santa pass out gifts.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPEES

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Dec. 9, the Groupers were invited to Jo Beck's home for our annual Christmas Party. 30 members & guests attended. Jo outdid herself. Food was delicious; everything was just perfect. There are no words to thank Jo for our best Christmas party ever.

Guests were Marlin Lade & his wife, Marilyn. Marlin spoke about the goings-on at UAL, said that many of the subjects mentioned will appear in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Don Dulan had a pacemaker installed. He feels fairly good, also planned to spend Christmas in NY. Happy news: Paul Wiczorkowsky & Kay Hesson will get married Feb. 4, 2005. We wish the happy couple the very best. The Hendersons will be taking a Caribbean cruise in Jan. The Nellans are planning a trip to HWI. The Wimmers were in WI for deer hunting season but Bill never even saw a deer!

Calendar

Jan. 27 - We will meet 11:30AM at the Pasta Fare, 10401, US Hwy 441, in Belleview.

Feb. 24 - We will meet 11:30AM, at the International Super Buffet, 2259 N. Citrus Ave (Hwy 27), next to Wal-Mart, in Leesburg.

THE ORLANDO
REAL McCOYS

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Pres. Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting at the Conway Methodist Church where we were able to celebrate the Holidays this year. We had 40 enjoying the festivities.

Due to the illness of Charlotte LeGrand, our Treas., Richard Llewellyn gave the Treas.'s report. Just a reminder... Jan. is the month for the 2005 dues.

Our Christmas Charity Fund for the year 2004 was \$100 to Hospice & \$200 to the Children's Home. A list of needed items was made available for the Children's Home. We will bring these items to the Feb. meeting.

A Dec. Anniversary of 56 years: John & Irene Beck.

Our new officers were approved for the year 2005:

Sid Edelman, Pres.

Gloria Armistead, Corresponding Sec.

Linda Edelman, Sec.

Charlotte LeGrand, Treas.

THANK YOU to Richard Llewellyn & Norma Buchart for their great work for the Real McCoys!

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

Calendar:

Jan. 5 - The Real McCoys at the Golden Corral

Jan. 15 - "*Most Happy Fellow*" at Sanford's Helen Stair Theatre \$13. Dinner prior at Barnhills.

Feb. 5 - Chile & Chile Queen Show. \$10.00

Feb. 8 - Clearwater ... "*The Ink Spots*" Lunch at Clancy's including bus \$45.00

Mar. 8 - Strawberry Festival in Plant City - *Wayne Newton* \$48.

Apr. 11-22 - Panama Cruise

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

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We had a fun, festive Christmas luncheon for our Dec. meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racket Club. We had 40 members & guests at this special luncheon. Dick Storer, guest of Dick & Phyllis Allen, retired from OPBOP from Huntley, IL. Heidi & Klaus Hildenbrand from Bonn, Germany were guests of Sally Sciple. Marie Bonnes was a guest of Ray Winterhalter. Sally Sciple wished "Happy Birthday" to the members with Dec. birthdays. Harry Walton, Southeast Regional Director, gave a report on the 401-K investments from Fidelity. Dick Miller reported the donations that we gave for Thanksgiving with the members of UAL RSW helped 17 families (85 people). The families from Tice sent a nice thank you note.

Rip Patasini very generously donated 17 delightful gifts for our raffle. Harry Walton donated a hand made wooden tray with the United emblem in the center of the tray. Besides raffle prizes members went home with a wrapped gift from the Chapter. The other big news is that Linda Luchynsky & Mel Volz were married on July 25, 2004. They were also at the luncheon. Al & Shirley Verhage, also attended the luncheon. They are from Lake Placid (trip is 80 miles each way).

Marilyn McNabb took pictures of each member or couple as they arrived for the luncheon, which will be added to our historical photo album. Joan Gilkison took pictures of each table of members just before lunch was served, which were email to every member of the Pelican Drop-Ins that has an email address.

Sharon Biernat, our new member, retired from Den, she & her husband are now living in Punta Gorda. Bonnie & Curtis Sawyer just got over the flu & surgery so were not able to join us. They hope to be out & about soon.

Not only did we collect many beautifully wrapped gifts for the children of Tice Elementary School but also \$170 for the families of Tice, our adopted school in participation with the employees of United at RSW.

If there are any members of RUAEA in the southwest area of FL who are not members of the Pelican Drops-In please join us for lunch. Call or email one of the names listed & come to our next meeting.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of Month - Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club (Oct-May). Guests are welcome ... but reservations must be made.

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (Jun-Sep)

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THE SANDS DOLLARS

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On Dec. 9, the Sanddollars had their annual Christmas gathering. 22 people met at the Flying Bridge Restaurant in Osprey, just south of Sarasota. We had a beautiful view of sailboats, tied up at their docks, also watched a few fishing boats heading out into the Gulf. All in all, a lovely setting with not a snowflake in sight.

Our president, Tim O'Donnell, welcomed everyone, while his wife Bette placed airplanes, she has made out of lightweight Styrofoam at each table setting. We were told, that Charley Johnson, Herm Kline, Lois Kline & Russ Wasser were under the weather. We wish all of them a speedy recovery. Herm started this chapter around 1989; all of us Sanddollars say "hi" to all of you at home.

Our Christmas tradition is to make a donation to two different chapters of the Meals on Wheels organization; we did so again at our lunch meeting.

Tim asked all our retirees to stand up & give everyone a short rundown of their careers with UAL. It was fascinating to listen to each person, & to realize how much this great airline shaped our lives.

We welcomed all of our newcomers to the chapter. We enjoyed their company & hope, we see them at each meeting in the future.

Our next meeting will be on the 20th of Jan., due to the fact, that some of us will attending the West Coast Luncheon, that will be held in Tarpon Springs on the 17th of Jan., 2005.

Other future events are still in the planning stages, but the consensus was to go to a Dinner Theatre on Mar. 10th to see a performance of Cats.

TREASURE COAST

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Our Dec. 7 meeting was our Christmas Party at Johnny's Restaurant. Winner of 50/50 was Barbara Dodenhoff. Other drawings were held for some very nice gifts purchased by our Pres., Al Popek. The highlight of the evening, was the cake. The lettering was supposed to say, "United Airlines, Happy Holidays Retirees" Courtesy of Winn Dixie it said, "United Airlines, Happy Halidays Referees". We've all seen the bumper sticker, "If you can read this, thank a teacher". If that's the case, we're in trouble. We all had a good laugh. Birthdays for the month of Dec. are Artie Frage & Nick Riscigno - no anniversaries. Dues for 2005 in amount of \$5.00 p/p are due in Jan. So far, the events for 2005 include the gambling cruise in March & the picnic in May. We are looking for fun and/or informative things to do at our meetings. The Treasure Coast Chapter will be losing Nick & Mary Riscigno as they will be moving to Tallahassee. We wish them well.

And now Trivia. The answer to last months question: What year did Pat Patterson become Pres. of UAL & what was his 'Rule of Five'? Pat Patterson became Pres. in 1934, his 'Rule of Five' were Safety, Passenger Comfort, Dependability, Honesty & Sincerity. Here are some Trivia questions for this month. When did United open the first "Stewardess" (now known as Flight Attendant) Training Center & where was it located? Those members of the Treasure Coast Chapter who attend the meeting on Jan. 4, 2005, know the answer will be awarded an extra 50/50 ticket. They will also be published in next months' letter.

THE VILLAGES **AIRLINE RETIREES**

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The Nov. Meeting of The Villages Airline Retirees' Chapter was a Dinner/Dance with 50 members in attendance. It seems the chapter will have their next meeting in Jan. to determine if there is enough interest to continue in the year 2005. No dues have been taken as a result. The membership has been dwindling with all the opportunities that are afforded in The Villages. Next meeting will be held at the usual place, the Saddlebrook Complex in The Villages on the 3rd Thurs. of the month. I will advise our plans for the coming year once a decision has been reached.

GEORGIA

DIXIE FLYERS

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Our Christmas luncheon meeting held on Dec. 1 was attended by 39 flyers at the Village Café in Fayetteville, GA. Sam & Eva Mace were our hosts but were unable to attend because of the passing of Sam's brother. Jim & Joyce Blair drove from AL to be with us. It was good to have them at the meeting, also Jone Manley's husband Bill. We have wanted to meet Bill; he was finally able to attend one of our meetings. We were provided with a private room at the Village Café, which was set up nicely & accommodated us well for the meeting, food & service were excellent. Bruce Brodersen held the business meeting prior to our meal. Our monthly meetings are hosted by individual members who volunteer to plan the meeting place. Hosts or Hostesses are needed for March through Dec. As in the past and continuing this past Christmas the Flyers have given gift certificates to the Promise Place, formerly The Battered Women's Shelter. This year there are 11 residents who will receive certificates from us. Jeanne Barber has graciously agreed to continue as the liaison between us & the shelter. She will continue to collect the goods donated by the members & deliver them. VP Sandy Lis has volunteered to assist Jeanne.

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of one more of our members. On Nov. 15, Don Turner a friend & fellow retiree of ATLCG passed away at Sacred Heart Hospital in Destin, FL. Don is survived by his wife Elenor, 3 step-sons, 1 daughter & 2 brothers. Don had 38 years with United when he retired. Several members attended the memorial service for Don in Freeport, FL. He will be remembered & missed by all.

Calendar:

Jan. 5 - 12:00 Noon at the Pacific and Vine Restaurant, hosted by Marie Sadlowski, Marcia Cutter, Carolyn Short-Mitchell & Dorisle Guckert.

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We had a wonderful turnout for our Nov. luncheon at the Sandalwood Restaurant, in rainy Hilo. We welcomed 2 new members & 3 guests who were visiting from WA state & CA.

Aiko Pennington was our "free lunch" winner. Claire Sherman won the "50/50", 10 lucky winners went home with a variety of gifts. Congratulations to all of you!

We mentioned that we were losing Richard Smith & his wife Lois; they are moving back to CA. Richard is a past president of our group here on the Big Island. We wish them much happiness & a lot of "aloha".

I told everyone about the invitation we received from the Tampa Bay, FL chapter of RUAEA. That luncheon is Jan. 17, 2005. We all thought that was a wonderful thought from Michael.

I told everyone how they could treat themselves if they were alone & thought they were having a heart attack. Maybe you could pass this around to your groups: the person whose heart is beating improperly, who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness, however, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly & very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough; the cough must be deep & prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath & a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs, coughing movements squeeze the heart & keeps the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to the hospital. Tell as many people as you can, it could save their lives!

Calendar:

Jan. 20 - Hilo Hawaiian Hotel - Queen's Court, Hilo

Feb. 17 - Sam Choy's Restaurant, Kona

Mar. 17 - Ken's House of Pancakes, Hilo

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Pres. Ron Hamann, affectionately called Tinker Bell (not Ding-A-Ling), opened our meeting on Dec. 6, by ringing a dinner bell (he didn't have a gavel or a place to hang it), welcoming all to the larger & more sumptuous meeting room being provided by the Holiday Inn. While breakfast orders were being taken, he reminded us that we needed a volunteer to fill his shoes, starting the first of the New Year. Said he had taken the liberty of confirming a meeting room at the Inn for the coming year. He called attention to a reminder in the Dec. Newsletter, urging everyone sending in dues to include their UAL File Number on all checks. Ron added that if anyone is not receiving a Newsletter each month, he/she should join RUAEA. (Ron has application forms).

Ron also called attention to a Newsletter item that the Oregon Dew-ers has a Travel help Desk to assist employees retirees check loads, flights, & list for non-revenue travel. It operates M-W-F from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PT. They hope to have a toll-free phone number by Jan. 1. For information on 2005 Companion tickets, go to Skynet home page, click on "Travel". Dave Adams offered to help anyone needing assistance locally, by doing much the same thing on an AOL program.

Sadly, we report the passing of our good friend, Madeline Jones on Oct. 13. She was the wife of retired F/O William (Bill) C. Jones.

Bill Jones later related his experiences in trying to obtain help from UAL on matters related to Madeline's death, which can be summed up in two simple words: "*Not good*".

Don Behrendt on a trip east stopped off at CYS, took a look around the old UAL Training Center, reported that the UAL buildings are still there, but the UAL fountain at the entrance to the airport is in poor repair. He wonder if anyone reading this would be interested in contributing to its renovation. You can reach Don by email at gobigred@mindspring.com.

Charlie Law broke his hip on Thansksgiving Day, & is presently recuperating at the SunBridge Rehabilitation & Living Center in Meridian. Address is 1111 W. Pine Ave., Meridian, ID, 83616. His wife, Shirley, can be reached at 233 S. Duke Ave., Eagle, ID 83616. Phone: 208 939-7994.

Bill Rangle is recovering from surgery, & has taken the last in a series of chemotherapy treatments. Jerry Rossel is having eye problems. Anyone wishing to have their addresses, phone numbers, or additional information, please contact Bill Heath at the above address.

Charles & Shirley Perkins leave Boise by car Dec. 10, destination Toronto, Canada, which is 2,300 miles door to door. They go to support a sister through a sad time in her life. Then it is off to Texas for the winter.

Denny Snyder, one of several of our members owning airplanes, is enjoying flying at least once a week.

In RUAEA's first Newsletter, it was explained that in the process of deciding on a name for the new association of retirees, Ray Dunlap (remember him?) suggested (no doubt tongue in cheek) "United Retired Employees Association", until someone suggested that the founding fathers look up the word UREA in the dictionary.

Calendar:

Jan. 3 - 9:30 a.m. breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in BOI.

Feb 7 - 9:30 a.m. breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in BOI.

ILLINOIS

LOOP GROUP

Chicago

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WOW ... A wonderful surprise. To see such large gathering of folks at the Sept. luncheon. A wonderful day, excellent food, back to the old price - it was a happy luncheon, lots of talk. It was good saying "hello" again to Phyllis Capuzello, Muriel Bergsma, Ron Madsen, Marge Daily, Mary Gray, Helen & Tony Steffanos, who is well from his recent heart surgery, Anita & Ted Jund.

Now for a pointless aside regarding my problem with casts on my hands: On a warm sunny Sunday afternoon I was on my way to do some grocery shopping going up the steel stairs at the Belmont L Station when I found my self tumbling down the stairs. The fall ended at the platform between the top & bottom. I was helped up & got on the next train. I felt winded & my little overstuffed purse prevented damage to the chest area. That evening my brother took me to Northwestern Emergency, after X-rays I had 2 heavy casts placed on both hands because 2 small broken bones on left & a fracture on the right. The following day the bone doctor took off both casts, replaced them with two light ones that could be removed & reused. No problem & tremendous relief & freedom. So life goes on.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the 1st luncheon of 2005. Hoping to see you Jan. 20, 2005, Palmer House ... French Quarter, 11:30 a.m.

CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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The Skyliners annual holiday luncheon was highlighted by Marlin Lade's attendance & Marlin's informative talk. Marlin advised us that more information would be given in the General News "From The President" in the Newsletter as it becomes available. Entertainment was performed by the Harper College Choir and was enjoyed by everyone.

The Dec. Northsiders breakfast group of about 75 attendees was surprised with Door Prizes from Santa & his elves. There were 15 happy winners of the prizes that included two large baskets of fresh fruits from FL.

At the Southside Brunch there was a group of 21. Carmen Chavez brought chocolate covered goodies. Missing was Lavonne Halach who had had an accidental fall, but is feeling better. The group was happy to hear that the next Spring Luncheon will be at the Lexington on 95th Street.

The 2005 dues of \$5.00 are now payable. If you have not paid these dues you can make your check payable to "Chicago Skyliners", send to Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL 60018. Remember to include your file number on the check. If you have any questions, Ken's phone number is (847) 836-5157.

Volunteers had a grand time, once again, helping with the Christmas gift program for DCFS at World Headquarters. Over 55 bicycles & a multitude of Christmas gifts were donated by United employees for children & needy families. This volunteer program is open to all United retirees in the Chicago area. Future news columns will contain information about volunteer programs.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch - Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (last Tues. of the month) 11:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

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

Loop Group - Palmer House, French Quarters, 11:30 a.m., Downtown Chicago, (3rd Wed. of the month) - Next gathering is Jan. 19.

INDIANA

INDY RACERS

Indianapolis, IN

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On Oct. 16, 32 Indy Racers including their significant others held their monthly meeting at the Paragon Restaurant. After Lunch details of the upcoming Christmas Party on Dec. 4, were discussed. The Entertainment Committee of Charles Theiss, Wanda Bryce, & Cheri Innes volunteered to set up the festivities. Charles Theiss brought beautifully designed & printed Christmas Party Invitation, Hannelore Brabo mailed out 40 letters to UAL Retirees living in Indiana. It was decided to bring a gift for the gift exchange, along with a new, unwrapped toy for the Marines "Toys for Tots", which will be picked up by their representatives. It is also planned to have new elections in Jan. 2005 for officers of the local chapter. Jim Gibson will head the committee to contact interested members for running for the Board of Directors.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Dec. 9 Christmas luncheon/meeting was enjoyed by 97 members & guest. The large room & excellent food at Spinelli's put everyone in the holiday spirit. Don Simard started us with a prayer for all members and UAL's survival. Carleen Eddy offered the champagne toast. Our raffle was different, an 80/20, offering six prizes, 2 at \$100 & 4 \$50, plus, many wrapped Christmas gifts. All the pre-ordered golf/sweat shirts with our new logo were handed out. If anyone missed out on ordering shirts, contact our treasurers.

It's good to see members not lately seen; Ed Burke, Mercedes Hersom, Paul Newcomb, Ester Smith, Charlie Staler & Bob Wilson. Our newest member & first-timer is Dick Mangino & after a several year hiatus, Josephine Pizzano.

Suggestion submitted by members during membership renewal were discussed & a voting form will be added to our next chapter mailing for members consideration. All members are asked to investigate a meeting place in various locations.

Our officers for 2005 are: Pres., Carleen Eddy, VP, Don Simard, Treas., Bill Vanderwal, Secy., Dick Vee. George Mavreles is Executive Advisor to the officers. The Nor'Easters ended the year with 192 members, our all time high.

Calendar:

No Jan. or Feb. meetings.

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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Our core group of about 36 members were present at the Dec. lunch. Many of the snowbirds have already flown, even though our weather has been unusually mild for MN. After the holidays, our numbers will probably go down as more of them fly the coop.

Our sick list includes Duane Cater, "Mort" Morton, Clyde & Marion Anderson, Fred "Chris" Christopherson & Frank Brower. All are struggling in one way or another. Our prayers & good wishes are with them all.

Joe & Dee Eyestone announced the birth of twin grandchildren, their first. "Just like perfect little dolls" was Joe's proud comment.

Pres. Lee Storlie spoke of the identity theft problem and passed around the numbers for credit rating companies as well as the Social Security fraud line. Several members mentioned that their credit card companies had called them to verify charges against their accounts. Mary Brennan mentioned that anytime she travels outside the U.S., she calls her credit card companies to let them know that she may be using her cards there.

Arlene Kelley reported that ORD-based flight attendant Jim Alderette, who lives in the Twin Cities, has been flying the charters that UAL operates to transport service people back & forth. He's

been using his own money to decorate the airplanes for a festive ride, providing stationery & postage for those servicemen being deployed. We decided to contribute some money to his cause from our group. Any other chapters who might wish to do the same may send it to him at United Airlines, ORDSW - Jim Alderette, Chicago, IL 60666.

Lunch at Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 & Robert Street in West St. Paul. 2nd Wed. of the month, 11:15 a.m.

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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On Nov. 18, the Sierra Roundup had 26 members attend our meeting at the Red Lobster. We had several new & renewing members this month: Jim & Inez Compton joined, & Bob Holcolm renewed. There were no guests in attendance.

Treas, Mary Withers advised the balance as of Nov. 18 is \$717.86 before deducting expenses, including \$256 deposit for the Christmas luncheon. She also confirmed that the bank account was now with Nevada State Bank, as approved at last month's meeting.

A sympathy card was passed around for all to sign for Larry Reid, whose mother passed away. Also, sad to report that our 50/50 chairman, Kurt Hilz had a heart attack & is in a coma.

The members of Sierra Roundup want to thank their 2003 officers. A sincere appreciation to Elizabeth Brown for stepping in when Sara Nimori became ill. Elizabeth graciously acted as Pres. & did a great job, as well as working elsewhere full time. We also want to thank Shirley Dringenberg for acting as Treas. for so many years. We truly appreciate your efforts on behalf of Sierra Roundup. Thanks also to John Brown for cheerfully managing the address data base & sending out the monthly newsletter.

As addresses are updated, I will note them in the newsletter. The zip code for L&D Reid is 96151-4318, phone 530-542-1016. Elizabeth Haws' phone prefix is 883. New members: Jim & Inez Compton, 9430 Brightridge Dr., Reno, NV 89506, 775-972-9597, JASCOMPTON@webtv.net. Bob Holcomb, P.O. Box 4438, Stateline, NV 89449, 775-588-0552, DBOOTH9@Charter.net.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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44 Buffalo Chips enjoyed the exquisite Christmas decorations & food at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Dec. 1.

Rose Mary Michalek handled the arrangements for dinner, did a tremendous job. Paul Krum & wife surprised us by venturing the 40 or so miles north, the first time we have seen them since Paul retired several years ago. Joyce (Joan) & Bob Izydorezak were welcomed back for the first time since her 5th and this time successful back surgery. Bob is going to have his other knee replaced early in 2005.

The sick list is quite extensive; we wish everyone the very best for a quick recovery. Clyde Butcher had knee replacement surgery, now completed rehab. Clyde will have the other knee replaced in Feb. Don Gaydos had a knee replacement Nov., 30, is doing well & now is in rehab. Jim Wise had a viral bug, convinced to bed with a terrible cough according to Carol. Oct. 7, Jerry Stevens suffered a

minor heart attack, spent 3 days in emergency care. He returned to the hospital Oct. 23 for a quadruple bypass; 5 days later he returned home, is doing well & started his 12 week rehab program on Dec. 3.

The next get-together will be in early March at a place to be determined.

GUYS AND DOLLS

New York, NY

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Our Holiday luncheon on Dec. 7 was beautifully arranged by Pres. Marge Segal. San Martin owner, Ramon, presented a lovely buffet of tapas, punch & sangria which was enjoyed by all. 34 members toasted the Holiday & a prayer for the success of UAL in the New Year. Since this was Pearl Harbor Day, many of us recalled this day in 1941 when we first heard the news of the attack. Marge remembered as a young girl in Pittsburgh that she hardly knew where HNL was, little did she know she would enjoy many UAL trips to HWI; Ann Cannarella was celebrating her birthday with other six-year-olds; Jack Casey, a young 20-year-old, was working at Boeing in Seattle as a "riveter".

Guests were Ratimer Sunderic, Flight attendant, based in London & living in Paris. Joan McDonald, guest of Luci Hirst, flew with Capital Airlines before the 1961 merger. Carol Ardini, JFKSW, was a first-time attendee & a new retiree.

Recent travelers were Anne & Don Dean on a Tauck Tour of Vietnam & Cambodia. Anne raved about the tours & accommodations. Rose & Jules Schneider relaxed in Maui. Diane Goldberg just returned from a cruise to Spain & Italy. Future trips include Sue & Ned Micelli to Asia, Pam Jones to Chile & Patagonia, Ron & Barbara Koprewski to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Audrey Smolik announced that after 3 years of submitting her mother's 100th birthday, Willard Scott finally wished Mrs. Smolik a Happy 103rd Birthday - on the "Today Show".

On a personal note, I want to thank so many friends for their kind sympathy cards at the time of my twin sister, Celine's death on Oct. 10.

Calendar

Feb. 1 - Luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP Jeanne or Marge, 212-753-6128 or 212-355-1788.

NEW YORK METROS

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"The New York Metros" ended year 2004 with a festive holiday luncheon at the Millerridge Inn. 107 members & guests had joyful holiday spirits forgetting for a moment the troubles of United Airlines.

As always, Joe Totaro started the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag & a moment of silence for the members who died this past year, especially for Delores Kaczinski, who passed away since our last meeting in Nov. Our thoughts & prayers are with Charlie & the Kaczinski family.

Along with 14 other members with birthdays in Dec., Vic Auletta will be 87 on the 13th, while Mary Shepherd will be 84 on the 15th. Happy Birthday all!

Pres. Joe Totaro presented "New York Metro" life membership to several retirees who reached the magic age of 80 this year. Elliot Olenick, Leo Talochino & Julie Schneider, life members, are members in good standing & annual dues are waived.

The "Arthur Shepherd President's Award" was presented to Charlie Kaczinski for his continuous help to the "The Metros". A very active member, Charlie updates the membership with the happenings at United Airlines from LGA/JFK. He also assists with the happenings at United Airlines from LGA/JFK. He also assists with the annual picnic & is the Chapter's V.P. Congratulations, Charlie!

Honored guests Ron & Dennis Shepherd, sons of Arthur Shepherd, deceased Past-Pres., presented Charlie with the plaque, but not before they told the chapter of their warm, humorous tales of their father.

As last year's recipient of the "John Pucillo Award", I had the honor of introducing Linda Guliano & Irene Parker, daughters of John Pucillo. "The Girls" are annual guests at the Christmas banquet. Each year they assist with the presentation of the award plaque in their father's name.

The 2004 John Pucillo award was presented to Rosemary Totaro for her outstanding work for "The New York Metros". When Martha Mongelli had to relinquish her many jobs, due to illness, Rosemary stepped in without much ado. She's our new "Sunshine Lady". Fruit baskets, get well & sympathy cards are sent when needed. She's in charge of the name list for the Christmas luncheons, sells 50/50 tickets each month, are a few of her jobs. Thank you, Rosemary, for your unselfish efforts on behalf of "The Metros".

Thank you Pucillo girls & Shepherd boys for your time & contributions to Christmas luncheon.

Once again, The Metros thank Diane Talochino for the beautiful centerpieces she made for the tables. A special thank you to her husband Leo for his golden touch. The cherubs were outstanding.

Any Metro members with e-mail, please contact Joe Totaro. JOSEPHTOTARO@AOL.COM. Thank you.

Remember our sick & disabled:

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OHIO

BUCKEYES

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The Buckeyes met on Dec. 8 for our Annual Christmas Party held at Piper's Three Restaurant in Broadview Hts. There were 129 highly spirited people in attendance. This festive event was hosted by Dave & Emily Hobinson. The luncheon music was provided by John Kolowaski. This was his 2nd year; as usual, the music was beautiful. Thanks for a beautiful, Dave & Emily.

Our Pres., Carol, introduced all of our callers, which also included some new callers. She mentioned all the individuals who did such a great job this year in hosting chapter events. She was happy to announce that all the months have been filled for the coming year. She also thanked everyone for their generosity in donating to St. Herman's. This annual project is handled by Vic & Betty Taylor. With the chapter members' donation & a donation from the Ohio Buckeyes, Dolly Taucher will be sending a check in the amount of \$350. Thanks chapter members for coming to the rescue of those people who are less fortunate than us.

It was nice to see some unfamiliar faces at the luncheon. I was seated next to Eleanor Neth. She & some other members have had health problems this year, but are doing well. I spoke with brothers Bill & Mark Gateman, am happy to report that they are holding their own. When I spoke with Bill he informed me that Dick McPheter, who worked in the Auto Shop & B&M for many years, notified him that his wife, Winnie is in ICU. They now reside in Yuma, AZ. Please keep her in your prayers. Their

address is: 11351 Stephanie Dr., Yuma, AZ 85366-5862. Dick asked Bill to pass this on. Please remember to keep those United families & friends in your prayers.

Dolly Taucher is now collecting dues for the year 2005. her address is: 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. There is no meeting in Jan. Our Feb. meeting is at Dimitri's Restaurant. Callers will contact you to get a head count. There is a limited menu. Packets will be handed out at this time. If you are unable to attend, please have a friend get it for you. Packets not picked up in Feb. will be mailed to you.

Calendar

Jan. 2005 - No meeting

Feb. 2 - 1:00 p.m., Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd. Callers will contact you. Cash.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ERS

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It was a sea of red at our Christmas luncheon with Diane Larsen Singers & her student Jordan Bennett providing Christmas melodies while we ate our lunch. Cora Harper, working with her new partner Anna Miller, made lovely wooden sled centerpieces decorated with greens, pinecones & a candle. They were given away to a lucky person at each table.

Pres. Jack, & Nancy Hooper presented the Chapter Service Awards to 2004 to the Dewers' volunteers who had contributed their time & energy this year. The award was a pair of handmade honeycomb candles. The list was long so I am not going to acknowledge everyone this year but they know who they were and how much everyone appreciates their efforts to make our chapter successful.

Kathy & Paul Russell presented Jack & Nancy with a framed picture with the two of them in the middle surrounded by comments from the chapter members thanking them for their commitment during his long presidency. I can tell you that Jack was a little misty-eyed when he presented Nancy with a pair of special candles for her role in helping him the past five years. At the end of the meeting he turned over the "gavel" to Dave Smith for 2005/06.

Ann Atwood, Bob Lorts & Dorothy Shanley have been ill and would like to hear from friends in the area. Tony DaSilva & Tom Margeson had heart surgery (Tony was at the meeting.) I am happy to report that Bev Hokanson was cleared of any heart problems; however, she did have a new type hip replacement & is doing great. Mike McMorro had a bad fall, spent 3 days in the hospital. Get well everyone!

It is dues time again. They can be paid at the meetings until March, but if you are unable to attend a meeting or would prefer mailing your dues, please send a check to Nancy Hooper, P.O. Box 286, Washougal, WA 98607. The cost is \$7.50 single or \$10.00 couple. You must have your dues paid by the March meeting to be included in the 2005 Membership directory.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri, tel #(503)249-4142 & 249-4143 to assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar

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

Jan. 12 - no speaker

Feb. 9 - Valentine's Day and Ice Cream Social

Mar. 9 - speaker on Medicare

OUR CLUB

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Our quarterly Dec. 3 meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel of Medford hosted by Mary & Ray Chachere with 32 in attendance, which included new members: Johnny & Frankie Brown retired in 01 from SFOMM, Jim & Elaine Ellis retired in 1998.

Our annual Christmas donations of \$100 distributed by Yvonne Vigil to the Women's Crisis Center of Grants Pass, along with donations from members for the children's fund enabling them to purchase gifts for their family.

The election of Officers for the year 2005 selected:

Pres. - Robert Machado

Treas. - Norma Ross

Secy. - Lorraine Presley

We would like to thank the Tampa Bay Chapter for the invitation to their 28th West Coast luncheon.

We extend an open invitation to all RUAEA members when in the Grants Pass area to join us for our First Friday monthly and/or quarterly luncheon, for the dates & place please email lpresley@terragon.com

Calendar:

Jan. 7 - Grants Pass TBA

Feb. 4 - Grants Pass hosted by Lon & Yvonne Vigil - TBA

Mar. 4 - Quarterly - TBA

Apr. 1 - Grants Pass hosted by Rober & Judy Machado

PENNSYLVANIA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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On Nov. 22, the executive committee met at the home of Kathy & Al Edwards. The attendees included: Kathy Edwards our Secy. & Al, Frank Eggles Treas., & his wife. Marge, Bernie McNamee, our current Pres., Betty & Al Pyle, Tom Lyons our 2005 Treas., Shirley Roberts & myself, Dee Burrs. Kathy & Al provided a scrumptious lunch. Betty Mudd Pyle made cookies.

After lunch we discussed the Dec. 13 Christmas party. We are looking for door prizes. Kathy & Al will provide us with some games. Maerlene Manning has agreed to provide music again this year. Maerlene plays a mean keyboard. We hope to have a repeat performance of our Carol singers. We have a Santa Suit & are looking for a volunteer to be Santa. Since our theme is, Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer, Al Pyle has agreed to dress up as Rudolf. Betty had to make the costume.

All members are being asked to bring a Christmas shoebox full of toiletries & clothing items for the Veterans Home. We will be bringing canned goods for the food bank also, we will be distributing Christmas baskets to the needy.

Bernie began his service as Pres. Mar. 9, 1992. Well done, Bernie. Many thanks from all of us.

We updated our mailing list & Email addresses. Computer security was discussed at great length.

Arrangements were made to transfer all records & files to the newly elected officers.

We had 3 surprise visitors for our annual Christmas party on Dec. 13. RUAEA President, Marlin Lade, his wife, Marilyn & North East Director, Jeri Juth flew in to honor outgoing Pres., Bernie McNamee & outgoing Sec./Treas., Frank Eggles. We were so pleased & honored to have them join us.

Our theme was Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. Al Pyle was dressed as Rudolph & greeted everyone as they arrived. Al, the costume was great & you were a good sport!

We enjoyed a sit down luncheon. Incoming Pres., Joe Brad offered the Invocation. Tom Lyons presented Bernie & Frank with boutonnieres and their wives, Mona McNamee & Marge Eggles received lovely corsages. Our official photographer, Ralph Baker was on the job.

We heard about former PHL retirees, Carol Washington who is currently in New Mexico, Ruth Ann Adams who was working, but nearby, in New Jersey & Vivian Krouchbrenner who lives in Newark, NJ.

Frank Eggles gave the Treas.' Report for 2004, his last. After 15 years he deserves a break. He will be assistant Treas. to our new incoming Treas., Tom Lyons.

Past Pres. & member of the Board of Directors, Jim Fanto welcomed the new officers: Pres., Joe Brad & Treas., Tom Lyons. Bernie McNamee will be our new VP.

Tom told stories about Bernie & Frank, then presented them with a DC10 on an inscribed trophy. Dee Burrs presented them with gift certificates, and Al Edwards gave each couple a certificate for a free night in the hotel, including breakfast, compliments of the Ramada Inn.

Marlin Lade spoke & gave us an update on how RUAEA is working with United Airlines also the means that are in place for retiree's to obtain accurate & current information. He told us about a much-needed retiree's Travel Desk. After his informative presentation, he spoke about Bernie & invited everyone to the 2005 convention in Hollywood. At the conclusion, he read a lovely letter from RUAEA Editor, Jo Madden, to our outgoing officers.

After Marlin Lade spoke, AGC Assistant General Chairman, IAM District 141, Bill Carman briefed us on what the union is doing & what is happening to the current employees.

We held a 50/50 drawing, Kathy Edwards handed out some games. We had lots of prizes & gave out several door prizes.

Maerlene Manning played the keyboard for a sing-along. Joe Brad & Dennis O'neal (who is recovering from a recent hip replacement) sang a few duets. Some of the gals jumped in. They included Carol Rose, Dee Burrs & Dottie Baker (who has a beautiful Alto voice). We did not get a very positive response to the sing-along but the performers had a good time. Poor Maerlene. I hope she will give us another chance next year.

There were many gift boxes for the veterans also we collected a generous amount for the Christmas; baskets.

We had a good turnout of 65 retirees. It was good to see some people who came in from out of town; also some local retirees that we have not seen for a long time.

Calendar:

Jan. 10 – General Meeting, 1:00 PM at the Ramada Inn.

PITTSBURGH **PIT-STOPPERS**

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Hopefully 2005 will see our company rise to the front again.

Dec. proved to be a busy & festive month. The annual “new retirees” dinner was held at Beaver Lakes Country Club on Dec 3; 60 attendees enjoyed a fun filled night of dancing & eating. Brian Sendel, Pit’s new General Manager, along with Peter Hendricks, our new sales rep. spoke briefly. Our lone retiree this year was midge Cherrenak – good luck Midge. Thanks to Ginny Kopicko for her donations of lovely crafted door prizes.

The annual Christmas luncheon was held on Dec 10 at the Embassy Suites. It was great to see Tom Malley, Charlie Carr, Bill Wiffenbach, Harry Shirley & their better halves. They all have a distance to drive. Joe Scafoglio came from PHX & graced us with his attendance along with the “odd couple” partner, John “Ya-know” Knezevich. New officers were sworn in for the coming year. Pres. Barb Seaholm, 1st VP – Skip Weiss, 2nd VP – Vic Ference, Secy. – Lee Snuffer, Treas. Jo Kuehn, Corresp. Jeri Juth. The affair was capped off with a surprise visit from our long distance member Mac Crampton. Welcome back Mac. Anita Pawlack “Pineapple Princess” came from Orlando.

The Golden Girls luncheon hosted again by Treatie Karworski was held Dec. 9 at the Hyderholde Rest. Our newest member, Lee Snuffer, agreed to host the Spring Fling. Joan Madden, Treatie & Anita presented lovely gifts to the group.

Our condolences to Louie Ragona on the sudden passing of his wife Dolores. Dolores was also the sister of fellow retiree Mitch Abbas. Cards can be sent to Lou at 818 Donnan Ave., Washington, PA 15108 & to Mitch at 590 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA, 15301.

Calendar:

Feb – Valentine Day Luncheon

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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29 members & guests attended the luncheon at Miss Olivia’s Table in Maryville on Nov. 18. Don & Jackye Jeacock hosted this enjoyable event, which saw several first-timers.

Phyllis Dale retired Apr. 30 after 39 years as a flight attendant, returning to her home town of Maryville. Her domicile for 19 years was LAX. A fellow flight attendant, Jo Humbert of Rogersville, was also in attendance. You may recall that Jo had been UA’s senior flight attendant & retired a couple of years ago after 56 years!

Doug Berger & wife Betty were first-time attendees. He served UA at various stations for 44 years, most recently TYS. Doug said he might still be working except that United left him (when UA turned the Knoxville operation over to a United Express carrier, first Atlantic Coast, now Sky West).

It was good to see Virginia Wilson, who also graduated from TYS, after a long absence. Ditto for Dave Leonhard, looking fit, & Millicent Hinger, a Maryville resident who is able to attend only the closest functions.

Cecil & Rachel Adkins have relocated from Murfreesboro to Clarksville, northwest of Nashville, to be closer to relatives. It'll be better for them, but not so good for us as the added distance will limit their ability to attend Rocky Tops functions. Cecil has been with the group since its inception, serving as our 2nd president. Their new address is 3117 Clydesdale Dr., Clarksville, TN 37042, & phone number is (931) 358-4047.

A portion of the business meeting dealt with the challenges that still lie ahead for United. In this uncertain landscape, we appreciate the pro-active approach of Marlin Lade & his supporting cast in representing the best interests of retirees throughout the country.

Dues for 2005 are still \$5 p/p. For those not at last meeting, payment checks can be sent to Mike Chapin at 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922.

Now would be a good time to mark the 3rd Thurs. of every month on your new 2005 calendar EXCEPT for Jan. This month's luncheon will take place on the 3rd Wed. instead. We don't want to get in too much of a rut.

Calendar:

Jan. 20 – 12:30 pm EST, luncheon meeting at Calhoun's in Lenoir City at Fort Loudoun marina, the Barrs hosting. (For you sharp-eyed individuals, Fort Loudoun is spelled differently from the town of Loudon & Loudon County – go figure.)

Feb. 17 – 10 am EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Mar. 17 – 12:30 pm EST or 11:30 am CST, luncheon site and host/hostess still to be determined.

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On Nov. 17, 26 chapter members met for lunch at the Murray Jumbo Buffet. We welcomed many of our regulars; but missed Tony/Dorothy Brown; Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine; Gray Lowery & Geo. Nihipali; Betty Davis; Lila Straley; Grant/LaDella Beutler.

Editor/Photog Art Scott used his digital camera to "catch" our images for future local newsletters; in the Nov. issue, he included pix of chapter members taken at earlier meetings.

Doug Peterson inquired about retiree Jerry Hugentobler who, a few months ago, had suffered a stroke. This correspondent talked to Jerry who promised to join us soon. He said he was feeling all right, although getting around town is somewhat difficult without the good services of his wife.

Pres. Pete Loyola initiated a "Nordstrom" gift raffle, with proceeds for the chapter fund. George Dalton generously gave one of his tickets to Bill Berg ... who promptly won the prize!

On Dec. 8, 36 chapter members met for a catered Christmas get-together at the condo community ctr. where condo-resident Lila Maughan had made reservations. Chapter Pres. Pete Loyola's brother Vern & Darline had prepared a tasty buffet fare that was enjoyed by everyone. Unfortunately, Vern was called off on another emergency & was unable to join us; however, all went well with the setting-up help of everyone in our group. Thank you, Darline, for your excellent service.

The community hall was beautifully decorated by the condo mgt., in addition, Lila Maughan & Betty Davis brought their own table decoration of antique nutcrackers. Thank you, Lila & Betty!

We honored Darlene Cantonwine on her 82nd birthday; she & Sandy recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Also present, after a long absence, was Marilyn Latimer; we enjoyed visiting with her again.

Even though the weather was dismal, Frank Ayrton came from Layton, UT. Aletha Cannon & daughter Shirlene joined us, so did Kiyoko Olsen & friend Sam along with Jeri & Keiko Mori. For Christmas, Keiko prepares wonderful party “nibbles” & presented a big jar to the chapter Secy. Thanks, Keiko – they tasted delicious!

Absent were Leoma Williams who is not able to walk without assistance; Maria Apperson is living, part-time, in HOU with daughter & family; Mary Blackhurst can only come when the meeting is closer to her home.

Betty Davis will soon make avail. to the DEN United Airlines Historical Foundation a large 1979 UAL poster, in mint condition; it commemorates the company’s 50th year of existence.

At the end of the Christmas feast, Pete Loyola suggested we each pick one of the wrapped gifts brought by each of us & put by the fireplace. In a mistaken move by one of the revelers, Pete almost “lost” his wonderful down jacket as one of those gifts ...

Down Memory Lane:

The June 1970 *United Air Lines SHIELD* featured a “big, beautiful & brawny” B-747 with its 240 YC & 64 FC seats that included the upstairs lounge area. Comments, like, “*It’s a cruise ship with wings*” & “*It opens up a whole new environment of air travel – the ability to move about,*” were mentioned. Pictures of FC cabin of the B-247 & B-747 emphasized the hug difference. Designer Jean-Louis selected new F/A ensembles, part of which was the 1-yd.-square “signature” scarf with the United route map printed in red/white/black. The chapter secretary’s scarf is still almost new.

In the 1970 UAL “*SHIELD*”, we read about Dr. George Kidera, known to most old-timers. It says, in part, “...*that he joined United in 1938 as a part-time med. Examiner & was named Med. Dir. In 1951. Over the year, he acquired a distinguished reputation in aerospace med. circles ... acquired a reputation as an amusing after-dinner speaker & was in great demand on the banquet trail ...*” Son Peter Kidera is one of our UAL pilots.

Calendar:

1/19 – Coffee – 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr.

2/16 – Coffee – 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr.

3/16 – Lunch – 2pm, Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful, UT

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Meeting held at Locks Point Restaurant with 28 in attendance including 2 guests – Bob Williams & sister of Marilyn Riggs, Helen. As usual Kurt, Manager of Locks Point greeted us. Fruit cups instead of salads (complementary). Bob Riggs returned after some health problem & wife Marilyn recovering from hernia. Pres. Riggs reported status of retirees (pensions, etc.). Active employee Bob Williams spoke about conditions at ORD. Hosting the 12/16 lunch were the Quagliettas. Claire Karlson will host the next luncheon. If interested in attending, call Mario (757) 490-7326. Invitation was received from Tampa retirees. Interested members call Mario.

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Dec. is a quiet month for the SEA Slickers with no activities planned. Members are caught up in their own families & celebrations. A few minor illness, that people have asked me not to mention their names.

Our Travel Desk is open Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs. from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. (206) 433-4218. We look forward to helping you and giving you the latest information.

Calendar:

Jan 12 – Monthly luncheon at Maxi's Double Tree Inn. Note this is a Wed.

Feb – TBA

Mar – TBA

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Our Dec. Christmas dinner was hosted by Ed Meadows & was held at the Chica Ria in Spokane's Five Mile area on the north side. As always for those that attended, a good time was had by all **** The gift exchange is always a big hit with our retirees. It was unfortunate that it was the same night as the fantasy flight. Several couples chose to forgo the Christmas party in order to be able to assist with the children's Christmas. Lance & I had to be sure we were at the hanger where the fantasy flight was held as to be able to help transport the toys the youngsters had received from Santa. Both events were a tremendous success. Special thanks to Gary & Sharon Holmes, & David & Theresa Reisenhauer for putting the children first.

Spokane has had a good amount of snow this year. It has been beautiful but treacherous. I was told Spokane made the news on Good Morning America with all of its numerous fender benders with the first snowfall. Lance & I were taking our daughter to the doctor & we got caught in the melee of traffic. I can not ever remember anything as messed up as it was that morning.

Sandy (Oliver) Johnson called & said he and his wife Jeanette, would like to join our group. They attended the Christmas party & are now our newest members. Sandy used to work in SFOEG, retired in 1983. They just recently relocated to Spokane. We welcome them to our group.

Judy Higley, if you read this, please send me another email. Somehow it got deleted & I have not been able to retrieve it so give it one more try. I will respond with more gusto this time.

I just received an email from Mary Seely in MIA regarding high insurance costs & my comment in last month's newsletter. Her husband Pat retired from UAL. Yes, I have checked into other insurance companies including AARP. The benefit we get from the prescription drugs is almost non-existent in other companies & if they do offer it, it is much higher than ours is now. Lance who also is a recovered by-pass heart patient & makes a trip or two to the hospital each year, the amount of

medication he has to take makes UAL's insurance a bargain. At least compared to the majority of people we know.

Ken Stoop's wife Myrtle is starting to feel better after a bout with hyperactive thyroidism which makes you tired, listless & not feeling well. Ken & Myrtle have missed the last few events, we hope to see them back real soon.

Bob & Edie Clark will be spending a couple of months in Waxhaw, NC where Bob is volunteering his time & expertise repairing & working on airplanes for missionary group.

It was nice to see Dale Burgess at our Christmas event. Dale, we look forward to seeing a lot more of you in the coming months. It was good to see Mary Shrock as she only attends our Christmas event. We missed Wanda Lipscomb but she was judging essays for the V.F.W. which is a worthy cause.

Leslie Lathrop has retired from UAL after 25+ years. We will look forward to have her join our group in the near future. I remember the day she was hired. That is kind of scary but at least I still can remember it. Leslie is Mrs. Santa for the Fantasy Flight that is such a success in Spokane.

Pauline Miller had a knee replacement Jan. 11. We send our best wishes & prayers for a speedy recovery. Send cards to 5804 N. "E" St., 99205.

Calendar:

Jan. – Will be hosted by Theresa & David Reisenhauer ... They will call you with details ... Probably will be Jan. 8 or 9.

Feb. – Will be hosted by Jim & Dorothy Jones ... They will call you with details ... It will be on a Sun.

Mar. – Will be hosted by Jerry & Edna Tefft ... They will call you with details ...

Apr. – Will be hosted by our newest members Sandy & Jeanette Johnson ... They too will be calling you with details ...

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On Dec. 8 approximately 70 members & guests welcomed Ms. Karin Brown, Manager, Fraud/Collection Dept. for Alliant Credit Union (formerly UAL Credit Union). Karin spoke at length about the pitfalls & problems about dealing with today FRAUDS. Apart from the usual stories of identity theft, which we learned about on Oct. 13 from officer Robin Jones of the Fairfax County Police, we now know more about a new type of fraud, originating from Nigeria. This usually involves the purchase of a used car, the purchaser wants to pay with a cashiers check for a greater amount than the agreed price. This scenario has been perpetrated upon the unsuspecting American public for the last 3 years. Karin warned us to have nothing to do with it & to alert our friends who may be trying to sell a used car. Also, there are many "new" crimes surfacing almost daily, concerning the illegal use of our credit cards. Karin urged us to be careful when disposing of credit cards receipts.

The best way is to shred important documents as soon as you are finished with them, there are inexpensive shredders available at all office supply stores. Karin showed some interesting fake Cashiers Checks in her visual displays also gave us pointers on how to tell a fake check from the "real thing". When in doubt, just say NO!

The Reservations Group recently held a Holiday luncheon at Gilberts Restaurant in McLean, VA on Nov. 30; over 50 retired reservations agents attended, the largest gathering ever! We had many first-timers who retired in the early 1980s also agents who worked at National Airport Hanger 8, The Rez Center on Old Meadow Rd in McLean, VA, & the current Rez Center in Sterling, VA.

Many old friendships were renewed. Photographs of grandchildren were handed around everywhere! We look forward to another Holiday Reunion in 2005! Some of our members have been traveling; Gale & Hank Heuser (formerly IADCG) enjoyed a memorable 12 day trip to China in Sept. 2004. Hank reports that China Focus Tours (1-800 868 7244) has a fantastic tour for \$1,200 p/p that includes air from the West Coast, first class hotels, admissions, all meals, sightseeing, an overnight train ride, & even a visit to the Chinese Opera! Hank wants to advise everyone to take the "Electro Magnetic Train" from downtown Shanghai to the Airport, speeds of 200MPH. He says it's fantastic!

Hank's email is hankster@aol.com ... The 50/50 came to \$40, Nancy Pater went home a little richer ... Well done Nancy! A beautiful basket of Christmas goodies was won by Roy Ellis, enjoy, enjoy!

Our Chapter Pres. David Cox thanked our guest speaker Karin Brown, who had to leave for a flight back to her office in Chicago!

Calendar:

Jan. 12 – 12:30 pm, Golden Corral, Manassas

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- Retiree- **AKERS, Robert T.**, DEN, on 8/28/04, father of John, P.O. Box 6444, Chandler, AZ 85246
- Retiree- **BATES, Charles**, DEN, on 11/19/04, husband of Jean, 6465 Welch St, Arvada, CO 80004-2202
- Retiree- **BAUMGARTNER, Kenneth F.**, SFO, on 10/12/04, husband of Mary, 12877 Sylva Ln Apt 231, Sonora, CA 95370
- Retiree- **BECKMAN, Harry Jr.**, JFK, on 11/14/2004, father of Suzanne Fallica, 658 Sound Ave. #A2, Calverton, NY 11933
- Retiree- **BERCHER, Joseph P.**, EXO, on 11/23/04
- Retiree- **CAMPHOUSE, Lee L.**, EXO, on 11/25/04, husband of Marylyn J., 1653 Hollingsworth, Mountain View, CA 94040
- Retiree- **DAHL, Duane J.**, SFO, on 11/16/04, husband of Joan M., 1169 Johnson Ave., San Jose, CA 95129
- Spouse- **DOWER, Sylvia C.**, on 11/16/04, wife of William C., SFO, 36147 Sandalwood, Newark, CA 94560
- Spouse- **ELLINGTON, Doris**, on 10/16/04, mother of Mary Janes, 718 Ruby Lane, Magnolia, TX 77354
- Spouse- **KACZINSKI, Dolores**, on 11/4/04, wife of Charles J., JFK, 6 Newton Lane, Melville, NY, 11747
- Retiree- **MC ADAMS, Eileen H.**, LAX, on 11/27/04
- Retiree- **MEKO, Robert J.**, OPB, on 11/10/04, husband of Nancy B., 520 Waubonsee Dr., Oswego, IL, 60543

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 Retiree- **PETERSON, Donald I.**, EXO, on 11/12/04, husband of Beverly J., 534 Holly Ave., Oxnard, CA 93036
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 Retiree-**POOL, Merle E.**, DEN, on 10/6/04
 Spouse-**PRICE, Lillian J.**, on 9/30/04, wife of Kenneth, 24810 Willimet Way, Hayward, CA 94544
 Retiree- **REMSIK, Joseph A.**, ORD, husband of Patricia F., 5505 N. Lotus Ave., Chicago, IL, 60630
 Spouse-**SCHNEIDER, Betty A.**, on 10/30/04, wife of William, SFO, 425 Angelrock, Ct., Roseville, CA 95747
 Spouse- **SUIT, Theodosia S.**, on 9/14/04, wife of George L., SFO, 4138 Hamilton Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95130
 Retiree-**SMITH, David D.**, DEN, on 9/5/04
 Retiree-**VICK, John O.**, DEN, on 10/18/04
 Retiree-**WELLS, Thomas D.**, SFO, on 10/12/04, husband of Ruth, 1225-382 Vienna Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089
 Retiree- **WELSH, Charles E.**, SAN, on 10/5/04, father of David, P.O. Box 500850, San Diego, CA 92150
 Retiree-**WERBY, Warren E.**, EWR, on 8/29/04

LETTERS

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

Frank Polasek, Robert H. Brown, G. Milner, Jean Tippic, A. L. Moe, M. T. Bowles, Kazuko Tajii, Kurt F. Kubatz, Lyn Walter, Ida Guse, Harlen & Condly Jesser, Max Gott, Helen Beneigh, John R. Curran, Monique Chemaly, Angeline Malouhos, George Voss, E. C. Geppert, Jeffrey J. Hill, P. L. Jansen, Paul Davis, Algimantas Kubilius, Sheryl Schubert, Mary Lou Atkinson, Douglas Ledingham, Bernie McManus, Margaret White, Helen I. White, Velma Childs, Carl W. Meyer, Mary Shepherd, Winnie Stone, Carol-Ann de Lancellotti, Karen McNerney, John Deily.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Bea Caudle, 749 Halsbury Ave., Hendersonville, NC 28791-1443

Thanks for keeping us informed and in touch with United friends. Your writing efforts are much appreciated!

It's that time again - the years are flying by like a run-a-way train - but it's better than the alternative. I'm still finishing repair & cleanup after "Ivan". Putting new gutters back on tomorrow. Never knowing a hurricane to reach H'ville & at 98 miles an hour? Someone was looking over me - again!

Bill J. Peterson, 7874 Mission Vista Dr., San Diego, CA 92120-1564

I retired in '97 from the ramp in San Diego & don't know where the time has gone. I still make the retirees' golf tournament every year - am looking to be there next year.

I hope that the company comes out of this nonsense it is going through & we can rest a little easier. Keep up the good work as I look forward to reading the newsletter every month.

Art Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024

The enclosed should keep me in good graces with RUAEA for another year ... Note the check calls for more than the required amount!

I've already used up valuable space, but would appreciate your allowing me to mention that I'm still maintaining the Seniority List of RUAEA members. New members of RUAEA may not be aware of such a List. It's strictly voluntary, & doesn't cost a cent. Merely send me your name, address, date of hire and you're included. If you'd rather not spend 37¢, the info can be emailed to me at WAShattock@aol.com. For you "big spenders", I will be glad to forward you a copy of the List for \$3.50, tax & shipping charges included. Who said there isn't a Santa Claus!!!

Ellenor Sawyer, 16083 East 98th Way, Commerce City, CO 80022

I retired from EXOHR Apr. 1, 1985. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

Herb Wilbanks, 8551 Emerald Lake Drive East, Pinson, AL 35126

To my United family:

Today is a special day to me: I am 70 years old today - retired 8 years & having the time of my life. Our health is good, life is good & my outlook on UA is good. I pray for the best for a great company. I am proud I served my time when it was fun to go to work. No TSA's, no security people, we actually let people go out to see what the inside of a jetliner looked like. We gave tours to school kids on our overnight Caravels. We had open house with a stretch 727 & had over 2000 people tour the jet.

It was really exciting back then to be an airline CSR. I don't think I would like it now - too much pressure & not enough help.

I still make my yearly mission trip to Honduras. It makes me appreciate my life here at home so much more. We found a 5 year old child in a mountain village that had cerebral palsy & weighed 41lbs. His grandmother pushed him in a doll carriage. They had no electricity, water or facilities. I took pictures & told my church about him. We bought a special wheelchair & lambskin blanket for him. They sent us pictures of him smiling in his new "car"! The whole village turned out for him when it was given to the family. Not a dry eye in the crowd. He could not walk, talk, or straighten up. He was twisted awful but the wheelchair helped a bit.

NOW I wish to correct the letter from Pittsburgh in the Nov. issue of newsletter. Jeri Juth from Pittsburgh speaks of FORMER marines (often called Ex-Marines). There is no such a thing. Once a Marine, always a Marine. I spent 8 years as a Marine Reservist (VMF-541-Corsairs) including a trip to Paris Island to learn how to be a Marine. Then when I was 26 I got a draft notice for the Army. It was a slow time & there was no room in the Marines then so I spent over 2 years in the Army. My time in the Marines made the Army a piece of cake. I met several RIF (Reduction In Force) Marines that were in the Army. That sure raised the IQ of the Army!

My wife & I went to our first convention in Seattle. I won't miss another one. It was great. We will be in LAX next year; Good Lord willing. We had paid to go to the final Capital picnic but the hurricane at that time had other ideas for Alabama.

We still are trying to organize a chapter in BHM. Maybe next year!!

Thanks for all you do to put this wonderful Newsletter out. I don't know what we would do for information if you weren't there.

Phyllis J. Fruehauf, 2384 Tubbs Dr., Tustin, CA 92782-3385

Dear Crew,

Thanks for the excellent newsletter you send; full of news & messages. This is one of the mail I look for each month. Appreciate all the dedicated work.

I'm 84 on 12/22/04. Use a walker to be a bit mobile. Live with my son & family.

Rose Marie Gonzalez, 1855 Diamond St. Unit 324, San Diego, CA 92109-3341

The retiree newsletter has always been an important & welcome part of our retirement. But now that our airline is facing such a sad & uncertain future, thank you again for the valuable information you give us, also for keeping us together.

Ua Janssen Mabry, 203 N. Juanita Ave. A, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3249

The information provided in the newsletter the past few months regarding retiree medical & pension benefits is most informative. The Nov. 2004 issue detailing what happens if the pension plan is terminated clarifies many of my questions. Thank you for the information.

The association is providing a great service to the retirees. The updates on benefits is invaluable. I, for one, appreciate all the time & effort that has gone into researching the information.

Thank you for a great job.

Earle W. Risdon, 428 River Oaks Road, Prescott, AZ 86301

In these times I don't want to miss being in touch with RUAEA. I hope that Marlin's letter, to all of the United Airlines Retirees, is successful in recruiting some additional members. The new proactive role that RUAEA has assumed is an important step to insure that our concerns, as retirees, reach the right level of management. The RUAEA officers & directors & staff are doing a wonderful job.

We are all in a struggle that will require a lot of faith, understanding, patience, & sacrifice to reach the point where we can come out of bankruptcy. One of the hardest things to fight is discouragement. We certainly have much cause to be discouraged, but I have to believe that there is a spirit, among the leaders of our company, that we can do something about our situation; rightly handled, great things can be achieved. I can't imagine an air transport industry without United Airlines.

As far as my personal life is concerned, life is good. Jean & I have been in good health; able to enjoy some wonderful trips to the Canadian Maritime & Williamsburg, VA. We decided to do something different when we went to Williamsburg, so we took the train from Flagstaff, AZ to Washington, DC & return, however, we couldn't get away from the airplane. When we arrived in Chicago, to connect to the Capitol Limited, we were told that the tracks were flooded, in Maryland, also that we would be provided with air transportation to Washington, DC. Since we were traveling first class, Amtrak picked up the tab for dinner, cab fare to Midway Airport, & our air tickets on ATA to Reagan National. They provide excellent customer service in a very difficult situation.

Jo, we appreciate the dedication of you & your staff. You perform a marvelous service to all of us.

Bernadean Weiss, PO Box 368, White Sulphur Springs, MT, 59645

The group putting out the newsletter does a great job. My thanks to all.

I've been retired 10 years and 8 months. Don't see many names I recognize anymore. Having worked 16 years in HDQ plus 16 more years at the Maintenance Base, I know people from both locations. A big hello to all my friends still out there. There were some wonderful years.

Arnold Wiese, 1348 Buckingham Dr., Fairfield, CA 94533-1803

It's been a long time since I retired, last day of '79 from SFOIQ. I now volunteer running the gift shop 1 or 2 days a week in the museum at Travis Air Force Base.

I meet lots of interesting people, as I was once an Air Force Pilot B24 who flew a tour of missions over Europe WWII.

Ann & I are doing fine & look forward to the newsletter. Thanks to all responsible.

Sam A. Owens, Col. USAF (Ret.), 125 Bayview Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070

Another year has almost rolled around. United is still in major trouble & seems unable to work its way out of it. I guess we must hope & pray for the best but I have my doubts. I have had a good year. My Doctor tells me that I am in great health except for a "crappy" kidney. So, I must continue dialysis to stay alive & kicking. My children, grandchildren & great grandchildren are all great. I was unable to make my annual trek to Montana this year. I tried 6 different locations & could not get a dialysis

schedule. I went to HWI the 1st week in Dec. with my 4 kids & son-in-law. I celebrated my 84th birthday there on Dec. 5.

Virginia Monaco, 516 Camdon Circle, Bartlett, IL 60103

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

Three 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 busy keeping up with all my friends old & new, many of which I became acquainted with in working with the Chicago Skyliners & our newly retired friends from ORDCS & CHIRR. My time is also spent with my one & only granddaughter. The 8yr old Diva that has us completely wrapped around her finger.

My husband & I celebrated our 41st anniversary in July, took a Mediterranean Cruise, with a few friends. The weather was wonderful; we finally went to Monte Carlo. What a beautiful country. Monaco is truly a fairy tale place to visit. Boy, would I love to live there, but then again it's only for the rich & famous ... retirement sure is fun ... We are also planning our 1st trip to Ireland in March. I pray every day that UAL will get its act together, so we may continue to enjoy the benefits we are all so deserving of.

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

Gernot H. Luneberg, 631 Woodland Ave., Hayward, CA 94544-6705

Thanks for doing such a great job with your newsletter. Looking forward each month for your outstanding newsletter & your info about our good old UAL. Let's hope the very best, in the future of our UAL!

Chappie Chapman, 6233 Gerdis Dr., San Jose, CA 95135-1419

Birthday number 92 just rolled by & I have slowed down a bit. Poor vision is the biggest problem.

When I retired United was a great airline - one to be proud of. Never thought I would live to read all the gloomy news that comes my way.

Was fortunate to be on a RUPA Committee that was advising or rather suggesting items that could be of help when RUAEA was being organized. Boy, has that list of retirees grown. I appreciate the newsletter & the good people that put it together.

Carl Meeds, 3406 Saratoga Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403-2861

I have been out of the state for 2 months visiting in the Big Sky Country & Utah. Had a great time but when snow came & temp. dropped I came back to the sun!

I appreciate the work you people do in keeping us informed. I hope it all ends the way we want it to.

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

I have enjoyed my retirement thus far - The Alaska trip was great!

I hope the struggle United Airlines is putting up in the face of fuel cost & low fares is most successful.

Glenda K. Sieren, 280 SE 37th Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97123

I bought a brand new house & P.T. Cruiser. I am having a ball decorating my home & putting up window coverings, etc.

I really enjoy the newsletter; that's how I am able to stay in touch with some of my old friends (when they write in).

Naomi Tolf, 137 Sequoia Cir., Santa Rosa, CA 95401-9175

These “Golden Years” sure curtail one’s travel when there are many aches & pains. 3 of us drove to the SEA convention; had a blast. Think we laughed most of the way & it only took 9 days (Many visits along the way).

I am now facing reality & down sizing - a thankless job. All of this is in preparation for a spring move to Montrose, CO. I know there is not a chapter in that area, but maybe some social activity can be generated.

Everyone in the RUAEA office does such a great job; I will be in contact when I get a few boxes unpacked!

Van & Irene Eitel, 4305 De Haven Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151

Van was hospitalized 2½ months with a heart attack.

We moved to Adult Living so that he can get immediate medical attention. He is recovering slowly & we hope he will be able to join his buddies at the Dulles meetings.

Armando Molina, 1056 Grand Ave. #204, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Thanks a million for a job well done, & keeping United retirees very well informed.

I will be keeping my fingers crossed for the better at United.

Will you please publish my email address: armandodesantatecla@hotmail.com

I would like to know about my friends that I left at United. Thanks.

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

This year is coming to a close faster than I wish, but it has been another great year for Carol & me. Though this was the first year that we have not been traveling on United, we have not been sitting still. My wife & I cruised the Mexican Riviera for 11 days in Jan., in June, five hiking friends & I traveled to the Peruvian Andes for a 120 mile trek through the Cordillera Huayhuash. At the end we climbed 19,000 ft Pisco in the Cordillera Blanca. The final ascent took us over a glacier where we donned our crampons & ice axes for a better grip on the ice. Climbing above 14,000 ft is hard work for a 69 year old, but taking in the beautiful mountain scenery, was very rewarding for me. Sept., Carol & I went on a more relaxing vacation to French Polynesia. We boarded Air Tahiti in LA for an eight hour, non-stop flight to Tahiti. After a few days of sightseeing, we boarded the Tahitian Princess for an 11 day cruise, visiting Bora Bora, Morea, the Cook Islands & some lesser known ones.

This year, we also became grandparents for the 4th time, a reminder that we are indeed getting older. I try to concentrate my energy around the good things in life, avoiding to become too upset over things beyond my control. It is with that attitude that I register the sad news of once proud United.

Let me close by thanking your fine staff for your hard work. I also enjoy receiving our newsletter electronically, it certainly beats delivery by mail.

Dale Kruckenberg, 880 Meadow Pass Rd., Walnut, CA 91789-1955

Thank you for your work in getting the newsletter out to all of us. I have enjoyed it for 12 years; I especially like the letters from fellow retirees. I retired in '93 & have enjoyed the picking & choosing of the projects of the day or week. I have 2 daughters & a wife to keep me busy with their “honeys”. They can be quite challenging at times. Like a new bathroom, or kitchen, cabinets, tile a kitchen floor or a patio cover. I still enjoy traveling but don’t seem to have enough time to do all I want. Enjoyed my yearly fishing trip to Alaska. Went to Kodiak this year - best fishing I ever had. Salmon, halibut, rockfish, lingcod. Was great. Had to invest in hearing aids this year. Had a hard time getting reimbursed for them. Got approval before buying them in Jan. Paid for them up front. Many phone calls & letters finally was reimbursed \$5000.00 in Oct. Sure was disappointing to have to fight for something that was approved before I purchased them. Sure hope UAL gets its act together & comes out of this chapter 11 OK. Hope it doesn’t hurt us any more than it has. It was a great company & it made it possible for all of us to enjoy a very comfortable lifestyle - both working & in retirement. Keep positive thoughts. Thanks for the swell job you do.

Carol Husted, P.O. Box 822082, Vancouver, WA 98682

In spite of my very good intentions, the red stamp caught me. On Oct. 1 fell & broke my coccyx landing me in the hospital for 5 days. That really is no excuse for being late with my dues, but it certainly did make a difference in my behavior for quite a while. The doctor released me from the hospital provided I had 24- hour care for at least 3 weeks. The retirement center where I was living independently would allow my return only on the same conditions. Special care is expensive. I had it for 3 weeks until I had a place to move. Only recently have I been able to sit here at the computer.

My daughter had wanted me to live with her when my husband died, but I was not ready for that. After this fall (I had 4 in July plus a hip replacement the first of May), Anne said I had no choice but to move in with her. It did not take her & her husband long to rent a house large enough for me to have 2 rooms for myself. I didn't have much choice other than to go into the special care portion of the retirement center for over twice what I was paying. I am happy here, but the move did rather remove other things from my mind for some time. I am finally getting settled. Having to depend on others is taking some adjustment. I am allowed to walk a short distance or go in the wheelchair. My new address above.

Don Burda 1408 Knowlton Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087-3151

Received the newsletter & notice Don had forgotten to send in his dues. Guess he was so busy taking care of me, that the time just slipped by. Since Sept. I've been in the hospital, then on radiation. That leaves a lot to be desired; the effects weren't great. Now back in chemo till whenever.

A "big" thank you to everyone for their hard work.

Bill Liberto, 1400 Haverson Rd., Baltimore, MD 21228-1114

I really appreciate all you folks do at the RUAEA office putting out the news to us. I have been retired since Fe.b. 1999, really depend on receiving a timely copy of the newsletter. The only link the retired group has is what is going on with United. Also, good news that RUAEA will now be active as an advocate for the retiree group.

At this point, I would like to bring to your attention a problem that I am having receiving my copy of the Newsletter! For the past 4 months it has been 3-4 weeks late arriving to me. My local post office has advised me that local delivery is not the problem. So, I must assume that something is wrong at the DEN end. Could it be because of later closeout times for the chapter reports, which does not allow time for the newsletter to be published & mailed? Late newsletters with events & facts after the fact, are not in the spirit of best interest of the retiree group. I seem to sense a move to do away with the mailed newsletter, to online retrieval. Could that be the problem? Is too much time being directed to online updates vs. paper reproductions? I hope not! If I may, I would like to express a personal opinion about the online retrieval. I, like many other retired folks, do not own or care to own a computer to do my tasks in life.

We should not be forced to buy, beg or borrow devices to do such tasks. If in fact that online retrieval is the cause of my late newsletter, as a dues paying subscriber, that also contributes to our mailing costs. Would you please insure that a timely report, as had been the case prior to 4 months ago, gets to me so that I may have updated information that will allow me to participate in the many events and services included in the newsletter, also to get up-to-date information about our troubled airline. Thanks!. What do you mean - if I don't like it, don't subscribe. Shame on you. That's not a good answer. Just kidding. Anything you can do to fix my problem would be appreciated.

Mary Howard, 6760 N. Spring Wagon Dr., Tucson, AZ 85743-8670

I do thank you for my current issue. That reminded me when I looked at the date on back page! Honestly we keep so busy, I sometimes wish I would wake up just one day & say I had absolutely nothing to do for one day!! Retired Aug. 1985, loving every minute.

Buck Stratton, RR 2, Burns Lake BC V0J 1E0

Last Jan. my wife, Judy, was recovering from cancer surgery. Next came 6 months of chemo. Now the doctors say she is "cancer free" & has only a 20% chance of it coming back.

We keep busy plowing snow in the winter, mowing the lawn & watering flowers in the summer. My son Charlie & his family flew up here last Aug. Caught some rainbow trout. My health is about the same as last year ... still struggling with diabetes but able to control it.

Gordon McKinzie, 15732 30th Drive SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012-7850

I was going to be on my toes this month & get my dues to you before the dreaded red stamp hit, but time & events just got the best of me again. I hope my pension-plagued contribution hits your desk in time to keep me out of arrears!

After 16 months into retirement, I'm beginning to think I can survive this new lifestyle. I still get twitchy when I read about new airplane projects; I keep instinctively looking in on my Boeing friends & watching them struggle with the 7E7 (how can they design a new airplane without United's help?). I am also continuing as a guest lecturer at MIT in aircraft design every fall & have taken on a little consulting, but the withdrawal continues; I eventually hope to be fully "de-programmed". Thanks for your stewardship of the NEWSLETTER & keeping us all connected!

Peter G Bourlin, 3110 SE Chestnut St., Milwaukie, OR 97267

As a public service to those of us who have a less than desired filing system, could you please print on one of the pages in the RUAEA Newsletter, the pertinent & much used phone numbers & addresses by retirees at large.

I wanted to refinance my humble abode, & had to provide proof of my retirement income ... I had a heck of a time producing the address and/or phone number where the Bank could verify it.

I called the Retirement desk, talked to someone regarding where I could call to get a letter of verification for a pass on Southwest Airlines, they did not know who I could turn to for that letter.

You could save a lot of frustration, anxiety & unneeded stress if you folks could be so kind & print some of those much referenced phone numbers & addresses where I could have it in front of me for easy visual reference.

Thank you very much. Keep up your fantastic work.

Juergen & Helga Brunke, 1640 Stone House Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648

First, my thanks for working on our Newsletter with such great success. It is very nice to be in touch with all the different chapters & activities. Every edition has news & useful items.

This year, had several challenges in store for me, two total hip replacements, since Dec. 15, 2003 & Mar. 29, 2004. Both surgeries went very well; in 2 years, walking is an enjoyment again. My pain level got so bad, making a step, was a disaster. I can recommend to anyone, who has pain in a hip & limitation walking see a doctor & discuss a hip replacement. Medicare helped to pay most of the expense for the therapy thereafter. We managed in Sept. of this year to go to Germany (my accent was in need of repair) to see my wife's relatives, gaining a few pounds enjoying the good sausages & beer. But since the change to the EURO currency, found myself digging up more money for pleasures more often enjoyed cheaper in years past.

Paul Dillner, 3014 3rd Ave. W, Seattle, WA 98119

We had the pleasure of visiting my wife's family in Germany - Her mother is 95 & still very active, also had the pleasure of attending her 50th school reunion, making several new friends despite the language barrier.

Two weeks were spent touring the "former East". I highly recommend Dresden & Meissen as cities to visit.

We used most of our "mileage-plus" accumulation - and a good thing as stand-by would not have worked.

I'm in my 3rd year of retirement after a varied career of 45 years. Started in DEN - transferred to SEA - promo to ORD & later EXO. Back to SEA - missed the rain, then to LAX & finally back to SEA.

I enjoy the newsletter & having served in many locations. As well as having visited many more when working in in-flight. I keep coming across names that bring back fond memories.

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Entry form in Feb. Newsletter.

Frank Callahan

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