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FROM THE SHORES OF THE PACIFIC TO THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC

PRESENTING:
"A CAPITAL EVENT"
RUAEA CONVENTION
MAY 21-29, 2006

Happy New Year from your Convention Committee & RUAEA Officers.

Most of our United Retirees are aware of the many places of interest that the Nations Capital has to offer. The RUAEA Convention will afford you the opportunity to visit Mount Vernon, Annapolis, The Spy Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Archives & many more.

Our Tour Chairman John Koehl has arranged a full tour program starting with a May 22 departure for Williamsburg & Jamestown, VA with an overnight.

We conclude the convention with a tour to the Gettysburg Battlefield on May 28, with an overnight at Gettysburg.

Complete details will be available in the Feb. newsletter.

Bring your walking shoes!

We have two special "Gala" evenings planned for Fri. May 26 & Sat. May 27. On both nights we will enjoy fabulous dinners with entertainment to follow.

The Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel has just completed a 4 million dollar renovation of the rooms, everything will be ready for your comfort & convenience.

We suggest that you start checking your local newspapers in Jan. & Feb., as United will start to advertise special low fares for Springtime travel.

Remember to tell the Reservations Agent that we have a 20% discount off any published fare, as United Retirees. Fare code S*PMO/EMP20

We look forward to showing you the sights & sounds of the Nations Capital!

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I am writing this article for the Jan. Newsletter, I can't believe that the year 2005 is drawing (has drawn) to a close; we are looking at the year 2006. For some of us the year 2005 has been a real bummer. The past 3 years have been difficult for retirees, employees & United Airlines. (As I write this I do not know the results of the Bankruptcy Solicitation Plan of Reorganization vote. I am writing this assuming that the vote to accept United's POR is/was approved.)

Much of our anxiety & frustration have been because of the unknown & uncertainty. Many rumors & speculation added to this. I am reflecting on the role RUAEA played over the past 3 years. To what extent RUAEA has been proactive in keeping you informed with accurate & timely information; representing your interests & concerns. I am proud of your Officers, Regional Directors, individuals appointed to serve RUAEA members in special ways also our staff in DEN. Every one is a committed individual striving to do the best they know how. Each of us has experienced the same issues you have, plus we have tried to serve you & your interests.

We now need to focus on the future – 2006 & beyond. As United emerges from bankruptcy, what are the implications for retirees? I am very optimistic, looking forward to the opportunities United's recovery may afford. Our (RUAEA's) role may be even more critical in 2006 & beyond. Our mission continues to be twofold: one, maintaining the relationships of our retirees through the monthly newsletter, website, annual convention & support of local chapters; two, represent retirees by being a proactive voice with United Airlines fostering effective two-way communication, input regarding retiree interests, issues, concerns, & support of United Airlines in its recovery. We are committed to this mission.

I hope you had a blessed Christmas & are looking forward to the New Year 2006, as I am.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

Late Breaking News



Seattle has its new Telephone number for Retired RUAEA members to call the Travel Desk on a Toll Free Number.

Starting December 12, 2005

****** (888) UA6-DESK ******

****** (888) 826-3375 ******

We ask that SEA locals continue to use: (206) 433 4218

SEA: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.

10:00 AM through 2:00 PM PST

PDX – (888) 278-7038

Mon. Wed. Fri.

10:00 AM through 2:00 PM PST

(Five Day Coverage)

RUAEA WEBSITE

The RUAEA Website is available to all RUAEA members as well as visitors. It is located on the Internet at WWW.RUAEA.ORG.

It contains important information regarding: What is RUAEA? Who can join? How to contact RUAEA? RUAEA Chapters, Links to important items or websites that are of the greatest importance to United Airlines Retirees, Convention News, RUAEA Newsletter, & Support.

New Items of immediate importance to retirees are conveniently located on the Websites

Home Page & denoted as such.

The Website is updated approx. 3 weeks prior to the mailing of the paper copy of the Newsletter, if you desire your RUAEA information earlier you might want to consider receiving your Newsletter on the web. Instructions on how to sign up are located on the Home Page.

NOW AVAILABLE ... ALLIANT VISA GIFT CARD

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Get the Alliant VISA gift card for everyone on your list – leave the real shopping up to *them*.

UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



THE NEW SWALLOW

UAHF has chosen the New Swallow airplane as part of our logo.

In the Historic First Airmail Flight on April 6, 1926, a New Swallow was flown from Pasco, WA to Boise, ID & Elko, NV by Varney's Chief Pilot

Leon Cuddeback.

Varney's fleet consisted of six 160-hp Curtiss C-6 engined New Swallows. These planes were found to be underpowered & were then updated with 200-hp Wright “Whirlwind” J-4 radial engines.

E. M. Laird Airplane Company founder Emil Matthew “Matty” Laird designed the Swallow in 1919/1920. The Swallow (it flew “like a Swallow”) was the first made-for-production aircraft built in Wichita, KS. 43 Swallows were built between 1920 & 1923.

On Laird's staff were the engineer Lloyd Stearman & in charge of sales was Walter Beech, both of whom are now Legends in Aviation.

Following Laird's departure in 1924, the company's name was changed by prime financial backer Jacob M. Moellendick, to the Swallow Airplane Manufacturing Company. The Chief Engineer Lloyd Stearman was given the task of redesigning the Swallow.

This “New Swallow” was described as “the first new practical approach to commercial aircraft design. A complete breakaway from the old school of thought”.

This past year UAHF videotaped an interview with Ward Stryker of Aurora, CO. As a young man, the 94-year-old worked as a Swallow wing builder in Wichita, KS. He had many interesting stories to tell.

We want to thank Marv Berryman for the research & writing this article about the “New Swallow.”

Tom Goodyear
Executive Director of UAHF

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/ STAFF

In the Dec. 2005 RUAEA Newsletter we featured Carole Longbella, Membership Secretary. Probably many of you noticed that the “Gremlins” managed to get into the article – listed her employment date & retirement date the SAME day! We do apologize to Carole. She was reemployed on 4/3/61 – retired 5/31/91.

Another item we are going to mention – Carole was the first woman to work on the Flight Operation Crew Desk in DEN.

We are very happy to have Carole on the DEN office staff.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Feb. are due in DEN by Fri. Jan. 6, Mar. report by 2/6, April report by 3/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX METRO



PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Jim Zarek & Peg Homfeldt hosted our Nov. luncheon meeting at the Arizona Golf Resort. Great food & a beautiful setting were enjoyed by all. Many friendships were renewed as we welcomed back those who traveled to cooler spots for the summer.

Jim Fauber addressed the group about the Proof of Claim Form advising us to look for further information on the RUAEA Website.

The Fantasy Flight was held at Sky Harbor International Airport on Dec. 2. This year's event once again benefited 120 children from the Thomas J. Pappas School in PHX. The Re-Uniteds donated \$150 plus many volunteer hours to the effort. Children received gift bags stuffed with coloring books, crayons, sticker albums, etc. Their smiles & excitement about being onboard an aircraft were a great reward to all those who participated.

The Dec. Holiday luncheon was hosted by Bonnie & Jim Fauber at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes on Dec. 13. Decked out in their Christmas finery, everyone enjoyed sharing their holiday joy with their friends. Many thanks to Jim

& Bonnie who donated a SONY CD Player for a raffle to raise money for Fantasy Flight 2006.

We were reminded of those in our group who are recovering from various illnesses. Rita Zarek is recuperating from Bypass Surgery. Tony Riviero is at the Valley of the Sun Rehab Center. We were sorry to hear that Ginny Hallden, wife of Bob, passed away after a long struggle with Ovarian Cancer in mid-Nov. Bill Hawthorne is in Kinfred Rehab in Scottsdale recovering from surgery and would be happy to have visitors.

Calendar:

Jan. 4 – Luncheon Meeting – Location unknown at printing

Jan. – Breakfast Meeting – Grumpy Fred's

TALL PINES

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Dec. 6 was the date for our annual Christmas Party held at the Hassayampa Inn. We had 29 merrymakers at our lovely dinner & the Hassayampa was in festive attire. Since this was a "party", we had no business meeting. Our next meeting will be Feb. 28 at Coco's on Rt. 69 in Frontier Village - 11:00 am. Hope to see your bright and shining faces!!

Congratulations are in order to Earle Risdon who celebrated his 80th birthday in Oct. - way to go, Earle!!!

Our Tall Pines group extends to all United retirees (who are a great bunch) a "Happy & Healthy New Year".

Calendar:

Feb. 28 - Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00am

Mar. 28 - Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00 am

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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For our Oct. meeting we had lunch at the Cow Palace in Amado, AZ, just a few kilometers up I-19 from the charming village of Tubac. I-19; so far as we know, is the only US road marked in kilometers. An interesting discussion occurred over the pronunciation of kilometer. One faction says kill-o-meter; the other says kill-OM-eter. The discussion moved on to therm-o-meter, bar-o-meter, speed-o-meter, od-o-meter, & the like. Another intellectually stimulating meeting.

For Nov., 35 of us turned out for a superb luncheon at the Viscount. We especially enjoyed the strawberry cheesecake. Alice Belzer reports that someone ate 2 pieces, but she is not saying who. Sybil Collins' son Bill was a guest. Scott Teich of Lincoln Financial Services gave us quick overview of what Lincoln has to offer retirees. Club officers for the coming term were announced: Pres., Gordon Starr; VP, Pat DiLallo; Secy., Alice Belzer; & Treas., Sybil Collins.

After umpteen years as Secy., meeting arranger, major domo, & general factotum, Donna Kuehn is retiring from those positions. Donna said she no longer has time to boss us & Ken around, so she is going to concentrate on Ken.

On Nov. 28 a dozen Roadrunners turned out on a wintry morning for our annual decoration of a Christmas tree at the Reid Park zoo. Alice led the choir in a rousing rendition of Pogo's "Deck Us All with Boston Charlie, Walla Walla Wash & Kalamazoo".

Calendar:

Jan. 19 - Hidden Valley Restaurant. Snowbirds welcome.

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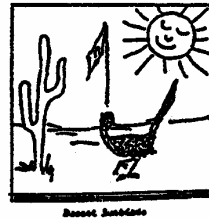


The 1st meeting for the Central Coasters in 2006 will be Feb. 15. The location, & host, TBA.

This is my last column for the Newsletter as Al Rybar will take over as Secy./Correspondent next month. I wish to express my appreciation, &

thanks, to my friend, Jo Madden, also to Virgil Gooselaw, for their great help & support.

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DESERT SUNBIRDS

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This report is submitted by Elaine Aggson:

Desert Sunbirds were saddened by the death of John Osgood, John & Miriam joined our group in our first year & rarely missed a meeting. John was our Treas. for many years.

John & Miriam had just moved into a senior apartment complex after selling their home of many years. On Nov. 5, John tripped while exiting the shower & suffered a fatal head injury. Cards may be sent to Miriam at her new address: 1025 Sunset Drive #216, Hemet, CA 92545. Phone # (951) 766-9524.

Our Nov. meeting at The Cedar Creek Inn in Palm Springs marked our 16th anniversary. In honor of turning "sweet sixteen", members brought sweets for door prizes. There was an array of delicious candy, cookies, cakes, etc. We welcomed Art & Rochelle Swiatek after a lengthy absence also Louie Horvath who was between cruises. We had several no-shows which may have occurred as the result of a change in date & place which was necessary when remodeling was not completed at our planned location. If anybody turned up at the wrong place on the wrong date, we're sorry for the mix-up. Al Pennington was the 50/50 winner, Miriam Osgood won the free birthday lunch.

We welcome all visitors who may be vacationing in the Palm Springs area to our meetings. We meet the 2nd Wed. of every month. For information or details of the meetings, contact Elaine Aggson, (760) 340-5492 or luvgoff@aol.com.



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The Nov. meeting was held at Josef's in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square. Brandon & Pat Maus were the hosts, assisted by Joanne Huhn & Roger Casterline, enjoyed by 37 members & guests. Guests were Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell & Clem Shanahan, Lee Trevelyan, guests of Barney & Clare Hagen. New member, Barbara Briggs, spoke about her history with UAL going from SFO to Washington DC.

Pres. Les Carey announced the officers for 2006:

- Pres. – Norm Burnett
- VP – Patrick Cadden
- Treas. – Oscar Chambers
- Secy. – Judy DeFord
- Sunshine Lady – Verda Burr
- Photographer/Historian – Barney Hagen

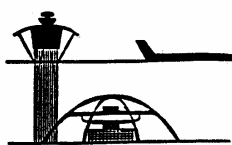
Treas. Oscar Chambers & Joan are basking in the HWI sunshine. Norma Stilman was the winner of the Birthday Lunch. A card was sent to Jack & Betty Radican. Betty is undergoing Chemotherapy & is ill from it. A card was sent to Helen & Bill Furber expressing Get Well Wishes for them also sympathy on the loss of their daughter.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: JUST REMEMBER, ONCE YOU ARE OVER THE HILL YOU BEGIN TO PICK UP SPEED. (Charles M. Schulz).

Calendar:

Jan. 12 – TBA – Matt & Norma Stilman

Feb. 9 - The Villa, Santa Rosa - Ron & Joanne Huhn



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The ReLAXers Christmas luncheon & the LAX

Fantasy Flight dates were early this year, so we can give you reports from both with no delay. As usual, the Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary was well attended by members & guests. Our meeting is always in the beautiful mahogany paneled Windsor Room of the ship. The tables for gifts for the kids of The Vista del Mar Child & Family Services provided us with a group wish list. It was very satisfying to see that our members followed the list closely.

PEOPLE – Some news received too late for last month's news, plus lots of new:

Betty Houck is rushing around as usual after a month of recovering from a cracked pelvic bone. She gracefully tripped over a break in the garage paving, ended up in a rehab for over a week, then graduated to a walker at home, helped by the fine service of her HMO aides.

Fran Sturdivan has been working to overcome her sciatic problems. So painful – here's hoping for quick & permanent recovery. She was able to attend the Q.M. luncheon thanks to a friend who was her chauffer.

Tarina Murray barely recovering from shoulder surgery, had to endure surgery for bladder stones. She, too, was able to attend the Q.M. affair. Now, that's enough, Tarina!

Margaret Guyselman, one of the founders of ReLAXers, moved back east a couple of years ago & we "lost" her. We finally & thankfully heard from her. (New-1103 S. Scott Rd.#307, St.Johns MI 48879 / 989-227-8755).

Ann Daley had angioplasty just 2 days before the Oct. luncheon, but came anyway. She looked good altho'said she felt a bit woozy. She was also able to attend at the Q.M.

Sally Drummond broke her hip in Oct., doing fairly well now, but had to miss the Christmas party.

Roger Dunworth is going through physical therapy to cure twinges in his shoulder, which was put out of commission by too much activity of some kind last summer.

Bob Schmiedeke called **Jackie Abel** to arrange for taking her to the Christmas party. When he got too many non-answers he started calling hospitals. Sure enough, she is back in the hosp. & is now on O₂ therapy, most likely for some time she advises.

Lillian Simkus, Jeanette & Bob Curran went on the Mexican Riviera cruise on Seaborn (they all

got a discount on a special deal – how else would we travel?). They thoroughly enjoyed the trip on that luxury cruise line. Bob told us about taking the “canopy tour” at Puerto Vallarta. Apparently it involves flying through the air above the jungle canopy, clambering over a rickety bridge, rappelling down a cliff at the end. Fun, huh? Suuuure!

Henry Petryrz was not able to attend – he had tests which revealed that he has leukemia. They advise him the prognosis is very good – we certainly hope so.

Retirees from waaay back (like me) may recall a former work friend from TR, TO & RR, **Laz Jaramillo**, who called last week from his home in Lake Chapala, Mexico. That is a suburb of Guadalajara where he & his long time friend, Walter, have lived for several years, Laz called to advise us of Walter’s severe illness – he’s battled several serious ailments for 2 years. Per a later email from Laz, Walter passed away on Thanksgiving Day.

Ray Ginocchio’s Retiree News flyer reported that **Flozell Hartzog** passed away. He was a mainstay of the local IAM retiree club.

Gertrude Dugas will be having cataract surgery on the 6th so she & **Norm** missed the union Christmas luncheon.

Ray Gionocchio had back surgery, reports that he is “up & around”.

Billie Gaynor was to attend the Q.M. with Dottie Kopec driving her. But just before leaving, she fell, fractured her shoulder & damaged her knee.

Jan Sherbet was not able to attend as she has had a bad time with her feet & legs

Moving on to a report of the FANTASY FLIGHT which was conducted on Sat., the 3rd. Due to fuel cost, security restrictions & airplane scheduling, we can’t take a flight anymore. The last time we were able to take the kids on an airplane was in 2003 when we gave them their MacD meals onboard a 747, taxied them from freight bldg to Terminal 7. Last year, & again this year, we build Santa’s village in the new AF building. Many ReLAXers joined employees, flight attendants, pilots plus a lot of help from the employees of L.A. C’y Dept of Children & Families. One of the employees decorated with balloons – thousands of them. The Line Dancers

group of employees & retirees, a group of HWI dancers from adults through kids who couldn’t have been over 4yrs old. The employee-magician was a huge hit. There was food for the kids, games, presents, & balloons to take home. I extend sympathy to **Donna Klobe** (our hard-working Secy.) who missed the F.F. fun. She came down on Fri. a.m. with a case of stomach flu. As of Sunday, she reports being OK again.

No doubt many folks will want to send notes to those not doing so well – just email me for addresses.

As mentioned last month, we’re working on an email distribution system for ReLAXers. Far from in place yet, but I did a test run and sent out emails with attachments of the **Mar. 28-29 PALM SPRINGS tour**. Watch for an email attachment & a flyer in the Feb. meeting announcement. It is a big help to find so many people being added to email lists each month. Please don’t hesitate to send your e-address to me – I promise I’ll never send spam of any kind to these lists – strictly ReLAXers business & notices. Thanks!!!

TRAVEL NOTES: JoAnn Briggs is NOT on a cruise ... Out-of-town-for holidays. Yours truly spent Thanksgiving with LAS buddies, Lu & Jan. My return flight on Ted was a thrill a minute! It was a very windy day in both LAS & LAX. Takeoff was a *bumpy*, the flight bounced nearly the entire 50 minutes to LAX, the landing –*WOW*! We touched down with a heavy bouncing thud, then were really buffeted by the wind on the runway. I was in row 18, in the “*wagging*” tail of the plane. We were actually buffeted back & forth, side to side, in our seats. It was a first for me after 40 years of flying various planes. Whew! I wasn’t nervous, as I have great confidence in the skill of our pilots, but it was nice when we slowed down before suffering whiplash! Next week 6 of us in LAX & LAS will be heading for Germany to take the riverboat Christmas Markets cruise down the Danube to Vienna. Thanks to a number of years of going to Yellowstone in March, I’ll be dressed for the very cold WX over there. Carol & Bill Oneil missed the Q.M. party – they were in HWI on their honeymoon! Congratulations!!

Calendar:

Feb. 9 – Luncheon at the Hacienda. Notices will be out early in Jan.

Mar. 28-29 – Palm Springs Follies tour, overnight downtown PSP, two meals, tour of Living Desert Museum in Indian Wells

April 6 – Luncheon. NOTE DATE VARIATION. Not the usual 2nd Thur. a/c Easter & Passover dates.

Re-Sans

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ReSans members & friends enjoyed a delightful Christmas Party & luncheon at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. The 50-50 was won by Earl Anderson & Woody Grover. Many lovely Christmas presents for children were donated. We also enjoyed a fun White Elephant auction.

We welcomed Carolyn Kinander as a new member of ReSans.

We were so delighted to see Shirley Criscione join us. Shirley has recovered beautifully after a nasty down time.

The Red Robin Choir from Grossmont High School sang Christmas Carols for us. They are a group of very talented & delightful young people; we very much enjoyed their presentation.

Marian Owens again requested that nominations for the post of Pres. of ReSans should be mailed to Carolyn Hastings at the above address.

If you wish to contact the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, their Customer Service number is 1-800-400-7242.

The next RUAEA Convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, VA. The closest airport is Reagan National, with Dulles & Baltimore also being options.

To list for your flights you may wish to contact the volunteers at the PDX Travel Desk on Mon, Wed & Fri between 10 and 2 Pacific Time. Toll free number is 1-888-278-7038.

Volunteers in SEA are also available on Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs from 10-2. Their number is 1-206-433-4218.

Calendar:

Spring Fling & Election of Officers - date to be announced



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Our Pres., Ralph Trullinger is traveling, so 1st VP Bob Taiclet presided over our Nov. meeting. There were 156 present with Mike Mewkalo greeting us.

Membership secretary, Carol Walter asked, "have you paid your dues". It is that time of year again folks. Carol asked for Nov. & Dec. birthdays & anniversaries, we had two 50+ anniversaries. Ken & Rita Wahls celebrated 54 years in Nov., Bob & Ella Mae Donovan, 58 years in Dec.

Sadly we lost several of our members this month. Helen Speetzen passed away Nov. 1. Send condolences to her husband Clark, at 429 West 39th Av., San Mateo, CA 94403. Stuart Shafer passed away Nov. 13. Send your sympathy to his wife Mary Shafer, 404 Dwight Rd., Burlingame, CA 94010. Alex Pratchenko passed away Nov. 16. Send cards & letters to his wife, Elizabeth at 3642 Edison, # H, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Laura Hansen fell & broke her hip recently & has had surgery. Jim Rosen had knee surgery Dec. 6. Russell Cryder is in VA Hospice in Palo Alto.

Harriet Kunze, our Charity Coordinator, thanked everyone for the shoeboxes, filled with gifts for children, that we send to Shelter Network. She also thanked Jean Lloyd, who bought & donated beanie babies & other small stuffed toys that were given to children at Christmas. Harriet also announced that we were able to donate to six charities this year, that was one more than last year.

Walt Bartkowiak introduced the proposed officers for 2006. They are:

- Pres. – Ralph Trullinger
- 1st VP – Bob Taiclet
- 2nd Co-VP – Tony & Kathy Hutt
- Recording Secy. – Helen Cain
- Corresponding Secy. – Donna Taiclet
- Treas. - Eugene Walter
- Membership Secy. – Carol Walter
- Auditors – Bernie Schneider, Jerry Milner & Frank Cavaliere

The membership voted to approve this slate of officers for 2006.

Auditors Ken Wahl & Ozzie Schmidt are stepping down; we thank them for all of their hard work & time that they gave us.

The Alliant Credit Union was our program, which was very informative. Did you know that Alliant is extremely solid & their dividend average 2% above most credit unions? One question that was asked was “do you have to show some activity in your accounts every year to keep from being charged a fee?” The answer was that there has to be a minimum of \$100 to earn a dividend. Less than \$100 you can be charged \$10 a year & after 5 years they can close the account.

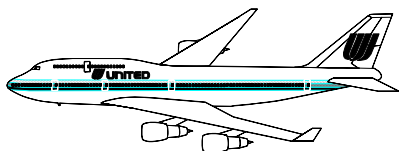
Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg will be leaving on a 7 day small ship cruise June 22-28, 2006 with stops in Seattle, Coupeville, Roche Harbor Sidney, B.C. , Princess Louisa Inlet to mention just a few. She also has a 15 day cruise Sept. 22-Oct. 7, 2006 from Copenhagen to New York with stops in England Scotland, Ireland, Iceland, Greenland & Newfoundland. A *Mystery Trip* is planned July 15 –19, 2006 to begin & end in Pittsburgh, PA. If you would like to travel with Ginger on any of these trips give her a call at 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com

Betty Garner has several local tours planned. One is a possible Feb. 2006 trip to SFO Chinatown for lunch & a Chinese play. Another is a “Snow Train” trip to Reno Jan. 31 – Feb. 2. Call Betty at (650) 355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com. Betty’s “Pumpkins & Ghost on the Coast” was a big success.

Calendar:

Feb. 27 - Chinese New Year Luncheon after Feb. General Meeting. No pot luck. Tickets \$5 each.
Purchase tickets by Feb. 24.

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting followed by potluck, 11:30 am at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. **Single person brings food for 4 – couple brings food for 8.** Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

Big news in Oct. was the birthday of Pete Bilisch, who turned a hale & hearty 90 years old Oct. 10; an event we celebrated at our Oct. 7 meeting.

Pete has been a RUAEA member of the Redwood City chapter since 1983. He organized the first Christmas luncheon that included the Toys for Tots drive.

Pete, who just had his CA driver’s license renewed for five years, & who recently came back from HWI where he attended his nephew’s wedding, is still very active.

Another inspiring event was to see Sam Cram back at our meeting. Sam, a retired UA 747 Captain, was wind-surfing in HWI when he had to make a crash landing in a lake. Despite his injuries he managed to swim to shore & even saved his friend, who couldn’t swim. Sam, you are truly a hero. The best!

During the month of Nov. we had a very successful food drive, conducted by Ruie & Bob Bradley; with all donations being forwarded to the Salvation Army for distribution. We hope to make this a yearly Thanksgiving season tradition.

Barbara Ferrell broke her arm; is in therapy. Jean Rushton had some stints put in. Dolores Burda is back in chemo, we wish her the best. Ben Scales was back after his knee surgery.

Save next April 25 for another great bus trip organized by Marion Gaever. It will include a visit to the Culinary Academy in SFO, plus a tour or the Presidio. It will be \$61 P/P.

Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder’s Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts 7:00 am, meeting convenes 8:20 am. Please contact our Pres., Garver Sandy, (408) 262-1548 for more information.



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Our Nov. meeting was held on the 14th with 28 people in attendance.

We welcomed John Bateman who was visiting. Good to see the following back: Pat Taylor, Ken Price & Red Klaren.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Calender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00. Lunch & business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations, just come.

Calendar:

Jan. 9

Feb. 13

Mar. 13

April 10

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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DEN "Mile Higher's" held their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 6. DEN had very unusual weather. The temperature high was in the teens & the low was below "0", 90 folks braved the slick roads & a snow storm. All the retirees & friends made it home safely. The attendees brought toys for Santa Sleigh Ride (Fantasy Flight). Tom Goodyear's pickup truck was full of toys.

We had 4 first timers: Judy Brankin, Lonna Fishler, Sunny Jacobs & Sharon Tormey. They all promised to join us in the future.

Doris Van Fleet returned her 50/50 winnings to the chapter fund. Thanks, Doris.

We thank Harriet AHR for all her hard work in arranging this great luncheon & door prizes. It was a huge success.

The Dec 7 Mile Higher Chapter breakfast was

canceled because of the very cold & snowy weather.

We welcomed one first-timer at the 11/26 mailing – Michael Smith – great-grandson of Doug Colbert. He was a great help to the Mailing Team.

Pat Lavelle (former Denverite) had her leg amputated Dec. 2 as a result of infection, with complications due to her diabetes. It was removed 6 inches below her right knee, so she has her knee for a prosthetic leg.

Pat is in Danville Regional Rehabilitation Center, 255 Meadow Dr., Danville, IN 46122, Room 210. We have been informed that her spirits are high. Words of encouragement would certainly be appreciated.

Nancy Goodyear thanks all the RUAEA members who sent her cards & notes she received after her hospital stay.

Spring Luncheon – Indian Tree Golf Course Restaurant, 75th & Wadsworth. March 15. Social hour – 11:00 – Lunch 12 Noon. All lunches include salad, vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll & butter, coffee or tea, plus a great dessert.

Menu choices (price all inclusive):

- Top round of beef.
- Oven roasted Loin of Pork
- Herb roasted Half Chicken

Price - \$12.00, Wine - \$4.00, Draft Beer - \$2.00, Bloody Mary, etc. – \$5.00.

Write menu choice on check, also include guest (s) name(s). Check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, (303) 477-2918. Cut-off date March 7.

Calendar:

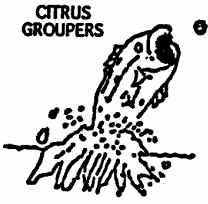
Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

Mar. 15 – Spring Luncheon – details in column.

*Old age is a privilege
not extended to everyone!*

FLORIDA

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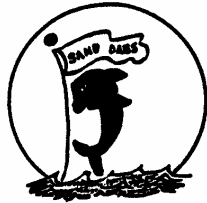
The Citrus Groupers had no meeting in Nov., therefore, I have nothing to report. Most of our members survived the hurricane season with only minor damage. We hope you all had a good & healthy holiday season.

Calendar:

Jan. 26 – Meeting – 11:30 am at The Olive Garden on Rt. 200 (College Rd.) across from the Paddock Mall.

SAND"DABS"

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On an absolutely gorgeous sunny day in FL, 22 Sand"DABS" gathered at the Halifax River Yacht Club for our Christmas meeting. Prez Dick Coughlin opened the meeting, welcoming everyone & introducing new members Gerry Brindley & Carol Hawks. Herb Gardner's wife Molly was able to join us too. We learned that Bud Gammill is doing well after having a hip replacement, now is taking therapy but should be home soon. You can send a card to him at 22 Lazy Eight Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32128. We learned that Dick Perry was not feeling well, as is Honeylou Funkhouser. We wish them well.

After lunch Prez Dick re-started the meeting. Marion Johnson was celebrating her retirement anniversary. Andy Kress was our birthday celebrant present. Before he blew the candle out on our fake cake, he was a good sport & endured our off-key rendition of Happy Birthday. At joke time, Dick had some funny ones on the Christmas theme, also a Christmas trivia list. Our Treas. Frieda Coughlin gave us her last report before "retiring"

from the job. She's handing over the books to Penny Logan-- in the black. There was a Grab Bag exchange of gifts. Some were really cute & rather funny. After our 50/50 drawing there was another drawing which Gerry Brindley won ... a Christmas pillow.

Dick gave us some company information he had and reminded us of the vote on the ballot we need to send in. A letter was read from Dick & Sue Riedel, former producers of the FL Newsletter. The money remaining in the fund they had left was donated to the Moffitt Cancer Research Center in the name of the Retired UAL Employees of FL. Information was available for the 29th Florida West Coast luncheon to be held Jan.16 at the Feather Sound Country Club in Clearwater. Reservations need to be made by Jan. 4.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Did you hear about the man who froze to death at the drive-in theater? He went to see "Closed For The Winter."

Calendar:

Jan. 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, Daytona

Feb. 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, Daytona

Mar 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, Daytona



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VP Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting at the Conway Methodist Church where we were able to celebrate the Holidays this year. We had 39 enjoying the festivities.

Treas. Charlotte LeGrand reminded us that Jan. is the month for 2006 dues. (\$10)

We voted to spend our Christmas Charity Fund with \$200 going to Hospice of the Comforter & \$400 to the Children's Home.

Our former Pres. Robbie Corban & her husband Joe will be leaving us for Fairfield, TN. Farewell & good luck wishes to them in their new home.

Ted & Char LeGrand celebrated their 50 year Anniversary on December 31.

We had our election of new officers at our Dec.

meeting. The results are as follows:

- Paul Brown – Pres. - HBrown412@hotmail.com
- Richard Llewellyn, VP - rhlewln@aol.com
- Joanne Mollett, Secy./Corresponding Secy. - amollet@cfl.rr.com
- Barbara Halterman, Sunshine Secy. - Sbhalter@cs.com

Drawings were held for the lovely poinsettias which had served as festive centerpieces.

A big *THANK YOU* in the form of a gift card was given to Richard Llewellyn (to share with his trusty sidekick, Cathy) for his exceptional work for The Real McCoys!

Calendar:

Jan. 4 - The Real McCoys at the Golden Corral, 1:00 p.m.

Mar. - Hudson Word of Life passion play

May 16 - Space Coast Nature Tour

Upcoming Southwest Tour - For more details and tickets contact Stan Halterman (407) 852-6773

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

PELICAN DROP-INS

Fort Myers, FL

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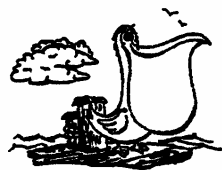
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The Pelican Drop-Ins met for our annual Christmas party & luncheon on Dec. 2. The room was nicely decorated with a Christmas theme. Each member was asked to donate a toy or money to the Salvation Army for the children. All the gifts were arranged on one table for viewing. A Salvation Army worker arrived at two o'clock to pick up our donations. Each member was given a ticket for a drawing for a lovely giant poinsettia plant. One lucky winner brought it home. Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club prepared a special Christmas luncheon for us. After lunch we played an interesting game, everyone won a prize.

Ray Winterhalter reported on Marie Bonnes progress after her recent back surgery. Ray also announced he was a candidate for the position of Southeast Regional Director for RUAEA.

Fred Bauer had rotator cuff tear surgery. Later

he was admitted to the hospital for another problem, now is in rehab.

Tom McNabb stated that he founded the Pelican Drop-Ins Chapter 18 years ago. Maxine Brown, also a charter member, was present with her husband. Tom & Marilyn McNabb have been doing all the planning & work for our group for a long time. Tom & the other officers have been leading the group for many years, now would like to have other members come forward for the election in Jan. New officers will have new ideas.

Dick & Ruth Barros and Wes & Sallie Leighton from Punta Gorda attended the Christmas party - joined as new members. Amy Rademacher, from MI, was a guest of Mel & Linda Volz. Kathleen Krieger, from Arlington Heights, IL, was a guest of Terry & Joan Gilkison.

Our Jan. Meeting will be held at Buddy Freddie's in North Fort Myers.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May) -
Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

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Our Sanddollar chapter met on the 9th of Nov. at the Beach House Restaurant on Longboat Key near Sarasota. 25 members & guests enjoyed lunch, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. It was a beautiful sunny day, 75 degrees with a lovely sea breeze.

Pres., Pat Trice, asked all guests to introduce themselves & tell us, where they had retired from. The Harts out of LAX, the Morgans & the Irwins

out of ORD, the Mavis out of BLD; Dave Friedlein out of CLE Sales learned about us by reading Pat's ad in the local paper. My friend, Betty Bishop, had worked in MIAFO in the 70's.

We learned from Pat, that his wife Betty was in the hospital. Get well soon, Betty. Our Sunshine Lady, Betty Johnson, asked for a back-up helper; Alice Parker volunteered. Thank you, Alice.

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It feels like fall has finally arrived in the Tampa Bay area, I'm really glad as we have had a very hot summer, not much rain except for what the hurricanes blew in from the Gulf. There were 30 members & 4 guests at our Nov. 7 meeting. Guests were Ed & Joan Hufnagel retired from DEN, Bob Ham a TPA retiree & Ethel Cergill. It was good to see Audrey Kutelek & Dick Newman back with us, long time no see! Pres. Mike Rice advised he will continue to print a new TPA membership roster until Aug. 2006. Currently there are 77 paid up members. If non members in the TPA area want their name included they must pay their \$5 dues to Mike soon.

Treas. Lillian Sawyer reported we finally received our deposit back from Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. They officially closed their doors last Sept. We will miss having our parties there.

Jon Wilkinson has made arrangements for our April 2006 picnic at Anderson Park, we had a very good turn out this year.

Mike Marvette, Chairman, gave us a run down on how the "Jan. 16, 2006 29th ANNUAL WEST COAST FLORIDA LUNCHEON" is progressing. It will start with a CASH BAR AT 11:00, lunch served 12:00 noon. Price is \$18.50 incl. for a choice of chicken, filet of flounder or pork - a complete meal. Be sure to get your RSVP to Mike Marvette by the deadline Jan. 4, 2006. No reserved tables, 1st come, first served. Mail checks with your choice of entree to Michael Marvette, 3076 Eastland Blvd #402, Clearwater, FL 33761; we are

looking forward to having speakers such as RUAEA Pres. Marlin Lade & RUAEA Newsletter Editor Jo Madden. Michael still won't tell me who the mystery speaker will be. Guess we will all have to wait & see. For further information contact Michael Marvett (727) 797-9383 or loretmarve@aol.com. All UAL Retirees, their family & friends are invited. We hope to see many of you from other Chapters from all across the US & OVERSEAS. The more the merrier. This will be a good time to visit with your old working buddies who you haven't seen for a long time. Welcome to all of you & we will pray the weatherman has a nice sunny day for us! See you at the beautiful "Feather Sound Country Club" which is wheelchair accessible & plenty of parking.

Jim & Leona McGuire celebrated their 61st Anniversary in Nov. There were 3 celebrating Birthdays in Nov. Jim McGuire, Jennie Santacrose, & Edith Polito

We missed Art & Flo Reveillac as Art recently had surgery.

Our 12/5 Christmas Party was a big success thanks to Chairman Terri Breslin & her committee Beverly Alderdice & Mary Martin. Also a big thank you to the check-in ladies Anne Morse, LaVerne Holste & Carol Starr. Thanks to Bill Linehan who took many pictures of the group, also Jeanne Linehan & Mary Marrin who handled our drawing. Winners were Sadie Tuten, Jon Wilkinson & Jim Hottel. Our Chapter collected \$135 for our Christmas charity & a check was sent to P.A.C.K. - Pasco Assoc. for Challenged Kids. We were entertained by "Genesis Ringers" conducted by Ron Turner. The bell ringers were mostly 6th & 7th graders. There were 14 bell ringers who played many different English hand bells of all sizes. What a joy to hear songs from the Nutcracker, Sleigh Bells & many other holiday songs.

Jan. 2nd at our regular monthly meeting we will have Mr. Kert Covert from Ameri-Life speak on the new Medicare program with some of the changes being made. He is an excellent speaker. Hope to see many attend.

Our Sunshine Lady Terri Breslin reported she had sent get well cards to: Larry Eppard who is recovering from hernia surgery also to Bob Noe who had eye surgery. A sympathy card was sent to

Jennie Santacroce whose mother died 12/1 in Ohio.

Calendar:

Jan. 2 - Buddy Freddy's - Holiday, FL 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 16 - Feather Sound Country Club, 11:00 a.m.

Feb. 6 - Buddy Freddy's - Holiday, FL 10:00 a.m.

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The Holiday Season is over. Let's count our blessings & hope that the New Year brings us prosperity & many good things for our future. 43 flyers attended our Christmas lunch at The Village Café in Fayetteville, GA . Dec. 07. Jane Brown hosted the lunch, Barbara Russy made all the favors & provided the beautiful flower center piece for the table. A drawing was made for the center piece which was won by Bobbie Foles who was elated. Many compliments to these ladies for the great job they did in making this a wonderful holiday lunch.

Pres. Bruce Brodersen had a brief business meeting to field questions about the United Ballots, & end of year business. Jeanne Barber reported in keeping with tradition, that ten Gift Certificates for \$40 each were presented to The Promise Place Shelter of Fayette County for the current residents to make their Christmas a little brighter. Next month's luncheon will be hosted by VP Sandy Lis at The Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnsville, GA, on Jan. 4.

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Ned opened our Dec. breakfast meeting saying we had a generous person who is willing to serve as

our Chapter. Pres., effective Jan. 2. She is Sharon Kolins. We will meet at JB's that morning at the usual time of 9 a.m. Meetings thereafter will be at JB's restaurant in Meridian on the 1st Mon. of each month, unless otherwise notified.

Sharon Kolins was a flight attendant starting in Sept. 1960, first domicile MDW, then ORD, then MIA (1961-63). There she & Richard were married. From 1963-72, she served the company as Reservations Agent. Moved to BOI when Richard was transferred here. Member of Clipped Wings from 1963-72.

Ned welcomed new arrivals Rick & Shirley Dempsey from Rohnert Park, CA. Both are happily retired & enjoying their new home in ID. Their address is 1171 S. River Flow Way, Eagle, ID 83616. Phone: (208) 939-1713. Rick retired from SFOPD Jan. 2003.

Bill & Eve Estensen, recent arrivals from SFO (I believe), have settled in Meridian. Their address is 2639 S. Bear Claw Way, Meridian, ID 83642. Bill is presently in China doing consulting work for an international airline. He was expected home for Christmas. We look forward to hearing more from him on the China connection. Eve was with us at the Dec. 5 breakfast; we'd like to hear more from her, also.

Pete & Dorothy Trock enjoyed a Panama Canal cruise for 18 days. They missed all the tropical storms & hurricanes, but when they returned home, Dorothy had an operation on her back for spinalstenosis. This was on Oct. 28; she is now doing fine.

Gloria Trotter attended her daughter's wedding in SMF, spending 2 weeks there. She is still lonesome & misses her family in SMF.

Andy King who is working at SFOMB is visiting Joe & Joan Varady in Garden Valley, ID. Andy & Joe went hunting, or rather "in pursuit of." That means they weren't successful in bagging a deer or elk.

Carol Adams' mother fell breaking her hip & is presently in the hospital. Dave Adams, still driving a tour bus, says he had the distinct pleasure of driving the Boise State Football team to Logan, UT, for one of their games. Walt Anderson had knee surgery in Dec. This is on top of having both hips replaced, so is well on the way to becoming a bionic man. Bob Smith, one our retired F/Os, has a spot on his lung. It is being tested, but the results

won't be known for a few days.

Ned invited our new station manager, Jim Carignan & his wife Sandy, to our Christmas party, he graciously accepted. His secy. Marline & Bill Lawrence joined them.

Calendar:

Jan. 2 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

Feb. 6 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

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Another New Year is here, where has the time gone? Now that the magic & beauty of the holidays is history, let's enjoy what is in store for us in the New Year by continuing to celebrate each new day as a holiday in our own special way. My special wish to all of you & to your families - a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2006.

A cheerful group of 350 retirees & guests came out to Avalon Banquets on a cold day, with temperatures only reaching the mid teens, to the Skyliners Annual Holiday Party. Marlin Lade & Mort Wax were featured speakers; advised everyone to continue reading the monthly RUAEA newsletter for updated information. The "Elk Grove Town Criers" from Elk Grove High School provided a music festival which was very much enjoyed. The raffle brought in a good return – 50% of which will be donated to the Elk Grove Food Depository.

The Dec. Northsiders breakfast had surprise door prizes given out by Santa's helpers. Over 100 attendees were present to enjoy breakfast with their friends. There were over 25 happy winners of holiday prizes that included a donated authentic scaled die-cast metal replica of a vintage Douglas DC-3 airliner.

The 2006 annual dues of \$5 are now due. 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

concerning new membership or Skyliner luncheons, call Ken at (847) 836-5157.

Volunteers again helped with the Children's Christmas Gift Program held at World Headquarters in Dec. Many Christmas gifts were donated by United employees for children & needy families. This volunteer program is open to all United employees & retirees in the Chicago area.

We will have more information in future news columns about other scheduled volunteer programs. Our volunteer information comes from World Headquarters throughout the year. I will meet with Debbie Bridges, Manager of Corporate Volunteer Programs for United at World Headquarters, to discuss future opportunities for our chapter

Our condolences to the Acoba family of Elmhurst, IL. Tony Acoba passed away from complication of surgery in Nov. Tony worked at United 32 years as an accountant. He was well liked by everyone, served as Treas. of RUAEA & was on the committee for the Skyliners. He will be missed. Cards may be sent to Tony's wife, Tina, at 251 East Vallette, Elmhurst, IL. 60016. A website has been created of Tony's funeral service which is available at <http://home.comcast.net/-tacoba>

This newsletter & the contributing column reporting chapter news is our way to keep up with retirees' news. Our Sunshine Lady, Angie Waunn, will send cards of cheer to any retiree or spouse of a retiree who is hospitalized or ill; she needs to be advised of this information. Angie's new address is 4515 Johnson Avenue in Western Springs, IL. 60558, phone # is (708) 246-4997. Angie has moved in with her son & daughter-in-law to be closer to her family, is doing fine. Angie said she enjoys being the Sunshine Lady, will continue to send cards & letters of well wishes.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (Last Tues. of the month) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview, IL

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (2nd. Wed. of the month) at 9:00 a.m., Golf & Busse Hwy. in Mt. Prospect

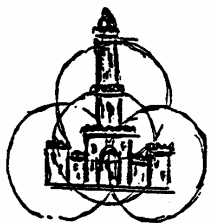
Loop Group – Palmer House, French Quarter, (3rd. Wed. of every other month) 11:30 a.m. Downtown Chicago. The next gathering is Jan. 18.



LOOP GROUP

Chicago

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Imagine going to Greek Town to Costas Restaurant for the Nov. 16, Loop Group Luncheon instead of the French Quarter at the Palmer house. Imagine my surprise seeing Beverly Connor at the bar nibbling at an early breakfast ... Surprise, we were ushered into the dining room where the tables were already laid out. The biggest & loveliest surprise was a warm inviting fireplace energetically sparkling an invitation of welcome. This happened on a miserably, cold windy day. Slowly others came in: Anita & Ted Juns, Mary Saabo, Norm Pearson, Ron Madson, Helen & Tony Stefanos, Ginny & Frank Vlach. Well, early evening arrived & we parted, happy for a delicious Greek meal. Another surprise was the window next to the fireplace that faced an empty lot across the street. The new location for the Hellenic Museum that is to be built there, the very first Greek-American museum in the US.

The 1st Loop Group luncheon for 2006 will be back at the Palmer House at the French Quarter.

Calendar:

Jan. 18 - Loop Group Luncheon, Palmer House – French Quarter – 11:30 am

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers were very pleased to have Carol Faust, Midwest Regional Director, & her husband attend our Nov. 14 meeting. Carol spoke about the Bankruptcy Ballot issue & patiently answered all of our questions. We all realize how much time Carol spends in the air & on the ground to attend these chapter meetings. The Indy Racers

would like to say “thank you so much Carol”.

Calendar:

2nd Mon. of each month – Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13 - Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., Plainfield – 3:00

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Referencing my input in RUAEA's Nov. Newsletter, I would like to offer an apology. In my exuberance to recruit candidates for the office of Pres. & VP, I made this statement, ---- “We will be looking for a new Pres. & VP for the 2006/07 term. Volunteer & keep this wonderful chapter going in the same direction as the past 4 years. Note that your Treas., & Secy. will remain another term. Both jobs requiring more effort than the top 2 positions. Should tell you something!”

Our Nor'Easter chapter Pres., Carleen Eddy, pointed out, I just may have hurt some feeling & seriously ticked some people off, inferring that the top 2 positions are “do nothings”. Definitely not my intent. As chapter secy., I read everything in the RUAEA Newsletter, everything. All chapters are having the same problems, finding candidates. To me, this is very sad. My intent was simply to point out that despite workload on the Treas. & Secy., (yes, more physical labor), you have two individuals willing to do it again. So, how bad could it be? If I've stepped on anyone's toes, I humbly apologize; hope this paragraph points out my intent & make it easy to anyone aggrieved to forgive.

Now, the real problem! The lack of volunteers & candidates: The Nor'Easters is a wonderful chapter, as I'm sure all the others are. Everyone seems to genuinely have a good time at our meetings. It just doesn't happen by itself! People make it happen, fellow retiree people. When the people running things right now step down, (sometimes they must), are we all going to just let it

fall apart? I seriously hope not! But, are you willing to take that chance? This is your chapter, my chapter, what's the problem with stepping up to the plate? What I was trying to point out is, IT'S NOT THAT HARD! It's easy – everyone of us is qualified. I'm not trying to hurt feelings, just state facts!

Everyone enjoys the convention so much & can't wait to do it again. It doesn't just happen, like our monthly meetings. It takes PEOPLE!

So, keep all our wonderful chapters going. Step up! Volunteer! Be a candidate! Run your Chapter!

Thank you to all my friends who sent cards on my Mom's passing. She had 90½ good years & 10 bad weeks. Way to go! Five days later, I had a one day surgery now am just getting back to normal.

We have 2 new members: John Dellelo Jr., BOSCG & Charlotte (Peggy) Dellelo, BOSJL. Welcome to the Nor'Easters.

You don't have to be very smart to outsmart yourself.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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16 Escapees had a most enjoyable meeting at Bahama Breeze Dec 1. We welcomed for the 1st time, new retiree, Connie Covington. Thanks to Gloria Alexander for hosting & treating all with wonderful appetizers. A collection was taken for the children in Joyce Gilmore's family, who lost all to Katrina. It was decided at our last meeting that our Christmas charity this year would be for one of our own. Cards & best wishes were sent to Ron McCauley, Ken McComb & John LeRoy.

Judith LeRoy sent some very good news; that John's Oncology & Radiation Doctors, were very pleased that his MRI showed the treatments were working. Our Love & Prayers for all our hurting retirees.

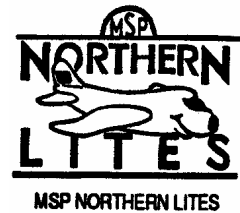
Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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NORTHERN LITES

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Nov.'s gathering was small with only 28 members attending. Some of the snowbirds had already flown & by now, THEY'RE ALL OUTTA HERE! We sure wish that before they start the convoy down I-35, they'd stop & say "bye" to those of us who stay in the Frozen Tundra.

It's time to pay your dues to the local chapter. It's very reasonable, I think, at only \$5.00 per couple per year. Dues can be given to Arlene Kelley at the monthly lunches or be mailed to her at 3148 Magney Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720-3313. Make checks payable to "MSP Northern Lites".

During this confusing time of the Company's process to exit bankruptcy with all the choices we've had to make, we want to thank Marlin Lade & the other officers for the wonderful job of communicating the information we need. During the last convention, the decision to change the focus of our organization to an advocacy rather than just a social group was indeed a good one. The bankruptcy filing of our Company has affected all our lives & without our officers' leadership, we'd have been in quicksand.

Calendar:

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

***It's better to be alone
than wish you were!***

NEVADA



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Treas. Mary Withers reported that the treasury balance as of 11/21 is \$665. There were 27 members in attendance.

Dorothy Burrell was feeling a bit under the weather & unable to attend this meeting. Pat Steenrod has been recuperating from back surgery. A get well card from the group was sent to her.

A member suggested going to the Senior center at 9th & Sutro for help understanding the new Medical Prescription Program. Apparently, they do a good job of having presentations explaining the new program. It was also mentioned that, for the time being, you can postpone joining the program without penalty if you already belong to a prescription plan.

If you were one of the retirees that received a packet of information on voting on ESOP issues. Marlene Lade put an article about this issue in the RUAEA newsletter. Please refer to that for help.

The winner of the 50/50 was Jean Stephens. Larry & Donna Reid brought their grandson Shawn to the meeting.

Oct. birthdays were celebrated by: Maxine Dringenberg, Tom Diehl, Gary Fahl.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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VP John Deily (Pres. Dick Confer is on vacation) opened the meeting of the Gardenstater held Nov. 30 at Snuffys Restaurant in Scotch Plain, NJ. A moment of silence was held for Retiree Ron Brown who passed away. 67 retirees & spouses

attended.

There is some discontent with the food at the current restaurant. Much discussion was held and a vote was taken to try another restaurant at the Jan. meeting. Willows Restaurant, Washington Av. & Route 22, Green Brook, NJ. It is about 6 miles west of the current restaurant. It has decent parking, good food, nice rest rooms. The only drawback is the distance from the current restaurant. We will try it for one month.

Jerry Confer reported on the Toys for Tots, it is rated as the best known distribution of toys.

Marine Corp Reserve has been doing this for 60 years and has distributed 332,000,000 toys.

He thanked everyone who brought in the toys. They have covered Northern NJ & Eastern PA.

Discussion was also held on distributing the membership list. Violet will try e-mailing the membership list to all those who are on the e-mail list.

NEW YORK

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The holiday party at San Martin was a Broadway dream with SRO (Standing Room Only), a smash hit! There was a major snowstorm forecast, but fortunately it missed Manhattan, so a chorus line of 36 Guys and Dolls were in attendance.

Pres. Marge Segal produced & directed the social hour with tapas & sangria followed by lunch. As usual she did a great job.

Members are reminded that annual dues of \$10 will be collected at the next meeting Feb. 7.

Restaurant owner, Ramon surprised each of us with a gift of a pen & coffee mug. It has been a joy to have our luncheon meetings at San Martin all these years.

Pam Jones & Jeanne Leo announced that the New York Flight Attendants Reunion will be held Nov. 4, 2006. Details will be announced so don't forget to mark your calendar.

Jan Nonamaker was the lucky 50/50 winner.

Calendar:

Feb. 7 – 12 noon Luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

NEW YORK METROS

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Our Christmas luncheon was a great success, with 95 members & guests attending.

Joe Totaro led the chapter with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” followed with a moment of silence for the loss of 2 former United workers. George Shilliday worked as an A&P mechanic at JFK & LGA. He & his wife, Doris were not Metro members because they retired to the Cape Cod area. They love the New England seacoast.

John Mathys served in the U.S. Navy before starting with United Airlines. He worked at LGACC & JFKFF close to 40 years before retiring. John leaves Carolyn, his wife of 41 years & 3 daughters, Debbie, Dawn & Susan. Also, Six grandchildren, 4 boys & 2 girls. A 4th daughter, Sandi, passed away several years ago. THE NEW YORK METROS send their sympathy & condolences to the families of George Shilliday and John Mathys. They will be missed.

Mary Butera fell at home, her knee surgery was postponed until Dec. 15. Quick recovery from the fall & surgery.

14 members celebrate birthdays this month, with Vic Auletta & Mary Shepherd on the top of the list. Vic was 88 on the 13th & Mary was 85 on Dec. 15th. Happy Birthday Vic & Mary!

Last year's recipient of the John Pucillo Award, Rosemary Totaro, along with Linda Guiliano & Irene Parker, daughters of Past Pres. John Pucillo presented the 2005 plaque to Leo Talochino. Leo has worked behind the scenes supporting his wife Diane with every project Diane has undertaken for the New York Metros. Every year he has assisted in the major job of creating & making of the Christmas center pieces that are on each table. That means months of candles, bows, pinecones & Santa Claus all over the house. Christmas starts in

Sept. at the Talochino home.

The 2005 Arthur Shepherd President Award was presented to Diane Talochino for her continuous work for the METROS. Starting with each meeting, she greets the members at the main door, sells 50/50 raffles each month as well as the Christmas Centerpieces. Ronnie & Dennis, sons of Artie & Mary Shepherd, along with Charlie Kaczinski, last year's recipient, presented Diane with the President's Plaque.

Congratulations Leo & Diane for your selfless work for the NEW YORK METROS!

Jimmy Richardson was installed as the new PRES. OF THE NEW YORK METROS. After 10 years as Pres. of the chapter, Joe Totaro decided it was time to step down & pass the reins to another. The Metros made an excellent choice by electing Jimmy Richardson as its new Pres. He knows most of the new retirees, has good knowledge of the computer. Congratulations Jim!

Paul Cohen is collecting dues for 2006.

The Marathon School Christmas party was Dec. 20

Calendar:

Jan. 4 - 12 noon at Antun's in Hicksville

Feb. 1 - 12 noon at Antun's in Hicksville

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Our Chapter has lost many dear friends this past year. I would like to take the time to acknowledge these people & ask that you continue to keep their families and loved ones in your prayers.

They are: Carol Flickinger (5-24), Tom Berkner (7-19) non-member, George Matisko (7-28) non-member, Jean Grzegorzewski (7-29) non-member, Mary Ellen Pekar (8), Frank Frink (9-10), Marian LaBanc (9-17) non-member, Edward P. Donahue (9-19) former member & Elma Jess (11-16).

We have quite a list of illnesses this past year. I have contacted these people & will bring you up to date on how they are feeling.

I spoke with Ron & Margaret Pallay, found out that he is doing well. He had a heavy feeling in his chest after attending a game at Jacob's Field in May but decided to take an aspirin & continue on his way home. The next day he still wasn't feeling quite right. He then had a series of tests at Mary Mount Hospital. He was admitted to Hillcrest Hospital where they did angioplasty. He required 3 stents. He is happy to report that his latest blood work is outstanding. He is exercising & his blood pressure as well as his cholesterol is great. Such good news!

I really enjoyed speaking to Sharon Gatesman. She told me that Mark started Chemo treatments on Nov.30. They found 3 tiny spots on Mark's liver. The Doctor is very optimistic. He will have a total of 4 Chemo treatments every 2 weeks. It will last until the end of Jan. Mark & Sharon both remain optimistic & they ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers. As we know the power of prayer has helped Mark throughout his ordeal. Mark & Sharon, we will continue to keep you & your family in our prayers. God Bless!

I received an email from Tom LeMasters. Bud & Lucy both had surgery during this past summer, are now back at their assisted living facility. They would enjoy cards from their United friends. Address is: The Inn of Medina, 100 High Point Dr., Medina, OH 44256. Thanks Tom for your help.

The Taucher Family has had quite a year. We hope 2006 is a better year health wise for both of you. Aug 29 John received 3 stents. John is doing great. Miss Dolly, our Treas. fell last month at home. She had been diagnosed with a broken left shoulder. On her Nov. 4 doctors appointment she found out that surgery was not necessary. She is showing improvement daily. She now has 50% movement in her shoulder. Your cards & prayers have been a great source of comfort for both of them.

Pres. Carol Hacker had Oral surgery Sept. 13. The healing process did not go well; as of this writing, still not sure if more surgery maybe needed. During this time she came down with a very bad case of Shingles. Her blood disease acted up & her immune system was affected. In Nov./Dec. she had another infection. Her Spirits are up

& down. She hopes to be back in Feb. leading the Chapter.

I received this email from Carol and she would like me to pass it on:

Dear Friends,

I personally just wanted to again thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, & most of all the prayers for the past 4 months, while a series of things has sidelined me. I am so blessed with your friendship.

This is the first time in many years I have missed so many meetings. The thing I miss the most is seeing you in person. Over the years, our chapter has become a family, when you don't see your family, it hurts.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Carol

Beth Gruewald just celebrated her 74th birthday. She was in the hospital in Nov. When admitted to the hospital they asked her why she was there. She told them "she was having a baby". Those of you that know Beth understand her great sense of humor. She is such a spunky lady.

I am happy to report that Stan Novak is feeling great. He thanks all of you for your cards & calls. The outpouring of kindness was very overwhelming.

I spoke with Carrie Kercel, she is recovering nicely from the surgery she had on Oct. 28. She thanks everyone for their cards & prayers.

Charlie Beers is receiving kidney dialysis 3 times a week. On the days that he has dialysis he's not as "perky" as he normally is. Cards would be welcomed.

Melinda Gaydan is at The Renaissance under hospice care. She is in serious condition & is heavily sedated. Please NO PHONE CALLS. Cards are welcomed, as her son will read them to her. Her address is: Melinda Gaydan, The Renaissance, Rm. 181, 26376 John Rd., Olmsted Township, OH 44138

I was glad to hear that Shari Herman is doing much better. She definitely is like the Energizer Bunny; she keeps on going & going. Thanks again, for your dedication to helping those at St. Herman's House.

I spoke with Betty Taylor today. Vic is doing fine. They monitor him every 3 months. Thanks Betty, for your time & effort to helping make the annual contribution to St. Herman's House a success. I also spoke with Frank Wachs; he is

doing fine.

The year 2005 has brought about many many changes in our lives. Changes to United Air Lines, & also to our personal lives. Here's hoping that the year 2006 will bring good health, happiness & continued fellowship to all our Buckeyes.

Calendar:

Jan. - No meeting

Feb.1 - Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., callers will contact you. Cash

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A Happy New Year to our UAL family from the Oregon Dew-er's. Let us hope that 2006 will be a good year for the airline industry.

It was wonderful to see 127 people at our Thanksgiving luncheon including 10 active employees who were given awards by Manager Adrienne Simmons for their excellent work performance & dedication to their duties. They were each given a Starbucks certificate. Adrienne also mentioned that PDX, which is the 8th or 9th largest station in UAL's system, was named #1 for 2004.

Welcome to new members Charles & Sandra Gamel and Tom Littlefield. They moved to PDX from the LA area. Visiting us & celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary were Barbara & Don Huey.

Congratulations to Jerri Blodgett & Tom Walker who were elected to the Dew-er's Board of Directors. Their terms will run from Jan. 2006 to Dec. 2007. Our thanks to Carol DeFord & Bob Woods who they are replacing for the time & effort they put forth during the 4 years they served on the board.

Another member has been written up in our local newspaper "The Oregonian". Frances Rauschkolb, whose husband was a career air force pilot & later a pilot for UAL, was interviewed

regarding the death of her oldest son Jon in Vietnam. Frances and & husband Frank raised 5 sons, but as she said in the article you never get over the loss of a child. The article was written about military families & how much they have to endure, especially today with our role in Iraq.

One of our members, Wesley Briest, who now lives in Egan, MN has been ill & I am sorry to report that Mike McMorro is hospitalized again. He was involved in an automobile accident a day after being discharged from the hospital. At this writing is in serious condition at the VA Hospital. Our best wishes to both of them for a speedy recovery.

It is with sadness I report that Bob & Jill Bills lost their son Bruce in Nov. He had overcome a severe head injury in his 20's & survived for many years only to succumb to an illness. Ted Thrailkill's mother who was in her 90's also died this month. Our thoughts & prayers to both families.

Please remember your 2006 Dew-er's chapter dues can be paid at the monthly meeting. To have your name listed in the 2006 membership directory it is necessary to pay your dues by the March meeting. If your are unable to attend a meeting, please mail your dues to Dave Smith, 8310 NE Brazee, Portland, OR 97220. The dues are \$7.50 single or \$10.00 for a couple.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

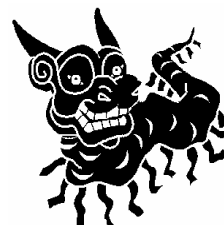
Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

Dec. 7 - Christmas Party 4 to 8 PM

Jan. 11 - TBA

Feb. 8 - Ice Cream Social and Valentine Card Exchange

Mar. 8 - TBA





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53 retirees attended our Veteran's Day meeting on Nov. 14. Betty Pyle, Kathy Edwards & Pat Lyons greeted everyone at the door. Betty handed out nametags, Pat collected for the luncheon, Kathy sold 50/50's. Very efficient gals.

Pres. Joe Brad offered the blessing, then Past Pres. & Veteran, Jim Fanto, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Past Treas. Frank Eggles announced that we have collected \$1000 (& still climbing) in donations for the Flight 93 memorial.

Our speaker was Danielle Azzona from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of PA. Danielle has 13 years experience working with Medicare & Blue Cross. She gave us a lot of useful information, especially concerning the new prescription plans.

The executive committee met on Nov. 28 at Kathy & Al Edwards' to plan for 2006. The attendees included: Pres. Joe Brad, Treas. Tom Lyons & his wife, Pat, Frank & Marge Eggles, Shirley Roberts & me.

We set the 2006 dates for the general & committee meetings. Our speakers are reserved for Jan. & Mar. 2006. Feb. is still open. The Ramada will be asked to reschedule our meeting time to 12:30PM to allow more time for the lunch & the speaker.

Christmas baskets, gifts to military in Iraq & gifts to the Veterans Home were received at the Dec. party. Our donations are well over \$1000 for flight 93 memorial.

Thomas Nee from the Upper Darby Police, Security Division will speak at our Jan. 9 meeting. He will address security for seniors.

Calendar:

Jan. 9 – General Meeting, 12:30PM – Ramada Inn Airport

Jan. 23 – Committee Meeting at the Edwards, 1:00 PM

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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Peace & Happiness to all in the New Year. Hopefully you're all recuperated from the Holiday festivities.

The Pit-Stoppers annual Christmas luncheon will be recapped in next month's newsletter.

The Golden Girls luncheon was hosted by Treatie Karwoski, all attendees enjoyed the day out. Unfortunately, yours truly was not able to attend this year.

The Pit-Stoppers welcomes our 2 latest retirees to our Chapter – Angellica Angel & Jim Chicillo – both from PITCS.

Most of us have started receiving our pension checks from MetLife & PBGC. It's becoming a little complicated with some retirees receiving the same amounts, others being notified of future cuts.

Word from the Gouda household is that Rich is

coming along fairly well – he can almost chase Barb around again!

Our Irish Rose, Pat Ellis, will spend her holidays with her daughter in CA. Patti will recap her trip in the next issue.

The convention plans are coming along nicely – Marilyn & Lucy are great recruiters. Make your plans early to attend convention 2006. It should be one of the great ones.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Tom & Betty Shipe hosted an enjoyable holiday luncheon at Ramsey's Restaurant in North Knoxville on Nov. 10. There were 31 in attendance, including second-timers Carol Anderson & Mary Gilbert. Mary had just finished a summer tour of working at Yellowstone National Park. It was good to see the Rines, Rostiskis & Valentes again.

The main order of the day was the election of officers for our next 2-year term. The new lineup is:

- Pres.- Herman Emmel
- VP - Betty Shipe
- Secy.- Beverly Emmel
- Treas.- Mike Chapin (repeating)
- Care Person - Nancy Krop

The new prez has a Chicago connection, having retired in 2002 after 40 years at EXO/WHQ & ORD, completing his career as Lead Store Keeper at ORDJL. Bev retired from American Family Insurance. The Emmels now have a beautiful lakefront home in Sharp's Chapel on Norris Lake.

After the meeting & buffet luncheon, we were entertained by a 3-piece band, The Silvertones, who played a variety of old-time music. At one point, our hostess & new VP was so moved by the playing of Tennessee Waltz, that she danced with one of the musicians, *while he was still playing his guitar*. It's good to have fun in this troubled world.

2006 dues of \$5 p/p are due ... no surprise there. For those not at the Nov. meeting, a check

made out to treasurer Mike Chapin can be sent to him at 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922 . . . one of the best dollar values around.

Along that same line of dues & membership, we extend an open invitation to new RUAEA members whose names have appeared in recent newsletters. As the only RUAEA chapter in TN, the Rocky Tops group draws primarily from the eastern half of the state with hosts deciding the location of luncheons, which keeps them moving around among a variety of interesting spots. We'd love to have you join us, so give us a call.

Mary Lou & I have enjoyed the part we've played in the 12-year history of the Rocky Tops. We look forward to a continuation of fellowship & camaraderie, which will be guided on by the new lineup of officers. The chapter is in good hands.

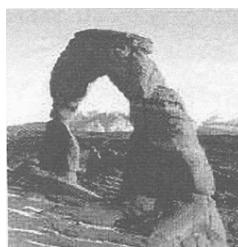
Calendar:

Jan. 19 – 12:30 pm EST, Wes and Jo Ann Swallom hosting (1 865 675-0314) with luncheon/meeting site to be determined.

Feb. 16 – 9:30 am EST, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I 40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Mar. 16 - 12:30 pm EST, Bill and Terry Taylor hosting (1 865 408-1453) with luncheon location to be determined.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On Nov. 16, 24 chpt. members met at the Murray Heritage Center for coffee & Krispy Kreme doughnuts brought in by George Dalton.

First, we would like to congratulate Sandy & Darlene Cantonwine on their 65th wedding anniversary! We hope Darlene will feel better next month to join us.

This correspondent was in contact with Marge Ringer & Leoma Williams, both 90+ at their last birthday. They are doing all right, both well looked after by daughter Frankie Armstead & nephew

Henry, respectively. Kiyoko Olsen called to inquire about the potluck menu. We hope she will feel well to come & join us.

Although a lot of inquiries were made & various answers received regarding the ballot, (medical/pension questions), confusion still reigned supreme.

After the official meeting, 8 chpt. members stayed behind to work out next year's meeting schedule, ready for inclusion in the upcoming local newsletter. It was decided to use the Heritage Ctr. in Jan., Feb., Apr., Sept., & Nov. The rest of year, meetings will be held at various well-known locations with the addition of the beautiful Golden Corral restaurant at 7200 S. 700 E.

Please call Chapter VP Betty Davis (801-942-1901) or Lila Maughan (801-254-7213) for a check on what to bring for the potluck party.

After meeting plans were decided, Chpt. Pres. Doug Peterson presented the Salt Lakers' annual schedule to the Heritage planning director, Sharon Cantonwine, who also received the chapter's usual Christmas donation.

Calendar:

Jan. 18 - Coffee - 10am - 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

Feb. 15 - Coffee - 10am - 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

VIRGINIA

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Luncheon was held at Locks Point Restaurant in Chesapeake; in attendance were 18 members & 3 visitors. The Bishops returned after their vacations. Their son is working at RIC along with other displaced UA personnel when ORF was closed.

Pres. Bob Riggs spoke about new Medicare plan Medicare D & was willing to stay with UA plan as were most in attendance.

On our sick list was Claire Karlson, cousin to our long time member Hank Gilbert. Jokes told by Riggs & Bob Collins.

This luncheon was hosted by the Collins with flower plants as table decorations won by 2 of our

visitors Betty Chasey & Virginia Temple. Betty Chasey reported husband Bob was recuperating from a stroke. Other airlines' problems were discussed mainly Delta & NorthWest. The Collins won the 50/50.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The Nov. 8 luncheon was attended by 85 Slickers at Fairwood C&G hosted by Lyle & Joanna Myers who had previous commitment in ATL. Our table had 3 people using walkers, Dick Waterous, Guy Lamond & Charlotte Rousso. Bob Brumfield surprised us by attending with his walker after his hip replacement 2 weeks prior; 2 people also made it using canes.

George Weseman announced that the Credit Union in SEA closed Dec. 9. Arianna Pon arranged for 2 people to talk & show slides about financial planning. Hank Gosselin spoke about the convention in May 2006 in Washington, D.C.

Don Hanson's wife, Betty, passed away in Oct. They had 35 years together.

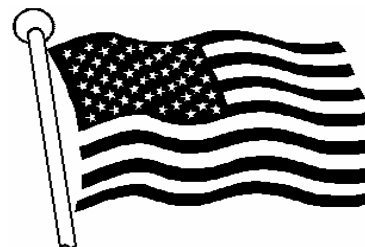
Jan Karagas is doing better. She appreciates cards & phone calls. Address: 7734 Forest Dr. N.E., Seattle, WA 98115. Phone (206) 525-9977.

Helen Stanger will be collecting dues for 2006 at the luncheon - \$10 for the year & hopefully a new local directory by May. If unable to attend the Jan. or Feb. luncheons, a check can be mailed to Helen Stanger at: 2449 W. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Checks payable to RUAEA.

Calendar:

Jan. 10 – Lunch at Maxi's

Feb. 14 – Lunch at Fairwood C&G



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Les & Vera Graham hosted the annual Christmas dinner at the Chic a Ria. Everyone had a good time & fun with the gift exchange.

Wes Nearing gave an update on his wife Laura. She is feeling better after her recent gastro-intestinal surgery. She also celebrated a birthday last week.

Wanda Lipscomb is in Alderwood Manor on Spokane's lower South Hill. She fell & broke her hip, is at the nursing home until she can return to her home. Vera Graham & Pauline Miller stopped by to visit with her. Wanda doesn't have any family living in the area; I'm sure she would appreciate company or a card of good cheer. Address is Alderwood Manor, 3600 E. Hartson Avenue, GEG, zip 99202. Wanda's husband Ralph retired from UAL in GEG.

I don't have calendar events to announce but someone will be calling you to get together in the New Year!

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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The Dulles Loungers welcomed many new members during our Nov. 9 meeting. It is exciting to see such high attendance during the Holiday Season.

Nov. 29, at Prince William Hospital, Betty Jane Lawrence, lost her long & valiant battle with multiple myeloma. Her family, (sons Christopher & wife Amanda, Andrew; grandchildren Ian & Kane; Mac & Jerry), & the family of Clarence McNeil, her brother, wish to thank all of you who sent prayers & blessings over these last five years.

She appreciated every card, telephone call & message of good wishes that came her way. Betty will be remembered for her zest for life, her love for her family & friends. Funeral services were at First Baptist Church in Old Town Manassas, Dec. 5.

As part of our continuing program of aid to the refugees of Katrina who are settling in our area, Kerrie Schneider made beautiful paper angels. The names & pertinent information on them (age/size/wish list) were wonderful in choosing Christmas gifts; but these beautiful angels also double as gift tags. Our members were very generous in choosing their angels. They were collected Dec. 14, attached to the gifts for the displaced Katrina victims. Our RUAEA family gave a total of 5 Christmas gifts each to this group of Katrina refugees. Some members, who were not able to attend our Dec. meeting, have donated money & asked that Christmas gifts be bought with that donation. It is good to know that we are in a position to positively affect the lives of people who have been so tragically deprived of their homes & possessions.

Many of our members may be missing their monthly pension statement. Only the first & second month of the PBGC checks had a statement that showed deductions. There will be no more statements from here on in. The PBGC does not want to deal in paperwork.

- The PBGC is encouraging everyone to sign up for direct deposit. If you don't have direct deposit, you must wait till the 10th of the month before calling to say you haven't received your check. They will assume the problem is mail delay before then.
- State tax will not be deducted because of the burden (for them) of recalculating your deductions if you should move to another state.
- They will send out a 1099 in Jan. for your taxes. If you are applying for a loan and need proof of your monthly income (pension), call 1-800-400-7242. They will send you a statement, but it will take two weeks.
- Last, but not least, we are 1 to 2 years away from knowing what our final monthly amount will be.

Our members report that they are extremely nice on the telephone. "--probably because that's

all they do there, since there's no paperwork to handle”.

Your reporter, Mari McColl, thanks everyone who has been so supportive following her shoulder surgery. A special thank you for those who took notes for her for this newsletter, & for those who typed them up. She is recovering well.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

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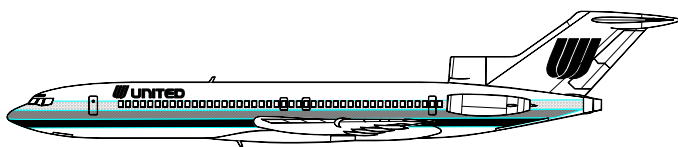
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Retiree- **ALLISON, Young E.**, EXO, on 11/2/05, husband of Myrnette E., 22 Park Ln. #205, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Retiree- **HARTZOG, Flozell**, LAX, on 11/15/05

Retiree- **IANDOLI, Louis J.**, LAX, on 10/29/05, husband of Carol, 814 Kings Court, Middleton, NJ 07748

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Retiree- **VINCE, Frank**, LAX, on 11/15/05

LETTERS

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

Randy Benson, Velma L. Childs, George Hudgin, Ralph Thinnies, Sheryl Schubert, Daniel Bryant, Floy Fisk, Evelyn Conde, Ken Williams, George W. Gemberling, Bud Welcher, Lily Y. Iwamoto, Patricia Fattes, Maurice "Mo" E. Alston, Sr., Ranelle Brandt, Paula Bloom, Sam Oshiro, Beverly J. Lipsey, Doris N. Benford, Mrs. Van Eitel, Jim A. Stanford, Sam Warren, John P. Larson, Nancy I. Adams, Ron L. Shepherd, Al & Liesel Schroeder, Elizabeth Zographus, John Kozlik, Emily Veracka, Bernie L. Sandner, Robert Cunningham, Barbara J. Cress, Crystal Schur, Bob Nelson, Mac McCoppin.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Florence H. Constance, 5655 S. Monitor Ave., Chicago, IL 60638

I really enjoyed Jim McWayne's letter in the RUAEA Newsletter. It sure brought back memo-

ries. I used to ride the bus on Cicero Ave. to & from the office with Doris Langer. She taught a lot of people to fly besides the Pilots. She did not drive a car because she said it was safer to fly than driving on the ground. I was in a carpool with Mary O'Conner, Hilda Borchardt, & Mary Melvage. Jack Cunningham was our driver who has been living in Goleta, CA for years. This is the reason I enjoy reading the Newsletter & going to the Conventions.

Thanks to you Jo, & your staff for your dedication. See you in Washington, D.C.!

Charles "Chic" & Roni Adams, 2012 North 24th St., Boise, ID 83702-0205

First, thanks from both of us to all of you in DEN who devote your time & efforts to getting the RUAEA Newsletter to all of us on the system. You're a great crew!

Chic continues his struggle with advanced emphysema & bone cancer. In remission at present, since July 2005. Chemo is very aggressive, leaves him zapped, so he sleeps a lot. He manages to maintain his sense of humor though. I figure he's still a keeper after 50 years of being roommates. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in April.

The Nov. issue of the Newsletter had a very special piece written by Tom Goodyear from UAL's Historical Foundation. I especially enjoyed reading about the Retirement pin. The information about our service pins, that many of us call "seniority pins", was wonderful to read. To Tom's piece I would like to add more from research I did on the service pin for the Warhawk Air Museum where I volunteer as tour guide. My other job is adding UAL history memorabilia to our display at the museum. We started a collection of UAL service pins for that display. The executive director & I felt that a history of the pins should accompany them, so the research began. Bill Heath sent "feelers" out to get information; my husband contributed with his memory about his pins of 36 years, including his special Annual Award Winner pin. If you have pins you would like to donate to museum, please write to either Chic or Roni at above address.

To that history, similar to what Tom wrote, we added: The first through sixth pins presented to each employee, measured one centimeter round.

From the seventh pin on, they were about ¼ centimeter larger. In the center is the red, white & blue shield (logo) of the airline. Below the shield are the words "United Air Lines". One propeller blade extends from the top of the shield & two from the sides. A pair of wings reach up from the upper corners of that shield. The wings are connected at the top by four stars. With the seventh pin, a large diamond replaced the propeller above the shield. The 4 stars represent the 4 airlines that merged (not at the same time) to form United Air Lines. They were Varney Airlines, Boeing Air Transport, National Air Transport & Pacific Air Transport ... BAT, NAT, & PAT.

Pin #1: One year pin – silver. Pin #2: Five-year pin – gold. Pin #3: Ten-year pin – gold with a diamond stud in the 1st star. Pin #4: Fifteen-year pin – gold with a diamond stud added to the 2nd star. Pin #5: Twenty-year pin – gold with a diamond stud added to the 3rd star. Pin #6: Twenty Five-year pin – gold with a diamond stud added to the 4th star. Pin #7: Thirty-year pin – gold with a large diamond above the shield. Every 5 years after 30, a diamond stud was added to each of the 4 stars.

(The following information was provided by Barbara Hanson, Coordinator – United Airlines Archives, Retired): *"The United Air Lines service emblem was introduced & given on Christmas Day 1937 to 1621 employees with 1, 5, & 10 years of service. 890 employees received silver pins denoting 1 year of service. 620 employees received gold pins denoting 5 years & 111 employees received gold pins, with a diamond stud in 1 star, denoting 10 years of service. Space was left for additional diamonds in the three remaining stars that would denote 15, 20, & 25 years of service. The service pin was designed by Zay Smith, a member of Patterson's staff, & was approved on Dec. 8, 1937."*

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 really appreciate the great work that all of you do to keep us informed during this bankruptcy process.

As far as my personal life is concerned, life is good. We love living in Prescott, AZ, have been blessed to be able to participate in many organizations & activities. This year our trips were mainly

to our timeshares. We enjoyed our stay in Tucson, AZ, Rancho Mirage, CA & Escondido, CA. Our one flying trip was from PHX to IAD & return. Flying isn't as much fun as it used to be.

I can't believe that I celebrated my 80th birthday on Halloween. Jean had a great party for me with 20 of my closest friends, at the Hassayampa Inn; we had a fantastic time. The "roast" was the highlight. The Mayor of Prescott even showed up for cocktails with a Proclamation, proclaiming Oct. 31, 2005, as "Earle Risdon Appreciation Day". What a blessing to spend 38 of those 80 years with the fabulous people of United Airlines.

Jo, thanks again for a great job. The additional information on the RUAEA Website, in the last Newsletter, has just about convinced me that I should join the 2,037 RUAEA members that have made the switch.

Joyce Wilkuski, P.O. Box 206, Bayview, ID 83803

I retired from DENSU June 30, 03 – first joined RUAEA in Jan. 05. I would have joined earlier if I had known it was such an interesting & informative Newsletter.

My husband, Jim & I were only able to attend one function since I joined, the luncheon at Indian Tree Golf Course; it was a lot of fun. (I have to get up too early to make the breakfast). Now we have moved from Evergreen, CO to ID & have joined the Spokane group.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & Have a Great New Year!

Shirley Barber, 43463 Thistlewood Court, Ashburn, VA 20147

Thanks for the friendly reminder that dues are due!

Since retiring from the sales division, I have been busy catching up on friendship & traveling with my husband (he is still working). I enjoy the monthly meetings & luncheons the Washington DC Dulles Loungers hold each month. As a UA transferee from CLE, OH, I get home about once a month. Sure would love to hear from anyone from the Buckeyes group.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Bob Pineiro, 3317 W. Marcum St., Tampa, FL 33611

Thanks for all your hard work in keeping all of us informed & united. I am sending this hard copy note with my annual dues.

A year has passed since I retired on my 55th birthday, I have used my 1st year in "retirement" to work on a 3rd & 4th retirement. I have never been busier. Since 2001 I have been on active duty in the military – was deployed to Afghanistan & Iraq for most of the first 3 years since 9/11. I took a short break from the military, signed on with Lockheed Martin as a HUMINT analyst, where I am employed at USCENTCOM in Tampa. I returned to active duty in Aug. this year for another year of active duty. My total time in the military is now 33 years; I plan on staying in as long as I can stay fit.

My wife Grisel & I settled in Tampa after it was apparent that my tours in Afghanistan & Iraq were going to be longer than 1 year. I have flown to the Gulf (always on United to London/Frankfurt) over the last 3 years so many times that I qualify for Premier status; have enough miles on Gulf Air for a free ticket. By the way, whatever your political leanings, know that we are doing great things in Afghanistan & Iraq. Despite what you see & read on TV & print media, our soldiers are doing an incredible job in very difficult circumstances, morale of the troops has never been better.

In my spare time (nights) I work at Coldwell Banker in South Tampa, have been doing quite well in the real estate business. In addition, I have started a Corporate Housing business in Tampa dedicated to providing long term housing for corporate clients. The business climate in Tampa is very favorable, exceeding our expectations. I guess United taught me how to manage my minutes by watching that internal (infernally?) clock so I wouldn't have to explain another 2 minutes CS delay to Elaine Aggson or Rod Strickland ☺

We are looking forward to a trip to Spain in the near future to visit relatives. Last year after I returned from Iraq we took a 3-week European tour, starting in Munich, toured all of Europe in a Mercedes Station Wagon. It cost about \$75/day, including tax & insurance. Europcar has the best deals (Hint: Mercedes are relatively cheap in Germany but more expensive in other countries). This time when we go to Spain, we'll probably fly in to Frankfurt, use a ZED fare on LH from Frankfurt to Oporto, Portugal & rent a car there. Oporto is only 60 km south of my ancestral home of Galicia,

Spain.

It is always great to get the newsletter to read how old friends & acquaintances are doing. I am optimistic that the people we left behind at United will make us proud again. We will survive this rollercoaster ride of the last few years. We have always had the best employees with the biggest hearts. Thanks for all you do.

**The Gilmore Family, 5705 Georgetown Ave.,
Baton Rouge, LA 70808**

Dear Friends,

In the aftermath of one of our country's worst disasters, Hurricane Katrina, God placed in our midst a network of angels, such as yourselves, who immediately reached out with your hearts to help a family in a crisis.

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of your love, gifts, financial assistance, clothing, phone calls & overall generosity.

We are grateful to United Airlines Employees & Retirees, & others whose assistance & support are felt by us daily.

Unfortunately, we continue to experience emotions of sadness, helplessness & uncertainty, but we are not without HOPE. We are a family of faith. We believe that with God on our side, we shall rise again.

Because of your many acts of kindness, we gain strength for tomorrow. Please continue to pray for our recovery as we will always hold you dear to our hearts.

Signed by 17 members of the Gilmore Family.

**Richard W. Whitworth, 6063 SW 98th Loop,
Ocala, FL 34476-3665**

The Newsletter has been great as it keeps us all informed about what is going on – Thanks much!

See many familiar names from where I started with UAL. Sorry to hear of the passing & health problems to my former Buckeyes (CLECG). Enjoying my retirement. So far the hurricanes have missed us. Keep up the good work.

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

Red stamp sure is helpful – time just zooms by me.

This year's hi-light was "Hooray for Hollywood". Having spent my entire career in LAX – I

still belong to the Re-LAX-ers & commuted to LAX for 11 months to be a part of the committee action. Great fun, a lot of work, but so worth it.

Looking forward to Washington; now realize more than ever everything that goes into making it so enjoyable for everyone.

Thanks for your great Newsletter & keeping us so well informed.

**Ann Fulford, 306 Waltz Farm Dr., Williams-
burg, VA 23185-2600**

Thanks for a great Newsletter. It is especially helpful to those of us who are widows and have no other way to receive news.

**Rod & Gertie Smith, 6626 Moss Ct., Arvada,
CO 80007-7042**

WOW. It is a dark and stormy night (as Snoopy would start his book), we are warm & comfortable at home. We are so blessed. I have been reminded, via the RED STAMP, that I am another year older, however I am still enjoying life. Every year is good but as you mature the years become more meaningful. This year we celebrated my 77th year on a 777 between SEA & DEN in First Class. We had a nice lunch & a Martini to celebrate. As retirees we are so fortunate to have our benefits. We wish they were what we had been promised but we are fortunate in comparison to many people. When you compare what we enjoy versus people who have been through so many natural disasters this year we are indeed blessed.

Jo, all of us so appreciate your efforts & those of the staff, to continually put forth a quality newsletter. It does bind us retirees together & is very important in our lives. Thankfully Marlin & the other Officers are on top of what is happening with UAL so we know how to handle the various options available to us. We can expect UAL to emerge from bankruptcy stronger than ever.

I have concerns about some of the articles in the Newsletter stating the maximum amount one can receive from the PBGC is \$45,000 per year as described by Bob Cuff. If you go to their website, you will see the actual total amount has to do with age at retirement & several other factors. I believe Marlin has addressed that topic in previous articles. Perhaps you could repeat that information.

Thanks again for a wonderful job. I am so happy RUAEA is pro-active with UAL. The com-

pany needs to know we exist & that we are an important part of the organization. We continue to have much to contribute. UAL needs to understand that.

Penny Logan, 44 Blaine Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137

Here in FL, it's 80 degrees – not bad for Nov. 10. We are into our 2nd year here – don't miss the CHI cold, but I do miss CHI & all my friends.

Robert Meikrantz, 449 Santa Clara Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

Since I am a life member, I'd better send some money for postage.

It will be 16 years the 31st of Jan. since I retired. Still in fairly good shape.

Really appreciate all the information you all put out & seeing letters from a lot of old friends.

Keep up the good work. It is really appreciated.

Pat & Jim Hottel, 5120 Plumosa St., Spring Hill, FL 34607-2421

Another year has gone by at Mach 10. Enclosed are the 2006 dues & postage donation, please note one month early!

You & your staff produce the best Newsletter in existence today. We look forward to it each month. We are going into our 11th year of a very enjoyable retirement. Traveling is still fun, but now takes a little longer. I discovered this month it takes 52 year seniority to get the only seat on a flight & I needed to pack a lunch; it was still a great flight. We hope we never get tired of traveling. We have 3 children & 7 grandchildren scattered over 3 states.

Ann L. Shaffer, 130-89 Glenwood Ave. Apt. 89, Yonkers, NY 10703-2649

I'm much busier in retirement than while working; the time seems to pass so quickly (part of the aging process I guess!)

I'm retired 6 years, I love reading the Newsletter every month. Thank you for all that you do for us.

I am still in the dark ages re. Personal Computers!

Algimantas Kubilius, 7121 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60629

I do enjoy reading the newsletter. It gives me lot of information about the happenings with our old United Airlines, also the life of the retired fellow employees. Compliments to the staff of the Newsletter for the excellent job they are doing relating the news to us. I'm still taking my annual trip to Europe to visit my relatives.

Bill Swift, 1 Cedar Pond Dr. #10, Warwick, RI 02886-0802

Thanks for all you do to keep us informed about issues that are important to us. We also enjoy hearing the news from retirees everywhere.

I just received in the mail a bunch of legal paperwork from the Bankruptcy Court including a ballot. I am having a difficult time understanding it. I hope you can enlighten those of us who are having difficulty with all those legal terms. I understand the ballot; I'm uncertain what I am voting for! That is to say the essence of the reorganization plan itself. I am not on the internet, every time I try to call United I get a recorded message telling me to call back later because of so many calls being received. Do you think that there are others like me who are having similar difficulty understanding all of the information in the ballot mailing?

Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Again, thank you for all the good things you do for all of us.

Lody Vanderpuil, 48 Pimlico Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72714

I also would like you to know that the wife & I really like the newsletter. We have gotten several addresses from the retirees that we have worked with so now we can be in touch with them. Thank you.

Franklin D. Miller, 42107 Ringstem Ave. Apt. E, Lancaster, CA 93536-1207

Thank you for your monthly newsletter, both my wife & I enjoy it.

I retired from LAX-Dispatch 12/31/78, started with United 11/4/47 as Ramp – then Air freight – transferred to LAX 1958 Load Planner then Dispatch.

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

It has been another wonderful year of retire-

ment. Did some traveling. The highlight was a 12-day cruise on the Crystal Harmony to Canada & Alaska. It was a birthday gift from one of my daughters. Another trip was to Hollywood for the convention. Everything was great. Good job guys & gals. Thank you all for your hard work.

Thank you Jo & your wonderful crew. Without you we would not be able to keep in contact with our fellow retirees that live in other areas.

**Mildred Borkowski, 1727 West Crystal #403,
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

It is now 11 years since I retired from United WHQ office. While I miss the work & my fellow employees, there is more than enough activities to fill my day.

I volunteered at the Des Plaines Maryville Academy for 10 years, work at a daughter's fertility center, help another daughter by cooking, babysitting, still leaving enough time for social activities.

I just returned from a 2nd Alaskan cruise, been to Switzerland, France, Italy, Greece, Spain & short trips to see dear friends in Door County & AZ. Every day given to us is a bonus to be enjoyed & to remain as productive as we can.

Thank you for all your efforts in producing the Retiree Newsletter.

Mary Kakuris, 865 N. Cass Ave. #3167, Westmont, IL 60559

Thanks to the workers who supply us with a great newsletter. I have just reached my "90th" birthday & hanging in there.

"Regards" to my friends in EXO & to others who remember me on occasion.

Connie Forsey, 5022 E. Oxford Ave., Englewood, CO 80113

Thanks to you all for your hard work!

This month's letter from Jim McWayne was so interesting & refreshing! I would love to hear more stories, in the future!

Frank M. Stout, 7164 N. Viewscape Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-3400

Thought it would be a good idea to mail my dues before the dreaded red stamp showed up on the Newsletter. Even remembered to include my File Number!

Vi & I had a most enjoyable time visiting Den-

ver Mile Highers in July. Was great seeing old friends after such a long time. Several folks asked if we were planning on moving back to the DEN area. A couple of them suggested areas in which to relocate. Talk about being helpful, however, we will be staying here in Prescott Valley. It's a nice community, though growing rapidly.

Can remember when the mailing team sent out about 8,000 Newsletters a month. Understand there are about 12,000 now being mailed. Wow, what an increase! Knowing the effort it takes, please give my sincere thanks to all these dedicated volunteers

Always thinking of you.

Dave & Lili Pearson, 130 Par Pl., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-9220

Thank goodness UAL is still holding its own, here's hoping that continues.

Many thanks to Jo Madden & crew for not only putting together the newsletter but getting it mailed. What a great job. Also thanks to the travel desks in PDX & SEA.

We do admit all this paper work we receive does get a tad confusing.

This year we did not travel far, but did visit retired Art Ermish & his wife Edie who live on Chalk Creek in Nathrop, CO. We also took a short trip to Taos, N. M. – what a lovely drive that is from Pagosa Springs. Silverton & Ouray were also fun trips.

We are doing what we hope all of you are doing, that is enjoying life.

Mary (Scheidemantel) Howard, 6760 N. Springs Wagon Dr., Tucson, AZ 85743

There is that red reminder once again ... how fast these 20 years have gone by ...

So glad you print letters from other retirees ... in this issue, I will be able to re-connect with 3 people I had lost track of ... Doris Wertenbroek, one of several I carpooled with for a number of years at LAX, June O'Donnell, I worked with in LAXPE & Gerry Levelle, wife of Herb, whom I had lost contact with ... I love glancing through all the chapter letters; often see names I knew, who left L.A. for other parts of the country.

Thanks again for keeping us retirees informed & able to connect with long lost friends. You and your group do a wonderful service for the rest of us.

Michael L. Maddi, 72 Pineaire Ave., Farmingville, NY 11738

I look forward to receiving the Newsletter so that I can read about some of the people I worked with for 39 years. The only downside is seeing a former friend listed in the obituary list. All in all, it's great reading the Newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Dorothy M. Mosby, 959 Lake Harbour Dr. Apt 511, Ridgeland, MS 39157-1068

I'm writing this letter concerning address change. I was relocated when hurricane Katrina came to town (smile). My husband and I didn't get hurt, but lost everything. Through this entire devastation, my husband & I have learned that God's words are true, & to put your trust in no one but Him in the name of "Jesus". We thank him today for everything.

I do enjoy reading the newsletter, keep up the good work!

Helen E. Collins, 2340 W. 113th Pl. # 2026, Chicago, IL 60643

Thanks to the Newsletter for informing my friends of my 5 month recuperation from hip surgery, it was so nice to hear from those dating back over 50 years ago, especially Ed Clay, Joe McCormick & Ralph Diksis. I use a walker now but it is OK.

Lucy Cox, 1733 Heather Dr., Algonquin, IL 60102

I had been gallivanting around. Then all at once everything changes, our company for one, but I'm grateful the pension is still coming & medical coverage is available. Last week I took what I thought was a little fall & now here I am in the hospital – immobile for 2-3 mos. But bones heal (I hope), life will go on. Adjustments are always necessary, we'll all survive the best we can. Thank you, RUAEA & all the individuals who make this organization work. We're still a great "family".

Eugene & LaDonna Eggert, 1355-A Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

We greatly appreciate the effort of all you able people to publish & distribute "our" Newsletter. It often gives us something to discuss at our SFO/SJC South Bay Club. Thanks a million.

LaDonna & I enjoyed the Hollywood convention. Managed to board the first flights coming & going. We doubt if we can attend the Washington one next year.

John & Patricia Schaefer, 434 Noble Faire Dr., Sun City Center, FL 33537

Pat Schaefer, former agent 99 of CHITO, sends lots of love & hugs to all who work so hard keeping us informed of our beloved United's latest goings on.

Haven't been able to travel yet but hope to get back to it by 2006. We've been at our new home one whole year. Not yet used to this country living. Church & clubs are the backbone of our social life, a traumatic change from Chicago life style. No public transportation to speak of, no convenient downtown or movie house. It would have been nice if we could have afforded to keep our Chicago nest & become "snowbirds" but no could do!

Happy here but miss many of our Chicago friends & haunts.

W. Jones Jr., P.O. Box 406, Ingleside, IL 60041

70 years and at this age I shouldn't be a procrastinator like I have been by not sending in my dues last month.

Thank you folks for all the info.

This year brought a bit of sadness, but had 2 cruises one to the Caribbean for 7 days last Feb. & then 12 days in Sept. to Alaska. Both were very enjoyable.

Like everybody else, lost money when the Gov. took over the pension.

There is a slogan that I have carried with me for years behind my I.D. badge, it says: "Reminder, If the American system of private enterprise is ever destroyed, it most probably will be destroyed by company executives of shady practice, weak character and low morality who cared more for these corporations than their country".

Well, let's see what next year brings.

Once again, thanks you all.



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