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## ***RUAEA Convention Sacramento, CA May 27 – June 2, 2007***

### ***Trains & “Take Me Out To The Ballgame”***



At the north end of Old Sacramento is the area's most popular attraction, the **California State Railroad Museum**. The Museum is regarded as one of North America's finest & most visited railroad museums. The complex encompasses 27 acres & is said to have more historical buildings per acre than any other National Park or State Park in the U.S. It features changing exhibits, special events, steam train rides, historic structures from the Gold Rush era & more. The California State Railroad Museum truly has something for everyone. Come experience the magic of railroading, find out how trains have shaped our lives, economy, & culture in the Golden State. Marvel at the lavishly restored 19<sup>th</sup> century trains.

In addition to the Train Museum in Old Sacramento, one must not miss **Railtown 1897 State Historic Park** located in Jamestown, CA which is the heart of California's Gold Country. Known as THE MOVIE RAILROAD, Railtown 1897, its historic locomotives & cars have appeared in more than 200 television productions & movies. *Petticoat Junction*, *The Wild, Wild West*, *High Noon*, *The Virginian*, *Unforgiven* also parts of *Back to the Future III* were all filmed here.

The Pacific Rail Road Bill was a dream of a young civil engineer, Theodore D. Judah. It was signed into law by President Lincoln on July 1, 1862. Construction on the railroad began on Oct. 26, 1863 - the last spike was driven at Promontory Point, Utah Territory May 10, 1869. Sacramento was the western most point of the first Transcontinental Railroad, the passenger train from New York City to Sacramento took 7 whole days.

At the south end of Old Sacramento & across the river is our baseball complex **Raley Field**. It is a 5 minute walk across the Tower Bridge to the ballpark. There is a free shuttle from the downtown Macy's & Embassy Suites to the ballpark. Art Savage purchased the Vancouver, Canadians March 31, 1998, they became the Sacramento RiverCats in May, 2000 thus bringing Professional Baseball back to Sacramento after the Solons left in 1976. The RiverCats have been Pacific Coast League Champions for 4 of the 6 years of their existence. The RiverCats are presently the AAA Farm team for the Oakland Athletics. Raley Field was completed in May 2000. It truly is one of the finest baseball parks in this country. Raley Field seats 15,000 for baseball games, 20,000 for concerts. There is not a bad seat in the house.

See you in Sacramento - May 2007

Nancy DeVore, Publicity Chair  
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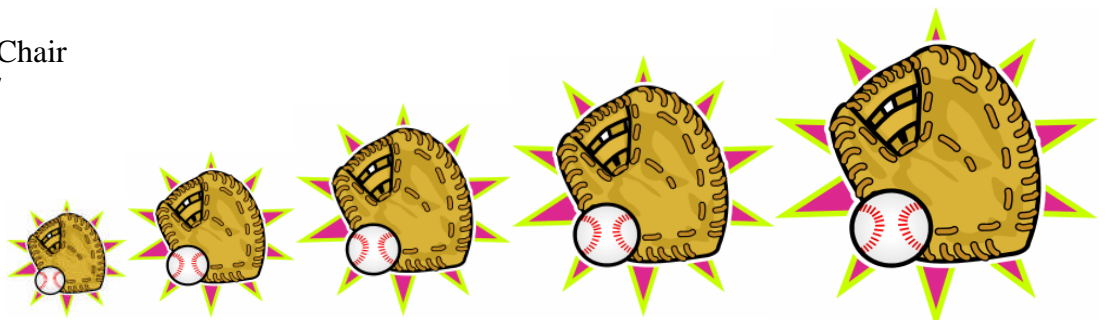
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# **GENERAL NEWS**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT (12/5/06)**

As I write this letter, it is a couple of weeks before the holidays. If you are getting the Newsletter on the RUAEA website, you will read it right about as the holidays occur. If you are getting the print copy, you will probably be reading it in early January. Whenever you are reading it I want you to know that Lorrie & I are wishing you & yours a joyous holiday season, a happy & healthy New Year.

I also want to take the opportunity to give you a brief year-end report of your RUAEA. As you know, the primary activities of RUAEA are four-fold, publication of a national newsletter, support for local chapters, conduct of an annual convention & provision of a proactive voice for retiree interest, concern & causes through our Corporate Relations function. First, our Newsletter continues its goal to enhance the bonds of friendship also fellowship developed during our tenure at United. With publication on our Website, we are able to provide information to our membership some three weeks earlier than it will be received in the print copy. Second, through our Regional Directors, we continue to support our local chapters by encouraging them to reach out to their communities to identify retirees, have them join in their activities, & by continuing to assist retirees in forming new chapters in localities where none currently exist. Third, our planning for the 2007 Annual Convention in Sacramento is in its final stages (we hope you will all find it possible to attend), plans for the 2008 & 2009 conventions are well underway. The Site Selection Committee has initiated conversations for the 2010 convention. Finally, we have continued to be a voice for you with the Company & have been successful, through our Corporate Relations Representative, Ed Tolle, in resolving many issues encountered by our membership. We will continue this activity. You will see those general results in the pages of our Newsletter and/or on our Website.

I & all the members of your Board of Directors continue to be available to you for answers to questions which may be of concern to you. Also, we would be delighted to have any members who are

interested join us in the active stewardship of RUAEA.

Mort Wax  
President

## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Use EasyCheck-in When Traveling:**

Beginning Dec. 7, employees, travel eligibles & companions must use EasyCheck-in Online or EasyCheck-in kiosks when checking in for flights

EasyCheck-in services are fast, easy & convenient -- however, only 50 % of employees, travel eligibles & companions who travel use them.

Using alternate methods of check-in enables customer service representatives to spend more time helping revenue customers who require extra assistance.

To improve the check-in process, new features will be added to EasyCheck-in kiosks at all 138 United & United Express airport locations beginning Dec. 7. The enhancements will enable travel eligibles to change their listing to a different flight on the same day of travel if they have not checked in for their original flight & companions traveling alone to change their flight -- though not the airport -- to an earlier or later time on the same day of travel; & other airline employees & United job applicants to check in for a United flight, but they will not be able to change their itinerary on the kiosks.

It's also important to share your file number or record locator with your travel eligibles & companions to access EasyCheck-in.

If the check-in process cannot be completed on the kiosk, a card will print out for you to take to a customer service representative, who will complete the check-in process for you.

In addition & as a reminder, non-revenue travelers should first utilize the automated Voice Recognition Unit (VRU) at 1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478), prior to calling Reservations to check space availability, book company business & list for pleasure travel.

Look under the Travel section of SkyNet on Dec.15, for a demonstration of the new screens & functions that employees will see when they use an EasyCheck-in kiosk.

Hal Klobe,  
Executive Vice President

## OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Our tour committee has all but wrapped up the slate of tours for the 2007 convention. As mentioned earlier, there will be a pre-convention & a post-convention tour. The pre-convention tour will begin from a hotel near SFO, include sight-seeing & a layover en route to Sacramento. The post-convention tour will leave from Sacramento, involve sight-seeing & possible entertainment en route back to the SFO area. Other tours that are being worked on include local museums including art, mansions & aviation, gold mines in the area, wineries plus river cruises.

Another reminder is the Art & Crafts display & raffle. We are gladly accepting donations of art plus crafts works to be displayed & raffled during the convention. Anyone wishing to donate an item/items please contact Francis or Veronica Domaratus at [vandfrgracious@surewest.net](mailto:vandfrgracious@surewest.net) or (916) 789-0422 or by mail to 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95761. As was the case at the Washington convention, we will be having a special Hospitality time in the Hospitality Suite on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evenings.

Don't forget to look into the travel options on getting to Sacramento. United offers employees/retirees a discount of 20% on most fares. When booking the flights be sure to tell the agent you are a retiree & use the special code which is **S\*PMO/EMP20**. Another option is to use a senior fare on Southwest. These fares are at least 50% of the standard fare, are changeable & cancelable with no penalty. You can check them out at [southwest.com](http://southwest.com). You do have to be 65 or older. Also there is Amtrak. We have heard from several that they are planning to arrive by train. The Amtrak station is about a dozen blocks from the hotel. Finally here is a recap of the space available options. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount - Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest & US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example - DFW to SMF is \$31 each way. To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon. – Fri. & 0700-1900 CT Sat. &

Sun. Last but not least, Jet-Blue & Southwest offer retirees standby fares at \$25 OW, \$50 RT plus taxes. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept. at 1-888-825-0188.

Lastly the Hyatt is now open for booking convention reservations. This can be done in several different ways. You can call their 800 number at 800-233-1234, call the hotel direct (916) 443-1234 or go to the RUAEA web-site at [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org), there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night double occupancy plus taxes.

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## NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT



During WWI, Clement M. Keys was Financial VP of the Curtiss Aeroplane Company. In 1920 he acquired controlling interest, buying-out the Willys-Overland interests.

In 1925, Keys founded North American Aviation as a holding company for the development, financing of airlines, aircraft manufacturers & other aviation services. Dec. 6, 1928, NAA was incorporated in Delaware. March 1930, it was listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Also in 1925, Keys & Carl B. Fritsche, General Manager of the Aircraft Development Corp. of Detroit, proposed raising \$2,000,000 to finance an airline to operate between New York, Detroit & Chicago. Keys quickly raised \$1,000,000 in NYC. The balance, \$500,000 each, came from Detroit &

Chicago investors.

May 21, 1925, National Air Transport was incorporated in Delaware, with Howard E. Coffin, (VP, Hudson Motor Car Corp). as President. Keys was Chairman of the Executive Committee & Col. Paul Henderson, was General Manager. Vice Presidents were Charles L. Lawrance (Wright Aeronautical Corp.); Wayne Chatfield-Taylor (Chicago); & Eugene Lewis (Detroit). Fritsche was Secretary, John J. Mitchell, jr. (Chicago) was Treasurer.

By Marvin Berryman from "Glenn Curtiss; Pioneer of Flight" & "High Horizons" - Frank J. Taylor

**Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Visit our Website at: [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org).**

### **UNITED AWARDS GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERISM**

For 10 years, United has awarded individual volunteer grants - totaling more than 500,000 dollars - to the organizations most important to its employees & retirees. This year's awards ceremony was held at a breakfast recently, where Glenn Tilton joined several officers in recognizing employees for their commitment to community service.

- Forty-four individuals from across United's system were awarded grants of 1,000 dollars each for their service organizations.
- Two Chairman's Awards for Excellence in Community Service - of 5,000 dollars each - went to organizations in recognition of the United employees who demonstrated the strongest, most passionate commitment to service for a community cause.
- Chairman's Awards winners SFOPK's Ronald Bates, on behalf of the American Red Cross, and HNLCS's Rachel Ariola, for the Arthritis Foundation's Hawaii Branch, this year brought to life most vividly United's commitment to investing in our communities.



### **FROM THE DENVER OFFICE**

Some of the following is a repeat from last month's "From the Denver Office" article concerning a change in renewal & notification policies.

As with all things, time creates changes, so it is true here at the Membership/Newsletter office. The following information will be important to all our members. Over several months we have been updating the current database. This database, written in 1995, contains information on each member. All of this information is critical to the RUAEA organization. These changes are going to improve our service to our membership by being more accurate. Some of the changes you will notice, but for the most part, many of you won't. These will be the ones that are internal functions only.

There are many reasons why we are doing this. The most important is that it will give us an accurate look at who is active, who isn't in the organization, & will help us control our operating costs.

One of the immediate changes that everyone will see is on the Newsletter & on the mailing label. As all of you know, when your birthday month comes around, there is a red stamp on the newsletter. It was put there to wish you Happy Birthday and to remind you that your annual dues are due during this month. On the label, it also says "***It's time to renew***".

Under our current procedure you would continue to receive your Newsletter for two additional months even though you have not paid your dues on time. Starting Jan. 1, 2007 this process will change. Effective in Jan., you will still receive notification of time to renew on your birthday month as mentioned above. But, on the issue after your birthday month, if you have not paid your dues, you will also be notified that your dues are due & the statement on the label will say "***This will be your last issue***". This notice is in effect letting you know you are in arrears & this will be your last issue until you reinstate your membership. Any delay in reinstating will delay restarting your Newsletter. The RED stamp will be the same for both the birthday month & month after issues. It will simply state "**IT'S TIME TO RENEW - READ YOUR MAILING LABEL**". (Similar procedure will be implemented for Web users).

The main reason for this change is printing & mailing costs. There are many of our members



who do not renew their membership in a timely fashion. These extra mailings cost the organization additional funds. This policy is no different than any other periodical you may be receiving now; hopefully this notice will assist you in preventing an interruption to your Newsletter delivery.

***Always include your File Number in any & all correspondences.***

This will be the first issue of the New Year. From the Membership & Newsletter Staff we wish you the very best for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

<b>Membership Secretaries</b>	<b>Newsletter Staff</b>
<i>Dixie McCay</i>	<i>Jo Madden</i>
<i>Carol Sostarich</i>	<i>John Chu</i>
<i>Carole Longbella</i>	<i>And all the volunteers</i>
<i>Juliana Alfonso</i>	<i>who assemble for the</i>
<i>Lonna Fischer</i>	<i>mailing.</i>

Last but not least,

Virgil Gooselaw & Howard Tress  
The Office Managers.

### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

The most common travel questions & misunderstandings are with Companion Travel Passes. These travelers, in many cases, do not understand "standby travel" or how the system works. The travel sponsor (retiree) is responsible to ensure that the ones who use the Companion Travel Passes understand the rules & how to use them.

Companion Travel is NOW paperless except for most Off-line (another airline) travel.

Things you can do to help the Companion Travel process:

- ✈ Access SkyNet to familiarize yourself with the Companion Travel Guide & the rules therein.
- ✈ Go to the SkyNet Travel section - under Companion Travel Information print a copy of the "Brochure", give it to your companion travelers to help them become familiar with companion travel processes & policies. Note: If you do not have SkyNet, you can

call the Benefits Service Center 1-800 482-5236, ask for the Companion Travel Guide (for the Retiree Sponsor) & the Companion Travel Brochure for the traveler. You can also call the Retiree Travel Desks (Phone numbers are posted in the Newsletter) as they can answer most questions, but they do not have time to read the entire brochure for you.

- ✈ Familiarize yourselves with the procedures & help your companions understand the procedures. Also, impress on them that the airport personnel generally do not have the time to devote to standbys for all the processes.
- ✈ Provide a copy of the Passenger Name Record (usually required where-ever a Passport is required), itinerary & a schedule of the day's flights

**For your safety information** (From Lieutenant Tony Bartolome, Bureau of Investigations, Florida Highway Patrol, P.O. Box 593527, Orlando, FL 32859)

You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car & get inside. Then you lock all your doors, start the engine, shift into REVERSE, look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into PARK, unlock your doors, jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that's when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off! Your engine was running, (ladies would have their purse in the car), they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

**\*BE AWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED.\***

Just drive away and remove the paper that is stuck to your window later, and be thankful that you read this email. I hope you will forward this to friends and family ... especially to women! A purse contains all identification, and you certainly do NOT want someone getting your home address. They already HAVE your keys!

Happy Flying and Greetings of the Season

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Seattle Travel Desk

## **A SPECIAL ONE TIME TAX CREDIT ON YOUR 2006 TAX RETURN**

When it comes time to prepare & file your 2006 tax return, make sure you don't overlook the "federal excise tax refund credit." You claim the credit on line 71 of your form 1040. A similar line will be available if you file the short form 1040A. If you have family or friends who no longer file a tax return AND they have their own land phone in their home & have been paying a phone bill for years, make sure they know about this form 1040EZ-T.

What is this all about? Well the federal excise tax has been charged to you on your phone bill for years. It is an old tax that was assessed on your toll calls based on how far the call was being made & how much time you talked on that call. When phone companies began to offer flat fee phone service, challenges to the excise tax ended up in federal courts in several districts of the country.

The challenges pointed out that flat fee/rate phone service had nothing to do with the distance or the length of the phone call, therefore, the excise tax should/could not be assessed!

The IRS has now conceded this argument. Phone companies have been given notice to stop assessing the federal excise tax as of Aug. 30, 2006. You will most likely see the tax on you Sept. cutoff statement, but it should NOT be on your Oct. bill.

But the challengers of the old law also demanded restitution. So the IRS has announced that a one time credit will be available when you & I file our 2006 tax return as I explained above, however, the IRS also established limits on how BIG a credit you can get. Here's how it works:

- ✈ If you file your return as a single person with just you as a dependent, you get to claim a \$30 credit on Line 71 of your 1040. If you file with a child or a parent as your dependent, you claim \$40.
- ✈ If you file your return as a married couple with no children, you claim \$40.
- ✈ If you file as married with children, you claim \$50 if one child, \$60 if two children.

In all cases, the most you get to claim is \$60 – UNLESS you have all your phone bills starting AFTER Feb. 28, 2003 through July 31, 2006 (do not use any bills starting Aug. 1, 2006), then you can

add up the ACTUAL TAX AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR BILLS & CLAIM THAT FOR A CREDIT.

Now if you have your actual phone bills & come up with an ACTUAL TAX AMOUNT, you cannot use Line 71 on your tax return. You have to complete a special form number 8913 & attach it to your tax return.

Individuals using the special form 1040EZ-T will have to attach this form 8913 also.

One final point - this credit is a refundable credit. That means you get this money, no matter how your tax return works out. If you would end up owing the IRS a balance, the refund will reduce that balance you owe. If you end up getting a refund, the credit will be added & you get a bigger refund by that \$30 to \$60, depending on how many dependents are on your return.

## **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for Feb. are due in DEN by Fri. Jan. 5, March report by 2/6, April report by 3/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto: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.

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***A diplomatic husband said to his wife, "How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?"***

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*Also an added benefit to receiving the Newsletter on the Web is that back issue can be accessed.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please contact Mary Toeppen before 4 PM Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at (623) 214-1504.

At breakfast on Nov. 8 we had 18 attendees. We were happy to see Pete Clanton. Pete is still having a lot of pain so keep him in you prayers. Eleanor Patterson was in the hospital with bleeding ulcers.

On Nov. 4, we met at the Luke AFB Officers Club for a wonderful luncheon & a great time socializing. We had Mort Wax as our speaker, he was accompanied by his lovely wife Lorrie. Mort addressed the coming 2007 RUAEA convention in Sacramento next year 5/28 - 6/2/07. Note it is a week later than usual. RUAEA currently has 9,950 members. United has over 39,000 total retirees. Membership in RUAEA is not mandatory but it is helpful, really a social community unto itself. Individual chapters participate in the community & support their membership. He also mentioned that our current pensions are safe as they are covered by the PGBC and / or METLIFE annuities. He did mention that there are no plans to change our pass travel policies. Thanks again to Mort for attending our luncheon & informing our members.

The following members had guests in attendance:

Barbara Notch - guest Dee Lunt, Dotty Quick - her mother Else Valke, Ed & Maria Bobrik - Ewa Furlapa, Corrine Drop - Mavis Johnson.

On Nov. 18 we attended the AZ Broadway Dinner theatre in Peoria. A total of 30 members & friends enjoyed a wonderful lunch also a production of "South Pacific." Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, we will plan another event in early 2007.

## Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell road

**Jan. 2** – Coco's

**Jan. 16** – Coco's

**Jan. 30** – Coco's

## Fall/Winter Luncheons 2007

**Jan. 13** - Briarwood Country Club – 11:00 - Bring your wrapped white elephant gift for the annual auction. This auction supports our chapter charities.

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## PHOENIX METRO



Nov. 9, 26 brave soles braved the 80° weather for a lunch at Canyon Lake & a ride on the Dolly steamboat. Many saw some bighorn sheep on the cliffs, all had a good time.



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It was another beautiful day for our Nov. 16 luncheon at the Heritage Highlands Golf and Country Club. Connie & Chuck Guy were our hosts, 31 retirees enjoyed the day. Gordon Starr bought us up to date on coming activities.

On Nov. 27, 16 rollicking trimmers gathered at the Reid Park Zoological gardens to trim our Christmas tree. Pat & Rich Diallo were there with their daughter Barbara, son-in-law John, & their two children. It was good to see Pat out & about again. Our annual rendition of "Deck us all with Boston Charlie" was enjoyed by all the animals. The monkeys particularly sit up and take notice.

## Alice Belzer's Sick List:

- Armand & Barbara Johnson are both doing much better.
- Hank Belzer is having treatments to take care of lymphoma.

- Donna Kuehn scraped her knee trying to balance a TV on her leg & her knee surgery was postponed to Nov. 29. She is home & having therapy.
- Len Herring is recovering from a broken back, is having therapy.
- Henny Satterfield has been knocked low with a bout of valley fever.
- Gordon Starr came to the tree decorating - went from there to have cataract surgery.

Alice's trivia for the month: *The first novel ever written on a typewriter - Tom Sawyer. (And White Out had not yet been invented.)*

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 18** - Luncheon hosted by Donna Kuehn. Details later.

**Feb. 15** - Gaslight Theater. Donna will have 50 tickets, so first come, first served.

**March 14** - All Arizona Luncheon at The Property in Casa Grande.

### CALIFORNIA

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Our chapter did not meet in Nov. so there is little news to report.

This last month's newsletter had several articles about Bob Owens; I would be remiss not to mention the fact that I worked with Bob at Midway Airport when we were employed by Capital Airlines in the 1950's. He worked in airfreight along with another member of our chapter, Art Jacobs. Bob was able to make a couple of our meetings; I was sad to hear of his passing. I am happy that we were able to renew our friendship & relate stories of the good-old days.

John & Barbara Stilwell attended the AARP convention at Anaheim, CA seeing many celebs including Elton John. John Stilwell has also been working as a docent at the Pismo Beach Butterfly Grove & at the South County Historical Association working with a neighbor of his getting a 1923

American La France Fire Engine running after 40 years.

By the time this appears in the newsletter, we will have had our Christmas luncheon & meeting. This is always the highlight of the year so next month's news will have a lot to report.

Last month's trivia question was: When did Gene Autry get the idea for the song "Here comes Santa Claus"? Answer: While riding a horse in a holiday parade.

New trivia question: Who started the first frequent-flier program?

#### BRAZEN RAISINS

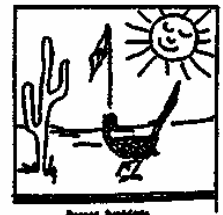


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The Brazen Raisins' 2006 meeting was the annual Christmas party hosted by the board of directors & featured a delicious buffet lunch at our regular meeting place, the Pacific Seafood restaurant in Fresno. We were honored by a visit from Jean & Bud Garcia & son Paul; we hadn't seen the Garcias for quite a while, and it was great seeing them again. Ethelda & Bob Frost conducted a couple of interesting puzzles. Pres. Jack Hartman passed out information about the RUAEA Convention. No business was conducted, just a lot of good old comradeship.

#### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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*Submitted by Elaine Aggson*

Ron & Barb Napier were hosts for our Nov. meeting at Desert Willows Golf Club in Palm Desert. Since our meeting was on Thurs. instead of our usual Wed., several of our regulars were unable to attend. 24 Sunbirds attended including several we have not seen for while. Vic Swanson came & brought his neighbor, Judy Ford was back after her summer travels. It was good to see Lynda & Tony Davis, the Riekes & the Utzingers. The Lergs had



to cancel as Ron suffered some side affects from new meds. Janis Ward was back with an explanation of her many trips to & from PDX. She was busy "re-locating herself". Seems she has decided that desert summers are intolerable so she sold her home in Cathedral City & bought two condos - one in PSP & one in PDX - so she is now an official snowbird.

As Nov. marked the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Desert Sunbirds, Joyce Bossio presented Elaine Aggson yellow roses on behalf of the members in appreciation of her 17 years as Pres. Lucky Sandy Sereno won both the free birthday lunch & the 50/50 for the second month in a row! We have a new celebrity in the group - author Bill Eads whose book "When Flying Was Fun" will roll off the presses in mid 2007. Bill, (our official joke teller) has a great sense of humor, so we are anxiously awaiting the book's arrival. Members Lynn Morrow & Dave Podnar, now living in New Mexico, were in town in Nov. Lynn was Parade Director for the Pride Parade in Palm Springs. This annual event brings thousands of visitors to the area.



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Our Nov. luncheon meeting did not happen due to the proximity of Thanksgiving & our Dec. meeting which was held on Dec.13. The meeting place was The Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley, CA hosted by the Bertacinis, it was also our "Toys for Tots" drive.

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Pres. Norm Burnett welcomed all to Josef's Restaurant in Railroad Square, Santa Rosa. He thanked Brandon & Pat Maus for hosting at this

lovely facility which serves delicious meals. Members & guests were treated to Grilled Salmon or Lemon Chicken, salad, side dishes & dessert.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced our guests: Sherri Quock, guest of Diana Quinn; Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell; Clem Shanahan, guest of Barney & Clare Hagen; & Carrol Turek, guest of Doug Sanders. Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that he is accepting 2007 dues.

I substituted for Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr & announced the Nov. anniversaries & birthdays. Phyl MacDonald was the winner of the Birthday Lunch.

2007 Officers are:

- Pres. - Patrick Cadden
- VP - Judy DeFord
- Treas. - Oscar Chambers
- Secy. - Clare Hagen

The drawing was held with Brandon calling the winning numbers. Roger Casterline & Ron Huhn distributed the prizes.

*THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: LIVE SIMPLY, LOVE GENEROUSLY, CARE DEEPLY, SPEAK KINDLY & LEAVE THE REST TO GOD.*

### **Calendar:**

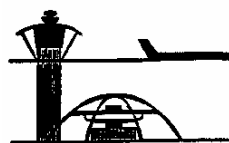
**Jan. 11** - Michele's Santa Rosa - Ann & Norm Burnett

**Feb. 8** - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Charlie & Bernice Anderson

**March 8** - TBA - Clare & Barney Hagen

### **Re-LAX-ers**

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**DUES ARE DUE.** Did you notice the space at the bottom of the Christmas luncheon announcement which reminded you to add in your dues for 2007? Even if you cannot attend the luncheon, Jo Ann will be heartbroken not to receive an envelope from you with your \$5 for 2007 dues check enclosed. In case you missed it on the newsy notice from Donna Klobe, the address to send dues is Jo Ann Briggs, 21303 Legend Av., Carson, CA 90745. Dues are due Jan. 1. Do it! Write check

NOW ! The roster will be reviewed March 1<sup>st</sup>, if the dues didn't come in, the notices won't go out to you - that would be a shame! Note, this is NOT to be confused with the \$20 dues you send to RUAEA in DEN on your birthday for this well-worth-it-Newsletter. Out of towners are welcome as members of ReLAXers, too. Advantage - keeps you up on LAX news & on ReLAXers tours.

Our long time, dear friend, Lois Bowns has moved from her very lovely condo in Glendale to an assisted living facility in Sun Valley, CA. Marci Walker & a few other close friends helped her with all the paper work, packing involved in such a move & helped her move on Nov. 17. Her new address is Villa Scalabrini / Safe Care Unit, Room 705, 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley, CA 91352. So far she does not have a direct phone number. She is happy to hear from friends, so call the Villa number (818) 768-6500, ask for Safe Care Unit then ask to speak to her. I talked to her on Dec. 4, she sounded just like always, the ever enthusiastic Lois. She says the Villa & the employees are very nice plus "the food is wonderful". I asked what she does with herself now that she doesn't have to do housework - she said they have activities all day - including BINGO. Sounds like that is the ideal spot for her - she always was looking for the bingo games on tours to Laughlin.

A few items were omitted in last month's column because I "filed" my notes in "a safe place". (Need I say more?) Bob & Clarine Schmiedeke were at the Oct. luncheon. Clarine has had a real siege of problems, too much time in the hospital, now needing oxygen. The results of studies at the hospital are that her heart has a valve that doesn't close properly. Here's hoping & praying that somewhere along the line a solution will be found to clear that up! Bob, however, had good news. He had been suffering from lumbar pains; was glad to share news of his "miracle" procedure. An "X-Stop" was placed in the lumbar region of his spine, now he is happily pain free. He spent some time at the meeting going over the procedure with Bill Sokoloff who is having the same problem. Here's hoping that Bill will get some relief, too.

George Briggs (Jo An's husband) was hospitalized seriously ill with pneumonia - the family was bracing for the worst. Happily pulled out of it -- is home again. He's been threatened by the whole big family if he dares to smoke ever again they'll make

him wish he hadn't. In addition to pneumonia, he has emphysema so he just has to behave!

A well loved member of our chapter, Art Ballagh, died after years of suffering from Alzheimers. He passed away in Oct. Art was one of the founders of the ReLAXers chapter, was its first chairman (before we called it president). I am sure Peg & his family will be pleased to hear from old friends of Art's. Address is: Mrs. Peggy Ballagh, 19249 Nashville St., Northridge, CA 91326. I apologize for not including this news in last month's column.

Last month we printed the New York address for Ellis Pohlmann, not realizing that he passed away on Oct. 23. Dick Pendleton forwarded the words on a card he received, saying "Ellis E. Pohlmann. A Good Man. Jan. 8, 1911 – Oct. 23, 2006. Rest in Peace". The card came from his daughter, Bonnie Munshin, 35 Harbor View Ln., East Hampton NY 11937.

We heard from the daughter of Dorothy Gannett that Dorothy passed away in early Oct. She was secretary to the Plant and Equipment Mgr. in LAX in the 60s & 70s, then moved to SFO, residing in Sunnyvale. Condolences can be sent to Pam Picazo, 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550.

The daughter of Pinkie Hopkins, Rochell Caldwell, passed away while in the hospital for surgery. The phone number I have for Pinky is (213) 752-7808.

Earlier in Nov., several UA volunteers at the LAX U.S.O. went to the opening gala of the spacious new USO in the old Terminal 1 at ONT. Among other airport representatives there were some of the ONT Ambassadors - a new position at that location. One of the Ambassadors is Barbara Rowe who at one time worked in LAXTO & LAXTR before transferring to ONTTR. We had a chat catching up on news of other retirees.

Travel/Parking - Someone gave me a brochure for LAX PARKING at a lot called LAX EASY PARK. The brochure contains several coupons for free or reduced parking very close to the airport -- closer than employee Lot D. The address is 6101 W. 98<sup>th</sup> - is across where Avion Dr. dead ends into 98<sup>th</sup>. The coupons are good through May 31, with some blackout dates. First person who calls gets it! In the meantime, if you aren't the "winner" of the freebie coupons, remember the airport employee/

retiree special rate lots near LAX -- E for \$17, D for \$32 for the month + 5 days. I still do the leg work to get the tags for them, so let me know. If you do your own leg-work it's \$2 less.

The wonderful tours we did for 6 years a few years back to Yellowstone Park in the winter are still available. I do not think we have the interest of enough folks for a group, but I have had some inquiries; the trip is available on an individual basis. Yellowstone is spectacular in the winter, the lodge that is used is super. The tour includes excursions through much of the park in snow coaches, icy waterfalls, snow frosted trees & enough open space to make snow angels. So beg, borrow or buy a few layers of warm clothes - give me a call to get details. If 4 folks from HNL could do it comfortably one year -- anyone can!

Travel tip - you can still get there on your pass, just use logic when choosing travel days. Example -- I went LAX/LAS on 11/21 (a day ahead of the usual Thanksgiving rush), returned 11/27 - (2 days after the mob). Piece o' cake! Got in Super coach both ways with an empty seat beside me.

More travel opportunities coming up -- stay tuned.

Mainline Club Store - As you no doubt know, the store is now "airside" ("the other" side of security). It's not possible to get beyond security unless you have airport officially issued ID or a boarding pass for a flight. But have a little more patience, I talked to Mike (the man in charge), he advises that they are working on a website which will be a big help to retirees. More details as I get them.

*In LAX, by the time you're 35, you're older than most of the buildings.*

### Re-Sans

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We enjoyed a delightful buffet luncheon at Tom Ham's Restaurant on Dec 1. 37 ReSans members attended & enjoyed the absolutely breathtaking view of the San Diego Harbor, also each others' company. The poor turnout this year was a great disappointment. We will have to look around for

another venue for our Christmas Party next year as Tom Ham's guarantee requirements are now beyond our group's attendance. If anyone has a favorite restaurant they would like to suggest, your officers would be delighted to receive this information.

Reminder - San Diego retirees also have a breakfast at 10:00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of each month. This is held at Jimmy's Family Restaurant, 3577 Midway Dr., San Diego, (619) 523-1480.

We had received a lovely note from Shirley Criscione saying that Pete has come through his surgery, despite another problem, he is doing well. We wish you all of the best, Pete. Get Well Fast!

Our next meeting will be held in April, will probably be at Carver's Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. This is our Spring Fling & Election of Officers. Pres. Marian Owens has requested that anyone willing to assume the role of president for the coming year, please let one of your officers know this information.



*Golden  
Gaters -  
SFO Area*

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This is our last meeting for 2006. Where did the time go? We won't have a Dec. meeting because of the holidays, especially this year since Christmas day falls on our meeting day. We had 126 present with Barbara Underhill as our Door Greeter.

Two Nov. weddings were recognized today. Ken & Rita Wahl celebrated 55 years and Emily & Ross Turner have been together for 50 years. Ella Mae & Bob Donovan were married 59 years in Dec. Carol Walter announced that it is now time to pay the 2007 dues. Once again, where did the time go?

I have some sad news to report. Bill Erdman passed away unexpectedly the first week of Nov. Bill started with UAL in 1958 & retiring in 1994 as lead ramp agent. I recently heard that Bonnie Allen, wife of George Allen, passed away last March. You can send cards to George at 2832 Camino Del

Rey, San Jose, CA 95132.

We have several on our sick & injured list: Milt Cavalli had gallbladder surgery, his wife, Marie Cavalli, fell - sprained her shoulder. Grace Burner, wife of Roe Burner, is in a care facility. She fell, but fortunately did not break any bones, but she now has pneumonia. We hope that everyone recovers soon.

Bob Taiclet announced that we would have a catered Chinese Luncheon at our March 26 meeting. Tickets are \$5 with a cutoff date of March 16. Contact Bernard Schneider (650-322-9596) for tickets.

Nominating Chairman, Walt Bartkowiak presented the 2007 slate of officers. They are: Pres. - Ralph Trullinger, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Bob Taiclet, Co 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs - Tony & Kathi Hutt, Recording Secy. - Donna Taiclet, Corresponding Secy. - Helen Cain, Treas. - Arthur Barrett, Membership Secy. - Barbara Underhill, Auditors - Frank Cavaliere, Jerry Milner & Bernard Schneider. We voted to accept these candidates.

Charity Coordinator, Harriet Kunze, said that we would be donating to 6 charities this year. They are: Students Rising Above, St. Vincent de Paul, Canine Companions, Pathway Hospice, Shelter Network, & Samaritan House, all located in the bay area.

Harriet thanked everyone for the many unwrapped toys donated today to be given to a local charity.

After our lunch we had our program. Debra Horton & Les Burrows, a brother-sister team from the National Civil War Association, were the speakers. Both were in Civil War era costumes, part of the program was explaining the clothing, such as - Les wore a wool uniform. Since wool could not be washed & there was no dry cleaning in those days, they could only hang it out to "air". They told us much more about how people lived & dressed in those days & gave information about the weapons also other Civil War info. They encouraged us to ask question, which we did, and we were even entertained with harmonica music of the era. A very interesting & educational program.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg reported that the Vietnam trip is sold out. If you are interested in a Jan.21 - Feb. 2, 2008 "New Zealand - Australia cruise" you should contact Ginger right away as it is very popular & will sell out fast. Contact for

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Betty Garner still has space on her "West Coast Wine Cruise", Apr 27 - May 4, 2007. Contact Betty: (650) 355-4195, email [garner-bee@yahoo.com](mailto:garner-bee@yahoo.com).

#### Calendar:

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

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Many of our sick members of last month are doing much better. Geneva Schaller is recovering from her hip operation, has been coming to our meetings lately. Her son, Jim Schaller & granddaughter Alexis Hall were visitors at the Nov. 10 meeting. Geneva is now even able to drive herself to the meetings.

Both Marion Gaevert & Marian Swanson are recovering from their foot surgeries, were able to make it to the Ladies Holiday luncheon in Nov. Gary Fahl is doing much better with his knee replacement, has been coming to the meetings & is looking forward to being able to return to his home in NV.

Lew Bacheller is scheduled for a heart bypass operation, was scheduled to take place in Dec. Dee Kolman is still having chemo, had a port put in. We will keep Lew & Dee in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Lee Ferrell retired as membership secretary after 20 years of faithful service. Needless to say, he has contributed much to our chapter over those years. Also, due to health concerns, he will not be able to attend our weekly meetings. A card was signed by all, he was given a gift certificate in appreciation for his work. Lee, we can't thank you enough for your contributions; your attendance at our meetings will be sorely missed.

We had a good response to our Thanksgiving

food drive, many donations were contributed by our members, collected by Ruie & Bob Bradley, delivered by them to the Salvation Army.

Our annual Ladies Holiday Luncheon was held on Nov. 28 at the Blue Pheasant restaurant in Cupertino.

We had a good turnout, and everyone had a good time. Our thanks to Sally Urso, Joan Dahl, LaDonna Eggert, Margie Klaus & everyone who contributed.

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, San Jose (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 7:00, meeting begins at 8:15. All UA retirees are welcome. Call our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548 for details.



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I don't know what we did to deserve this beautiful weather! We will just enjoy it while it lasts!

We had 52 members in attendance at our Nov. meeting in Lockford. It was good to see Ace & Barbara Edkin, we haven't seen them for awhile. We are fortunate to have so many members enjoy our luncheons.

Our sunshine lady, Joy Blair, is asking for names of anyone needing a little word of cheer! Dorothy Daniels needs your prayers & cards. Apparently everyone else is feeling good - that is great!

The Chapter decided that in lieu of Christmas gifts we will donate to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Sacramento.

Oh, and did any of you see the show on PBS as to the causes of United Airlines having to take out bankruptcy? It appears that the opportunists were busy taking advantage of the situation. Sounds like there should be some new anti-trust laws.

Due to the often foggy conditions in the San Joaquin Valley in Jan., there will be no meeting until Feb. 8.

#### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our Nov. meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 24 members & guests attending. Great turkey dinner.

We missed the Harguths. Hoagy had spinal surgery, is doing well. We hope to see them next month.

Tom Johnson gave an interesting talk on Airline safety and the history behind some of the incidences in the past. He gave us a handout that illustrated how safety has improved over the years.

Georgia Bouska was the winner of our 50/50!

We know there are many East Bay retirees that haven't visited one of our luncheons. Start the New Year off right, come by & get acquainted. We will be glad to see you.

Confused about carryon? Check out [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. Lunch & business from 12:00 on. No reservations are required.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 8** - Meeting

**Feb. 5** - Meeting

#### **COLORADO**



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*Submitted by Tom Goodyear*

The Mile High Chapter had its Christmas luncheon Dec. 5 at a Holiday Inn with 86 folks in attendance. First timers were Juliana Alfonso, Mollie Cook & Sandra Manzanares. Sandra joined RUAEA at the luncheon. Virgil & Martha Goose-law's daughter Dianne Adkins also attended. Dianne also helps with the newsletter each month. It



was reported by Tom Goodyear that Mary Moore underwent surgery to remove a malignant tumor from her lung. The Starlight & Starbright Children Foundation really appreciates the wonderful toys the retirees gave to the foundation this year.

A big thanks to Harriet Ahr, niece Suzie Hatcher & her husband Dick for all the work they did to make the luncheon a big success.

55 retirees attended the Dec. monthly breakfast at the United Air Lines Training Center cafeteria on Dec 5 (the day after the luncheon). The new Mile Highers directories were handed out. Again Harriet Ahr compiled the directories. They do come in handy.

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter. Harriet Ahr, Harvey Collin, John Butler, Ron Milton, Burt Oretel, Charlie Hasler (won Twice), Ray Shoults (he also won twice).

Irma Atanasio thanks all the members who sent her sympathy cards on the death of her mother, Martina.

Dixie & Lonna, two of our RUAEA secretaries, just returned from Argentina & would like to pass on a tip to anyone contemplating a trip to Argentina or South America for that matter. A group called the AVAA (Airline Veterans' Assoc. of Argentina) has a website [www.ava.org.ar](http://www.ava.org.ar) & email address [avaargentina@hotmail.com](mailto:avaargentina@hotmail.com) that will assist with any travel arrangements, such as hotels, tours, etc. at great prices. Dixie & Lonna did not get a chance to meet Hector, the Pres. of AVAA & a BUEUA retiree, but they did meet AVAA's liaison, Marilu, a PanAm retiree. She's very gracious & generous with her time, her English is also impeccable which to 2 non-Spanish speaking individuals helped a lot. Also, UA flies IAD/BUE/IAD & one can also get a ZED fare on AA DFW/BUE or MIA/BUE. Another note of interest ... our rate of exchange right now is 3 pesos to 1 USD in Argentina.

The next breakfast will be Jan. 3, 2007. Please bring a fellow retiree. Don't forget the aluminum beverage containers or sometimes called pop cans.

#### Calendar:

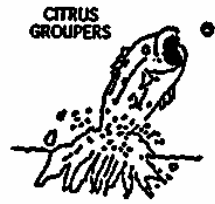
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**Jan. 3 - Breakfast Meeting**

## FLORIDA

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The Citrus Groupers did not meet in Nov. because of our yearly Christmas party at the beginning of Dec.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 25** - Meeting - 11:30 at the International Buffet Restaurant, 2259 N. Citrus Ave. (Hwy. 27) next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg.

**Feb.** - Meeting will be in Ocala at the Olive Garden, 3363 SW College Rd. (Hwy 200) at 11.30 AM.



### THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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Dec. 6, the Conway United Methodist Church in Orlando played host to the 2006 Real McCoy's Christmas Party Chapter Luncheon Meeting, there were 31 in attendance. The room was ideal, each table was decorated with a festive poinsettia. Our thanks to our Pres., Paul Brown who donated the Ham, Richard who prepared the Turkey, & the Membership who brought such delicious side dishes & desserts.

Speaker was Ms. Betty Turner, from the Russell Home, which is a facility for Atypical Children who have special needs, either mental or physical. Mrs. Russell opened her home to the first child in 1951. Since then, the home has 24 beds & has accepted many of these special need children who are bed ridden, in a wheel chair, or have Down Syndrome. They have grown up in this home - their ages are from 3 to 61. In 2003, Mrs. Vantrease Russell passed away but was never forgotten, her legacy continues. It takes \$48,000.00 per month to

run this facility. It is the only private, non-profit facility, which operates without any state or government funding. It was our pleasure for our Pres. to present Ms. Turner with a check from our charity fund of \$125.00. If anyone else would like to make a donation to them, their address is: The Russell Home for Atypical Children, 510 Holden Avenue, Orlando, FL 32839. They would be very appreciative!

I would like, at this time, to take the opportunity to give a grand salute to our wonderful members who brought donated items for our Christmas Drive for The Central Florida Children's Home. Thank you for your generosity! Also, our Chapter made another donation from our Charity Fund in the amount of \$125.00 to The Hospice of the Comforter!

We wish a Happy Wedding Anniversary to Charlotte & Ted LeGrand who are celebrating 51 years! Congratulations! We also welcome back Sharon Ringer, we are so happy you are feeling better!

Sharon expressed her deep thanks to all the members who prayed for her, sent her cards & phoned her while she was recuperating. Also welcome back Marilyn & Marlin Lade, our Snowbirds from CO. So good to have you back with us! Welcome to our newest member Elaine Tillman who just retired from Orlando Customer Service. Also, congratulations to her & Joe on their recent wedding. May you have a lifetime of happiness together Mr. & Mrs. Mannella!

A reminder - we are now collecting dues for 2007. Please see our Treas. Charlotte who will be collecting \$10 P/P. Thank you in advance!

At this meeting we held our elections for offices. Pres. Paul Brown has been re-elected, also VP Richard Llewellyn has been re-elected & Treas. Charlotte LeGrand has been re-elected!

Congratulations to all - Thank You for all your dedication! Unfortunately I can not run again as Secy. - Elaine Mannella, our newest member, has been elected. I congratulate her & pass my pen to her! This will be my last column as Secy. of The Real McCoys! Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank all for your Confidence and trust in me! It was my pleasure serving you, I look forward to seeing you all at the monthly chapter luncheon meetings. See you Jan. 03, 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral located at 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. in Orlando

for our next Chapter Luncheon Meeting!

#### Calendar:

**Oct. 12 – 24, 2007** - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on this cruise, contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

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The restaurant at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club prepared a special menu for our annual Christmas Party. The room was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Each table had either 1 or 2 lovely red poinsettia plants for a total of 8 plants. These plants were the door prizes.

During social hour Marilyn McNabb took individual & couples pictures with her digital camera. She then sent them around by email. It was so much fun to later see the pictures of our friends and the party.

After the delicious meal we passed around the wrapped "white elephant" gifts that we had asked each member to bring to the meeting. After playing a "left/right" game members were allowed to open the gift they had received. The gift that caused the most laughter was a pink toilet seat, won by Rosemary Blake.

We then had a drawing for the door prizes - 8 lucky members received a poinsettia plant. The drawing that followed gave away over a couple dozen prizes. We must thank Rip Patisini, who donated half of our prizes & Sandy Pryde, who made a cute cork wreath. Sally Sciple & Nancy Kopp were big winners for these prizes.

We had an email from Bonnie & Curtis Sawyer saying they were sorry to miss the Christmas Party but they were leaving for NC. Bonnie will have surgery at Carolina Medical Center, they wished all a Merry Christmas. Other news - Tom McNabb had a quick trip to China with his son - all first class flights.

At previous meetings we had discussed a cruise to Cabbage Key for a luncheon meeting instead of meeting at The Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club on Feb. 2. 20 members present signed up for the cruise. Members not present will be asked by E-Mail or phone to advise our Pres. Terry Gilkison if they want to join us for the cruise.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Aug.)

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27 GEMS checked in for our breakfast meeting on Dec. 4, not counting a party of 4 whom joined us in JB's meeting room. Not recognizing the 4, we thought we had some new members. When asked where they were stationed, we learned they were 2 retired couples who had sold their farms after a lifetime of farming, and had opted to live in Meridian. The JB hostess must have thought they looked like real people, so they ushered them into our room. Like us, they not only looked like real people, they are real people. They fitted perfectly.

In **Sharon Kolins'** absence, **Ned Yundt** welcomed a number of GEMS whom we haven't seen for a while. She then asked **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** to bring us up-to-date on the Christmas party & dinner set for Dec. 5, at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in downtown Boise. They did so, adding that 34 were expected to attend the event starting at 6 p.m. At that point, **Holbrook Maslen**, who hadn't heard about the party, rushed to sign up for Evelyn & him. Holbrook, by the way, was in Livermore,

CA patching up a vintage airplane (AN-2 Colt) which first came out in the 1940s. He hopes shortly to fly it to the Nampa, ID, Airport. That is where his hangar & Air Museum are located.

Since the first Mon. of the New Year falls on New Year's Day, & since we are preempted at JB's on all major holidays, we've canceled our regular monthly meeting for Jan. 2007. Besides, Jan. 1 is also an Idaho holiday -- with the Boise State University's Broncos playing in the Fiesta Bowl.

Also, beginning the first of the year, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** will take over the GEMS as the chapter's co-presidents. Their home address is 1171 S. River Flow Way, Eagle ID 83616 – Phone (208) 939-1713, email: [brandyjake@cablone.net](mailto:brandyjake@cablone.net). Sharon made that announcement at our Christmas Party, & we will all have a chance to thank her for her capable leadership throughout 2006. Rick & Shirley, by the way, traveled to Santa Rosa, CA. for Thanksgiving with family & friends. In Oct., they entertained **Cherí Richmond Haran** (DEN retiree), who now lives in Ireland.

Good to see **Ron Hamann** & his wife **Denise Milner** again after too long an absence. They spent Thanksgiving with Denise's daughter & granddaughter for the first time in over 15 years. All had a good time. They spent Christmas with her other daughter in OR.

**Gloria Trotter** was also missed. She & friends drove to RNO for Thanksgiving with her niece & family who live in Sparks, NV. As it turned out, it was game time in RNO, & half of Boise was there, cheering for BSU to win the football game, which it did. This surprised a lot of people, but not Idahoans. Winning the game put them in line to play Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

**Piet & Dorothy Trock** just returned from a cruise: RT Houston-Belize. They loved the hot weather in Belize (formerly Br. Honduras), but it was a bit of a shock to return to the cold in Idaho. No problem traveling in either direction, they said, adding that you *must* have a passport to re-enter the U.S.

Calendar:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m

**Jan 1** – Breakfast at JB's canceled on account of the holiday.

**Feb.5** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

## ILLINOIS

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With the magic & beauty of the holidays as history, let's enjoy what is in store for us in this New Year by continuing to celebrate each new day as a holiday in our own special way.

The 2007 annual dues of \$5.00 are now due. Check payable to "**Chicago Skyliners**", can be sent to Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL 60018. Kindly add your file number on the check. If you have any questions concerning application or membership renewal in the Chicago Skyliners for yourself or a new retiree, please call Ken at (847) 836-5157.

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

Southsiders had a small attendance at Grandma Sally's for brunch in Nov. Al Eberhardt, a strange face, came to join the crowd, who has been away some time because of a fall resulting in some broken bones, black eye & the aches & pains that go with a fall. Glad your fine & back Al. Agnes Pearson passed around several Christmas cards for everyone to sign so she could send them to those shut ins who have missed their gathering during past months.

This newsletter & the contributing column reporting chapter news is our way to keep up with retirees' news. Also, our Sunshine Lady, Angie Waunn, should be contacted with information so that she can send cards of cheer to our retiree or spouse of a retiree who is hospitalized or ill. Angie's address is 4515 Johnson Avenue, Western Springs, IL. 60558, her telephone number is (708) 246-4997.

I received a sad letter from Juanita Dominick who wrote of her husband, Sam, who passed away. Juanita wrote that Sam worked for United 30 years in Ramp, EXO & ORDJJ. He was a part time pro-

fessional Magician so in his spare time he taught classes of Science & Magic to the children during the summer at a local city college. Sam had 3 children & 5 grandchildren.

### Calendar:

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

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

Loop Group – For information regarding the gatherings of the Downtown group contact Angie Malouhos for their upcoming events. She really has some exciting meeting places planned.



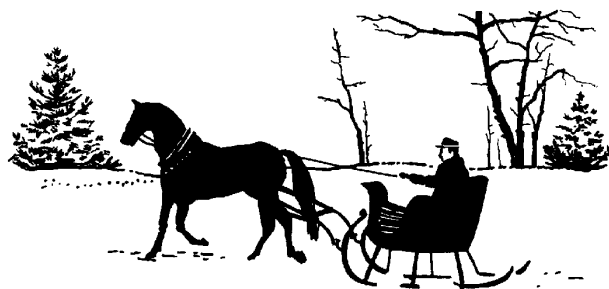
### LOOP GROUP

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There was a Loop Group luncheon surprise in Dec., the last luncheon for 2006. The Oct. 18 lunch was a success, hearty appetites, much laughter & lots of conversation, all the food was delicious. It was good to see Anita & Ted Jung again after their return from Europe & Africa also Lillian & Roe Mallstrom before leaving for their annual escape to Mexico for 2 months, plus the energized company of Muriel & husband; also Stephanie Simpson, Cal Linsom & Beverly Connon.

It was a sunny day, we had a spectacular view of the skyline, the river & an excellent luncheon.

I almost forgot - Rod Madson is doing much better; he is living with his sister in MN to be near his doctors, Pat Schaeffer & her husband are coming along just fine.



## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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Every month when I need to write this newsletter, my thoughts run amuck with no organization; I have an absolutely terrible time thinking of what to write. My ideas & fingers go limp, all thoughts dissolve. When I share this problem with our Chapter members, they find it hard to believe. In other words, you can't stop my lips from moving! Writing is different. I have tried desperately to pass this job of Correspondent along to another without much luck so I guess you'll just have to read my ramblings for another year! Here goes...

For all of you retirees out there who do not live in cold, dismal, snowy states, then you'll never understand any of what I'm about to write so you might just as well skip over reading the Indianapolis newsletter. With that being said, let me tell you about my day & what I've learned about living far too close to the North Pole.

My new lesson for today when living in a freezing cold area is to never turn on the automatic self-cleaning feature on your new oven which locks & cleans for nearly 5 hours. Once you have accessed that button there is no going back. Do not touch that button! The smell of chemicals permeates your house. Your eyes & throat begin to burn so you do the only rational thing to do ... open the windows. Well, let me tell you just how cold it is outside, now inside. It's so cold that even Santa stays away! Lesson ... clean oven only during warm months! Thankfully, we did not get any of the snow & cold that Chicago got. Keep digging Chicago ... you're bound to see light eventually!

Nov. meeting of the Indy Racers was happy to have Carol Faust, Midwest Director, join us at the Golden Corral. It is always a pleasure to see her; we look forward to the times she visits. Thank you Carol for keeping us updated & for all the work you do. During Carol's visit new Officers were installed. The new positions are: Mike Matlak - Pres., Wanda Bryce - VP, Hannelore Brabo -

Secy., Mario Bregante - Treasurer, Cheri Innis - Correspondent.

We would like to give a big "thank you" to Wanda Bryce, our former President, for all the time & hard work she put into our Chapter. Wanda's last big task was sorting out T-shirts & sweatshirts we'd all ordered that, proudly display our Indy Racers logo. It nearly looked like "black Friday" in our room as a jumble of arms & hands reached over & around others, frantically searching for their shirts. Okay, I've stretched the truth just a little bit but we really were excited about getting them. Thank you Wanda. You did good!

I wanted to give a short medical update on our friends & members. Bob Duffy is looking great after his open-heart surgery. Jim Gibson's wife, Chris, has a great report of being cancer free. We all knew your good attitude & deep faith would get you through.

Five of the "Proud" the "Few" the Marine Corp. joined us at the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide us with the means & transportation of our donations to Toys for Tots. A thanks to Ray Brabo for setting this up for now, the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. It is quite impressive to see these Marines, dressed in their dress blues, enter our room at the Golden Corral, proudly carrying the U.S. Flag. Good job, Ray, & for such a good cause.

### Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members also those just passing through. Hope to see you there!

**Dec. 11** - Meeting

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Party

**Jan. 8** - Meeting

**Feb. 12** - Meeting





## MASSACHUSETTS



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No meeting, little news. We are still looking into a base restaurant to hold regular meetings. It would be helpful if all chapter members sent in recommendations & suggestions. Now that the winter weather has hit us in earnest, the snow birds should be fleeing. Lucky! I'm trying to be one this year.

While setting out Thanksgiving decorations, Marie Dwyer tripped, fell & broke some ribs. She is on the mend. Rumor has it, Frank DeStefano broke some bones in a foot without realizing it, walking around for a week. Ed LeClair got a pace-maker in Oct. - should be home by now. Ed's granddaughter Amy, said thank you for such a wonderful picnic in July. Still don't know if Mercedes sold her house in ME yet.

Thank you, Ralph Torres, for sending the absolute best & most informative e-mails. Hope you're on his list!

If you haven't sent your 2007 membership renewal, it's not too late! Again, when you change your e-mail carrier, please advise your secretary.

### Calendar:

**March** - Meeting, flyers & e-mails will be your notification

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Dec. 7, 19 Escapees gathered at Jack's on the Waterfront hosted by Suzi Hicks. We welcomed Diane Good for the first time this year. It truly looked like Christmas as we filled a table with gifts

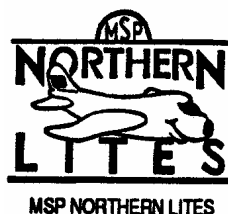
for Toys for Tots. Our host surprised each Escapee with a wrapped gift at their place setting, a little something she brought back from Mexico.

We were all saddened by the passing of John Auld, who quietly left this life when he went to sleep for the last time in this world. John retired in 1993 after serving 40 years at UAL. He was well known in DTW and Dearborn for his endless time spent on the pineapple sales for the Soupy Sales Telethon. Love & prayers to his girls & family c/o Jody Vinnay, 8129 Crane Rd., Milan, MI 48160-8811.

### CALENDAR

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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The Northern Lites met on Veterans' Day in Nov. - it was special in many ways. In the group attending that day, we had 8 members who have served our country from World War II to Korea to Vietnam. Pres. Lee Storlie made sure that the sacrifices they made by serving were recognized by each one having their lunch paid out of the chapter treasury.

This is the time of year that we make our determination of where our charitable giving dollars from the chapter treasury will go. Since it was Veterans' Day & the sacrifices of the country's veterans were fresh in our minds, it was decided that purchasing phone cards through the USO for our men & women serving in Iraq would be appropriate. It was mighty impressive to the rest of us that all of our veterans that day returned their lunch money to the kitty to be included in the USO donation.

The Company has asked that we all get on the bandwagon to help United win the Capitol-to-Capitol route case which is pending between Washington, DC & Beijing, China. A short note to your House & Senate representatives encouraging them

to favor UA would be greatly appreciated. Skynet has an easy way to do it by e-mail, if you have that option.

We're happy to see Wes & Bette Briest have been able to make it for lunch the last couple of months. Their long struggle after Wes's knee surgery has taken a gob of weight off him & he's still not very ambulatory, but by golly, his spirits are good & Bette is her usual chipper self. Welcome back, you two!

#### Calendar:

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

### NEBRASKA

#### GOLDEN'EARS

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We had 48 in attendance at Piccolo Pete's, for Nov., a very unusual warm day at 70 degrees. Thanks to Clair & Barb Soseman for hosting also for their delicious fudge. It was good to see Paul & Humbie Steuri, Cary Manson, Larry & Peggy Weare, Charlie & Pat Shook, guest Arlene, Jim Schreiber's sister, & Gary Procopio.

Stan Longmeyer had pacemaker & defibulator surgery on Nov. 7. An update from Toni said he got along fine, would be going home on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Good news.

Karlo Jeppersen, husband of Ruth who worked in the kitchen, is now home after a stay in Immanuel Hospital, now is on dialysis 3 times a week. I know Ruth is glad to have him back home, Karlo is glad to be there. Best wishes to both.

Bob Kraft has been in Methodist Hospital with pneumonia, while there found out he had heart trouble so he had a pacemaker put in.

Doc Savage is in Bergan Mercy Hospital undergoing treatment for his Parkinson's. He hopes to be going back to New Castle as soon as they release him.

Humbie Steuri will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Dec. 2. Congratulations, Humbie.

New officers effective Jan. 1:

- ➔ Tony Sortino – Pres.
- ➔ Gary Procopio - VP
- ➔ Keith Cornish - Treas.
- ➔ Marge Edwards - Secy.
- ➔ Barb Soseman - Sunshine Lady

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 9** - USA Steak – Council Bluffs (Note the date is one week later)

**Feb. 6** - TBD

**Mar. 6** - House of Hunan, Hosted by Marge Edwards

### NEW JERSEY

#### THE GARDENSTATERS

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The Gardenstaters met on Nov. 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A moment of silence was held for Diane Haverstroh (wife of Jerry) & Barbara Mitchell Carpenter who have passed away recently.

Jerry Confer, who is the Marine Commandant for the Toys for Tots in Stroudsburg, PA, thanked everyone for the big pile of toys.

Dick received word that there will no longer be a bus service provided by UAL at Newark International Airport, it was discontinued after Dec. 7. We will have to use the airport connecting bus. The parking by the Sheraton will be checked into.

For those that received information about Medicare Part D, United is equal to or better than the Medicare Part D.

Minutes were read by Violet Etler who also read an e-mail sent to all correspondents as to the number of members in RUAEA.

John Murphy gave the Treasurer's report. He will get the information about Hunterdon Hills playhouse.

Nominations for officers were given & voted to continue with the same officers: Pres. - Richard Confer, VP - John Deily, Secy - Violet Etler &

Treas. - John Murphy.

50/50 was won by Joe Donnelly. There were many door prizes.

### NEW YORK

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#### **BUFFALO CHIPS**

Christmas Party, 63 Buffalo Chips & guest met at the Millennium Airport Hotel on Dec. 1 to celebrate the season. This year's party was different; it was put on by the active UA employees at Buffalo, who asked retirees to participate.

On arrival each lady was given a gift bag with several small items. Following the cocktail hour an elaborate buffet dinner was served.

The organizers of the party, Angela & Joe Selat recognized Mary Ann Palumbo as the Mistress of Ceremonies, she was assisted by Jill Sebastian. They proceed to award the 50-50, other drawings included a 20 inch flat panel TV, overnight stays at local hotels, restaurants, theme parks, etc., plus many prizes of the liquid variety. When the evening was over everyone in the group had a minimum of 3 items to take home. All in all it was quite a change from our normal Christmas Dinner.

Music was available for any couples wishing to dance the rest of the night away. We can't thank Angela, Joe, Mary Ann, Jill, Anthony Lopez, GM & the others for the wonderful evening. It was nice to mix the old with the new, we sincerely hope they open the doors to us next Christmas.

**Sick Call:** Joyce Izydorczak was missed as she was at the Cleveland Clinic for a check up on her foot infection. They liked the progress & set up the corrective surgery for March. In the meantime she is to stay home, rest & most importantly not come in contact with any germs, bugs or illness that might cause the infection to return.

#### Calendar:

**March** - Next meeting - TBA.



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No - Guys and Dolls has not fallen off the map! For some unknown reason, the Oct. News report that I faxed to DEN was never printed (*Editor Note: The fax was never received in Denver*), therefore, our members were not informed of party plans - or deadlines for the holiday luncheon on Dec. 5 at San Martin. But, hey - we are New Yorkers - we can survive anything! There were 29 revelers celebrating the Holiday Season with Sangria, Tapas & lunch all arranged by Pres. Marge Segal who is recovering from a broken shoulder.

Barbara Hill has volunteered to take over the duties of Secy./Treas. in place of Pam Jones. We thank Pam for a job well done.

The 50/50 winner was Barbara Misciuli, guest of Jill Bugler.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 6** - Luncheon at San Martin - 12 Noon.  
Please RSVP Marge Segal only (212) 355-1788.



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

#### NEW YORK METROS

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Pres. Jim Richardson & his elves did a wonderful job with this years Christmas party. We had 97 members & guests sitting & being served in a room full of Holiday Fair. Elf Dee Talochino with her husband once again made the centerpieces, which went to the lucky persons with a green dot under their saucers.

Before we go into the festivities, I would like to advise our fellow retirees that we lost another long time member with the death of Dan Mahon. Dan was a veteran of WWII, he served in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign until 1946. He then became a member of New York's finest, retired then worked & retired from United Airlines at JFK. Dan was

active with the METROS by attending the monthly meetings & the annual RUAEA conventions. Our thoughts & prayers go out to the Mahon family on the loss of Dan.

Peter Dollis sent a thank you note to the Chapter for the beautiful basket of fruit he & Edyth received after his stay in the hospital. Peter & Edyth would love to hear from their fellow retirees (718) 366-3765.

Don't forget Mike Schroeder, (631) 472-1553, he is home waiting to hear from his B&M LGA co workers.

George Meartz is recovering from long overdo knee surgery (516) 794-5025.

Mike Maddi is still adjusting to Southern Comfort (919) 342-6374.

Ingrid Schultz, widow of Bob Shultz LGAMM sent her regards & holiday greetings to all Bob's friends at LGA. Ingrid lives upstate & would like to hear from you (845) 225-1161.

Pres. Jim sang the praises of our Past Pres. Joe Totaro for all the selfless work Joe has done for the Metros & RUAEA. The membership agreed with a standing ovation.

Leo Talochino presented the annual John Pucillo award to Dave & Joan Curtin for the outstanding work they've done for Metro chapter over the years. Joan has always stepped in to help sell the 50/50 raffle, cross off attendance, & greet the members. Dave has never failed to chauffeur our older members to the monthly meetings. Thank you Joan & Dave for your selflessness! Linda Pucillo Guiliano once again thanked the Metros for inviting her to our annual celebration.

Diane Talochino presented Rosemarie Totaro with the Arthur Shepherd President award for her on going behind the scenes work for the RUAEA chapter. Great going Rosemarie.

Mary Shepherd spoke for herself & her sons Ronnie & Dennis on how happy they are to receive an invitation to the luncheon & present an award in their husband, father's name, respectfully.

Dec. birthday greetings to Mary Shepherd, who will be 86 on the 15<sup>th</sup> & Vic Auletta who will celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 13.

We had 12 guests that attended our Christmas luncheon: The VP of New Jersey's Garden Staters, John Deily & his wife Kathy came all the way in from the other side of the Hudson River to help us celebrate. Charlie Kaczinski had 2 guests, his

neighbor Ed Vaeta & Denise O'Flynn from JFKFS, still working.

Julie & Rose Schneider brought Dale Deuber, a friend retired from Sperry. Joe (Z) Czajkowski, a guest of Carol Cenkus. Al Vernillo finally brought his wife Betty. Once again Mabel Bittar was escorted by her son, Dr. David Bittar visiting from SAN & grandson Matthew, flight attendant working for Jet Blue, based in BOS. Yvonne Guella was chauffeured by niece, Nadine Cordes & friend Carson Baker. My count is off somewhere ... Well that's it for now.

#### Calendar:

Jan. 10 - Noon - Old Country Buffet in Levittown on Hempstead Turnpike for any one that wants to try a new restaurant for our monthly meetings.

Feb. 7 - Noon - China Buffet to in Hicksville.

### OHIO

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"The Ohio Buckeyes" ended the year 2006 on Dec. 6 with a Christmas luncheon at Copper Top at Cherokee Hills, Valley City, OH. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that Dave & Marie Placko hosted this festive event at the Copper Top. Thank you Dave & Marie.

Pres. Carol Hacker along with her husband, Ray were not in attendance. Carol had surgery on Dec. 1. Her carotid artery was 80% clogged. She is now at home recuperating. She is so overwhelmed by your kindness & your thoughtfulness. The cards & calls helped to make her day. Carol truly believes that she is a perfect example of a MIRACLE. She can't wait until she is able to see all of you. Carol hurry back. It just isn't the same without you.

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

They are: Charlie Beers (2-17), Bill Gardner

(3-22) non-member, Lou Best (3-27) non-member, Ellie Durban (4-8), John "Bud" LeMasters father of member Tom LeMasters, (4-7), Mark Gatesman (4-18), Tom Barker (4-18) non-member, Richard Kriefall (5-24) non-member, Kathy Fisher (8-19) no longer a member, Anthony Grande (12-2) Father of Vice-President, Sharon Minelli.

This year has seen many of our members dealing with minor as well as major health issues. Feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail if you would like me to pass along info. about health issues etc. The power of prayers & cards really do make a difference in a person's recovery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that help to make this chapter great. Thanks to the people that volunteer to host a luncheon & to those people that plan a trip. It is truly a challenge to find a restaurant that can accommodate our chapter comfortably. We have 265 members now. Thanks to the people that volunteer to be callers. Dolly & John Taucher that do such a great job being the computer guru. They have purchased a program that created a database with all the info. that we need to keep this chapter running efficiently. Thank you Bernie Garrah for sending email received along to other chapter members. Thanks to the officers & our great Pres. Carol Hacker. She has held this position for 13 yrs. Most of all it is the PEOPLE themselves that make this chapter so great.

Shari Herman will have a craft table set up at the luncheon with various items for sale. Chapter members donated these items. All proceeds will be donated to St. Herman's House in Cleveland. Donations will be accepted as well. Many thanks to Shari for her time & effort for this worthwhile cause.

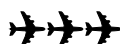
Well folks can you believe that another year came to an end? I feel truly blessed that I am a member of this Chapter. We have weathered illnesses, deaths, challenging changes with United & through it all we have survived.

Remember there will be no Jan. meeting. Callers will call about the Feb. meeting being held at Dimitri's Restaurant.

#### Calendar:

**Jan.** - No meeting.

**Feb.** - Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., Cash.



## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ERS

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It was nice to see 110 members at our Thanksgiving luncheon where we feasted on turkey & ham with all the trimmings. The restaurant supplied pumpkin pie but many of the members brought desserts to share with the rest of us. Dave Smith & his wife Pat gave out mugs with a tag attached that read "The Drinks Are on Us" to thank all of the members who have so diligently helped our chapter. Inside the mug were an assortment of tea & hot drink mixes. I want to thank Dave & Pat for acknowledging the volunteers participation this year.

Welcome back Billy Davis. It was also good to see Fran Rauschkolb who brought one of her sons to the meeting also Mary Shepherd was with us again after having some health issues.

Jane Futrell had knee surgery last month, Marilyn Woods went in again for another heart procedure. Both of them are fine, I expect they will be attending our Christmas dinner. I write this on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to Bob Zedekar on the death of his wife Kathy. Bob just recently joined our chapter.

Our Feb. meeting will be a Valentine Card Exchange & Ice Cream Social. The decorating committee always comes up with beautiful centerpieces for each table that are given away at the end of the meeting.

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

#### Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**Jan. 10** - Meeting

**Feb. 14** - Valentine's Day Card Exchange & Ice Cream Social

**March 14** - St. Patrick's Celebration



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“Festive” is the best word to describe the Dec. 1 luncheon meeting of OUR Club. Holiday decorations were going up at the Clubhouse Grill at the Grants Pass Golf Club where the luncheon was held. There were festive spirits to match festive attire among the 26 members who attended. Heartiest congratulations, along with some good-natured ribbing, were extended to newlyweds Alberta & Russ Randall. After an enjoyable social hour & lunch, the members agreed on new recipients for the chapter’s charitable donations & elected officers for 2007. The incoming officers will be:

- ➔ Pres. - Jane Frincke
- ➔ Secy. - Robert Machado
- ➔ Treas. - Laurie Jordan
- ➔ Social/Sunshine Secy. - Alberta Randall
- ➔ Charity Secy. - Donna Andrews

The Jan. meeting will be a potluck luncheon hosted by Lorraine & David Presley - something different that we’re all looking forward to. Please contact Jane Frincke for further details. In the meantime, OUR Club thanks the newsletter staff for another outstanding year of publications.

### **Calendar:**

**Jan. 5** - Details in column

**Feb. 2** - TBA hosted by Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels

**March 2** - TBA hosted by Jim & Eirlys McIntosh

## **PENNSYLVANIA**



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Pres. Joe Brad opened our meeting by honoring

the Veterans with the the Pledge of Allegiance & a prayer remembering those now serving in the military also all who served in the past.

Treas. Tom Lyons asked for anyone with information on how to contact recent retirees, to advise him. We’ve had several people retire in the past 2 years & would like to have a phone number, address and/or Email address.

We collect a large number of bags of food to be donated to the food bank. Those who did not bring canned goods, donated money.

Attention all artists & people who enjoy doing crafts. We are looking for donations for our silent auction. Please contact Kathy or Al Edwards if you have something you would be willing to donate. Their number is (610) 859-0980.

Guest speaker, June Robbins, was from RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Her topic was Clowning Around for Health. Their organization is composed of seniors who volunteer to go where they are needed. Dressed as clowns, this Red Nose Brigade visits sick children in hospitals; go to nursing homes & hospice centers & try to bring a smile wherever they see a need. They also run a clown school. The presentation was interesting, educational & humorous.

Past Pres. Jim Fanto gave us an update on his wife, Barbara. The doctors tell him that the paralysis is permanent. He continues to care for her & has help for 8 hours a day. I’m sure they would appreciate a card & your prayers.

We held a 50/50, drawing for a free lunch also held a lottery for the table favors.

The annual dues are due in Dec. for 2007. You will be receiving a notice.

Next month bring gifts for the Veterans home also gifts for soldiers in Iraq.

Mel & Maerlene Manning celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 29, Dennis & Carol O’Neill celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Chris Columbus’ wife does not need any more cancer treatments for another 6 months.

We just learned of the sudden death of our Sunshine Lady, Polly Gavin, on Nov. 21. Polly was active in our local chapter until her husband, Joe was taken seriously ill. Still she sent cards to others who were under the weather & condolences to the surviving family member of those who had passed away. After the recent death of her husband, Polly was looking forward to returning to our

meetings and traveling with her only daughter, Paula. Cards to: Paula Gavin, 1155 Smithbridge Road, Chaddsford, PA 19317

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. Our Christmas luncheon & the Juth "open house" will be covered next month. It will all be history by then.

Sorry to report that Jack Walker who recently lost his wife after a long illness suffered another tragedy, Jack's son Bo was fatally wounded in a tragic auto accident after striking a deer. Our thoughts & prayers are with you Jack. Cards can be sent to Jack c/o 1670 North Rd, McDonald, PA 15057. Betty McQuiston is recovering from a fall at home, husband Ken is still recuperating at a local nursing home. Best wishes to Ruth Redfern who had a knee replacement. Bill says she is "kicking" better than ever. Cards can be sent to Ruth c/o 207 Clubside Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108

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The Downtown Grill & Brewery in downtown Knoxville was the location of our Nov. meeting & luncheon. We thank Betty Shipe for hosting our luncheon meeting & the tour of the Tennessee Theater. Betty had set up a nice memorial table in memory of her husband Tom. The tables were elegantly decorated with candles & fall decor. We all thoroughly enjoyed our luncheon. It was good to see Chuck & Rhea Tantlinger after a long absence.

On our prayer list this month is Les Swallow who has had a recurrence of his stomach cancer. At this time they are looking at several locations for further treatment. During our meeting Betty had a

special drawing for the last project Tom had made - a lighted Christmas Gift Box. This was won by the Jeacocks.

At the conclusion of our meeting, most of us walked a short two blocks to the recently renovated Tennessee Theater. Tim Burns graciously gave us a private tour of this beautiful facility. He has been with the theater for over 27 years & was able to answer all of our questions. The theater was opened Oct. 1, 1928 as a movie palace, then transformed to a premier entertainment & performing arts facility. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places & is designated as the Official State Theater of Tennessee. The interior has Spanish Moorish Architecture with sculptured ceilings & walls containing many of the original statues. Tim demonstrated the different lighting effects that can be used for the various performances. Our hostess related how she enjoyed sitting in the balcony as a teenager watching the movies with her feet up on the railing. We were treated to a visit to the stage area as well as the workings of the back stage area. Then we went downstairs to the "Green Rooms" used by the performers, saw the areas they use to meet & greet their guests along with the cafeteria facilities for feeding their entourage. Those of us who had never been to the theater were amazed by its beauty. The special tour was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

#### **Calendar:**

**Jan. 18** - 12:30 EST. Lunch at Green Meadow Country Club hosted by Jackye & Don Jeacock (865-995-9367). Meeting Theme - Antiques Road Show.

**Feb. 15** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**March 15** - Hosts & Location to be announced.

### **UTAH**

#### **THE SALT LAKERS**

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On Nov. 15, 20 chapter members met at the

Murray Heritage Center over coffee & donuts.

It was announced that Chapter Pres. Doug Peterson will withdraw from the post due to time restraints & other social obligations. We might elect another retiree for the job during the Heritage Ctr. meeting 1/17/07.

At today's meeting, we missed our regulars: Kiyoko Olsen; Tony/Dorothy Brown; Darlene Cantonwine & daughter Judy; Aletha Cannon & daughter Shirlene; Grant/LaDella Beutler. We welcomed back an otherwise long-time visitor: Doug Roberts who is still going strong despite serious health problems. Kip Lufkin & Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown showed up, so did Frank Christenson. Welcome to all!

Local-newsletter editor/photog Art Scott took pictures for the next local newsletter that he & Pres. Doug Peterson will have published.

In 2006, we lost a number of our former UAL coworkers: Bob Faydock; Gene Lether; Byron Nelson; Chet Woolley & Ernie Rowbotham. Our collective sympathy to the families of the departed!

As to this correspondent's additional duties as *Clipped Wings* MAL editor: It is fun to work with so many accomplished ladies - also a few gents - who meet at biennial conventions to renew old friendships. At these gatherings, big-money decisions are voted on as to whom to help, which charitable organization to assist with volunteer work/monies in our quest to fulfill a mission statement of service to others. Some of these *Clipped Wings* members flew 50, 60, and 70 years ago ... they are still devoted to their business alma mater: United Airlines. Hard to believe, but true!

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> Report:*

On Dec. 6, 34 chapter member met at the beautifully decorated community center, made available to the RUAEA chapter by condo owner Lila Maughan. Thank you, Lila, for being such a nice & hardworking hostess! We really wouldn't need to mention that each party brought their best-tasting dishes!

We welcomed Darlene Cantonwine who, for health reasons, cannot visit with us so often anymore. Kiyoko Olsen, torn away from her 2-month-old granddaughter whom she usually baby-sits, came - so did Tony & Dorothy Brown. Simon Seikaly (retired 1998) & wife Maureen finally ventured to our meeting to reminisce with old coworkers who were glad to see him again. UAL retiree

Kip Lufkin brought husband George, who retired from Delta a few years ago; Bob & Judy Turgeon enjoyed the company of friends. Aletha Cannon was accompanied by daughter Shirlene; Aletha is again firmly walking after another knee surgery. Local newsletter editor Art Scott & his lovely friend Carol came, recently widowed Kaye Nelson brought Edith Paul, also of Bountiful. Jiro & Keiko Mori were welcomed. It was good to see all of them in such good Christmas spirit.

We are always amazed to see this warm friendship displayed between retired colleagues who get together to enjoy each other's company. There aren't many organizations, like United, that can claim such remarkable workforce that is still loyal to an entity that, for a long time, provided us with job security & a steady income. Many in our midst are, by now, many years in retirement.

The topic of who might be our next chapter Pres. will be discussed at the Jan. meeting.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 17** - Coffee - 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S. Murray.

**Feb. 21** - Coffee - 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr.

**March 21** - Lunch - 2pm, Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful.

### WASHINGTON

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We ended 2006 with another delightful luncheon at Fairwood Golf & Country Club on Nov. 14 with 64 in attendance. Thanks to Lyle & Joanna Myers for hosting this special event.

VP John Haferbecker opened the meeting by reading a report from Mary Weseman, indicating no change in George's condition except that he has acquired an infection. Once this clears up, plans to move him to a long term care facility in Puyallup, however, the no-visitor, no-phone-call policy will continue in effect. This is due to the fact that interruption to his daily routine can be upsetting to him. Also, Mary has been having health problems in late

Oct. with stress fractures of 2 bones, requiring her to use crutches. Fortunately, Mary insisted that she & George take out long-term care insurance policies. They are benefiting from that decision. She suggested that others might want to consider this in their personal planning. Mary thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards & asked that you keep them coming.

Treas. Helen Stanger gave her report. She thanked Charlotte & Ed Rousso for helping her at the luncheons. Helen reminded that the \$10 dues are due in Jan. for year 2007. Bob Brumfield spoke about the fact that Companion Passes are to be used for pleasure only - not for business. Companion travel that has a suspicious pattern could end up being investigated. If found to be business travel, could result in loss of pass privileges by the employee or retiree. Bob also mentioned that the 2 "Redeye" flights - one to IAD, the other to ORD - are usually full. Very few standbys get boarded, so be careful with these flights.

Hank Gosselin was able to take time from his Convention schedule to join us. He stressed that we should try to remember that the focus of RUAEA & our chapter is "us" - not United, that we should convince others to overcome their hard feelings toward the company, instead enjoy being with each other at meetings, conventions, tours, etc. Hank went on to mention that there are many ways to get to Sacramento for the convention of 2007, May 27-June 2: United, Alaska, Southwest via SFO or DEN, by train, driving, etc. He mentioned some of the tours, Hank put a one page "Annual Convention Survey" in the Dec. issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Heard Pat Wagoner has improved enough that she will probably be home for Christmas. Vi Gray & John are on their 1<sup>st</sup> cruise to the Mexican Riviera - she did take her walker. No change in Geri Shippee.

Tried unsuccessfully to reach George Dalton through the Salt Lakers for an address for Ann McIntyre Simons to send a card. We lost a member Melissa (Missy) Hess Dec. 4. She fought a hard battle with lung cancer. Home address for Al Hess: 22465 SE 297<sup>th</sup>, Black Diamond, WA 98010.

Don't forget our Travel Desk - Local (206) 433-4218 or outside the SEA area 1-888-826-3375, Mon-Tue-Wed-Thur, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pacific Time. We can assist you with listing & load information.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 9** - TBA

**Feb. 13** - TBA

**March 13** - TBA

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We had 27 guests at our annual Christmas event. As usual we had a fun time with the gift exchange & with the ability to steal someone's gift. A lot of time was spent by some opening a new gift just to have it taken away. A special thanks to Les & Vera Graham, who did a wonderful job of hosting another Christmas dinner. The good news is they will do it again in 2007. Thank you Les & Vera for a job well done!

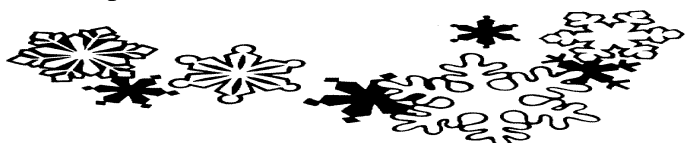
Fran Smith was doing well getting around on her new knee. Warren Smith had his fun for the evening by paying part of the annual dues in quarters, nickels & dimes. What a ham!

I got a call from Marv Johnson in PDX expressing his condolences for the loss of retiree Floyd Miller. When Marv worked for UAL many years ago in Spokane he used to go fishing with Floyd. He also sent his best wishes to others he remembered from the GEG retirees. I am attempting to get Floyd's son's phone number for you, Marv!

Bob & Edie Clark and Tom & Mary Sullivan braved the elements & made the long drive from Ione to attend. Bob & Lance graduated from North Central High School together. In Aug. of 2007 they will be attending their 50<sup>th</sup> year class reunion. Lance & I have attended several, but this will be a first for Bob & Edie.

#### Calendar:

Jan. - Hosted by Ed Meadows. He will advise you time & place.



## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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The Loungers broke all attendance records at the Oct. & Nov. luncheons. The Nov. luncheon had over 100 attendees.

VA Senator Charles Colgan, Sr. was our guest speaker in Nov. Senator Colgan is a former Capitol Airlines employee (he was a pilot & a mechanic) & CEO of Colgan Airlines. Obviously, he had much in common with our members & shared many insights with us. He also had a few amusing stories regarding our state dog, bird, flower, song, & informed us that we actually are still without a state song. (Any suggestions for submissions out there?)

We welcome Frank Contento - our newest member. Frank has worn many hats in the airline industry (including a stewardess' cap!), has a strong background also with the union. Frank just retired from RES at IAD, is trying to decide whether to stay in VA or move back to his hometown in PA. We are encouraging him to stick with the Dulles Loungers.

Our website for the Dulles Loungers gets better every day! Bud Reed has worked hard to make it informative & interesting. The newsletter can now be viewed at our site. Please visit us! <http://dullesloungers.com/>

Last Nov., The Loungers decided to provide a nice Christmas for the victims of Katrina that had settled (temporarily or otherwise) in our area. The project was an overwhelming success - made Christmas a very happy occasion for many people - particularly the Loungers! It was so rewarding to see the difference that we, as a group (this includes the generosity of so many of the members of other RUAEA chapters) could make in so many lives. It was such a rewarding experience that we decided to again make Nov/Dec a time for us to come together in the Spirit of Giving.

This year, we have chosen S.E.R.V.E as the recipient of our Christmas program. S.E.R.V.E is an organization that helps the homeless. We are

collecting linens (new & LIKE new), food (non-perishable), also cleaning products for them. Kerrie & Dutch Schneider & I will be organizing this endeavor with the assistance of Pati Nathan, Joan Hopkins and David & Tina Cox. Bill McCusker has a truck with an enclosed cab & has volunteered to deliver all contributions. All contributions will be brought to, & collected at the Luncheon in Manassas on Dec. 13.

David Cox is continuing his treatment for MDS (forerunner of Acute Leukemia). George Paul, Jan Hooe, Sheila Mitchell, Bud Bowers & Don Farry are all still on our Sick List. George, Jan & Sheila are all receiving treatment for various forms of cancer. Don is recuperating from a stroke. Bud Bowers came through his surgery with flying colors, now is home recuperating. We send our Best Wishes to each of you.

## 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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The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

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## OBITUARIES

*Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.*

Retiree – **HALT, David A.**, ORD, on 10/31/06, husband of Marilyn, 2427 Sam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216

Retiree – **HIMLER, Duane F.**, ROC, on 7/23/06, husband of Laura, 32 Country Gables Cir., Rochester, NY 14606

Retiree – **MILLER, Eugene C.**, DFW, on 8/28/06, husband of Patricia J., 840 Kitty Hawk Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Spouse - **PETERSON, Evelyn I.**, on 11/11/06, wife of Lincoln, 7761 Shoshone St., Denver, CO 80221-4204

Retiree – **RIECK, John H.**, ORD, on 10/16/06, husband of Barbara, 615 Yupon St., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Retiree – **TOUZALIN, Bill L.**, DEN, on 8/29/06, husband of Betty A., 455 Hoyt, Lakewood, CO 80226

*The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list, therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:*

**ALEXANDER, John**, SEACG, on 09/22/06  
**ALLISON, William R.**, WHQHR, on 04/21/06  
**AULD, John**, DTWRR, on 09/12/06  
**BARTON, R Sylvia**, PHLSW, on 12/4/06  
**BUMMARA, Mario P.**, EWRMM on 09/01/06  
**CAREY, Phyllis B.**, PHXTO on 09/27/06  
**CARREL, John H.**, WHQAW on 09/22/06  
**CLORE, Gene C.**, ATLCG on 09/07/06  
**CLUZEL, George L.**, SEAJL on 09/30/06  
**CONNORS, Kerwin W.**, PHLMM 09/09/06  
**COX, Donald W.**, LAXFO 09/19/06  
**CRAWFORD, David M.**, SFOMP on 09/28/06  
**CUNDIFF, Roberta J.**, DFWOZ on 09/25/06  
**DESMARAIS Jr., Armand V.**, SFOLX on 09/27/06  
**DEVI, Hari L.**, SFOMK on 08/19/06  
**DICKIN, Delmer G.**, LAXFO on 09/11/06  
**ELLIS, Kenneth E.**, SFOFO on 09/20/06  
**FELSENTHAL, James E.**, LASOZ on 09/20/06  
**FELTON, Paul E.**, SFOFO on 09/14/06  
**FOX, James H.**, WHQHO on 09/17/06  
**GILL, Octavius D.**, JFKMK on 09/07/06  
**GLEN, Clarence R.**, SEAMM on 08/07/06  
**GOLDA, Hanna**, SFOHK on 05/12/06  
**GUILFORD, Clifford**, SFOSE on 09/12/06  
**HAFFERKAMP, Lester J.**, LAXFO on 09/04/06  
**HANSEN, Walter O.**, ORDCG on 09/07/06  
**HASSEBROCK, Janet L.**, LAXSW on 09/05/06  
**HOLT, E Dean**, DCASS on 08/16/06  
**HORNSBY, Eleanor**, PIT on 09/12/06  
**INMAN, Andre L.**, STLOZ on 09/29/06  
**JAMES Jr., John R.**, DENG C on 09/24/06  
**JETT, Magdalene**, SFOOK on 09/27/06  
**JOFFRION Jr., Frank J.**, LAXFO on 09/13/06  
**JOHNSON, Lucious**, ORDCG on 09/04/06  
**JUAREZ, Raymundo**, ORDMM on 09/24/06  
**LOGAN, La Veeda E.**, ORDJL on 04/23/06  
**MC INTYRE, Kenneth M.**, EWRCG on 09/10/06  
**MEDINA, Enrique**, SFOPD on 09/10/06  
**MERICS Jr., Joseph S.**, SFOMM on 09/10/06  
**METROPULOS, John P.**, SFOEC 09/15/06  
**NELSON, Robert E.**, DCACG on 09/18/06  
**NORKS, Ruby**, SFOSW on 09/15/06  
**OWENS, Robert J.**, LAXTR on 09/12/06  
**PETERSON, Mark A.**, IADRR on 09/26/06  
**SAMPSON, Robert G.**, WHQ on 12/03/06  
**SCHLUTER, Lorin L.**, LAXMM on 09/14/06  
**SHANOSKY, John W.**, SFOFF on 09/10/06  
**SORKIN, Joel E.**, LAXFF on 08/24/06  
**STAIR, Rodney M.**, DENFO on 09/27/06

**STERBA, Stanley A.**, PITPV on 09/28/06  
**THOMAS, Richard W.**, DCAMM on 09/09/06  
**THOMPSON, Charles C.**, LAXCS on 09/11/06  
**VAN WALLENE, Mary T.**, WHQAC 05/29/06  
**WHEELER, Nancy L.**, DCASW on 09/27/06  
**WICKER, Napoleon**, DCAMK on 09/04/06

## LETTERS

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

Robert J. Rose, Max Haberstick, John Ferris, Jim A. Young, Andrew J. Michalic, Maurice "Mo" E. Alston, Sr., Elisabeth Concannon, Edward Wiehe, Lee Moirano, U. A. Janssen-Mabry, Gerry Thompson, Sam Oshiro, Jack Truttman, Joanne Hamblin, Delphine D. Perry, Marian D. Owens, John & Sandy Cunningham, Dorothy V. Decastro, John E. Schultz, Rose Marie Gonzalez, Kristine Trana, Marylou Atkinson, Randy Braemert, Diana M. Thal, Margaret White, Carolyn S. Bowles, Daniel Bryant, Lucy Cox, Jay Warbiany, Carol Kuhn, Marge Benson, Norman Wittenfeld, Sarah Harris, Bernard L. Sandner, Doris N. Benford, Marcia L. Perry.

### **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.)*

### **Wally O. Wegner, 2915 Bandera Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76302-1320**

Another year has passed - how time flies. Marge & I are moving right along - although a little slower. Marge has Alzheimer's, I had a heart attack in May, 3 stents were installed in my heart. We have a great cardiac rehab team here. Now I am able to do most things that I did before the heart attack.

We really enjoy the newsletter. It is about the only way I have of keeping up with what is happening with UAL.

Keep up the good work.



**Basilio M. Sardon, Jr., 9721 C L Garcia Jet Lane Vlg., Brgy Vitalez Paranaque, Philippines**

I have noticed that there are no retirees in the Pacific Region. I know that there are friends in Hong Kong, Japan & Singapore who were with Pan Am in 1986 when UA acquired Pan Am. Some opted to continue with United until 1988 when we ceased to operate in this region. I served UA up to the time we closed in the Philippines.

More power to you & thank you for sending me the Newsletter regularly - more power & look forward to joining you in Sacramento.

**Hal Zerbock, 900 Bay Dr. NE #A-406, Olympia, WA 98506-3969**

I missed the Red Stamp, being half blind provides one with excuses.

Your fine publication is always a joy to receive, that's one reason to receive it in print. Time flies by fast, too fast often. Reading obituaries tends to become a habit. I am not dead quite yet, although Paris was not on my agenda this year for the first time in a decade. Did tour Vienna with friend, neighbor & sailing-partner Helga, who hails from there. Also Slovenia, Trieste & Venice. Last time I was there in 1949 on an old German Army bike. (One gear, forward).

Enjoyed the great weather here in the Northwest this summer, sailed my little boat twice a week. Work at the SEA Travel Desk, get to talk to lots of people.

Fourteen years retired & still kicking.

**M. E. Clark, 3380 Black Bart Trl., Redwood Vly., CA 95470**

Thank you much for your hard work on the Newsletter. It does help keep us up-to-date & is a great way to learn what others are doing.

**David Jeffrey Walton, 3599 Old Sawmill Ct., Orange Park, FL 32073-2250**

At last I have a permanent address as shown above. It is with my son Tim.

Here's a brief rundown of my move from Ohio after more than 50 years. In Oct. I sold my house & decided to take one more whirlwind tour. I drove to Georgia - left my automobile with son Tim. I flew on United to SFO-HNL. I had a 4 hour wait in SFO which had a bearing on the next event. My luggage was put abroad first & off last in HLN.

All HNL jitneys charge \$8 to downtown from the airport had left & there were no taxi cabs in the vicinity. The skycap saw one over 300 feet away & asked if he should wave him down - I agreed. When he arrived & I was seated, I noticed the meter had \$1.80 already charged. I asked the driver to set it back, his only response was "Do you want to get out?" I made the mistake of saying - go on. The meter ran almost full time - came to a total of \$124.60. I won't burden you with my disadvantage experience at the downtown Y.M.C.A. hotel which had been recommended by a friend as a money saver. I decided to return to the mainland after 3 days. I stayed with my daughter Connie for 3 days then flew to Atlanta via DEN. When I arrived in Georgia, I was told by son Tim he was moving to Jacksonville, FL where his son lived. We decided to buy a house in Orange Park, FL south of Jacksonville. So now I have permanent home.

Hoping UAL will continue to recover & take its rightful place as "Best".

**Bob G. Kaczor, 241 Exeter Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070-1610**

Thank you for your continuing excellent work to keep us advised of activities at United Airlines & other retirees. We realize it's a demanding job & a labor of love.

**Richard Whitworth, 6063 SW 98<sup>th</sup> Loop, Ocala, FL 34476-3665**

We had a hurricane-free year this year, thank goodness. Really enjoy the Newsletter, it seems to be the only communication with United. Keeping very busy with volunteer work at the local hospital & I joined the bowling league in our community. So I'm out making a fool of myself but having a real good time doing it.

I live in a 55+ community; they have so many activities you can't get bored. Anyhow, keep up the good work - we need it. You are so helpful.

**Jeri Truex, 975 S. Lehigh Dr., Anaheim, CA 92807-5109**

Bob really enjoys the Newsletter. His health is about the same. He has Parkinson's but is able to do quite a lot. Writing isn't one of them!

Good health to all of you.



**Ardyce & Charlie Paff, 3914 Parkview Drive,  
Cheyenne, WY 82001**

The RUAEA newsletter with Red Birthday greeting stamp arrived this week, so I'm sending the dues at once.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Charlie had his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The end of this month he has been retired for 25 years. How time flies! We have had a good life; have done a lot of traveling, however, we have slowed up considerably, do very little traveling anymore.

Our last flight was in Sept. when we moved from Redwood City, CA to Cheyenne, WY. We are getting "settled in" to our new home and life in WY. We are getting acclimated, and with the high altitude it takes time to adjust. It is good to be back here & close to our children. Now we can all be together for the holidays. What a joy.

Thank you for the newsletter. We appreciate all the workers who put it all together & keep us informed.

**Maureen C. Williams, 9757 Valencia Drive, De-  
sert Hot Springs, CA 92240**

Thank you all for another splendid year of keeping us in touch. What would we do without you all? I for one do not wish to find out.

Where did the year go? The older I get the faster the calendar moves. I keep busy with our Women's Club raising funds for scholarships. I am on the committee. Also belong to 2 chapters of "Red Hatters". That is a social life of its own. The family keeps growing, so more functions to attend. But life is good. Health not too bad for my age. But I sure wish the parts would not wear out so fast. As a wise man once said, "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

The convention in DC was great. Thanks to all the hard workers that put it together. The highlights was going to the White House, the Senate & Congress. Sad to see the necessity of very tight security. Look forward to SAC.

**Fred Higgins, 5135 Duban Ave., Orlando, FL  
32812-1122**

Time just flies by when you are retired & having fun like yard work, painting the house (in & out) & all the other fun stuff you forgot about because the spouse took care of that!

Anyway, thanks for the reminder & all the good

work you all are doing for the rest of us.

**Verna Niquette, 9180 E. Center Ave. Apt. 2B,  
Denver, CO 80247**

I would really miss my Newsletter if it failed to hit my mailbox. After 23 years it becomes a household item. Enjoyed many years at United & like to keep up with the news.

**Bernadean Weiss, 5376 Hwy 177, Marlard, OK  
74644**

This month marks my 3 quarters of a century. I'm blessed with fairly good health. Still have 8 siblings younger than I - another blessing. I have 8 grand children - only one of the 8 married. No great grand children, but am going to enjoy my 9<sup>th</sup> grandchild in 4 more weeks. I'm in Montana, helping with hunting season & awaiting my 3<sup>rd</sup> grandson.

Do very little traveling by air, not fun any more, especially being treated like a criminal when I go through security. My choice is not to fly, then I'm not subjected to being searched.

My sincere thanks to all those contributing their time to this Newsletter. Prayers to Jo Madden for swift recovery.

**Anthony Lutz, 9616 Percussion Way, Vienna,  
VA 22182-3334**

I like reading letters from our traveling members; but from the background of the members I would like to encourage them to help UAL with suggestion on how to improve United.

I would like to suggest to United two items:

1. Make it possible for retirees to become a member of the Red Carpet Club. We are getting older; it would make our infrequent travel easier. I would go for \$200.00 a year's membership and \$1,000.00 for life.
2. Don't charge retirees an annual fee on the VISA credit card from United.

Also, I would like United to provide us with evaluation cards. Our observations can help United run a better airline.

**Ed Vanpatten, 33737 Welk Ter., Fremont, CA  
94555**

Just read the Newsletter & after reading it, I realized that another year had passed by & I forgot to send my dues. I always look forward to reading

the letters & saw 2 from people I used to have a working relationship with, Jerry Schultz & Harris Freihon. Nice to see they are doing well. Thanks to all the people who put this Newsletter together.

**Jerry L. Massey, 12342 S. 76 Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463**

Here are my dues for another year. Thanks for a good job on the Newsletter.

Carol & I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Sept. I have been retired for 10 years & enjoying it. I hope all my fellow retirees from ORDMM are doing well.

**Aubrey Bliss, 1191 Compass Ln. Apt. 112, Foster City, CA 94404**

Best wishes for a full recovery from your misfortune accident. If any former worker from DEN (Stapleton) are still on the Mailing Team, a Special Hello and Best Wishes!

**Charles & Josie Esqueda, 719 Maple Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080**

To all retired persons of UAL: It will be 4 years (Jan 6, 07) that I retired. Boy, time flies when you are having fun. My wife Josie & I had a great summer. Went to Hollywood, CA for 7 days, had a great time. Something special is happening on Dec. 23, we are having a new grandson. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> grandson.

**John P. Larson, 3810 75<sup>th</sup> St. W. Apt. 130, Bradenton, FL 34209**

Thanks for your good work! We look forward to the Newsletter each month! The Washington Convention was great - this was our 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive convention. Every one has been truly outstanding - Thanks to all who make them so successful!

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

First, we would like to thank all of you for doing a great job with the Newsletter, my wife, Deloris & I deeply appreciate the work you are all doing. Enjoy reading the Newsletter each month. It is difficult to believe that it will be 14 years since I retired from United, WOW, where does the time disappear when retirement arrives?

Both Deloris & I are still battling our health

situations. I am continuing to have a variety of heart problems; Deloris is still fighting the cancer & receiving chemo treatments. It has been 6½ years that we have both been hit with our health problems, but we still stay very active & travel, but we have not been flying. We travel by driving our GMC Yukon. That way we can stop whenever we want & drive off to see the various things along the way that sound interesting. So we do enjoy driving but have limited it to the USA & Canada, we found out there is a lot of country to see.

**Jerry W. Wakefield, 295 Oakridge Dr., Oakland, TN 38060-3295**

I have been retired 10 years; spent 42 years with United. I started acting 2 years ago & have acted in 10 plays & 2 films.

I am now ready to be adopted by someone in LA so I can be discovered!

**Bob Moir, 35 Rosemont Ave. 102-B, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-2717**

I want to let the retirement Newsletter people know what a great service they provide. As a result of my note appearing in a recent issue, I have heard from several of my close friends, ones that I have worked with for 35 to 40 years. I heard from Steve King - it was a great pleasure to hear from him. I also had a wonderful surprise when Joe McCaughey (?) visited. We have been friends since he started with United. We spent about 3 hours catching up to date & recalling old times. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of his visit.

I had a personal friend - John Sziggity (?) & would like to know how he is - or where he is.

**Donna L. Seago, 474 Charolet Ave., Harper, TX 78631**

Thank you for all your hard work. Without your effort & dedication we wouldn't know about our company & its happenings. Your monthly Newsletter is like a call from home.

**Ruth E. Short, 2632 Edsel Dr., Trenton, MI 48183**

Thank you for the Newsletter. The link between retirees & United Airlines we so loved. Thanks for your efforts in keeping memories of the "good old days" alive.



**Juergen & Helga Brunke, 8820 S.E. 130<sup>th</sup> Loop, Summerfield, FL 34491**

Fellow Employees, who remember me, recall that I was working for UAL Food Services at: SFOHN, DENHH, LAXHH & on the road making menu presentations. Those are now historical days, when food service had a place in our company.

Looking ahead, to another healthy New Year. Since I had my total hip replacement a while ago, now I can do a lot better.

**Al Nordby, 35 James Dr., Ringwood, NJ 07456**

Here's the dues & a little for postage. This month's Newsletter was great, especially enjoyed the travel news. Without the Newsletter, the only news of UA would be the Wall Street Journal.

I retired after 34+ years with UA 5 years ago ("at 70").

My 1<sup>st</sup> surprise was when PBGC reduced my pension (losing ESOP was no surprise). My last surprise was when I found out my life insurance was cancelled to reduce the cost of medical (I had no medical coverage). I discovered this upon calling UAPBC 10/2006.

Thanks for the good memories & thanks to you great people for keeping us "United" with the Newsletter.

**Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd., Clermont, FL 34711**

It's been the usual sort of year. Win some, lose some. Traveling north last June to son's family in NYC to mark his birthday & my 83<sup>rd</sup>, I was brought to an astonishing halt by TSA at Orlando. One of their finest pushed a suitcase off the table on to my right ankle. Not wishing to miss my flight via IAD, I kept going. In NYC I had to soak my socks off the injury. Next stop a hospital emergency room; 3 hours later I began to check myself out when the MD didn't show up with an antibiotic prescription. He arrived in a hurry, apologizing. At the pharmacy, 2 of them howled when they read his prescription. They said, "This hasn't been made in 5 years." The new prescription was ineffective & the leg grew worse.

Daughter-in-law took me to another MD. He says, "I really ought to drain it but let's try another drug." It worked & I limped back to FL. I'm hoping TSA will pay a few expenses but TSA HQ writes me that if my claim is not settled in 5

months, I can file it in Federal Court. I'm about to die laughing.

In Sept., I spent 3 weeks at various spots in England. One surprise was the extent of AAL's advertising their Trans-Atlantic services.

Another airline surprise was the CON advertising in the subway cars in & out of Grand Central. It says, "CON has 777 Non Stop Flights Per Day To Europe - UAL Has Only 7." I presume it's someone's sneaky way of referring to the Boeing 777. It should be pointed out to CON that "non stops" is redundant. If flights to Europe aren't non stop, they don't float. On Nov. 12, the NY Times travel section printed a curious complaint under the heading, "Airlines Personal Touch." It quoted an irate UAL passenger from a NY-LON flight. "*The whole crew was ratty & in my opinion should NOT be allowed near people.*" Shouldn't UAL respond to stuff like that in the NY Times? Next day, Nov. 13, the paper carried another story about a UA passenger from N.C. to Manitoba. Her luggage arrived nearly a week later. It seems the NY Times does not like UA for some reason, but doesn't UA ever respond to such negative stories that have such a wide circulation? Or did UA public relations get the deep six like many others?

Waiting for a train into Grand Central, a lady attorney I'd briefly met came over & said, "I like your maroon pants." A bit concerned, what else could I say but, "Why?" She said, "It's nice to see something besides blue jeans." So back to FL to find my bananas & papayas ripening. I've given away & eaten the pineapples. So it goes in retirement.

**Marilyn A. Halt, 2427 Sam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216**

I would like to inform all that my wonderful husband died on his birthday - 10/31/06. He had been in good health - went to the U. of MI for his 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion. We had a wonderful 3 weeks there. We came back to Jacksonville for his yearly check-up at Mayo. After tests from "head to toe" - nothing wrong & cancer free - then a silent heart attack was detected only through blood tests - then came about 100+ tests. Pneumonia set in, he spent 5 days at home & then to Memorial Hospital for 3 weeks & more tests. The pneumonia was cured but cause of death later was - heart stopped.

David was a crew scheduler at ORD. He en-

joyed his work there. I miss his humorous stories & now the NFL football games are not the same. He was a WWII Vet.

David enjoyed his retirement years traveling worldwide - Hawaii was his favorite island.

Thank you all for prayers & cards. A special thank you to Mike & Elenore Vasko, my "Guardian Angels".

**Lynn Hales, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566**

I have been remiss maintaining proper correspondence for too long. I will try to catch up a bit. I have been busy writing our family history & embellishing it with pictures. This past spring I went on a 7 week vacation to visit all the places we lived, worked & played since we were married. I found many former neighbors, family & one Navy buddy in Indiana.

Things have changed, I am in reasonably good health, am enjoying our family more each year. I still play some golf, in as much as my son is a professional, he keeps me swinging smoothly. Right. Not much camping nor fishing this year but intend to catch up next year. Right. It is always good to read about you all. Many still hanging in there -- bless you.

My sincere appreciation to all those who make this publication possible. I have shared it many times with friends & neighbors - they send their compliments also. You are wonderful. I have not done much flying except OAK to SLC - I used Southwest senior citizen prices, they even gave me priority boarding. I can get to OAK via BART, leave my car in the garage. What a pleasure to know such wonderful people.

**Helen R. Beneigh, 91 Linder Pl., Hartwell, GA 30643-1951**

This may be my last letter, I've enjoyed reading about old friends.

I have metastatic cancer of the spine, am 87 years old & think it's about time. My friends are in Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers. So long.

**Frank Stout, 7164 N. Viewscape Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86313**

Once again it is time to renew my RUAEA membership. Time does fly!

Many retirees received a check earlier this year

regarding (Section 114 Medical Plan Revision Claims & Pilot Non-Qualified Pension Benefit). Thanks to the information in the RUAEA website, I found the names of 3 former co-workers. It was a pleasure to notify them that they were due monies. All 3 have received their checks. That makes for a very good year!

Have read with great interest the articles from the United Airlines Historical Foundation regarding "Stout Airlines." According to my sister, the family historian, William B. Stout was "shirt-tail" relation. There was one small discrepancy in the articles. Mr. Stout's full name was William Bushnell Stout, as opposed to William Benton Stout. Still they were great articles.

A sincere thanks to all who continue to make the newsletter possible.

**Tom Yanosko, 17833 E. Mississippi Pl., Aurora, CO 80017-4335**

Thank you for the monthly news & notes. I follow the Denver Mile Highers & the Ohio Buckeyes (my origin). Want to pass on to all my retired friends that I'm hitting the ripe old age of 65 this month. Another new era in my life. Just where is the time going? I thought my 35 years with United went fast but this age thing is way too fast.

**Ester Broderson, 51 Bonnie Lane, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514**

Try as I will. I can't seem to beat that RED stamp. Have a new mail person so may be it won't be noticed this time.

I am doubly blessed with news of people I worked with & also people I went to school with. My high school Harper (featured on Oprah as falling apart) puts out a quarterly with news back to classes of the late thirties.

So the friendship didn't fall apart. Besides the sad news in both publications, there are also many heartwarming stories. We, the readers, owe all of you for your dedication & hard work.

**Bob MacArthur, 7304 Maplecrest Rd., #402, Elkridge, MD 21075**

Another year rolls around. Thanks for the reminder on my dues. Enjoying over 5 years retirement with my wife, Linda. We currently reside just outside Baltimore, MD near our daughter & her family.

Best wishes to all the United family.



**Vernon R. Duley, 7303 W. Springbrook Ct.,  
Middletown, MD 21769-7568**

I look forward to the Newsletter each month. You guys do a great job.

My wife & I are still in good health. We hike about 3 miles at least 3 times per week. Usually in the mountains, or along the Potomac River. Beautiful country all year round. We enjoy all four seasons, but especially like Spring & Fall.

**Paul F. Davis, 14630 W. Futura Dr., Sun City  
West, AZ 85375-5932**

Normally I would not add a letter, but this past year has had some notable things happen. First of all, in June, Nancy & I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. In Sept., I had the honor of being elected the National General President of *The Sons of the Revolution* at our Triennial Convention in Knoxville, TN, for a 3 year term. The organization was founded at Fraunce's Tavern in New York City in 1875, membership is based on having a documented ancestor who served as a soldier in the Revolution or signed the Declaration of Independence. We have 6,000 plus members throughout the US, also a European Society in Paris, France.

My latest event just occurred this month (Nov.), prompting this letter, & that is my birthday. This is my 75<sup>th</sup>! (Three quarters of a Century)!

Keep up the good work! I read each issue of the Newsletter, also enjoy the member letters.

**Bill Traub, 27401 N. Agua Verde Dr., Tonto  
Verde, AZ 85263-5058**

After 31 plus terrific years in CO we have sold our home & are now full time residents of AZ. We are located approximately 40 miles northeast of the Phoenix airport. Great area for golf, running, biking, etc.

Approaching our 10 year anniversary of retirement. Our only regret is that time goes too fast. We miss all of the great people we had the pleasure of working with at UAL. We feel very blessed to have good health & a wonderful area to call home.

Thank you to all of the people who make RUAEA & the Newsletter a reality.

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

Thanks for the reminder. After all these years in retirement & a part of RUAEA, you think I

would anticipate my birthday. When you have had 78 of them, the actual day seems just like another day. That is both good & bad. The best part is I am still doing my thing.

Life continues to be good for Gertie & me. Not quite so good for our 10 year old Sheltie. So far her recovery from surgery is good. She had a tumor growing on her liver requiring the Veterinarian to remove the tumor & a lobe of her liver. The Veterinarian Oncologist said not to be fooled as there could be microscopic cancer cells still in her body. Only time will tell.

We took a driving trip last month through McMinneville, OR. The Evergreen Air Museum is wonderful. They have the Spruce Goose on display. They wouldn't let us in the cockpit area but we were able to see the main deck. It is some huge aircraft. If you are ever in the Portland, OR area, plan to stop & see the museum.

Isn't it interesting that U.S. Airways now wants to buy Delta? Must be using some of the money we had to pay them when that deal fell through. When I think back on it that seems to be when our "higher ups" lost focus on running UAL. Now it appears the "higher ups" may try to take United private. What will that do to all of us RETIREES? I have no idea what private ownership might do to the benefits we have left - namely our health insurance. Only time will tell.

Thankfully, I think many of us worked during the "golden years" of the airline industry.

**Gus Harrison London, 8782 Bronson Drive,  
Granite Bay, CA 95746**

2006 has some significant milestone for me - I was hired as a Station Agent B in SAN (you have to take a test to become an "A") in July 1956 - thus creating a 50 year relationship this year. Secondly, my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday was Sept. 25. Are we having fun yet?

Having worked in 6 different cities, numerous job titles & countless organizations (including almost 12 years in PE/HR), every issue of the Newsletter brings some great memories.

Thanks so much for your good work in re-kindling some great times at UA.

**Jack Cunningham, 6433 Camino Viviente, Goleta, CA 93117**

Thank you for the reminder that I am another

year older. Thank God that I am still on the right side of the grass. A check was put into today's mail (it's kind of hard to send one by email). We, Eleanor & I have been enjoying life & are keeping busy. Eleanor, with her membership in CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation) & I with the Goleta Water Board (have been on the Board for 11 years & am seeking another term in Nov.).

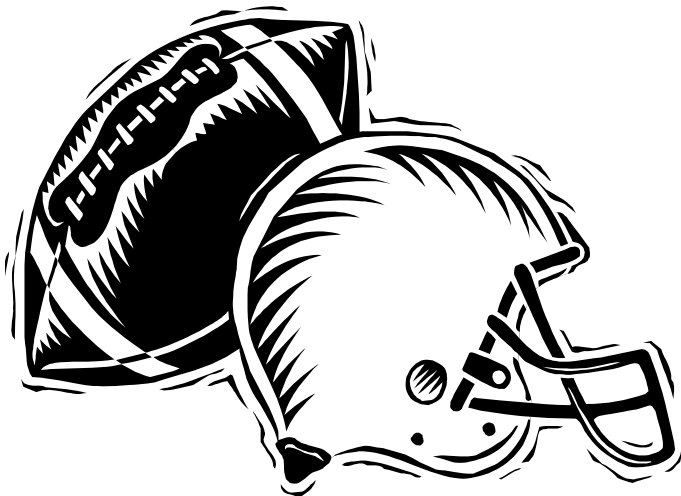
Our eldest grandson is in the U.S. Navy; his sister is on the Women's Volley Ball Team for UNLV where she is a Junior (doesn't seem right to call a girl "Junior").

We look forward to the Newsletter each month & we thank all those responsible for the effort put forth in producing it. May the good lord look after you & may he get UAL back in the leadership position where it belongs.

**Dean Moberg, 13743 E. Marina Dr. #B, Aurora, CO 80014**

Here I am having my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. This means that I have been a member of RUAEA for 19 years. Yes, I was 56 when I retired from United. I have been attending RUAEA Conventions & local Denver Mile Higher Chapter events for longer than 19 years, however, I started attending with my wife, Jean, when she retired & joined RUAEA before I did. Unfortunately, she passed away 7 years ago.

After providing technical support & computer programming to RUAEA for many years, I decided to turn these things over to others to do. The people in the Denver RUAEA office are doing a great job. I am now just a regular member attending & enjoying the various RUAEA events. I am pleased though that some of the computer programs I developed are still being used in the office & for the convention. Best wishes to all.



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