



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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## ***RUAEA Convention Pittsburgh - 2008 United At the Point!***

***All That Glitters  
In The New Year!***

Welcome to Pittsburgh and – “America’s Most Livable City” this year celebrating 250th anniversary! **Imagine what you will see in Pittsburgh!** Looking forward to warm faces and friendly places, waiting for you to enjoy **RUAEA 2008 Convention!** No frills or promises -- but tucked away are all the unique places, **great tours**, and restaurants, we can all share with our **RUAEA** friends! **Let’s Go RUAEA - Let’s Go!** Just like our Pittsburgh fans say - **Let’s Go Steelers – Let’s Go!**

Within walking distance from the charming Historic Landmark **Omni William Penn Hotel** – (or you can take the **T** – which is our underground transportation to get around quickly in the downtown & Pittsburgh area) is the **PPG Place** near Market Square (Downtown), a majestic gleaming glass & steel, six-building complex, located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh, a three city block site sitting on 5.5 acre, a 41story skyscraper with an indoor Wintergarden and a one-acre outdoor Plaza. The Plaza has a tranquil seating area to sit in the warm weather months with tables and plants, surrounding a unique Water Feature which is a perfect place to sit down and enjoy the sights and sounds of downtown Pittsburgh. In the winter months, the Plaza is transformed into The Rink, a spectacular one-of-a-kind outdoor Ice Skating Rink. The PPG complex also has unique dining eateries, retail shops and services, also a Food Court! One of the dining restaurants located there is **Ruth Chris Steak House**, which is noted as **first-place winner in Pittsburgh magazine’s 2007 Readers’ Poll of best restaurants.**

There are many restaurants within walking distance from the **Omni William Penn Hotel**. **Palate Bistro**, 212 Sixth St, a Modern Bistro (French restaurant) – A new dining option in the Cultural District across from Heinz Hall – a different flare “scenes of both Paris & Pittsburgh” play on a video screen mounted on the wall at **Palate Bistro** while dining. Lovers of classic French food will appreciate the spirit of this place! **Eleven** - Smallman St., Strip District. – voted 25 Best Restaurants in **Pittsburgh Magazine**. Contemporary American flavors, simply prepared, inventive style & menu into an exclusive setting serving lunch and dinner! **DumplinZ CAFÉ**, at Smithfield St & Seventh Ave – Dumpling fans can choose from three kinds of pelmeni, six types of ravioli, pork or chicken wontons, and pierogis too! Breakfast crowd can order Breakfast Pierogis – treats from Russia, Eastern Europe, Italy and Asia - also offering filled pitas, salad and soups!

**Bossa Nova** – 123 Seventh St – The next generation of nightlife located in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh’s Cultural District to gather with our RUAEA friends. **Bossa Nova** features cozy lounges, dramatic bar and an eclectic blend of music, art and sculpture, exotic cocktails, and some of the finest Martinis - shaken or stirred!

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# GENERAL NEWS

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (12/5/07)

While writing this letter, I looked back at my year-end report of last year and found myself to be very repetitive. Nevertheless, much of what I wrote in December of 2006 bears repeating. I hope you will forgive me if I do just that. Today is a couple of weeks before the holidays and an additional week before the New Year. 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 and I continue to wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

I also want to take the opportunity to repeat a brief year-end report of your RUAEA. As you know, the primary activities of RUAEA are fourfold, *publication of a national newsletter, support for local chapters, conduct of an annual convention and provision of a proactive voice for retiree interest, concern and causes through our Corporate Relations function*. First, our Newsletter continues its goal to enhance the bonds of friendship and 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 is received in the print copy. During 2007, through the efforts of Newsletter Manager **Virgil Gooselaw** and those with whom he works on the Newsletter production, you have seen many improvements in Newsletter presentation. Underlying what is in the visual aspect of the Newsletter have been many technical process changes which have resulted in cost savings to the Association. Second, through our Regional Directors, we continue to support our local chapters by encouraging them to reach out to their communities, to identify retirees and have them join in their activities, and by continuing to assist retirees in forming new chapters in localities where none currently exist. In 2007, this included new chapters in Florida, the **Ft. Lauderdale Flyers**, and in Northern California, the **Hangtown Miners** of the Placerville/El Dorado area and the **California Northstaters** chapter in the Chico/Paradise area. A recent effort has been started for a chapter in the Colorado Springs area and Regional Director **Tony Sortino** is working on it with a local retiree. Third, you all know that the 2008 Annual Convention will be in Pittsburgh. Planning under the stewardship of Convention Chairs, **Jeri & Bernie Juth** is in its final stages (we hope you will all find it possible to

attend). The contract for the 2009 convention has been signed (you will have to wait for the PIT convention to find out where it will be) and the Site Selection Committee search for the 2010 convention location is in the negotiation process. Finally, we have continued to be a voice for you with the Company and have been successful, through our Corporate Relations Representative, **Ed Tolle**, in resolving many issues encountered by our membership. He and I continue to follow the direction of our former company and are watchful of any impacts it may have on the retiree community. We will continue this activity and you will see those general results in the pages of our Newsletter and/or on our Website.

I and 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.

Mort Wax  
President - RUAEA

### THEMED HOSPITALITY NIGHTS

Due to the overwhelming participation and accolades for the themed hospitality nights at the Sacramento 2007 Convention, they will continue in Pittsburgh!

- Wednesday night will be 50's night with music of the times. Wear your Poodle Skirts, Muscle Shirts, and men comb your hair into a DA if you have it, (hair that is).
- Thursday night is sports night; wear your favorite team's shirts, hats. Whether it'd be a major league team or you grandson or granddaughters team. We will take you out to the ballgame with live banjo music that evening.

There will be a drawing for door prizes, snacks, and of course a cash bar. The hospitality hours for the parties are 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Plan on attending the 2008 Pittsburgh Convention and coming to our hospitality nights to enjoy the fun and camaraderie with your fellow retirees.

Hank Gosselin  
VP Conventions

### OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

*Located in the heart of central business district, renowned **Omni William Penn Hotel** is a historic landmark elegantly renovated for the 21<sup>st</sup> century traveler. Just steps away to many restaurants, coffee shops, sporting and cultural venues and a variety of shopping, 1 block to MACY'S! The hotel is a **\*Four Diamond Hotel\***. Here are some of the amenities:*

- High speed wireless internet access
- Business Center & Concierge

- The Power of One - Excellence in Service
- 24-hour complimentary executive fitness center
- Front Desk open 24 hours
- Coffee Shop & Six Restaurants
- Spa Services (The award winning Spa and Nail Galleria in the lower lobby level) plus private facial, wax and massage therapy rooms.
- Wheelchair access
- ATM – Check cashing – currency exchange
- Beauty Salon
- Dry cleaning/laundry service available
- Within walking distance of theaters, the Cultural District, and Sport venues
- Experience history, luxury and convenience all in one place

**Hotel Reservation Information:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the following rates for RUAEA participants. **Rates apply only until April 25, 2008.**

- \$96.00 Single/Double Occupancy + Tax per room
- \$106.00 Triple Occupancy + Tax per room
- \$116.00 Quad Occupancy + Tax per room

**Omni William Penn Hotel**, 530 William Penn Place Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Please call the William Penn directly to make your reservations - 1-800-843-6664 or the Hotel Omni Hotel link at:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/PittsburghWilliamPenn/MeetingFacilities/RetiredUnitedAirlinesEmployeesAssociation5.aspx>

Group Code Number: 17000604812

The Airmall situated along all four concourses giving air travelers a chance to shop. Keep in mind that Pittsburgh International Airport was also voted the #1 Airport for conveniences for air travelers. The landside consists of car rentals, limos, buses, ticket counter, and the baggage claim area. Our RUAEA welcoming, Committee Chairman, **Carl Chiochi**, and our RUAEA greeters will be at the baggage claim area to help direct you and help with transportation, etc. The hosting hotel (Omni Williman Penn) **DOES NOT** have a courtesy van to the hotel from the airport). Airport limousines, Express Shuttle “airline transportation” information will be available online for all transportation info for the 2008 Pittsburgh Convention, [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

**RUAEA’S talented Artists and Crafters, RUAEA members - Arts & Crafts’ Raffle** will be a part of Pittsburgh’s RUAEA’s Convention 2008. Please consider donating your arts & crafts so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts (Monongahela/Hospitality Room). Thank you to all the crafters who have already sent us donations. For further information, please contact Chair, Arts and Crafts - **Gwen & Dave Detwiler** at (724) 626-9558. Please forward all Arts and Crafts: 284 Kelley Road, Connelsville, PA 15425 or email - [davy-dee2@gmail.com](mailto:davy-dee2@gmail.com).

Guess what is happening at the Convention party - we will have a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday till 4:00 pm - Drawing will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday! (Raffle Chairman - **Bill Redfern**).

### **MODERNIZING THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM WILL BENEFIT MANY**

If you follow the news or travel frequently, you are no doubt aware that congestion and delays caused by air traffic control (ATC) issues continue to plague our nation’s skies.

To address one of the most significant challenges facing the industry and the nation’s transportation network, United and its fellow carriers in the U.S. joined together earlier in the year to advocate for ATC reform. The goal of the effort to meet the growing and changing needs of our aviation system are simple: (1) modernize the nation’s ground-based ATC, which dates back to the 1950’s, with the latest satellite-based technology; and (2) reform how the ATC is financed.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. House passed their version of the FAA bill, by a vote of 267 to 151. The bill represents a modest step toward ATC modernization and funding equity, though it wasn’t as comprehensive as some in the industry would have liked. The administration has threatened to veto the bill. The Senate has yet to vote on the matter due to conflicting proposals from the Finance Committee and the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. In the meantime, both the House and Senate have approved temporary extensions of the existing FAA authorization, which expired on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

For now, the status-quo has been preserved while Congress continues to debate the issue. Yet the urgency is still there to create an efficient and modern, transportation system which will benefit the U.S. economy, businesses, passengers, and the global environment. It is time to build for our future.

If you would like more information about this issue or would like to get involved by sending your representatives a message, please go to [www.smartskies.org](http://www.smartskies.org). At the website locate “Tell Congress to Take Action” enter your zip code, hit “GO” and the rest is easy. **Your comments in support of ATC Modernization are greatly appreciated.**

### **COMING SOON - A NEW ONLINE RUAEA LEISURE TRAVEL BOOKING PROGRAM!**

In January 2008, RUAEA will have available to it a new leisure travel booking program with features that include:

- Online hotel and car booking availability from any internet connection

- ✈ Discounted rates only available to airline employees/retirees
- ✈ Domestic and international reservations
- ✈ Secure site access limited to only RUAEA members
- ✈ Extensive search capabilities by airport code, address, hotel name
- ✈ Travel desk agents ready to assist you in all your booking needs
- ✈ Airport to Hotel direction availability
- ✈ No transaction or management fees
- ✈ Saved trip searches and trip archives
- ✈ Hotel info and mapping functionality
- ✈ Destination information

This service will be available to RUAEA by a long time supplier to United Airlines at no cost to RUAEA members. Access to this new service will be through the Travel Link located in the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). The Travel Link is located in Level 2 and is accessible to all RUAEA members. **Note:** Because this (Travel Booking Program) is a secure site, only registered individuals will be able to use it. When the site comes on line, there will be instructions on how to register.

When additional information becomes available about this new service, it will be posted on the web.

### **UNITED AIRLINES FOUNDATION HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The United Airlines Foundation, the charitable arm of United, awarded 50,000 dollars in grants to 46 organizations for which employees perform 40 hours or more of volunteer service each year. Glenn Tilton, chairman, president and CEO, and Pete McDonald, executive vice president and chief operating officer, presented the awards to recipients.

United individual volunteer grants recognize employees for their individual commitments to community service and are awarded to individual organizations in the names of their employee volunteers. Forty-five of the grants are in the amount of 1,000 dollars and are awarded through a random drawing from the many grant applications submitted. A special Chairman's Award grant, worth 5,000 dollars, recognizes the employee who demonstrates the greatest commitment, compassion and energy to a community cause.

The Chairman's Award recipient for 2007 was San Francisco-based pilot **Mark Hoog**, who spoke to the audience about his service to the Children's Leadership Institute. Hoog found his passion to inspire others when he lost his friend and mentor Captain **Jason Dahl** on Sept. 11, 2001. Out of this tragedy, Hoog wrote a six-book children's leadership series called "The Growing Field", introducing children to concepts associated with

self-esteem and self-empowerment. The series has been endorsed by former Secretary of Education Richard Riley and former President Bill Clinton.

In 2006, Hoog began donating his book series to an elementary school in Colorado and later to elementary schools in California. Inside each book, students were invited to write a letter of hope to elementary school students in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. These letters were recently compiled into a book entitled "Letters From Katrina." As a result, Mark established the Children's Leadership Institute to create the Katrina Endowment. The Katrina Endowment Fund was established to generate a lifetime of scholarship opportunities for every child in Hancock County, MS.

The award ceremony, which took place recently at the United Training Center in Elk Grove Village, honored employees and retirees for their dedication to community service. Included in the 46 awards are the following retirees and their volunteer organizations:

- ✈ **Mary Szabo**, Greater Chicago Food Depository
- ✈ **Ronald Artman**, Pads to Hope Inc.
- ✈ **Thomas Goodyear**, United Airlines Historical Foundation
- ✈ **William DeLage**, Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year the United Airlines Foundation has awarded individual grants to 501(c)(3) organizations in the United States or recognized charitable organizations in international locations.

The awards take place each year in the fall or early winter in Chicago. For more information, contact Corporate Social Investment at (312) 997-8638.

### **MECHANICS AND THE SMITHSONIAN RESTORE A PIECE OF AVIATION HISTORY**

A small group of United line mechanics from Washington Dulles recently volunteered their time and expertise to restore the Smithsonian Institution Udvar-Hazy Center's Trans-Atlantic Lockheed Super Constellation "Connie."

Over the last six months, United line mechanics **Gary Berrian, Ed Archer, David Burrell, Sr., David Crosby, Jon White, Terry Chura** and **Sam Thomas**, as well as their manager **Don Burbank**, worked on the aircraft with specialists from the Smithsonian's Paul E. Garber Restoration facility. Together they spent more than 40 days and 1,500 hours preparing for delivery to the museum.

*"United has long been a recognized resource for aircraft and aviation expertise by government agencies such as the Smithsonian,"* Bill Norman, senior vice president, United Services. *"The Connie Restoration project reflects the dedication and passion our employees have for an important part of aviation history."*

The Connie will be revealed to the public for viewing at the center on November 28. Following the move to the museum, further interior restorations will be made by the Smithsonian. The plane will be available as a permanent walk-through exhibit in early 2008. Additionally, on January 8, the Smithsonian will host a luncheon to honor the United mechanics for their hard work and dedication to the project. A plaque will be mounted at the exhibit with the names of each of the mechanics.

#### **UNITED EXPRESS EXPANDS DULLES SERVICE TO NINE ADDITIONAL EAST COAST CITIES**

Beginning in January 2008, United Express regional partner Colgan Air will expand its Washington Dulles service to nine additional east coast cities.

On January 7, service begins between Dulles and Bradford, PA; Jamestown, NY; and Parkersburg, WV.

Service between Dulles and Clarksburg, WV. and Morgantown, WV begins January 21; to Altoona, PA and Johnstown, PA on February 4; and to Beckley, WV and Shenandoah Valley, VA. on February 18. Flights to all cities are now available for sale.

Colgan, which will serve these new locations with a 34-seat Saab SF-340 aircraft, will provide all flying and ground handling services.

#### **UNITED TO LAUNCH SERVICE TO GUANGZHOU ON JUNE 18**

United will begin service from San Francisco to Guangzhou, China on June 18, 2008, becoming the first U.S. carrier to offer daily, nonstop service in that market. The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded United the new direct route in October. With the launch, United will serve three cities in China and 14 in the Asia Pacific region, with 160 weekly departures from the United States to Asia and Australia, maintaining our position as the largest trans-Pacific carrier.

United Flight 865 departs San Francisco at 12:35 p.m. on June 18 and arrives in Guangzhou at 6:00 p.m. on June 19, with a flight time of 14 hours, 25 minutes. United Flight 868 departs Guangzhou at 11:00 a.m. on June 20 and arrives in San Francisco at 9:00 a.m. the same day, with a flight time of 13 hours.

United will operate combined passenger and cargo service on the route using a Boeing 777. Each year, the flight will add 195,000 seats into the market and is expected to provide approximately 5,500 tons of cargo capacity.

Travelers to and from China will also benefit from United's codeshare partnership with Air China and Shanghai Airlines, both of which will join Star Alliance later this year.

#### **UNITED AIRLINES AND UNITED MILEAGE PLUS® SUPPORT US SOLDIERS BY JOINING OPERATION HERO MILES**

United donates 10 million miles and will match up to an additional five million miles from Mileage Plus Members. United Airlines announced that it has joined the Operation Hero Miles initiative, to support domestic travel for U.S. soldiers on leave under the Operation Iraqi Freedom Rest and Relaxation (R&R) program. Operation Hero Miles was initiated by Congressman C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, to allow members of different airline mileage programs to donate miles for use by soldiers on R&R leave from Iraq. Troops returning to the United States under military or emergency leave are only transported as far as Baltimore, Atlanta or Dallas-Fort Worth airports and then they are responsible for their own domestic travel to their hometowns. Operation Hero Miles will help them to get home.

As part of its support, United is donating ten million Mileage Plus miles to the program and matching member donations mile-for-mile up to an additional five million miles, for a total of 15 million miles.

*"United is delighted to contribute to Operation Hero Miles and provide our Mileage Plus members with a meaningful and convenient way to support our U.S. troops on leave from Iraq,"* said Rosemary Moore, senior vice president - Corporate and Government Affairs.

Mileage Plus members can donate miles to Operation Hero Miles [www.heromiles.org](http://www.heromiles.org) by contacting the Mileage Plus customer service center by phone at (800) 421-4655, by fax at (520) 881-4705 or by e-mail at [heromiles@united.com](mailto:heromiles@united.com). A minimum donation of 1,000 miles is required. Miles contributed to this program cannot be designated for specific personnel. Active duty members of the U.S. armed forces stationed in Iraq will be selected by the Combined Forces Land Component Commander (CFLCC) to receive round-trip award tickets.

#### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

Employees and retirees can now use 20 percent discount to book & ticket revenue travel on 1-800-UAL-LIST:

Using the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) employee travel telephone line, 1-800-UAL-LIST, employees and retirees can now purchase revenue tickets on United and Ted using the 20 percent employee discount. When you use the system to book travel, an electronic ticket and a receipt are automatically generated. The system also accepts your Mileage Plus number. The fully automated process does require a credit card for payment.

Through IVR, you can request fare information based on price or schedule, in order to receive the lowest discounted fare. You can either ticket immediately or place the reservation on hold for ticketing within the designated time limit.

*"We are delighted to offer employees and retirees this new option for purchasing revenue tickets with their 20 percent discount," said Todd Arkenberg, Vice President - Employee Experience. "This added convenience represents the continuous effort we are making to help employees and retirees make the most of their travel privileges."*

The Information Services Division and the Contact Center Strategy Group collaborated on the enhancement. They will introduce further improvements in 2008, including speech recognition upgrades and reductions in background noise sensitivity.

Employees and retirees can access IVR using a file number and a personal identification number. Following the prompts, you can request the 20% discount, list for flights, check load status and modify or cancel reservations. Calls made from within the U.S. are toll-free; however, international direct dialing rates apply to calls originating outside of the U.S.

We encourage employees and retirees who are new to IVR to call 1-800-UAL-LIST to list for space available travel, to book positive space travel and to list companions.

Discounted tickets are usually limited based on space available. So, it's wise to plan and book early to ensure you get your choice.

Retirees Travel Desk  
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### NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guide-

lines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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Newsletter Manager

## LOCAL NEWS

### ARIZONA

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here's hoping everyone's holidays were good!

We had a good "turn-out" to the Gershwin musical, "Crazy For You" at the Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria on November 17. "Yummy" dinner and great music! Thanks, Sherry, for all your "arranging". You did a fabulous job, as always!

The Luke A.F.B. luncheon on November 10 was attended by 67 members who enjoyed a turkey dinner, with all the fixings. Promenade Travel gave a very informative talk on the activities and tours they offer. December 8 was the luncheon at Briarwood C.C. with the Mellotone singers from Pebblecreek leading us in a Christmas sing-a-long and harmonizing. They are very gracious ladies for entertaining us and bringing holiday cheer.

The December 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast had 22 members in attendance including **Jackie Rosch** who is recovering from a broken pelvis. The group was thrilled to see her "up and around". Apparently, there is an "addition" to the Mulliman family. A puppy named "Tiger". Who says we're too old to have babies! On a more serious note: Our prayers are with **Evie Callahan** who is recovering from surgery and another heart attack.

A few travel notes: On the post-Thanksgiving trip back to Phoenix, **Carol & Vic Liltz** met up with **Ed Bobrik** at Gate B20 at ORD. He had escorted his pretty wife **Marie** to Chicago so she could catch a LOT flight to Poland. All three traveled back to Pebblecreek via Vic's "chauffeur service". **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie**

**Hughes** got the “cruise bug” again and were off to the Caribbean. AAH! Isn’t retirement great!

Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Monday before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary if you are not attending.

HERE’S TO A GREAT 2008! ARE WE DIETING YET?

#### Calendar:

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

**Jan. 8** - Breakfast meeting

**Jan. 12** - Union Hills C.C. - 1100 cocktails/1200 lunch, with our popular White Elephant Sale (bring your wallet)

**Jan. 22** - Breakfast meeting

**Feb. 9** – Pebblecreek Tuscany Clubhouse – 1100 cocktails/1200 lunch – entertainment by the “Pebbleaires” from Pebblecreek.

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The November 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon was held at the Landmark Restaurant in Mesa. About 30 people attended the delicious luncheon, hosted by **JoAnn Fearing, Jim & Rita Zarek**.

The Fantasy flight, scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at Gate C, to benefit the Thomas J. Pappas School children, was again discussed by **Peg Homfeldt**. We hope the plane will actually be able to fly the children this time, which will be very exciting for them. Decorating the area at the airport was done on Nov. 27 to get ready for the Fantasy flight on Friday morning, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our breakfast at Crackers in Mesa was held on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> with 18 in attendance. We were glad to have a new couple, **Jim & Katherine Brigante**, with us at our breakfast, and hope they continue to come to our events.

The Mainliner Christmas party was held Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ahwatukee Foothills Country Club. Those attended brought a White Elephant gift. A deejay and dancing created a Holiday mood.

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Palo Verde Clubhouse in Sun Lakes. Everyone had a good time.

Annual dues, at \$5.00 each, are payable each January 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be mailed to **Bud Hubbard**, PO Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339.

We recently heard that both **Julia & Frank Sepelak** have been having some serious health problems. We hope their health gets much better and that they have a

better year in 2008.

An outing to see the Chicago White Sox and Cubs during spring training on Saturday, March 22 was mentioned. **Ron Paluch** will be getting the tickets.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

We hope any RUAEA member, living in the Phoenix area, will join our chapter in 2008. If you have any questions, please contact President **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 or [jzarek1@msn.com](mailto:jzarek1@msn.com), or **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 or [hbfalk@juno.com](mailto:hbfalk@juno.com).

#### Calendar:

We will resume our normal breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month beginning in January at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Mark January 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. Contact **Hank Falk** or **Jim Zarek** by the Wednesday before the breakfast if you plan on attending. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are noted above.

**Jan. 16** - Luncheon at the Granview Steak House at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort, 6210 E. McKellips Road in Mesa. Social hour will start at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. **Stephen Jacoby** from the Alliant Credit Union will give a presentation on “Identify Theft”. Hosted by **Rita Zarek, Linda Koltz, and Peg Homfeldt**. This restaurant is handicapped accessible.

**Feb.** - TBA

**March** - All Arizona Luncheon, hosted by the Phoenix Azures.



#### TALL PINES

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The Tall Pines Chapter held their Annual Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hassayampa Inn in beautiful downtown Prescott - the “Christmas City” of Arizona. We had eighteen Tall Pine members present and enjoyed a nice evening together. We also raised \$100.00 for the UAL Fantasy Flight which was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix to host one hundred homeless elementary children on a flight to the North Pole. Many thanks to all who donated for this worthy cause.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 26**- Coco’s - 11:00 AM





## TUCSON

### ROADRUNNERS

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Our November luncheon at Mimi's was attended by 26 retirees. Our thanks to **Bonnie & Bill Royle** for arranging the luncheon. **Alice Belzer** says Mimi's always reminds her of a house that was in a fairy tale which was read to her many, many years ago, sometime in the last century.

**Ed Kokot** joined the Roadrunners at the November luncheon. Ed lives at 10950 La Canada Drive #5-105, Tucson, AZ 85737. Welcome, Ed!

On November 26, 14 Roadrunners plus **Donna Kuehn's** granddaughter, filled with the spirit of Noel and some donuts and coffee, decorated our Christmas tree at Reid Park Zoo. Led by **Alice Belzer**, the group performed our annual rendition of the Pogo Christmas song, "Deck us All with Boston Charlie, Walla Walla Wash and Kalamazoo." Alice says they were so good that a lady, who overheard them, asked them to sing at the Grand Lighting of the trees. Alice politely declined. **Ray Wood**, who usually sings with Alice, was unable to attend, his stunning good looks horribly marred by a bout with shingles on the right hand side of his face and head.

Alice reports that **Jo Madden**, former editor of the RUAEA Newsletter, has been moved to Manor Care, room 204, at 290 S. Monaco Parkway, Denver, CO 80224; her phone is (720) 974-0904. Please, no flowers. But she would enjoy a phone call or card. Newsletter Manager's Note: *Jo Madden is now back in her home, 910 Grape St., Denver, CO 80220-4427, (303) 377-0153.*

Gordon Starr will purchase our usual Christmas "thank you" gifts for all our United people at the airport who take good care of us throughout the year.

### Calendar:

**Jan. 17** - We will have lunch in the Agave Room of the Desert Diamond Casino, located at Pima Mine Road in Green Valley.

**Feb. 14** - **Donna Kuehn** has 40 tickets to the Gaslight Theater. The play that evening will be the Lone Stranger. Call Donna first at (520) 749-2449, to reserve your tickets; then send Donna a check for \$14.00 a person. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. A fun night for all, but REMEMBER, the first 40 who call will get the tickets.

## ARKANSAS



### "THE NATURALS"

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Hello everyone. Well, it is that time of year once again and time to hand off the gavel and title of President. I'm stepping down from this position and turning the responsibility over to my friend, an extremely capable lady, **Gwen Whitfield**. Gwen was unanimously elected by her constituents at the Christmas gathering and we're thrilled to have her. Everyone is looking forward to a full and exciting year! Welcome Gwen!

Our Christmas Dinner was early this year here in the Village. With so many social activities and travel, it is difficult to find a date that works for everyone. Thus, December 5, we gathered to celebrate our friendship and toast the coming holidays. Tranquilo hosted us, providing a delicious meal and lovely atmosphere. In attendance were **Bill Carson, Ted & Kathy Beth, Jim & Diana Huffman, Dick & Pat Jester, Fred & Linney Rohrer** and **Jim & Linda Nichol**. Conversation was lively and it was unanimously decided to donate to help fund the same charity as last year; a medical facility providing free service to the community of Hot Springs.

Our group basically meets bi-monthly and our next get-together will be on January 29. It will be a luncheon at 12:00, held at the Colorado Grill in downtown Hot Springs. Any of you passing through our fair city are certainly invited to attend.

Soon, it's out with the old and moving with lighting speed into the new! May everything you've always dreamed about, magically appear in our bright and shiny new year. It will you know! Wishing all of you the very best of health, happiness and prosperity in our spectacular 2008, New Year.

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Our Chapter did not meet in November, but we are looking forward to our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

In the last Newsletter, Nov. 2007 issue, there was a





letter written by **Uel Soward**. He was a long time member of the Central Coasters and had moved to Wisconsin. He does keep in touch and I was sorry to read about his medical problem, but I'm glad that he is back doing the things he loves. I did send him a Thanksgiving greeting that he responded to and he said that he was doing fine. If you still have your copy of the Nov. 2007 Newsletter, read Uel's letter. He is an amazing man.

I did hear from an ex-radio operator from CAP (**Alice - nee Hoffman - Crouch**) that brought back a lot of memories. We got to know many of the flight crews and if we were lucky to fly with any of them, we were usually invited to visit the cockpit. This, we can no longer do. The flight crews made us feel so special and we always felt we were working for the best airline.

I haven't heard from any of our Central Coasters as to their travels or goings on, so I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and I'll report back about our Christmas party in the next issue.

I don't know how many of you are on **Dale Harper**'s e-mail list, but he has been very informative regarding UAL's news. I received an e-mail with the complete roster of RUAEA's members and their e-mail addresses. It took 43 pages. I didn't count the total members yet, but there are a few names I recognized that I'll be contacting. I can't imagine the hours he has spent putting all this together.

This will be of interest to Ex-CAP and UAL retirees as well. I received an email from **Gary Baesel** who last worked at LAXOO and retired in 1993. He has a website that I could not believe. He was an employee of CAP before the merger and has accumulated all sorts of CAP memorabilia including pictures and letters. I've said this before and so many have said that same thing whether they worked for UAL or CAP, but the early years were the best. If you want to see what Ex-CAP retirees feel, log onto <http://baesel.net/caalumni.htm> and relive some of the good-old-days. Thanks Gary.

By the time you see this in the Newsletter, we will have been through the Holiday season. We hope you have had a safe, healthy, and happy one.

Till next year, Happy New Year!

### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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**Pamela & Jack Hartman** hosted the Brazen Raisins' November 2007 meeting. It was agreed that everyone had a good time at the October meeting at Nile and Lincoln Jones' resort. **Ethelda Frost** had cataract surgery in both eyes and all went well. **Donna Nessling** is

looking forward to heart surgery in the next few weeks – good luck, Donna!

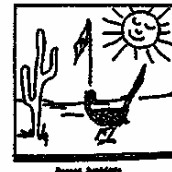
A new slate of officers for 2008 was elected as follows: President - **Don Nessling**, Vice President - **Peggy Oakshott**, Recording Secretary - **Elida Rivas**, Treasurer & Corresponding Secretary - **Dick Shryock**!

The Brazen Raisins' December 2007 meeting was hosted by practically no one - anyway, it was a great Christmas party.

**Bob Frost** presented everyone with his home-made wooden Christmas characters. **Ethelda Frost** conducted two puzzles: (1) guessing the number of M&Ms in a jar and (2) a quiz about Christmas songs. And, for the first time in months, a lot of jokes!

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The Desert Sunbirds met at the "Beer Hunter" sports bar for lunch in November. The question was which event you pay attention to: The sports or the luncheon. The Sunbirds celebrated two birthdays which marked their 75<sup>th</sup> year - **Lynn Morow & Dick Gorman**. We can report that Lynn is doing well after an abdominal aneurysm procedure in Arizona. Also, health wise, **Joyce Bossio** is recovering after some minor surgery. Anniversaries of note in November were **Tom & Karen Tischler** with 45 years & **TJ & Sandy Sereno** with 41 years. **Dede Utzinger** was out of town camping, but plans to join us again in December.

The Christmas charities for the Sunbirds are the Hemet Food Bank & the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. All donations will be handled by **Joyce Bossio**. Bring your checkbook for the Christmas party or send it direct to her. The Christmas party will be hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**. The party will be at the Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert. Hope all can attend.

### **THE HANGTOWN MINERS**

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The Hangtown Miners held their Christmas Holiday Party December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hangtown Grange in Placerville. Thirty four Miners, Santa Claus, and an Elf Helper participated in the festivities. **Mary Lou Wagner** came as a guest and left as our newest Miner. There was an awesome potluck luncheon with ham and turkey

cooked by the **Heiers** and the **D'Amicos** who hosted the luncheon. This group sure has a bunch of great cooks and bakers. **Betty Obert's** Pecan Pie was a big hit.

Noticeably absent was our President **Harry Caldwell**. Harry had heart surgery in October and was in the ICU at UC Davis until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Harry is now at a rehab center in Folsom and the family is hoping that he won't be there too long. We sure do miss him and pray that he will be back in the fold very soon. **Jean Caldwell** and daughter **Cindy** came to the Grange Hall for a few minutes to visit and update us on Harry.

Vice President **Rosemary Heier** conducted a short meeting. All of the officers gave their reports after it was decided there was no old or new business. **Thom Biro** suggested that an R&E Mechanic take a look at Rosemary's necklace as it was flashing off and on.

Secretary **Jeanette D'Amico** asked for a volunteer to take minutes at the February meeting and then send out the February newsletter as she and Joe were going to be in Australia and New Zealand. Bless **Suzie Quinnell's** heart as she readily volunteered.

**Dick & Ann Czapkay** have been working on getting new name badges for the group and they presented a layout of the badge. He gave the treasurer's report and things are looking good.

Sunshine Person **Irv Wolfram** had talked to **Shirley Drumheller** and she is busy with cardiac rehab. She is not real excited about the exercises but she's plugging away at it.

RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** filled us in on what is happening in the airline industry. Ron said that the new chapter in Chico (The California NorthStaters) is growing. He reminded us of the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh in May and the upcoming election for RUAEA officers. Ron's wife **Barbara** was unable to attend the luncheon/meeting as she was taking care of her little granddaughter.

The Hangtown Miners wish a Happy December Birthday to **Suzanne Kenny** and a Happy 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Harry & Jean Caldwell**.

We had a fun time with our raffle. Most everyone went home with something. All of our raffle prizes are donated by the members.

There were lots of toys donated for the Toys for Tots program.

#### Calendar:

**Jan.** - No Meeting

**Feb. 4** - Hosted by **Betty & Tom Obert**

**March 3** - Hosted by **Pati & Bill Kenney**

Anyone interested in joining The Hangtown Miners, please contact Jeanette D'Amico at (530)676-7368 or [jmdamico@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmdamico@sbcglobal.net).

# Happy New Year

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President **Patrick Cadden** welcomed 36 members and guests to Josef's in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square. The menu was chicken, salmon, or vegetarian pasta. He thanked **Brandon & Pat Maus**, the hosts, and **Roger Casterline**, who assisted.

Acting as Vice President, I introduced the guests: **Judy Roque**, guest of **Diana Quinn** and **Ed Von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**. **Andy Citara** was also welcomed back.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** reported that the finances are looking good.

Acting for Sunshine Lady, **Verda Burr**, I announced that I had sent a card to **Wayne O'Kelly**, who has had a mild stroke and currently is in an assisted living home. He would appreciate hearing from members. His new address is Chancellor Place at Windsor, 907 Adele Drive, Windsor, CA 95492. The November birthdays were noted and **Bernice Anderson** was the Birthday Luncheon winner.

**Norm Burnett** mentioned that he had heard that United was going to farm out the aircraft maintenance. It was agreed that other members had also heard about this.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

**Naomi Tolf** said that the Charity Fund monies would be disbursed in the next several weeks and anyone who would like to recommend a favorite charity should call her or **Joanne Huhn**. She also encouraged members to contribute to the fund.

Brandon called the raffle numbers and prizes were delivered to the winners by **Nick Van Kruining**, **George Schwind** and **Roger**.

Quote of the month: "*There's not going to be enough people in the system to take advantage of people like me.*" - G. W. Bush on the coming Social Security crisis - June 9, 2000.

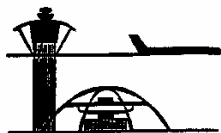
#### Calendar:

**Jan. 10** - La Gare, Santa Rosa - **Ron & Joanne Huhn** (\*)

**Feb. 14** - Quail Inn, Oakmont - **Matty & Marge Matschinegg**

**March 13** - La Gare, Santa Rosa - **Charlie & Bernice Anderson** (\*)

(\*) - To Be Confirmed



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Big time gatherings to report this month: LAX Fantasy Flight on Dec. 1. This year was a big departure from the past few. We were able to go back to a real Fantasy Flight. Our kids had a wonderful day, thanks to the efforts of a huge team of volunteers - UA employees, UA retirees, social workers, LA County Sheriffs, TSA agents and their respective families and friends. Huge thanks to UA for arranging for the use of the plane and to wonderfully generous donors, who covered the fuel cost making it possible. The kids were bused from the cargo terminal to T6, boarded a 747 at Gate 68, flown out over the ocean while they enjoyed their MacDonald's lunch, then landed back at LAX and deplaned at Santa's Village set up at Gate 77. We were all there at (ugh!) 6AM working hard and fast, to set up the wonderful village completed with Mr. & Mrs. Santa, a few elves, Rudolf and buddies, a life-size sleigh, jillions of trees, lights and balloons. There were games for the kids, more snacks and sodas and wonderful entertainment including a UA pilot and son magicians, our fabulous Line Dancers, plus the TSA LAX Chorus! We were surrounded by somewhat confused passengers, but many of us were able to take a few minutes to explain the go-ons to them. All the folks I talked to were very impressed. Even the clean-up was fun. We got to pop all those balloons. Good thing some TSA agents were there or the pops would have made them a bit twitchy! AND after the clean up, we have a drawing for the volunteers. My number was THE LAST number drawn (see why I don't like gambling trips?). But I won a very nice and truly needed day pack. I am sure other cities' Fantasy Flights have gone or will go as well.

Next affair, the IAM retirees party at the Proud Bird on the 4<sup>th</sup>. A beautiful party by this group at our nearby Proud Bird restaurant in the room where we could watch landing on the south runways throughout lunch. Great food and a big bunch of door prizes. (Won a nice color-changing mug this time).

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, the ReLAXers Queen Mary Christmas Party. As usual, the very beautiful setting, fine food and an awesome mountain of gifts for our local charity. We did have a big 50/50 prize, but for this event we have the gifts for kids rather than door prizes for ourselves. (I didn't win the 50-50).

We missed **Rubin Knight** - he called to advise he's working on getting back to mobility after his 4<sup>th</sup> knee surgery. Hope to see you in February, Rubin. **Harry &**

**Ruth Takaki** will also miss the Q.M. party - they left for HNL on the 5<sup>th</sup> to attend his sister's funeral. What a sad thing to have happen especially at this time of year. Our sincere sympathies to Harry and family.

It was so sad to hear of the death of **Russ Cunningham** who retired from LA Sales. Right after retiring, we are often asked if we missed working. Well, I didn't miss getting up and going every day (though I really loved my job), but I did miss the folks I worked with - especially Russ and his great sense of humor. He will be missed by all who were close to him, and sympathies of his fellow employees before we all retired are extended to his family. I am sure his wife, Ellie, will be pleased to hear from you: 348 Calle Higuera, Camarillo, CA 93010.

I think there are other stories out there, but you-all keep forgetting to email or call me about them. So for those of you who are ailing - get well fast. For those of you still hale and hearty - congratulations. And for all of you - keep in touch so I can write something each month - on our new reporting date of the 7<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH. Hope your Christmas is great and the weather is kind so your travels will be easy.

### **Calendar:**

**Jan. 1** - Mail your 2008 \$5.00 dues

**Feb. 7** - Luncheon, location will be sent to you by mail

**April 3** or maybe **April 10** - Luncheon

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Our Annual Christmas Party was held on Dec. 5 at Carvers Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. As usual, they did a marvelous job for us and the food was just nothing less than excellent. Thirty of our ReSans members attended on a beautiful sunny day and enjoyed the excellent company and food.

President **Marian Owens** announced that for 2008 our only meeting and luncheon will be this Christmas Meeting. **Betty Tomaino** volunteered to put together a summer meeting, the date of which will be announced as soon as it is available. **Deborah Taylor** has volunteered to help Betty put this mid-year outing together.

And more good news, President **Marian Owens** announced that we will waive dues for the year 2008. Anyone who has already paid will receive a refund. What a lovely Christmas present from a lovely lady.

Linda Linaker, **Marian Owens'** daughter, put together 3 beautiful door prizes which were awarded, the

50/50 was also a lot of fun.

Again, your secretary requests that you keep in touch with notes of fun trips you have taken, another member you know who may be ill and need cards and cheering up. It is very difficult to put a newsletter together when no news is received.



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Sending **New Year's Greetings** to our local members and to those of you "out there", from our newly elected Board of Officers: President **Aubrey Bliss** of Foster City, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Josephine (Jo) Sassone** of San Mateo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathlyn Hutt** of San Mateo, Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** of South San Francisco, Corresponding Secretary **Helen M. Cain** of South San Francisco, Treasurer **Arthur Barrett** of San Mateo, Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** of San Bruno, Auditor **Frank Cavaliere** of Foster City, Auditor **Jerry Milner** of San Mateo, and **Bob Taiclet** of South San Francisco. Outgoing President **Ralph Trullinger** of Menlo Park will assume the post of Nominating Committee Chairman.

The reason our new slate of officers' cities of residence are one-time listed in this column is because if you "locals" do not see your city's name listed, perhaps **you** should step forward and offer to fill one of the coordinator or chairmen (or chairwomen) positions? There's really no pain involved. If you enjoy YOUR monthly UAL retiree get-togethers in Foster City, start the New Year out right: YOUR retiree officers and workers always need help. If you're not a "take charge" person yourself, contact one of the above names and say these 4 magic little words: "Can I help you?" (And don't be surprised by the enthusiastic answer and maybe even a nice warm hug!)

If you can only help occasionally, call or write our unsung heroine and hero, Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** of Foster City who monthly (and in-between) man the kitchen, the food (and sometimes the ordering) and the clean-up. They rarely get to see or even hear our after-lunch entertainment ... not fair!

Another one of our heroines is **Kathlyn (Kathy) Hutt**, willing to continue solo as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of our chapter. Her wonderful husband, **Anthony (Tony)** left to be with the angels just recently. His friends, including us, knew **Tony** as "**Mr. Have Harmonica, Will Travel**". Many a day or overnight tour was brightened

by his friendly and energetic harmonica notes springing out in the middle of a Yosemite tour or on a rather long bus trip when we needed revitalizing. Born in London, we're glad America adopted him, this beautiful man.

Added on to our heroines list is Memorials and Charity Coordinator **Laura Hansen** of San Mateo. Over 70 children's books donated by our members have been wrapped in Christmas paper, labeled and distributed to 2 local charitable agencies. That's a big job for a little lady ... Thanks, **Laura**.

We had 115 happy people at our September picnic. This is a great time to meet old friends. If you missed somebody this year, try our monthly meetings.

International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** of Foster City would like you to contact her ASAP if you're interested in 2 tours she's presently working on: **Africa** in September and a summertime **Alaska** land and cruise package. Email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Member and Airport Volunteer **Ernie Bloom** reminds us that **SFO** Airport is constantly changing with 16 new retail concessions for your perusal. Also, many airlines are adding or deleting certain "ports of call" so if you're planning a trip, check way ahead to see if they're still going there!

#### **Calendar:**

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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New officers for 2008 were installed: **Tony Urso** will be our President, **David Saso**, Vice-President, **Garver Sandy** will continue as Treasurer, and **Alice Rostirolla** is to continue as Secretary.

Visitors in November were **Susan Schalller Hall**, her husband Tim and daughter Alexis; Lisa Donaldson, daughter of **Sally & Tony Urso**; and David Sandy, son of **Wilma & Garver Sandy**.

**Vi Mattescheck** was back at our November 9 meeting, as well as **Bob Bradley**, looking great after his recent illness.

**Dee Carlson** is slowly improving, was released from the hospital after her bout with pneumonia. **Alice Shelton** is doing well after her chemo. The **Burdas** are

going through medical tests.

**Charlie Brown** told us about his interesting recent trip to Taiwan, Taipei.

**Alice Rostirolla** and **Marion Gaevert** are planning an overnight trip to Reno for the group. It will be in April, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

During December we will have our food drive, conducted by **Ruie & Bob Bradley** and to be given to the Salvation Army. All non-perishable foods will be collected at each of our meetings.

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Stan Kolman** (408) 736-1775 for details.



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Our November luncheon and meeting was held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 38 of us gathered together at the Masonic Hall in Escalon for a delicious catered luncheon. **Hans & Regina Weber** and **Theresa Hal-lenberger** were our hosts. The tables were set up beautifully with tablecloths of fall leaves and the table decorations were beautiful and edible; branches of delicious persimmons surrounded by walnuts.

Our hosts said we could take home our table decorations and I did, along with several other people. This was the first time I had eaten a persimmon and it was delicious. I wish I had taken several branches home with me. After our delicious luncheon, our hosts held a raffle and the prizes were several lovely gift baskets and \$\$\$.

Last month, I told you about several of our members who were going in for surgery. **Eleanor Johnson**, **Don Nesja** and **Larry Brinsfield** are feeling better and getting along well. **Doug Daniels** is recovering from his back surgery. **Larry Magee** is also recovering at home from his surgery and doing OK.

We were very happy to see **Pat & Charlie Passarell** at our luncheon in Escalon and he is doing quite well. He gave us a narrative about the procedure he had done to treat the cancer in his eye. As always, we wish each one of you a very speedy recovery.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas luncheon and meeting at the East Sonora Conference Center. They always do a wonderful job and this will be last get

together till February 2008. We will not be doing a gift exchange this year. Instead of that, we have requested a \$5.00 donation from each person to be given to the food banks in all 5 counties we represent.

We meet the second Thursday of each month in various locations. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends. If you know of anyone planning to retire, it would be a nice gesture to invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. New retirees are always welcome.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 2008** – No meeting.

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Our November meeting was held on Nov. 12 with 18 in attendance. Instead of our usual menu, we enjoyed a full buffet of Italian pasta and Caesar salad. We missed the **Harguths** who were away, **Vilma Patrick** who was ill at home, and **Diane Griego** out of town, visiting a family member who is ill.

On the brighter side, our world traveler **Ken Price** joined us and told of his recent tour of Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti. **Howard & Jo Payne** had just completed a quick trip to Las Vegas, flying free on Ted, under our new pass policy. That helped a little to offset their casino losses.

Plans for December include our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 10, including the bringing of unwrapped toys for the Marine's Toys for Tots program.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00 and then lunch and business from Noon on.

Our chapter includes a diverse group of former United employees and we encourage retirees and their spouses from the East Bay to join us.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 14** - Meeting

**Feb. 11** - Meeting







## CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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At the November 30 meeting in Chico of the new chapter in No. California, it was decided that the name of the group shall be the **California NorthStaters**, with a Logo of Mt. Shasta. The meeting was held with 20+ people in attendance. **Ron Bertacini**, No. California Director of RUAEA was also in attendance.

Ron Bertacini reported again on info from UAL. He also told the group about discounts to be found on Skynet. Discussion was held about RUAEA and its benefits, plus the benefits of using [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). President **Merritt Odor** opened the meeting to discussions – most centered around dues (\$10 per family), frequency of meetings (every two months), and expectations of the group. It was decided that since we come from areas far and wide, the meetings will be held in different towns and someone from that town will arrange the subsequent meeting. **Klaren Odor** offered to be our Treasurer.

Jan. 31 will be the next meeting in Redding at the Braided Mane Restaurant inside the Holiday Inn on Hilltop Drive at 11a.m. It will be the first official meeting of the **California NorthStaters**, anyone paying their dues on that day will be considered Charter Members.

## COLORADO

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*Submitted by Tom Goodyear*

The Miler Highers had their monthly breakfast on Dec.1 at UAL Training Center "TK" with 48 retirees, friends and families in attendance. There were no first timers this month. Three folks returned their 50/50 winning to the chapter: **John Butler**, **Roy Graham** and **C. Smith**. Thanks folks!

We sang happy birthday to **Marie Cosby** who was 98 on Nov. 13. She started with UAL in 1943; in 1944, she left UAL to join the WAVES and rejoined United in 1946. She always worked in flight operations. Marie retired in 1971. She has been a long time member of the American Legion. Marie was a part of the special "Grateful Salute", held at the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum in Denver. The governor of Colorado, Bill Ritter, spoke to Aurora's Veterans Sa-

luter.

Many retiree and friends have emailed or called about **Jo Madden's** condition. Jo is at home by herself and doing quite well. **Nancy Goodyear** and **Lois Hixson** check on her regularly. Jo wants to thank all the kind folks that called, sent cards and letters.

The Mile Highers had their Christmas luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Denver on Dec. 5 with 85 retirees and guests in attendance. **Marie Corsby** and **Jo Madden** also attended.

Tom Goodyear mentioned that he was selected to receive \$1000 from the United Air Lines Volunteer Grant Program for The United Air Lines Historical Foundation.

We had one-first timer, **Marilyn Framer**. Marilyn, come back and see us.

Thanks to **Harriet Ahr** for arranging the luncheon.

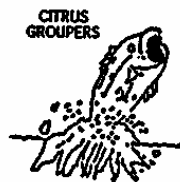
**Tom Goodyear** also mentioned the high price of aluminum, so bring those pop cans.

### Calendar:

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 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!

## FLORIDA

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On December 6, the Citrus Groupers met at the Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages for our yearly Christmas party with 15 members in attendance. **Marlin Lade** and his lovely wife graced us with their presence. Marlin talked at length about where UAL stands now and the direction it may take. He also talked about the changes in benefits. **Dan & Ethel Solomon** were also present. Dan retired last year from ORDMM. He likes to play golf and loves it here. The **Dulans** are going to Honeioye, NY to visit their children for Christmas and get to know their new grandchild.

The Groupers are wishing all their friends Happy Holidays.

### Calendar:

**Jan. 24** - 11:30 at The Pasta Fare, 10401 US 41 in Belleview

**Feb. 28** - 11:30 at Frankies Grill, 1674 N. Florida Ave. (Hwy 41)



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President **Paul Brown** welcomed 36 members and guests to the Christmas feast at the Conway United Methodist Church Hall! Pres. Paul provided a baked ham and **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** were up all night cooking a turkey with all the trimmings! Our members brought lots of wonderful side dishes and we all went back for seconds!

Our Christmas festivities also brought some retirees, we hope, will want to join the Real McCoys! We welcomed **Diane Lewis, Patti Clark, Jane Houston** and **Linda Agnello**. It was great to see them and we all enjoyed their culinary talents too!

As in years past, we collected items for the Central Florida Children's Home and the membership voted that our monetary Christmas donations this year would go to Hospice of the Comforter and to the Russell House.

Congratulations to **Ted & Char LeGrand** celebrating 52 years of marriage on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> and a belated congrats to **Gene & JoAnn Hall** who celebrated 50 years on May 23<sup>rd</sup>!

The new officers for 2008 were unanimously elected by all present - and they happen to be the same folks elected last year! Surprise! President **Paul Brown**, Vice-President **Richard Llewellyn**, Treasurer **Char LeGrand** and Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**.

### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of Curry-Ford Road) at 12:30 pm \*\*\* NEW TIME \*\*\*.

**Jan. 22** - Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nite Out resumes for the New Year. Logan's at Sandlake and John Young Parkway - We will meet there at 4:30 pm for dinner.

**May 23 - June 4, 2008** - 12 Night Alaska Land & Cruise aboard Carnival Spirit. Just a few seats left for this great cruise.

**Sept. 11-20, 2008** - Motor coach trip SFO to LAX - Great stops in between. For details contact **Stan Halterman** at (407) 852-6773

## *New Year Resolutions*



## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS

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In the absence of the vacationing President **Bill Burg**, Treasurer **Mel Volz** welcomed members to the annual Pelican Drop-Ins Christmas luncheon on December 7. There were 23 members in attendance. The tables were decorated with poinsettia plants and red/green napkin rings were given as favors. **Mel Volz** read notes received from former members, announced that \$250 had been sent to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, per a vote by the membership at the previous meeting; he also gave an updated club financial report. **Jerry Pryde** announced the January 4 speaker is to be a public relations person from ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organizations), a non-profit organization in North Fort Myers. Get well wishes were expressed for **Terry Gilkison** who was recently hospitalized.

A highly entertaining gift exchange was the climax of the party. Members each brought a white elephant gift and gifts were then passed between members per directions given via a cute narrative/story. A drawing was held for the six poinsettia plants and many other prizes. There were lots of winners. It was a fun time!

### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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*Submitted by Pat Trice*

At the Sand Dollars November Luncheon held at the Beach House Restaurant, we welcomed new member **Cindy Irwin**, wife of **Skip Irwin**.

A Special Thank You was expressed to our veterans

and it was an HONOR to have those attending stand up and speak of their experiences during their time serving our great country. Thanks again to all of you veterans, and those men & women that are serving in the military today.

#### Calendar:

All luncheons starts at 11:30 AM

**Jan. 10** - Ruby Tuesday, 8303 Tourist Center Drive, Bradenton, FL.

**Feb. 14** - Mattison's Riverside 1200 1st Ave, Bradenton, FL.

**Mar. 13** - Lee Roy Selmon's, 8253 Cooper Creek Blvd. Bradenton, FL.

**Apr. 10** - TBA

**May 8** - Annual Picnic, South Lido Park, Sarasota



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The Christmas Luncheon began with a social hour at 11AM and dinner was served at noon. 58 members and guests enjoyed the event. A short business meeting was held after dessert and before the entertainment.

The meeting was opened with Pres **Lindstrom** leading the Pledge of Allegiance. There were only 2 items on the agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> was the picnics which was tabled until the Jan meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> was an update on the West Coast Luncheon by **Mike Marvette**. The luncheon is scheduled for Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's Day, at the Seven Springs CC and we would like to invite all retirees in the FL area. Cocktails at 11 AM followed by dinner at noon. Also a mystery speaker has been asked to join us. If interested, please contact me for an application. Cost is \$17 p/p which includes dessert.

Anniversaries - 12/21 **Bob & Jo Taylor** 64 yrs, 12/15 **Mike & Loretta Marvett** 22 yrs.

Birthdays - 12/10 **Ken Wilson**, 12/20 **Deborah Wilson**, 12/24 **Ann Morse**, 12/31 **Jim Hottel**.

Luncheon Chairwoman **Terri Breslin** extended thanks to **Dave & Caroline Lodge**, **Bob & Jan Lindstrom**, **John & Barbara Riecss**, **Bill & Jean Linehan**, **Bill & Diane Taggart**, **Mary Martin**, **Mary Judd**, **Carol Starr**, and **Lillian Sawyer** for all of their help. Also Terri sent a get well card to **Jo Madden** who is now at home and **Larry Eppert** who is undergoing tests.

The meeting was followed by the Holiday Middle School Jazz Band. They were given a standing ovation. The music was good and enjoyed by all.

#### Calendar

**Jan. 7** – 10 AM – Buddy Freddies

**Feb. 4** – 10 AM – Buddy Freddies

#### TREASURE COAST

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Our November meeting was attended by 14 Members and 2 Guests. We were exceptionally happy to see **Bill Nehls** at our meeting; he and his lovely wife, **Marge** will be coming to our Christmas party.

The presentation of the Discounted Dental Plan was interesting; but so far no firm plans on anyone signing up since we have other plans to investigate.

The winner of our 50/50 was none other than **Janice Popek**, our President's wife, and **Barbara Dodenhoff** won the progressive drawing.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming holidays and our two parties this year, seems everyone tries their utmost to enjoy life. Everyone is invited to join us at any time.

Wishing all a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

A few jokes to bring some added smiles. Perhaps you may have heard one of these on a recent flight:

- *And from the Pilot during his welcome message: "XYZ Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"*
- *A flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."*

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 2** - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

**Feb. 5** - Palm Beach Princess

**March 4** - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

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Thirty one flyers and one guest were in attendance at the Christmas luncheon at The Village Café in Fayetteville, GA. on Dec. 5, hosted by **Frank & Barbara**

**Russy.** We were happy to have Ms. Sonja Strickland, Executive Director of The Promise Place as our guest. This is the third year we've had our lunch here and the food, Pecan Chicken, and Prime Rib with potatoes and mixed vegetables were excellent. Barbara & Frank had chocolate candy canes as favors at each setting and prepared the door prizes for the drawings later on. **Sandy Lis** conducted the blessing said by **Jodie Wallace** and we observed a moment of silence in remembrance of **Jeanne Barber**, who was such an integral part of the Flyers and an adamant proponent of The Promise Place. This year the Flyers presented to Sonja, gift certificates in Jeanne's Memory, to Wal-Mart for 11 children and a generous cash donation to 6 mothers that are presently at the Promise Place.

The ever-so-faithful **Fred Cron** ran our 50/50. Sonja drew the winning ticket belonging to **Sam Mace**. **Bill Manley** drew the winning ticket for **Jodie Wallace** for a very nice Christmas wreath. **Frank Phillips** drew the winning number for **Ron Heider** who won a wrapped gift tin of Pecans. **Ken Rakestraw** drew his own number for a gift box of candy, but declined and insisted on another drawing that was won by **Marge Cebula**. **Don Shelly** remembered **Ron Roycroft** who passed this year from cancer, and celebrated a one year breast cancer survivor, **Marge Cebula**. On our sick list is **Jane Brown**, who has a sprained ankle, and was unable to be with us. Hurry up and get well Jane. **Barbara Russy** was honored for her outstanding service as treasurer for the last 2 years. **Bruce Brodersen** will be the treasurer for 2008. It was great to see **Doug Goforth** out and about and doing well after his surgery. The Dixie Flyers want to wish every one a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday Season, along with the hope of a prosperous New Year.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 9** - I-hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA. 12:00 noon.

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Twenty-one GEMs showed up at JB's for breakfast.

Good to see **Shirley Law** after too long an absence. She is well but busy traveling, entertaining family & attending exercise sessions. She flew to Hawaii (wouldn't say on what airline) for the Boise State University football game, but was disappointed in the final

score. Weather beautiful. She said she met a couple from the Isle of Mann. The wife is English; her husband is Irish. In comparing prices, they explained that they pay \$11 per liter for gas. Count your many blessings, folks!

**John & Carole Bell** drove to CA to be with family & friends for Thanksgiving.

**Bill Krigbaum** had two surgeries that limited his activity for a couple months, but says he is OK now, & is looking forward to snow. Looks like he won't have to wait long. On the day of our meeting (Dec. 3), it was snowing at the Breckenridge ski resort, with 2-feet of it expected before the day ended. According to **Jim Kennedy**, Sun Valley is still expecting.

**Charles & Shirley Perkins** are busy packing for a cruise to the Panama Canal, along with **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**. They will be gone until Feb.

**Ozzie Haugen** is finally through with gardening for this year. He & **Louise** drove over to Eugene, OR for a follow-up eye appointment, since that's where Louise received her cornea transplant. All tests were satisfactory. While in Eugene, they visited some long-time friends & ex-neighbors. They drove home in much needed rain, especially across Eastern Oregon.

**Joyce Saunders** wished everyone a wonderful Christmas.

Special guests of **Dave & Carol Adams**, was Dr. **Troy Norris**, an Idahoan who holds a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, after first receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree at Boise State University. Dr. Norris demonstrated five home-exercise recommendations to remain physically fit, & to avoid back problems. He has two offices, one in Boise & the other in Eagle.

Guests at the Christmas Party were **George Jones, Kay Forman, Darlene Lee, Wally Croghan, & Ellen Heath**.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 7** - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**Feb. 4** - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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My first assignment as the new RUAEA correspondent is to thank **Rich Surma** on behalf of the Southsiders and the Northsiders for his dedication to doing this

column for the previous years. In his spare time, he has also provided us with two inch metal badges with our names in bold print. Now, we don't forget names and the waitress gets to know us too. I'm sure his computer work will emerge again on flyers, posters and when art-work is needed.

**Bill Bergner** who retired in April, joined us for the first time. He celebrated his retirement by going on a cruise from Seattle and ending in Sydney.

**Chuck & Carolyn Simon** took a scenic trip via train Rail Canadian starting in Toronto thru Winnipeg, Edmonton, Jasper and ending in Vancouver. Deluxe accommodations included double bedroom, private WC, and chef prepared meals. After movies, snacks and drinks, one could walk the length of the train. A little exercise.

**Cecelia Yates** will visit Dubai in February with District 214 Community Education Travel.

**Mary Lou Tarrant** was in the hospital after a heart attack. More later when available. **Rita Jay** advised WHQAC co-worker **Lil Simon**, would love to hear from Chicago friends at her son's address: 535 Park Blvd., Millbrae, CA 94030.

In Nov., our charity elves **Bob & Carol Faust, Angie Halama, Norm Pearson, Mary Szabo, Ken Thiede** and **Ginny Vlach** handed out wish lists for charities who help women and children in need. UAL employees are very generous with toys, practical and favorite items which were distributed on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. The **Pryors, Artmans** and **Shroeders** elves missed this year because they were cruising the Panama Canal.

November had 20 attendees at the Southside breakfast who were rewarded by delicious chocolates donated by **Carmen Chavez**. **Ted Guz, Margaret Schmitt** and **Bob Pearson** were the lucky money raffle winners but **Lavonne Halach** won the Christmas ceramic centerpiece created by the same candy lady, Carmen.

Everyone signed get well cards to **Marie Hadley, Barbara Kavoras** and **Helen Collins**. Hopefully they will recover soon and join us soon.

**Lydia & Ernie Codilis** returned after a River Boat gambling trip. They were smiling so maybe they won.

No Dec meeting on Christmas Day. Other priorities that day. See you all in 2008.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (**Jan. 28 & Feb. 26**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (Jan 9 and Feb 13) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

**Jan. 8** - Food depository

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It appears that many of the Loop Group are escaping the Chicago winter and heading West to the Valley of the Sun or South to the Sunny Shores. Some are driving to avoid the chaotic conditions of the airport terminals.

This combined with the likelihood of frigid weather and the possibility of another Doomsday scenario involving the public transportation system, leads us to cancel the January 16<sup>th</sup> gathering.

We do plan to meet on our regular March 19<sup>th</sup> date with more members, Spring and a solution to the transit crisis.

Best wishes to **Norm Pearson** for a rapid recovery from knee surgery. He has a well respected surgeon and an excellent advocate, **Mary Szabo**, who will oversee his rehabilitation.

Due to a regrettable proof reading error, **Jim Hartigan's** title was incorrectly listed in the November 2007 RUAEA Newsletter. In addition to leading United Airlines powerful sales organization, he was elected as President of United in 1981 and later as President and CEO of United in September 1985. We thank Jim for all of his contributions to United Airlines, not the least of which was his presentation to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Midway Retiree gathering. A belated thank you goes to **Marge Daily** for her leadership of the Midway Retiree Organization that brought them to this important milestone.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 16** – Luncheon Cancelled

**March 19** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (That Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

**May 21** – Luncheon Cancelled due to conflict with UAL Convention in Pittsburgh week of May 19-24, 2008.

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*Happy Holidays* to all! I don't know about you, but I have not even put up my Christmas tree, decorated the house inside or out, have not done my shopping and the "most dreaded" chore of all ... signing and mailing out all the Christmas cards on my list. It's really quite ridiculous the pressures we put ourselves under and the amount of money we spend. Well now, I feel much better getting that off my chest! I really should be doing all the above items but I do have a newsletter deadline to meet and you, my loyal readers, come first.

**NEWS FLASH:** The Indy Racer's Christmas Party invitations were mailed out with the wrong date on them. Our party is **DEC. 15<sup>th</sup>**, not the 5<sup>th</sup> as printed in error. Most of you probably figured out the error yourselves as the party date said the 5<sup>th</sup> but the RSVP date said the 10<sup>th</sup>. Oh well, mistakes do occur but as long as we can make it right without negative consequences, it all ends up working out. So, in short, our **Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville**, beginning at 6:00 PM and lasting till? Our Chapter provides the meats, soft drinks and coffee ... anything other than those mentioned drinks, you are welcome to bring. We do ask that you bring a side dish of appetizers, veggies, salads, or my favorite, dessert. A \$15.00 limit gift exchange is optional but we do have lots of fun. Come and enjoy the cozy fireplace, good food, friendship and guaranteed laughs. You will not regret it!

Just a reminder, due to having the Christmas Party, our regularly scheduled meeting at the Golden Corral is canceled. Another reminder is that beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, January 8<sup>th</sup>, our regular meetings will be held at the Eagles Lodge beginning at 2:00 PM. The Lodge is open for lunch from 12:00 to 2:00, just before our meeting begins. The Eagles Lodge is located at 5556 E. Hwy 40, Plainfield. For directions to the Christmas party or the Eagles Lodge, call me at the above phone number or email me at the above address.

We celebrated our final meeting at the Golden Corral with a luncheon with the Marine Corp. Well, not all of them, just two. We enjoyed their company, their stories and their dedication in picking up the Toys 4 Tots we donated. Such a great program and two really special Marines, one being much better off leaving as when he arrived ... he won the 50/50 raffle. I would like to

say "thank you" to **Ray Brabo** for arranging the Toys 4 Tots program and for getting in touch with the Marines.

November brought about the election of new officers, those being:

- ➔ **Mike Matlak**, President
- ➔ **Jim Gibson**, Vice President
- ➔ **Mario Bregante**, Treasurer
- ➔ **Hanelore Brabo**, Secretary
- ➔ **Wanda Bryce**, Correspondent

Did any of you notice "correspondent"? Yes, I'm finally off the hook after three long years of writing our newsletters. It was time for someone else to take pen in hand and exchange the news and information with our retirees. In some ways, it will be nice to not have deadline dates dancing through my mind but a part of me will miss you. I know I haven't met you personally face to face, yet I feel a bond. In these three years, I have received cards and some phone calls and I'd like to thank those of you whose communication made me feel special.

Now, as always, we welcome all new members and those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Eagles Lodge, 5556 E. Hwy 40 in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 2:00; lunch begins anytime after 12:00. Hope to see you there!

### Calendar:

**Dec. 15** - Christmas Party

**Jan. 8** – Meeting at the Eagles Lodge

**Feb. 12** – Meeting at the Eagles Lodge

**March 11** – Meeting at the Eagles Lodge

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a November meeting, so little news. However, what I've gleaned from our members is: **Bill Betters** was inducted as Commodore of The Marblehead Yacht Club, a place frequented by several Nor'Easters. **Bill & Norma**, both avid boaters and sail racers will hence forth be known as Commodore Bill and Commodorable Norma.

**Mercedes Hersom's** computer is down again, hold your messages. She loves her new digs in NH and didn't realize how out of touch she was, living in the woods of Maine. Although still involved with the animal shelter in ME, she's out there again. Men - beware!

**Bob & Helen Wilson's** recent visitors, **Dave**

(formerly BOSCS MIAFF) & **Barbara** (BDLRR) **Tamaccio**, now reside in FL. Bob keeps in touch with **Herman Kline** (BOSFF), now a member of the Sand Dabs and **Gail & Sarah Young**, (BOSCG), now living in CA. Bob offers best wishes to all his fellow retirees.

With the winter weather and snow, I've been keeping my 4 bird seed feeders and 2 suet feeders full. It has become a job and I'm getting more landings per minute than O'Hare at prime time.

Speaking of winter, **Jane & John Regan**, **Patti & Bob Austin** and **Paul & Mary Ward**, our snow birds, have already departed the frozen North for the FL sunshine.

I read a letter by **Uel Soward** in the November RUAEA Newsletter. Uel, among other topics, is looking forward to his one-hundredth birthday, God bless him. I sent him an e-mail of congratulations. Originally a total stranger, we have been swapping e-mails ever since. What a way to meet fellow retirees! Our Newsletter is more than JUST a newsletter.

Hope everyone had a safe New Year's Eve celebration and didn't make any resolutions they can't keep! Bless us one and all.

#### Calendar:

**March** – To be announced.

### MICHIGAN



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21 Escapees met at Jacks on the Waterfront in Grosse Pointe Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Suzi Hicks**. Suzi handed out bookmarks hand painted on bark, which she acquired on her recent yearly trip to Mexico. **Suzi**, **Betty Billups**, **Charm Nicoll** and their friends have been enjoying this spa-break for about ten years. **Charm** would say "Life is Good" as she feels like a new woman after being massaged, kneaded, buffed, and pampered. Our waitress was very young, but most efficient and delightful to handle a bunch of loud seniors. That is except for **Bill Wade** who seems to get mistreated almost every month, no matter where we meet, but still joins us and gets five stars for attending all 12 meetings this year along with **Gwen Schwendenmann** and yours truly & her sister Joan. Many "THANKS" went to **Rhea Jay** for taking care of our Christmas Charity, the Salvation Army, this year and to all that contributed toys and gift certificates. We were de-

lighted to see **Rod Jacob**, looking great after his bout with renal failure, along with wife **Sharon**. Goes to show you, that you can't keep a good man down.

**Kathy Franz** is now home after total shoulder replacement. She is wearing a sling and will be starting rehab which will last for many weeks. Our love and prayers to Kathy for continued recovery @ 10804 Andrews Ave, Allen Park, MI 48101.

Lastly, wishing all a most Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2008.

#### Calendar:

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

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November's lunch was a chilly, blustery day, but that didn't deter 24 Northern Lites from showing up for eats & camaraderie. It was great to see **Wes & Bette Briest** again after months of recuperation from more surgery for Wes. **Auldin "Gunny" Gunderson** & his wife, **Bonnie**, were welcomed back also. Bonnie will have undergone surgery by the time this is read; we pray that it is successful.

**Janet Meyer** recapped the fundraiser held for our still-active colleague whose husband will have heart/liver transplant surgery soon. The proceeds from the silent auction and bake sale netted over \$4,000, \$720 of which was donated by the retirees. The outpouring of generosity by our members for one of our own is heart-warming.

It was pointed out in the November issue of the newsletter in the Oregon Dew-ers news that one of their members, **Lila Blough**, has moved to our area. She was contacted & invited to join us for lunch but was unable to come. Maybe we'll get a chance to meet her in December. We want everyone who lands in MN to know that you're welcome!

A concerted effort is being made to contact recent retirees in MN & WI to make sure that they're aware of RUAEA and the chapters near them. We want to encourage them to join RUAEA & become part of the "after-United" family in their vicinity and around the country.

We wish to extend our condolences to **Diane & Lee Storlie** on the death of Diane's mother. Her last few



months were hard ones, both for her & the Storlies. **JoAnn Eichacker & Jan Hannah** are still coping with aging parents & the problems that can arise for folks in their late 80's to early-90's. Our thoughts & prayers are with them.

Speaking of JoAnn, her back surgery was successful but now she's facing gall bladder surgery as well as trying to take care of her Mom, too. It never rains but it pours.

#### Calendar:

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 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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There were 60 who enjoyed the spaghetti and friendship at Sons of Italy. Our thanks to **Gary & Linda** for hosting and doing all that work. It was great to see **Nick Nekonchuk; Van VanHouten; Lorraine Stanfield & Ralph; Charlie & Pat Shook; Margie & Mike Stiles; Jim & Penny Sophir; Tom & Rose Langan; Harold Rowe** and his wife; and **Harley & Beverly Hughes**.

**Hilde Schwan** came using a crutch. On October 24, she had arthroscopic surgery for a torn cartilage and they also scraped the bone. At the same time, her sister, who lived next door to Hilde & Dick, was found dead, apparently suffering a heart attack. Our sympathy to Hilde for the loss of her sister.

**Bracston Olds** had surgery on October 9 to remove 4 feet of his intestines that were completely dead. While on the operating table, he suffered a mild heart attack. After several days in the hospital, he went home and after 4 days he started hemorrhaging through his incision. Back to the hospital, where they had to completely redo the surgery. He is at home and doing better. Cards may be sent to 3440 Belvedere Blvd., Omaha, NE 68111.

You will remember back in July, I mentioned a group of women, called the "Iowa Cookie Crumbs" who make and mail cookies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. At our July meeting, we took up a collection to help these women with the cost of their mailings. There was a great article in the Omaha-World Herald on October 27 about what they did. It said this group packed their October shipment of 400 dozen cookies.

Think of it – that's a lot of cookies and lots of boxes to mail, and they do it every month. I'm sure they get a lot of gratification when they hear from those service people who receive them. Our own **Toni Longmeyer** is one of the Cookie Crumbs. Thank you, Toni.

**Georgia Egr** had knee replacement on November 13 at Bergan Mercy Hospital. At age 92, she had been doing exercises getting ready for her surgery. She is quite a lady. Doctor told her she was in great shape to have this surgery and the exercises would help her heal faster.

**Peggy Casebeer** said that **Gail Young, Joe Mangiamelli's** uncle, passed away November 1 in San Francisco. Gail started his UAL career here in Omaha in approximately 1959.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 8** - Old Country Buffet – 144<sup>th</sup> & Center

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#### LAS VEGAS

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Happy and healthy New Year to everyone! We were saddened to lose some of our "Gambler" members in 2007. We look forward to a brighter 2008.

I'm happy to be serving as Secretary for the coming months; and I want to thank **Baldor Ziel** for doing such a wonderful job for the past two years. He's very "savy" with the computer, and we all appreciate his efforts.

We also want to thank **John Albert** for continuing to serve as President, **George Fox** as Vice President, and **Jean Frasco** as Treasurer. **Mike & Eleanor Vasko** have always contributed much time and effort to keep our Chapter of RUAEA going. Without all these wonderful people, we could and would not continue as a Chapter.

We love to get together with our fellow retirees and share some camaraderie. Thank you, RUAEA, and thank you United Airlines. We had good jobs for many years, and were paid quite well. Thank God we can enjoy some retirement from those years. We count our blessings.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 12** - Meeting

**April 8** - Meeting



## **RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP**

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With our healthy treasury balance, some of the funds was used to help subsidize our Christmas luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. There were 34 attendees at our November meeting at the Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia Street. The members in attendance at today's meeting agreed to once again collect **NON-PERISHABLE** food items for the Food Bank. John will leave the trunk open on his Envoy (look for the sign) so that you can leave your food donation there.

RUAEA: **Ron Bertacini** planned to attend our December meeting. The convention dates for next year are May 18 to 24, the week before Memorial Day weekend.

Attending members at today's meeting also agreed to change the meeting date and location to: Heidi's Restaurant, 2450 S. Virginia St. (across the street from the Black Bear Diner). **The date of the meeting will change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, that is, MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008.**

**Pat Miller**, newly elected President of the newly formed Clipped Wings group in Reno was present at our meeting today. She also plans to join our group – Welcome! Clipped Wings meet on Tuesdays. Please let me know if you want more specific information.

We are glad to see **Lloyd Stephens** back after his surgery and **Ann Batty** after her mishap. Welcome back – good to see you both! We are saddened to report the death of **Pat Steenrod**. She had been able to make our meetings until she became seriously ill earlier this year. She died August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Ralph Mischker**. November birthday was celebrated by **Tom Diehl**. **Kathy & Joe Robinson** kindly donated a crystal platter won by **Elizabeth Brown**, a crystal bowl won by **Louise Smith** and a black duffle bag won by **Inez Rutherford**.

Time to think about running and/or volunteering to take on an office for 2008. While John, Mary and I have been doing it a while, we would be glad to share the fun! Offices are: President, Secretary and/or Newsletter Editor and Treasurer.

## **UARGC**

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Attention all Golfers!

There has been some behind the scenes preparation for our 2008 UARGC GOLF INVITATIONAL that will be played in Mesquite, NV April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We have been able to secure a good room rate at the Eureka Hotel, \$45.00 S/D. This rate is good Sunday – Thursday. Golf check in is Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and play days are Tues - Wed – Thurs.

Look for further details in the February issue and on the Home Page of the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)

## **NEW JERSEY**

### **THE GARDEN STATERS**

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The Gardenstaters met on November 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. 59 people attended. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a Flag Salute, and then had a moment of silence for **Bob Eckert** who passed away.

Rumors abound saying that United is about to merge with Delta. We shall see.

The next reunion will be in Pittsburgh, PA; since it is so close to New Jersey, we expect a lot of members to attend.

**Gene & Ada Enfield** just celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to both of you.

Many gifts were brought in for the Toys for Tots; **Dick Confer** thanked everyone for their generosity. **Gene Kilcommens** is in charge in the absence of **Jerry Confer**.

Every table had Santa Clauses on them and there were many holiday gifts for Door Prizes, thanks to Dick Confer. There were 16 people who won the gifts.

Hunterton Playhouse is going to have Tony Pace again in February; we will get a date to attend. I know Vi will go, she was dancing in her seat.

Minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

Dick thanked everyone for attending. We all wish everyone a very happy holiday and healthy New Year.

## **Calendar:**

**Jan. 30 - Meeting.**



## NEW YORK

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The banquet room of the Millerridge Inn was bustling at the seams with ninety-nine Metro members & guests for their annual Christmas luncheon. Several members took it upon themselves to chauffeur members who no longer drive. Thank you, **Frank Kittle** for driving Miss **Nell Napolitano**, and dapper **Dan Duran** had guest **Bill Guenther** as his driver. Car pooling, is something to think about for our monthly meetings?

As always, **Jim Richardson** started the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a small prayer while lighting the first candle on the Chanukah Menorah. Treasurer **Paul Cohen** explained the "Ceremony of Lights" afterwards. A very appropriate idea Jimbo, being it was the first day of Chanukah.

The final tally for the position of chapter president was overwhelmingly to keep **Jim Richardson** for another two years as president. He's been doing an outstanding job!

The Metro Chapter voted, via paper ballot, 1) to cancel the January meeting 2) to have The July picnic at Belmont raceway, 3) the August picnic to be held at Wantagh Town Park and 4) the Arthur Shepherd President's Award recipient, to amend the Metro chapter By-laws and to keep a uniform system of voting.

**Mary Shepherd** and sons Ron & Dennis, assisted in the presentation of the Arthur Shepherd President's Award to **John Klos**. John retired from JFK Operation in 2002 and joined the Metro retirees soon after. For the last few years, John has taken on the responsibility of assistant chef and then full chef at our annual barbeques. A big job for a quiet, laid back man. Congratulations John!

**Jim Richardson** was in awe when it was announced that he was the winner of the **John Pucillo** Award, which is given to the person that has done an outstanding job for the improvement of the New York Metros Chapter of RUAEA. Jim was in the forefront of finding a new place for our monthly meeting. It took almost a year of driving from Brooklyn to try different restaurants on Long Island, to be sure they can accommodate our chapter, A) Parking, B) not too many steps and C) good food, all were on the top of the list, also D) price. Jimbo, you're doing a great job!

John Pucillo's daughters Linda & Irene were on hand for the presentation. They are honorary guests for the Christmas Luncheon.

Once again **Diane & Leo Talochino**, **Rosemary & Joe Totaro** did a great job setting up the centerpieces, which **Jim & Kathy Richardson** purchased and put together.

Jimbo received a thank you note from **Dot Smith**, (631) 499-0697, for thoughts & prayers. Ditto for **Mike Schroeder**, (631) 472-1563. **Maryanne Ferrara** underwent serious surgery that lasted about 7 hours, (516) 938-8176. She is doing better. **Dave Curtin**, (516) 541-1586, is recuperating from a stroke.

Birthday greetings to **Vic Auletta** on Dec. 13, he'll be 90 years young. **Mary Shepherd** will celebrate her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup>. She now dances with a cane. I think she wants to join vaudeville for a soft shoe routine.

It was good seeing some familiar faces at the luncheon: **Hal Malesardi**, **Yvonne Guella**, **Dan Duran**, **Dick Holdsworth**, **Eleanor & Tony Locastro**. Also, **Marion Cardacino** and **Carol Cenkus**. We love to see more of you at the monthly meetings.

### Calendar:

**Jan. 2** – Meeting cancelled

**Feb. 8** – 12 Noon – Per Un Angelo, Wantagh, NY

**March 5** – 12 Noon – Per Un Angelo, Wantagh, NY

**April 2** – 12 Noon – Per Un Angelo, Wantagh, NY

## OHIO

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There were 88 people in attendance at the Ohio Buckeyes annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the third year that **Dave & Marie Placko** have hosted this festive event. It was held at MarCal's Restaurant & Lounge located in Middleburg Hts. All had a great time. Thanks again Dave & Marie.

The menu consisted of Roasted Boneless Pork Loin, served over stuffing with applesauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables; Baked Scrod, topped with seasoned breadcrumbs and served with rice and vegetables & Chicken Supreme, lightly breaded breast of chicken fried and topped with broccoli and hollandaise. It was served on a bed of rice. Tossed Salad, rolls & butter, and dessert. A cash bar was available. The food was delicious and the service was great.

Pres. **Carol Hacker** presented Life Membership Certificates to 15 members. The certificate read: *On behalf of the Members of the "Ohio Buckeyes", United*

*Airlines Cleveland Retirees, we hereby Honor you with a Lifetime Membership. In recognition of your contribution as one of the Original Members who assisted in the organization of the "Ohio Buckeyes" - Ohio Chapter of RUAEA.*

Present were: **Kathryn Baran, John Jesky, Betty & Victor Taylor.** The remaining certificates will be mailed to **Kay Connelly, Ruth Fraunfelder, Vera Hall, Frances Howe, Eileen Lewis, Leonhard Luffler, Lloyd Rhea, David & Emily Robinson, Marilyn Gschwend & Robert Straub.**

Pres. Carol thanked all the individuals that helped her during this past year. This included the callers, officers & the people that host the Chapter's monthly luncheon. This also included **John Taucher & Bernie Garrah** for handling e-mail etc. She was happy to announce that all the luncheons for the months of 2008 have been filled. She also mentioned that we lost one alternate "Caller" this year. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact one of the officers.

The members would like to thank Carol for her continued dedication to this Chapter. We realize that she has been dealing with many health problems, but through it all she is always there.

It was great to see long time members **Vic & Betty Taylor.** Vic has had many medical problems this past year, but he is looking great and is in good spirits. Betty has been his guardian angel through it all. Vic celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this past Oct. Congratulations! Vic talked about St. Herman's House in Cleveland. He has been associated with this foundation for many years.

**Shari Herman** had a craft table set up at the luncheon with various items for sale, which were donated by Chapter members. The proceeds will benefit St. Herman's House. A check in the amount of \$700 will be sent to St. Herman's House. This includes funds collected at our July picnic, our Christmas luncheon & proceeds from the craft table. Thank you all for being so generous. The proceeds will benefit the homeless shelter and its hot meal center. Many thanks to Shari for her endless time & effort for this worthwhile cause. **John Kercel** told us that he had taken donations of clothes etc. to St. Herman's, which benefits not only men, but also women and children. God Bless.

The following 50/50 winners were: **John Kercel, Sharon Gatesman & Andy Plasak.**

We have lost many valuable members this past year. In Jan, long time members **Joe & Bette Rowan** passed away within 5 hrs. of each other. In March, **Caleb Neth's** beloved wife **Eleanor** passed away after a long & courageous fight with cancer.

Long time member **Andrew Tubbs** passed away in May. Non-members, but part of the United family that passed away are: **John Molenda**, Mechanic, **Joyce Amaddio**, Flight Attendant & **Johnny Johnson**, Ramp

Serviceman. Vice-Pres. **Sharon Minelli's** granddaughter lost her beloved husband Justin. Please continue to keep these people and their families and loved ones in your prayers.

The year of 2007 has seen many of our members dealing with minor as well as major health issues. The power of prayers and cards, really do make a difference in a person's recovery.

Can you believe that another year is about to come to an end? I feel truly blessed that I am a member of this Chapter. I look forward to the coming year and look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh at the RUAEA Convention.

Remember there will be no Jan. meeting. Callers will call about the Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting being held at Dimitri's Restaurant

#### Calendar:

**Jan.** - No meeting.

**Feb. 5** - This is a Tues. at Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., Cash.

### OREGON

#### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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There were 88 at our Thanksgiving luncheon and of course, the bakers in the chapter outdid themselves by bringing some delicious desserts. The winners were: **Gene King** (door prize); **Mel Martin** (birthday) and **Margaret Borbely** (50/50). No one attending had a November anniversary.

**Bob Ogden**, one of our retirees, has a 17 year old granddaughter Olivia, who is working with the National Marrow Donor Registry, trying to get potential donors for either bone marrow via a surgical procedure or peripheral blood stem cells via a non-surgical procedure. Olivia lost her sister Natalie to brain cancer in 1998 at the age of 9 and was her constant companion while she endured the treatments associated with her disease. I would also like to mention that Bob's daughter, Jill, underwent a peripheral blood stem donation for a patient in Michigan.

While babysitting grandchildren back east, **Jane Futrell** fell down some stairs and suffered bruises & other injuries. **Bill Shaw** came to her rescue and flew back to help her on the trip home. **Dick Clack** recently had hip surgery and **Bob Tibbetts** was sent a get well card.

I am sorry to report on two deaths in our chapter. **Bob Zedekar** died on November 27<sup>th</sup>. He was able to come to the Thanksgiving luncheon with his son Steve. He told me his dad had a feeling it would be his last luncheon. Bob retired in March of 1983 as a Senior Sales Rep. in Sacramento, although he started in Los Angeles and worked in Seattle for many years. Steve would love to hear from anyone who could share stories with him about his dad. The address to write is Steve Zedekar, 31206 NE 95<sup>th</sup> Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604. **Bob Lorts**, husband of **Veulah** (PDXHH) died on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob had been in foster care for three years and Veulah faithfully visited him almost every day. We send our condolences to both families.

Here's to a happy and prosperous New Year.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls 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. 9** - Social

**Feb. 13** - Valentine's Day & Ice Cream Social

**March 12** - Social



#### OUR CLUB

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**Alberta & Russ Randall** hosted the December 7 holiday luncheon for 28 OUR Club members at the Grants Pass Golf Club's Clubhouse Grille. They made the afternoon exceptionally festive with seasonal music playing in the background, beautiful table decorations, candy dishes for each person, door prizes and good cheer abounding. **Mary & Herb Crees** provided lovely floral centerpieces for the tables. After a delicious lunch shared with equally enjoyable company, we conducted the 50/50 drawing and gave away a huge basket filled with an array of delectable goodies, as well as all of the pretty centerpieces and table décor.

Following lunch, **Jane Frincke** and **Robert Machado** gave an update on members **Barbara Hickox**, **Lon & Yvonne Vigil** (Yvonne is recovering from cracked vertebrae), and **Marge Calkins**. Hearts went out to **Marge Calkins** whose shattered elbow necessitated surgery in November. Marge is home now and recuperating in good spirits. Those good spirits are

testament to her positive attitude as she recovers with her favored hand and arm hobbled by a cast and sling.

Hearty congratulations are in order to **Herb Crees** who celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday in November.

During the business meeting, the following were elected officers for 2008:

➔ President - **Jane Frincke**

➔ Secretary - **Robert Machado**

➔ Treasurer - **Laurie Jordan**

In addition, **Alberta Randall** has graciously agreed to continue as our Sunshine/Social Secretary, **Donna Andrews** as the Charity Secretary and **Elaine Ellis** as the Speaker Coordinator.

The chapter members also voted to donate funds to the Rogue Valley Humane Society and the Josephine County Food Bank as OUR Club's annual charitable contributions.

We missed **Jim & Eirlys McIntosh** who will soon be returning from "down under" - a long-awaited vacation in Tasmania. We're anxious for their return, to hear all about their travels to such a unique and exotic destination. We also missed **Lorraine Presley** who was in Washington State attending to family business.

It appears we'll be missing a lot more members come January, as several couples chatted about heading south when Old Man Winter digs his heels into the Rogue Valley.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 4** - TBA

**Feb. 1** - TBA

**March 7** - TBA

#### PENNSYLVANIA

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Well, I have a major correction to our last report. Not only did I incorrectly spell Treatie's first name, but I got her last name wrong also. It should have been **Treatie Karwoski** from PIT. She was planning to attend our November 19<sup>th</sup> committee meeting, not **Trudy Krzemienski** as reported in error. So sorry Treatie.

President **Joe Brad** and his wife **Gail**, Treasurer **Tom Lyons** and his wife **Pat**, **Frank & Marge Egges**, **Lew Meyer**, **Shirley Roberts**, **Albert & Betty Pyle**, **Joyce Lindenmuth**, **Kathy & Al Edwards**, **Bernie & Mona McNamee**, **Paul & Donna Lynn**, **Marilyn Sonderman** and I enjoyed an afternoon at the American

Music Theater in Lancaster, PA. We saw a spectacular performance, their annual Christmas show. Unfortunately, **Walt Sonderman** could not attend due to the death of his brother. Walt was in Germany for the funeral. Several friends were able to join us. Bernie and some of the Independents met at the Cracker Barrel for lunch before the show.

President **Joe Brad** opened our Veterans Day meeting by calling on all the veterans in the room to come forward and stand before the flag. **Jim Fanto, Ralph Baker, Frank Egges, Dee Burrs, Al Edwards, Lew Meyer, Frank Bichetti, Al Pyle, Tom Lyons and Dick Devinney** were recognized. Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America.

**Gail Brad** baked a cake in the shape of a peace ribbon to be raffled off. The lucky winner was **Dick Devinney**. **Frank Bichetti** won the free lunch and I won the 50/50! Our speaker was Maureen McKoy, Associate State director from AARP, Pennsylvania. She spoke on the Health Care and Financial Security issues that are current concerns of AARP. She had a Q & A and gave out prizes.

Joe concluded the meeting by reading a moving description of the average military soldier.

We held our annual Christmas party and the last meeting of 2007 on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn. We had 40 retirees attend and **Cathy Edwards** was in charge of the silent auction and entertainment. President **Joe Brad** offered the blessing before we enjoyed the buffet. Unfortunately, our keyboard virtuoso, **Maerlene Manning** and her husband, **Mel**, were unable to attend at the last minute. Hope you both are feeling better and that we will see you next year. We enjoyed recorded Christmas and Holiday music with our meal.

There were lots of prizes and games. One of our games was a cards toss. We tried to throw greeting cards (one at a time) into a basket located several feet away. Our winners were: **Tom Lyons** and **Ken Medrow**. They tied with 15 cards each.

We also played Christmas Bingo and had a record 13 winners!

There was a silent auction. 21 hand made gifts were donated and raffled off. Ramada generously donated an overnight stay for two including breakfast which was also raffled off. Our lucky winner was **Ked Medrow** again. This generous gift plus the silent auction turned out to be a fantastic fund raiser.

To conclude the luncheon, **Ralph Baker** led an impromptu a capella sing along. Thank you, Ralph. I know that we caught you by surprise but you came through for us again this year.

Now we take our winter break and wish our snowbirds safe journey to the warmer climates. We do not meet in January or February. Our next meeting is March 10, 2008.

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 25** - Committee Meeting - 12:30PM at the Edwards'

**March 10** - Next General meeting, 12:30PM Ramada Inn



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Happy and Healthy New Year! My apologies to all the Pit-Stopppers for not getting a column out last month. The annual Christmas luncheon held too late for this edition, will be covered next month. The Golden Girls luncheon will also be covered next month.

Sadly, we report the recent passing of **Frank "Gus" Gustafson**. Gus was one of the good guys. He was a senior agent in PITTR and will be remembered for his war stories which he was very proud of. Gus was also the recipient of the original 9 rocking chairs presented to the retirees in PITTR. So many good memories. Our condolences to his widow **Janet**. Cards can be sent to her at 2226 Hampton St., Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

The Chapter is pleased to announce several new members. They are **Mary Jane Stewart, Georgia Garcia, Angel Angellica, Diane & Art Proviano, Olga Karmazyn, Ray & Charlotte Sellers, Elsie Rearick** and **Charles & Audrey Poppenger Thorn**. Welcome Aboard!

Now is the time to start planning to attend the 2008 RUAEA Convention. Come and help celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We promise yunz will enjoy.

#### TENNESSEE

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A private upstairs room at the Green Hills Grille in Knoxville was the location of our year end meeting **Mike & Barbara Chapin** planned a special luncheon and meeting. In keeping with the season, they had decorated the tables with lovely pumpkin centerpieces which were later given away as door prizes. To help us celebrate the Holiday Season, we were entertained by Four Leaf Peat - an Irish band which has played at Dolly-



wood and at several locations and events in Knoxville. We were entertained with Irish jigs, reels and even Irish Polkas! The band also demonstrated their unique instruments which included a 96 string "wing instrument" and an Irish elbow bagpipe. We really enjoyed our entertainment and the time spent by Mike and Barb in planning our meeting.

The sick list is quite long this month. It includes **Jo Madden**, former RUAEA Newsletter Editor, **Rachel Adkins** who is having a rough time as she undergoes chemo and radiation treatment, **Bob & Lois Tuttle** who are currently selling their home and moving back up North to an Assisted Care Facility due to Bob's recent stroke, **Phyllis Dale** who is still undergoing chemo treatments and **Bob & Sylvia Rotiski** who are both having health problems.

We re-elected the same officers for the next two years. They are **Herman Emmel** - President, **Betty Shipe** - Vice President, **Beverly Emmel** - Secretary, **Mike Chapin** - Treasurer and **Mary Lou Barr** - Sunshine person.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Jack Ball**. Door prizes were won by: **Terry Taylor**, **Dave & Patty Leonhardt**, **Al & Jeanne Barkmann**, **Don & Jackye Jeacock** and **Bob & Dorothy Goodette**.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 17** - Hosts **Terry Taylor** (865-408-1453) and **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr** (865-458-0815). Location to be announced.

**Feb. 21** - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

March 20 - Hosts **Jeanne & Al Barkmann** (865-539-0951). Location to be announced.

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On November 21, 14 chapter members met for coffee, donuts, & "Mrs. Fields" cookies, bought in by **Sandy Cantonwine**, **Clair Anderson**, & **Bill Ottman**. Thanks - Sandy, Clair, and Bill!

The SLC chapter has been in existence, continuously, since Oct. 1984. Retirees from all around the system have enjoyed meeting with the local retirees, and they loved exchanging their company's experiences with one another. It was always a pleasure to listen to their stories, regardless of where they were employed by

the company. During our last meeting's discussion, it was generally agreed that UAL was a good company to work for; it had provided us with sufficient salaries to purchase our homes and educate our children.

We are now without a volunteer chapter president & a chapter VP. Thus, all publishing duties are squarely put upon Art Scott, as well as on the secretary. For many years, Art has been a constant & reliable member of our group and has willingly taken on the editor's duties. We are always grateful for his time, effort, & talents in putting together the local newsletter that "binds us together as a group" - especially so, as most of our chapter members do not subscribe to the National Newsletter with its system-wide net of retirees info.

Special thanks also go to **Bill & Shirley Ottman**, both of whom have long volunteered for the duties of treasurer and of potluck coordinator, respectively.

On December 5, 21 chapter members met for a delicious Christmas potluck lunch at **Lila Maughan's** Condo Community Center, made warm & cozy with Christmas tree & fireplace decorations. Thank you, Lila, for your kindness in reserving the place; and a hearty thank-you to **Betty Davis** for helping Lila in this task. Also thanks to all who helped in placing the necessary tables/chairs - and to those who worked on the cleanup after the meeting!

We missed a number of regulars, among them **Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine**, **Douglas Roberts**, **Aletha Cannon**, **Kaye Nelson**; we hope all is well with them. - **Shirley Scown** persuaded her son Mike to take off from work to join us for about an hour, before he had to return to his workplace. **Art Scott** was accompanied by friend Carol.

After lunch, the formal part of the year's-end meeting was opened up for chapter business matters, at which time chapter officers were elected or retained. Fairly recently retired **Clair Anderson** will be President of our SLC RUAEA chapter, and the search is still ongoing for a chapter VP. **Bill Ottman** kindly agreed to stay on as Chapter Treasurer, while **Brigitte Murdock** will continue as Correspondent.

Also changed was the long-standing custom of meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month, something that had become an ingrained practice for the past 23 years. Please note that the Salt Lake Chapter will, from now on, meet every **1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of each month**. The new schedule, effective Feb. will be prepared & sent out with the next local newsletter, handled & capably published by **Art Scott**. A big thank-you to Art for his long-standing service as newsletter editor & photographer!

#### Calendar:

Next meeting (still on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday):

**Jan. 16** - Coffee Time 10am Murray Heritage Center - 10 E. 6150 S. State, Murray/UT

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



We met at Fairwood Country Club in Renton November 13 with 54 members present and enjoyed a delicious luncheon. **Lyle & Joanna Myers** were our hosts. Since the preceding Sunday was Veterans' Day, we honored our veterans in attendance by asking them to stand so we could applaud them for their service to our country. Quite a large number stood and received our appreciation. One of our veterans, **Don Hanson**, continues to serve our country and all of us by acting as chaplain at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA.

Following our meeting, **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** once again took the books from our book exchange to donate to the Fort Lewis USO in Tacoma for the benefit of our service men and women.

Some of our members recuperating from surgery are **Dick Waterous** and **Virginia Marion**. Also, we were pleased to learn that retired vice president **Ed Clay**, has moved back to our area and is residing at 933 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N.E., Apt. 317, Bellevue, WA 98004. Ed would like to attend our meetings if he can join a carpool; anyone interested in doing so, please drop Ed a line.

**Bob Brumfield** reported on the passing of **Lois Sharpe's** mother and also retired SEAFO employee **Pat Kussman**. Bob talked about United's relatively good baggage handling statistics compared with British Airways which has very poor results. He also mentioned that the Seattle travel desk now has a second telephone with a headset, which is a definite plus for the volunteers working the travel desk.

**Noreen Krawczyk** and **Richard Devereux** helped with the door prizes and the 50/50 raffle, and the door prize winners were **Don Anderson**, **Jeannine Anderson**, **Ruth Strange**, **Ken Wagner**, **Phyllis Bowman**, **Jeff Roberts** and **Jerry Gogulski**. The 50/50 winner was **Adelaide Haferbecker**.

On November 10, another successful SEARR reunion was held at Kona Kitchen restaurant in Seattle. As were the previous ones, this was organized by **Cris LeGassey** and **Sue Crane**. About 70-80 people attended, some coming from as far away as Indianapolis (**Roger Hamilton**) and even as far as Pinehurst, NC (**Elaine Moody**). Some of the first timers for this gathering were **Nancy Senter**, **Ann Stevens**, **Caroline Paulson**, **Janice Kintner**, **Glen & Pat Burmark**, **Carolyn & Lyman White**, **Paula Barrett**, **Joanne**

**Eberhardt** and **Lu Gardiner**. **Kermit the Frog**, a long-time fixture in the SEARR Tower, was a special guest, complete with ID badge!

We were saddened by the unexpected passing of member **Kay Cook** on November 19, following apparently successful heart surgery November 5. Kay was the widow of the late **Lyell Cook**, retired manager of the Seattle Flight Kitchen. She is survived by three married children and several grandchildren.

Our annual chapter dues of \$10 are due after the first of the year. Checks should be made payable to RUAEA and mailed to Treasurer **Helen Stanger**, 2449 W. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Or better yet, come to our next luncheon and pay in person.

**Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad** were feted at a party in their honor December 2 to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The SEACS group held their quarterly meeting December 6 at the Black Bear restaurant in Federal Way. **Al Drake** and **Bob Brumfield** organized the meeting. A special guest was retired SEACS supervisor, **Jack Fairchild**. Jack and his wife Lois have been living in Maui but are planning a move back to the mainland.

A group of mechanics met at the Hangar Inn at Thun Field in Puyallup on December 14. **Bob Martin** makes arrangements for these meetings every even-numbered month. Another mechanics' gathering takes place at Denny's in Burien the first Thursday of every month. The flight attendants have their monthly meetings also, but I don't have any details on their meetings.

### Calendar:

**Jan. 8** - Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**Feb. 12** - Luncheon Meeting (honoring past presidents), Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**March 11** - Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**April 8** - Meeting, Location to be announced

**May 13** - Meeting, Location to be announced

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Thanks again to **Les & Vera Graham** who hosted yet another great Christmas Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had a great turn out, 22 in all. It was the first time the group had gotten together since February. The gift ex-

change was fun for everyone and everyone who was present paid their 2008 dues. The meal and the service at Chic-a-Ria were great, as always.

The weather in the Northwest has been wet and windy on the coast as well as Spokane. However, we are very lucky compared to the Seattle and Portland area with winds up to 125 miles per hour. We hope the flooding and rains stop soon and your power gets restored. The snow we had accumulated has all melted and today we had blue sky, if only for a little while.

The fantasy flight was held December 8<sup>th</sup>, **Gary & Sharon Holmes** and their many helpers made it a dream come true for the children. Thank you to all that helped with making it great.

The Spokane Chapter wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season. We also send our prayers to our brave military men and women everywhere who are making it possible for freedom to endure.

#### Calendar:

**Jan.** - Hosted by **Sharon & Gary Holmes (\*)**

**Feb.** - Hosted by **Ed Meadows (\*)**

(\*) - Your hosts will be calling you with details of time and place.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Our monthly meeting at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA began with the addition of some new faces from last year's closing of IADRR, the more the merrier. We started off with the installation of new officers. Our 2008/2009 Dulles Loungers Officers will be:

- President - **Linda Scriven**
- Vice President - **Mari McColl**
- Secretary - **Peg Blanchet**
- Treasurer - **Judy Dunlap**

We would like to thank the Dulles Loungers in their support of the Officers who helped **Dave Cox** continue with the group. **Peg Blanchet** and **Judy Dunlap** are new additions as officers. We are very sorry that we are losing two of our great people – **Camilla Warner** and **Kerrie Schneider**. Without them, we would have had much difficulty in the transition. Thank you both so much. Also a big thank you to Linda and Mari for their continued hard work making the Dulles Loungers a successful and fun group of people.

We will be collecting for SERVE again this year at our Dec. meeting. We had a guest speaker visit us from

SERVE, **Jan Hawkins**, who expressed their appreciation for the generosity extended to them in 2006 when our group donated over 900 pounds of goods to the needy. They need our help more than ever and ask that we donate non-perishable foods such as: *spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, dried beans (1 pound bags), rice, cold cereal, hot cereals, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, baked beans, peanut butter, canned meat or fish, soup, toilet paper, anti-bacterial soap/cleanser, paper towels, Clorox, disposable latex gloves, new bath towels.* Checks may be made payable to SERVE, Inc. and dropped off or mailed to 10056 Dean Drive, Manassas VA 20110, Attn.: Jan Hawkins. No time to shop? Monetary donations for food purchases are also welcome.

Get well soon News: **David Cox**, 8902 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20110, is awaiting another bone marrow test this month. We all need to keep him in our prayers that he'll receive some good news. He's getting stronger each day, with Tina's encouragement, but is still on constant oxygen. Calls (703) 368-7696, cards and prayers are welcome. He is especially grateful for all the cards sent by our Dulles Loungers.

On November 26, **Nora DiFelice**, wife of **Vince DiFelice** was admitted to the Alexandria Hospital with pneumonia. She is expected to remain there for at least 5 days and then continues her recovery at home. Please send your cards to her at 2105 Minor Street, Alexandria VA 22302. Get well soon Nora!

A note from **E. K. Williams** told us about **Val Jones**, wife of **Don Jones**. Val recently had gall bladder surgery but is now home. Cards would be appreciated and may be sent to 12 Four Springs Lane, Amissville, VA 22002.

Received word that **Max Mossholder** had to have part of his right leg amputated due to complications from diabetes. Max has been released from the hospital and is home now with Annie. He has a positive attitude and is being fitted for a prosthesis. You can mail get well wishes to 101 Beverly Drive, Winchester, VA 22602 or call him at (540) 667-9245.

**Jake Philipoon** is continuing his fight with cancer. He receives hormone injections that are causing him a few problems and prevented him from attending the November meeting. He and Charlotte also struggled with an annoying refrigerator that was determined to give them a headache! Please let him know he is in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to: 4330C Cannonridge Court, Fairfax, VA 22033.

You can always go to [www.dullesloungers.com](http://www.dullesloungers.com), "Sunshine News", for updates on members. Be sure to also check out "Airline Humor", courtesy of our fantastic webmaster, **Bud Reed**.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include a card to the following:

*A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001*

Let's remember those who have fought for us!

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It was exciting to see our first article appear in the December RUAEA Newsletter. I am looking forward to writing monthly articles until my term is up as National Vice President.

Traditionally, the month of November is the month chapters remember and celebrate our Founder, **Jacque Jos Ceaser**. Most chapters celebrate sometime in November, with our National President trying to visit as many of the events as possible, to share our national news.

Presently, we have 32 chapters. The Reno Chapter has returned from inactive status, and by the next newsletter, we should have our newest chapter on board in New Hampshire (MHT). Our chapters are spread throughout the US, and we are always interested in starting new ones. They are as follows: **ATL, BWI, BOS, CHI, DEN, DSM, DTW, LAS, LAX, MAR, MIA, MKE, EWR, OAK, ORD, OMA, OCC (Orange County), PAP, PHX, PIT, PDX, RDW, RNO, STL, SAN, SJC, SEA, SMF (Sierra Mountain Foothills), RSW, TWC, DCA.**

Each of our 32 chapters holds their meetings once a month depending on the weather. They, also, participate with their charities throughout the year, and hold other special events. I am not sure exactly what will be of interest to all of you; however, I would like to start this month off with some of these events, and special recognitions of members.

**Phylliss Gold Bernstein's (MAL)** volleyball team from Arlington, TX was chosen to attend the World Olympics, as one of two teams from the US. **Marta Morgan Rash (MAL)** qualified in San Jose with a Silver Medal, and went on to win the Gold Medal at the Northern California Special Olympics Golf Championships. **Irene "Reni" Morgan (MAL)** is our oldest member and, perhaps, the oldest stewardess in the world, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last February. **Francine Novak Manilow (ORD)** was named "Chicago's 2007 Business Woman of the Year".

**Some Chapter Doings:** **BWI** several members have been working hard planning, preparing and cooking meals for the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. **PDX** continues to work hard on their charity "The Sharing Tree", which is in a Portland Mall. **OCC** members volunteered, once again, at Anaheim Stadium for the DSAOC (Down Syndrome) Buddy Walk. **EWR** stuffed 40 Christmas stockings and shipped them to troops in Iraq. **PAP** sent 100 packets of unused Christmas cards to troops for the "Support The Troops Project". **MIA** assisted at the Special Olympics Invitational Golf Tournament with several members, and others. **CHI** fundraiser this year was the Oakbrook Polo Match. All proceeds from this very successful event went to their charity, Deicke Home (developmentally disabled adults). **DSM** continues to be involved as the Airport Ambassadors at the DSM Airport. **SAN** hosted their ever popular Friday evening dance for the Special Olympics Athletes at the Gymnasium.

If you are interested in joining Clipped Wings®, please write, email or call me at the above address. Until next time, Happy NEW YEAR from Clipped Wings®.

*"IT'S NICE TO BE IMPORTANT – BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO BE NICE".*

## 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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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Retiree – **BOOK, Charles A.**, on 4/2/07, HNL, husband of Mary K., 4451 Likini St., Honolulu, HI 96818-1139

Spouse - **BRAUER, Muriel**, on 4/10/07, wife of Walt, EWR, 63 Wood Ridge St, Wood Ridge, NJ 07075-2416

Retiree - **ENGEL, Dale.**, on 10/13/07, DENMM, husband of Dody, 11986 E. Arizona Dr., Aurora, CO 80012-4245

Retiree - **HARVEY, William F.**, on 9/22/07, PHLCG,  
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08053

Spouse - **LAPE, Eileen**, on 10/7/07, wife of James A.,  
DENMM, PO Box 468, Mill City, OR 97360

Retiree - **RYAN, Joseph E.**, on 10/31/07, SFOES, hus-  
band of Helen E., Get Around Dr., Maricopa AZ  
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*The following list of retirees was retrieved from the  
current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name &  
address are available:*

**September 2007 Skynet Listing**

**ALFRED, Keith E.**, SFOSH 09/02/07  
**ALLEN, Vern S.**, SFOPL 09/28/07  
**ANDRESEN, Malcolm S.**, SEAHH 09/13/07  
**BALBONI, William T.**, SFOFO 09/25/07  
**BLACKHURST, Mary H.**, DENRR 09/19/07  
**BLAISDELL, Mary Robin Lynn**, SFOSW 09/18/07  
**BORKOSKI, Edward R.**, JFKFO 09/14/07  
**BOWMAN, Russell E.**, PHLGQ 09/28/07  
**BRADFORD, Homer R.**, SFOGQ 09/12/07  
**CARNEY, Robert E.**, SFOAG 09/29/07  
**CHAPMAN, Clarence W.**, DENOO 09/29/07  
**CLAUSING, Helmut H.**, SFOMP 09/19/07  
**COBB, Billy E.**, SFOJE 09/03/07  
**CRESPO, Ernest L.**, SFOHK 09/23/07  
**DEGEN, Margaret T.**, DENHH 09/21/07  
**DICKE, Martin H.**, SEAHH 09/13/07  
**DOLAN, Richard J.**, ORDF 09/06/07  
**DUMMNIT, Charles A.**, SFOFO 09/12/07  
**ELY, Claiborne**, SFOOK 09/17/07  
**ENGLAND, Thomas M.**, SEAMM 09/30/07  
**FARMER, Robert E.**, SFOJE 09/08/07  
**FITCH, Coni R. S.**, SEASW 09/22/07  
**FOREMAN, Gary L.**, DENFF 09/03/07  
**FULCHER, Ennis T.**, BWIGQ 09/17/07  
**HAMLIN, Arthur F.**, SFOVO 09/13/07  
**HANSEN, John R.**, SFOMO 08/30/07  
**HARDISON, Lorraine A.**, CHIRR 09/19/07  
**HARVEY, William F.**, PHLCG 09/22/07  
**JORDAN SR., Steven K.**, SFOSW 09/06/07  
**KANAVLE, Charles W.**, SFOOV 09/08/07  
**KING, Mary A. E.**, ORDMK 09/25/07  
**KLUCINEC, Michael G.**, ORDMM 09/23/07  
**KNAPP, Margaret**, SFOHF 09/05/07  
**KOLBO, Clell C.**, PDXHH 07/22/07  
**KOUCHIS, Steve**, WHQRZ 09/09/07  
**LEONG, Jerome O.**, HNLMK 09/04/07  
**LEVY, Nancy A.**, LAXSW 09/14/07  
**LISSOL, John**, SFOFO 09/09/07  
**LONG, Bill D.**, TPACG 09/30/07  
**NELSON, Bonny S.**, SFOHK 09/16/07  
**ORAVEC, Andrew J.**, ORDMM 09/26/07  
**PEDERSON, Todd A.**, SFOFO 09/12/07  
**PRIOR, Mary L.**, ORDSW 09/28/07

**REED JR., Henry**, LGAJL 09/07/07  
**RODRIGUEZ, Hilario C.**, SFOGH 09/07/07  
**RUFFNER, Phyllis M.**, SFOCS 09/17/07  
**SCHINKEL, Richard A.**, SFOKA 09/10/07  
**SERGENTI, David L.**, SFOLM 09/18/07  
**SMITH, Kenneth R.**, SFOCS 09/27/07  
**SMITH, Leland A.**, DENTR 09/25/07  
**SMITH, Willie**, SFOMK 09/14/07  
**SNYDER, Jon L.**, SFOCE 09/18/07  
**STEVERSON, Yewell**, LAXJL 08/27/07  
**TEETER, Barbara N.**, LAXEX 09/22/07  
**TOKIOKA, Mae S.**, HNLHH 09/08/07  
**TRAGARZ JR., Joseph S.**, ORDJL 09/05/07  
**VOSS, George A.**, WHQKA 09/06/07  
**WADE JR., Roger O.**, HNLFO 09/04/07  
**WALTER, Carl A.**, ORDFO 09/29/07  
**WARD, Albert J.**, SFOMT 09/13/07  
**WISELY, Lorraine M.**, EWRCS 09/18/07

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**BADEA, Tudor**, SEAMK 10/10/07  
**BARBER, Lois.**, ATLRR 10/25/07  
**BASHAM, Jack S.**, DENKA 10/03/07  
**BATH, Ronald G.**, SFOFO 09/30/07  
**BRIGGER, Dwight D.**, DCAJL 10/11/07  
**BURMEISTER, Fern V.**, WHQLD 10/31/07  
**CAMERON, Jimmie R.**, DENFO 10/02/07  
**CARLSON, Arline M.**, WHQAN 10/22/07  
**COATES JR, Clyde L.**, SLCCG 10/08/07  
**CONRAD, EUGENE B.**, LAXFO 10/24/07  
**DOCKENDORF, Donald O.**, LAXFF 10/15/07  
**DUNCAN, Linda M.**, LASOZ 10/26/07  
**ELLIS, George L.**, LAXRR 10/19/07  
**ELZEY-SMITH, Deborah Ramana**, LAXSW,  
10/05/07  
**EVERSULL, John H.**, BWIMM 10/26/07  
**FEBLES, John F.**, LAXMM 10/12/07  
**GALL, Walter F.**, SEAFO 10/13/07  
**GARREAU, Donald R.**, ORDF 10/24/07  
**GOPPERT, Charles W.**, DCAFO 10/18/07  
**GRICIUS, Kazys**, LAXHH 10/17/07  
**HALL, Edward S.**, LAXFO 10/02/07  
**HOLMES, Herbert D.**, OAKMG 10/14/07  
**HOLST, Jack**, DEN 10/25/07  
**HORRELL, Jack A.**, LAXFO 10/03/07  
**JAEGER, Gail A.**, DENTK 10/23/07  
**JULIENNE, Cornelis**, SFOPI 10/13/07  
**KESSLER, King R.**, SFOFO 10/27/07  
**LA TOURETTE, John R.**, LAXMM 10/01/07  
**LINCK, H Glenn G.**, SFOLX 10/01/07  
**MC GILL, Donald J.**, SEAMM 09/10/07  
**MC GOWAN, Rita C.**, HNLR 10/06/07  
**MEADOWS, Jack A.**, DENMA 10/04/07  
**MICHEL, Fred L.**, SFOFO 10/11/07  
**MILLER, Marion D.**, SEAFO 10/28/07  
**MOLEND, John H.**, CLEMM 10/04/07



**MONAGLE, James J.**, SFOEC 10/17/07  
**PARKS, June A.**, OPBCM 10/04/07  
**PINSON, Gary**, DENC G 10/28/07  
**PRUSIK, Walter**, EWRMM 10/25/07  
**ROBB, John J.**, SFOOV 10/26/07  
**SAUER, F Harold**, SFOES 10/07/07  
**SENGE, Karl H.**, SFOOV 10/26/07  
**SHELTON, Harold R.**, SFOMP 10/02/07  
**SHUTSY, Aloysius J.**, SFOMP 10/04/07  
**SMART, Troyce J.**, SFOSW 10/30/07  
**SPIVEY, Jesse**, LAXCG 10/09/07  
**STREET, Robert W.**, DCAPV 10/03/07  
**TABACEK, August R.**, SEA00 10/01/07  
**VAN WINKLE, Elmer E.**, SEAJL 10/24/07  
**WEINBRENNER, John T.**, ORDMK 10/05/07  
**WILLIAMS, Betty J.**, SFOHN 09/10/07  
**WILLIAMS, William K.**, ORDHN 10/25/07

## LETTERS

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

**Correction:** In the November 2007 issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, Letters Section reported a letter from **Jack Hersh** with an incorrect email address. The correct email address is [jhereshconsult@att.net](mailto:jhereshconsult@att.net). Please accept our apology.

Tina Acoba, Charles Adams, Jacqueline Allen Barbara Baendorf, Randy Benson, Cornelis Berghout, Mary Blum, Carolyn Bowles, Michael Bowles, Helen Cain, Ned Cash, Velma Childs, Donald Chang, Ruth Chappel, Elizabeth Concannon, Liz Crabtree, Anna Crisci, Margery Daycock, Bill Densmore, Beulah Ditzler, Marilyn Dooley, William Dubacher, Vernon Duley, Emma Giannini, Alison Grieg, Gerald Hayashi, Fernando Hermosillo, Lucy Hirst, Florence Hoy, Homer Hudelson, Lily Iwamoto, Dave Kratofil, R Elliott Laraway, John Larson, Charles Lewis, Joan Lucas, Dennis McComb, Mac McWhorter, Huguette Meyer, Eleanor Myers, Wright Pierce, Ray Reinmiller, Albert Schroeder, Sue Sealey, Frank Stout, Kazuko Tajii, Pamela Taylor, Bud Welcher, Margaret White.

### **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.)*

**Nick Romeo, 308 N. Highland Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

We appreciate reading the updated news, comments,

and traveling experiences of all the members. But it is sad reading the obituaries.

My wife, Angelina & I have just celebrated our 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, with fair health. I made my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, also. We hope to make more of BOTH. Another milestone, I am a 14 year prostate cancer survivor. I thank God, surgeons, nurses and caregiver, Angelina.

We were unable to have made it to the last convention. We will try and make it to the next one in Pittsburgh. We have not done much traveling because of hospital, doctor visits, and tests; have put us at a standstill. Maybe in the near future, we will try again.

**John P. Hutchens, 620 W. Church St., Champaign, IL 61820**

This is to inform you that Pate Hutchens, formerly of Mount Dora, FL, is now residing at Meadowbrook at Clark-Lindsey, 101 W. Windsor Road, Urbana, IL 61802. He might be in a different room before too long so I won't include the present room number. He can also receive mail at the home of his son: 620 W. Church Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

Pate was hospitalized down in FL on June 18<sup>th</sup> due to swelling in his legs. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, he broke the trochanter in the hip area, which was pinned successfully, but he has nonetheless, been non-ambulatory ever since. He was back and forth between the nursing home in their senior citizen residential area and a local hospital several times. He and his wife Mary, had been in assisted living for over a year, but she declined during the summer too, and they became roommates in the nursing home, toward the end of July. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Mary passed away. She & Pate enjoyed over 12 years of marriage. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, we moved Pate up here by private air ambulance, so he would be closer to us, and we are delighted to be seeing him daily.

Pate is 92 now. He still enjoys his newsletters (was RUAEA president 1981-83). We have the September newsletter but so far the October newsletter has not been forwarded to us.

**John "Scotty" Thomas, 810 Gonzalez Drive 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132**

I am sending a United Airlines story from many years ago:

In the late 60s and early 70s, United got into the "Outside Sales" in a big way and we were very good at it. We were sending mechanics to other airlines to work on their engines, even to Europe and South America. One of our biggest customers was World Airways over in Oakland and almost weekly, if not daily, we had mechanics shuttling back and forth between the Maintenance Base and Oakland.

One morning, when I came to work, **Steve White**,

our foreman, asked myself and **Ken Keast**, if we wanted to go to Oakland to work on a World Airway's engine. Since it usually meant some overtime, we both said "yes". We left his office and went and got a United station wagon for the trip over to Oakland. We lined up our toolboxes and the parts that we would need for the engine repairs. About that time, three mechanics, **Charlie Crawford, George Fox** and **Gerry White** came over and offered to load the wagon while Ken and I went to get the paperwork and engine logs for the job. When we came back, we jumped in the wagon and took off.

As soon as we hit Highway 101, people started blowing their horns, waving and smiling and giving us the thumbs up sign. I said to Ken that it must be that new commercial, (United had just come out with a new Friendly Skies commercial) and that we should do our part. So, all the way into San Francisco, across the Bay Bridge, down the Nimitz Freeway to the Oakland Airport, Ken and I returned all the greeting with smiles, waves and our own thumbs up signs. I told Ken that I was amazed at how successful that new commercial was.

When we got into the World Airways hanger and went to unload the station wagon, there on the back of the station wagon was a big sign, JUST MARRIED. Charlie told me later that they had also tied tin cans on the back bumper but they fell off just as we left. The next day my lead mechanic, Suite, greeted me with, "How was the honeymoon?" Ken and I took a lot of ribbing over that one.

**Walter Boyd, 17615 N. Foothills Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373**

Like many others we have not been flying at all this year. We didn't even leave the valley, in spite of the record summer temperatures (dry heat). I even started to ride a cart on the really hot days on the golf course. Most of the time I play three times a week. I try to walk and carry my clubs.

**Cal Alderman, 7000 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.**

Good Morning to all you good old UAL'ers from the North Country. Thanks for the newsletter. We look forward to receiving it every month, it is so informative. I dearly love to read about the most wonderful people and their families that I had the pleasure to work with. I worked in DEN, MSP, and SFO; I then retired in 1984. Dorothy & I are doing quite well for the shape we are in. We have a few of the senior aches and pains, but we have been blessed and enjoy each day to the fullest. We enjoy our Northern Lites Retiree chapter and when possible, attend it and have lunch, see old friends and have a great visit. God bless you all.

**Harry Gates, 3536 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene, OR 97405-1214**

I retired from United in 1994, after 40 years of employment. I worked in Pittsburgh, Toronto, Detroit, and back to Pittsburgh and have been in Eugene since 1972. We are looking forward to the convention in 2008. We hope to see many people that we knew in the past. Life has been good to us. We have traveled and raised two wonderful children. We now have two in-laws and 4 grandchildren.

Thanks for the newsletter. We enjoy it very much.

**Helen Stinnett, PO Box 21765, Keizer, OR 97307-1765**

The Salem, OR United Airlines employee and wives held their annual reunion at the Surf tides Inn, on the beach in Lincoln City, OR, October 2-5, 2007. Those in attendance were: **Ed & Alice Lambert**, Salem, OR; **Les & Mary Walling**, Klamath Falls, OR; **Orlin & Bonnie Taylor**, Orlando, FL, **Bob Edwards** of Tucson, AZ, **Gladys Koehn, Luella Amend, Trudy McAlister & Helen Stinnett**, all of Salem, OR. **Joyce & Brian Olson** of Grand Junction, CO were unable to attend. We all had a grand time visiting, eating, and reminiscing. We hope we can be together again next year.

**Delphine Perry, 10522 W., Schubert Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60164**

Things were going along well this year, until September 19<sup>th</sup>, four days before my husband & I were scheduled to leave on a Caribbean cruise. I fell in the basement and broke my ankle in two places. Surgery was performed the following day and, after a week in the hospital, I am home recuperating. The doctor says I am to stay off my feet for four to six week. What a life! I am lying around and being waited on by my husband, family and friends. And, of course, lugging around my knee high, hot pink cast.

I hope to be well soon, so I can return to my morning walks with my husband. I also miss my associations with all my RUAEA friends. Hopefully, the cruise can be rescheduled. [BilDelPerry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BilDelPerry@sbcglobal.net)

**Ginny (Madden) Kildoye, 5854 New England Woods Dr., Burk, VA 22015**

I enjoy reading the RUAEA newsletter. I read a letter from **Jean Landrieu** in NJ and she announced the passing of a NYCRR retiree, **Edith Viletta Jones** and it immediately took me back to my early days in NYCRR.

I started with United in Aug. of '69 and when I first worked on the Mainliner desk, one of the only open seats happened to be next to Miss Edie. I was the new girl and only had one year seniority and she was the veteran and a most elegant lady. This was in the days of instamatic and for those of you who remember, it had

cards with the flight schedule that we placed in the slot to register the reservation. Two agents sat at one instamatic and shared the use of the set of cards. Well, the corners of the cards would become frayed and as a result (maybe because I was a rookie), Miss Edie wouldn't let me use her cards, especially the LGA ORD and LGA DCA which were very popular. So I would reach behind me and borrow my co-workers cards. Once Miss Edie came to know me a little better and began to trust that I would take very good care of her cards, she gave in and allowed me to use her cards. I also remember that when our first computer came out, it really threw Miss Edie for a loop. I think she took the training to learn how to use it 3 times and really was convinced that they would keep an instamatic computer for her because this computer thing just wasn't her cup of tea. I was then assigned to the Long Island desk and moved across the room to sit with **Mimi Hahn**, who by the way was very impressed with my card handling talents (thanks to Miss Edie).

Miss Edie and all the wonderful people I worked with in NYCRR in the Daily News building are a major part of my happy memories of working for United. I left NY and transferred to IADRR after I married in 1972. Hello to all my former NYCRR coworkers. [ginnykildoyle@aol.com](mailto:ginnykildoyle@aol.com)

**Aubrey Bliss, 1191 Compass Ln. Apt 112, Foster City, CA 94404-3416**

Greetings, to all UAL retirees, especially those I worked with at DENCg and SFOCG.

Thanks to all those retirees who work so hard getting our newsletter out to us.

I have been retired for 20 years and the "Obit." list is getting way too long and I am getting way too old!

**Muriel Brennan, 1051 Hewitt Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070**

Sorry about not remembering the renewal date. I really appreciate the reminder.

I had worked for United for twelve years; then left for maternity leave and never returned. Vincent retired from United, so I do still like to hear about long ago friends.

**Brigitte Murdock, 1505 S. Roxbury Rd., SLC, UT 84108-2844**

Thanks to all the volunteers who make this newsletter possible. I just had my brother visiting from Germany ... and, over there; it is not, as yet, customary to have so many volunteer hours spent on community & company projects. I think it was quite an eye-opener for him to see/hear about these activities that are being done by Americans: It would cost a lot of money to pay these armies of payless volunteers!

**Earle W. Risdon, 428 River Oaks Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-4121, [erisdon@aol.com](mailto:erisdon@aol.com)**

I can't believe it is another birthday anniversary. This time, it is 82. Where does the time go? I am blessed to be in good health, and still active in many activities in Prescott. We have a great RUAEA chapter in Prescott, and we are getting ready for our annual Christmas Dinner at the historic Hassayampa Inn. My wife, Jean, gets to do all of the planning for that event. All I do is collect the checks.

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Thanks for doing such a fine job of keeping everyone informed. I like the new format of the Newsletter, and particularly the "bolding" of the names. Best wishes to the whole staff, and a very happy holiday season.

**Donna Klobe, 4058 Alla Road, Los Angeles, CA 90066**

Thank you so much for your labor of love in the publication of the Newsletter.

I'm taking my latest issue outside to sit in the sun and enjoy your many efforts.

Hal & I just loved the Sacramento convention and look forward to attending the one in Pittsburgh! Hal's home state of Pennsylvania. It is a beautiful city, we're so happy it was chosen.

Our thanks and love to all.

**Daner R. Reider, MD, LAXMD, 14681 Raintree Ln., Tustin, CA 92780**

I retired from UAL in July 2003 and have enjoyed reading the newsletter ever since I joined the organization. Although I have paid my dues after Howard Lackey urged me to join, I have not been able to attend any of the national functions because of schedule conflicts. I have kept track to most of the events and milestones as reported in the newsletter and on the SKYNET website.

As the former Regional Medical Director for UAL in Los Angeles, I have followed with a sad heart the downsizing and almost total elimination of the Medical Department in the last four years. The current organization is almost unrecognizable from the one I knew and admired. Sad series of events. Fortunately, I have been able to maintain contact with almost every one of my former staff members by having biannual luncheons near the LAX airport. We share stories of UAL as well

as personal events in our lives. It has been a great way to keep in contact with colleagues and associates. We have a great time.

One of the things that seems to occur too often is the Milestone list of current and former UAL employees who have died. It seems to me the list is longer than it should be. Yes, we all will die eventually. But, I feel many of the names on the list are often those who have died way too soon. I wonder if everyone is taking advantage of regular examinations to detect medical conditions early so cures or total control of them is possible. If not, everyone needs to start immediately to take the necessary steps to get regular exams and do it NOW. The other helpful suggestion would be to stay involved with some mentally stimulating activity. Retirement should NEVER mean sitting in a rocking chair and waiting for the end. Getting involved keeps the mind stimulated and promotes longevity.

**Maureen Williams, 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1852, chestalene@roadrunner.com**

Thank you for another year of hard work. You do a really perfect job; I hope it can continue forever. You are the "glue" that holds us together.

I have had another busy year "playing". Sure enjoyed the convention in Sacramento. Kudos to the good folks who worked so hard to put it together. I am looking forward to the next one in Pittsburgh. I have never been there, but I am open to a new adventure.

**Emily Veracka, 4315 Sea Mist Dr., Apt 165, New Smyrna, FL 32169-3952**

My thanks to all who put the newsletter together. There is a lot of company news that I appreciate. I still travel to Boston often and enjoyed the short time when Daytona Beach was served by United. Orlando is so busy but a 1952 seniority date helps a bit. Any other travel is usually with my daughter. I enjoyed the story about the extra mile of service and kindness on a weather delayed flight. It is the little things that stand out in this crazy air travel world today.

**Geryl Levelle, 13510 SE 272<sup>nd</sup> St #220, Kent, WA 98031**

I enjoy the fruits of your labors. For the past 27 years since Herb's retirement, I look forward to reading every word of the newsletter. I sometimes, even find names I recognize. Keep up the good work.

**Larry Berryhill, 1209 Mountain Shadows Dr., Morganton, NC 28655**

We always enjoy and look forward to the newsletter.

Greeting from the Berryhills. We have been in

North Carolina now, for 9 years. We wish there was a chapter near by us. But Tennessee is the closest and that is a 4 hour drive for us. We don't do much traveling anymore. Charlotte is the nearest airport to us. We do some volunteer work at our local hospital and some fishing at Cape Hatteras.

**Barbara Cress, 401 Hidden Meadows Circle, Renfrew, PA 16053**

Thanks to the staff for a wonderful newsletter each month. Your hard work is appreciated.

These days, I don't travel much, but it is so important to be informed of the latest happenings with United and updates on travel procedures. I do enjoy reading about the conventions, the various chapters and the letters which are so interesting. Once in a while, I recognize a name as someone who worked with my beloved Joe Cress at SFO.

Getting together with children, family and friends, making porcelain dolls, doing research on my family tree, and volunteering one day a week in the Genealogy Department, at the public library, keep me busy.

**Richard Niebels, 7933 S. Trenton St., Centennial, CO 80112, tmbldwrk@ecentral.com**

Hello all. Thanks to everyone behind the newsletter for all their dedication, in getting this information to us old-timers. We wouldn't have a clue as to what's going on without you. It is always fun to check out the bold type and see if there are any names I recognize, as well as reading about any news from UAL. I can't say I miss working in the present environment but I still enjoy reading about what's happening in my original station, BOS (thanks Dick V.) as well as here in DEN and across the system. It has been 15 years of retirement and I recommend it to everyone.

**Fred Schafer, 13800 E. Marina Dr., Apt 304, Aurora, CO 80014-3785**

I sure do miss getting together for the newsletter mailing. It was always so nice to get together, visit and catch up on all of the latest. We always got the job done and the refreshments were always greatly appreciated.

The only thing new here is the calendar; it didn't forget to add another year to me. I turned 85 this year and I didn't even flinch. I am very fortunate and enjoying good health. Take care and the best to you.

**James Hottel, 5120 Plumosa St., Spring Hill, FL 34607**

Hi to all.

Thanks for a great year of newsletters, keep them coming.

Pat and I are well and happy in Florida. We both have completed 13 retired years; and are looking for-

ward to next year.

We have had reasonable success with our travels this year;

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

Life is basically good for me. I am blessed with two wonderful children. Kathy has been a UA Flight Attendant for over 25 years. My son, Sam, was just promoted to Admiral in the U.S. Navy.

Thanks to all of you who make RUAEA work for us retirees. I look forward to each month's issue. I like to keep up on what's going on with UA and the many people, I know throughout the system. Happy Holidays to all.

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

Time to renew. I don't want to miss an issue. I thank all of you for your hard and devoted work.

Convention in Sacramento was great. I am excited about having the next one in Pittsburgh. We have a beautiful and interesting state. I hope many of you will come and enjoy all that will be offered.

**Norma Henning, 200 Alliance Way Suite 333, Manchester, NH 03102**

Thanks so much for all your work. The "new" newsletter looks really great.

The Pittsburgh Convention plans sound wonderful and I hope to attend. I was not able to attend the last one as I was busy selling my house and moving into a four room apartment, in a great retirement community. I love it here as I have made many new friends, delicious meals, library, convenience store, gym, social events, trips and housekeeping services. My house and yard no longer worry me, and retirement has really improved. Hope everyone is well.

**Harold Phillips, 3155 Maple Ln., Davie, FL 33328-6715**

Big thanks to all of you who work very hard at getting the newsletter out each month.

I would like to say "HELLO" to all the great people I have worked with, in my 41 years with United. This includes PITCS, PITRR, MIARR, ATLRR, MIACS, and many meetings through out our great system.

**Candice Kelly, 8720 SW Tualatin Rd. # 209, Tualatin, OR 97062**

It is almost 6 years since I retired from LAXRR (they closed our office Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002).

I have now been in Oregon close to 2 years. I love it here. I have been volunteering at the Tualatin Heritage Center and am now on the Board. I also have been working on a City Project, called Tualatin Tomorrow and am the Co-Chair. I was planning to find a job, a

couple of months ago, but sprang a "Macular Hole", in my left eye, so that has put me back a little. I would like anyone who might want to know of my whereabouts and new information.

I worked at LAXFF/LAXFR/LAXRR from April 1968 until March 1982 and then again from September 1983 until the office closed in 2002. Thanks for all your hard work on our behalf.

Happy Holidays to all.

**Earle Risdon, 428 River Oaks Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-2570**

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Best wishes and a happy holiday season.

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

Some months ago, I met two United supervisors at O'Hare International Airport, in Chicago. I asked them to look into the appearance of flight attendants and customer service agents. They told me they were studying this issue. My wife and I have observed that these employees often look frumpy. Uniforms are inferior to those of many other airlines and hairdos need some professional help. Looking great is a great asset to any airline.

Another area that needs improvement is speaking over the microphone. Public speakers need training to improve our product. My advice is: "speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall."

All of you members that travel on United, speak out; if you notice areas that need improvement, whether it is one flight or many.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

**Bernard Simon, 836 Burns Ct., Pacifica, CA 94044-2908**

Jackpot! On page 31 of the November issue is a very informative letter from Uel “Bud” Soward, who was once my “lead man” and on page 33, another from Harris Freihon, was once my “foreman” at SFOES.

My wife’s poor health which keeps us grounded, most of the time. If she is well enough in January, I will attend a reunion of World War II Marine Bombers”, Pensacola, Florida, at the Naval Air Station.

**Bob Crowell, 622 S. Quari St., Aurora, CO 80012**

Oops, I let the month of November slip by again. It was mostly a very pleasant month here in the Denver area. And the fish were too tempting, although we have to drive 350-400 miles per fishing trip. Those trips were enjoyable, too.

There have been 2 instances of people falling through breaking ice over the past weekend, as the ice is still too thin. Skiing is improving though with the snow that’s fallen over the past few days.

People have been talking about too many houses being in foreclosure, and too many house on the market. However, I believe there will be many buyers looking for “that house that was a good buy in 2007”. In 2009 or earlier, they will be higher priced.

I appreciate the work of those who get the newsletter together. There is so much good information, including changes, phone numbers, addresses and etc. Thanks and keep up the good work.

**Bernadean Weiss, 717 Dalewood Ln., Ponca City, OK 74604**

It’s my birthday month. It’s been a year since I’ve flown, still don’t care to be treated like a criminal going through security.

In a positive vein, I have a new lease on life. In October, I received a pacemaker and I feel great. I had suffered with no energy and shortness of breath for more than two years. It’s wonderful. My youngest daughter said, “we’ve got Mom back!”

I have a new grandson whom I have not seen in almost a year. This gives me nine now with the oldest being 22 and the youngest not quite a year old. They are wonderful!

My sincere thanks to all involved in putting the monthly newsletter out to keep us old timers informed of the latest changes and news of old friends. I still recognize a few names, Mel Volz, Harry Caldwell, Skip Slayden, Brigitte & Frank Murdock, Jacque Sontheimer, Jim Hartigan, Matt & Norma Stilman, and of course, everyone who worked at the SFO base knows Ginger Dahlberg.



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While Bill Boeing was pleased with the success of Boeing Air Transport and the Model 40A, he realized a larger airplane was necessary to be competitive with the Ford Tri-motor and other passenger-carrying aircraft. The result was the Boeing "Model 80". The first "80" was delivered to Boeing Air Transport (BAT) in August of 1928 and was immediately put into service on the San Francisco to Chicago CAM 18 route.



The "80" was a Tri-motored biplane accommodating 12 passengers in a heated cabin. It had hot and cold running water, individual passenger reading lamps and leather upholstered seats.

Powered by three 425 hp Pratt & Whitney "Wasp" engines, it had a cruising speed of 115 mph with a range of 545 miles & a service ceiling of 14,000 ft. The gross

weight was 15,276 pounds.

The pilot and co-pilot sat in a separate forward cabin and were kept informed of changing weather conditions by two-way radio.

It was soon redesigned to carry 18 passengers and designated the "Model 80A" (photo). The "80A" was powered with three 525 hp Pratt & Whitney "Hornet" engines with a cruising speed of 125 mph and a range of 460 miles.

The gross weight was 17,500 pounds.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, airline passenger travel was primarily the realm of Business people, the Rich and the Adventurous. The average person preferred to travel by train, boat or by private automobile.

An airline passenger paid up to \$900 (one-way) to fly across the United States and upon arrival often found it necessary to transfer to a train or car to reach their final destination. Airports were few and often located in relatively remote areas.

Worst of all, the airplane cabins lacked sound-proofing. In addition to the noise, vibration was also a problem. One Ford Tri-motor passenger stated that he had to shout to be heard across the aisle and that his glasses kept sliding down his nose the entire flight.



*By Marvin Berryman from "Boeing, Planemaker to the World" by Robert Redding & Bill Yenne. "80A" photo from UAHF collection.*

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