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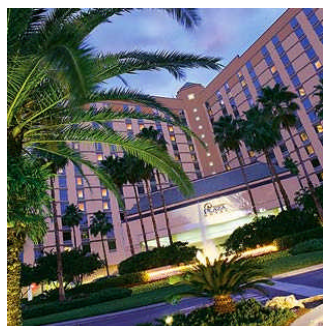
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*Dulles International Airport, Washington D. C.*

Mark your calendar for  
May 23-30, 2010!

***RUAEA Convention***



***Orlando, FL  
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**Real McCOys**

**May 23 - 30, 2010  
RUAEA Convention  
Orlando, Florida**

**Share the Magic!  
Meet us in Orlando,  
the City Beautiful!**



DID YOU KNOW ... RUAEA was established in 1975 by a group of retirees who did not want to lose contact with former colleagues. We played a part in the growth and heritage of UAL and we all have a great deal in common. From the first convention in 1976 to today, our goal is to maintain the friendships we developed over our many years of working for ***"The Company"***.

DO YOU KNOW ... who said, *"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind?"* Or how about this one, *"Houston, we've had a problem."* Sign up for our **Kennedy Space Center Tour** and hear these quotes – maybe from the astronaut who made them famous! Or join us on a tour of **Fantasy of Flight**, our aviation-themed attraction, featuring the world's largest private collection of vintage aircrafts. You could even get into a simulator and experience an aerial dogfight or land on the deck of an aircraft carrier.

DID YOU KNOW ... our Transportation Chair **Tom Cannata** and his team of greeters will be meeting you at the Main Baggage Claim Levels of both A & B Terminals with transportation assistance. **Mears Transportation** is offering us a discounted rate of \$26.00 round trip to the Rosen. A coupon will be provided in a future newsletter for your use. Lynx bus service is just \$2.00 each way and both limo and taxi service is available. **Enterprise Car Rental** is available at the Rosen and, remember, **hotel parking is free**.

DID YOU KNOW ... that world-famous **International Drive** offers shopping, dining and attractions minutes from the Rosen Centre and **Restaurant Row** on Sand Lake Road boasts such famous eateries as Seasons 52, Bonefish, Roy's, Ocean Prime, and Morton's of Chicago.

DID YOU KNOW ... Orlando International Airport offers non-stop service to and from most major cities. To fly standby, use a ZED fare, service charge ticket, or our own UAL standby policy. Or book a confirmed reservation on UAL using our employee/retiree 20% discount on any fare with code **S\*PMO/EMP20**. Just tell the Res. agent.

DID YOU KNOW ... our wonderful resort/home away from home, the Rosen Centre is just 12 minutes from Orlando International Airport, 5 minutes from Universal Studio, 15 minutes from downtown Orlando, 10 minutes to Walt Disney World and 1 mile from SeaWorld and Aquatica. And the Rosen Centre can help you arrange transportation to **Shingle Creek Golf Club**, dining, movies, and clubs at **CityWalks at Universal Studios**. Check at the Concierge Desk.

DID YOU KNOW ... that the **February 2010 RUAEA Newsletter** will be loaded with convention facts! Get ready to decide which tours interest you, pick your meal selections and send us your 2010 registration information! Mark your calendars now and join us in Orlando!

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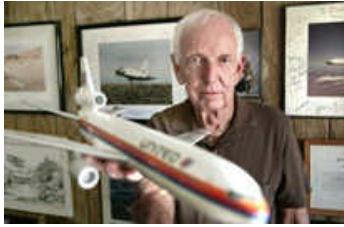




# **GENERAL NEWS**

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### **Captain Al Haynes Honored by the National Transportation Safety Board**



On November 12, retired United Captain Alfred Haynes was honored as the first recipient of the Joseph T. Nall Award, presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., by the National Transportation Safety Board's Bar Association. SVP - Operations Joe Kolshak represented United during the ceremony. The award recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to aviation and transportation safety.

Captain Haynes was recognized for his incredible efforts in saving 184 lives when Flight 232 crash landed in Sioux City, Iowa, twenty years ago. One hundred twelve people lost their lives in the crash, which occurred on July 19, 1989, and 184 survived.

It was Captain Haynes' incredible airmanship that not only brought Flight 232 back to earth but actually put the nose wheel on the runway centerline, which is still nearly incomprehensible given the severe loss of systems in that event.

In addition to Joe Kolshak, VP - Flight Operations Howard Attarian and SVP - Safety, Security, Quality and Environment Michael Quiello attended the award ceremony in Washington. Speaking on behalf of United, Joe noted that Captain Haynes always praised the quick and total response by air traffic control, combined with our intense cockpit and cabin crew training, the coordinated communications training among ground units and the proper use of available facilities.

Joe also emphasized that, beyond the multiple factors involved in the incident, it was the captain's leadership and exemplary airmanship that resulted in the outcome.

*"Your actions have set a standard at United Airlines and for the entire aviation industry," Joe said. "On behalf of United and our pilot organization, I want to thank you for all that you've done and congratulate you on this well-deserved honor."*

### **United Ordered New Aircrafts**

United announced that it has ordered 25 Airbus A350 XWB aircrafts and 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircrafts, plus it has future purchase rights for 50 of each

aircraft. This aircraft order is a significant investment in the company's future that will enable United to reduce operating costs and better match aircraft to key markets it serves, while



providing customers and employees with state-of-the-art cabin comfort. The new technology aircraft will reduce fuel burn and environmental impact, while enabling service to a broader array of international destinations.

United expects to take delivery of the aircraft between 2016 and 2019; at the same time, the company will retire its international Boeing 747s and 767s.

New aircraft will bring a variety of benefits:

- ➔ With the A350 powered by the Rolls Royce Trent XWB engine and the B787 powered by either the Rolls Royce Trent 1000 or the GE GENx, United estimates it will reduce fuel costs and carbon emissions from the 50 aircraft by 33 percent compared to the retired aircrafts.
- ➔ United also expects average lifetime maintenance costs to be approximately 40 percent lower per available seat mile than the aircraft that will be retired.
- ➔ These 50 new aircrafts provide United the right size and range to meet the needs of its global network while allowing the company to stay true to its capacity discipline. Introducing them will reduce the average seat count by 19 percent compared to the aircraft they will replace and by 10 percent when averaged over the entire international fleet.
- ➔ The state-of-the-art cockpits, with features such as advanced avionics and electronic flight bags, give United's pilots the best possible tools to ensure a smooth flight.
- ➔ These aircrafts also provide the maintenance team with state-of-the-art aircraft health monitoring capabilities to allow them to easily identify and fix problems, ensuring minimal disruptions to United's schedule.
- ➔ Also, with quieter engines, they will help reduce the noise impacts to communities around the airports United serves.

The increased range of these new aircraft will allow United to take full advantage of its strategically located network of U.S. domestic hubs, allowing new nonstop service from its hubs to destinations throughout Africa, Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Europe, while improving the economics on international routes United already serves.

The smaller size and improved cost and fuel efficiency of these aircraft offer substantially improved economics relative to its current fleet, regardless of market

conditions. In addition, the deferral and substitution rights United has secured with both manufacturers provide the company with significant flexibility to manage changing market conditions throughout the replacement cycle. United has also secured considerable backstop financing from both manufacturers, which will protect the company in the event of tight credit markets as new aircraft are delivered.

The initial cash impact of the order is minimal, ensuring that the order does not impede United's ability to continue to build its liquidity and strengthen its balance sheet as the economy recovers. For both orders combined, United will have a cash outflow of just 60 million dollars over the next three years.

Ordering aircraft from both Airbus and Boeing provides the right aircraft to meet the needs of its network. Neither the A350 nor the B787 alone can efficiently serve United's entire long-haul network. Further, having future purchase rights with both manufacturers also ensures the company will be able to secure the best pricing for incremental aircraft over the life of the fleet replacement process.

United last took delivery of aircraft in 2002 and last ordered aircraft in 1998. While the request for proposal contemplated both widebody and narrowbody aircraft, United will consider narrowbody re-fleeting next year.

### **New Chicago to Rome Service Begins in May 2010**



United's customers will have more opportunities to experience the splendors of Italy during the peak summer travel season with its announcement today of new service to Rome from Chicago O'Hare. The daily flights, which begin May 1, 2010, and conclude Aug. 31, 2010, complement United's existing year-round service to Rome from Washington Dulles.

Many departments are working together to launch the service, including International Schedule Planning, Revenue Management, Sales, Cargo and Airport Operations.

Effective operations and maintenance planning freed up the B767 airplane so that United can launch service in the Chicago-Rome market, offering new convenience for its customers while meeting heavy summer demand. Because United already operates daily service to and from Rome, adding nonstop Chicago service enables the company to avoid start-up costs.

In addition, Rome is one of United's most popular summertime destinations, and the added service out of Chicago O'Hare will give United's customers greater access to Italy during the busy summer travel months.

### **TSA Secure Flight Data Collection Now In Place**

United is now collecting additional passenger information as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has implemented the Secure Flight Program. New pages have been added to WebList to collect this information when building a Passenger Name Record (PNR).



All passengers must provide the following information when building or booking a reservation:

- ☒ Full Name (as it appears on the passenger's non-expired government-issued ID)
- ☒ Date of Birth
- ☒ Gender
- ☒ Redress Number (if one exists)

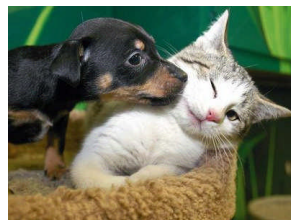
Those who encounter misidentification are invited to apply for Redress at [www.dhs.gov/trip](http://www.dhs.gov/trip) to help prevent watch list matching misidentifications in the future.

Providing the required data in advance allows Secure Flight to more effectively perform watch list matching. If you would like to know more about the Secure Flight program and the changes, visit TSA's Secure Flight Website where you can find a detailed program overview, travel tips and more:

[http://www.tsa.gov/what\\_we\\_do/layers/secureflight/index.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/secureflight/index.shtm)

After visiting the TSA's Website, if you still have questions specific to your experience, please contact United's Employee Service Center at 1-877-825-3729, Monday through Friday. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central time or send an email to [ESC@united.com](mailto:ESC@united.com).

### **Pet Fees Waived for Employees/Retirees and Travel Eligibles Traveling Space Available**



Fido can now fly free under an enhancement to the Travel Policy for non-revenue space-available (NRSA) pleasure travel. Effective Dec. 1, 2009, employees, retirees and their travel eligibles can fly with their pets in the cabin to domestic locations without paying a fee. Please note that companions are not eligible for this travel program.

It's simple; the process and procedures for bringing your pet in-cabin are the same as before, but now you don't have to worry about paying the fee. United recognizes the importance of pleasure travel programs to its employees/retirees and believe that this enhancement reflects United's commitment to continuously reviewing

and improving employees/retirees travel privileges.

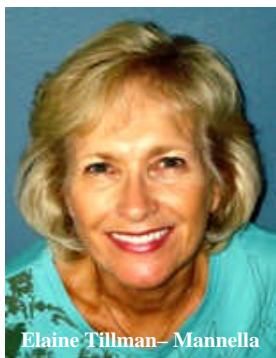
Additional information regarding waived pet fees can be found on the Travel section of SkyNet under Travel News.

### Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Updates

At the last meeting of the Philadelphia Independents, \$200 was donated to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Fund. To date, \$8,770 has been received for the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. Thanks to the United Airlines Retirees for their generous contributions and we wish you a great year.

If you'd like to make a contribution, make checks payable to: ***Flight 93 Memorial Chapel*** and mail to: **Frank J. Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please include your email address if you have one. I can be reached by email at [FEgges@verizon.net](mailto:FEgges@verizon.net).

### Know Our Volunteers



Elaine Tillman- Mannella

RUAEA is an organization staffed by volunteers. We have many talented retirees and spouses who selflessly donate their time to keep the local chapters and the national offices run smoothly. Periodically, we would like to introduce those volunteers to you and highlight their contributions.

**Elaine Tillman-Mannella** is our featured volunteer in this issue.

Elaine is the Publicity Chair for the 2010 Orlando Convention as well as the correspondent for the Orlando Real McCoys. It takes talent and hard work to research the subjects and write about them in each issue of the Newsletter, we hope you've enjoyed Elaine's articles.

Elaine hired on with United in 1969 as a Reservation Agent in Cleveland, OH and retired in 2006 as a Customer Service Agent at Orlando, FL. During her 37 year career, she was recognized for her dedicated service to United, her fellow employees and customers. She is also a recipient of the coveted Award of Merit for her part in guiding the smooth transition of uniform changeover at the Cleveland Station.

Elaine is also involved with other organizations, one being Ministries at the Holy Family Catholic Church. She enjoys spending time with her grandsons, Kade (6) and Jace (4). Beside that she enjoys "beach time" and travel with her husband, Joe, and occasional visits to family and friends. She also loves those cruises!

We are fortunate to have Elaine as a part of RUAEA and appreciate the good job she does writing the Public-

ity page for the Orlando Convention and the monthly column for the Real McCoys.

Virgil Gooselaw - Newsletter Manager

### EASY DOES IT – Two Quickies



Helen Cain

I'll be presenting this column every other month from now on so I decided to squeeze in the two following **SOUP** recipes together. Chilly weather & busy days brought these to mind.

#### **# 1. QUICK BEAN SOUP:**

Fill a large pot almost full of water. Soak 2 cups of dried red (kidney) beans overnight. (Fellas: They come in a bag in

the pasta section of your market.)

In the morning, beans will have risen to the top. Drain beans, discarding water. Add together in this same large pot:

- ☛ Soaked dried beans
- ☛ 2 cups water
- ☛ 1 cup chicken broth
- ☛ 1 Tablespoon butter
- ☛ 1 cup cooked leftover (or canned) carrots, thinly sliced
- ☛ 1 cup cooked ham, chopped fine

Cook 20 minutes over **low** (simmering) **heat**, stirring frequently.

Pour in 1 cup milk & add 3/4 cup (5oz. - 6 oz. envelope) of potato flakes.

Add sprinkle of pepper.

Keep soup on **low** heat. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking.

Cook only until it's as thick as you prefer your soup to be. ENJOY!

(Test taste: Do you really need to add salt?)

#### **#2. QUICK ITALIANO SOUP:**

In one large pot, combine:

- ☑ 1 lb. can stewed or diced tomatoes with their liquid
- ☑ 1 can water (use the empty tomato can)
- ☑ 1 lb. can kidney beans
- ☑ 12 oz. can Mexi-Corn
- ☑ 7 oz. package elbow macaroni

Lastly, add 3/4 lb. **salami** (any kind), cut up into bite size cubes

Heat slowly until macaroni is cooked. (MANGIARE!)

Helen Cain - [easydoesit@qwestoffice.net](mailto:easydoesit@qwestoffice.net)

## **ASK THE DOCTOR**

*“Ask The Doctor” column is featured every other month. We hope you’ve enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net).*

### **ASK THE PHARMACIST –** **Important information about the** **H1N1 influenza or “swine flu”**

This article addresses the many questions that have been raised recently about the 2009 H1N1 influenza outbreak. The Q&A contains general information about the 2009 H1N1 flu as well as details about antiviral medications and the flu vaccine. Familiarize yourself with this information so you can learn how to protect yourself against H1N1 and what to do if you become ill.

#### **Q: What is swine flu?**

**A:** The outbreak of what is popularly called “swine flu” involves a new H1N1 type-A influenza strain that’s a genetic combination of swine, avian, and human influenza viruses. This new strain has demonstrated the ability to infect humans and can easily spread from person-to-person. Widespread human infections have already occurred.

#### **Q: What are the signs and symptoms of 2009 H1N1 flu in people?**

**A:** The symptoms of 2009 H1N1 flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular (seasonal) human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. Like seasonal flu, 2009 H1N1 flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

#### **Q: How does 2009 H1N1 flu spread?**

**A:** Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

#### **Q: How is 2009 H1N1 flu diagnosed?**

**A:** Most people are diagnosed according to their symptoms. Rarely, a respiratory specimen is collected within the first four to five days of illness (when an infected person is most likely to be shedding virus) and sent for laboratory testing.

#### **Q: How can someone with 2009 H1N1 flu infect someone else?**

**A:** Infected people are able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to seven or more days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the 2009 H1N1 flu to someone else for a short time before you know you are sick, as

well as while you are sick.

#### **Q: What should I do to keep from getting 2009 H1N1 flu?**

**A:** Most important: wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. Try not to touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

#### **Q: How long can an infected person spread 2009 H1N1 flu to others?**

**A:** People with 2009 H1N1 flu virus infection should be considered potentially contagious as long as they are symptomatic with a fever and possible for up to seven to ten days following illness onset. Children, especially younger children, might potentially be contagious for longer periods.

#### **Q: What surfaces are most likely to be sources of contamination?**

**A:** Germs can be spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth. Droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person move through the air. Germs can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets from another person on a surface like a desk and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands. Meat, such as pork, is not a means of spreading 2009 H1N1 flu.

#### **Q: How long can viruses live outside the body?**

**A:** Some viruses and bacteria can live two hours or longer on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs and desks. Frequent hand washing will help you reduce the chance of getting contamination from these common surfaces.

#### **Q: What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?**

**A:** There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- ☑ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- ☑ Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- ☑ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- ☑ Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- ☑ If you get sick with influenza, limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

#### **Q: What is the best way to keep from spreading the virus through coughing or sneezing?**

**A:** If you are sick, limit your contact with other people as much as possible. Do not go to work or school if



ill. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Put your used tissue in the waste basket. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

**Q: What is the best technique for washing my hands to avoid getting the flu?**

**A:** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner. When you wash your hands – with soap and warm water – was for 15 to 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using gel, rub your hands until the gel is dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol kills the germs on your hands.

**Q: What should I do if I get sick?**

**A:** If you live in areas where 2009 H1N1 flu cases have been identified and become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you should contact a doctor, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your doctor will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you are sick, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness to others. If you or a family member become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care:

- ☛ Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- ☛ Bluish skin color
- ☛ Not drinking enough fluids
- ☛ Not waking up or not interacting
- ☛ Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- ☛ Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- ☛ Fever with a rash

**Q: Can I get 2009 H1N1 flu from eating or preparing pork?**

**A:** No. Swine influenza viruses are not spread by food. You cannot get 2009 H1N1 flu from eating pork or pork products.

## **TREATMENT – MEDICATIONS & 2009 H1N1 FLU VACCINES**

**Q: What medications are available to treat 2009 H1N1 flu infections in humans?**

**A:** Laboratory testing has found the 2009 H1N1 flu virus is susceptible to Tamiflu® (oseltamivir) and Relenza® (zanamivir). The most recent swine influenza viruses isolated from humans have been found to be resistant to the antiviral drugs Symmetrel® (amantadine)

and Flumadine® (rimantadine). The CDC has updated its guidance for the use of available medications to treat and prevent infection with 2009 H1N1 flu viruses. Please refer to CDC website link <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>.

**Q: Is there a vaccine for 2009 H1N1 flu?**

**A:** The FDA has approved four vaccines against the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. The vaccines will be distributed nationally after the initial lots become available (some of which began shipping as early October 2009). The vaccines are made by CSL Limited, MedImmune LLC, Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics Limited and Sanofi Pasteur Inc. All four firms manufacture the H1N1 vaccines using the same processes, which have a long record of producing safe seasonal influenza vaccines.

**Q: When and where will the vaccines be available?**

**A:** The vaccines are currently being distributed. It should be noted that the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccines are not being made available through the private sector. The U.S. government, working through the Centers of Disease Control, is funding the cost of the vaccines and working with every state to develop a vaccine delivery plan. Vaccine will be available in a combination of settings such as vaccination clinics organized by local health departments, healthcare provider offices, schools and other private settings, such as pharmacies and workplaces.

**Q: Do the vaccines contain mercury?**

**A:** As with the seasonal influenza vaccines, the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccines are being produced in formulations that contain thimerosal, a mercury-containing preservative, and in formulations that do not contain thimerosal.

**Q: Are there side effects for the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine?**

**A:** The vaccines have been well tolerated. Potential side effects of the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccines are expected to be similar to those of seasonal flu vaccines. For the injected vaccine, the most common side effect is soreness at the injection site. Other side effects may include mild fever, body aches and fatigue for a few days after the inoculation. As with any medication, unexpected or rare serious adverse events may occur. The FDA is working closely with governmental and nongovernmental organizations to enhance the adverse event monitoring, information sharing and analysis during and after the 2009 H1N1 vaccination program.

**Q: Can I get the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine if I am allergic to eggs?**

**A:** People with severe or life-threatening allergies to chicken eggs, or to any other substance in the vaccine, should **NOT** be vaccinated.

**Q: Do I need the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine if I've**

### already received a flu vaccine?

**A:** Vaccines against three seasonal virus strains are already available and should be used but they do not protect against the 2009 H1N1 flu virus.

### Q: Can the seasonal vaccine and the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine be given at the same time?

**A:** It is anticipated that seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu vaccines may be administered on the same day. However, the seasonal vaccine may be available earlier than the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine. The usual seasonal influenza viruses are still expected to cause illness this fall and winter. You should get the seasonal flu vaccine as soon as it is available.

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Virgil Gooselaw

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are 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 (Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter), 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 for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. 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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## LOCAL NEWS

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We hope everyone had a real nice holiday with family and friends, and are now ready to start the New Year off by attending the breakfasts and luncheons that our Re-United Chapter has planned for you.

We hope that many of you, who haven't been active, will be able to join us once again. RUAEA membership is open to anyone who has worked for United Airlines and is of retirement age (55), so please come and check us out. If you have any questions, please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com) or our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt** at (480) 396-3317, or at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

Our annual dues of \$5.00 each for regular and associate members are due in January. These are to be given to our treasurer, **Jim Zarek**. If you wish to mail it to him, make the check out to **Re-Uniteds**, and send it to him at 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85220. Please also let us know of any change of address, phone, or e-mail, at the same time, as we will be updating the Membership List, which is passed out at our picnic in April.

Our November 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Culinary School at Scottsdale Community College had 38 people in attendance. The food was excellent and very well presented. We had a number of guests there: **Eldon & Geri Hostetter**, *President of the Azures*; **Michael & Claudia Richards** from Peoria, AZ; *the Director of the Arizona Region* and our member, **Carole Hinkle**, brought along her sister, **Judy**. The **Conlons, Ed & Marie**, brought their neighbors, **Ila Mae and Wally Drury**.

It was reported that **Linda Cooper-Koltz** and **Kit Kouchis** had hip replacement surgery. **Ginny Rockenhauser** had surgery on her foot. We hope they all feel much better real soon.

**Peg Homfeldt** reported \$380 was made selling used books at the airport to benefit the Fantasy Flight. We will report more on the Fantasy Flight later. There was a lot of work done by many people involved in this worthwhile project to benefit the children.

The December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon was held at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, hosted by the



**Wards.** We will report more on that later.

The All-Arizona Buffet will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. It will be a Hawaiian theme. We hope we have many people there from the other AZ chapters. It's always a nice affair and a chance to visit with friends from UAL. There will be beautiful baskets to take a chance on, plus other 50/50 raffles. Be sure and mark the date on your calendar!

**Mike Richards**, *the Director of the Arizona Region*, brought us up to date on various things. One was that United has partnered with International SOS to help keep you safe and well while traveling overseas. International SOS can provide you with valuable travel assistance before you leave, while abroad and in emergency situations. As a retiree or travel eligible of United, you are now a member of International SOS. Details regarding International SOS are available on the Travel page of SkyNet under Travel Information. There, you'll find a membership card that you can download and take with you as you travel. You can visit the International SOS web site at [www.internationalsos.com](http://www.internationalsos.com) for more information. To access the member's section of this web site, enter member ID number: **11BYCA000027**.

The RUAEA Convention will be in Orlando, Florida May 23-30. There will be complimentary self parking for our group during the convention. Also, RUAEA attendees will receive a 15% discount off all 2010 restaurant pricing in the complex. The room rate for singles/doubles is \$99. Additional person \$20. Cut-off date is **Friday, April 23, 2010**.

A possibility of a Cruise in 2012 for our RUAEA Convention is being considered.

Carnival Cruise Lines announced a new benefit to retired employees of United Airlines. Up to a 50% discount off brochure rates on select, one cabin cruises. Destinations include the Caribbean, Bahamas, Mexican Riviera, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and Bermuda. For further information, call **Adrian Teixeira** at 1-800-819-3902, ext 82369.

We had 23 people at our breakfast at Crackers on November 20<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to see **Agnes & Homer Warthen** back with us again. A Christmas gift for **Hanna**, our waitress at Crackers, was collected. She always does a nice job. Our next luncheon will be held January 14<sup>th</sup> at Grand View Steak House. The menu will be Chicken Marsala and Italian Meat Lasagna. The price is \$17.00. The speaker will be Rev. **Al Young**, Head *Chaplain at Sky Harbor*. He gave the Invocation at the Convention in May. Checks made out to Re-Uniteds, can be sent to **Rita Zarek** at 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85220. If you have any questions, please call her at (480) 288-6685, or by e-mail at [jzarek1@msn.com](mailto:jzarek1@msn.com).

**John McFarland**, is having knee replacement. We hope everything goes well for you.

The by-laws wording may be changed regarding membership before the new membership books are printed. This will be reviewed by the Board.

We have quite a few birthdays in January. They are: **John Gaudio** (1/5), **Jane Miller** (1/14), **Molly Norwood** (1/14), **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (1/15), **Judy McFarland** (1/22), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (1/25), **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/28), and **Skip Ward** (1/28). Happy Birthday everyone!

January Wedding Anniversaries are: **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/08), **Donna & Ron Pedone** (1/10/80), and **Barbara & Jay Hartough** (1/16/71). Congratulations!

**Happy New Year!**

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 14** - Luncheon at Grand View Steak House, hosted by **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt**, and **Linda Cooper-Koltz**. Details above.

**Jan. 22** - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**Feb. 11** - Luncheon at Rosati's, NE Corner of Ray & McQueen in Chandler, hosted by **Donna & Ron Pedone**. (Note date change).

**Feb. 26** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa

**Mar 18** - All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, hosted by **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt**, **Shirley Claggett**, and **Sybil Voss**.

**Mar. 26** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa

**Apr 8** - Picnic, hosted by **Ron Paluch** and **Shirley Claggett**

**Apr 23** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa

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Our November luncheon was another fun time at the Tanque Verde Ranch where 45 members and guests sat down to an overload of food. The pies were especially favored and that can be attested to by **Bill Royle**, our pie connoisseur. A big thank to **Donna Kuehn** and **Alice Belzer** for hosting this wonderful event.

New officers for 2010 and 2011 are President elect **Ed Kokot** and VP elect **Carolyn McGlothlin**. **Claire Byle** will remain in her position as Secretary and **Sybil Collins** will remain as our Treasurer.

We extended a big welcome to our new members, **Payton & Bob Davies**. Payton was a flight attendant

out of Denver. They lived in Texas for awhile before moving to the Tucson area. Our guests were **Pam & Randy Ryan, Diane Glen** and **Harry Brumgardt**, who are friends of **Gordon & Dora Starr**.

The tree trimming at the Reid Park Zoo was attended by 13 Roadrunners and all enjoyed the coffee and donuts provided by **Pat & Rich DeLallo, Donna Kuehn** and **Alice Belzer**. Donna's son Craig also joined in the festivities.

In a recent conversation with **Howard Hunter**, he said that his rehab is progressing nicely and that he is planning on attending our Dec. luncheon

**Beverly Goodlow** will host our December luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club on Greenock Dr. She will need your checks and dinner info by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. She can be reached at (520) 219-3181.

A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all of our good friends across the country.

#### Calendar:

**January 26** - Tucson Country Club

### CALIFORNIA

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Since our chapter did not meet last month, there will be little news to report. I did get an email from **Bill & Dana Noyes** last month regarding their trip to St. Louis. They drove 4000 miles to spend a week with their son and family and to see their new home. They then drove to Nebraska to visit relatives. One of Bill's sisters is 92 and another is 94. It looks like Bill comes from a family of long-livers or else it's the corn. They then drove home via the southern route and just ahead of 8 inches of snow in North Platte, NE. All went well with their trip and they really enjoyed the drive.

I received a letter from **Robert Koch** who lives in Naperville, IL. He worked at WHQFP, so many of you may know him. He said that he used to work with **Jack Cunningham** and **Bob Nelson** in LAX. I will be giving Jack his letter at our next meeting.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving, as I'm sure many of you did, and our hope is that it was an enjoyable one. As for us, we visited our daughter in Temecula, CA and had two different prepared turkeys and a prime roast. One of the turkeys was deep fried in peanut oil and the taste was amazing, at least it was the way I liked it. Naturally, we have leftovers the next day. We arrived

on Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and played golf in 80+ temperature. The temperature was in the 70's for turkey day and then we played golf again on Friday. On Saturday, it rained with thunder, lightning, and some hail. Needless to say, we did not play golf since I'm a fair weather golfer. We are now looking forward to our Christmas luncheon and at that time, I should have more news from our members.

When this is in the next newsletter, Christmas and New Years will have come and gone. We will have had our Christmas luncheon on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. We will be electing our new officers and hosts for next year at that time. Until next year, here's hoping we all have a safe and healthy one.

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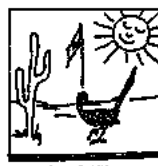
The Brazen Raisins' December meeting was hosted by lame-duck president **Don Nessling & Donna** at the Victoria Rose Cottage in Fresno since our long-time meeting place, Pacific Seafood Restaurant, folded!

We were honored with a visit by recent UAL retirees **Mauricio & Carmensol Rehbein** who promptly joined the Brazen Raisins; Mauricio had worked at UAL's San Francisco maintenance base and retired to Merced, CA. They will be great additions to our membership!

We held no formal meeting (as if any of our meetings are formal!) - just a lot of hilarity. President **Don Nessling** presented **Dick Shryock** with a gift for perfect attendance in 2009 and also a beautiful framed picture of United and Chevron logos (Shryock worked for Chevron).

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November's meeting was hosted by **Sandy Sereno** at the lovely Desert Island Country Club in Rancho Mirage. Several members were out due to illness - **Ray Silvestri** and **Bill Eads**. **Mike Bailardo** also missed the meeting since he is to perform at 12 San Diego Schools and at the Living Desert between 12/26 - 1/4. **Gay Taraber** is collecting for our Christmas charities which are the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and the House of Hope in Desert Hot Springs. Either send your funds to

her or bring them to the annual Christmas party on December 9 at Monterey Country Club. **Elaine & Ron Aggson** are once again our hosts for that event.

There's never a dull moment with our gypsy, **Dede Utzinger**. While hiking alone in the mountains above St. Helena, she fell and severely broke her ankle. Lucky for her, her cell phone was in range, so she could call 911. She had to be airlifted by helicopter off the mountain to the hospital. She underwent extensive surgery for the fracture. A friend flew up and drove her and her motor home back to the desert. Needless to say, she will have to stay put for awhile! Lesson learned - Never hike alone!

**Sandy Sereno** is now a driver for the volunteer transport service for the Marine base from PSP airport - called SOS Drivers. Her first trip was trouble, since she has never been to the 29 Palms Marine Base, so she believed she took exit 62 off of I-10 not Hwy 62. Her marine was so tired, he was sleeping from the pick-up to when she woke him up which was pass Banning. They made it to the base after he told her the way and turning around. Now it's not a problem for her trips and her next marine never stopped talking from pick to drop off. Thanks, Sandy for helping our soldiers!

2010 hosts - we still need a volunteer for July.

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Redwood Empire Retirees enjoyed a fall luncheon at Josef's Restaurant in Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**, assisted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. We celebrated November wedding anniversaries for **Richard & Maria Southon** (37 years), **Grover & Janice Blackburn** (34 years) and **Delbert & Iva Lou Clark** (58 years).

There was a unanimous election for the following slate of officers for 2010: President – **Joanne Huhn**, Vice President – **Maddy McKinnis**, Secretary – **Mary Hill**, Treasurer – **Judy DeFord**.

**Norm Burnett** stood in the autobiographical spotlight this month. He told us of his early years as a gas station attendant, before joining the Navy. After 10 years of seeing the world, he wanted to be home with his family in the Bay Area. UAL beckoned and he spent the majority of his career as a sheet metal mechanic, after discovering industrial engineering required career relocations.

Our January luncheon will be held at Le Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**.

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Here's hoping your Thanksgiving Day was a success and you didn't gain too much weight! My LAS buddies with whom I've spent the day for a bunch of years are on an extended cruise/tour around So. America. Since Thursday is my usual USO day, I chose to go ahead with my shift to help feed whatever troops were "adrift" on the holiday. Joining me was **Ester Horompoly**. She and her husband weren't able to gather with family, so it worked well with her, too.

The ReLAXers Christmas luncheon at the Proud Bird restaurant was very well attended. We had attendees from the whole West Coast, from San Diego to Alaska. A surprise visit was from **Helen Moore** (recovering from a broken hip in a wheel chair but lively as ever) dropped in after attending her church affair at the room next to our meeting. As usual, in lieu of door prizes, we brought gifts for kids from 16 days to 16 years - three big tables full of goodies for them.

Since the last issue, I have received further information about employee parking at LAX. If you have a computer go to: [lawa.org](http://lawa.org) - click on LAX (left side of page) - click on middle picture labeled "PARKING" - scroll to the bottom and click on both pages for Employee parking info. One of these pages contains a good map. Notice that the "D" lot shown is what is now referred to as "Lot D-North". The one now used for terminals 6, 7, 8 called "D-South" is not on the map - as of 2/1/10, it will no longer exist. A LAWA email dated in Oct. stated that "D" lot (North) would go to \$50, and "A new premium employee parking lot, that is not currently offered and that will charge \$124 monthly, will be offered in the near future". There is some confusion as to whether this will be the D-North location or not. The employees at the parking company office were not aware of it. Obviously some confusion still exists - as they say "*good enuf for gov't work*" - I'll keep ya posted. Plan on using Lot E for the time being.

Anyone need condo info for Maui? I just received a good employee discount deal - let me know if you want details.

Our people news is short this month. While we all hoped and prayed for **Chuck Sweeney's** return to health, it wasn't to be. He passed away from Acute Respiratory Distress on Nov. 13.

**Jim Ferrance** was able to attend the services and reported that a number of UA friends attended and contributed. Jim said it was a very memorable service.



Thank you, Jim for your thoughtful description of it. If you want to send a note to Nancy, the address is Mrs. **Nancy Sweeney**, 26501 Bannerman Ave., Santa Clarita, CA 91321.

**John Daley** had a heart attack about a month ago, followed by the problem of a very irregular heart beat. It has been controlled by medication. He is at home now, fortunately, but knows he will have a fairly lengthy recovery period. He and Ann were surely missed at the luncheon. Cards to 27117 Whitestone Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

I will not be at the USO at LAX on 12/24 - so order parking tags accordingly. Hope everyone has a great Christmas. I'll be flying to LAS, from the wonderful, funky LGB airport, on Jet Blue, full fare - for money. So Merry Christmas (or whatever you want to call it) and Happy New Year!

#### Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111<sup>th</sup> and Aviation at LAX.

**February 4** - Luncheon.

**April 1** - No fooling. Luncheon.

**May 23** - Convention. I'm going - are you?

#### GOLDEN GATERS

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Welcome to the New Year, Baby! This chapter is welcoming it with 6 new members: **Bob Bowen**, **Elaine Brock**, **Gordy & Lilly Abbott** and **O'Relli & Sylvia Sadeste**. You think our little Membership Chairman **Barbara Underhill** hasn't been working hard!

And, we can also happily announce the 58<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss for **Ken & Rita Wahl**. Fantastic!

We've had our election for the 2010 Board of Officers and they are as follows: President **Ralph Trullinger**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Bob Taiclet**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathlyn Hutt**, Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet**, Corresponding Secretary **Helen Cain**, Treasurer **Arthur Barrett**, Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill**, and the folks who keep us honest, Auditors **Eugene Walter**, **Ben Vietz** and **Judy Curran**. Judy is one of our newest members and has wonderfully "stepped up to the plate to serve". It's hard to get new officers, isn't it? Bless you, Judy.

Sadly, some must come and some must go. On November 29, we lost a beautiful lady with willing hands to volunteer and a smile for everyone: **Laura Hansen**. She will be missed. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Betty Wyren and son William Thompson at

Laura's former address, 808 Laurel Avenue, Apt. #310, San Mateo, CA 94401. We recently received belated information that two of our former members have left this temporary residence on earth: **Roe Burner** (in 2008) and wife **Grace** (on Thanksgiving Day 2009). Out-of-state member **Della Pease** retired to Las Cruces, New Mexico some time ago; she has passed on. Condolences may be sent to her son (sorry, no name available) at her former address: 3939 Tiger Woods Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

**Almira Pilgrim** will be "down" for a while after a very nasty parking lot fall. She was an SFO Maintenance Base "Mainliner Store" volunteer. "Get Well" cards may be sent to Almira at 1733 Kelly Street, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Our monthly raffle ticket sales for charity have given us the means to close this year with very nice one-time donations to 6 local charities. We change these recipient charitable organizations each year. Our group has also been continually generous with donations of non-perishable goods and toys for local youngsters and teenagers in need.

Our November "Sandwich Lunch Day" was a success and a nice change from our monthly potlucks. Thank you, Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** for arranging this for us and even "delivering the goods".

We have a very dedicated and determined International Tour Coordinator in **Ginger Dahlberg**. After immediately returning from a 13-hour-plus plane ride, not counting transfer points, baggage and security checks, she made it to both our November Board and General meetings. She is presently working on a positively fabulous trip to Oberammergau, Germany for viewing of the Passion Play performed only once every 10 years. This is planned for August-September 2010 and will include visits to other beautiful sites. Interested? Call her now at (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com)

**Personally Speaking:** I was burglarized recently and I guess it was my own fault. I had advertised on Craig's List, that online free offer that allows you to advertise your garage sale or furniture sale (no price limit) and really anything else for a period of 7 days for free ... then they remove the ad. One lady (she was NO lady) emailed me immediately about my packages of wooden plank flooring and insisted on driving down right away to view them. This was a 2 hour drive from her manufactured home in Roseville, CA. She came, she bought, and she went. But not before she asked if she could "use my bathroom". I found out later this is a very common way for a thief to gain entry into your house. Sympathetic to her needs and her long drive back home, I said "yes". But not thinking, I did not immediately follow behind her back into my house. When I did a minute or two later, I had not remembered that I

had left my precious and irreplaceable wedding ring and other gold jewelry on my dining room table. She was fast and when she left, my jewelry went with her. I later discovered she has a record ... "Long Story". Therefore, I give you this: If a stranger on your property requests the use of your toilet facilities, tell that person to use the bathroom in the gas station down the street!

P.S. Two weeks after my burglary, I received an email from a friend entitled, "Some Very Good Tips For Us All ... i.e. Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You". If you would like a copy of this, email me.

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: NO December General meeting. Only Board and Coordinators *Transitional* meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 11AM. As of January 25, 2010, regular monthly *4<sup>th</sup> Monday* meetings resume. William 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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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

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I want to apologize to **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard**, the winners of our Halloween costume contest ... they were inadvertently left out of last month's newsletter. Bill came as a fierce pirate and Rosemarie as a very scary witch. They won the grand prize of a \$20.00 gift certificate from Holders Restaurant.

We have been mailing flyers out to all of the retirees living in the South Bay area and have had several new members join us. We would like to welcome **Jay & Charlotte Cacioppo, Dave & Robin Garland, Charles & Josie Esqueda, Boyd & Merle Sweet, Theodore & Maria Boone, Philip & Gayle Moorehead, and Bob & Rita Matkovich**. We hope our new members will enjoy our group of fun loving people. The attendance at our weekly breakfast meetings has been averaging 47 people; we hope to see this continue into the New Year!

December 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the day of our very festive "Ladies Only" holiday luncheon. The event was hosted, for the third year, by **Joan Dahl** and **Nancy Walb**. The food was great, the decorations superb and the party favors were wonderful. I think I can speak for everyone – the event was about as perfect as you can get. A big thank you to the following people who helped make our perfect day: **Joan Dahl, Nancy Walb, Ella Sousa, Ann Olthof** and **Cheri Scales**. The next "Ladies Only"

luncheon will be held on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Rosemarie Reichard**. Flyers will be out in early January.

The election of the 2010 chapter officers was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at our regular breakfast meeting. The following people were elected by a unanimous vote: **Dave Saso**, President - **Alex Klaus**, Vice President - **Joan Dahl** (Primary) and **Nancy Walb**, Secretary - **Garver Sandy**, Treasurer - **LaDonna Eggert**, Sunshine Lady. Thanks to all of the above for volunteering to help our chapter run smoothly in 2010. I know that Dave and his staff will continue to work at making our weekly meetings informative and interesting.

The November list of people who are under the weather and looking for sunny skies are: **Vic & Elaine Kristen, Carol Copley, Duane & Anna Howze, Gerry Frisch, Delores Burda, Garver Sandy** and **Marion Gaever**. Marion, our "Energizer Bunny" had a setback, but as I write this she is home from the hospital and doing well. Your calls, cards and prayers will get these people up and flying around soon.

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**February 10** – Quarterly "Ladies Only" luncheon, hosted by **Rosemarie Reichard, Karen Devlin** and **Jean Marcolina** will be held at Rosemarie's home. Flyers will be out in early January.

June 15 – Summer Picnic hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**. Watch for details.

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SAN JOAQUINERS

I must have missed the deadline last month because my article did not show up in the November newsletter. Or maybe my article went to "alphabet heaven". I don't know what happened but I hope you all had a very happy Thanksgiving. We all look forward to getting together with family and friends and lots of food on Thanksgiving Day but then the day is over and we have all stuffed our tummies.

We had a fun luncheon at the Pizza Factory in Valley Springs on November 12<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Don & Dixie Powlesland**. No one left the restaurant hungry because there was a lot of food. We had a 50/50 drawing and Don asked me to pick the winning ticket and I did! I

picked Jack's (my husband) ticket; that was a lucky draw.

**Bobby Wood**, our vice president, filled in for our president, **Joan Verbaere** who could not come to the meeting. She was home with her husband **Fred** who had just come out of the hospital after having a stent put in his artery. Congratulations to **Bobby & Charlene Wood** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They celebrated at a party at Jenny's Restaurant in Ceres with many family members and good friends.

**Lavina Brinsfield** had surgery on her ankle and she is home recuperating. She has to stay off her feet for 3 months. She said Nurse Larry is taking good care of her.

**Sophie Feaster** is at home recuperating but will soon be having surgery in December.

**Barbara Edkins** is doing better and no longer has to go to UCSF to have her bandages changed. Her husband, Nurse **Ace**, is taking care of her at home and is changing her bandages. We wish you all a quick recovery and we hope to see you soon.

Our Chapter is preparing for our annual Christmas luncheon and this is always a festive event. The luncheon at the East Sonora Conference Center is scheduled on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure it will be a fun time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one!



East Bay Diablos

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Our November meeting was a little smaller than usual, with 18 members and guests. **Ed Bingle** was unable to attend, but we expect him back in December. **Vilma Patrick** had cataract surgery. **Sonia & Gus Mahler** were also unable to attend. Sonia had a broken arm and Gus is keeping busy, taking care of things. We hope to see all our regulars back at our annual Christmas party and Toys for Tots in December. It was with pleasure we welcomed **Shirley House** of SFOSW. **Susan Kendall** returned after a few months absence.

I must extend a huge mea culpa to **Roger Casterline** ... gulp .... My only excuse (feeble as it may be) is that I was going on a cruise the day after our last meeting and was in a hurry to turn in our contribution to the Newsletter. I inadvertently listed his chapter visit as "**Roger & Donna Casterline**"... no, no ... should have read **Roger Casterline** and good friend **Donna Sparks**. He sent me a most gracious and humorous email regarding this - once again, Roger, my apologies.

I realize if you receive the Newsletter by mail, it will be too late. But for those who read it online, we wanted to remind you about the Toys for Tots collection at our Christmas party on December 14. Please bring unwrapped gifts for infants up to teens. Too many times we forget the older ones. Thanks so much for your generosity.

We had a relatively small group for our annual Golden Gate Race Day, but lots of fun. The buffet was delicious and the races exciting. We had the 5<sup>th</sup> Race named for us (printed on the Racing Program). We will give you all plenty of notice next year. Bring your friends and family!

The 50/50 was won by **Marilyn Harguth** and the pie by **Louis Kinhead**.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you all to come and bring your significant others. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

### Calendar:

**December 14** - (Toys for Total collection and Christmas Party)

**January 11** - Meeting

**February 8** - Meeting

**March 8** - Meeting

### COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Denver Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast at the United Airlines Flight Training Center, on December 5. There were 45 brave souls that weathered the cold and snow!

**Dianne Adkins**, **Martha Gooselaw**'s daughter was able to come and it was good to see **Gil Rohde** and **Lonnie Kemp** out again. **Irma Atanasio** was involved in a car accident and showed up wearing a neck brace. She is improving and able to get out more. **Harriet Ahr** was unable to come because of a sore throat.

**Pat & Anna Dulin** told of their recent trip. They flew to Frankfurt, then on to Athens where they spent 3 days and then boarded a cruise ship with stops in Tunisia, Malta, Italy, France, Spain and Portugal. They then sailed across the Atlantic arriving in Fort Lauderdale in time to get home the day before Thanksgiving for a big turkey dinner.



**Tom Goodyear** informed us that the move for the UAHF and RUAEA offices is on hold, indefinitely. There are some logistical problems that have to be worked out and there is no firm date at this time. Tom will keep us informed and he still has the list of move volunteers.

In view of the move postponement, the monthly breakfasts will continue to be at the Training Center cafeteria, until further notice.

**Donna Miller** brought Tom Eskelson from H&R Block and he explained some of the new tax laws for 2009. Thanks Donna!

The following 50/50 winners returned their winnings to the chapter: **Bill Brehmer, Walt Hanson** and **Cas Spokas**, who won twice. Thanks fellows!

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Mile Highers had their annual Christmas luncheon. The temperature was 10 degrees with a sprinkling of snow. There were 65 who attended, braving the cold and snow. We had special guests **Chuck & Sharon Cole** from Tucson, AZ. Chuck is the Mountain Director for RUAEA. We also had Stella Mendose from the Alliant Credit Union. **Elizabeth Hierzer** brought her 2 daughters Donna Welch and Kathy Provo. **Harriet Ahr** brought her daughter in law Sharon, her niece Suzie and Suzie's husband Dick Hatcher. **Doris Hall** donated lovely holiday tea bag holders for door prizes that she hand made. Thanks, Doris this was very thoughtful and it was greatly appreciated!

Tom thanked all the retirees that gave gifts for Santa's Sleigh Ride. These gifts are for terminally ill children from the Star Light Children Foundation. Tom said there will be present wrapping at the Training Center on December 9. This is an annual event and many retirees always volunteer. A good time is had by all!

Tom also gave a special thanks to **Harriet Ahr** for all the hard work she did in arranging the luncheon and putting together the new "Mile Highers" chapter directories. And especially for taking the time to thoughtfully select all the wonderful door prizes.

The Spring Luncheon is in the planning stages and will be announced at the next breakfast.

See you the first Saturday of the month for breakfast at UAL's Flight Training Center.

#### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** at 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!

*May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!*

*-Joey Adams*



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We held our regular meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at The Village Inn. Our meeting was lightly attended due to a recent snow storm and icy roads. It was good to see **Dan Czajkowski** in great health at our October meeting. I have been serving as President Pro Tem since March 2008, so an election of officers should be held in 2010 for a fresh

start of our Southern Colorado Pikes Peak Chapter. Interested persons should e-mail me at [Chuck.stuller@hotmail.com](mailto:Chuck.stuller@hotmail.com).

We are sad to report the passing of our good friend and fellow employee **Tim "The Barrel Man" McKernan** on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He had been suffering from terminal lung disease and died in his sleep. He was 69 years old. According to Josh Temple of Bronco Talk, "Tim was the first Bronco voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Fan's Choice. Most anyone who met Tim would say he had a heart of gold. His grandchildren would grow up remembering him in a barrel. You get the sense that's what he always wanted to be remembered as Our beloved #1 Denver Broncos fan, our barrel man. Rest in peace Mr. Barrel Man. Our thoughts go out to the McKernan family this evening."

Indeed, **Tim McKernan** is remembered as our ground equipment mechanic for United Airlines in DENCg for 40 years until his retirement to Gunnison, CO. He worked in Colorado Springs and joined us for many a lunch paid for by General Manager **Jim Poshusta**, COSOZ. He is survived by wife Becky and children and grandchildren.

Our regular meetings are at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25 for breakfast at 0830 hrs. Still the third Monday! Welcome all southern Colorado!

#### Calendar:

**December 21** – Regular meeting

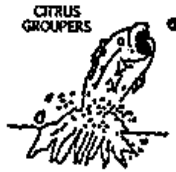
**January 18** – Regular meeting

*I made no resolutions for the New Year. The habit of making plans, of criticizing, sanctioning and molding my life, is too much of a daily event for me. ~Anais Nin*

## FLORIDA

### THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS

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As 2009 comes to an end, The Villages – Citrus Groupers met on Dec 3 for their annual Christmas dinner. The dinner was held at Katie Belles in the Villages. Unfortunately not all members attended, but those who came, had a great time. The tables were decorated in a holiday festival spirit and a special Holiday cake for dessert. All attending members brought wrapped gifts for a woman and/or man. These will be distributed to local senior homes for Christmas. The evening entertainment was a group called “Cactus Jack & The Cadillac’s”. All members could dance all night if they wanted.

All of the Citrus Groupers would like to wish all other RUAEA members a Happy Holidays and may your 2010 be the best ever for all. Please pray for all our sons and daughters serving in the military for their safe and sound return.

#### Calendar:

**January 28** – 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rte. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)



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The Christmas Luncheon this year was held at the Golden Corral and offered FREE to all dues-paid up members and spouses! **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** distributed tickets at the door for this gala gathering, which was attended by 47 Real McCoy's! The attendees were as follows: **Rich & Cathy**, snowbirds **Cliff Hill & Jerry Crosby**, **Richard Armistead**, **George Vernau**, **Betty Davidson**, **Jim Mummah**, **Marlin & Marilyn Lade**, **Joe Segarra**, **Gene & JoAnn Hall**, **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Nan Multeri**, **Charlie Ringer**, **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, **Orlin & Bonnie Taylor**, **Mack Chandler**, **Tom Cannata**, **Al Fields**, **Paul Brown**, **Ernie Vosges**, **Stuart Hunter**, **Jane Houston**, **Linda Agnello**, **Isabel Pomicter**, **Bobbie Gay**, **Joe & Barb Fitak**, **Don Ulman**, **Lee & Dotty**

**Cahoon, Lou & Joan Gaydos, Angel & Julia Montalvo, Ted & Char LeGrand**, and yours truly, **Elaine Mannella**.

President Rich asked for volunteers from the floor for any of the Board positions and, as you may have guessed, the current board was unanimously re-elected: Pres. Rich, Vice-Pres Ken, Treasurer Char, Sunshine Barb, and Secretary Elaine. The membership also unanimously voted to send Hospice of the Comforter a \$400.00 Christmas donation from our charitable fund. The annual dues of \$10 remains the same and many “paid up”!

December Happy Birthday Wishes included **Stu Hunter, Jane Houston, Charlie Ringer, Lou Gaydos, George Vernau** and **Jim Hernandez**.

Anniversary Congratulation from all of us to **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, celebrating 39 years on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and **Ted & Char LeGrand** celebrating a BIG 54 years on December 31<sup>st</sup>!

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

**January 6** – Luncheon

**February 3** – Luncheon

**March 3** – Luncheon

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights are held (usually) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Location varies but the time is always 4:30pm. Email me if you'd like to join us!

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On December 4, the Pelican Drop-Ins had their Christmas party at the Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers. Eighteen members and one guest attended. The meeting room had a beautifully decorated and lighted tree. A delicious meal was served ... prime rib being the choice for most of us. Everyone received a favor at his/her place - a small decorated ornament made by **Sandy Pryde**.

Following dinner, our president, **Bill Burg** (wearing a Santa hat) held a drawing for poinsettia plants donated by the **Prydes**. Winners were **Tom McNabb, Maxine Brown, Sandy Pryde, Sally Sciple**, and **Mel Volz**. Next, we did our annual “white elephant” gift exchange. Each person brings a wrapped gift and as a story is read;

the gifts are passed either “left” or “right” when those words are heard. The story reader was **Marge Burg**. It took quite a while to get through the long story and the gifts were passed back and forth many times. At the end of the story, you get to keep the gift that’s in front of you. There were quite a few “nice” gifts and less “white elephant” types this year. It’s a fun exercise and everyone enjoys it. Members also brought toys for boys and girls to be given to a charity and decided to donate the toys to the Charlotte County Marine Corps Reserves’ “Toys for Tots” program. There was a very nice assortment of toys donated and lots of children will benefit this Christmas.

The monthly 50/50 raffle money winner was **Tom McNabb**. Many other items (Christmas spirits, etc.) were generously donated by **Rip Patasini** for the remaining raffle. Winners were **Sandy Pryde, Bea McCarthy, Marilyn McNabb, Jerry Pryde, Mel Volz, Nancy Kopp, Michael Scherer, Sally Sciple, Linda Volz, Joan Gilkison, Bibianne Schultz, Maxine Brown, and Ron Schultz**.

The next meeting will be January 8, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club with lunch and a speaker. If any **United Airlines** employees/retirees are in the area, please call and join us for lunch that day. We are a social group and we’d love to have you.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October-May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June-September**)

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December 7<sup>th</sup> was the annual Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor. 43 members were present to enjoy the cocktail hour before a very nice lunch. The entertainment followed which was provided by the Hudson

Middle School Jazz band. This band consists of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Their selection of about 10 songs was very nice. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that they performed for our group and as usual, it was great.

We held a short meeting after the luncheon.

Birthdays for December - **Ken Wilson** (12/10), **Loretta Marvette** (12/15), **Marie Summers** and **Deborah Wilson** (12/20), **Jim Hottel** (12/31).

Anniversaries - **Dick & Sue Riedl**.

**Terri Breslin** thanked all who helped with the luncheon: **Dave & Carolyn Lodge, Bob & Jan Lindstrom, Mary Martin, Mary Judd, John & Barbara Riecss**. Also thanks to **Bill & Jean Linehan** for all of the photos that they have taken and supplied.

Sunshine Committee - Get Well card was sent to **Pearl Quinn** who fell and has a broken nose. A Sympathy card was sent to **Shirley Eppard** whose husband, **Lawrence Eppard** passed away on November 25. Lawrence was taken to Virginia where he was buried with Navy honors. Shirley’s address is Sunset Point Rehab and Nursing Center, Room 305B, 1980 Sunset Point Rd., Clearwater FL 33765.

#### Calendar:

**Jan. 4** – Tiffany’s, 10:30 AM

**Feb. 1** – Tiffany’s, 10:30 AM

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Well, our Holiday Party held on December 1 at 6 PM was early in the month of December but sure didn’t lack luster. There was a healthy group of 19 present, all decked out in their Holiday attire and the room was decorated for the festive occasion. The appetizers consisted of Swedish meatballs, cheese selections, pigs in the blanket, bacon wrapped scallops and choices of dressings. The piggies were hot as well as the meatballs and scallops. There were also a noodle cold salad, crackers and bread slices. Yum Yum was the theme. Some of us had steak and some had the Mahi Mahi preceded by clam chowder, fish chowder or salad. After our entrée, we had a choice of ice cream and with dinner: ice tea, hot tea or coffee and a choice of red or white wine.

**Al & Janice Popek** gave everyone a wrapped gift and card that consisted of a desk top yearly calendar. Needless to say, we all wrote down our next meeting and the “Rich and Famous” proceeded to write down their next trips! Notice I said trips! It seems that on



May 5, **Paul & Diane Liebisch, Barbara Dodendorff, Al & Janice Popek** have tickets to attend the Passion in Germany. I will keep you informed of future trips!

Although we didn't have a meeting as such, much discussion was going on with everyone comparing their medical and prescription costs. What a various amount of money was noted. I plan on trying to find out why such a various amount from different employees and some in similar departments.

**Catherine Coate**, our newest member was in attendance and we surely were happy to see her again. There were quite a few members we missed and hope next year, they will be able to attend.

**Chris Taylor** brought a friend with her who was very nice and he had a good time. **Bobbie Vitel** was not able to attend as she was not feeling well, so we wish her Get Well Wishes.

There was a celebration of sorts on the streets of Jensen Beach and with that, Mulligans and the area was packed with people, so we decided to change the date of our Party next year for a day later. It was very noisy and busy for the most part, and we aren't dull people but it was crazy.

Paul and Diane took out a pair of reading glasses with lights on them that they purchased at Steinmart for \$12.99, so she could read in the darkened room where we sold the 50/50. I need not tell you how many people were planning to buy a pair and of course they were shuttled around the room, so people could try them on. What a crazy crowd!

The 50/50 was won by **Michael Carragher** and the progressive was won by **Mari Hirjak**. The Toys for Tots was a great success and a large number of games, stuffed animals etc were collected; Al & Janice almost couldn't fit them in the car and since **Barbara Dodendorff** was sitting in the back seat. Barbara was accompanied home with I think a Chimpanzee that had a small pillow on the front of it saying, "KISS ME".

Well as you can see, a wonderful time was had by all and the party broke up about 10 PM.

On the Lighter Side - A few quotes from Erma Bombeck:

- ☺ *I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.*
- ☺ *I would have talked less and listened more.*
- ☺ *I would have gone to bed when I was sick, instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.*
- ☺ *I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.*
- ☺ *I would have never insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.*
- ☺ *I would never have bought anything just be-*

*cause it was practical, wouldn't show soil, and was guaranteed to last a lifetime.*

- ☺ *Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more or who's doing what. Let's think about what "God has Blessed us with" and what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally as well.*
- ☺ *But mostly given another shot at life, I would seize every minute ... look at it and really see it, live it ... and never give it back ... Stop sweating the small stuff.*
- ☺ *We have one shot at this and then it's gone, hope you all have a blessed day.*

Wishing everyone from the Treasure Coast Group a very Merry Christmas, A Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Happy New Year. Live, Laugh and Love.

#### Calendar:

**January 5** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting - Mulligan's - Jensen Beach

**February 2** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**March 2** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

### GEORGIA

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Twenty three flyers and four guests showed up at the I-hop Restaurant for lunch on December 2. Our guests were **George Martin** from The Promise Place, **Denise Filipik, Frank & Barbara Russey's** daughter, visiting from New Jersey; **Melissa Lane** and **Tina Myers, Lyle & Joanna Myers' daughters**. Both girls are getting to be regulars, and we look forward to seeing them each month.

Although we have had tremendous rain for many days, we had great turnouts at our lunches. Since December's lunch is a special time of year, some Flyers brought in home made and store bought Christmas cookies and desserts. No one suspected that **Frank Russey** had such great baking talents, and he had a variety of cookies that he brought, that he baked himself. Everyone enjoyed them immensely.

Congratulations are in order for **Lyle Meyers** who will celebrate his 85<sup>th</sup> on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes for many more from all the Flyers.

A short business meeting was held by **Bill Elk**. We

asked our guest George Martin, who is the Treasurer of The Promise place to speak, and update us on what is happening with the status, the counseling, and the facilities, being provided for their residents. **Bruce Broder-sen** then presented George with 17 gift cards from Wal-Mart for the number of residents now present at the facility. We are all hoping to make their Christmas a little brighter. This is something that has pretty much become a custom for some years. George thanked all the Flyers for their generosity and noted they could not do what they do without people like us.

**Fred Cron**, our 50/50 director, conducted the 50/50 that was won by **Glenda Tuttle**. Glenda in turn donated her winnings to The Promise Place. Fred informed us that he would be appearing at the Newnan, High School in Newnan, GA this week dressed in the uniform of a World War II bomber tail gunner. This is part of a program sponsored by the history department of Newnan High School, to show students what it was like back in that period of time. Fred exclaimed that there would be many other people dressed in various uniforms also. Fred has often dressed in many United uniforms such as ramp service, mechanics, customer service, at various picnics, reunions, and retirees functions. Fred has donated many articles of aviation history to local museums with displays of interesting subjects. We are lucky to have Fred with his memory and stories of earlier aviation history.

#### Calendar:

**December 16** - Christmas Lunch at 12 Noon, hosted by **Ray & Mary Owen** at their home in McDonough, GA. Covered dish or dessert requested.

**January 6** - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

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Our first big snow storm of the season hit the morning of December 7, so we did not think too many Boise Gems would show for our breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian. Nine of us were brave enough to show for breakfast! We had a really nice time visiting with our small group - **Walt & Wilma Anderson, Sharon Kolins, Marlene Croghan, Louise & Ozzie Haugen, Denny Snyder, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey.**

It was really nice to see **Sharon Kolins** as she had not been to many meetings this year due to illness, as

well as her mother passing away in June. **Louise Haugen** was finally feeling much better after having a cold during the month of November.

For our Holiday Potluck Celebration on Dec. 16, there are 27 people expecting to be at **Walt & Wilma Anderson's** home at 1:00 p.m. In addition to bringing a potluck item, each participant is requested to bring a plate of their favorite cookies and recipe for a cookie exchange. Sounds like this will be a fun afternoon.

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Party at **Walt & Wilma Anderson's** home, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., RSVP to **Rick Dempsey**

**Jan. 4** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

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We had two surprise guests at our Northside breakfast last month. **Marge Daily's** sister **Polly Champlin** visiting from Mead, CO. We have **Harold Ogle** to thank for getting **Elizabeth Ashton** talked into an early hour rise to join her many friends.

Lots of celebrations being reported: **Therese & Jay Jones** celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October by traveling to Malaga, Costa del Sol and Tangiers in Spain. **George Rumpelstilskin** advised a trip to Morocco for his honeymoon. No other details were given. **Pat Guerin** became a grandmother for the first time with the birth of Ethan Michael on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The cold month of Dec. was a hot one for anniversaries: **Judy & Robert Burger** with 50 years; **Ann & George Fudge** with 52 years; **Pat & Ron Artman** tied with **Rose & Christobal Moreno** with 54 years and the winner was **Doris & John Daleo** with 57 years.

**Robert Kalicki** had a birthday gift of a glider ride out of Hinckley Airport. The frosting on the cake was the pilot letting Bob fly the glider for ten minutes. His feet are back on the ground now.

**Irene Miller** has moved temporarily to the Senior Assisted Living in Schaumburg. She can be reached at (847) 885-2362.

**Mary Kay Wojtal** is coming along fine after foot surgery. Husband **Gil**, besides being caretaker, has agreed to take on all house chores on a temporary basis.

**Gerry Cavello** has advised the death of **Dorothy Seaman** on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. She retired from CU in '84 and her 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren survive her. I'm still checking on her other advisory.

What was supposed to be a 21 day trip to Machu Picchu for **Carol & Bob Faust** accompanied by **Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson** turned out to be a Spanish hospital adventure for Carol. This mountain climber slipped on the Rain Forest mud, breaking a hip. She then had to make a three hour trip in a hammock to Titos for X-rays. In three days to Lima and four more days to surgery. After a 4 hour surgery and a little therapy back to the U.S. by American Airlines in the company of a nurse. Bob was relegated to coach but Carol and nurse had first class. The nurse had a limo waiting for the trip to Alexian hospital for a checkup which turned out okay. Her only Peru contact was Norm and Mary and a cell phone for U.S. Information. Norm had a bad time with the thin air but managed to evade hospitalization. They all are happy to be home.

With only a quarter of a mile visibility through the fog, 16 Southside Skyliners made the breakfast. We welcomed back **Darlene Wenk** and **Carmen Chavez** after an absence. The pot was smaller than last month but we had three winners: **Sylvester Gant**, **Bill Brookins** and **Tom Hurley**. Hopefully next month, we will have sunny weather and dry roads, so all our regulars can make it for the food, fun and talk.

We hope to see many of you at the Avalon for the Christmas celebration. We can also celebrate living one more year, surviving the recession, our freedoms of way of life, religions and free speech. Let's put that freedom to pray for the safety of our troops who are ensuring our safety and also for those who are having difficulties on the home front. Have a great new year in every which way.

The volunteers for the food depository have dwindled in numbers because of illness and injuries to the point that we need some new volunteers. We go to the food depository, courtesy of a United bus which leaves from the Training Center at WHQ at 9 AM, each 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, unless the day falls on a holiday. Wear long pants and walking shoes (no sandals). Bring a sandwich. The depository will furnish drinking water or coffee. We arrive back at the Training Center at 3:15. Parking is available at the Training Center via the employee guard shack on Linneman Rd. Call **Ron Pryer** at (847) 541-5729 if you have any questions.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**January 26 & February 23**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**January 13 & February 10**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**January 5 & February 2**).

**happy New Year**

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There were 6 retirees who attended the November Luncheon and at the same time, there were 4 retirees exploring Machu Picchu in Peru. **Mary Szabo**, **Norm Pearson** and **Carol & Bob Faust** were on an Over Seas Adventure Travel Tour for 12 days. Their transportation to Lima was included and the 5½ hour full flight on a LAN A319 was excellent with meals and wine served in coach.

Machu Picchu at 10,400 feet was the highlight of the trip which began with the train ride from the city of Cuzco. However, before heading to Machu Picchu, Carol & Bob were exploring the Amazon River where Carol fell and broke her hip. She had surgery for a hip replacement in Lima and is now home and in rehab. You can be in touch with Carol at: 1025 Bradford Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193-2607.

After exploring Machu Picchu, Mary and Norm had one more adventure which was rafting on the Urubamba River. Note, that no llamas were ever seen anywhere on the trip.

By the time you read this Newsletter, **Ginny Vlach** should be well on her way to recovery from the additional back surgery scheduled on December 1. Get well support can be sent to Ginny at: 404 S. Albert St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

The next luncheon scheduled for January 20, 2010 has been canceled since some of the Loop Group Snow Birds will be away, however, we do plan to meet on March 17, 2010 date with more members and Spring arriving and especially welcoming back **Carol Faust** and **Ginny Vlach** after their surgeries the last few months.

#### Calendar:

**January 20** – Luncheon Cancelled

**March 17** - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

*We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called "Opportunity" and its first chapter is New Year's Day.*

*~Edith Lovejoy Pierce*



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The Nor'easters didn't hold a Nov. meeting, so little news. Our Dec. Christmas Luncheon will take place on the eighth, so that info will be in Feb. Newsletter.

**Marie Dwyer** finally became the mother of a cockapoo puppy, Johnny Walker Humphrey. She named him after her husband's favorite drink and the street she lives on. J.W. Humphrey brings Marie lots of happiness! **Paul & Mary Ward** have sold their house in Methuen, MA and are now residents of Naples, Florida. Their address is Naples Landyacht Harbor, 223 Pier A, Naples, FL 34112. E-mail is [Mary-VWard@comcast.net](mailto:Mary-VWard@comcast.net). They would love to hear from all their friends. They are hoping to spend summers in New England, so we may see them yet at summer meetings. Got to talk to **Mercedes Hersom** who says she is fully recuperated from that whole summer of illness. She is back to a normal life, with meds, but is allowing more time for herself by cutting back on all her various volunteering. Good for you Merc!

I also spoke to **Patty Austin**, already snow birding in Naples, FL. She just returned from a trip to Charleston, SC and advised she couldn't attend the Christmas luncheon. Patti says "Hi" to all her friends in NE.

Jan.'s Birthdays: **Don Lewis, Bob Lincoln, Jim Murray** and **Frank Procopio**. Jan.'s anniversaries: **John & Peggy Delello** - 51 yrs; **John & Joyce Lagadinos** - 47 yrs; and **Joan & Larry Meister** - 25 yrs. Isn't it strange that our children are not allowed to read the Bible in schools, but are allowed to do so in prison!

### Calendar:

**February** - No meeting.

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Wishing all our United Family a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year. It is hard to believe

that another year has flown by. They seem to go faster each and every year, as I grow older. It is fun to recall when I was a child and it seemed like forever from Santa to Santa, and would sure like to slow it down again.

I do believe that many Escapees were all caught-up in the holiday madness as we had just eight Escapees at our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting hosted by **Suzie Hicks** at Jack's on the Waterfront, in St. Claire Shores. We all received a chocolate Santa and homemade gingerbread boys and girls. In fact, we got much more than one due to the small attendance. Many ordered the AYCE Perch, which was delicious. When we asked our server what was the difference between the icy (our interpolation of ACYE) perch and regular perch, and she said, it was the All You Can Eat perch. I guess we do not eat out that much; however they say you learn something new every day.

Our love and prayers this month to **Dollie Sellers** @ 35118 N. Bay Circle, Harrison Twp., MI 48045, who lost her sister and also to **Vi & Ted Thomas** @ 19223 Cascade Dr., Brownstown, MI 48193 as Ted also said his final good-bys to his sister.

Stay warm everyone and may God Bless You and Yours, especially during this Holy Season.

### Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES



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Another month of unusual weather in Minnesota's Strangest Year of All. Wonderfully warmer-than-average temps had us all in smiles, especially after a miserably chilly October! I forgot to count heads this time, but there were about 22-24 Lites who showed up to eat, gab, laugh & complain. Our meeting fell on Veteran's Day, so our assembled Vets were honored for their service to our country.

The assembled veterans each gave a short description of their service, after which the group voted to make another donation to the USO club at MSP.

- \* **Wes Briest** ~ served in Germany in WWII doing hospital work & being the interpreter for the local workers on the base.
- \* **John Beveridge** ~ was an aircraft gunner, me-

chanic & electrician during his stint in WWII.

- \* **Lyle Gunderson** ~ was on active duty during the Cuban missile crisis & during the startup of the Vietnam war.
- \* **Bernie Hazekamp** ~ served in WWII as a gunner on the B-17 & B-29.
- \* **Jim Brennan** ~ served with an artillery unit during the Korean conflict.
- \* **Joe Eyestone** ~ served in the Pacific with the Navy during WWII. Go figure ~ Joe can't swim!
- \* **Gene Delvaux** ~ served with the Navy, 4 years active duty, 2 years in the Reserves. Couldn't stay away from military service, so did another 15 years with the Air Force!

We heard that **Blanca**, wife of **Frank Ehr**, is battling lung cancer. Our prayers go out to her and the Ehr family. **Dorothy Wood** is recovering from hip replacement surgery. It won't be long before we see her smiling face again.

President **Lee Storlie** stays in touch with some of our active colleagues around the system & learned that MSP is re-opening its Red Carpet Club after two years of closure. Of course, in order to retain the space, the Company paid \$600/month rent over those two years. They had also auctioned off much of the furniture, so now must purchase new. Let's see ... how much does that add up to? \$600 times 24, subtract the furniture, add the cost of new furniture, and carry the 5 ... Hmm!

Lee also heard from our pal, **Dick Curry** in PHX ~ over 1,000 bags were stolen from the airport's baggage claim area. I wonder if the thieves were smart enough to take the luggage in the early part of the week. Seems to me the amount of dirty laundry would increase as the week drew on.

The subject of having RUAEA's annual convention on a cruise ship resurfaced. The question arose about those reps from Corporate, Alliant Credit Union, etc. ~ were they going on the cruise also? Would RUAEA have to pony up their cruise costs? Could they do their presentations at a hotel before the cruise departs? The consensus was that it would be most cost-effective for RUAEA, if the representatives did video presentations which could be screened before the membership on board the ship.

A reminder that US Air's Captain Sully (of Hudson River fame) has written a book, & the chapter has a copy for loaning to members. Just show up at lunch when we meet & put your name on the list to borrow it.

Lee mentioned new service that will be starting with the New Year. Some of it may be of interest:

1. STL is reopening. Yay!
2. ORD-Brussels
3. Dulles-Lagos, Nigeria
4. ORD-Paducah, KY (UA Express)

5. ORD-Muskegon, MI & Eau Claire, WI (ditto)

6. ...plus some others I didn't catch.

It seems the push to attract new members has paid off. Over 450 retirees have joined RUAEA in recent months. We're glad to have them!

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

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 42 at the Bohemian Restaurant. Thanks to **Tom & Rose Langan** for hosting. Also, thank you for setting up a tour of the Nebraska Humane Society. Tom's brother, Mark, is Vice President of Field Operations for the Society. What an interesting tour Mark gave us with lots of information. Did you know - they get 40,000 telephone calls a year? That they take in 25,000 animals a year and of that amount, 10,000 are able to be adopted (the rest are not adoptable due to one reason or another - mainly illness and temperament)? That they have 110 employees and 500 volunteers? Indeed it is a great place to see and quite busy when we were there.

It was good to see **Georgia Egr** (she will turn 95 in April). Also in attendance was **Sid Schneider** who has moved back from California to Missouri Valley. Sid worked on the ramp and then left United and went with other firms and eventually moved to California. He is a new member and his address is 506 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Missouri Valley, IA 51555. Welcome Sid.

We are invited to attend an Open House for **Jim Braden** who is retiring as the Mayor of Macedonia after serving in that capacity for 16 years and, before that, served on the Council for 21 years. He also has served on 15 different committees in the Macedonia area. It will be held on December 6 from 1-3 (Sunday) at the City Hall in Macedonia. Our congratulations, Jim, for a "job well done."

In October of 1984, United started service out of Fargo, ND and **Dick Weak** was appointed Manager of the operation. He and **Marilyn** were invited to Denver on November 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of United's service to Fargo. What a nice trip and I'm sure very exciting for Dick and Marilyn to see people they haven't seen for a while.

**Clara Deaver** passed away September 19<sup>th</sup> from pancreatic cancer. Clara fought a hard battle. **Bill**

**Slaughter** passed away October 7<sup>th</sup> very suddenly. Both will be missed. **Marge Genthe** was not a member of the Omaha Retirees but we understand she passed away the first part of October.

**Stan & Helen Taylor** celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations. That's a lot of years.

**Betty & Bob Hall** had their 50<sup>th</sup> on Oct. 11. They have both helped me so much with the printing of labels and our rosters and I've really appreciated both of them.

#### Calendar:

**January 5** - Old Country Buffet, 75<sup>th</sup> & Dodge

### NEVADA



#### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Please consider volunteering for one of the 2010 officer positions. If you would like to be President, Secretary, Treasurer or Newsletter Editor, please let us know. If anyone wants to be a "sunshine" person to report birthdays, anniversaries, etc., that is also available. If you enjoy the cake we provide, perhaps the **Perkins** may enjoy a break from ordering and picking up the cake.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Mary Withers**. Winners of the candy gifts were **Pat Nettles**, **Larry Reid**, **Donna Perkins** and **Mary Withers**. November birthdays were celebrated by: **Tom Diehl** and **Gary Fahl**. Thanks to **Kathy & Joe Robinson** for donating some of "mystery gifts".

We are saddened to report the passing of **Ethan "Gill": Gillooly**, who died on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. The **Robinsons**, **John Zoboli**, the **Klemms**, **Mary Withers**, **Lloyd Stephens** and **Ann Batty** attended the service.

**2010 Dues will be collected in Jan. – not Dec.**

### NEW YORK

#### NEW YORK METROS

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President **Jim Richardson** started this year's Christmas Luncheon with the "Pledge of Allegiance"

and a moment of silence for deceased members and those members who may be suffering with health issues and couldn't attend the festivities.

**Yvonne Guella** advised **Jim Richardson** that her sister **Mabel Bittar** is finally home from the Rehabilitation center in Westchester and is progressing nicely. Mabel has 24 hour home care and is in good hands.

**Fred Jones** sent us a thank you for the fruit basket we sent after his back surgery. **Velma**, his wife, told Jimbo they would try to make the Christmas party and they did.

**Frank Thompson**, who is recuperating from shoulder surgery he had a month ago, also made it to the Christmas meeting.

**Lee Ricci**, who is coming around after breaking her ankle 2 months ago, also found the strength in her to make it to the meeting.

Welcome back Fred, Frank and Lee! The chapter missed all three of you.

Banjo Bob Fuhr performed for the final chapter meeting of 2009 for the New York Metros. Banjo Bob cruised throughout the room and strummed & sang requests. All old American standards and Christmas carols. Bob tickled **Mary Shepherds** fancy by singing "Mary, It's a Grand Ole Name". The Metros were soon in the festive mood!

Past President **Joe Totaro** made the final pick up of toys for the Marathon School. The school located in Queens, New York is for the physically & mentally handicapped children. The annual drive for toys is sponsored by New York Metros Retirees of RUAEA and IAM local 1322.

Presentation of the Arthur Shepherd's President Award was presented to **Rose Schneider**, our outgoing Recording Secretary, by **Dennis & Ronnie Shepherd**. This award was presented to Rose for her outstanding service & loyalty to the N.Y. Metros over many years.

The 2009 John Pucillo Award was presented to **John Klos** by **Linda Guiliano & Irene Parker**, daughters of the late past President **John Pucillo**, with a little help from Irene Parker's daughter Irene, who stopped in to say hello to everyone. **John Klos** was given this award for his outstanding contributions toward the good & general welfare of the New York Metros.

Congratulations to both Rose & John.

A special thanks to guest **Dana Rosati** for not only driving **Jean Donahue & Jean Zito** to our monthly meetings but making an extra stop and picking up **Pat Gilson & Dot Smith** for our Christmas Luncheon.

Ditto to **Charlie Kaczinski & Ed Vasta** for going out of their way to pick-up **Nell Napolitano**.

Dapper **Dan Duran** had his private chauffeur, son Paul, who came down from up-state Syracuse just to drive his father to our annual Christmas celebration.

**Yvonne Guella** with guests **Nadine Cordes & Car-**

**son Baker** were having second thoughts about attending the luncheon because they had to babysit great grand nephew Andrew Hall. Problem solved! They brought Andrew to the festivities.

Another big surprise was when **Rocky Mongelli** and his son, Paul made a rare appearance. Thank you, Paul. We miss seeing Rocky at our monthly meetings.

**Jim Richardson** was happy to announce that the 2009 Christmas Luncheon was a huge success. We had 114 members & guests attending our annual affair. Jim thanked the staff of the Millerridge Inn for the outstanding job they did setting up additional tables to accommodate everyone.

Birthday Greetings to: **Victor Auletta**, down in Florida will be 92 years on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. **Mary Shepherd**, now living in the Bronx, will 89 years on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. First time on our list is **Ann Hluboky** who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, ditto for **Ed Sholander** whose birthday will be on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. **Angie Saviano** will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on New Years Eve.

#### Calendar:

**January 2010** – No meeting

**February 3** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**March 3** - 12 noon Millerridge Inn

**April 7** - 12 noon Millerridge Inn

### NORTHWOOD



#### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The May 2010 meeting will be held May 11-14 at Bay View, MI, a suburb of Petoskey, MI on US 31. The meeting place will be Terrace Inn. Bay View started as a Methodist camp in the 1880's and has evolved into a group of about 150 Victorian homes. Terrace Inn was built in 1911 and is in process of being restored to its elegance. Room rates vary from \$69.00 to \$129.00, with a discount if 20 or more rooms are reserved.

We will have exclusive use of the hotel. Smoking is restricted to one area. The hotel has a liquor license so beer and wine must be purchased from the bar, except for consumption in your room. Further info will be forwarded to Loonies members or by request to above contact information, after January 1. The hotel is handicap accessible and four rooms are available on the first floor, with 20 on second. Early birds can call (231) 347-2410.



### OHIO

#### BUCKEYES

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On a typical dreary Cleveland winter day, eighty-eight festive Buckeyes attended the Christmas party held at Stancato's Italian Restaurant in Parma. We thank **Dave & Marie Placko** for hosting this lovely event. The food was delicious and the dessert was to die for, but most of all, the fellow Buckeyes were the icing on the cake.

On one hand, it was a joyous event, but on the other hand for me, it was a bit sad. Our long time President of 16 years, **Carol Hacker** was resigning. She has been instrumental in bringing the chapter to what it is today. Our membership is at an all time high. The chapter is in the black after many years of being in the red. I have been a member since my husband retired in 2001. She has contributed many, many long hours to this chapter. I'm sure long time members surely can remember what it was like when she took office and what has transpired since then. She is so proud of how the chapter has grown and feels very privileged to have been a part of it. We are all grateful for your many years of service. We **ALL** certainly will miss you Miss Carol. May GOD Bless you and Ray!

Flowers were presented to the three retiring officers. President **Carol Hacker** received a lovely Christmas centerpiece along with a poinsettia. Fresh cut flowers were presented to Vice Pres. **Sharon Minelli** and yours truly for the years that we served as Vice President and Secretary, respectively.

New Officers are: **Dolly Taucher**, President, **Arlene Taylor**, Vice President, **Mary Lou Kuretz**, Secretary and **Steve Pytel**, Treasurer. I hope you all get as much enjoyment as I had getting to know the many wonderful people in our chapter. It was nice to see long time members **Ed & Adeline Kowalski** at the luncheon. Ed served as President some time ago. Take care of yourselves and thanks for attending.

Our annual collection for St. Herman's was \$200. This has been something that **Vic & Betty Taylor** along with **Bob & Shari Herman** for many years, have donated their time. Unfortunately, because of health problems, both couples were unable to participate this year. This very worthwhile cause benefits the homeless shelter and hot meals.

**John Jeskey** and **Elda Custer** were married on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Southwest Hospital. John was released



on Wednesday evening (12/2). For the past 30 days, John has been in and out of ICU. They both would like to thank all of you for your concern, cards and phone calls and last of all, your PRAYERS. Congratulations on your marriage and many more happy healthy years ahead of you both. Cards are appreciated. Send them to: 19419 Fowles Rd., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130-6256. Prayers for the family are always appreciated.

**Warren Fukalek** will be coming home shortly from the nursing home. He will have hospice visits a few times a week. He would love to hear from all you retirees. Cards can be sent to: 24590 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145-35598. Remember Warren and his family in your prayers.

**Bob Herman** wanted to drop in at our Christmas party but unfortunately he was not able to. He is at home with hospice visiting him three times a week. I spoke with his wife **Shari** today and learned that he is dealing with his illness. He would like to say HELLO to everybody and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Bob is such a sweet and kind man I've always enjoyed talking to him and his wife Shari. Cards can be sent to: 32945 Mills Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039-2351.

I would like to apologize to **Ron & Margaret Pal-lay** for stating that they were married 49 years, instead of 8 years. I thoroughly enjoyed talking to Margaret. I must admit we certainly had a few good laughs regarding my boo-boo. This shows you how considerate and thoughtful our members are.

We have lost many members as well as non-members this year. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, member **Glenn B. Vannoy**, beloved husband of **Sharon** passed away. February 5<sup>th</sup>, ramp service retiree and member **Thomas Seman** passed away; he is the beloved husband of **Jean**. Long time member **Raymond Waldron** passed away on May 20<sup>th</sup> after a long and courageous battle. His beloved wife, **Carol** attended our Christmas party. It was great to see her and hear that she is taking one day at a time. Many of you members knew **Walter Zavada** who passed away in Aug. Member **Paul Rodjom** lost his beloved wife this past September 26<sup>th</sup>. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of you and your loved ones.

In closing, here's hoping that you and your loved ones had a joyous Christmas Season. God Bless and may this coming year bring all of you good health and happiness.

#### Calendar:

**January** - No Meeting

**February 3** - Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. Gather at noon, with lunch being served at 12:30pm. Pre-paid.

*Please note that if the weather is bad, attending members will receive notification that the meeting is rescheduled for the next day, Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Welcome 2010! I certainly hope this will be a great year for everyone.

Our Thanksgiving luncheon tables were beautifully decorated by **Anna & Harold Miller** with gourds made into turkeys that came from their garden and were raffled off at the end of the meeting. New Dew-er's board members were elected as **Kathy Russell** and I were elected for a two year term. We both will do our best to encourage participation by all of our members. Four past presidents, **Jack Harper, Jack Hooper, Harvey Larkin** and **Dave Smith** were at the meeting and they were recognized for their contribution to our chapter.

The winners this month in our drawings were: Door Prize - **Cora Harper**; Birthday - **Veulah Lorts**; Anniversary - **Juanita & Roger Null**; 50/50 - **John Carter**. **Kathy Russell** collected \$60 from the members to help buy school supplies for Marysville's school in Portland that had a devastating fire the day before.

I spoke with **Ophelia Nunley** a few days ago and she is still struggling to get back her strength and didn't feel up to coming to our Christmas luncheon. **Merle Pitman** will also miss the luncheon as he is still struggling to eat and has had a considerable weight loss. **Veulah Lorts** asked me to let everyone know **Lila Blough** is in an "additional" care center and would like to have everyone who knew her please send her a card. She is the widow of **Bruce Blough** who retired from PDX. The address is 220 East Ave. #149, Mahtomedi, MN, 55115.

On a lighter note I have a quiz for you. Who do you think got "three" speeding tickets on their latest trip to Switzerland. No prize, but call me and I'll give you the answer.

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 12:00 PM

**January 13** - Social

**February 10** - Valentines Luncheon/Ice Cream Social

**March 10** - Social

## OUR CLUB

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Once again this year, **Alberta & Russ Randall** began the holiday season by hosting a festive party for OUR Club members. The luncheon party was held on Dec. 4 at The Brewery in Grants Pass with 23 in attendance. Alberta decorated all the tables with beautiful Christmas arrangements, candy cups and an ornament for each of us to take home. **Bob Lindberg** was the lucky winner of the 50/50. Alberta & Russ also had door prizes to be given away, including a delicious selection of coffee, teas, cocoas, candy and cookies and a luxurious bath set. The get-together was the perfect way to “kick off” the season as we all went away happy, full and in the holiday spirit.

In addition, the party served as a quarterly business meeting during which the following were elected as officers for 2010: President, **Neal Appleton**; Secretary, **Jane Frincke**; and Treasurer, **Peggy Wilson**. **Alberta Randall** will continue to serve as Social Secretary/Sunshine, **Laurie Jordan** as Luncheon Secretary, and **Jane Frincke** as Membership. The members also chose the Rogue Valley Humane Society as the recipient of the chapter’s annual charitable contribution.

With another new year about to begin (how did that happen already?), it’s probably time to briefly recount OUR Club’s schedule. The chapter holds quarterly luncheon business meetings on the first Friday of March, June, Sept. & Dec.. In between, we enjoy social luncheons the first Friday of each month. The location of each month’s luncheon is selected by the designated host. For any further info., I always welcome inquiries at the above email address or telephone number.

### Calendar:

**January 8 - Jim & Jane Frincke**, location TBA

**February 5 - Marge Calkins**, location TBA

**March 5 - Ric & Gidget Walcha**, location TBA

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Luncheon attended by 49 members. We were treated to a delicious luncheon and paid tribute to our recent retiree, **Dave Beatty**, former Ramp Service man. Treasurer **Barb Seaholm** was also presented a Pittsburgh Plaque in recognition for her outstanding service both to the Pit-Stoppers and her meticulous bookkeeping during the Pittsburgh convention. Thank you, Barb.

**Georgia Garcia** attended the luncheon after being absent for quite a while and Georgia won the 50-50 raffle. Good to see **Ray & Charlotte Sellers** back with us along with **John “YA Know” Knezevich** without our good buddy **Joe Scafoglio**.

**Liz Reidel** looked great after some recent health issues and even won one of the door prizes. **Mary Jane Stewart** won a beautiful “Kleenex” holder, crafted and donated by our talented **Bill Redfern**.

**Treatie Karwoski**, our Northeast Director updated us on RUAEA national issues and also told us of some recent health issues concerning **Andy Bungo**, former Pit Senior Agent from PIT and BUF. Well wishes from all the Pit-Stoppers, Andy.

President **Ken Wolfe** once again asked for more participation especially in attempting to fill the position of secretary-treasurer. **Barb Seaholm** gave the treasurer’s report and it seems we are contemplating using email vs. US Postage to inform our members of our activities. This is still under consideration.

We missed some of our “regulars” - especially **Paul & Betty Musko**, **Jim & Diane Weber**, Capt. **Black & Jane**, **Carl & Dee Chiochi**, **Mitch & Doris Abbas**.

Seems **Betty Musko** had quite a scare while visiting Orlando over Thanksgiving. She contacted pneumonia and was hospitalized in critical care for several days. I am sure she would like to hear from her many friends c/o 21 Sunridge Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

**Carl Chiochi** is also home after being hospitalized with pneumonia – Carl’s address is 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061.

Our Washington-PA limo driver **Mitch Abbas** also had a fall and he is out of commission for awhile. Take good care of him **Doris** – Mitch’s address is 590 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA 15301.

The Pit-Stoppers lost another member this month. **Bill “MA” Weifenbach** lost his battle with cancer. Bill & MaryAnn were active members in our chapter even though they lived in Conneaut Lake, PA. Our condolences and prayers to MaryAnn and family. Cards can be sent to MaryAnn, 12286 Lakeside Dr. #11, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316-4367. Phone (814) 382-9892.

Our thoughts and prayers also go **Treatie Karwoski** and family on the sudden recent passing of her sister Elizabeth (Betty) Takacs. Treatie’s address is 1900 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Happy and Healthy 2010 to one and all!



The Pit-Stoppers ended the year with a Christmas

## TENNESSEE

## UTAH

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> was our last Rocky Top luncheon/meeting of the year. After a last minute change of location due to a restaurant closure, **Betty Shipe** hosted the day at Louis Restaurant on Old Broadway in Knoxville. We had a nice private room where we all could visit in comfort. Italian food is this restaurant's specialty and the Lasagna was delicious. We thank Betty for all her hard work and finding us a new location at the last moment!

Our surgery/sick list was quite long. **Sue Ferrell** is doing well after her surgery. **Jeanne Barkmann** also had surgery and **Al** reports that she is doing well. She is currently in rehab and hopes to be home soon. **Herman** is hoping for an early Christmas present by getting out of his sling on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The therapist is very pleased with his progress in rehabbing the shoulder. **Mike Chapin** was to have hip replacement surgery on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have not heard how the surgery/therapy is coming along. And lastly from Washington state, we hear that **Mary Lou Barr** is doing well and actually drove herself to her last check up - Way to go Mary Lou!

This month was to have been our bi-yearly election of officers. However, due to the low turnout for the meeting, we decided to move election to the January 2010 meeting. We discussed our current schedule of meetings on the odd months and breakfast on even months. Everyone still enjoys both events so we will continue the same schedule in 2010. We hope we have some members step up and plan some new outings and locations for our meetings.

Just a reminder to everyone, dues are still \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per couple, checks should be made out to **Mike Chapin** and mailed to him at 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922.

### Calendar:

**January 21** – Hosted by **Herman & Beverly Emmel**, (865) 278-3482. Location and time to be announced.

**February 18** - 9:30AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I-40 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**March 18** – Hosted by **Betty Shipe**, (865) 922-3858. Location and time to be announced.



### THE SALT LAKERS

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On December 1, 44 chapter members met for a festive catered Christmas get-together at **Lila Maughan's** condo complex community hall. This year, "**Kris Kringle**" - a.k.a. **Mike Brown** - showed up, in full "Santa" holiday attire, to bring each of us a gift of chocolates. As is usual for the season - and looking all-year-round like the proverbial Santa Claus - he was invited to entertain local school kids, much to their delight. For his voluntary efforts, he was honored on Nov. 27, 2009 with a big write-up in the local newspaper (SLC's *Deseret News*). Congratulations on a job well done - and thanks for your thoughtfulness, **Mike**!

A number of members, who usually can't come, were welcomed - among them former flight attendants. It was great to visit with them - **Lori Brady** being one of them - and to encourage all to come more often. - **Kiyoko Olsen** will have knee surgery within a week. We wish her well! - **Lorraine Olson** fought holiday traffic from Layton/UT to join us. - **Maureen Seikaly** & son **Jerry** as well as **Shirley Scown** & son **Mike** were welcome visitors. - **George Nihipali**, too, partook in the festivities. Welcome to all of them!

We missed **Betty Davis** - and a call to her home assured this correspondent that all was well, except she misread the date of our meeting. **Art Scott**, our local newsletter editor, brought his friend **Carol**; **Art** took a group picture, for our chapter files. We hope our regular **Tony Brown** is doing fine - we have not seen him for a while. Also missed were **Aletha Cannon** & her daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein**, both of whom have never missed a Christmas lunch.

At this point, we would like to give credit to our younger chapter leadership - Pres. **Clair Anderson**, VP **Kip Lufkin**, Treas. **Frank Christenson** - for bringing in new members, newly retired UALers. Our chapter meetings are the link to our rather interesting life as "*airline personnel*," laboring in all departments, to make our business alma mater a success: We were "It" in the eyes of our neighbors.

It is also sad to remember the many chapter members who have passed on and with whom we shared our time & memories. One of them donated his softball team's sports memorabilia to the Smithsonian Institution; others live on in our memory as contributors to the treasures, stored at the **United Airlines Historical Foundation**.

Even more remain in our thoughts for having been cooperative & most pleasant colleagues.

#### Calendar:

**January 5** - Coffee Time - **10am (please note the time change)**, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

**February 2** - Coffee Time - **10am (please note the time change)**, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

**March 2** - Lunch 2:00pm - Restaurant Location/Menu Price TBA.

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At our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had 57 members and guests in attendance. **Mary & John Luke** hosted our luncheon. Since it was the day before Veteran's Day, we asked all veterans to stand and be recognized so we could show our appreciation for their service. **Gay Liesse** helped out at the registration table, and **Dick Devereux** sold raffle tickets.

The door prize winners were **Marion Hafterson, Richard Devereux, Phil Andersen, Karen Bixler, Mary Ann Andersen, Carol Moless, Marlene Nelson, Jeannine Anderson, Rita Reynolds** and **Adelaide Hafnerbecker**. **Bud Dice** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Members celebrating birthdays in January are **Bob Brumfield, Virginia Dice, Sidney Harris, John Reed** and **Steve Story**. **Gary & Carol Moless Maxwell** are celebrating their wedding anniversary in January.

**Mary Lou Barr** underwent surgery in November to remove her right kidney and the subsequent pathology report showed that the tumor was benign. This was somewhat of a surprise to the doctors since the size and scanned appearance of the tumor fit the profile of a malignant tumor. Although it was not cancerous, chances are that the tumor would at some point have caused malfunctioning of the kidney and required eventual removal anyway. The good news is that Mary Lou will *not* have to undergo chemotherapy and radiation. Now she can concentrate on recuperating and working toward resuming her normal activities. It has been a long and difficult road for Mary Lou since her fall in early August. We are all pleased that this medical odyssey is finally over for her.

A couple of SEARR retirees put their musical tal-

ents to work in November. In two performances at two different Seattle venues, **Nancy Martin** sang with the Seattle Peace Chorus featuring music from Jewish, Islamic and Christian traditions. Also, **Wilma Bracken** sang in the Gospelfest Mass Choir (3 different choirs combined) in Seattle's Benaroya Hall in conjunction with the Cascade Youth Symphony.

**Jeff Krewson**, son of retired SEARR employee **Marian Krewson**, is a very talented photographer with many years of experience. Examples of his beautiful photographs can be viewed at his website [www.jeffkrewson.com](http://www.jeffkrewson.com) as well as [www.fine-art-on-demand.com](http://www.fine-art-on-demand.com). Many of his scenic shots represent the beauty of Washington State, and he has just added two gallery pages of blank and white images. When SEARR was still operating, Jeff used to come in on special occasions and display some of his work, and we were always impressed with what he was able to accomplish with his cameras.

#### Calendar:

**January 12** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**February 9** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**March 9** - Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**April 13** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**May 11** – Luncheon Meeting, Location to be announced

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The annual Christmas Party was held December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Chic A Ria in North Spokane. An attendance of 22 retirees had a great time. **Myrtle Stoop** has volunteered to do next years get together at her home and have a potluck dinner. There will be more information as time draws near.

**Warren & Fran Smith** left for Seattle just prior to Thanksgiving. They want to give Seattle a try, before they sell the house they have lived and raised their children in for 57 years. Their neighbors are keeping an eye on their house in Spokane.

**Laquita Bloom** is doing a great job as the new President of the Spokane chapter. Her duties are just beginning but she is able and very willing. I will continue to do the newsletter.



Here is an update on Lance: He has had 10 days of radiation on his brain. It took most of the hair he had left as his skin peeled away and so the hair disappeared too. It is a good thing, I always did like bald! He also started taking a small cell cancer pill called Tarceva. That is the type of cancer he has in his left lung. Our insurance won't cover it so the manufacturer of the drug is supplying it at this time. He is tolerating it with no side effects as yet, however, the side effects listed in the product information is scary! The nursing care here is fantastic. We have a male nurse that comes to our home 3 days a week and showers Lance, an occupational therapist comes and works with his left hand and a physical therapist works on his left leg and arm. An RN comes to our home and does a blood draw every 2 weeks. They will be doing a brain scan and also checking on hopeful progress in the lung in about another month. I will keep you informed. Lance is very pleased with the medical care here in St. George, Utah. Hopefully, it will be easier to get him in the car soon as his left side gets stronger.

Spokane is waiting for another 98 inches of snow to fall. I say that in jest! Remember to call me at (509) 979-2000 with any news you would like to have published. Until next time, God Bless!

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from Washington, DC and a Happy New Year to all our RUAEA members.

We had our first snowfall on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, a little early for this part of the country but it was just a couple of inches.

On Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday luncheon at Gilberts Restaurant in McLean, VA with 28 retirees from DCARR/IADRR in attendance.

Enthusiasm was at a high level as many of the retirees had not seen each other for a year! There is a lot of construction in Northern Virginia as there is a massive project underway to build a fast rail link to Dulles Airport. The construction has caused major delays in this entire area and many people are just avoiding it completely. Our most senior guest was **Peggy Frank** with a seniority date of 1947! Well done Peggy!

Our Dulles Loungers member **Natalie DaCunto** (IADCG) has been knitting up a storm for the troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Natalie has knitted many matching sets of hat and scarves which come in

handy when the troops are going between buildings for treatments in the winter months. Many thanks, Natalie.

The Dulles Loungers will be collecting non-perishable foods again for "Serve of Loudoun County". This year, the need is greater than ever and checks are welcome too!

#### Calendar:

**January 13** - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm.

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We wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

We are looking forward to our participation in the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games, July 16-25, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes, we will also be assisting with the Cessna Airlift. If you are interested in joining this volunteer effort, please contact **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX) at [swissrose@msn.com](mailto:swissrose@msn.com).

The 2010 Convention Committee headed by **Mary K Doherty Dana** (OCC) has promised this to be one the best. Mark your calendars for the "Grand ol' Convention" in Nashville September 22 – 26, 2010.

The ever-popular Clipped Wings® airplane scarf is still available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We invite you to visit our website at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com).



## NEW MEMBERS

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

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
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**Correction:** In the November 2009 Newsletter issue, **Harry O. Svendsen Jr.** was listed in the Obituaries section. His name was incorrectly spelled, please accept our apology.

Spouse – **Champion, Betty-Anne**, on 11/16/09, wife of John H., ORDDD, 169-1 Penny Lane, Naples, FL 34112

Spouse – **Lange, Cynthia G.**, on 11/25/09, wife of Charles, ORDDF, 8653 Lyndale, River Grove, IL 60171

Retiree – **Lubawy, Richard**, on 10/14/09, ORDJJ, father of Debbie Puchalski, 19200 SW 65<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apt. 321, Tualatin, OR 97062-8757

Spouse – **Kremerskotter, Carol**, on 11/3/09, wife of Fred E., SFORQ, 1430 Fallen Leaf Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035

Retiree – **Sillin, Loyal G., (John)**, on 9/16/09, DENMM, husband of Allene F., 1350 N. Ford St. #109, Golden, CO 80403

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Retiree – **Taylor, Robert**, on 6/27/09, WHQGO, husband of Josephine “Jo”, 12203 Bonview Ln., Springhill, FL 34609

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Retiree – **Yurgil, Melvyn J.**, on 11/13/09, ORDIQ, husband of Constance (Connie) 2A7 Hidden Springs Ln., Apple River, IL 61001

## September 2009 SkyNet Listing

**Abate, Raymond J.**, SFOCS 08/15/09

**Adickes, William F.**, LAXFO 08/21/09

**Adkins, Rhonda M.**, DCASW 09/10/09

**Arellano, Ignacio**, SFOPV 07/22/09

**Armstrong, Kitna Rhea**, BOSSW 09/03/09

**Blaseck, Walter H.**, SFOFO 09/27/09

**Bowmen, Martin J.**, OAKSE 09/14/09

**Burger, Lily M.**, DTWRR 09/09/09

**Case, Norman E.**, SFOPI 09/18/09

**Cavasino, Burnett**, SFOPI 09/23/09

**Chow, Jimmy F.**, SFOMK 09/15/09

**Clinard, Forrest D. C.**, OPBWX 09/22/09

**Crawford, William J.**, BOIOZ 09/23/09

**Cross, Ronald P.**, SANCS 09/05/09

**Dilzell, William T.**, ORDFO 09/16/09

**Du Vall, William G.**, PITTR 09/10/09

**Ellison, Gordon C.**, LAXFO 09/15/09

**Forsen, Charles E.**, SFOMM 09/24/09

**Frasco, Jean T.**, LAXTO 09/28/09

**Grant, David K.**, SFOLX 09/01/09

**Groves, Kenneth S.**, JFKFF 09/30/09

**Gruze, Ruth M.**, ORDOO 09/03/09

**Hammond, Thomas G.**, SFOCG 09/13/09

**Hedges, Deborah L.**, LAXSW 09/12/09

**Hopkins, Richard M.**, SFOOV 09/06/09

**Hunt, Booker T.**, BOSCG 09/27/09

**Joslin, Homer E.**, LAXRR 09/27/09

**Koehn, Marvin A.**, ORDJJ 09/16/09

**Lamprecht, Harry F.**, ORDPV 09/08/09

**Lathrom, Elmer D.**, HNLRR 09/28/09

**Lockyer, Gladys H.**, CHIRR 09/18/09

**Malleck, Alfred F.**, DENMM 09/25/09

**Marin, John**, SFOCG 06/10/09

**Matthews, Jerry L.**, LAXCS 09/17/09

**McDonald Burgess, Susan V.**, MIASW 09/02/09

**Michaelson, Stanley W.**, EWRCG 09/12/09

**Miller, Charles E.**, DENCS 09/18/09

**Mungo, Kenneth**, SFOEC 09/25/09

**Muniz, Maria J.**, SFOGS 09/19/09

**Oden, Earl B.**, SFOSH 09/05/09

**Peck, Donald J.**, ORDPV 09/25/09

**Peck, Mary R.**, DENTK 09/30/09

**Peterson, Karen A.**, LAXSW 09/13/09

**Phillips, Cleophis R.**, SFOMK 09/29/09

**Podzamsky, Paul R.**, ORDDF 09/10/09

**Richards, Charles B.**, ORDOO 09/29/09

**Richardson, Richard J.**, WHQKE 09/10/09

**Seegel, Ellen P.**, JFKMK 09/07/09

**Sheeran, Francis X.**, PVDOZ 09/17/09

**Sillin, Loyal G.**, DENMA 09/16/09

**Strong, James E.**, SFOFO 09/08/09

**Thomas, Danny G.**, SFOPD 09/19/09

**Tibbetts, Robert H.**, SFOOW 09/27/09

**Trapanese, Livio J.**, IADMM 09/02/09

**Von Gonten, Eugene A.**, IADCS 09/22/09

**Whalen, Robert G.**, PDXCG 09/09/09







## LETTERS

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

Rudy Benson, Ron Bertacini, Allan Bodine, Eileen Burton, John Burton, Beatrice Aaudle, Margery Clark, Anne Coble, James Davis, Robert Devlin, Kevin Dillon, Richard Edwards, Charles Esqueda, Barbara Fiske, Joan Gisle, Lavonne Halach, Betty Hamblin, Austin Hart, Alice Hockensmith, James Hottel, Homer Hudelson, Marilyn Johansen, John Tweddle, Robert Kaczor, Gordon Kibbe, David Kratofil, Penny Logan, David Meyer, Teresa McNamara, Virginia Monaco, Neil Napolitano, Rose Nigro, Jane Perkinson, Josie Price, Bernard Sandner, James Sarsfield, Nalini Shah, Albert Schroeder, Ronald Shepherd, Edward Sontag, Judy Spelts, James Touchstone, Pat Tremont, Samuel Warren, Paul Wagner, Tom Whittlesey, Lavonne Wilhoite, Betty Winchester, Mary Yando.

### **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.)*

#### **Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Tr., Elgin, IL 60120**

This year has gone by so fast and my birthday is here again. It is time to celebrate with birthday lunches & birthday dinners. Last year, my husband took me to New Orleans to celebrate for a long weekend. This year we went to Austin and to San Antonio for a long weekend. We love our Travel benefits!

George & I went to Las Vegas in Feb. this year, but decided it was too chilly and next year, will go, maybe at the beginning of March. Then I went with my cousin on a 7 day cruise from LAX to Mexico to "warm up" from the Chicago weather!

We spent 3 days in Barcelona, and then took a Mediterranean Cruise on May 1<sup>st</sup> which ended back in Barcelona. I hosted a Surprise Private Birthday Party for my husband George (ORDMM) while on this cruise and invited our 14 friends that went with us to celebrate with a "Mexican Lunch with Cocktails".

Then May 31<sup>st</sup>, I took a cruise with five girlfriends from BWT to the Beautiful Island of Bermuda. I love that British island! That brings my cruise TOTAL up to #83. I love cruising.

In mid-July, I flew with **Marilyn Chaplin** (CHIRR) to Moscow, Russia which United just starting flying. A friend who was our Tour Guide about five years ago in Cairo, Egypt married a Russian man and they invited us

to come to for a visit. It was very interesting and we stayed in Moscow for one week with them showing us the sights.

I'm going with a girlfriend whose husband passed away last year and two couples on the "Queen Mary 2" going around England & Scotland in Oct. I will be seeing a lot of new cities on this cruise!

#### **Dorothy Kopec, 22939 Adolph Ave., Torrance, CA 90505-3545**

I want to thank everyone who works on the Newsletter. My husband, Al Kopec, has been gone for 6 years now, but I can read about his many friends from his days at United.

I used to attend a lot of the events, but due to circumstances, this past year has been a "bad one" for me.

I am looking forward to "better times" and to seeing some of you again.

#### **Martha Mott, 7212 61st St. Ct. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335**

I recently took my first trip since I retired 6 years ago and it was quite the learning experience. Thanks to **Bob Brumfield** at the Seattle Travel Desk for getting me up to date on using SkyNet for schedules, loads, & listing as well as printing out boarding passes. I was attending my high school 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion in Newkirk, OK, so flew SEA to DEN to TUL and was picked up & driven over by a classmate, I had remained in touch with thru the years.

Getting out of SEA was an all day affair and I finally got on the 4<sup>th</sup> flight of the day at 2:30 pm. As I understand it, the flights have been cut, but also the airplanes are smaller and this was the Wednesday after Labor Day with some left over traffic. So, taking all of that into consideration, I felt glad when I was the first SA called. DEN to TUL was no problem and my return went smoothly enough. But the airplane DEN to SEA I was on, was the all one class configuration which I believe was the TED craft and was very full. Again, my '63 seniority came in very handy. It was all in all a good trip and I am so glad to have gone, but can't say I will be flying again soon. I will compliment the flight crews on all of my flights - they did a great job with such full flights.

My hellos to old friends all across the system. I do enjoy seeing names I recall. And my thanks to the fellow who got me in touch with **Mary (Walleck) Owen** regarding my inquiry last year in my letter that was published, it is fun keeping in touch.

#### **Tarina Murray, 7619 Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305-1250**

Well another year has flashed by right before my eyes and again I am trying to figure out where the days



have all gone. I have no idea how I ever had time to work when I did. When I get up, it is time to cook dinner and go back to bed! How in the world did I ever find time to work for United Airlines, raise children and still have time to sleep? Maybe that is what I did; maybe I never slept until I retired! Anyway, here I am at the last moment mailing my dues because I never seem to have time to sit down and write a short note!

Well I did find time for us to travel this year. We went to Cancun on a full fare ticket. With my fading memory, I forgot about our United's discount until I had already purchased the ticket, but we had a good time. We are all doing fine. Charles' health has been good this year and I have had my usual issues. Thank goodness **Barbara Smith** keeps everyone informed in the Re-LAXer's newsletter every month regarding my health. My granddaughter and I went on a cruise out of Miami this summer, we spent a week together in Newport Beach and next week we are going to go to Reston, Virginia for a wedding. I hope to get some rest before my neck surgery (yes another one) on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. This time I am having the nerves severed on both sides in hope to eliminate some of the pain medications I am taking and hopefully, to improve my memory problems. After that, I have to have a shoulder replacement. I will miss the Re-LAXer's luncheons for a while which Charles and I really look forward to attending, but I hope to be back on the scene as soon as possible.

I wish everyone a wonderful last quarter of the year. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! I promise next year that I will get my letter out well ahead of time. Maybe I will do better since I will only need to send the letter as it will not be necessary for me to write a check for a few years. God Bless you all!

ORDRR, LAXRR & LAXTO

**June Nichols, 465 Santee Dr., Santee, SC 29142**

Like many of my "fellow" retirees, my "daze" are filled to the point of not really keeping time anymore! We wonder "how did we ever find the time to work!"

But, thanks to RUAEA for the kind reminder to renew our dues! What would our flourishing and successful organization be without the RUAEA newsletter? It keeps us connected to our airline family through memories and the sharing of today's life stories! RUAEA has become such a big part of our "time" that when we are on the road, my family reads us parts of RUAEA newsletter! Maybe we should consider the web connection!

Anyway, thank you all for your time and energy, your enthusiasm, and your editing of such wonderful letters from past friends!

Have a great day, and may the coming holidays be filled with many blessings.

**Myrtle Poggensee, 342 Marshall Rd., Bensenville, IL 60106-1451**

I retired from United 27 years ago and am 89 years old. I am enjoying my 3 wonderful daughters, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grand children. What a joy they all are! They treat me like a queen.

However, so many of my friends from United and other organizations have passed away, so I don't see many names of people that I once knew. I do enjoy reading of the members who are enjoying life in the twilight of their life. I am thankful for the many good times I spent at United's functions.

Thank you for the news in the monthly paper. Keep up the good work.

**Sharon Ringer, 14002 Mastwood Way, Orlando, FL 32832**

Sorry I am late with my dues, but in July I was abducted by paramedics and whisked off for some very unexpected open heart surgery. It has been a bit of an ordeal, with lots of "side" effects, but I can honestly say I feel much better than I did a month ago.

**Patricia Schaefer, 434 Noble Faire Dr., Sun City, FL 33573**

Wow, another year has slipped by!

Even though we are unable to travel anymore (our big retirement plan); we do have fun locally. We go to dinner dances at our club. We attend seasonal festival dinners, and yes we eat a lot.

I am trying my luck at a screened patio garden, starting with a small potted lemon tree. I am getting excited about that and will keep you posted sporadically.

Hi to all of the Loop Group. We loved seeing the pictures at Centennial Park.

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

Thank you for the great newsletter, informing us about our friends and former co-workers.

My son Russell and I flew to Lansing, MI September 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> on his quest to visit all the Capitals of the USA. He has accomplished visiting 29 so far and I fly with him. We rent a car and drove to Detroit, going on to Windsor, Ont. via the tunnel under the Detroit River. We returned to the USA via the Ambassador Bridge, crossing over the Detroit River.

The next day we drove to picturesque Holland, MI, the city that celebrates the Tulip Festival in May and is the site of the Windmill which was a gift from the Netherlands and resides in the city of Holland.

We then drove to the beaches of Lake Michigan and enjoyed the beautiful weather.



**Wallace Wegner, 2915 s Bandera Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76302-1320**

I have been retired a little over 23 years now.

This year began on a sad note. My lovely wife, Marge, lost her long battle with Alzheimer's on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

But on the bright side, I went to a family reunion in Minnesota, the second weekend of July. It was truly a fun filled week that was enjoyed by all of us. There was a good turn out with 58 of us. There are 7 of us and we are all in our 80's and are in fairly good health. The Lord has truly blessed us.

**Helen Cain's** article in the August newsletter brought back some fond memories for me. In the 1940's I lived in the Ballard District of Seattle for several years. I remember one day I was riding the bus, as we were approaching the inner section of Ballard Ave. and Market St., the bus driver called out, "next stop, Lutfisk Junction". I took quite a few drives through Maple Valley. In those days, it was quite a scenic drive. But I imagine now it is all built up with houses.

**Dick Trout, 830 Garden Way, Ashland, Oregon 97520, rtrout@mind.net**

It's been 22 fast years since retirement – and I'm still here, despite a couple of heart attacks, a broken shoulder from falling off the roof, inner ear infection, etc. Be advised, old ones, that inner ear infections aka *vertigo*, means loss of body balance; for real. It's common for senior folks not to realize they have this problem to one degree or another, and therefore are not careful enough about doing things they "always did."

My many volunteer activities have faded away over the years, but I still maintain the website for the Oregon Shores CoastWatch group.

Feel free to check it out at: <http://www.oregonshores.org/coastwatch.php5>. All of Oregon's beaches are public, and we work to keep it that way. Only Hawaii's are also public.

I look forward to the newsletter every month, and usually still recognize a name or two in each issue (and not always in the obits).

By the way, the photo of a Viscount on the September cover shows 1957. Actually we didn't merge with Capital Airlines until a few years later than this, which of course is when we got the Viscounts.

I wrote a book, which was a fund-raiser at a recent RUAEA Convention, *An Airline Agent at SFO – From Props To Jets*. If anyone who used to work with me would like a free copy, via email, let me know.

Keep up your excellent newsletter, everyone.

**Colin Clarke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd. #B, Clermont, FL 34711**

June, and I am on the move again, visiting family in

Yonkers, a suburb of NYC. I arrived the day before my birthday and my son had to work the next day, a Sunday. We drove up to a North American Indian gambling casino in depressed area of rural Mass. My son was to photograph the high points of six one hour TV talent shows for the producer of a Boston station. The thirty six pre-picked contestants ranged from a talented amateur opera singer, a banjoist, to thirty five painful four or five chord guitarists croaking how the cows ate the cabbage and the well had all gone dry and then the barn collapsed. All of the singers wore black Stetsons. Have you ever heard a New England "cowgirl"? With what the M.C. described as "an almost Tennessee accent." The food at the casino for employees was free, good, varied, and unlimited. The heat from about 50 TV floodlights creates power failure but they plan to replace them with LED's. During shooting, the lights, cameras and microphones can all fail. All of the contestants perform once for practice before the cameras roll; and that is how I spent my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Since the winners are decided by the decibel sound reading of the applause, you won't be surprised to learn that the winners are not necessarily the best. Contestants load their audiences with relatives, neighbors, and friends to make more noise. Almost all the casino gamblers were elderly. Winners at the slot machines don't have to pull the One Armed Bandit anymore. (I'm a late learner). You simply have to press a button to get the winnings without out the bells, whistles and whoops. (This always brought the IRS agents running). Security is everywhere. I'm told that some years ago, former SFORQ secretary, **Sadie Tuten** was gambling in Laughlin, Nev. and won \$1,400. An immediate tap came on her shoulder and a receipt for 15% on the spot. I guess the IRS had many volunteers for that job. I hope Sadie is still alive and well in Tampa.

I rode with my son into the City (Manhattan). I didn't realize what was coming. He jumped out on 29<sup>th</sup> St. off of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. saying, "*It's a \$250 fine if I park here, so you take the car around a few blocks till you see me here again*". My heart was in my mouth as I hadn't driven a clutch car for ages and I stalled the car. I couldn't get it started till I recalled that on a Volvo you have to depress the clutch to start, Phew! I offended the horn honking bearded fraternity of taxi drivers by not driving fast enough. They are accelerator and brake pedal stompers. I had a similar experience on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. when my son jumped out again saying, "*It's okay to double park here*." Then a cop tapped on the window and pointed the way I should go.

I returned home to Clermont, when a week later I was whacked with chest pains. Three days in dock cost "only" \$16,000. Cardiac tests all proved inconclusive. Three weeks later, I became light headed and stumbling; back in the dock for four days at only \$19,000. I was

seriously deficient in Sodium and Potassium; remedied by a four day drip. The worst thing about that time inside was being awakened every two hours day and night for an injection. The hospital made me very tired and then came another surprise. The insurance company said that at my age they didn't think I was capable of taking care of myself and suggested living with son's family until I was better.

So it was back in Yonkers again on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

I was invited to a classical piano recital at a private home. The pianist was a talented 16 year old boy. His European tutor was present and that prompted me to recall some long ago newspaper training. I asked the tutor what were his realistic chances. *"He's talented and average among hundreds of young talented pianists, competition is very fierce."* It means daily practice amounting to hundreds of hours.

Some of the strange fashions seen in NYC at this time of year are unlikely to be seen on a street, but more startling is the return of longer bayonet heels. (The damage they can do to airplane floors!) Even to walk in them requires a superb upright balance not to walk like an ape.

This is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry Hudson's finding the river named after him. Celebrations have been ongoing in NY. My son and I drove up to Croton-on-Hudson to a small celebration at the yacht club. In 1608, Hudson in England was hired by the Dutch East Indies Co, to find and navigate a passage through America to Asia. His vessel was the eighty five feet "Halve Moen" (Half Moon) with a crew of twenty. He found NY's river later named after him, it was 1609. Only ten years later the Pilgrims landed in New England. Hudson returned to Holland and then to England where the Brits commissioned him to try again for a passage to Asia. It was to be his last voyage. He sailed north into what was later named Hudson Bay. His new crew mutinied and put Hudson, his son and some of his crew into a longboat and set them adrift. They were never seen again, it was 1611.

For fishermen, there are about thirty species of fish in the Hudson, from eels to impressive looking 6-8 feet Sturgeon, famous for Caviar. They are almost fished to extinction!

As an out of date grandfather, I'm mystified why a young girl would call my thirteen year old grandson, not once, but seven times in one day. When I was thirteen no one on our street had a telephone.

I send kind thoughts to everyone from FL.

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

Another year has gone by.

I have traveled for 64 years since I was employed at United and into my retirement years.

I really enjoy reading about other retirees and their trips.

Thank you for a great newsletter.

**Bob Crowell, 622 Quari St., Aurora, CO 80012-2342**

I was recently trying to figure how long I have worked, and how many jobs I have had during my sojourn on the earth. It goes something like this: 15 years of farming, 20 years in the Naval Reserve, 21 years with United, and 22 years as a realtor. You will probably come out somewhere close if you try to figure it out. At any rate, I'm not ready to retire. However, things have really changed during the past couple of years. During the time when the Government saw, in their wisdom, to bail out one of the largest of the mortgage companies, and have taken over at least one other large mortgage company. Instead of putting the best to good use from their taken-over company, they proceeded to double the documents required for a small loan, resulting in 4 times as much work for Realtors. In the case of a 203(k) Streamlined (fix up) loan, they took \$11,000 and put it into escrow to pay for the fix up. As long as they were demanding documentation never heard of before, we have produced. But now, they cannot (or will not) provide a portion of the Repair Escrow to the contractor as per agreement and according to the law. After causing a 2 month delay in closing of property, they are now 3 weeks overdue in making the first payment to the contractor.

But remember, they are now nurtured by the Government.

Instead of their failure, this mortgage company is doing their best to cause all private industry associated with or doing business with them to fail.

Does this sound like the house-approved health care bill? It is in a completely different area, but the results are the same. Government-run failure!

Despite the sum total of the first paragraph above, and despite the government-run ball of spaghetti mentioned in subsequent paragraphs, I am not ready to quit.

Once again, I appreciate all of you RUEA people who give us so much support!

**Don & Doris Johnson, 305 Rockridge St., Kerrville, TX 78028**

After moving to Kerrville TX, I was disappointed in not having the photos I took of the Flt. 93 crash site while living in Somerset. We were at home at the time and outside, but being about 8 miles from the site, neither heard nor saw nothing. When we learned of the crash, my neighbor across the street said he was going up to see what he could, but I had some business nearby the following day, so I decided to go then. On his return he said that he had picked up an envelope, which he said, he was going to "open and read when I got home",

but his wife told him to “throw it down” to which he said “I did”.

The next day I went by the site. There were still whiffs of smoke from the pit and two fire trucks plus other local and government vehicles about. Papers were still here and there, and even in the trees. It looked as though the fuselage just popped upon hitting the ground. It looked to me as though it had been pressurized. At that time I had no camera but on subsequent trips I did, and took pictures, but between then, and coming to Kerrville, my computer’s hard drive crashed, so lost those.

Upon moving here I often thought about those pictures and others I had taken. My wife and I decided to return to Somerset this past summer to escape the heat and visit relatives. After refurbishing our house here in Kerrville, we did, and well, to make a long story short, I, at some point, went back to Shanksville and retook pictures – I’m sure sorry though that I don’t have those originals. But now, I also have the Memorial, the Chapel, plants, and large rocks engraved with inscriptions, which are around the grounds. I also took photos of the crew members and some of the passenger’s pictures. They contain short summaries of their lives, and are located inside the Chapel. The Chapel is located a couple of miles from the crash site which is now surrounded by a chain link fence. I also visited the mine site where nine miners were saved by being pulleyed up a 24”, shaft by use of an enclosed cage. I took pictures there too, as I had also lost those. This site is located about 1 mile straight up Center Ave, which is the main street going North, from Somerset, and just off to the left about 200’. It also has a memorial.

We, as always, appreciate your newsletter.

**Algimantas Kubilius, 7121 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60629-3010**

Wow! How time flies fast when you are retired and don’t have enough of it to accomplish all you want. I have been retired since 1992.

This year was a bad year because I could not use my unlimited trip passes at all because of health reasons. Hopefully, 2010 will be better and I will be able to cross the Atlantic Ocean to visit my relatives.

You doing a fine job in running the paper and keeping us informed about our United Air Lines. Keep up the good work and thanks for the information you provide.

**Geryl Levelle, 13510 SE 272<sup>nd</sup> St. Unit 220, Kent, WA 98042**

This year I was given a week of surprises at the time of my birthday (85). My kids thought it special enough that they came from WA, CO, CA, OR, and NY. What a party!

I read the newsletter every month. Thank you for that and keep them coming.

**Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Manning, 547 Cincinnati Ave. Egg Harbor Cy, NJ 08215-1752**

This is Mel Manning. I am Marlene, his wife (and secretary).

We really enjoy the newsletter. Mel started in SFO and then did 20 years in PHL and then back to SFOMM, with some time at Dulles.

He just had a new knee replacement on 9/11 and we already did some dance steps on 10/25.

He has “selective hearing” as he calls it. I think it means that the drawers hear well because that is where the “aids” are located. He is as handsome as ever (not my luck). We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We have 3 kids, 13 grandkids and 8 great grandkids.

We are back in South Jersey again, back to our old stomping ground.

We would love to hear from some of Mel’s work buddies.

We wish everyone a blessed holiday.

**Erma Richardson, 850 Woodlawn St., Hoffman Est., IL 60169**

It is hard to believe that 14 years have passed since I went to United’s reservations.

I have since retired from Lord and Taylor as a sales associate.

Now it is time to travel and enjoy.

Keep up the great job. It is really great to hear of former co-workers and what is happening.

**Earle Risdon, 428 River Oaks Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301, erisdon@aol.com**

I can’t believe that it is that time of year again. I am another year older and time to renew my RUAEA membership. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to produce our RUAEA Newsletter. You really do a good job of keeping us up to date on all of the many changes that can affect our travels. I always read “Travel Tips by Bob.” We just completed a trip to Washington, DC, using our passes, and the new “Gate Information Displays” were a great improvement. When we were departing IAD, it was nice to look up and see: 1 RIS E and 2 RIS B.

Jean and I still love living in Prescott, AZ. We are still blessed with good health, and stay very active. Most of our travel has been by car. We started the year off with a Mexican Rivera Cruise on Holland America Line. It was a great way to spend New Year’s Eve.

Thanks again for the great service you render, and our best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday Season.



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## **The Writers Column (Continued from Page 39)**

Very few communities in the United States have the opportunity to see museum quality vintage Warbirds such as those at the Dixie Wing, while also having the opportunity to see and hear them fly. Hearing the distinct sound of a Merlin V12 engine while watching the beautiful P-51 fly by, or hearing the unique sound of a Curtis Wright R1820 that powers the historic SBD, or the distinctive sound of a Pratt and Whitney R1340 as it powers the LT-6, is an experience that will take many back to the period of WW II, and will undoubtedly entice youngsters to think about man's ability to fly, perhaps launching them into the field of aviation.

The Great Georgia Air Show, held every October, provides such an opportunity, along with the opportunity to get close and personal with many unique aircraft, the pilots that fly them, and the mechanics that keep them in the air. The Dixie Wing also provides the opportunity to purchase an educational ride in their Warbirds. Many have fulfilled lifetime fantasies to fly in these wonderful Warbirds, which is easily recognized by the smile on their faces as they exit the aircraft.

We owe these opportunities to people like **Dave Becker, Elmer Koldoff and Pop Wilson.**



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**The Writers Column – FAA Cites Three  
for Outstanding Service, By Jack VanNess**



**Elmer Koldoff, Dave Becker, Ray (Pop) Wilson**

September 19, 2009 was a special day for three Georgia men as they received high honors from the FAA for their many years of service. **Dave Becker**, of Fayetteville, **Elmer Koldoff**, of Peachtree City, and **Ray “Pop” Wilson**, of Marietta, were the honorees.

Before an overflow crowd that included family and friends, the awards were presented by Michael J. Mulaney, FAA Flight standards Service Division. Along with a beautiful plaque, their honors will be recorded in a permanent leather bound book in Washington, DC.

**Dave Becker** and **Elmer Koldoff** were honored with a presentation of the prestigious Charles Taylor “Master Mechanic” Award for their service of 50 years in their chosen field of aviation maintenance, and holding FAA certification as airframe and power plant mechanics. These gentlemen are only the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Georgia residents to receive this award.

Mr. Becker’s aviation career began as an Air Force mechanic; after military discharge, he attended and graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics. He was employed by Northwest Airlines as a DC-6 mechanic, Republic Aircraft, and then moved to Eastern Airlines, where he had a 29 year career, progressing to lead mechanic and aircraft inspector. Following his retirement from Eastern Airlines, Dave continued applying his skills at Georgia Tech and Raytheon Aircraft.

Mr. Koldoff began his aviation career with Capital Airlines, that later became part of United Airlines, where he remained until his retirement. He progressed through the ranks of line mechanic, aircraft inspector, maintenance planner, maintenance foreman, and into

management positions as operations manager, and station maintenance controller. Transferred by United to Atlanta in 1989, he retired 10 years later with responsibility for Aircraft Maintenance in Atlanta, Orlando, and Tampa.

Mr. Wilson received the prestigious “Master Pilot” Award for his 50 years as a pilot with an unblemished record. Mr. Wilson, a native of Augusta, GA, started flying J-3 Cubs as a teenager, and earned his private and commercial licenses. He became a contract pilot for Georgia Pacific doing charters and whatever else that was needed, graduating to a full time pilot position with Georgia Pacific. He earned an Airline Transport Pilot rating; the highest pilot license given by the FAA. While at Georgia Pacific, he flew many aircraft from the Beechcraft D-18 to the large corporate jets. At retirement, he was the Regional Chief Pilot for the Georgia Pacific Corporation.

What makes these gentlemen so special, beyond their total of 150 years of service contributing to the aviation community, is their participation as volunteers at the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. Each of them, like many others in the CAF after retirement, was drawn by their love of aircraft and aviation to the local airport. In their case, it was Falcon Field in Peachtree City, which serves as the home of the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, whose purpose is to restore and fly former military aircraft with the emphasis placed on those that were so important in World War II.

**Dave Becker** has served as Crew Chief on the PT-26 Cornell and the C-45 Expediter. **Elmer Koldoff** serves as Maintenance Officer for all of the Dixie Wing aircraft and ground equipment. **Pop Wilson** serves as the Dixie Wing Operations Officer in charge of all aircraft operations, as well as the Air Operations Officer for the Great Georgia Air Show.

With their efforts, the Dixie Wing has grown to over 200 members, and houses historic airplanes including the P-51 Mustang, the ever popular fighter of WWII; the SBD Dauntless, the dive bomber that won the Battle Midway; an LT-6, forward air controller that was used in Korea; a C-45 transport aircraft; a PT-26 Cornell, an early WWII trainer; and an L-16 liaison aircraft. Under restoration is a Bell P-63 King Cobra. The Dixie Wing also houses an extensive museum of WWII artifact, and has an excellent educational program that has been presented to thousands of local area school children on field trips while studying WWII history. The Dixie Wing, CAF can be visited at Falcon Field at 1200 Echo Court, Peachtree City (turn left at Victor Road), or on the web at [www.dixiewing.org](http://www.dixiewing.org).

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each trip and a thorough examination of parts took place after 50 hours and again after 125 hours of flight time. Before each trip, engines were given a ground-test by a qualified mechanic. After 725 hours of operation, the engines were removed and replaced with newly overhauled engines. In 1942 the average scheduled plane usage was 10½ hours per day.

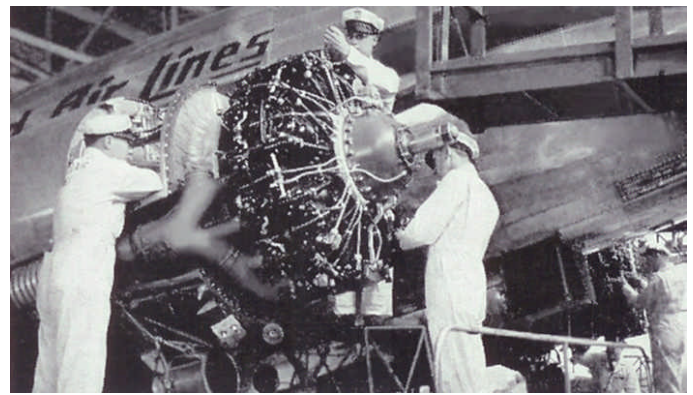
United was able to meet Federal policy with respect to priorities on other replace-

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ment parts and the continued maintenance of its flying equipment. The May 1942 completion of United's San Francisco Service Hangar & Repair Depot and the new Office Building enabled even more efficient handling of domestic operations and also made important contributions to the company's war-time activities for the U.S. Army.



In 1942, United Air Lines Cheyenne Maintenance Base began military aircraft modification work. This base had operated for many years and represented a large amount of aircraft mechanical experience.

The U.S. Army provided additional buildings at the Cheyenne airport and approximately 1600 of United's 6000 employees were engaged in making installations and alterations on Army bombers.

In the meantime, the maintenance of United's fleet continued and complied with the Civil Aeronautics Administration standards. Airplanes were inspected after

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