



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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This is the last convention announcement before you receive your packet of information and forms to register for the convention.

Next month, when you receive your packet, you will be able to look over all of the tour offerings and decide which of them you will take. Included are tours around Portland and some of the beautiful public gardens, an evening tour to some of the famous Portland Microbreweries, a day tour to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) where the submarine USS Blueback resides (it was used in the filming of the movie *"The Hunt for Red October"*), and a luncheon cruise on the Willamette River on the Portland Spirit.

Tours that leave the city include a progressive lunch and tasting tour to wine country and some of the wonderful wineries of the Willamette Valley; a tour of the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, where you will find the Spruce Goose, United's first DC-3 (and there is even a Boeing 747 on the roof of the water park!); and a tour to Hood River and the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum, where all the exhibits must be able to fly or drive. There will be tours to Mt. St. Helens and to Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and waterfalls. I know they all will be enjoyable.

You will be able to choose your dining preferences for the two banquets. If you are traveling alone and would prefer it, you will be able to choose seating at a table designated for people who are traveling unaccompanied.

There is still time for you to contact **Cindy Passannante** to book either a pre- or post-convention cruise to Alaska via the Inland Passage. The cruises are on the Holland America line. Call Cindy at: (503) 658-5646 for information on these cruises and the special rates that are being offered.

We are inviting all United and Continental retirees, their family and friends to join us. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to renew old friendships, make new friends and build bridges between the various groups.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland next May.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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### **Writers' Column – UA Inaugural Flight O'Hare –Pensacola by Carol Morgan**

On November 5, 2010, United Airlines had its inaugural flight from O'Hare to Pensacola, arriving to a full water cannon salute. The flight came in booked to capacity, and waiting at the gate was a Taste Of Chicago buffet (pizza and hot dogs) and lots of smiling faces.



***Captain Tom Morgan receiving a model airplane from Charles Hobart (Communications & Public Relations, UAL)***

A ribbon cutting ceremony was preceded by introductions of local dignitaries and United Airlines employees by Pensacola Airport Director Melinda Crawford. Charles Hobart, Communications and Public Relations of United Airlines then presented to Dr. P. C. Wu, City of Pensacola Councilman, a model 747-400 airplane with the new United/Continental paint job. Charles then presented a second model airplane to Retired Captain Thomas Morgan, Pensacola, FL. He noted that Tom had flown with Pennsylvania Central, Capital Airlines and then with the United/Capital merger in 1961, a total of 39 years in the cockpit.

Also present at the ceremony was Continental Airlines General Manager Field Services Joe Lovitt. The departing flight left on time with only 3 empty seats. Tom and I have lived in Pensacola for 23 years, waiting for United to start service. All we can say is "it's about time". It's a beautiful area – so come see us!

### **Writers' Column – by Jan Brown Lohr**

From Wikipedia ~ Jan Brown Lohr - United 232's Senior Flight Attendant. She was forced by regulation to ask parents with "lap babies" (children without

seats) aboard Flight 232 to place their children on the cabin floor during the flight's final moments before impact. One of four children died from smoke inhalation. The deceased child's mother came to her at the crash site and stated "You told me to put my baby on the floor and now he's gone." Since then, Lohr has tirelessly lobbied in Washington D.C. to promote the safety of children on all civilian aircraft and airlines, asking that federal regulations require all children to have a seat-belt on every flight.

I was the Flight Attendant in charge on Flight 232. That was the ill-fated United flight that crashed landed in Sioux City, Iowa in July of 1989. The DC10 that was headed to Chicago from Denver, had a major malfunction of the center engine, one of the main fan blades disintegrated and the resulting shrapnel severed all the hydraulic lines. The flight crew managed to keep the plane flying for about 45 minutes after the incident and attempted an emergency landing at the Sioux City airport. Without the hydraulics, they had to manually lower the landing gear but were unable to lower the flaps to further reduce their speed. Just before touchdown, the right wing dipped and traveling so far over normal landing speed, we smashed to earth, careening down the runway and breaking into three sections. Of the 296 "souls on board", 184 survived and 112 died including one lap child whose mother was unable to hold him when our section flipped over into a corn field. Another lap child was thrown a dozen rows and landed in an overhead bin. Fortunately, her cries were heard by passenger Jerry Schemmel who found & saved her. Since that time, I have become a vocal advocate of child seats on commercial flights. I am working on organizing more supporters for this cause. Below find my comments regarding child seats. You may contact the FAA or your Congressional representative to let them know of your support. Any question you can contact me at [Janlohr28@aol.com](mailto:Janlohr28@aol.com).

#### ***Comments:***

**Con ~** The FAA still opposes a child seat mandate with the argument of air safety vs highway statistics, that parents will drive vs. fly if made to pay for a ticket (Do parents stop flying then when the child turns 2 years and they must pay for a ticket?)

#### ***Pro ~***

1. Children from birth are required by law to be in an approved seat in cars ... they drive to the airport in an auto moving at speeds that could be as high as 80 or 90 MPH, then board a metal tube traveling in excess of 500 MPH, bouncing on a parent's lap.
2. No passenger is safe in a cabin where there is a lap child as G-forces could multiply that infant's weight from say 20 lbs. to 100lbs or more. However, flight attendants per the FAA



must instruct passengers to safely stow laptops etc. for take-off and landing while lap children are sitting unsecured!

3. Pets stowed in a pet carrier under the seat are safer on a plane than a "lap". And in all my years of flying, I never heard a complaint re: cost of pet fee (now \$125-250).
4. Flight attendants who are responsible for passenger safety may only do so for those over two years of age.
5. There is no documentation for injuries of children under two years of age on flights, so no way to utilize this information to responsibly address the Child Restraint issue.
6. There are 4 areas of responsibility:
  - (a) Parents are responsible for their children.
  - (b) Flight attendants are responsible for passenger safety.
  - (c) Airlines are responsible for getting their passengers from point A to point B.
  - (d) The FAA is responsible for aviation safety! Parents have the impression that if the airlines & FAA allow lap children that therefore it is safe ... an iniquitous impression to allow.

In closing, if you are ever in the Sioux City area take time to see the Flight 232 Memorial. It is a very moving experience. The memorial is located at the Chris Larsen Park on the riverfront which is near downtown Sioux City, a little west of the airport.

### **Letter From The President**



**Ron Bertacini**

The now infamous Pass Travel Survey is on the internet. The original target date was October 20, 2010 but was delayed several times for various reasons. The survey was finally posted on Skynet late in the day on November 22, 2010, ironically at the beginning of the Thanksgiving week. There are

many questionable things about this survey, a rating system without any mention of boarding priority, most of the other questions seem to be skewed toward the current Continental Pass Policy with no references to the current United Pass Policy, a short amount of space to add comments, that it is only available to those using the internet, disenfranchising thousands of possible respondents and finally the timing of its release and duration.

Since the probability of the merger of United and Continental back in May, RUAEA has been working

diligently with RUPA and retirees from Continental to come to a common agreement on our combined desires for a Travel Pass Policy for the new United. That agreement was concluded prior to the merger date of October 1, 2010. This common agreement was communicated to both companies HR departments. While our Pass Travel benefit has never been a negotiated benefit, it has been a long standing benefit. Over the years, it has changed and improved to the benefit of both the employees and retirees. At United, there has been a standing committee called the Travel Advisory Committee with representatives of the various work groups as well as the retirees. This committee had input regarding changes and improvements to the Pass Travel Policy, specifically waiving of service charges in economy and retaining the BP6B boarding priority. Even after the merger was completed, members of that committee were in agreement that the desired new Pass Travel Policy should be a continuation of the present United Pass Travel policy. At Continental, there has been no such committee.

So with all this being said, it would appear that the new senior management of the new United may not really be interested in opinions of their employees and retirees, especially their retirees. The current Continental Pass Travel policy not only puts retirees last or near last in the boarding priority but also adjust retiree seniority to only time worked with the company. Once you leave active employment, you become a second class citizen.

The previous senior management at United found it beneficial to have a relationship with the retiree community through RUAEA. With this relationship, there has been open communications between the company and the retirees. The company has benefited with support from the retirees in such things as the IAD-PEK route award and most recently assistance in contacting voters in Colorado concerning ballot measures that would impact expenses at DEN.

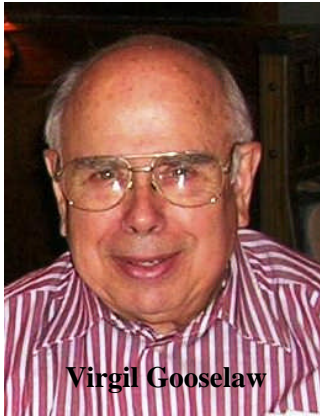
The outcome of all of this is yet to be determined or at least announced to those affected. With all that has transpired in the last couple of months, it is difficult to be optimistic. I would like nothing better than to be proved wrong.

Ron Bertacini  
President – RUAEA

### **Happy New Year from the Denver Office**

We normally send our greetings and best wishes in the December Newsletter, but time got away from us. So, please accept our belated **"Happy Holiday Season"** message.

The Denver Office has seen a few changes in 2010.



**Virgil Gooselaw**

The Newsletter is now published in Roseville, CA by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. It is still printed and mailed in Denver. Francis took over the Newsletter Manager duties effective with the August issue. They have been doing a marvelous job and already we can see the enhancements they have incorporated. **Martha**

**Gooselaw**, our Letters Editor

is still doing the Letter Section and is one of the proof readers. Remember when you send your letters, make them as legible as possible, sometimes it is tough to read us "old peoples" writing. **John Chu** continues to do a superb job with graphics, formatting, and generally putting the Newsletter together.

The year has had a few challenges. As planned effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, we dropped the optional discounted multi year dues structure. Of course with this change, our Computer Technician and Assistant Membership Manager, **Cas Spokas** had to reprogram the data base, which he did and set it up to automatically reflect the change on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We thought we were going to move to other offices in the training center but that has been put on hold until the CO/UAL merger realignment at the Training Center has settled down. We are thankful that UAL provides the office space for our operation.

There are still four secretaries, **Juliana Alfonso**, **Carol Bare**, **Carole Longbella** and **Marilyn Hansen**. These ladies are the dedicated volunteers who keep up the data base by inputting dues, address changes, new member records, answer and return phone messages, handle email and generally keep an eye on the office. They do a great job and we are fortunate to have them.

The New Year is upon us and we look forward to the changes and challenges that the merger of UAL/CO brings with it.

We want to extend to the membership our thanks for the many kind words and expressions of good will and hope the New Year brings joy to all of you and your families!

Virgil Gooselaw  
Membership Manager

### **United Thanks Colorado Retirees**

In October, United asked for our support in opposing two amendments, Amendments 60 and 61, on the Colorado ballot during this past election cycle. Many of our fellow Colorado retirees received a letter from Pete

McDonald asking for their assistance. Thanks in large part to your efforts, Amendments 60 and 61 were soundly defeated by Colorado voters in the November election.

These amendments would not have supported future growth and economic prosperity at United's Denver hub. They would have increased the cost to operate at Denver International Airport, hurt the airport's ability to raise funds for capital projects and, made it more expensive for customers to fly in and out of Denver.

United thanks us for our support and for working together on this important initiative. We stand ready to assist the company in future projects for the common good.

Ed Tolle - Corporate Liaison, RUAEA  
Alissa Markert - Manager, Government Affairs  
United Airlines - HDQGV

*In last month's Newsletter, we mentioned that in an effort to build bridges with all retirees of United and Continental, that we were inviting members of those other organizations to join us at our convention. Inadvertently we failed to mention two groups, specifically Retiree Association of Flight Attendants (RAFA) and the IAM Retiree Association. Be assured that members of those organizations are also welcome to join us at the 2011 Convention in Portland.*

### **UA co-workers to use new log-in page for Flying Together, SkyNet**



UA co-workers can begin using a new log-in page to sign into Flying Together ([flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com)) and SkyNet ([skynet.ual.com](http://skynet.ual.com)).

This updated page provides password and technical support information, and it features an updated design more consistent with Flying Together and SkyNet. Please continue to log in with your regular employee ID number and password.

### **Boeing begins certification testing on 737 performance improvements**



A CO Boeing 737 in the new UA livery successfully completed its first test flight, signaling the start of certification for a package of 737 performance improvements.

Aerodynamic and engine changes included in the package will reduce fuel consumption by 2 percent.

Boeing's testing and certification will continue through April 2011.

Half the fuel savings will come from reducing resistance as air flows around the airplane. The upper and lower anti-collision lights have been re-designed, as have the environmental control system, exhaust vent and streamlined wing slat and spoiler trailing edges.

Also, engine-maker CFM is introducing the new CFM56-7BE engine enhancement program that will result in a 1 percent reduction in fuel consumption.

Co-workers may watch a video of the first certification test flight and learn how engineers came up with the design improvements at: <http://bit.ly/a8T9oM>. Remember to disable any pop-up blockers.

### **CO relocates to Terminal 1 at ORD**



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the new United announced that CO will move its ticketing and check-in counters from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 at ORD, effective Tuesday, Nov. 16.

This relocation to Terminal 1 centralizes CO's facilities in the same terminal as UA's and is one of the first relocations the company is undertaking to integrate operations.

The move also brings CO together with fellow Star Alliance members that operate in Terminal 1, including Lufthansa and ANA.

### **First UA aircraft undergoes new livery makeover**



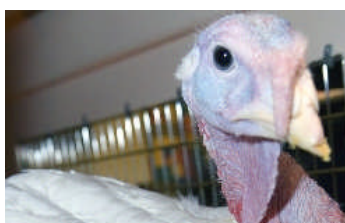
The first UA aircraft to receive the new livery - a Boeing 777 - is in the paint process for the new livery and is expected to take to the skies on November 23. By the end of

the year, UA will have up to seven aircraft painted - all Boeing 777-200s.

Meanwhile, a CO Boeing 767 went into repainting. Both UA and CO aircraft are being painted with the new UA branding at three different facilities. Presently, the majority of paint work is being done in Amarillo, Texas. CO's widebody fleet, which is undergoing other routine maintenance checks, is being re-branded in Hong Kong. Other paint facilities in Victorville, Calif., and Roswell, N.M., are also under consideration.

The changes to the UA planes are more extensive, given the new livery design. United plans to post a progress meter on [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com). Stay tuned to Jeff's Journal, which will soon feature a time-lapse video of the repainting work.

### **Presidential turkeys flew on UA**



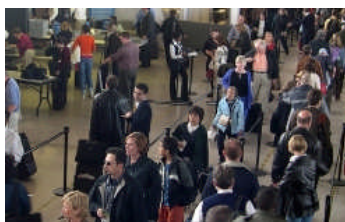
On November 21<sup>st</sup>, UA transported some precious cargo, as a pair of presidential turkeys took a cross-country journey on UA Flight 540, SFO to IAD. Every year, the

president of the United States pardons one turkey and an alternate as part of the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation. California students submitted more than 200 pairs of names for the turkey and his alternate, and the White House selected Apple and Cider as the official names of this year's pardoned birds.

Foster Farms in California raised the 21-week-old turkeys. While in Washington, they enjoyed their stay just a block from the White House at the W Hotel. After the pardoning ceremony, the turkeys rode to their pen in a horse-drawn carriage and arrived to a trumpet fanfare in Mount Vernon, VA.

In years past, UA partnered with Disney and flew the turkeys in first class on Flight "Turkey One," which took the birds from IAD to LAX or Orlando (MCO), where they lived happily ever after at Disneyland or Disney World, respectively.

### **Security procedures updated for prohibited items**



Since Nov. 8, United has been following new security measures from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that prohibit transportation of printer or toner cartridges

weighing 16 ounces or more on board domestic or international flights to or from the U.S. This restriction extends to all passengers and crew in either carry-on or checked baggage.

In addition, United has been working with the TSA



over the past several weeks to monitor the latest information and implement additional restrictions and controls on cargo and mail screening. This includes an embargo on cargo and mail from Yemen and Somalia.

United's and Continental's cargo screening and management policies have long met or exceeded U.S. and foreign security screening regulations for passenger carriers, which are above and beyond those for cargo carriers. Both airlines are compliant with thorough screening guidelines, reflecting that United accepts shipments from known shippers agents, who comply with a broad range of specific security requirements to qualify for this status. As part of United's overall security program, the company continues to participate in many security measures such as intelligence gathering, checking passenger manifests against watch lists, boarding federal air marshals and conducting random aircraft searches. These add incremental security layers that help protect the overall cargo supply chain.

### **Technology Division participates in "Wall Walk"**



In November, about 75 members of the Technology Division from both UA and CO met in Chicago for a "Wall Walk" - the first of three such meetings in the information

technology integration process. These meetings focus on high-level implementation plans for the major applications that IT will migrate as a result of the merger. Wall Walk participants use meeting space walls to organize challenges, priorities, and collaborative thinking as a visual representation of planning over 12-18 months.

In the all-day Wall Walk meetings, the team reviews 15 subject areas, also known as swim lanes, including passenger services, loyalty, contact centers, sales, both airport and flight operations, and revenue management, among many others. The 15 swim lane teams meet individually prior to Wall Walk meetings, and then collectively in the Wall Walks to discuss interdependencies.

The group will gather again for the second of the three Wall Walk meetings in early December and for the third time in early January, when they will finalize plans. In addition, the team has held many planning meetings and will continue to do so going forward during the integration planning process.



### **UA wins China business travel award; CO takes tourism award in Scotland**



Pictured: Lin Xinjia, general sales manager - UA Eastern China Region, receives the award from Chung To of the Chi Heng Foundation

Frequent travelers polled by Business Traveler China have voted UA the "Best American Airline Serving China" for the sixth consecutive year. *"The recognition we have received from our travel-savvy customers with this award is a fitting representation of United's continued commitment to customer service excellence and to offering our Chinese customers the best travel experience,"* UA Pacific South Managing Director Jake Cefolia.

UA will launch daily, nonstop service between LAX and Shanghai (PVG) in May 2011. With this route, UA will have six daily, nonstop flights serving China to the United States.

Also, the Scottish Council for Development & Industry (SCDI) has named CO the winner of its "Glasgow - Scotland With Style Award" for Best International Tourism Business, in recognition of CO's *"significant contribution to increasing tourism into Scotland and enhancing Scotland's reputation in international markets."*

CO UK & Ireland Sr. Director Bob Schumacher and Scotland Sales Manager Kenny Donnelly accepted the award from former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani at a ceremony in Glasgow on Nov. 19. CO operates the only year-round, nonstop scheduled services between Scotland and the United States, with flights from EWR to both Glasgow (GLA) and Edinburgh (EDI).

### **UA sponsors the Airports Going Green conference**



In November, UA sponsored the third annual Airports Going Green conference in Chicago. The American Association of Airport Executives and the Chicago Department of

Aviation hosted the event, which included a presentation by UA on our commitment to environmental responsibility.

UA Environmental and Security VP Toby Enqvist updated attendees on UA's efforts to continue to modernize its fleet; improve operational procedures in flight and on the ground to reduce emissions and noise, reduce waste and improve reuse and recycling; and further pro-

mote and support alternative fuels as a viable option for our company.

He also told attendees that real success in improving UA's environmental performance will require the help of governments, manufacturers, and others taking action together to invest in NextGen and alternative fuels.

### **UA, Bears give customers behind-the-scenes peek at charter flight prep**



Pictured: Members of the Ramp Operations team load Chicago Bears gear for a recent charter flight. For more than 35 years, UA has partnered with the Chicago Bears football

team to fly coaches, players and owners to away games all across the country.

To capture the inner workings of this long-standing partnership, UA welcomed a news crew from the FOX Chicago television station for an inside look at all the hard work it takes to get the Bears to their destinations on-time and safely. The news crew featured UA's charter team and ORD ramp workers in action as they loaded nearly thirteen thousand pounds of Bears cargo into the belly of the aircraft.

The news crew also interviewed Charter Manager Sparky Sipolt, who leads the equipment team and helps ensure an on-time departure, as well as United Flight Attendant Kaye Cooksley, who helps provide great on-board service win or lose.

### **Co-workers can use improved intranet password management tools**

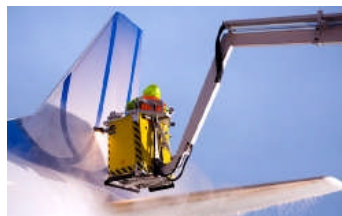


Based on feedback from UA co-workers, Information Technology has implemented changes to make it easier to reset passwords online for SkyNet. These improve-

ments provide better information when your password is about to expire and make it easier to use the self-service password tool if you've forgotten your password. For more information, see "[Improvements to Password Management](#)" under "New on SkyNet" on the SkyNet home page.

CO employees can visit News and Events on [Inside-coair.com](#) for information on technology self-service tools available to them. On the self-service site, co-workers may re-set passwords, open service requests, check the status of previous requests, search for solutions and more.

### **The Weather Channel features UA de-icing team**



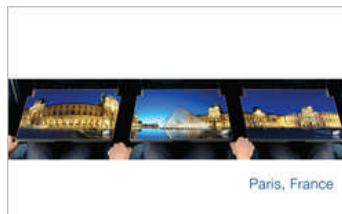
UA welcomed a television crew from The Weather Channel to ORD to get an inside look at all of the hard work that goes into de-icing planes when severe weather strikes. The

Weather Channel field reporter Julie Martin interviewed members of the UA de-icing team and rode the "Elephant" - a special truck that sprays the de-icing mixture from a long boom that extends over the aircraft.

About 300 co-workers at ORD are trained for de-icing, each with a role in making sure the planes are ready to depart when the temperatures dip below freezing. On a day with severe weather, the team uses nearly 30 pieces of equipment to de-ice planes, including up to three Elephant trucks per aircraft. The team aims to get each plane safely cleared for take-off in about an hour.

The story aired on The Weather Channel on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

### **Chase Mileage Plus Visa campaign begins in December**



Starting in December, UA will begin an enhanced promotion of the Chase Mileage Plus Visa card to its passengers. It is an opportunity to highlight the benefits of using the

card and the interesting places United flies. The campaign will include tray table advertising in the economy cabin of our Airbus A319s.

The ads feature high-end travel photography with a Chase tagline on an antimicrobial surface. In the future, you may begin to see this campaign, as well as others, extend to other parts of UA.

All advertising will be thoughtful and will align with strict brand guidelines.

### **Easy Does It**

Have you already had your fill of the heavyweight foods inspired and encouraged by the holidays? Following is a delightful gelatin-plus-pudding recipe to use as a "lightweight" side dish to accompany a rather heavy meal. You will need only 4 ingredients. It's pretty and works well with just about any main course. Or, if you choose, use as a dessert. It is quickly and easily put together. The only delay you will experience will be to allow the jello and tapioca pudding to become friends and "set" for a while in your refrigerator.



Helen Cain

### **“Christy’s Orange Delight”**

#### **Ingredients:**

- ✓ 2 small boxes (3 oz. each) JELL-O TAPIOCA “cook & serve pudding & pie filling”
- ✓ 1 small box (3 oz.) orange-flavored GELATIN (jello), any brand)
- ✓ 8 oz. tub of COOLWHIP (do not substitute with another brand)
- ✓ 1 small can MANDARIN

ORANGES (segments or whole)

#### **Preparation:**

1. In a glass or ceramic bowl, ADD 3 cups of boiling water to the combined tapioca pudding mix and orange jello.
2. CHILL in your refrigerator, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY while the above mixture “sets”. This will prevent all of the tapioca from settling to the bottom.
3. Once mixture is “set”, gently ADD the Cool-Whip and drained mandarin oranges. Use a large whisk if you have one. You may cut the oranges in half if you like.
4. Place in an attractive glass serving bowl and refrigerate once more until it has once again become slightly firm and is ready to serve. (It won’t take long this time.)

#### **Notes:**

1. If you desire, you may prepare this recipe a day ahead. Just return it to your refrigerator and cover it overnight with a sheet of wax paper or use one of those refrigerator bowl covers that look like a tiny shower cap! (Do not allow the wax paper to touch the top of your creation.)
2. If you want to pretty it up a bit, either purchase an extra can of mandarin oranges, DRAIN and use as decoration around the top or, save a few mandarin oranges from the original recipe and place on top.

### **Ask The Pharmacist - New Medco Women’s Health Center specializes in the unique medication needs of women**

You can help make sure your medications meet your unique needs as a woman *and* find out whether you could save on your medications - with just one phone call to a Specialist Pharmacist at the new Medco Pharmacy Women’s Health Resource Center.

These Specialist Pharmacists have specialized training in the medications used for contraception, osteoporosis, symptoms of menopause, and more. They also know your plan, so they can talk with you or your doc-



tor about medication options that may be more affordable yet just as effective. And this enhanced level of care is available to you at no additional cost.

**Your counseling conversation will be private** - You can talk to a Specialist Pharmacist by phone, *in private*. This means that you can ask sensitive and personal questions about your medications and how you react to them - without the concern of bystanders listening to your conversation.

You also don’t need to be concerned that you are taking a Specialist Pharmacist away from other duties. During your conversation, the pharmacist is fully available to help you understand your medications and how they are working to help meet your unique needs.

**How can a Specialist Pharmacist help?** - Together you can review your medications to help safeguard your health. Specialist Pharmacists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for questions such as:

- **Are there any interactions with my medications and the nonprescription drugs and vitamins I take?**

*Example: You take a prescription acid reflux medication and your doctor recommends a non-prescription calcium supplement. You call a Specialist Pharmacist and he or she helps you choose a calcium product whose effectiveness won’t be reduced by the acid reflux medication. You also talk through your preferences—tablets or liquid, with meals or between meals—so that the dosing schedule fits your schedule.*

- **How do my medications work and is the way I take them the best way?**

*Example: You take an osteoporosis medication and you are prescribed another medication. You call a Specialist Pharmacist and he or she tells you how each medication works. You also learn that the two medications need to be taken at different times or the osteoporosis medication may not be effective.*

- **Is there any way I could save on my medications?**

*Example: You take a contraceptive that you purchase once a month. After answering any questions about health benefits and risks, the Specialist Pharmacist tells you that your plan allows you to get one 90-day supply of your current medication through the mail from the Medco Pharmacy for less than three one-month supplies at your retail pharmacy. And standard shipping is free.*

*You also learn that there are other contracep-*



*tion options that you may want to talk to your doctor about, since they could save you even more money.*

Medco screens all your medications on file from all your doctors to look for any potentially unsafe drug interactions and other possible problems. If there is a potential problem, a Medco Specialist Pharmacist can contact you or your doctor so your medication can be adjusted if needed.

**For family members who use other long-term medications** - The Medco Pharmacy has Specialist Pharmacists with expertise in the medications used to treat many other ongoing conditions, including high cholesterol, asthma, or depression.

**Visit [medco.com](http://medco.com)® for information from the U.S. FDA and more** - Visit the Women's Health Center at [medco.com](http://medco.com) to find information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other valuable resources on the medications used to treat women's health conditions. Topics include contraception, heart disease, osteoporosis, and menopause, as well as using medications during pregnancy. You can learn about warning signs, side effects, lifestyle changes, and reducing health risks.

**Use the Medco Pharmacy mail service for your long-term medications** - You can get up to a 90-day supply of your medication for just one mail-order co-payment—which could save you money. The Medco Pharmacy has a state-of-the-art dispensing process with multiple quality checks to help ensure safety and accuracy. Your medication will be conveniently delivered right to you, and there's never a charge for standard shipping. Just ask the pharmacist how to get started.

**Specialist Pharmacists are just a phone call or an e-mail away** - To talk to a Specialist Pharmacist about managing your medication, potential savings, and getting your medications through the mail, call the toll-free Member Services number on your prescription drug ID card and ask to speak to a Specialist Pharmacist at the Women's Health Resource Center.

You also have the option of e-mailing questions about your medications using the [Ask the pharmacist](#) link on the Women's Health Center page once you log in to [medco.com](http://medco.com)®.

Let a Specialist Pharmacist help ensure that your medications are working well together and working well for you.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (Note: *Rules for submitting an*



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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA

### GULF COAST CHAPTER



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At our October meeting, by unanimous decision, we voted to combine the November and December meeting into one. We met on December 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Air Museum in Pensacola, FL. This was our second visit to this restaurant but everyone decided that we enjoy the surroundings so much that we would like to go back there again. We are able to meet in a nice, small and quiet separate room for our meeting and the food is always good, but casual. There is so much memorabilia on the walls to look at that we know we can make several more visits there before we will see all the items. The museum is really outstanding!

**Yvonne Schwartz**, secretary, has prepared a roster of all our members and has sent it to everyone. We are still missing a little information on a couple of members but we hope to have it complete very soon. It even has everyone's email address, so we have all been contacting each other with all the news of the current survey. We are hoping and praying that the retirees will not lose too much with the changes taking place.

With our December meeting occurring after the newsletter's deadline, I am writing this before our meeting so it will be less newsy. We should be back on our regular schedule after the holidays with meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at various restaurants. We plan to now meet at 11:30AM for social time and order lunch at 12 Noon with our meeting following. We always encourage anyone visiting down by the Gulf to give us a call and meet with us.

We wish every one of you a very nice Holiday Season and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

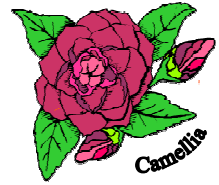
#### Calendar:

**January 25** - TBA



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November meeting was held at the beautiful home of **Hank & Gay Fowler** in Columbiana, Alabama. Since this is the month that we honor our veterans, it was a very special honor for all of us to be with Hank. As a Vietnam POW, he made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. We thank him and all of our veterans for their service, not for just this one day in the month of November, but for everyday that we wake up in a free America.

Hank & Gay provided the entrees and our members brought side dishes and desserts. What a spread – we had everything from Fried Chicken and Pecan Pie to Curried Chicken and Strawberry Cake. A meeting like this is a real treasure! It further cements the bonds of friendship that all of us have in the airline industry. Actually, we had so much fun that we forgot to have a formal meeting. I would like to personally thank everyone for being so gracious to my cousin, **Renee Sims**, who was a guest.

The New Year is almost upon us and we must start thinking about electing new officers and starting new projects for the group. We've had a great success this year in helping a new chapter get started for the Gulf Coast and we look forward to increasing our membership with people from the northern part of our state.

I have a correction to the September newsletter. My apologies go out to **Ron Brasher**. He was our guest at the Bright Star Restaurant and I did not realize his history with United. His brother, **Travis Glass**, has told me that Ron worked for United for 30 years and retired from TPAOZ. He also worked at HSV, ATLRR and BHMOZ. He's not a member of our group yet. We will all be working on him in the New Year.

December Birthdays: **Rebecca Paulk** – Judy's permanent guest (12/1), **Herb Wilbanks** (12/8), **Tekla Johnson Rex** (12/15), **Bobby Cox** (12/30), **Travis Glass** (12/31).

December Anniversary: **Donna & Jim Gooch** (12/20)

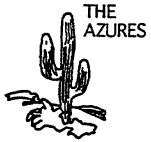
#### Calendar:

**January 10** - Meeting - TBA

*Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.*

*~Oprah Winfrey*

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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A happy Thanksgiving was had by all. Our luncheon was held at the Pebble Creek Country Club on November 20<sup>th</sup> with 40 people in attendance.

Breakfast on November 23<sup>rd</sup> had 18 in attendance with the **Neals** back from up north. Lots of holiday travel. The **Butkiewicz**s were in VA, the **Carns** in Sierra Vista, the **Bergstroms** all round the Pacific NW and Mid-west. Welcome back to **Elsie Dikeman**. **Mike Richards** was also at breakfast and shared some recent info on the UA/CO merger, the website for answering the pass survey etc. We missed **Eldon & Geri** as Geri was sick with an early winter cold.

We are taking names for volunteers for officers for the next session of the Azures chapter. Thanks to **Mike Richards** for volunteering to be President and **Joe Hopkins** to return as our Treasurer. We still need a secretary and Vice President. Any retiree or spouse would be welcomed with open arms.

Mark your calendars for March 17, 2011. That is the date for the All Arizona RUAEA luncheon in Casa Grand. The Azures chapter will be the host chapter this year. We will try to meet or even exceed the wonderful luncheons that have preceded us. It will be held, again, at the Holiday Inn. The hotel has put a lot of money into upgrading the facilities and we are sure you will like the new outdoor patio area where we will meet and greet for our pre-luncheon cocktail hour. We have asked for two bartenders this year so we won't have such a long line at the bar. We are still finalizing the cost, but have asked for corned beef and cabbage for those who will join us in celebrating St. Paddy's day and there will also be a chicken dish on the menu. A flyer and e-mail (with additional information) will be sent to all AZ chapters shortly after the New Year. Any RUAEA member planning on being in Arizona in March should contact one of our chapters; you are welcome to join us.

Any UA or CO retiree, whether you are pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.



## Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

**December 21**

**January 4**

**January 18**

**January 15** - luncheon and White-Elephant auction - Camarones Restaurant

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We hope everyone will have a happy and healthy New Year. Let's start the New Year out by attending our Breakfasts and/or Luncheons that we offer every month. You'll enjoy them!

We are a very active group and enjoy the company of our United Airlines retirees' chapter. This is a good way to keep informed on the many things happening with our company. If you're new to the area, or even have been around for awhile, at least 55 years old, and have retired from United Airlines or have worked for the company at any time, you're welcome to join us. Contact our President, **Jim Brigante**, at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com).

At our recent luncheon at Busters in Scottsdale, we had several guests present. **Natasha Schmidt** had **Doris Govera** as her guest from Anthem. **Gerry Hostetter** from Azures Chapter was also present. We had a new member join our group, **Bob Rowan**, who retired from SFOPP. His wife, **Patrice**, was unable to join him at this time, but will be with us in the future. We're always happy to have new people join our chapter at any time.

There were 35 members present at the luncheon. President **Jim Brigante** told us that we have not been notified as to the pass survey with United/Continental at this time. We have heard from the Azures Chapter regarding our suggestion for the All-Arizona Luncheon and they agreed that every person purchasing chances for the drawing is limited to one prize each, which would eliminate the problem of some people winning multiple gifts.

**Ted Tollefsen** reported on our Medical Insurance that we have to notify the company each year if we wish to continue receiving the medical insurance. Before, if you wished to continue with the same coverage etc. each year, you didn't have to do anything about it and it was automatically taken care of.

**Peg Snowdall** passed around a new United Newsletter she saw at the Phoenix Airport. **Peg** also men-



tioned the January 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at **Grand View Steakhouse**, Painted Mountain Golf Resort, 6210 E. McKellips Rd, in Mesa, where the menu will be Chinese Chicken Salad with fresh fruit potpourri or grilled Beef Tri Tips Medallion, with salad. This includes coffee, iced tea and ice cream with a wafer for \$16.00 total. Checks should be made out to **Re-United** and mailed to **Peg Snowdall**, 7947 E. Natal Ave, Mesa, AZ 85209-6165, along with your choice of entrée. The program will be our own member, **Jim Fauber**, who will show us his wood carving art of animals and figurines. Hosts for this luncheon are **Peg Snowdall**, **Rita Zarek** and **Lynda Cooper-Koltz**.

**Jo Ann Fearing** reported on the Fantasy Flight, which was held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at **PHX** and the wonderful job that all the volunteers had done for the benefit of all the children. World Headquarters in Chicago were writing a manual concerning the Fantasy Flight. Thank you all who helped in any way and making it so successful once again. **Skip Ward** reported that the election of officers will be held in January.

There were 24 in attendance for our November 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast. **Jim Brigante** reviewed instructions on how to update your insurance. We were happy to have **Orland Baldwin** back with us, as we had not seen him for awhile. We also were glad to see **John & Donna Smiley**, who recently joined our chapter.

The Azures Chapter will be in charge of the **All-Arizona Luncheon** on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, the same place we held it last year. Jim also heard from the Road Runners Chapter regarding the raffles, and they agreed with our suggestion to limit it to one prize each person. The luncheon's theme is St. Patrick's Day and the menu, Corned Beef and Cabbage.

Our dues of \$5.00 each are due now to Treasurer **Rita Zarek**. You can mail it to her at 823 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apache Junction, AZ 85120-6250, or see her at a luncheon and/or breakfast. Please indicate any changes in your address or email, so we have the right information for our Membership Directory coming out this spring.

Our Christmas Luncheon was December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. Thank you to the hosts, **Skip & Carol Ward** for the great time had by all. Our members wanted to thank **Jim & Kathy Brigante**, who were the hosts for the luncheon we had in November at Busters in Scottsdale.

**Peg Snowdall** showed the set of note cards, which are for sale at \$6.00 each, depicting our Fantasy Flight and information about it on the back. See her if you're interested in buying them.

**Jim Brigante** mentioned he would prepare a form for those willing to host a luncheon in the future.

New officers will be installed at the February luncheon. We are hopefully going to have some Continental retirees joining us soon.

We have the following January Birthdays: **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 to all! We have three couples celebrating their anniversaries in January: **Dakota Morris-Terry** on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, **Donna & Ron Pedone** on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, and **Barbara & Jay Hartough** on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all!

#### Calendar:

**January 13** – Luncheon at Grand View Steak House at Painted Mountain Golf Resort, 6210 E. McKellips Road in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m. with Social Hour. Hosts are **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Snowdall**, and **Lynda Cooper-Koltz**.

**January 28** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, by January 26, if you are planning on attending. Her number is (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**February 10** – Luncheon at Rosati's, hosted by **Ron & Donna Pedone**.

**February 25** – Breakfast at Crackers.

**March 17** – All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande.

**March 25** – Breakfast at Crackers.



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On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 28 Roadrunners met for lunch at "My Big Fat Greek Restaurant" at the Foothills Mall. **Donna Kuehn** and **Alice Belzer** arranged the gathering and as usual, we had a terrific meal which even included some Greek dancing by the waiters and waitresses. Thanks to Donna and Alice for hosting and providing this wonderful time.

A recent retiree and former Tucson Station Manager, **Tom Harmon**, became a new member of our group. Welcome aboard **Tom & Suzi**, we hope to see you at many future luncheons.

**Pat & Rich Dilallo** headed to Alaska where they would spend at least two weeks with family over the Thanksgiving holidays. I'll bet they will be glad to get back to the warm country.

**Ron Robertson** talked about the employee survey and gave everyone a heads up on the topic, so we would be ready when the survey comes out.

Now to some sadder news: **Ann Wood** passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November after having suffered a

series of strokes. We want to offer our thoughts and prayers to **Ray** and son Steve for their loss. There are no plans for services at this time.

Also, **Beverly Goodlow** has been hospitalized and has undergone abdominal surgery. Son Gary said that she is progressing nicely.

Our December luncheon, being held at the Oro Valley Country Club on the 16<sup>th</sup>, will now be hosted by **Howard Hunter**. Our chapter's holiday giving this year will be sending a check to the "Senior's for Kids" program in Sun City Vistoso, providing we have agreement from our members. A donation should be sent to Treasurer **Pat Dilallo** who will then send a check to the non profit "Senior's for Kids" program. They provide toys and clothing to about 25 kids from the Catalina Resource Center, as well as distributing items of clothing and toys to charities in Oracle and Mammouth.

On November the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a group of Roadrunners met at the Reid Park Zoo to decorate a holiday tree. This has been an annual event for years. Coffee and donuts were provided by **Donna Kuehn** and **Alice Belzer**.

**Alice & Pete Lopez** will host the January luncheon on the 20<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available later.

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

#### Calendar:

**December 16** - The Oro Valley Country Club

**January 20** - Time and place to be provided later.

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Our Chapter did not meet in November, but we are looking forward to meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> at **Bob & Marcia Stanger**'s home. We usually meet at one of the local restaurants, but after checking prices, it seems that none of them met our price range. Thanks to the **Stangers**, they will open up their home for this great celebration which will include delicious food, gift exchange, and great conversation.

I received the following email from **Uel Soward** that was sent on November 1<sup>st</sup> that I saved and want to share with everyone. He still keeps in touch with me, which I'm happy about, and now that he was able to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, this makes it extra special – *"Even horses get it, but they are not always able to kick it. I am recovering from bacteria pneumonia. That*

*calls for an antibiotic, lots of sleep and nurses coming and going. They all gave high salutes to my cap I wore day and night. It has three digits on it. Guess what: 100. And they were highly entertained by stories of my life. I have, as most of you know, been to 38 states, many foreign countries and as far south as common citizens are allowed near the South Pole. My regards to all of you. Uel soward"*.

We don't fly as much anymore, but we had to fly to PDX over Halloween weekend to celebrate our great-grandson's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. We are lucky to have United Express leave from San Luis Obispo (SBP) to SFO and then connect with flights to PDX. We checked our baggage all the way through which prevents going through security again at SFO. At SBP, I had my after shave lotion in the carry on. The TSA people were very considerate, but had to remove my after shave due to the quantity. I pleaded with them since this bottle cost me a whole dollar at the Dollar Tree store. They have their instructions, so I told them I would have to find another Dollar Tree and make sure I put it in the checked baggage next time. PDX did have a Dollar Tree, so I was able to replace the one I had to give up and made sure it was in the checked baggage going home.

I planned on some delay in flying Stand-by so we arrived at SBP in plenty of time. We got our baggage checked and I noticed on the Web List that the flight from SBP to SFO had seats available. The ticket agent gave us our boarding passes right away, which I thought was nice, and then went through Security in record time. While waiting, I noticed a lot of traffic with small planes and executive planes taking off and landing. Our plane arrived from SFO for a quick turnaround and we boarded with no problem. At departure time, the Captain told us that a plane that just landed had a flat tire and we would have to wait until they towed it away and check the runway for debris. After a 20 minute delay, we took off and in 45 minutes we arrived at SFO. If I drove, it would take 4 or more hours, with other stops, and not mentioning the gas prices.

We boarded our flight at SFO and we were the only standbys boarded. This flight lasted a little over an hour to PDX, that we were grateful for, since the plane was full, but this Airbus had great leg room. If the flight was any longer, it would have been too uncomfortable sitting in the center seat.

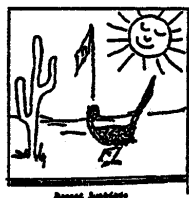
Our experience on returning to SBP worked out very well. The available seats on the Web List were very accurate and we had help by a ticket agent at PDX getting our boarding passes and checking our baggage. We were listed on a United Express from SFO to SBP connecting flight and after checking the flight schedule, we had about 30 minutes to make an earlier flight. So we hurried to the gate and found it was already boarded, but they had a mechanical delay. All passengers were

removed until another plane was available. They swapped the plane going to Chico, CA and used it to go to SBP. After all passengers were boarded, two paying passengers failed to return and the ticket agent allowed us to board. How lucky could we have been? Naturally, our checked baggage did not make the earlier flight. It was due in about 3 hours later. So we went home and returned to the Airport restaurant for a leisurely dinner. At about the schedule time for our original flight to arrive, I saw a United Express land and I waited at the baggage arrival area and our bag was the first one to show up. I picked it up, put it in the car, and went back to finish my dinner. I could not have timed everything better if I wanted to. I'm sure those of you who fly quite often have noticed that Standbys have a dress code, while paying passengers can get away with whatever they want to wear.

At our Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will plan our dates for 2011. We will also vote on the board for next year. By the time this article is in the Newsletter, the voting for the pass policy will have been made. There have been several emails suggesting that the questionnaire be looked at very carefully before voting. Once our votes are in, they cannot be changed. If my memory is correct, when Capital merged with UAL, the Capital employees were given the same pass privileges as UAL employees according to company seniority. At least we did not have 22 questions to answer. Let's hope that this questionnaire clears up the pass policy as simply as the UAL/CAP was.

#### Calendar:

**December 17** – Meeting hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.



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**Dee Whately** was the host for the Sunbirds' November Luncheon at Las Casuelas Nuevas in Rancho Mirage (try saying that 3 times quickly). Twenty six members enjoyed various Mexican favorites chosen from the menu.

President **Elaine Aggson** informed the group that the Desert Sunbirds are 22 years old this month (November). The Sunbirds were born at a cocktail party in November 1988. **John & Bobbi Diehl** hosted the party at Blue Skies Country Club in Yucca Valley. With the assistance of EXO, the Diehls (and I'm betting, Elaine) were able to identify retirees in the area. Our

first roster included 107 members. Current members on the original roster are **Elaine & Ron Aggson, Ray & Rose Rieke, Mary Frank, and Marge Eastman**.

**Fred Kellerhals** advised us that he & **Jan**, and the **Lergs**, had a fabulous time on their Mediterranean Cruise - up to a point. They all got sick with colds, which spread throughout the ship. Fortunately, this happened on the return, but **Ron & Melinda Lerg** were hospitalized in Florida for a week before they were allowed to return home. **Jan Kellerhals** had to be hospitalized after returning home with pneumonia. The best news is that they all attended the November luncheon, looking none the worse for wear. And to prove it, the **Lergs** signed up to host the August '11 luncheon, and the **Kellerhals**, the November '11 luncheon.

Good to see **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**, and they'll be at the December luncheon also. It must be some kind of a record - 2 months in a row. Also back in town and attending, **Robb Bohart**, one of our "Snowbirds".

Our Birthday winner was **Sandy Sereno**, and the 50-50 was won by, Ahem! **Mike Bailardo**.

***Getting old in Florida** - A little old lady was sitting on a park bench in the Villages, a Florida Adult Community. A man walked over and sits down on the other end of the bench. After a few moments, the woman asks, "Are you a stranger here?" he replies, "I lived here years ago." "So, where were you all these years?" "In prison", he says. "Why did they put you in prison?" He looked at her, and very quietly said, "I killed my wife." Said the woman, "Oh! so you're single?"*

#### **More Puns:**

- ☺ A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- ☺ A butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- ☺ A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to the hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE

##### RETIREES

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The November meeting for the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fountain Grove Inn with 40 members and guests in attendance. The weather was perfect. President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order and thanked our hosts **Brandon & Pat Maus**.



It was our first time at the Inn and it was just great. The food was wonderful. We are looking forward to next time. Joanne asked for a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day, reminding us what a great country we live in. Our vets stood up to a round of applause. We have many.

Vice President **Maddy McKinnis** introduced our guests: **Purdy Wilcox**, guest of Ted Bell; **Ed & Mariene Borstel**, guests of **Naomi Tolf**; **Jan Baty**, guest of **Helen Furber**. Jan is Helen's daughter and was visiting from Dallas. It was so nice to see Helen back with us again. Treasurer **Judy DeFord** told us our finances are "looking up." Judy is collecting dues for 2011, her address is 1829 Sandstone Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954. Dues are \$8.00 for each member.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** is off visiting family, I tried to fill in for her. We had 10 birthdays this month. The winner of the Birthday Lunch was **Carol Hanna**, and today just happened to be her birthday. There were 2 anniversaries, **Richard & Maria Sothan** (38 yrs.), **Delbert & Iva Clark** (59 yrs). We sang congratulations to all.

**Patrick Cadden** advised us **Ruth Loy** had a mishap. She took a fall and couldn't be with us today. We all wish her a quick recovery and hope she will be joining us for the Christmas Luncheon. **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** have moved, their new address is 907 Adele Drive, Windsor, CA 95492, c/o Chancellor Place of Windsor, (707) 602-0294. They would be happy to hear from all their friends.

**Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western Region Director, spoke about the merger and our travel benefits. It seems they are still working on them. It is in the hands of HR. We should know more soon.

Nominating Committee Chairman **Oscar Chambers** informed us of our officers for 2011. President - **Joanne Huhn**, Vice Pres. - **Barney Hagen**, Secretary - **Mary Hill**, Treasurer - **Judy DeFord**. Oscar seconded the motion.

Our autobiography for the months is **Richard Hanna**. Richard's first contact with United was March 1961. He went to see about hiring on as a Pilot. After taking all the tests, they advised him that "*they had good news and they had bad news.*" The good news was he had passed all the tests and could be hired. The bad news was he would be furloughed in the middle of schooling. At the time, he was an Aircraft Controller and due for a promotion. He had to decide. UAL called back July 1961 and with a little training, Richard started class in DEN on Sept. 11, 1961. They completed class on Thanksgiving.

Low seniority always went East, so Richard's bid for BOS came thru. Here he was going across country with a wife and a 5 week old baby. After 6 months, he was furloughed and called back in 6 months. He went

back to DEN and then bid the 720 in LGA. He was there for over 5 years. Recession hit again and Richard bid 737's in SFO. Now he was moving wife and 4 kids and a truck full of furniture from EWR to SFO. He flew 737, DC8, DC10. Starting January 1990, Richard flew 747 International SFO-TKO, they were 11 day trips. Before retiring, Richard picked up a few trips with returning soldiers from the Gulf War in Bangor, Maine and brought them home. He retired on March 1, 1996.

The Charity Committee is making selections and decisions to distribute our Charity Fund in December.

We are in need of hosts for our January luncheon. If you are able to do this, please contact **Barney Hagen** ASAP.

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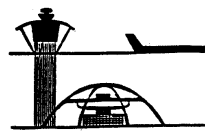
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Well, hello again. I guess you all noticed there was no ReLAXers column in the December issue. You've heard the expression "*(bleep) happens*" - well it sure did. On due date, Nov. 7, I was thinking of going into the den to type the column, but decided that a pesky heart palpitation that happens once or twice a year, maybe, was not going away as usual, but was just going on too long and too hard, so better call the 911 guys. The bleep that happens then hit the fan and I was whisked away to the hospital where I was a guest for 5 days. We're very fortunate here by being only 4 mi. from a hospital which is highly rated for cardiac care. And, all the nurses there couldn't praise my 2 docs highly enuf (you do know, I'm sure, that the best source for Dr. rating is nurses). End result is that I'm home, but pretty wimpy at this point. Seems if your heart beats really fast, it uses energy same as any other muscle, leaving you tired - and boy, am I! We're still working on trying to get my pulse rate down to normal with meds. If that doesn't work, I may need a pace-maker - but one day at a time, right? I must say, I never realized how many great friends I have until this episode - I'm overwhelmed with offers to help in many ways.

But, *the best* yet was Thanksgiving dinner plans. I had booked Jet Blue to go to spend Thanksgiving, as usual with **Lu Friel** and the rest of the extended family in LAS. Had to cancel (Jet Blue kept "only" \$50 of my fare.) So long time friends Lu and Jan, and son Chris Friel, piled into the Honda and hit the road Thurs. AM, arriving in Seal Beach at 11:30. We chatted and caught up until dinner at a nearby restaurant at 1:00, back to my house, unloaded leftovers, hugged bye-bye and they left

for home at about 3:30. They had even said if I didn't feel up to going out, they'd still come, eat their dinner and bring mine home to me - but I made it. I was wiped out for the rest of the day and all day Fri. and reports are that Lu flopped into bed right after arriving home and slept through the night. What better friends could one have?

So now ya know, let's look in the file for the rest of the group: News sent me by **Jo Ann**, our treasurer, and reporters, **Donna**, **Jim** and **Ray** about local folks.

**Gayle Bryan** lost her husband, I think it was in Nov. She's now at 7134 Belle Riviere Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15202, (412) 761-8131. **Margie Equihua's** mom died - sorry, not sure of date; 715½ Longfellow Av., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254, (310) 374-6450. A member from awhile back, **Irving (Tex) Moore** passed away in Oct., after suffering for some time from dementia. Condolences can be addressed to The Irving Moore Family, 5106 Carmen St., Torrance, CA 90503. I heard from **Mike Fujimori** in Nov., that he'd recently heard about the passing of the wife of retiree **Mel Dolin**, **Patricia Ann Dolin**, in June. Their son, Roy is currently an operating Mgr. at LAXCS and was formerly employed in LAXRR. I heard in October of the passing of **Joyce Bossio**, most recently a member of the Desert Sunbirds, once of ReLAXers. She had collapsed on a Sunday and never regained consciousness before passing away on Monday. She was buried in BOS next to her husband. This, being the season for sending cards, anyone wishing addresses to send to these folks, call or email me. Our deepest sympathies to all the families. Losing a loved one is needless to say, very hard, and especially so near the big holidays.

**Jo Ann Briggs** is still battling a bad case of bronchitis which hit her when she went to northern CA for Thanksgiving. It was cold here - but colder up there and it caught up with her. She reports the trip worth it, however as she got to see lotsa relatives including a 3½ yr. old great grand daughter. Jo Ann has a BIG family, a nice big house which is always full of kids and grandkids. Her Dr. told her to stay home and baby the cold, but how can you win with a bunch of kids around? My advice to her - go check into a quiet hotel. **Sharon Record** missed the Christmas party - she's on that fabulous 14-day cruise down the coast of So. America. Our dear **Linda Muche** who has so marvelously battled the throat cancer for so long had to have a mastectomy last month. But she was at the Christmas party and according to Donna, looking very happy and just great. She is now looking forward to a new therapy to help restore her throat and bring back her speaking to normal. Congratulations, Linda, and very best of luck.

**John Daley** experienced some shortness of breath so his docs decided an angiogram was in order. The results were good and he seems much better. **Phyllis** &

**Tom Easley** earlier in the year took one of the French Barge trips which they loved and managed to bring home 600(!) pictures. In Oct., **Phyllis** had some major surgery, but according to Donna, is doing OK now at home, enjoying the beautiful fall and winter scene in western PA. Another case of surgery - **Sue Ward** had back surgery in Oct., or Nov. She, too, is doing OK now. It's a relief to hear that all our "patients" are on the mend. I'm not sure of the exact date, but I hear **Peg Ballagh** turned 90 this year. I hope we're not too late in mentioning it. Although we have not seen her at meetings since her husband, **Art** passed away; she's still on our active membership list. I'm sure a belated card to her would be welcome so send it to her at 19249 Nashville St., Northridge, CA 991326. Donna heard from another former ReLAXer, **Donna Bigelow** who expressed her excitement about an upcoming trip (as of Oct.) from her OKC home to New Zealand and Fiji. A shorter excursion was enjoyed by **Sharon Record** and **Olga Jean Barnes** who took the whale watch cruise out of Redondo Beach. They tell me they saw 19 blue whales - a very rare sight as the blue whales have not been sighted off this area for over 30 years! They also saw 3 humpbacks.

Our social affairs went well this season, they tell me as I was definitely not up to doing the 27 mi. to LAX and socializing for several hours. The ReLAXers **Christmas party** at the Proud Bird was very nice, they tell me. There were 60 attending. The table of gifts for the kids of our Mar Vista group was piled high as usual. There was even a table of goodies to buy from the Mainliner Club store - collectables with the UA shield logo. I was very disappointed to have to miss this affair as it is the only sit-down luncheon of the year (I hate buffets!) Also, I really wanted to check out the UA stuff. The **Fantasy Flight** was a success as usual. The rotunda of Terminal 7 at LAX was again Santa's Village. They were able to raise the funds to pay for the airplane (a 777) and fly the kids out over Catalina and back into LAX.

I think this catches me up on all the news I've gathered since sending in the column on Oct. 7. I hope I haven't lost track of important items - if so, be sure to let me know and I'll try to catch it the next time.

#### Calendar:

All at the Proud Bird, as far as we know now:

**February 3** - Buffet Luncheon

**April 7** - Buffet Luncheon

**May 22 - 28** - Convention in PDX

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

*~Joey Adams*

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Our Christmas brunch exceeded our expectations with a turn out of forty four retirees, many of them braving the traffic and long drive from North County area. It was so good to see everyone.

**Randy Tidmore** and **Betsy Hamblin** from Clipped Wings joined us and it was such fun to visit with them.

**Loys & Jim Sheehan** were warmly greeted and we were happy to see **Loys**. She is no longer able to speak as her Parkinson's has affected her voice but she enjoyed being among her friends and listening to all that was going on.

**Debbie Taylor** put a special finishing touch on our brunch by serving mini cupcakes she made and decorated herself.

We are hoping to get together again at the UA Mainliner Party on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and hopefully see a few people who were unable to attend the brunch.

We will meet again on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January for our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café at the regular time of 10:00.

## Calendar:

**January 7** - Monthly breakfast, 10:00AM at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego CA 92106.



## **GOLDEN GATERS SFO - BAY AREA**

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With the year about over, the Golden Gaters wish to extend holiday greetings and many blessings to all of the UAL retirees across the nation. With the confusion, frustration and worries we retirees have been treated to since the UAL-Continental merger, as individuals, we can only hope and pray for a satisfactory conclusion. In the meantime, remember that we new and old retirees are **still family**.

Our "new-old" lovebirds with a 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary now under their belts are **Rita & Ken Wahl**. Talk about wonderful!

Our local chapter will be discontinuing the usual after-General-meeting potlucks beginning with the **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011** General Meeting. It was time for a change due to lack of food being individually brought

in. So now, Kids, you'll be "**brown**" (or whatever color bag you like) **bagging**" it. We will still insert an occasional catered meal throughout the year, offering food to celebrate the Chinese New Year at our meeting on Monday, **March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets will be sold at our **January 24<sup>th</sup>** General Meeting. Another catered treat, typically American (hot dogs, beans, etc.) will be to celebrate the **4<sup>th</sup> of July** on **June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Sandwich Day will be squeezed in there somewhere. And of course, at any time you may personally bring your own lunch.

Another change: Our annual September picnic will be held **outdoors** (*where we usually meet indoors*) at the **William Walker Center, Foster City Park and Recreation facility**. There are 2 available barbeques for our convenience, this location has already been reserved. You won't have to spend extra gas money to drive down (and get lost) to **Menlo Park**, and the view of the water and the little duckies on **September 26** will surely be appreciated by all. So put a ring around the **26<sup>th</sup> of September** on your 2011 calendar!

We thank **Dave Saso**, President of the South Bay Chapter of the UAL Retirees, for the kind invitation to their annual December Christmas luncheon and party. The food was absolutely wonderful at **Mariani's Restaurant and Inn, Santa Clara**). The strolling professional violinist and guitarist were excellent, and the (also professional) Master of Ceremonies was funny (all the jokes were clean and **really** funny (hurray!)) The man never seemed to run out of steam! Incidentally, during the program, **Dave** was honored by his compatriots. Obviously, he deserved the accolades!

A star in our crown: Extraordinarily sharp-witted 97 year old member **Milt Cavalli** was recently on the first page of the "Datebook" section, **San Francisco Chronicle**. You could view **Milt** on a 6" x 8½" picture, no less! Wow! The second page "only" displayed a 3½" photo! One of **Milt's** three Model T Fords carries a license plate which reads "Horseless Carriage". He also owns a Saxon. *This car was made by the Saxon Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan from 1914 to 1927.* Granddaughter **Shaleece Haas**, professional photographer and journalist, recalled many memories from her childhood while listening and absorbing her great storytelling grandfather's tales. This, hard work, and an excellent memory produced, in a 25-minute documentary movie entitled "**Old People Driving**". Reviewed by **Peter Hartlaub, Chronicle Pop Culture Critic**, the movie has also been presented at the **Mill Valley Festival**, the **National Transportation Safety Board Symposium in Washington D.C.** and will again be presented at the **American Society on Aging Conference in March 2011** in San Francisco. This movie will be, in the future, used as an aid to assist "Senior" drivers and their families. Conversations and presently-approving advice from his family, **Milt** has said when he and family de-



cide he should no longer drive; he will be ready to accept this. Incidentally, the **California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV)** has extended **Milt's** automobile license plates only to when he turns 100 years old. *If you want to see one of these great cars, show up on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at the Foster City Park & Rec building, Foster City, CA. If you are interested in more information, the website is: [www.oldpeopledrivingmovie.com](http://www.oldpeopledrivingmovie.com)*

Our hard-working International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** still has room in her "**Grand Egypt**" cruise (includes fabulous **Petra**). The **Russia - St. Petersburg** cruise has room, also. The dates are **9-21 February 2011**. Since we can't seem to get anyone to seek out and book members for day tours, **Ginger** has generously offered to do a few for us. Interested? Trips to **Solvang** and the **Hearst Castle** are in the works. Call **Ginger** right away, if this sounds really good to you. I haven't been to the **Hearst Castle** for years: (If I can keep my body parts together, I definitely plan on going!) Call/email **Ginger** at: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com), (650) 579-1239.

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 11:00 a.m. except on September (picnic) and December (holiday), William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.)), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404. .

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42; 43; 45; 30 for **Lynn Buchholz** and anyone else interested in the random numbers can call or e-mail Joan or Nancy.

Special guests this month were the ever popular **Colin Scales**, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader; grandson of **Cheri & Ben; J. L. Garland** from Portland, father of **Dave Garland** and **Denny Scharr** who was visiting our area and had previously attended our breakfast.

**Ruie Bradley** has been busy collecting non perishable food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. She and her late husband **Bob** were our representatives for a few years and it's time for someone to take the position as Ruie is leaving for Grass Valley

Joan and Nancy are happy that the UAL ladies attending their Christmas Luncheon said they had a good

time. They enjoyed singing the caroles, raffle prizes; Chocolate Exchange and their chance at a bit of fame. **Sally Urso** suggested that next year we have a microphone and we're thinking (think, think, think) maybe a spot light. The wonderful Lemon Bars and Black Bottom dessert prepared and festively presented by **Cheri Scales** were the best. The ladies laughed a lot and the conversation was at a "low roar". What wonderful and beautiful friends, who were so happy to help with the set up, clean up, mess up and dress up. Thank you all!

Santa's helper (**Alex Klaus**) and his elves (grandchildren 5, 9 & a cousin 9) arrived to pick up the toys for the Salvation Army and then delivered them. **Margie Klaus**, Alex's wife, and their daughter Melissa were very proud as we were impressed by their manners and willingness to help load the bags.

**LaDonna**, our Sunshine lady reported that **Marion Gaever** had a precancerous spot taken off her face 11/28; **Jean Jenkins** had a pacemaker put in and was out and about in a few days and dressed in her finest for the Ladies Luncheon. **Dwayne Howze** has taken some time to pass a large kidney stone. We hope to see him soon, looking chipper. **Lois White** was having back problems and walking with a cane but is on the rebound, doing better and looked great at the mid Nov. breakfast and Ladies Luncheon, she doesn't want the surgery.

No reports on trips. Our Travelers keep their travels secret or didn't stray. Probably saving for Christmas

#### Calendar:

(8:00 AM Friday Breakfast at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot)

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There were 40 attendees at our November meeting. The luncheon meeting was held at my very favorite place, the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. It was hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks** and everyone had lots of good food and a wonderful time.

**John Zoboli**, Northern California & Nevada RUAEA Director, joined us for our luncheon meeting. We all enjoy it when John comes to our meetings as a guest speaker because he always has so much information to share with us about United Airlines/Continental. Hopefully, everyone has accessed Skynet and completed the survey. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have gotten the results of the survey and good news!

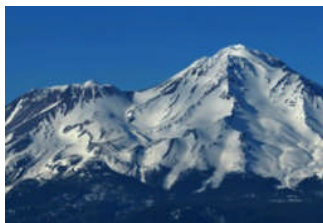
John also talked about the upcoming RUAEA Convention which will be held in May 2011 in Portland, Oregon. The attendance was down at the last convention, so maybe more people will plan to attend since it will be held in the West next year. More information will be outlined in the February newsletter.

We are saddened to report the death of our member **Burt Kent** on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Although we did not see Burt and his wife, **Bonnie**, very often, he will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held in December for Burt.

If you would like to join us at any of our luncheon meetings which are always held on the second Thursday of the month, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere** (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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Even though the weather outside was frightful, the luncheon for the Northstaters was delightful! This month, our meeting was held at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Chico and despite the weather, 22 brave souls came to a great luncheon/meeting. President **Merritt Odor** introduced our Regional Director **John Zoboli**. He asked for any birthdays or anniversaries and **Phyllis Burdick** announced that she celebrated her birthday in December.

John gave another great report on the progress for the 2011 RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon. Tours are in the planning stage, pre-convention and post-convention cruises are also planned. There was also a big reminder about NO sales tax in Oregon. Californians love that.

John also talked about the survey that is now out, concerning the travel benefits for the retirees and encouraged everyone to participate in the survey.

President **Merritt Odor** sent a check to the Flight 93 Chapel in Pennsylvania and the membership was happy to do so.

We thought it would be nice to do a short profile every other month on one of our members and our first candidate is **Merritt Odor**.

Merritt was discharged from the USAF in June of 1968 and had trained in college to be an engine mechanic. But his real desire was to be a policeman. While waiting for the academy, he visited UA SFO and they wanted him to start right away. His plan was to quit in time to attend the academy but once he was

there, he learned of such things as travel benefits and job opportunities and decided to pursue a career with United. He worked as a mechanic in the SFO Engine Shop for 4 years and then was promoted to Foreman. He held that position for 6 years. He then took a job in SFOPT working for engineering as line maintenance troubleshooter for all engines on all fleets.

After 8 years, he returned to Engine Maintenance as Foreman and then went into inspection. After a few years, he became Manager of Inspection and then as Manager of PW2000 Business Unit. *"It was a dream job"* and he also headed the engine maintenance program which partnered with Pratt Whitney and Boeing on the USAF C17 aircraft. He did travel back and forth to introduce customers and to inform them of our maintenance program. He held that job until he retired. He really enjoyed his career at United Airlines and felt grateful that he was able to provide for his family as well as showing them the world.

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **Bill Simonton** and the winner of the \$15.00 Gift Certificate was **John Jewart**. We also gave a prize to the most senior retiree at the luncheon who was **Hal Burdick**, and the most junior retiree at the luncheon who was **Vanessa Pratt**.

The next meeting/luncheon will be held Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup> in Redding at the Holiday Inn. Please RSVP to Sharon through email or phone so we can get a good head count for the restaurant.

### **Calendar:**

**January 27** - Meeting/Luncheon will be held at Holiday Inn in Redding beginning at 11:30AM.

### **COLORADO**

#### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**



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On December 4, the Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center with 55 members and guests in attendance.

**Ken & Velman Larson** celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

**Jack Green** brought his daughter **Penny Martinez**, **Herb Johnson** brought **Mel Conine**, **Joe & Lynn Petrow** brought Lynn's father **Steve Wasuta**. **Thom Rowland** brought his sister **Bonnie Theal** from Florida. **Dianne Adkins** came with her mother **Martha Gooselaw**. It was good to see **Diane & Max Townsend** at the breakfast.

**Virgil Gooselaw** explained that you must contact

United Benefits Service Center by December 31, 2010 at 1-888-825-0188 or Skynet ([Skynet.ual.com](http://Skynet.ual.com)) to keep your Medicare and PPO insurance for 2011. This must be done each year.

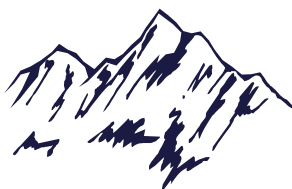
The following 50/50 winners return their winnings to the chapter: **Vic Andreatta, Burton Dietel, Jack Green** (Jack won 3 times), **Walt Hanson, Charlie Hasler**, and **Ginger Spate**. Thanks, folks!

#### 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

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We had no formal meeting on Nov. 22. The **Stuller** family went to HNL on the DEN-HNL flight Nov. 21 in coach and had no groping problems. While in HNL, we visited our nephew, who is a nursing student at HPU, and a close friend had us over for Thanksgiving dinner with several of her family. We hiked Diamondhead and Mono Willie Falls and had lunch on Kailua Beach. Christopher Stuller took surfing lessons from the site of the old Davy Jones' Locker Bar in The Reef Hotel. It used to look under the pool area in the old days! The returned flight was HNL-SFO-DEN on Nov. 26 and again we had a great overnight flight.

We hear that **Sue Hearon's** sister is very ill.

Our regular meetings are at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25. Welcome all to southern Colorado!

#### Calendar:

**January 24** - Regular lunch meeting

#### FLORIDA

##### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its Christmas party/meeting on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Sabal Springs Golf

and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. Attending were 23 current members, one guest, and three prospective/new members. All enjoyed either a delicious Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner.

President **Bill Burg** introduced the new members - **Bruce Jorgensen, Mary Moran**, and **Ramona Marshall**. Bruce is a retired pilot; Mary, a former flight attendant; and Ramona, a former Customer Service at ORD. **Marilyn McNabb** shared information about long time member **Joan Gilkison** who recently suffered a mini-stroke on Nov. 11, but is now recuperating at home following a hospital and rehab stay. She also shared info related to former member **Tom O'Hanlon's** recent death in Arkansas. **Ray Winterhalter** spoke about the electronic survey of all UAL and Continental employees regarding future pass travel. He highlighted many of the questions asked on the survey and encouraged all to respond before the Dec. 8 deadline.

**Bill Burg** ran the 50/50 raffle. **Bibianne Schultz** won the cash prize. Other winners were **Mary Moran, Sandy Pryde, Bibianne Schultz, Wanda Schmoyer**, and **Mel Volz**.

The Christmas gift exchange was lots of fun, as usual. Everyone brought a wrapped gift, we sat in a circle and as the story was read, we passed our gifts "left" or "right" when those directions came up - many, many times until the story ended. A good time was had by all!

Our next meeting is on January 7. Please join our group if you're visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples area this winter/spring.

#### 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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President **Barbara Riecse** called the meeting to order on December 6, at Spartan Manor for our annual Christmas luncheon with 38 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Minutes from last month will be available for approval at our January meeting. Treasurer's report was given by **Jean Linehan** and was approved as read.



**Jon Wilkinson** told everyone to be sure to complete the UAL/CO survey on travel passes by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Birthdays for the month of December were reported by **Jim Hottel** for December 31<sup>st</sup> and **Loretta Marvett** for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Terri Breslin** gave the Sunshine Report. A card was sent to **Sue & Dick Riedl** on behalf of their 19 year old grandson who received severe burns on his body from a fire. Trevor lives in Oregon, Terri asked that prayers be said on Trevor's behalf. A card was also sent to **Barbara Reicss** who had an emergency trip to the hospital.

Barbara stated that she has been looking for a new meeting place and that she has found one for next month. We will be meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Paul's Shrimp House in Tarpon Springs. Paul's is located on Alternate 19.

**Terri Breslin** gave thank-you's to the following people for working on the annual Christmas party: **Bob & Jan Lindstrom, Dave & Carolyn Lodge, Beverly Alderdice, Mary Judd** and **Marty Fitzgerald**. We also had a special thank you to **Terri Breslin** for all her work on getting Spartan Manor and the Hudson Middle School Jazz Band who were our entertainment for our special Christmas luncheon. Thanks also to **Jean & Bill Linehan** for all their work on our picture albums through all these years.

#### Calendar:

**January 3** - Meeting at Paul's Shrimp House.

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Our Holiday Party was attended by 20 members and **Bobby Vitel** was planning on attending, but illness got her last minute so she was not able to attend. Hopefully, she is recovering. We did miss you Bobby, hope to see you soon. **Celina Xifaras** is still recovering and she & **Constantinos** were also absent. We never get to see **Diane & Gordon McCourt** but one of these days, I hope they will surprise all of us and attend a meeting.

Everyone was in the Holiday Spirit and came dressed for the occasion. Christmas and Hanukah is a great time of the year, too bad it doesn't last all year long. We gathered 26 assorted stuffed animals and toys which **Al & Janice** delivered to Toys for Tots and they were exceptionally grateful since they said their donations are way down this year.

**Barbara Dodenhoff** went home this year with a panda on her lap instead of the gorilla from last year; things are looking up for you Barbara.

**Ron Brodis** is going in for his knee surgery on December 13 and we will keep you in touch with his recovery. **Frank Wise** is having cataract surgery on both eyes and let's wish him much success. The Dr. tells him he won't have to wear glasses anymore, Yeah!

**Frank Wise** gave everyone a hand made wooden gadget to pull out the shelves from the oven when they are hot so you don't burn your hands or pot holders. How very thoughtful of you Frank, thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Millie Rossi** gave each member a zip lock container of Rice Chex and nut munchies, thank you Millie. Homemade to boot, thank you also Millie, for your thoughtfulness. **Janice & Al Popek** gave everyone a 2011 appointment desk calendar which was wonderfully received by everyone.

We all wished we were able to invite some of the Continental retirees to join us and we are working on a solution, surely next year, which is right around the corner, we will attain our wishes.

**Chris Taylor** was always telling a new joke and kept us in the laughing mood.

President **Al Popek** tried desperately to call our attention to some interesting facts and made his point about everyone doing the survey.

A belated birthday greeting to **Artie Frage** on December 15, **Millie Rossi** on December 28, and **Celina Xifaras** on December 22.

**Janice & Al Popek** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Jan. 28 and a birthday wish to **Catherine Coate**, who is celebrating her birthday on Jan. 18.

**Mary Kay Wetherington** won the 50/50 and the progressive was won by **Catherine Coate**. These two ladies are our newest members. We are glad they were able to win and have a little extra for the Holidays.

Please note corrections of dates in calendar for 2011 Luncheon/Meeting.

*On the lighter side:*

- ☺ *Work like you don't need the money, that is, if you are still working!*
  - ☺ *Love like nobody has ever hurt you.*
  - ☺ *Dance like nobody is watching.*
  - ☺ *Sing like nobody is listening.*
  - ☺ *Live as if this was Paradise on Earth.*
- Live, Love and Laugh, the clock is ticking so don't wait until tomorrow.*

#### Calendar:

**January 4** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM

**February 1** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM

**March 1** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM



## GEORGIA



**DIXIE FLYERS**

### DIXIE FLYERS

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31 Flyers and 2 guests were in attendance Wednesday, December 1 at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Melisa Lane** and **Tina Meyers**, daughters of **Lyle & Joanna Meyers**. This was our Christmas lunch and second time at the Broadway.

**Fred Cron** lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance before **Don Shelly** said the blessing for us. Every one appeared hungry and our waiters and waitresses were very timely getting our food to us. It may take quite a while to go through all the choices on the menu. It was good to see **Philip McLucas** in attendance after a long absence. Phil was in Atlanta and Washington Dulles with United Computer Services before retiring. **Fred Cron** conducted the 50/50, assisted by **Ron Heider**. **Joanna Meyers** drew the winning ticket held by **Mary Owen**, who in turn donated the proceeds to the Promise Place. We will be giving gift cards to the residents that are present in the shelter for Christmas again this year, which has become a tradition with the Dixie Flyers Chapter.

**Bill Elk** held a business meeting and one of the first items was to hold the yearly elections for officers. All offices were voted upon and a new Vice President, **Andy Ryabik**, will replace **Sandy Lis** who is retiring to do more traveling. **Ron Heider** was elected the New Newsletter Correspondent, replacing **Diayne Thompson**, who is retiring to spend a lot more time with the grandchildren. Big Thanks to Sandy and Diayne for a great job well done.

**Bruce Brodersen** gave a short report on the state of our treasury and fielded questions about the "on line" Travel Benefits Survey being conducted by United. Bruce emphasized that it was only "on line" and if you do not have a computer, to use a friend or family members, even go the library to have access to take the survey.

**Pat Gunny** remains on our Sick Call list and is still in the hospital. Ron reports that she is doing a lot better and has responded to the treatments received. Our hearts and prayers are with Pat and hope she will be recovering at home soon.

### Calendar

**January 5** - Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:00 PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828.

## IDAHO

### BOISE GEMS

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Eight Boise Gems met for breakfast at JB's in Meridian: **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff**, **Dave & Carol Adams**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Ned Yundt**, **Denny Snyder**, and **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**.

**Dave Adams** gave us an update on his fall bus-driving schedule: He drove the Elko marching band to the Hollywood Parade at the end of November. It was freezing cold!! On another trip, he took 24 USDA delegates on an agriculture tour of Montana and Idaho.

On Thanksgiving weekend, many of the Boise Gems became bakers (**Marlene Croghan**, **Roni Adams**, **Shirley Dempsey**, **Pat Peters**, **Ann Rose**, **Palmer Sarnoff**, and **Carol Adams**). These ladies baked over 700 cookies for the Fantasy Flight sponsored by UAL/SkyWest. The flight was on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Boise Gems spent a couple of hours placing seven cookies in a Christmas decorated plastic bag. There were 80 children participating plus their chaperones. Their flight departed Boise Airport and headed for the North Pole. Santa Claus welcomed the children to the North Pole. Presents were given to the children along with a shopping bag from the Disney Store, a backpack with a stuffed animal, and a bag of homemade cookies. The following Boise Gems donated presents for the children: **Dave & Carol Adams**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, **Floyd & Ann Rose**, **Pat & Bud Peters**, **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff** and Palmer's sister, **Denny Snyder**, and **Joe & Joan Varady**. It was a very memorable trip for the children as they had never been in an airplane, let alone taken a trip in one. **Dave & Carol Adams**, **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**, **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff** and Palmer's sister attended the Fantasy Flight festivities. As spectators at this event, it was a very well planned event and the children were in awe of what they experienced. Arriving at the North Pole (Boise Airport Gate 16) was totally decorated with a Christmas theme and Santa Claus was there to talk with the children and spectators.

Going through security for the Fantasy Flight was a hilarious time as **Ned Yundt** set off all the buzzers. We decided it was her fancy decorated blouse that gave her the thrill of getting a pat down from the TSA. Needless to say, Ned enjoyed every minute of the pat down and was ready to go back through the security line again.

The Boise Gems have lost two members in the past couple of months: **Bob Wicklund** and **John Bell**. Our

prayers are with each of their families.

We'll report on the Potluck Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 8 at **Rick & Shirley Dempsey's** home in next month's issue. There will be no breakfast meeting in January. Our next meeting is to be determined after the holidays.

Calendar:

**2011 Meetings- TBD**

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The November luncheon had 16 energetic retirees attending with many travel stories to tell. **Helen Cauwels**, our new Midwest Director, was a very welcome visitor. She came to meet and see what our group does at our luncheons.

**Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson** flew UAL to Brussels, Belgium for a family reunion in late October. They flew first class both ways, traveling in the middle of the week. While first class is luxurious with full lay down beds, you are isolated and alone and if traveling with a companion, it is difficult to communicate with each other.

**Corinne & Ray Svoboda** just returned from a mid October trip with Trafalgar Tours. They covered all of Italy except Sicily and said the trip was comprehensive and exhausting but highly recommended. Rather than risk standing by on UAL, positive space tickets were purchased on Alitalia, so they would arrive on time for the tour. The North Woods Loonies Fall outing took place in Door County, WI. They had perfect weather and the fall scenery was enjoyed by **Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Ginny & Frank Vlack, Carol & Bob Faust, Jacqui & Jim Sondheimer** and first timers **Corinne & Ray Svoboda**.

The next luncheon scheduled for January 19, 2011 has been canceled since some of the Loop Group will be escaping the Chicago Winter. However, we do plan to meet on our regular March 16, 2011 date with more members and Spring arriving.

Calendar:

**January 19** – Luncheon Canceled

**March 16** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

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Happy New Year! May this year bring you good health, wealth and joy filled days with friends and family. Memories of years past always bring heart touched smiles and warmth to mind and with 2011 here, we can all speculate on what wonders we'll celebrate this new year.

Indianapolis was covered with our first brilliant white blanket of snow during our annual Christmas party, making Twin Bridges Lodge look poster card perfect for enjoying the warmth of the fireplace and the enjoyment of friendship and fun we found inside. We had an over abundance of food, which has already shown up on my scale, games to play and our gift exchange. Gifts are great to receive, but it sure does stink when you're happy with what you've unwrapped and the next person takes your gift from you. Something sounds seriously wrong with this "fun" game! We had so many delicious and tasty dishes brought by our members and since everyone wanted to know how to make these recipes, we thought it would be fun to publish a dish a month so you all can share in the same pleasures that sweetened our lips.

**Corn Casserole** created by **Carol Conway**

Ingredients:

- ✓ 1 Can of creamed corn
- ✓ 1 Can of regular corn
- ✓ 1 Box of Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- ✓ 1 Cup sour cream
- ✓ 1 Cube melted butter
- ✓ 1 Cup shredded cheese

Mix all together, bake at 350° between 30-45 minutes, test middle with toothpick.

As customary, **Gail & Warren Allen** are enjoying the warmth of Texas during the cold winter months of Indiana. Gail has informed me that, while we all watched the snowflakes gather, she & Warren sipped cool drinks beneath their new 5<sup>th</sup> wheel awning. If this isn't bad enough for those of us stuck in the cold, **Dimple Rihel** will be joining them for a few days of fun in the sun. **Mary Chandler** will spend a week in Hawaii. I believe she's just trying to keep up with Gail, Warren and Dimple! You may have noticed that one Indy Racers member is feeling just a wee bit jealous.

We would like to send a heartfelt "get well" to **Charles Theiss** as he tripped, fell and was hospitalized



for a few days. He's now home awaiting hospital test results. Charles, we missed your smiles at our Christmas party and wish you great news from the hospital and a speedy recovery.

#### Calendar:

**January 11** – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 1:30 P.M.; meeting starts at 3:00 P.M.

**February 8** – IHOP Restaurant

**March 8** – IHOP Restaurant

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The Nor'Easters November luncheon took place at the Marblehead Yacht Club, thanks to **Bill & Norma Betters**. Bill is a club member as well as a Nor'Easter. The last time we met there, the club was undergoing a facelift by volunteer members. Well, let me tell you, the function area looks great. They can work on my house when ever they want! The whole set up got everyone in a festive mood, unattainable in a restaurant. Good timing too, because our gathering had a larger crowd than usual. It's time to consider holding this type of pot luck venue more often. Burgers and dogs were the menu of the day, but extra dishes, dips, salads, munchies and desserts became more than we needed. **Don Latter** brought two 4ft long sub sandwiches, **four feet!** They were good too!

Not only was the room good, the food great and the price right, we also got free entertainment. **Carol Montalto**, way back when in school, was a majorette baton twirler. This is something Carol hasn't done in years, but said it's something you don't forget. Carol gave us a show. Good going Carol! Our chefs, **Bruce Eddy & Lew Shakley**, did the barbequing on the outside deck, despite the damp day. Again, Bruce will cook to order. Thanks guys!

The only negative, at the last minute, **Lee & Sid Lyon, Joe Duda, Horace Smith** and **Joe Moise** couldn't attend. We're looking forward to seeing you all at the next luncheon.

We had three 50/50 winners, **Elaine Vanderwal**, a very lucky girl, **George Mavreles** and **Don Lewis**. Free lunch winners were **Virginia Burke** and **Bill Vanderwal**. At the end of our outing, there was one in the group who was running around with all the energy in the

world, Lucas, grandson of **Frank & Janet DeStefano**. Ahh, youth!

**Bill Shailor's** son Jonathan, an Associate Prof. at the Univ. of Wisconsin, got published, "*Performing New Lives*" available in 2011. The book is dedicated to Mom & Dad, **William & Patricia Shailor**. Bill is a proud man and is always smiling!

**Bob & Sue DePippo** were talking to me about cruises, me a firm land lover. They love cruises and have been on nine in the past ten years. They cruised to places they would have never thought of flying to in past years. Quote Bob, "*It's not the ship I like, it's the cruising*". I like the Queen Mary since it doesn't go any where!

**Andy & Carol Montalto's** daughter-in-law Amanda, passed the bar first time out and is a new fledged lawyer. She will receive her Jurist Doctorate at a ceremony at historic Fenuel Hall in Boston. By the time you read this, **Pat & Bob Austin** and **Jayne & John Regan** should be snow birding in sunny, warm Florida. We thank **Larry Page** of Alliant Credit Union, a former United employee, who arranged for its President & CEO Dave Mooney's presentation for the Nor'Easters. It was informative and garnered many questions from our ranks. Also noted the Credit Union's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Our December Christmas Party will take place after the Newsletter's deadline, so info on that in next month's report.

January's birthdays: **Bruce Eddy, Don Lewis, Bob Lincoln, Jim Murray** and **Frank Procopio**.

January's anniversaries: **John & Peggy Delello** - 52 years; **John & Joyce Lagadonis** - 47 years, and **Joan & Larry Meister** - 26 years.

#### Calendar:

**January & February** - No meetings.

### MICHIGAN

#### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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December 2, 13 Escapees gathered @ Pegasus Taverna in St. Clair Shores, hosted by **Mary Moir**, despite the fact their correspondent had given the address as 9 mile & Jefferson instead of 10 mile, causing Marie and Gloria to pass by it twice. However, we were delighted to see many of our east side gang, whom we do not see too often, including **Marie Kady** and **Charm Nicoll** for

the first time this year.

Once again, I am sad to report that on Nov. 28, **Peter**, husband of **Susie Friedman (Kline)** (DTWRR) left our world for his eternal rewards. Love and prayers to Susie @ 28405 Alyekay Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Likewise, Love and Prayers to **Clyde & Doris Johnson** @ 967 N. County Rd. 440, Manistique, MI 49854-8888, as their son, Doug who had been suffering from cancer for some time, was called home Oct 29.

Also, keep in your prayers **Maxine Raymond**, who is recovering from surgery. She was feeling exhausted all the time and her friend insisted she go to the hospital for a check-up. She had a very low blood count and tests showed that 90% of her right artery was blocked. After insertion of a couple stints, she is feeling much better. Prayers for a full recovery to Maxine @ 6342 Buckingham Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101-2330. In addition, keep **Bernie McManus** in your prayers, @ 13185 Lakeview Dr., Belleville, 48111-4600 as he has been having knee problems for decades, but recently they have gotten worse and he is now scheduled for surgery for a medial meniscus tear on February 1, 2011.

Last but not least - '**Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year**'

#### Calendar:

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

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We had a good turnout again for lunch in November; 35 of the hard-core Northern Lites met to visit & enjoy good food. We were particularly happy to see **Wayne & Karen Cole** who are transitioning from their summer place near Kelliher, MN to their winter digs in Texas. Hopefully, we'll see them one more time before they head south.

Also, **Andy Holen** drove down from Mille Lacs to join us. **Norma** has already made the trek to their AZ winter home, but it's hunting season, y'know ... He'll make the trip down once his freezer is full.

It was the day before Veteran's Day, so we once again honored our members who served our country. It was unanimous that the chapter sends a donation again to the Servicemen's Center at MSP.

Since **Cindy White** gave up her little part-time job at the bakery, we'd been seeing more of her, but her

husband, **John**, had a major "Oops!" at the Minnesota Zoo ... slipped on the stairs in a poorly-lighted area, fell & broke his upper left arm in 3 places. After a 4-day stay in hospital, he's home & receiving therapy. John, we all wish you a speedy recovery!

Gosh, our group has been all over the map lately! **Rosemary Soltis** told us about her trip to India; a place of crowds, both people & animals (cattle & dogs); the Taj Mahal, an elephant ride ... exotic.

**Nel Brawner**, of course, had just returned from Ireland where she visited the major cities, Trinity College museum & the Waterford Crystal museum. She didn't travel with a pal, but met some nice folks along the way. **Nel** isn't a stranger for very long.

**Jim & Mary Brennan** decided to travel just a short way to downtown St. Paul where they toured the MN Capitol & a Veteran's Memorial, they found it to be interesting & quite worthwhile.

Along with the 50-50 raffle, 2 sets of jam samplers from the **Swenson** sisters, **Virginia & Marge**, were raffled. **Jim Simon & Donna Gray** were the lucky winners of those yummys.

A reminder: It's time to pay your annual \$5 dues again. Send to **Arlene Kelley** at 3148 Magney Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720 or come to lunch & give it to her then!

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

### NEBRASKA

#### GOLDEN'EARS

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As usual, a nice crowd showed up at the Bohemian Café. Thanks to **Tom & Rose Langan** for hosting.

Our sympathy to **Patty Shook** and her family, **Charlie** passed away on Oct. 24 after a very long illness. Services were held on Oct. 27 in Missouri Valley.

**Bob Kraft** fell the end of September and landed flat on his back. Of course, pain started immediately and kept getting worse. He had a fractured backbone and a problem with a disc. He had outpatient back surgery on October 29 and two days later, his pain worsened and he lost the use of his legs. Upon checking in ER, they found that a bone chip was left in from surgery. The doctor said they needed to operate immediately and remove the bone chip in order for Bob to get back the use of his legs. He will be at Methodist Hospital for 20 days taking rehab.

**Carroll Ballard** was taken to Bergen Mercy on November 1 after falling several times. I talked to him on November 18 and he had surgery on the prostate and is now at St. Jo Rehab Center along with **Rose** and they are both taking rehab. She had also been in the hospital for a few days. We wish them the best so they can get back to their home.

You may have seen the following either on TV or read it in the World-Herald on October 16. This is an article about **Mel Harrison's** grandson, Henry, age 13. He is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader and was among 50 students nationwide who earned a perfect score on one or more sections of either the ACT or SAT. He is so special that University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman made a surprise visit to the Beveridge School in Omaha to present Henry and his parents with a full tuition scholarship which is around \$25,000. In his remarks he said, *"This is an extraordinary accomplishment, and, Henry, we just admire the work you're doing."* Henry's father credited Omaha Public Schools for providing Henry instruction equal to his abilities. What a neat story. How very proud you must be Mel. Congratulations.

**Louie Stankoski** was operated on November 18 for cancer of the lung. Doctors also tested the lymph nodes which proved to be okay. He will be in the hospital for about 5 days and then will go to his brother's home to recuperate. Our best to Louie for a full recovery.

#### Calendar:

**January 4** - Old Country Buffet, 75<sup>th</sup> & Dodge, 11:00AM

#### NEVADA



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There were 19 members at our November meeting at the Black Bear.

The December Christmas Luncheon on December 6 at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole at Lakeridge Golf Course will be covered in next month's report.

November birthdays were celebrated by **Tom Diehl** and **Gary Fahl**.

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#### GUYS AND DOLLS

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A festive group of 23 folks attended our Holiday party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We were joined by 3 active flight attendants, **Heidi O'Sullivan**, **Barbara Sakin** and **Ro Cohen**, as well as a few surprise guests. One in particular, **Joe Caruana**, formerly of NYCRR and NYCSS, was warmly welcomed by several of us who enjoyed working with him. He left UAL in 1980 for IBM, where he is still employed. A retired Sales Rep, **Anne Windmuller** invited him as well as **Diane Hazel** of EWRSS.

It truly was "old home week" and many great memories and laughs ensued. We capped off the luncheon with a champagne toast to all for a happy Holiday season. This is the wish to everyone from Guys and Dolls, along with a peaceful, healthy 2011.

A special "shout out" to **Ratomir Sunderic**.

#### Calendar:

**February 1** - Meeting - Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill**, (212) 799-8061.

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Wow! What a turnout, 103 retired employees, wives and guests. Milleridge outdid themselves with Christmas decorations and food. Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayers were led by President **Jimmy Richardso**.

Banjo Bob sang songs and to my surprise, asked everyone to sing Happy Birthday to me. Thank you for making my birthday so special. Everyone enjoyed his playing and singing. It added great charm and warmth to the Christmas party. 14 Birthdays are celebrated in December: **Madeline Klos**, **William Schuler**, **Margaret Pascale**, **Margaret Hansen**, **James McFadden**, **Peter Korsch**, **Ann Hluboky**, **Walter Stobe**, **Werner Buck**, **Victor Auletta**, **Helene Ammon**, **Mary Shepherd**, **Frank LoPinto**, **Harvey Block**, **Laura Muller**, **Edward Sholander** and **Angie Saviano**. Our December anniversaries are **Elizabeth & Bill Armstrong** (46 yrs.) and **Barbara & Walter Stobe** (26 yrs.) Congratulations to all!

**Celebrate the New Year**  
**IN STYLE**





## OHIO

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On a sad note, **Martha Auletta** passed away after Thanksgiving. She and **Victor** had been married 71 yrs. in November. Some good news, **Ron Weick** is responding well to his treatments, suffering from Hodgkin's Lymphoma among other ailments. **Carol Maley Davis** has been taking good care of Ron, she has been his constant companion in all things during his illness. This has been a complete turnaround for Ron from last months report. Everyone is missing **Rose Schneider**. She is not progressing as fast as she had hoped to. We're all pulling for her and hoping she'll make the next meeting. **Tony LoCastro** is still in rehab and on the mend from a fall he had about a month and a half ago, fracturing his hip. Get well quick Tony. **Frank LoPinto** was not doing too well, but thanks to modern medicine, was able to make the Christmas Party. Welcome back to your corner, Frank. This year, **Frank Thompson** and **Jason Weiner** have been entered on our Life-Time members list, congratulations guys! **Paul Cohen** gave a brief history for the Hanukkah candle lighting invocation. It was very informative for those who do not know about the Hebrew History. Great job Paul!

**Paul Duran** came all the way down from Syracuse to drive his father, **Dan Duran** to the party. It was good to see **Lenny Mitchko** and his wife, **Virginia** at the party, as well as an appearance by **William Matagorda**, LGAMM and his wife. Also, we were glad to see **Iggy Blanda**, LGAMM, whom we haven't seen in a long time.

**Linda Guiliano** and her sister, **Irene Parker**, presented the John Pucillo Award to **Nick Manfredo**. **Dale Deuber** received the Arthur Shepherds President Award. **Jimmy Richardson** said he hoped everyone had the chance to complete the survey regarding pass travel on UAL/CO. As mentioned in our previous report, raffle tickets were sold for a 37" Vizio Flat Panel HDTV. All 120 tickets were sold. **Meaghan Wenzel** - LGACS won \$100.00, **Harold Koch** won \$75.00, and **Arthur Wilsdorf** won the TV. Proceeds went to the Marathon School in Douglaston. Everyone's generosity at that time was greatly appreciated.

#### Calendar:

**January** - No Meeting

**February 2** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

**March 2** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

**April 6** - Noon - Milleridge Inn



Hello! Our group of 66 got this wonderful month of Christmas off to a great start when we had our end of the year meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Coppertop Banquet Room at Cherokee Hills. Our hosts were **Dave & Marie Placko**. Thank you both for organizing our luncheon and taking care of all the details. There was a lot of time to mix and mingle before our food was brought in, and everything was excellent from the salad thru to the dessert array we had to choose from. What a great way to start off the month!

A "Happy Birthday" goes out to all Buckeyes celebrating their birthday this month. Of course, we took the opportunity to serenade the following who were in attendance: **Kay Baran, Janet Osborn, Steve Pytel, Carol Seifried** and **Sharon Minelli**.

I know there are many members who are unable to attend because of various illnesses, flu bugs, surgeries and/or recovering from a variety of situations including being the caregiver in your home. There is no way we can know everyone's situation, but when we don't see you, we wonder why. Try to keep in touch. To those of you who are homebound, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are aware of the following members who are recovering: **Bill Gatesman, Anne Fiedler, Tom Sturgeon, Cathy Pytel** and **Andy Plascak**.

We had some fun and passed out "Big Money" envelopes and hope everyone enjoyed our little "bonus" for Christmas. There were also five poinsettia table plants which were raffled off.

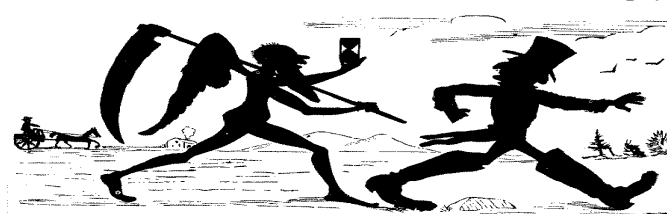
Last but not least was our fifty/fifty conducted by **Dave & Marie Placko**. Congratulations to **Gene Craig** and **Joe Moses**, who seems to be really, really lucky lately!

#### Calendar:

**January** - No Meeting

**February 5** - Dimitris Restaurant - 1830 Snow Road, Prepay

**March 9** - Old School House - Litchfield, Ohio, Prepay



## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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It is always rewarding to see so many members show up for the Thanksgiving luncheon. It was the largest group (88) for a November meeting in four years. Of course, homemade desserts are an enticement. Thank you to **Charlie Stemper** for bringing the table decorations of paper turkeys. Someone at each table went home with one.

**Dale Emanuel**, staff writer for Goodwill Industries was our speaker this month. She was suffering from a cold; however her experience in the television industry came through as she was able to give a great presentation on how Goodwill helps those in need throughout the area. Charlie observed Veteran's Day by asking members who had served in the Armed Service to stand and be recognized.

Winners in November were: Door prize - (2 months) **Inge Pempeit** and **Russell Stinnett**, Woman's birthday - **Anita Donaldson**, no man's birthday and no anniversary, 50/50 - **Anna Miller**.

I am sorry to report on the death of **Delores (Dee) Bourdeau**, wife of **Coran (Slim)** on November 26, 2010. Slim retired from PDX and both of them were members for many years. Our condolences go out to Slim and his family.

**Kathy Russell** was in the hospital but has fully recovered. As many of you know, Kathy has Cystic Fibrosis and now must be on oxygen a good portion of the day. **Veulah Lorts** fell on December 3 and suffered some complications, but felt fortunate not to have broken any bones.

January will be the "initiation" of **Paul Russell** as president of Dew-er's. Come to the January meeting and give Paul your support for the coming year.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 12** - Social

**February 9** - Valentine's Party

**March 9** - TBA

## OUR CLUB

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We had plenty of blue skies, sunshine and holiday spirit on December 3 when 22 OUR Club members gathered at Taprock Northwest Grill in Grants Pass for the annual Christmas party. For the fifth year in a row, **Alberta & Russ Randall** hosted the party with festive table decorations and seasonal raffle prizes.

Judging by all the talking going on around the banquet room's fireplace, everyone was enjoying the spirit of the season as well as catching up with friends and fellow retirees.

Following lunch, President **Neal Appleton** conducted the quarterly business meeting. The following were elected as officers for 2011: President - **Sonnica Appleton**, Secretary - **Laurie Jordan**, Treasurer - **Alberta Randall**. In addition, **Alberta Randall** will continue to serve as Sunshine/Social Secretary and **Jane Frincke** as Membership Secretary.

It has always been a given that OUR Club members are generous of heart and spirit. The Christmas party resoundingly affirmed that fact. During the quarterly business meeting, chapter members selected the Rogue Valley Humane Society to receive the chapter's annual charitable donation. The Rogue Valley Humane Society is a no-kill animal shelter funded solely by private benefactors. Within moments of the vote, one member offered to personally match the OUR Club donation. Then another, and another, and more, and more. In the space of a minute, the openheartedness of our members increased OUR Club's donation to the shelter by over 600%.

**Jim & Elaine Ellis** held the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing. The beautiful seasonal raffle prizes provided by **Alberta & Russ** were won by **Jim & Elaine Ellis**, **Jim & Jane Frincke**, and **Peggy Wilson**.

After five years of serving as an OUR Club officer and the chapter's RUAEA Newsletter correspondent, it is bittersweet to realize this is my last blurb. As I pass the newsletter correspondent's pen to the incoming secretary, **Laurie Jordan**, I'm absolutely certain she'll do an outstanding job of keeping RUAEA National members informed about what we're up to in Southern Oregon.

### Calendar:

**January 7** - **Linda Althouse**, TBA

**February 4** - **Neal & Sonnica Appleton**, TBA

**March 4** - **Marge Calkins**, TBA

## PENNSYLVANIA



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Happy New Year – Go Steelers - How can they lose with all of the Terrible Towels waving thru out the country? **Lynn Morrow**, **Russ Miller** and **Jim Rotella** in California; **Bud Brown**, **Bill Schiller**, **Joe Scafoglio** and **Colette Airey** in Arizona; **Ted Gielas** and **Bernie & Zack Juth** in Colorado; **Bob Frye**, **Anita & Pete Pawlack** in Florida; **Bob Gause** in Ohio and Virginia has **Tom & Marilyn Marcy**. Keep the twirling guys.

The Golden Girls luncheon was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Shadow Lakes Country club in Aliquippa. The decor along with the service was top notch. The luncheon was hosted by **Cathy Matteson**, **Phyliss Smith** and **Jeri Juth**. Phyliss gave each attendee a beautiful Christmas ceramic music box. It was good to see a few newcomers, **Roberta Larimer**, **Mary Jane Stewart** and Mom **Dorothy**, **Georgia Garcia**, **Betty Musko** and **Gerry McDonough**. We missed some of our original Golden Girls, **Treatie Karwoski**, **Lois Varrenti**, **Anita Pawlack**, **June Schiralli**, **Rita Uliciny**, **Andrea Wiosenauer**, **Else Schiller**, **Lee Snuffer**, **Charla McBride** and **Angellica Angel**. You missed a good time, ladies.

The Pit-Stoppers Christmas Luncheon will have been held on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at which time new officers will be installed.

Thanks to **Mitch Abbas**, we do have some updated information on the passing of **Sam Cavello** - PITMM. Mitch was able to track down the name of Sam's daughter. Condolences can be sent to Amy Werner at 635 Route 30, Imperial, PA 15136.

In closing, I hope you all have submitted your entries on the Pass Survey.

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Following a period of absence, the Rocky Top Chapter of East Tennessee is pleased to resume articles on our chapter's activities. We have a casual meeting every even numbered month at Shooney's Restaurant in

Knoxville and a business meeting-event every odd numbered month.

Our September business meeting was held at Calhoun's Restaurant in Turkey Creek. Our host was **Terry Taylor**. The meeting was attended by 23 members along with long time members **Jo Humbert**, **Krista Mann** and **Dorothy & Bob Goodette**. Our special guest was **Bruce & Mary Broderson**, RUAEA Regional Director. Bruce brought us up to date on the merger with Continental. Major items of interest were the merger itself and retiree pass travel.

In November, **Al & Jeanne Barkmann** hosted our business meeting at the Connor's Steak House in Knoxville. There were 24 in attendances. With the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday nearing, the discussions centered on family and holiday travel. Along those lines, the group approved a donation for \$250 to the Empty Stocking Funds, a local charity drive for the less fortunate families in the Knoxville area.

### Calendar:

**December 16** – 09:30 Shooney's Restaurant @ Lovell Road, Knoxville

**January 20** – 12:30 Luncheon – Hosted by **Ed Valente**, details TBD

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On December 7, 40 chapter members met for a delightful Christmas lunch at **Lila Maughan's** Condo Community Ctr. on Cornerstone Dr. in South Jordan, UT. The affair was catered by "Apple Spice Junction." Thank you, **Clair & Judy Anderson** and **Frank & Sue Christenson**, for arranging the luncheon set-up! And thank you, **Lila Maughan**, for all the work you did to get the nicely decorated room ready for our RUAEA group! The auction was a total success with great gifts and lots of bantering between the "winners" and **Sue Christenson** who handled the raffle.

In answer to our November RUAEA report, we heard from **Rich Heath** who was the "other" person in **George Dalton's** amusing story; these two had accompanied the toddler from NYC to SLC, and he corrected this correspondent's write-up by saying that "*there were only two men involved and it all had happened in 1956.*" During today's get-together, **George Dalton** brought in an old copy of a Deseret News article that spoke about the event.



Funeral of former SLC AP Secretary, **Claire Shuholm**, was attended by her friends - among them **Helen White** (a former UAL F/A); **Pete Loyola**; and **Frank Murdock**. Both men spoke a few words at the gravesite. In answer to this, Claire's son **Craig Shuholm** wrote a letter thanking Pete & Frank for their tribute to his mother. In his letter, he also spoke kindly of **Helen White** who visited with us at today's luncheon. It was nice to see her again.

In one of the last National RUAEA newsletters, **Wayne Sableman** had mentioned his upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the **Murdocks** congratulated him with a birthday card. In return, Wayne dropped them a very pleasant thank-you note.

A call to **Bill Ottman**'s son Kevin brought the news that Bill is not doing too well, health-wise, and that he won't be able to come to the Christmas get-together; usually, his friend **Betty Colf** would accompany him from St. George to SLC. But she, too, is recuperating from a nasty fall with shoulder injuries. We wish them both a speedy recovery - and a Healthy Holiday Season!

**Gordon Davis** brought his mother **Betty Davis**; other regulars like **Tony Brown** and **Bill Berg** came, and so did many others to mingle again with their former colleagues. It was good to them all.

#### Calendar:

**January 4** - Coffee & Donuts 10 A.M., Murray Heritage Ctr., SLC;

**February 1** - Coffee & Donuts 10 A.M., Murray Heritage Ctr., SLC;

**March 1** - Lunch 2 P.M., Robintino's, 1385 S. 500 W., Bountiful.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Greetings from your new correspondent with many thanks and much appreciation to **Dee O'Donnell**, who wrote chapter reports from the Emerald City Slickers for many years. It will be a challenge to fill her shoes. As the new kid on the block, it may take me a while to get better acquainted with the Seattle chapter members, so please bear with me.

On a personal note, I'm the wife of **Ed Liesse**, who retired from SFOED in 1994. We lived in the Bay Area 31 years before relocating to the Pacific Northwest in 1997 to be closer to family. Son **Ken Liesse** is a ramp

serviceman at SeaTac, having signed on in San Francisco almost 25 years ago. Older Son **Dave Liesse** recently returned from the Chicago area to establish residence and a business in the Puget Sound area.

Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton was the setting for our November meeting (no meeting in December) with 59 retirees and guests in attendance. **John & Mary Luke** did an excellent job of arranging for facilities and meals there.

**Lu & Barry Gardiner** received thanks in absentia for their years of editing *Contrails*, the Slickers' chapter newsletter. With our gratitude, **Vicki Shumaker**, friend of **Herald & Phyllis Bowman**, will take over editorship - and she isn't even connected with United! **Ginger Phelan** was recognized for her help in assembling and mailing the newsletter over the years. **Phyllis** will coordinate future printing and mailing with the able assistance of **JoAnn Bernovich**, **Nancy Lagervall**, and **Betty Paul**. Because of printing and mailing costs, the paper copy of *Contrails* will be published in black and white, but those who opt for the online version will still get color.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** reported that our finances are in good shape and that we had 220 paid members in 2010. Dues for 2011 are due in January.

The Skynet travel survey was discussed by **Hank Gosselin**, Executive Vice President of RUAEA, with the suggestion that all retirees pay attention to the issue of retiree travel benefits.

**Helen Ebert**, a healthy and spry 97-year-old, and her daughter, **Jan Fuller**, were welcomed by the group after driving over from Ellensburg through the snow. **Rosa Koller**, **Janet Lawhead**, and **Tom & Susan Whittlesey** were welcomed back after absences. It was close to Veterans' Day, so we asked armed forces veterans to stand and be recognized for their service to our country. They were greeted by hearty applause.

**Richard Devereux** handled the sale of 50/50 drawing tickets, and **Phyllis Bowman** and **Hank Gosselin** delivered prizes to door prize winners. Those lucky folks included **Jeannine Anderson**, **JoAnn Bernovich**, **Phyllis Bowman**, **Corky Ives**, **Tom Lucas**, **Anita Malco**, **Betty Paul**, **Edna Paulson**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Sid Reynolds**, **Carol Soffell**, **Dolores Steger**, and **Dona Westpfahl**. We have a large contingent of donors to thank for all those prizes! New member **Bill Gordius** won the 50/50 drawing.

November birthday greetings were extended to **JoAnn Bernovich**, **Doug Christenson**, **Adelaide Hafferbecker**, **Rosa Koller**, **Marlene Nelson**, **Sidney Reynolds**, **James Small**, and **Jackie Stenger**. **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** celebrated 48 years of wedded bliss, while **Ernie & Marlene Nelson** topped them with 61. Best wishes to all!

Members observing wedding anniversaries in De-

ember are **Don & Jeannine Anderson** and **Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad**, both with 53 years. **John & Mary Luke** have been married 43 years. Happy December birthday greetings to **Phyllis Bowman, Mike Bratovich, James Hafterson, Corky Ives, Noreen Krawczyk, Anita Malco, Thelma Parks, Sidney Reed, Rita Reynolds, and Otto Wieland.**

Our own **Bob Brumfield** is a member of the Seattle Men's Chorus and performed in a number of holiday concerts at various venues. **Bob** was right there in the front row in a *Seattle Times* photo and in the second row on a local television channel.

We regret to announce that we lost a friend to cancer at the age of 49 in November. **Kathy Smith Hartley** was too young to retire from United when the SEARR office closed, but many will remember her 22 years as a reservations agent and her tireless work with the IAM. **Kathy** went on to merge her loves of writing and travel when she joined Costco as a web editor and author. **Kathy** grew up locally, attending schools in Mount Vernon and Burlington, Washington. She then edited the yearbook at Highline Community College and went on to study journalism at Western Washington University. **Kathy** married **William Hartley** in 1985, and had two children, Erin and Ben Hartley, who survive her. Condolences to her family and friends.

The saddest note of all was **John Haferbecker's** announcement that he must give up the chapter presidency due to serious health issues. Four members were appointed to serve as a nominating committee to quickly replace **John**, though we know he is irreplaceable. That committee consists of **JoAnn Bernovich, Bob Brumfield, Hank Gosselin, and Carol Soffel.**

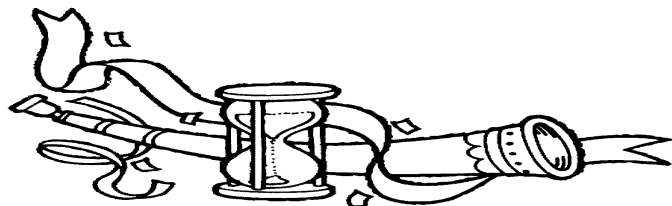
The Emerald City Slickers meet for lunch on the second Tuesday (January through May and September through November). We take a break over the summer months and in December, with a picnic in August. If you're ever in our area at the right time, give a call and come to join us. Certainly, we hope to meet many of you at the national convention in Portland, just a hop, skip and a jump from Seattle.

#### Calendar:

**January 11** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**February 8** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**March 8** – Luncheon Meeting - Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA



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All of us in Clipped Wings® would like to wish you health and much happiness in the New Year. There is so much to look forward to in this New Year.

Our major event this year will be attending the Memorial Service in Shanksville, PA. It will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United flight 93. This, of course, will be on September 11, 2011. We are hoping that many of our Clipped Wings® members will be able to attend. At our 2010 National Convention in Nashville, we voted to donate \$4,000 to help with the restoration of the Chapel located near the crash site.

The sales for the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf are still going strong. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is still only \$20 plus \$2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves help support Special Olympics.

We are actively recruiting new members for Clipped Wings®. If you are a former Stewardess, for United or Capital Airways, or a present flight attendant and would like to be part of Clipped Wings®, please visit our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, **Christel Hasenbring ILG (CHI)**, I will be happy to answer any question you have about membership. Please contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). We look forward to having you join us.



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## **September 2010 SkyNet Listing**

**Aranyos, Richard A.**, ORDFO 09/22/10

**Beard, Paul M.**, SFOEG 09/29/10

**Benedict, Ivan L.**, SFOMM 09/20/10

**Bobbitt, Floyd S.**, DENPV 09/14/10

**Brueggeman, Jo Anne**, ORDSW 09/08/10

**Bryant, Robert A.**, SEARR 09/28/10

**Camin, William D.**, SFOOV 09/06/10

**Carter, Ross L.**, RICOZ 09/03/10

**Coffman, Stanley V.**, DENCg 09/07/10

**Cross, Robert L.**, SFOFO 09/23/10

**Eggert, Charles N.**, ORDFO 09/15/10

**Estrada, Joset R.**, SFOGS 07/20/10

**Farrell, John F.**, LGACS 09/09/10

**Flood, Kathleen T.**, LAXCS 09/11/10

**Flores, Lucy**, SFOBL 09/26/10

**Foster, Margaret A.**, OAKUM 09/03/10

**Gaik, Francis J.**, SFOFF 09/03/10

**Gonzalez, Bibiano C.**, ORDCG 09/19/10

**Gregori, Ario**, SFOEP 09/13/10

**Harris, John G.**, JFKFO 09/22/10

**Hench Jr., Leslie W.**, SFOFO 09/16/10

**Herkimer, Gary J.**, DTWRR 09/19/10

**Hippensteel Jr., Clayson V.**, WHQKA 09/30/10

**Hitt, Vincent L.**, DCACG 09/04/10

**Jaken, Joseph D.**, EWRCG 09/20/10

**Johnson, Glen C.**, WHQCD 09/29/10

**Kendall, D. Faye**, SFOSW 09/10/10

**Kruse, Jesse T.**, ORDFO 06/18/10

**Kukla Jr., Edward**, SFOPV 09/26/10

**Lange, Gladys H.**, CHIRR 09/13/10

**Larson, Richard V.**, LAXFO 09/22/10

**Lenhardt, Edward J.**, TPACG 09/21/10

**Luce, Nancy A.**, HNLSW 09/30/10

**Ludeman, Gerald J.**, PDXFF 09/25/10

**Marlin, John M.**, SEAFO 09/06/10

**Marx, June D.**, SEASW 09/13/10

**Mauney, Robert V.**, WHQIR 09/01/10

**Mc Henry, Robert C.**, SFOVO 09/07/10

**Montana, Richard J.**, SFOLX 09/05/10

**Moore, Betty L.**, ORDMK 09/03/10

**Napohaku, Isaac K.**, LAXCG 09/18/10

**Newsome, Cheryl L.**, LAXSW 09/26/10

**Peet, Roger I.**, IADRR 09/01/10

**Phillips, Charles D.**, SFOOV 09/05/10

**Polhill, Roy E.**, INDAF 09/24/10

**Ptak, Damian A.**, ORDMM 09/19/10

**Rezabek, Judith A.**, WHQCJ 09/04/10

**Richardson, Larry T.**, PDXMM 06/17/10

**Ross, Robert J.**, SFOIQ 09/07/10

**Rothermund, Douglas K.**, DENTK 09/19/10

**Row, Allan A.**, DENPV 09/17/10

**Saldanha, Leonard J.**, SFOLE 09/03/10

**Sather, Theodore J.**, SFOPD 09/01/10

**Scott Jr., Edward**, ORDFF 09/09/10

**Seth, Roy A.**, SEAFO 09/14/10

**Sheldon, William B.**, ORDCG 09/09/10

**Singley, Roy G.**, SFOPD 09/29/10

**Smith, Glenn B.**, SEAFO 08/15/10

**Spencer, Hershall I.**, DENFH 09/23/10

**Sperb, Lyle L.**, PDXMM 09/30/10

**Staples, Alvin V.**, PHLMM 09/30/10

**Stokes, James H.**, DCAMM 09/25/10

**Stovall, Garfield R.**, EWRMK 09/15/10

**Swann, H Kirk**, DCAFO 09/24/10

**Syrstad, Bruce C.**, SEAPV 09/27/10

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Turner, Noble L., LAXCS 09/25/10  
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 Weaver, Dorothy A., LASHH 09/18/10  
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 Wisecup, Gayle N., SFOEG 09/07/10



## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

Martha Gooselaw  
 Letters Editor

Hi members,  
 I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

### WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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### **Raymond "Mac" MacIntosh 7585 S.W. Crestview St., Tigard, OR 97223-8206**

November 3 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my association with UAL. As of December, I will be 78 and retired for 23 years. I remember how happy and relieved I was the morning I woke up and realized that I would never again have to go to work - no more alarm clocks, pre-dawn risings, and long commutes. I was free at last! I also remember that, a year or so later, I began to really miss the old grind and the old gang, and I sometimes wished that I could take back the whole crazy idea of retirement. In retrospect, however, I now know I did the right thing. Pauline and I have enjoyed the past 23 years as only a portion of our 60 years together, and we look forward, Lord willing, to many more to come.

About 7 years ago, we moved from Southern California to the Portland, OR area of "The Great Pacific Northwest", where we spend lots of time with our children and grandchildren. Like many others I have read about, our joints don't work as well as they used to, so our activities are mainly confined to grocery shopping and doctor visits. We did, however, recently drive 1100 miles to San Diego (and back) to attend the wedding of one of our grandsons; no small journey, I assure you. It took us a week to recover!

Next May, the RUAEA Convention will be held here in Portland. If we are able to attend, it will be our first. That Alaska Inside Passage Cruise sure sounds inviting! If anyone from the past remembers me, feel free to e-mail me if you wish at [macandpauline@frontier.com](mailto:macandpauline@frontier.com). I'd like to hear from you.

### **Chris McCarthy, 6969 Petersen Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952, Mac030160@Gmail.com**

A bit tardy, but kindly put it down to senior memory lapse. At 85 years old, minds seem to wander.

Please accept my thanks to all of you for your dedication to keeping us all informed as to the ups and downs of our alma mater, UAL. We would all be lost without those efforts.

With 30 years at United and 29 years at the retirement job, I am hoping for one more year and then we will be even.

My best to all of you there and the same to all of my peers. Keep smelling the flowers!

**June O'Donnell, "The Shores" 1550 Coastal Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087**

This year's birthday is special; it is 10/10/10 and something special. My daughter and family entertained me in Costa Rica for 10 wonderful days.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer many hours, during the year to our wonderful organization. Each year I look forward to seeing everyone at the conventions. I am looking forward to the next one in PDX.

**Ardyce Paff, 3914 Parkview Dr., Cheyenne, WY 82001-8102**

This has been a good year for me. I have had no health problems and get around well.

I haven't done any traveling lately. However, the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle newspaper came out one day with the following headline, "Take a ride in a B-17 Bomber". I said to myself, "*I can do that*"! And I did.

On Mother's Day 2010, I boarded a B-17 along with 9 other people for a 30 minute flight to see and hear the sounds of the aircraft.

I had the privilege of sitting at the Radio Operators Station, looking out the window at the countryside. I was a radio operator at the Modification Center and later worked in Modification at the SFO Maintenance Base. I did not move about the aircraft as there were partitions to climb over and I am of short stature.

When we deplaned, I signed my name to the aircraft door and had my picture taken with the pilot.

My family and friends were there to see me off and to welcome me back. It was an exciting day for this 90 year old lady!

I enjoy reading the Newsletter every month although I don't see many names I recognize anymore.

The Bay Area letters are important to me as we lived there for 56 years. I also like to know what is going on with UAL. So thanks for your good work and a good publication.

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

In September, my daughters arranged a family reunion with a party to help me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Inasmuch as I have worked on our family tree, my daughters asked members of the family to bring pictures of their families which would be put into a scrap book for me. There were four nieces and nephews working on the genealogy of our family, so we received a lot of information to complete our records.

A happy time was had by all who attended.

I look forward to receiving the newsletter each month.



**Velma Stough, 170 Treasurton St., Colfax, CA 95713**

My husband, Mike retired from the SFO maintenance base and when he did, we moved to Colfax and joined the Gold Diggers in Sacramento. He passed away in 2005; but since we both worked at SFOMB, we both knew so many of that group already. I have continued going to the retiree meeting as much as I can. There are not many of the old timers left.

Thanks for doing a great job on the newsletter.

**Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073**

The impact of Flight 93 is an experience to be treasured, preserved, shared and proclaimed. In a single instant of time, at 10:06 AM on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Shanksville, Pennsylvania, time stood still. The thunder of that impact will never be silent; will never stop reverberating on our hills and on our mountains and on our hearts. Everyone who comes to see what really happened in Shanksville cannot be indifferent.

They must know that heroes came among us and changed the destiny of the world. This quiet place will bring the message into their lives and hearts and homes. The impact of that single moment in time will be an eternal message *never* to be forgotten. Always and forever will be remembered a message of bravery, sacrifice, hope, and glory of the forty brave heroes of Flight 93. They left for us an example and a message that can never be silenced, Thunder On The Mountain. From the Boulevard of Heroes

If you wish to make a donation, please make check to *Flight 93 Memorial* and mail to the above address. To date, we have received almost \$11,000. Thank you!

**Submitted by Claudette Peterson Kline, daughter of Melvin Peterson**

Although I am long overdue, I wanted you & your readers to know how much my dad **Melvin Peterson** loved & looked so much forward to receiving & reading your publication each month. He enjoyed reading every word and spent hours underlying "important" things in each edition. (Most of the pages had red lines through-out). My dad passed away at age 92 on May 20, 2009. He was a United employee since 1946. He began as a dispatcher in Honolulu where he began married life with his new French war bride, then to Cleveland, Chicago & San Francisco.

While based in SFO with the help & training of some wonderful United Navigators, my dad became a Navigator himself. He was always very proud to work for United and loved to fly. Any excuse would do!

My family lives in New Jersey and before he came to live with us his last 2 years, he & my mom would travel often cross country. I'd like to think he came just

to see us, but I know he was thrilled to be in the air again each time!

Thank you for all your work publishing your wonderful newsletter which keeps employees a part of such a wonderful airline and in touch with one another. You do a wonderful service and our family is indebted to you. Thank you

**Mae Alderese, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., #311, Twin Falls, ID 83301**

It is that time again; I will be 91 in 10 days!

To all my LAX friends for 37 years, I send love and fond memories.

I am in wonderful health, just a bit (a lot) deaf; but I enjoy every day the good Lord has given me.

My husband, Pete, who was also at UAL, has been in heaven for 34 years. I still miss him. He was in stores at LAX for 23 years.

My family is all in the medical field, Joy, a RN, her daughter, Elizabeth, a counselor for attempted suicide people, her son Jeff is MD surgeon in New Hampshire. I know my Pete is busting with pride, as am I.

God bless all you wonderful volunteers who keep us posted each month on what is happening at UAL.

**Harvey Bruning, 1010 N. Race Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

With my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (11/5), I just plain forgot to send off my dues.

Now we are getting ready to try to duplicate our honeymoon trip to California via Route 66, weather permitting. It will be interesting to see how much of the old route still exists. We have driven to the west coast many times since then, but mostly on the interstates.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy seeing familiar names in the Newsletter.

**Charles Esqueda, 719 Maple Ave., S. San Francisco, CA 94080**

We have sad news and good news.

My wife's mother passed away on February 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year. She would have been 97 years young.

My wife and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our three sons and their wives gave us a great party at our middle son's home. The party was attended by family and friends.

We have 3 grandsons and one granddaughter.

**Marilyn Halt, 1554 Okray Ave., Plover, WI 54467**

What a year this has been for me so far! I started out in January with a compound back fracture due to lifting something a little too heavy. X-rays then showed that I needed 4 heart bypasses and a leaky valve fixed, also. It is a miracle that I am still alive!

Then in September, I moved from Jacksonville, FL

to Plover, WI to be near my daughter, her hubby and 2 grand-daughters. Tammy is a wonderful RN in the ER and Urgent care, so I will have good care here.

I am living in an elderly community of 40 small "house like" units four to each side of the streets, each with our own attached garage and patio, beautiful inside and outside. I don't have to do anything except cook and clean! There is a large beautiful club house for all kinds of activities, a computer, library, TV, exercise rooms and a large kitchen with a bar.

I am hoping there are some UAL people in the area. I need a travel companion!

UAL has been so very good to me with all of the benefits which I appreciate and I am hoping all will continue as good with the merger.

**Anne Jones, 50 Castenana Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116, greenghia@Gmail.com**

*(Resubmitted with corrections)*

Thank you, another birthday. Birthdays do come faster each year.

I did not take many trips this year; except the one I took and broke my wrist. But that led me to learn how to play the Celtic harp. Life is full of circuitous surprises!

I was happy to see a letter from **Lou Mullen**. I worked with **Lou & Bonnie** at SFORR many years ago.

Thank you for all your good work at RUAEA.

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

Thank you for the continued excellent job you all do to keep us advised of news of fellow retirees.

We are also particularly grateful for you keeping us informed of ongoing activities at the new United and supporting our interests for the future.

**Dorothy Kopec, 22939 Adolph Ave., Torrance, CA 90505**

Thank you all for your wonderful newsletter. It is the best I have ever seen in my life from any organization.

You should all feel proud of your finished project.

I keep learning about "old friends".

**Beverly Lipsey, 268 N. Bonnie Brook Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813**

Kudos to the Officers, volunteers, et al, for their efforts in publishing the RUAEA newsletter. The latest issues have been especially informative in keeping us abreast of the merger with CAL



**Nancy Wright Meyer, 770 Pearson St. #804 Des Plaines, IL 60016**

I was reading the Oct. 2010, AARP Bulletin and spotted a little article about PBGC seeking "Missing" Pension Beneficiaries. I went to the PBGC website at <http://search.pbgc.gov/mp/> and searched for "United Air Lines Inc." *Note:* There must be a space between the words Air Lines. There is a long list of "missing participants" and last known address. Maybe RUAEA members know current mailing address of some of these "missing" people and can let them know they may have money coming to them. Perhaps someone in each RUAEA chapter should look at the list.

**Thomas Morgan, 5226 Pale Moon Dr., Pensacola, FL 32507**

I enjoy reading RUAEA NEWS, and occasionally find a name that I recognize.

I have been retired for 26 years, so it is a new cast of characters behind me.

Carol and I still live in Pensacola, FL and it was such a pleasure to attend the inaugural ceremony for service in and out of our airport to Dulles and O'Hare. With one trip a day each way (for now anyway) it will not be easy to get on a pass as a NR. However, to see the United airplane with the new paint job at our Gate #1 was a great experience. My regards to all.

**Patricia Morris, 7209 Red Oak Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60012**

I thought some of you might enjoy the following.

"Up, Down and Out" - I was leaving to go shopping. My neighbor asked if I was going "upstreet". I told her I was going "downtown". On the way I passed a house that was destroyed by fire. Question: Did it burn up or did it burn down?

The store did not have what I needed. "Was it all bought up?" I inquired. "No, the clerk responded, it was all bought out".

On the way home, I stopped for a soda. When I was finished, the counterwoman asked if I drank it all up. No, I replied, I drank it all down.

When I got home, I couldn't decide if I had been "out and about", or "out and around". My energy is used up, so I think I will lie down. A Morris Original.

I keep looking in the newsletter for names I recognize; unfortunately most of them are in the obituaries. Keep up the good work.

**Phyllis Singer, 9346 Landings Ln., Unit 301, Des Plaines, IL 60016**

I am a bit late. Unfortunately I have become a caregiver with my husband's health not doing well. I am fortunate to have wonderful memories of all our good trips we were able to take, thanks to working for United.

**Elizabeth Smentkowski, 21141 Ponderosa, Mission Viejo, CA 92692**

Thank you for keeping us informed. Your dedication is very much appreciated! I read the newsletter from cover to cover and enjoy recognizing some names and knowing that they are doing okay.

I went to a Flight Attendant reunion in October and it was spectacular. A big thank you to **Susan McMurtrie** (LAXSW) for getting us together time after time.

I have been retired for 7 years and during that time John & I have been blessed with 4 grandchildren, Nicolas 6½, Chris almost 5, Devan Christine 4 and Connor, 1 year. We all live near each other and take the kids everywhere. The running after them keeps us in shape!

My birthday this year was 10/11/10 with a lot of ones. In some cultures, that is good luck. I made a lot of wishes and prayers for all my good friends at United that I still miss very much.

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

The RUAEA newsletter is the best way to keep in touch with friends.

My son Russell, who lives with me, and is a staunch supporter of UAL, traveled with me to Baton Rouge, LA this spring. We visited the capital and experienced the history of the Huey Long area. We also visited a plantation and enjoyed southern food and hospitality.

Russell and his friend also flew UAL to Helena, MT to visit the capital. They took a side trip by car, an hour drive, to Butte, MT, to tour the Our Lady of the Rockies. It is a 90 foot statue built by volunteers on top of a mountain which can be viewed all over the city. It is dedicated to all mothers and women.

Russell has visited 29 capital cities in the USA so far, and I was fortunate to accompany him on most of these trips.

**Lavonne Wilhoite, 556 Woods Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069-3271**

Thought I would be the first to send everyone a Christmas Greeting. My thanks to all of you for all that you do.

I traveled Iowa in October. Everyone treated me wonderful. I had an electronic ticket in SD. In Denver, United Express put me on board ahead of some, (My white hair does work).

I will be celebrating my 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday soon.

My greetings to all of my old friends

**Maureen Williams, 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1852**

Thank you for another year of hard work keeping us informed regarding each other's lives.

This year I have been busy as always raising funds



for scholarships. I don't travel much any more. My daughter Mary and I went to my old home town of Marion, IL, in September. Then we took a cruise the first week of November.

I became a great-great Grandmother in July. So now we are 5 generations. The new baby is in Texas. The three generations there hope to come to California for Christmas. We all would like to have a picture of the 5 generations.

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

I'm sorry to be late with Bob's subscription. He has been in the hospital and is now in a rehabilitation home, but I'm hoping to bring him home soon.

He has had lots of health issues. He has Parkinsons and was undergoing treatment for cancer.

He wouldn't want to do without the Newsletter. It provides him with some news of old friends.

**Richard C. Niebels, 7933 S. Trenton St., Centennial, CO 80112**

Thank you for the reminder that my dues are past due this year. I guess by celebrating my 25<sup>th</sup> birthday (for the third time), my "remember-er" does not seem to work as well as my "forgetter-er".

Anyway, it doesn't seem possible that it's been 18 years since I put in my last days working for UAL at Stapleton Airport. I can't say I have regretted my decision to retire before the new airport (DIA) opened for business, which would have increased my commute time considerably. Retirement suits me just fine.

Thanks for the memories.

*We appreciate your letters.  
Please keep them coming!*



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After the war, with the FAA International, he was based in Paris and conducted all jet-rating flights for PAA & TWA in Europe. In 1960 he became the FAA's Principle Operative Inspector - UAL Denver.

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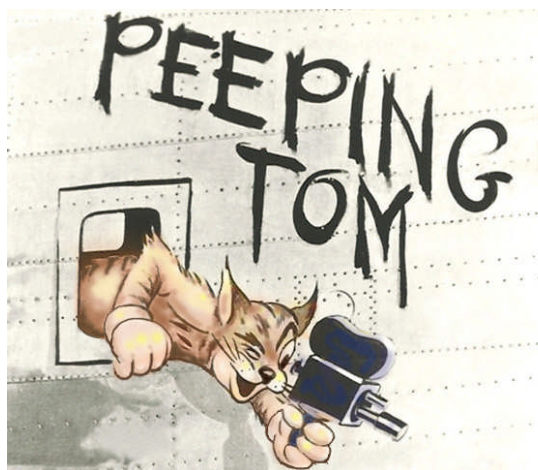
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In 1933, Broiles had joined the PAA subsidiary China National Aviation Corp. In 1937, after "the Japanese ran him out of China", he worked for United as Co-pilot, Captain and one year as an Instructor at Tracy. He was flying as a United Captain out of Portland when he was "called into WWII" to fly for the ATC.

During 4 months in 1943, he flew supplies for the U.S. Army Air Corps - flying from Natal, Brazil across the Atlantic, over the Sahara desert via Ascension to



In 1944, Broiles was featured in the Sunday comic strip *Smilin' Jack*. In this panel, "Hi" Broiles impresses *Smilin' Jack* with his lengthy "Short Snorter" collection (signed foreign currency). If a "Flying Short Snorter" couldn't produce his bills when challenged by another who had signed for the "Snorter" ... it cost a "snort" (a stiff drink) ... or a dollar. The tradition was carried into the space-age by the Astronauts.

