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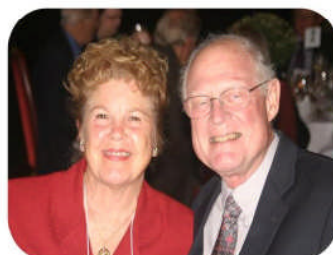
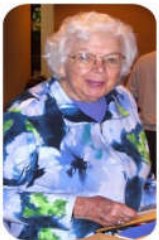
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In Memoriam



In 2012, we all mourned the passing of many friends and family members. Our faithful chapter correspondents informed us of many deaths. The RUAEA organization lost two special members who assisted all of us, generously sharing their time and talents.

Ed Majewski passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 9/7/12. He worked behind the scenes with **Jim Sommerfield** to maintain the RUAEA website.

Helen Cain passed away on 11/20/12. Helen wrote the recipe column, “Easy Does It” which so many of us enjoyed. She was also the RUAEA correspondent for the San Francisco Golden Gateers.

Both are greatly missed. We extend our condolences to their family and friends, and to all our members who experienced loss.

Access to Flying Together after not signing in for one year



Good information from **Connie Glattly**, Correspondent for the Northern Lites, that she received from **Kirk Moore**, Chairman, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee. Additional advice: *Retain this information if you don't access the Flying Together website very often so you will know how to get back into Flying Together.*

Note: When an UA retiree logs into Flying Together and receives one of these messages; “Employee ID/Password Failed” or “Profile has been Deactivated”, it means they have not logged into the system for over a year and their profile was turned off. They are still eligible for pass travel privileges; however, they must

contact the Employee Service Center (ESC) to have their profile reinstated. If you get questions regarding this, please provide them the following instructions;

1. Send an email to the ESC at esc@united.com with the subject line “**Retiree Resync**”
2. The email should include:
 - ❖ The retiree's name, ID #, addresses on file, phone # and e-mail address
 - ❖ Or, they can call the ESC at 877-242-0075, option 4 and ask to have their profile reinstated.

Thanks to all for this information, it's greatly appreciated!

United enhances seat assignment procedures for pass riders



Since United introduced its new pass travel privileges last spring, the company continues to make enhancements that help you get more out of the program. Your feedback was heard, and now United assigns pass riders to seats toward the front of its aircraft cabins before filling seats in the back.

With this SHARES enhancement, effective November 14, co-workers and retirees with higher seniority are more likely to receive seats in Economy Plus, if any of those seats are available.

“I like that I can more easily give a better seat to employees, especially those who have been around a long time,” ORD Customer Service Representative Sue Brunner said. “These changes save us a lot of time in the boarding process because we no longer have to change seat assignments manually to make sure pass riders get seats in the front of Economy.”

Please visit the [Travel](#) tab for information on all pass travel policies and programs. For questions, please use the Ask Alex tool on the Travel tab or employeeRES.

Employee Mileage Plus Visa Card Annual Fee Rebate Form



If you are a United employee or retiree and already the primary account holder (not an authorized user) of a Mileage Plus Visa Card, you may be eligible for a \$60 annual fee rebate.

Please follow these instructions to submit a rebate request:

1. One annual fee rebate per United employee is allowed per year.
2. Fill out this rebate request form within 60 days of your annual fee date.
3. Print the confirmation page for your records (Note: A confirmation email is not sent, so make sure to print a copy for your records).
4. Pay your bill when it comes, including the annual fee.
5. You will see a statement credit for \$60 and receive a confirmation letter from Chase within 90 days of the rebate form submission date.
6. Please be patient. This is a manual process and it takes time to get processed.
7. If you do not receive your credit within 90 days of submitting the form, please contact: mileageplusvisa@united.com

Bus Service Discontinuation



As United continues to relocate operations from the Elk Grove Village OPC to Willis Tower, the company needs to reallocate its resources where they will benefit the greatest number of co-workers. The number of people working at OPC has dropped so significantly it no longer makes financial sense to provide bus transportation between ORD and OPC. The Chicago Contact Center (CHIRR) was included in the original service due to its proximity to ORD and did not increase United's financial responsibility. However, with the changes at OPC, United will be discontinuing the bus service on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

While United provided this bus for co-workers traveling on business, the company knows some of you also used it for personal trips. The business reasons no longer justify keeping the bus service, but United is pleased to continue to offer complimentary parking at OPC and CHIRR for those who can arrange another ride to and from the airport. At CHIRR, please park in the northwest corner of the lot.

United has negotiated a flat rate of \$11 with American Taxi for co-workers traveling between CHIRR and ORD. This is lower than the previous rate with American Taxi and 303 Taxi (which was \$14). To order a cab, go to <https://order.american taxi.com>, Username: uniteddp, Password: american, Public Place ID #: 316922 –or– Call 847-255-9614

Also note that PACE Commuter buses continue to run scheduled service from the CTA Blue Line Rosemont Stop. Route 606 stops at OPC and route 223 stops at CHIRR.

Now on your smartphone – “My Flying Together”



United has received feedback about the mobile-friendly version of Flying Together since it was launched in summer, and the company listened to your ideas to improve the functionality.

You can now access “My Flying Together,” a feature that brings your “My Tools” and “My Favorites” lists from the desktop version of Flying Together onto your mobile device – an enhancement many co-workers requested. While not all links and tools from these lists are currently mobile-friendly, United will continue to work with departments and users to offer more mobile-friendly versions as they become available.

Plus, your eyes will be happy to see that United also made the font size larger and easier to read within the employeeRES tool, a suggestion many co-workers made.

If you haven't already bookmarked flyingtogether.ual.com on your mobile phone, don't delay! It's the go-to site for co-workers. With the employee directory, news, employeeRES and more, the company will get you plugged in to tools and information you need when you're away from home or work.

To learn more about flyingtogether.ual.com, check out the user guide on the Flying Together [Help & Feedback](#) page.

ALPA approves tentative agreement



On November 12th, the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) Master Executive Councils representing subsidiary UA and subsidiary CO pilots informed United that they approved the tentative agreement between the company and ALPA. The tentative agreement will now be subject to ratification by the pilots, and ALPA will be providing details directly to the pilots.

Please visit the United Negotiations [website](http://unitednegotiations.com) (unitednegotiations.com) for more information on progress with all United work groups.

Torgy's Travel Tips

Newsletter Manager's Note: *We are very happy to introduce a new columnist, **Kathie Torgison**. She is reviving the Travel Tips column with her own unique style. RUAEA members have many travel questions and we look forward to having Kathie as our resource. We welcome Kathie to our RUAEA newsletter and thank her for volunteering.*



Thank you RUAEA for inviting me to write a column on Travel Tips for my fellow Retirees! I know I have some big shoes to fill, having worked with **Bob Brumfield** for many years in SEA. I retired in 2007 after 32 years with the company, most of them as an Apollo instructor for CS, RR and Intl Airport Ops Training. I took over as manager of the SEA Retiree Travel Desk from Bob and saw it through until the last tearful day, May 31st, 2012. So now, it is my pleasure to provide you with advisories, tips and suggestions as you use your hard-earned benefits to get out and **travel**!

Enrolled Friends - It is Open Enrollment time for 2013. Retirees are allowed to have 2 friends share our travel privileges. If you cannot decide whom you wish to name for 2013 you may designate "none" and then add names at a later date. If you already had a name or names from 2012, you can either re-enroll them, or change their slot to "none" so that you can decide later. **Caution:** You may never "swap" names after the New Year begins, so be **certain** of your choice. Sometimes it makes sense to keep your selection at "none" until you are confident of your choice.

To access Enrolled Friends registration, go to **FlyingTogether>AllAboutMe>PassRiders**. You will see the top paragraph outlined in red with a column showing your 2012 selections and another column for 2013. Click on the word enroll on each line to either re-enroll the existing friend or designate a new friend or eliminate the existing friend and claim "none". **Caution:** Even though you may wish to carry over your current friend to 2013, you **must** click enroll and answer several screens of questions in order to validate this person for travel in 2013.

ETKTS for ID90 Travel - Electronic tickets are now mandatory for 24 interline carriers. This is welcome relief in most cases, as you no longer have to fill out forms or wait at the airport to have a ticket written. It comes with a cost of course, about \$2.20 per segment added to the total tkt price, but it is fast, efficient and a godsend when you are stuck without a backup. Here are the airlines:

- Adria Airways (JP)
- Aer Lingus (EI)
- Air Canada (AC)
- Alaska (AS)
- ANA (NH)
- Austrian Airlines (OS)
- Avianca Airlines (AV)
- British Airways (BA)
- Brussels Airlines (SN)
- China Airlines (CI)
- Note: Cathay Pacific (CX) is not participating, currently
- Dragon Air (KA)
- El Al Airlines (LY)
- Emirates Airline (EK)

- ERA (7H)
- Frontier (F9)
- Hawaiian (HA)
- Jet Airways (9W)
- Olympic Air (OA)
- Qantas Airways (QF)
- Royal Jordanian Airlines (RJ)
- Swiss Air Lines (LX)
- US Airways (US)
- Virgin Atlantic Airways (VS)

Steps to access and purchase tickets go the [Interline Fare Calculator](#) website at:

1. <https://ifc.id90.com> OR **FlyingTogether >Travel>Other Airline/Interline Travel>Visit ID90T website**
2. Select United Airlines as your employing carrier
3. User ID: 6 digit file number (without U)
4. First time users will use their first initial and last name in lower case letters as password (example: jsmith) and will then be prompted to create their own password for future use.
5. On the home page, select the airline you wish to fly on, the origin/destination/date the appropriate travelers names.
6. Follow the prompts to select the appropriate flight and to view the tkt price.
7. Review the itinerary, select your form of payment and then select Purchase.
8. You will receive a confirmation and email.

If you end up with an unused ticket after your trip, simply access [My Profile](#) from the website home page. You can view all of your history and future travel here. Once you access the appropriate ticket, there will be an option to cancel/refund. Once completed, you will be refunded the ticket price, but not the booking fee.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Egges



There is good news and there is not so good news.

The good news is that the Auditorium has been completed. I have been unable to find out the complete details. I will have more information on the 93 Memorial Chapel in the next newsletter.

However, the update on Bishop Mascherino is not so good. He is still suffering and needs your prayers. I called him on the phone. He could hardly speak and was hard to understand. I spoke with him for less than a minute. He is being cared for at a private residence.

Mother Nature is in control. Now that Sandy did her damage, it is time for us to support those in dire need. The Philadelphia Independents have voted to donate \$500.00 to United We Care. You can do your part by donating to the United We Care Fund also.

Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note**: *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!



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Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

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A small group of our Florida/Alabama Chapter of RUAEA met Thursday, November 15, 2012, in Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. Only 12 members were in attendance. They were: **Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bev & Bob Heinrich, Doug & Edna Horne, Park & Billie Learned, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, and Harold Stofko.** We were sorry that **Barbara Serra** was unable to attend again this month as she is still in Nashville, TN. **Diane Stofko**, sister of **Harold Stofko** and **Beverly Serra**, died recently after an illness. **Barbara** is still there taking care of details. We were all so very sorry to hear of Diane's death. **Harold** told us he is now taking care of Diane's three cats until **Barbara** is back home. **Rick & Carol Herrick** was absent this time as **Rick** had some foot surgery and could not put any weight on his foot. This is the first meeting that **Rick** has missed since our group formed two years ago. We missed them so much and hope **Rick's** foot heals quickly.

Our normal room was in use today so we met on the Indoor Patio area of the Cubi Bar which overlooks a section of the Museum. We all loved this location and we will meet in the same area next month as they are putting down new carpeting in the restaurant area. **Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order after lunch at 12:50 PM. In **Barbara's** absence, **Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary, composed an unofficial Financial Report and then emailed the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report to everyone and they were approved as sent. Once **Barbara** returns, she will do an official Financial Report. **Bill Hayden** was assisted by **Yvonne Schwartz** in selling the raffle tickets. **Park & Billie Learned** were the lucky winners this time. Congratulations! This time our waitress brought 3 extra cookies and raffle tickets were drawn for them. The winners were **Conrad Hamilton** (Cookie Monster!), **Bev Heinrich** and **Harold Stofko**. They all enjoyed them immediately!

Bob announced our December birthdays for **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** (13), **Bob Heinrich** (16), **Tommy Zander** (18), **Nancy Aldrich** (19) and **Edna Horne** (30). Happy Birthday you 5!

We discussed how we would spend the money we have in our treasury this year. The vote was unanimous to give our money to the Manna Food Bank, Waterfront Rescue Mission and the Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum where we meet every month. **Conrad Hamilton** volunteered to deliver the money to the selected places.

Discussion then turned to our December meeting. After much discussion, it was decided that we will meet Monday, December 10th. We will once again play the Dirty Santa Game and everyone attending will bring a wrapped gourmet food item gift to take part in this fun game. We all love this game and it really adds life to our get-together. Your group should try it!

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM but we all chatted for some time before leaving.

If it is cold and snowy where you are, we invite you to come down to our Gulf Coast where it never gets extremely cold and the Gulf is always so beautiful. We invite you to plan your vacation so you can join us for one of our meetings. Also, an all day trip to the Aviation Museum should be included on your agenda. Our

meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

January 17 - A New Year Begins! We always begin at 11:30 AM

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Submitted by Carol Wilbanks

Our group met on November 12 for lunch at Joel's Restaurant in Trussville AL. This restaurant is well known in the area for its fresh vegetables, fried chicken and desserts. We all enjoyed our meals and some did try the coconut, lemon and chocolate pies.

Those attending (despite the cold, rainy weather) were **Joe Duncan**, Vice President **Charlotte Gibson**, President **Bobby Cox** and wife **Jean**, **Travis & Zoe Glass**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Gay Fowler**, and our new member, **Pat Harmon**.

We were especially proud to pledge our allegiance to our U.S. flag which had flown over the Flight 93 memorial. Although we do this at each meeting, celebrating Veteran's Day made it even more meaningful.

We missed several of our members including **Donna & Jim Gooch** who were home waiting on repairmen. Our wonderful secretary, **Judy Slover**, is unable to be with us until further notice. She and her sisters have been 24 hour caregivers for their parents. Her father passed since our last meeting at 94 years old. Her mother is 92 and with a broken leg, needs constant care. Our thoughts and prayers go out to this family. Cards may be sent to Judy at 3 Mystic Moss Street, Pike Road, AL 36004. In the midst of all this sadness and stress, Judy is very excited that she is going to be a grandmother! Congratulations!

Jean Cox had cataract surgery on both eyes and reports it was successful. We could see how pretty her eyes are with no glasses!

Although we don't usually meet in December, **Charlotte Gibson** has suggested we have a party at her home if enough folks can come. Until this is decided, we have no plan for our next meeting.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Seems a little early to do so, since I'm writing this newsletter on December 6, 2012 but I will say it anyway, Happy and Healthy 2013 New Year to all! It's the start of a new year ~ we've re-elected our President, we pray that he and Congress will work to fix this turmoiled United States of America and people of other countries will look at us as the free democratic society and will model their nations accordingly. Peace to the world. Now, that said ...

The Azures had our Christmas luncheon at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West, AZ with 42 members attending. We were happy for that turnout. We had a choice of Beef Sirloin Kabobs and Almond Crusted Chicken. This year, we had our White Elephant Sale & Auction, which is always a fun time. We will report next month on the proceeds which we always give to the "Fantasy Flight" for the upcoming year.

I got a call from **Elise Dikeman** who was planning to join the "breakfast club" at Coco's on Tuesday, December 4 and checking to see if that was the right day. She has been doctoring with a broken leg she suffered last year and, also, checking out the heart hospitals in Colorado. It was good to talk with her and glad to hear she was feeling well.

Dick Aaronson is nursing a bruised side and kidney apparently due to his chivalrous act in trying to stop a runaway treadmill which Joan was on and couldn't slow down. The speed jumped and when Dick tried to reach over and slow it down, he slipped and had a nasty fall. Dick, our wishes for a speedy recovery!

We got word that **Susie Hughes'** step-mother, Mona, fell a couple of weeks ago and broke her leg, she had surgery and is recovering nicely, she is 90 years old. Our prayers go out for her speedy and complete recovery.

Our luncheon this month will be held at B.J.'s Restaurant, 9748 West Northern Avenue in Peoria, AZ (in the Parke West Shopping Center) on January 12. We will send more information to members via email as soon as the plans are finalized.

Breakfasts for January at Coco's, 98th and Bell, Sun City, AZ on January 8 and 22 (due to the holiday on January 1, the breakfast will be postponed one week).

Welcome home, snowbirds!

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We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays with family and friends. Now we're starting a new year, and look forward to new and better things.

We hope to have many more join our chapter and find out what a nice, friendly, and fun group we have here in the Phoenix area. We usually have one breakfast a month year round, and one luncheon a month, normally starting in October and ending in April the rest of the year. If you're visiting out here during the winter months, why not join us for breakfast or lunch? If you have any questions or need some answers about when we are meeting, please call our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by email at Indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be more than happy to assist you.

Our November luncheon was held at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, hosted by the **Rockenhausers**. We had 40 people attend. The **All-Arizona Luncheon**, which our chapter is hosting this year, will be held Thursday, March 14th at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ. We're encouraging our members to think about baskets for the raffle at this luncheon, and asking members for ideas for the program. I was told by one of our members, that All-Arizona luncheons have been going on for 23 years! Wow! What a wonderful idea they came up with all those years. One of our good members, **Jim Fauber**, spoke to our group about the hijacking of an UAL 727 plane back in 1972, which he played a big part, as he was a maintenance foreman at the time. The FBI was involved and **Jim** was the technical adviser for the FBI. What they went through to capture the man who was responsible for this hijacking was really something. **Jim** really went into a lot of details and kept us very interested all the way to the end.

The November 16th Breakfast was held for the first time at a different restaurant, called the Black Bear Diner, on Baseline Road in Gilbert. We had 23 members there, and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and the service. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, brought us up-to-date on upcoming lunches. She also talked about the Phoenix Light Rail system and offered to take anyone on an informational tour, if we would like. **Pat & Buzz Nicholaisen** brought along one of the plastic mats their Church ladies are making for the homeless out of those plastic grocery bags. What a great project! Everyone was very impressed. Keep bringing those plastic grocery bags to **Pat**.

The annual Christmas luncheon was held December 5th at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. We had 51 members and guests in attendance. It's always a special luncheon with all the Christmas decorations there. Everyone enjoyed themselves and got into a Holiday mood. We had a new member join us, **Judy Burtner**, who worked in Chicago at ORD and HDQ. Welcome Judy! **Rich Vehring**, chairman of the Fantasy Flight, gave everyone an update and said it was the best Fantasy Flight ever and thanked everyone for their help and all our donations and time involved. **Peg Snowdall**, who also spends a lot of time and effort in behalf of the Fantasy Flight, also thanked everyone. Thanks to **Carol & Skip Ward** for all the work they did to host this very festive luncheon.

A reminder! Your chapter's annual dues of \$5.00 each were due January 1st. Please give your money to **Rita Zarek** at one of the breakfasts or luncheon. You can also mail her the check to her home at 823 W. 14th Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Please let her know if you have any changes in your address, phone

number, or email, so we can have the correct information for our Membership Directory, which is started soon. Thanks for your help!

Our January Luncheon will be held Thursday, January 17th at the Grand View Steakhouse at Painted Mountain Golf Resort, 6210 E. McKellips Road in Mesa. We will have a very special speaker. His name is **Larry Turner**. He is the Wing Leader Commemorative Air Force of the Arizona Wing. Information will be forth coming from **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**, who are hosting this luncheon. This luncheon will be coming up quickly after the Holidays. If you have any questions, please contact them at (480) 924-8118, or by e-mail at ferrol122@gmail.com or cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com.

A Nominating Committee will be appointed this month for officers for our chapter for the coming year. Election will be held in February. Please consider giving of your time as an officer. We always need new ideas and it doesn't take too much of your time.

We talked to **Dorothy Pappas** recently and heard she had back surgery in October and was doing fine after that; but then heard her husband, **Jim**, had the same surgery in late November. He had a set back after arriving home, and is now at a rehab center. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery! **Tony Ribeiro** has had back and right leg problems for a long time and still waiting for the right surgeon to help him. We miss seeing you **Tony**! **Ferrol Hilsabeck** had eye surgery recently and is doing well. Another member, **Bob Hallden**, recently had a pace-maker and defibrillator surgery, and glad to hear he is doing fine. Look forward to seeing everyone back soon.

Mark your calendars now for our February luncheon on Wednesday, February 20th starting at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ., 444 N. Pinal Pkwy; also known as Hwy. 79. The menu will be Gyro Classic, Chicken on salad, and cheese burger deluxe, with Gallakto Bouriko, a Greek Dessert. Also available will be two for one draft beer and house wine. The price is \$18 per person. Our host is **Natasha Schmidt**. She can be contacted at (520) 723-7939, or by email at mohrle@q.com.

We have a lot of Birthdays in January: **John Gaudio** (1/5), **Jane Miller** (1/14), **Molly Norwood** (1/14), **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (1/15), **Judy McFarland** (1/22), **Barb Paymaster** (1/22), **Rose Rheam** (1/23), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (1/25), **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/28), and **Skip Ward** (1/28). Happy Birthday to all! Wedding Anniversaries are: **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/8), **Donna & Ron Pedone** (1/10), and **Barbara & Jay Hartough** (1/16). Congratulations!

Calendar:

January 17 – Luncheon at Painted Mountain Golf Club, starting at 11:00 a.m., hosted by **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**. Contact them at (480) 924-8118, or by email at ferrol122@gmail.com.

January 25 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Road, in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by January 23rd with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net.

February 15 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. (Note: Date Change)

February 20 - Luncheon at Mt. Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**

March 14 – All Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Case Grande.

March 22 - Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends across the country! We wish you all the best for the 2013 New Year.

Twenty-six Roadrunners were on hand to enjoy a wonderful outing at Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen on the 15th of November. It's always nice to get together once a month to enjoy the company and find out what everybody has been up to. We always have a good time here and **Ed Kokot** deserves a big thanks for arranging this fine event.

Our 50/25/25 drawings were won by **Ed Kokot** and **Beverly Workinger**. We also welcomed three new members to our group, **Charli & Len Nicholson** and **Eilene Swan**. We hope to see them at many more of our luncheons.

On the 27th of November, 10 members assembled at the Reid Park Zoo to decorate a Christmas tree. **Gordon Starr** was instrumental in arranging this outing as he has done the last several years. After the decorating we all went to lunch at the Claim Jumper Restaurant. Joining us at the restaurant were **Charli Nicholson** and **Len's** mother **Doris Nicholson**. Turns out that Doris and two of our members, **Clyde & Henny Satterfield** were friends through a local church.

Lou & Hank Dykhuis set out on a 28 day cruise on the 23rd of the month. They left from San Diego and will make a few stops in the Hawaiian Islands before heading to the South Pacific, stopping at some of the islands and returning to San Diego. We wish them a wonderful time.

Calendar:

January 17 - TBA later

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Our Chapter did not meet in November. We will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 19th at the Spyglass Restaurant. The usual grab-bag gift exchange is always a fun time. At this time, we also will be donating our usual gift to the Toys 4 Tots. We will also be electing new board members.

By the time this is published, Thanksgiving will have passed and Christmas is just around the corner. Our Chapter wishes all the retirees a happy 2013 and we hope our airline survives and improves.

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The Brazen Raisins held their annual Christmas party at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno. It was hosted by **Elida Rivas** and **Peggy Oakshott**. We had a very short meeting, but mainly enjoyed the Italian food served there. **Elida Rivas'** birthday is December 15th and we wished her a Happy Birthday!

We missed **Virginia Van Patten** at the party; she will be having knee surgery soon in December.

Lincoln Jones won the 50/50 raffle for the second time in a row. **Hazel Hayes** and **Dick Shryock** won the wine.

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Gay Traber and **Patti Sica** were our gracious hostesses for the Desert Sunbirds November Meeting/Luncheon, at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Mirage. A nice group of 42 members and guests had their choice of Chicken Parmigiana, Spaghetti with Rich Meat Sauce, and a BLT Salad. The portions were good-sized, so there were many take-home boxes provided.

Last month I failed to report that **Jim & Liz Clapper** celebrated their 61st Anniversary on November 25th; and **Sandy & T. J. Sereno** their 46th on November 21st. Also at that October meeting our hosts, **Glen & Jan**

Voirol donated a couple bottles of wine to the 50/50 drawing, which were won by **Carole Paquin** and **Dick Milford**, a guest of **Mary Frank**. Sorry guys, my bad.

It was great to see **Al & Jenny Pennington** at the luncheon. It's been a long time since we've seen them. Also making an appearance, **Robb Bohart**, one of our "snowbirds", back in town for the "season". Also nice to see **Barbara Rowe** and **Mary Butler**, who are able to make only a couple meetings a year.

Guests this month included **Marie Black**, guest of **Anna Crisci**; and once again I brought my lady, **Marji Gomez**. And of course Elaine relegated her to a 1/8 status. If this continues, do you suppose there might be a "discount luncheon" in our future?

In October, **Ray Silvestri** missed the meeting because of an emergency trip to the hospital. He had severe pain in his hands, feet, and legs; plus a temperature of 104. He was treated with antibiotics, and released after a few days. He is now at home, but dealing with diabetes. Hang in there, Ray. Our prayers are with you.

Better news for **Liz Clapper**, who was at the meeting for the first time in 3 or 4 months. Liz was finally diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, and is now getting the treatment and care that she needs.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Sandy Sereno**; and the 50/50 drawing was won by ... **Sandy Sereno**. Sandy promptly asked for another drawing, and split the winnings - \$75.00 - with that winner, **Gay Traber**. Sandy suggested we do this every month, if the pot is big enough. It was voted on, approved, with this condition; any pot over \$50.00, there will be a second drawing, with the second winner getting everything over \$50.00. Of course, that brings up the question; what if the pot is over \$100.00? A third winner? Just asking!

Calendar:

January 8 – Hosted by **Jerry & Sheryll Weiss**

February 13 – Hosted by **Ron & Barbara Napier**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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When you combine a beautiful fall day, the lovely Sierra hills, a rustic log house, friends getting together and top it all off with delicious food, well, hey, the Hangtown Miners just couldn't miss! **Suzanne & Tom Kenny** and **Thom Biro** hosted our November luncheon at the Sierra Banquet Center in Camino. The room for the luncheon was warm and inviting on its own, and the table decor just added to the atmosphere. A resounding **Thank You** to Suzanne, Tom and Thom.

After enjoying our meals, President **Jon Somplack** brought our meeting to order. We had 29 members in attendance with 3 members who, at the last minute, could not join us. **Thom Biro** brought a guest, **Carolyn Woolston**, who decided to join our group. We are delighted to add you to our roster, Carolyn!

Old Business ~ We needed to vote for our officers for 2013. Nominated at last month's meeting were: President - **Rudy Blazius**; Vice-President - **Bill Dinette**; Secretary - **Jane Gibson**; Treasurer - **Tom Kenny**; Sunshine - **Jeanette D'Amico**; Historian - **Lynda Lima**. 7 members emailed their votes to me; all of these were in favor of this panel. Jon asked for a raise of hands for each office, all nominees were approved.

New Business ~ A reminder that our annual dues are collected in January. Jon brought up a question he had been mulling over - whether we should change our dues to be \$5.00 per person. The thinking here is that it covers both the retiree and spouse. A member's dues automatically covers the spouse.

Ann Czapkay would like to send in an order for Hangtown Miners badges. If you are in need (or want) a new badge, contact Ann at: email; zap3@mindspring.com or phone; (530) 642-9868.

President ~ Jon & Alice attended the RUAEA Convention. They had a wonderful time over the 4 days and recommend attending future convention to everyone. He heard a rumor that the next convention may be in San Jose, but seems that's not going to happen. In fact, it's possible that there will not be a convention next year, keep your ears open for future information.

Vice President ~ **Rosemary Heier** passed a sheet to sign up for luncheons in 2013. Remember, our "normal" meeting day is the second Monday of each month. However, if you would like to host at a particular restaurant but they're not open on Monday, you can move the meeting to a different day of the week. So far we have: January 14th – (open); February 11th - **Blazius**; March 11th - **Ames**; April 8th - **Somplack**; May 13th - (open); June 10th - **Akin**; July 8th - (open); August 12th - (open); September 9th – (open); October 14th - **Ouchi**

and **Lima**; November 11th - **Kenney**; December 9th - (open). As you see, we have half the year spoken for already, but there's still 6 months that **you** can choose from to sign up to host. The immediate need is for a January destination.

Secretary ~ Nothing new to report. I do need to correct a mistake in October's minutes. **Bill Dinette** lost his mother, not brother.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that we are doing well, still waiting for our final letter concerning our non-profit status. Considering that it took a full month for a letter to get from the mail room to his house, he's not expecting any quick response from the tax exempt office! Patience, patience, patience. Our checking account stands at **\$527.45**. This balance reflects payment of the \$200.00 deposit for the hall for our December luncheon.

Sunshine ~ No report.

Historian ~ No report.

RUAEA ~ Again, we do not have a report. Some discussion began concerning our lack - for several months now - of a representative. We understand that there will be conflict with other obligations by our representatives, so Rudy will be contacting RUAEA to see if he can get the information/update from them and then can bring a report to us each month. This may be able to be done by email as well.

Birthdays & Anniversaries ~ **Pati Kenney** enjoyed her birthday this month. No known anniversaries for November.

Our meeting adjourned and the Drawing of Opportunity began. **Pati Kenney** was the winner of the \$20.00 blue ticket!

Contributions to the DOO were: **Heier** - 2 candles, wine; **Kenny** - battery powered candle; **Biro** - basket with BBQ rub, seasoning, sauce; **Czapkay** - brownie skillet; **Lima** - basket; **Ames** - plant; **Blazius** - figurines; **Gibson** - honey, pickles, jelly; **Mary B.** - wine; **Kenney** - candle bobaches, fleece throw; **Wagner** - spice caddy; **Somplack** - decorator balls and books; **Ouchi** - wine.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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Submitted by Mary Hill

We held our November luncheon at the Fountain Grove Inn in Santa Rosa on the 8th. We had 39 members and guests attending. President **Barney Hagen** thanked our hosts **Pat & Brandon Maus** for a very nice luncheon. The food was just wonderful, especially the Chocolate Fondant cake. Barney said the waiter assured us there were no calories or fat. Pat was "fighting something" so she couldn't attend. Hope she is feeling much better.

Vice President **George Schwind** announced our guests: **Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**; **Kathy Jacobsen**, guest of **Helen Furber**; **Lee Trevelyan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Pam Kofack**, guest of **Ruth Loy**; **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Dianna Quinn** and **Marlene Von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**.

Our Sunshine Lady, **Verda Burr** was off traveling to Georgia, so I did my best to stand in. Our birthdays for the month are **Ernie Stukey**, **Madelyn McKinnis**, **Elsie Kuhl**, **Norma Stilman**, **Clare Hagen**, **Carol Hanna**, **Bernice Anderson** and **Bridget MacDonald**. The winner of the lunch was **Clare Hagen**. We only had one anniversary for the month, **Richard & Carol Hanna** (52 years). Congratulations to all!

Barney told us we have all the officers ready for the coming year: President ~ **George Schwind**, Vice Pres. ~ **Brandon Maus**, Treasurer ~ **Jan Blackburn**, Secretary ~ **Valerie Hulsey**, Sunshine ~ **Verda Burr**. A very hearty Thank You to all!

It was good to see **Ted Bell** back with us again. Ted always brought his friend **Trudy Wilcox** to our luncheons and it was always nice visiting with Trudy. She isn't doing well right now. Please keep her in your thoughts. Also good to see **Judy DeFord**, **Pat Ortega** and **Helen Furber** back with us.

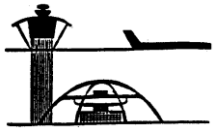
The Charity Donation lists are available for our Christmas donations. Please advise **Joanne Huhn** if you have a special organization you want to be considered.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held at Oakmont Quail Inn on December 13th and this will be covered in the next chapter report. We finished with a nice raffle, with plenty of chocolate and wine and a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Calendar:

January 10 - Le Gare, hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen**

February 14 - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**



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Our dear friend, **Barbara Smith**, may be attending the Christmas luncheon. She's recovering from a stroke; but feeling better and has had friends offer to drive. The **Edsons** will be bringing her. What a treat to see her again after such a long time!

An important event for the local Fantasy Flight has kept many members extremely busy. Our very first Casino Night had been planned by our leaders, **Laly Savoy** and **Sherryine Cummings**. They have had the assistance and then the attendance at this event of the following Re-LAX-er members; **Hal & Donna Klobe**, **Howard Lackey**, **Alex & Karen Young**, **Marge Equihua** and **Joan & Ken Hoffmann**. Additional guests attending in support; **Peter & Barbara Schuster**, **Art and Cattrell** and his wife, **Florence Hoy** with three daughters and **Sharon Record**.

The Casino Night was a new concept of a fund-raiser and therefore, a lot of apprehension awaited the final outcome. Our leaders of this event, Laly and Sherryine, with their talent and expertise, created an elegant and huge success! The dinner tables were decorated with lace table-cloths and bouquets of red roses and white mums. There were hors d'oeuvres, drinks and entertainment as well as the gambling tables. In addition, there were silent auction baskets and gift baskets offered.

The gambling tables were hosted by three flight attendants dressed as show-girls who kept the money flowing and atmosphere lively! Additionally, there was back-ground music provided by a D.J. and a singer that offered songs from the Frank Sinatra era. Congratulations to Laly and Sherryine.

John Ippolito called and was concerned that no word of the next convention plans for 2013 seemed to be forthcoming and asked if we had any word. After hearing the problems that the convention committee was having; he offered the suggestion of Las Vegas. Well, I'll bet that idea has been kicked around a few times. He wished me to convey his greetings and good health to his friends. His eye-sight has prevented him from making the long drive into L.A. for the luncheons.

We also wish good health and good wishes for the coming New Year to all.

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Our Christmas Holidays are off to a good start. We had thirty eight attendees at our Holiday luncheon at Hunter's Steakhouse in Mission Valley. **Arlene Richardson Roberts** celebrated her 89th birthday with us and she looked absolutely radiant. It was good to see her looking so well and we all wished her a very Happy Birthday!

Donald Voegle was with us after an absence of several months due to his recovery from surgery.

We are sad to advise everyone that **Mary Semon** passed away on December 1. Several of the retirees are attending a viewing for her after our lunch.

Phil Maita advised me of the tragic loss of his daughter who died in her sleep of unknown causes. An autopsy is being performed to determine cause of death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them at this difficult time.

Marion Owens, our past RESANS President, is back in California and living with family in Santa Clarita. They are building a Granny flat for her and she is expecting to move in shortly.

Al Soderberg won the 50/50 raffle and we had quite of selection of gift cards that were given out.

Rosalie Tripicchio from the Mainliner Club came to our luncheon and mentioned that she was pleased at the turnout of retirees at their dinner on December 22nd.

A special thank you to the RESANS team ~ **Betty Tomaino, Robert & Debbie Taylor** and **Barbara Drews** for their hard work putting the luncheon together and making it a success for everyone.

Hope to see everyone next year. If you are going to be in SAN, come and join us for breakfast. We love having you come to visit with us.

Calendar:

January 3 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106 - 2394. Phone (619) 226 0255.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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Happy New Year! It seems like only yesterday we were writing 2012 on our correspondence.

We would like to welcome a new member to our chapter, **Chester Thuener**, a recent retiree from UAL and his wife **Joyce**.

Our South Bay RUAEA has new officers for 2013. They are: President **Bill Reichard**, Vice President **Dave Walb**, Secretary **Rosemarie Reichard**, Treasurer and Social Chairman **Dave Saso**, Historian **George Sousa**, Photographer **Alex Klaus** and Sunshine Lady **Zelma Kibler**. We thank these members for willing to serve our lively group.

We had a fabulous December European Holiday Lunch hosted by our 2012 officers and their spouses at Mariani's in Santa Clara. One hundred and eight guests were serenaded by Daphna and Bruce, a strolling violin, guitar and vocal duo. Our Master of Ceremony was Tony Castle, a Vaudevillian Entertainer who shared home remedies and announced the winners of our silent raffle. Many lovely gifts were donated by chapter members and **Sherri & Ben Scales** did a super job coordinating this. President **Sam Cramb** was honored and thanked for his term of service. **George & Ella Sousa** collected food for the Salvation Army and Santa **Alex Klaus** collected toys for Toys for Tots. We especially want to thank **Dave Saso** for directing this wonderful lunch.

Sadly, our Sunshine Lady **LaDonna Eggert** passed away on November 10th after a long illness. We will miss her warm smile and faithful support of the South Bay RUAEA.

We meet weekly, every Friday at 8 am for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on De Anza Blvd. in San Jose/Cupertino, across from the Home Depot. Make it a New Year's resolution to come and join our group.

Calendar:

January 30 - 12 Noon, Ladies' Winter Luncheon at **Ann Olthof's**, 995 Tulip Ct., Sunnyvale. Hostesses: **Karen Devlin, Margie Klaus, Ann Olthof, Rosemarie Reichard, Sally Urso, and Nancy Walb**.

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Wow, here it is 2013 already! We are not going to have a luncheon meeting in January but I will write a short article for the January newsletter. We had a great year and many fun times together with all our members. In November we went to Sorelle's Winery in Stockton. The luncheon was hosted by **Ben & Karen Yeatts** and

it was wonderful. I love going to new places with our group and this place was awesome. We bellied up to the bar for wine tasting at 11 a.m., the wine was great and the food was delicious.

We had 27 members who attended and **John Zoboli** joined us. He braved the weather coming over highway 88 from Reno through the ice and snow. It's always a pleasure to have John join us because he brings us up to date on the good and bad things happening to retirees.

After **Rudy Reyna** read the treasurer's report, it was agreed that our chapter would make donations to the food banks in the 5 counties where our members reside. We also agreed to make a donation to the Gary Sinise fund for Wounded Warriors. We have always donated to the food banks in the past and we are happy that we have the funds to do the same this year.

This was a fun luncheon and it was so enjoyable to go to a new location. Thank you to Ben & Karen for hosting this luncheon and thank you to **John Zoboli** for coming.

Happy New Year to everyone! We all hope 2013 will be a happy, healthy, and prosperous year for each and everyone.



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Our November meeting was held on November 12 with 32 members attending. Diane was out of town, so Howard kindly agreed to take the minutes. **Emma Lou Olson** brought a flag for a Veteran's Day celebration. Our members represented the Army, Navy and Air Force. Thanks to all of you who paid your dues for the coming year. We have a new member, **Carol Barnes** from HNLRR.

It was great to see our returnees, **Shirley House** and **Bill Williams**, **Don & Georgia Rutkowski**, **Judy Tiu**, **Nolan & Mary Untiedt** and **Carolyn Davis**.

Rich & Georgia Bouska gave a wonderful recap of their past month cruising on the Rhine and Danube with 20 other UAL retirees.

We discussed the change of location for our Christmas Party, which will be the Back Forty Texas BBQ, 100 Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. It will be upstairs in a private room. The Marines will be there for our Toys for Tots collection. Please bring an unwrapped gift (or two). We have a very nice menu planned. We will return to the Sizzler on Willow Pass Road for our January meeting, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Social time from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many different departments represented.

Calendar:

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10 - Annual Picnic

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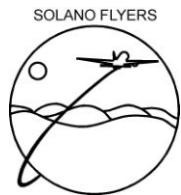


The Nortstaters meet every other month and have an average of 28 retirees and spouses in attendance. We did not schedule a meeting for October or November. We set our next meeting for December because of the

Thanksgiving holiday, several people traveling and some medical issues. Our next meeting will be a luncheon/meeting on Tuesday Dec 11th at 11:30 A.M. in Chico at Marie Callendar's. We will be having a little gift exchange, 50/50 Raffle and our \$15.00 gift certificate. If you are in the area, you are certainly welcome to join us. We also would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Calendar:

December 11 - Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Chico beginning at 11:30 A.M.



SOLANO FLYERS

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Our November meet-up was held at the same old place, Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville. We're trying to find a place in Fairfield (12 miles away) so we can rotate between the two metropolises because we have as many members from Fairfield as we do in Vacaville and fairness is our guiding principle, or at least one of them.

Jack Bolander took home his winnings from the 50/50 raffle. I think it's a big rip off, probably because I didn't win. Just kidding, of course.

We found out that one of our members, **John Robinson**, has congestive heart failure. We wish him all the best and are looking forward to his return.

So far we only have about two dozen retirees & spouses participating but we hope to get more and more as we roll along.

We'll see you next month / next year with more exciting news from Solano County, CA.

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As usual, the Mile Highers enjoyed a great get together and breakfast at United's Training Center cafeteria on December 1. It was a beautiful day, just like early fall. There were 48 in attendance and a good time was had by all! We had numerous first timers: **Eva Burnham**, **Katherine Cruz** and **Mel Stephens**, all retirees from Continental and friends of **Mickey Manfre** and **Don LeFurge**. Also, **Ed Eson** brought his son **Larry**. Not a first timer but a welcome guest is **Dianne Adkins**, daughter of **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**. Dianne used to work for United in the local employment office. She was always part of and present for our past monthly mailings and when she turns retirement age will probably join RUAEA. All first timers, guests and friends are welcome, your attendance and interest is greatly appreciated.

Nancy Goodyear is doing great with her new knee. **Harriet Ahr** recently fell and fractured her pelvis. She spent some time in the hospital. She is now in Sandalwood Rehabilitation Center, the address 3835 Harlan St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80032. Her room is 3815A; phone is (303) 646-4245; you might want to give her a call or drop a note.

On a sad note, **Gerry Graham's** son in law, **Ken Casey**, passed away on November 9. **Dien Arguelles** passed away on November 26 and **Al Fabrizio (FAB)** passed away on December 1. Our blessing and prayers go out to the families.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Jack Green**, **Charlie Hassler**, **Mary Lou Hoffman**, **Paul Miller** and **Ray Shoults**.

May we wish you all a Happy New Year!

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on January 5th at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

FLORIDA



VILLAGE CITRUS GROUPEERS

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The Citrus Groupers started the Holiday season with a Christmas party at the home of **Bob & Helen Newberg** in The Villages, FL on December 6. This was our final gathering of 2012. We all appreciate the Newbergs opening their beautifully decorated home to us. We all had lots to talk about apparently, as there were continuous conversations going on everywhere. We enjoyed a great pot luck luncheon. Helen has a prize for the first person to find the pickle on their beautiful Christmas tree. **Bill Wimmer** was the lucky winner. We brought wrapped gifts to be donated to a local nursing home. It was nice to end the year with such a heartwarming gathering. **Joe Cantillo** has still been under the weather, and we are all anxious for his return to our meetings.

Our "Florida Retirees Uniting" gathering at The Villages with all Florida RUAEA retirees is rapidly approaching. We started planning for this event well over a year ago and now it is only a couple months away. Most of the planning is done, and now we just have to get the final details done which can only be completed either just before the event or after registration is complete. The registration deadline is January 10, 2013. The event takes place on February 22, 23, and 24 at The Waterfront Inn located in The Villages, FL. There are still rooms available at our special rate of \$110.00 plus tax per night during this event. The registration fee is \$75.00 per person and includes registration, Friday evening welcome party, Saturday bus tour of The Villages, Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning farewell breakfast. You still have time to request a registration form. You may request one at the above addresses, either email or via U.S. mail. You may make your hotel reservations by calling the Waterfront Inn hotel directly at (352) 753-7535 and asking for the United Airlines retiree rate. While the purpose of this gathering is to get as many of our Florida retirees together as possible, anyone that may be in the area at this time is welcome to register and attend.

Our next meeting is the last Thursday of January (31st) in 2013 starting at 11:30 AM. We will be back at our regular meeting place which is the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant on Buena Vista in The Villages. If you are "wintering" in Florida and would like to attend our meeting, you are invited. We welcome all guests with open arms and hearts.

SW FLORIDA PELICAN-DROP INS

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, December 7th, at noon in Cape Coral. Our Christmas dinner was held at Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria. Twenty-one members were in attendance. Almost everyone had the delicious prime rib! Because of space constraints at this restaurant, we moved to a nearby sports bar with a private room where we could have our "party." Everyone brought a wrapped gift and we all sat in a circle and passed the gifts either right or left as a "story" was read. When the story ended, you opened the gift in your hands or lap! What a nice variety of gifts! In addition, members brought unwrapped gifts to be donated to Toy 4 Tots.

We had a discussion of possible new sites/location for our upcoming meetings in 2013 including the May picnic. It is hoped that a more central location could be found for the monthly meetings, especially for those persons living in Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte who currently drive the furthest distance to meet in Cape Coral restaurants. We hope to find a new location prior to our next scheduled meeting, if at all possible.

We next meet on January 4, 2013. Please join the Pelican Drop-Ins if you're visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, Cape Coral or Naples area this winter/spring. We would welcome you.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1st Friday of the month Oct.-May (location to be determined)

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

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On November 8, we had a great turnout for our luncheon at Mattison's 41 Restaurant. Attending were: **Pat Trice, Bob & Alice Parker, Skip & Cindy Irwin, Harvey & Vivian Rucker, Ted & Liz Mavis, Inge & Bill Phillips, Mike & Ginger Hyde** and **Kathy Frait**. We shared many laughs, and the food was delicious.

Winning the 50/50 raffle were **Harvey Rucker** (1st prize) and **Liz Mavis** (2nd prize). We honored November birthdays: **Delma Newcomer** (3rd), **Bob Newcomer** (8th), **Ed Moran** (11th), and **Joanne Bauman** (20th). Also December birthdays: **Loretta Marvett** (15th) and **Gretchen Bulin** (27th).

Russ & Joanne Wasser were unable to attend due to another commitment, but sent word that Russ had open heart surgery (5 bypasses) and mitral valve repair in September, he is doing well in rehab. Also, sad news that **Lois Kline** died on October 12. Lois & husband, **Herman**, were Charter members of the Sand Dollars. Lois moved to Montgomery, IL several years ago after Herm's death to be near their son.

We look forward to a grand time at our Christmas luncheon 12/13 at the beautiful Peridia Golf & Country Club. We continue to seek and welcome new members. Please contact us and plan to join us; we're a fun group!

Calendar:

January 10 - Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Bella Mia Grill, 102 Riviera Dunes Way, Palmetto, (941) 479-7827)

February 14 - Valentine's Day at 11:30 a.m., Der Dutchman restaurant, bakery, gift shop, 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota

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Our Christmas Luncheon was attended by 33 members and 4 guests. The meeting was called to order by President **Barbara Riecss** who welcomed our new members.

During lunch, we were entertained by The Hudson Middle School Jazz Band. They were terrific and always surprising us with their music.

After the entertainment, the meeting continued with discussion on travel and birthdays. The meeting was adjourned and the 50/50 and table prizes were awarded.

We wished everyone A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Calendar:

January 7 - IHOP - 10:30am. Please be there - lots to discuss.

February 4 - HOP - 10:30am



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Our meeting at Pigs and Cattle with 18 members was bursting with energy. Lots of topics were covered and President **Al Popek** covered in detail his working out the stats of where the chapter will meet and why. **Al Popek, Frank Wise, Bob Langevin** and I had lunch at Gander Mtn. as a prospect for a future location or a possible alternate if needed. Everyone felt **Al Popek** and the other board members should make the final decision for our chapter and the docket was closed for now.

After lunch, the meeting was reopened again and much talk was given for the Christmas/Holiday Party which of course is being held this year at Wahoo's in Stuart and conveniently located on the water. Of course, we have a beautiful private room with our own bar and bartender with happy hour prices throughout the evening. We have a small intimate group of 21 members attending so it should be quite a joyful evening. Music and dancing around 9PM on the patio which is located right outside the door of our private room. What a location!

Happy Birthday to **Catherine Coate** (1/18), and Happy Anniversary to **Al & Janice Popek** (1/28).

Arnold Lakso had surgery on December 11 and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The 50/50 was won by **Bob Williams** and the Progressive was won by **Ron Brodis** but since he was not there, it goes back to next month's drawing.

Toys for Tots again was a resounding success and **Al Popek** extends his most grateful thanks for everyone's generosity.

We wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Remember to live, laugh and love, the clock is ticking, Yesterday is history, tomorrow is unknown and today is a present.

Calendar:

January 8 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting - Wahoo's, Stuart

February 5 - 1230PM Luncheon/meeting - Wahoo's, Stuart

March 5 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting - Wahoo's, Stuart

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

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Thirteen Gems enjoyed our monthly meeting on November 13th. For the second time we met at Jerry's State Court Cafe, which has been a nice change for us. Attending were **Ann Rose, Marilyn Taylor, Louise Duvall, Marlene Croghan, Stephen Hill, Shirley & Charles Perkins, Shirley Law** and guest **George Jones, Palmer Sarnoff, Denny Snyder, and David & Carol Adams**. Our Gems group includes several retirees from California. **Ned Yundt**, founder of Boise Gems, has recently been unable to join us, due to health reasons. We do miss her spunky nature!

A special guest was **Teresa Slagel** from UAL Boise. She is again heading up United Airlines Operation Santa's Sleigh, held December 8. This will be our 7th annual event for underprivileged children in our area, ages 6-12, chosen by the staff at several schools. Many from our group, also active employees from airlines in Boise, buy gifts for the children. We are helped by suggestions in letters the children have written. It is quite exciting for them and for us, when they come directly from their flight to the gift and treats area where we have been awaiting them! It's also a special time for the parents, siblings, grandparents, and others.

The golf tournament fundraiser will again enable the plane to circle Boise for 35-40 minutes. There will be 70 children plus chaperones from the Kuna School District aboard. When Santa's Sleigh lands, the children will exit at Gate 16, where they will be greeted by Santa Claus who will welcome them to the North Pole's Winter Wonderland. **Teresa** also announced additional generous donations from our community. 'Tis the season to be jolly ... also grateful, giving, sharing, rejoicing!

Calendar:

January 8 – Jerry's State Court Cafe at 11:30

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Fa la la la la, la la la la! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza! I think I covered all the holidays for this month. If not, Happy Whatever. That's as Politically Correct as I get. For 2,000 years, it was "Christmas". Now we're supposed to say, "Holiday" to please a small percentage of the people. Maybe they just want their own holiday.

There were about 30 attendees at our Northside Breakfast in November. **Virginia Vlach** brought a very good friend with her, **Carol Younts**, from Booth Bay, ME. We had a new retiree join us, **Joan Anderson**. May she come to many more of our events.

There's a lot of traveling going on. **Tina Acoba** went to Maui to see her brother **Ed**, **Bonnie Meyer** went to Gainesville, FL for the family Thanksgiving. **Bob & Pat Kalicki** traveled to SEA to celebrate their great-grandson, **Braden's** second birthday. They also went to Crown Point, IN for Thanksgiving, where they shared a drumstick with their two great grand-daughters, **Scarlett**, 9 months old and **Clara**, who is 3 months. **Helen Cauwels** visited with the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter, in CLE. She was the house guest of **John & Dolly Taucher**, who hosted the luncheon meeting, with about 50 retirees. **Bill & Jill Bergner** were gone almost a month on an extended vacation, they started in Athens, then to Jerusalem, and the Holy Land area. On their way home, they stopped in London and visited their grandchildren. They had no problems traveling with UA passes. That's encouraging news.

While **Carol & Bob Faust** were in Colorado this summer, they were in charge of the Margarita Tent at the Summit County Seniors BBQ Dinner. Were there any profits?

Our Skyliner Christmas Luncheon brought over 250 people together to celebrate the Holiday, and say farewell to 2012. We had our 50/50 raffle, half goes back to the retirees and half goes to a Food Pantry in the area.

On a sad note, we lost two Chicago area retirees, **Frank Gagnon**, husband of **Mary Gagnon**, and **Michelle Margaram Kochinsky**, sister of **Betty Wright**. They all started in CHIRR. Sorry, no addresses available.

ORD mechanic, **Bob O'Connor** is ill; his address is 3610 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Tom Reynolds, who is an antique tractor enthusiast, has put his Oliver away for the winter. He buys a beat-up tractor, fixes it mechanically, paints it the bright Oliver green, and puts it back in its original condition. His Tractor Club then drives their farm vehicles at festivals and holiday parades. **Tom** has also restored a couple of bright red International Harvester tractors. His Tractor Club has a saying, "Old tractors collect the nicest people".

Jack Starkey and his wife, **Eileen**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all of their children and grandchildren in DEN.

At the Southside Breakfast, 18 attended. The raffle was won by **Bill Brookins** and **Margaret Schmitt**. **Bill** won twice. When I said he was a lucky guy, he responded, "The only time I got lucky was when I married my wife, **Gwen**." He's right, she's a gem.

Carl Brandt, who always took care of the raffle, has passed on this fun task to **Mr. Brookins**.

Carmen & Javier Chavez, brought Christmas treats for everyone. How "sweet" of them, thank you.

Please see the news about the Bus Service Discontinuation in the General News section of this Newsletter.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our fellow UA friends on the East Coast who are still struggling with the aftermath of Sandy. Unfortunately, no one can understand the total devastation unless you've lived through a disaster of this nature.

We wish all of our friends across the United system, a very Happy New Year. May 2013 bring good times, happiness, good health and happy journeys, where ever they may take us.

Calendar

Northsiders' Breakfast - Ritzzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**December 12** and **January 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southsiders' Brunch - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**January 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

Food Depository - First Tuesday of the month. Bus leaves the Training Center at 7:45 A.M.

Spring Luncheon will be sometime in March. Date and location to be announced later.



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Since some of the Loop Group Snow Birds will be escaping the Chicago Winter, it has been decided to cancel the next Luncheon scheduled for January 16, 2013.

However, we do plan to meet on our regular March 20, 2013 date with more members and Spring arriving.

Calendar:

January 16 – Luncheon Cancelled

March 20 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

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The Indy Racers are all recuperating from fun but exhausting holiday activities with friends and family.

We have new officers for 2012. **Chris Johnston** was elected President; **Wanda Bryce**, VP; **Hannelore Brabo** continues as Secretary; **Dimple Rihel** will serve as Treasurer, and **Shary Johnston** will remain newsletter correspondent.



At the November meeting, we collected over 100 gifts for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Program. **Ray Brabo** and his wife **Hannelore** organized the collection and coordinated with the local media for coverage of the event in the Hendricks County and Westside Flyer newspapers. Pictured is Reporter

Brenda Holmes interviewing **Ray Brabo** for the article and four photos which appeared in the newspapers. During the meeting, which was only a couple of days after Veteran's Day, Indy Racer members who had served in the military gathered for a photo with the toys that were collected for the Toys for Tots program. Pictured (l-r) are **Tony Urbanovic**, **Ray Brabo**, **Jim Gibson**, **Charles Theiss**, **Bob Duty**, **Ralph "Bud" Barnett**, **Dennis Hall** and **Mario Bregante**. The Indy Racers extend a special Thank You to Pete Romas, owner and manager of Emmy's Pancake House & Grill where the group meets. Romas agreed to place two Toys for Tots collection containers at the entrance to his restaurant for over a week prior to the Racer's meeting. So we were able to provide the Marines with many more toys than usual this year.

In other philanthropic outreach, the Indy Racers contributed \$100 to support the local USO efforts at the Indianapolis International Airport where Indy Racer **Mary Chandler** donates time each month.

Congratulations to **Frank Prins** who won \$20 from the 50/50 drawing at the November meeting.

Over 20 members of our group gathered at Charbono's Restaurant in Avon for our Annual Christmas Party. We enjoyed a great meal, had a fun gift exchange, and celebrated the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Hannelore & Ray Brabo**.

Over a dozen members of the group also enjoyed a wonderful buffet and matinee presentation of "A Christmas Carol" at the Beef and Board Dinner Theater December 18th. Thanks to **Elly Barnett** for coordinating the event.

Indy Racers celebrating birthdays in January are **Nancy Gibson** (1/11) and **Dimple Rihel** (1/22). Happy Anniversary to **Shary** and **Chris Johnston** (1/2).

Calendar:

January 8 - Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon IN 46123. Lunch available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

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The Nor'Easters December 4 Christmas luncheon brought out 60 members including those who were not seen in a long time: **June Alberino, Dorothy Barry, Bruce Casassa, Bart Casey, John DeYoung, Joe & Fred Duda, Charlie & Paulette Enos, Mercedes Hersome, Norman Hudon, Jayne & John Regan, Joan Simard and Vincent Vallella.** Our first timer was **Robert Romme**, whom I hope will become a regular. Needless to say, all our regulars were present, sharing and creating a good time. **Paul Newcomb** who has recently been in and out of hospitals and rehab, planned to attend but at the last minute, Paul withdrew because of breathing problems.

The 50/50s were won by **Carol Monalto, Peter Fusco** and **Mercedes Hersom**. Free lunches were won by **Kay Robinson** and **Frank Tramontozzi**. Other prize winners were **Yvonne Fucci, Bruce Eddy, Norman Hudon, Fred Jackson, Don Latter** (twice), **Edwina Lundquist, Carol Montalto** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. We also had a progressive winner, **Peter Fusco**. Winning 2 cash prizes, Peter was the man of the day! At our next meeting, the progressive will revert back to its basic amount of \$20.00. Be there to win!

The Nor'Easters voted in a new President, **Anthony Postale** and Vice President, **Edwina Lundquist**. Hope they will find the next two years as rewarding as current Treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal** and Secretary, **Dick Vee** have, both still plugging along. A special thank you to retiring President **Carleen Eddy** and VP, **Lou Shakley**. Both have served their two year term for the past ten years! Thank You both!

It was good to see **Dick Woodworth** after his illness. He has been thru hospitals and rehab several times. Dick was in a wheelchair brought by wife, Delores and daughter Diane. Hang in there Dick!

It was also good to see **Dick Mangino**, who had both hand transplants. Dick has such a positive attitude and is doing well with his music and now art business.

Lynn O'Hara had surgery involving scalene neck muscles and a rib removal in mid October. She has been on pain meds since and has become a couch potato, due to the inability to lift anything, or do normal things around the house. Worse yet, her doctor advised she may need another operation. Like most of us independent people, she is unhappy depending on so many others for daily living. Send Lynn a card at 60 Kimberly Drive, Rockport, ME 04856 or an email at Maindeers@aol.com.

Note: Due to my own surgery, the 2013 Nor'Easter membership renewals will be sent this month. Please fellow Nor'Easters, when you get it, don't set it aside. Fill it in and mail it back ASAP. Help make your secretary's job easier!

Here's hoping 2013 will be a great year for RUAEA and the Nor'Easters!

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

January's anniversaries: **John & Peddy Dellelo** - 54 years, **John & Joyce Lagadinos** - 49 years and **Joan & Larry Meister** - 28 years.

Calendar:

No meetings planned for January & February. Happy vacations!

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We had a good turnout again for lunch in November; 32 Northern Lites and 3 guests met to visit and enjoy good food. We were particularly glad to see former UAL alumna **Carol Spalding**, **Connie Phillips** and **Marlene Overpeck** show up! There was too little time to catch up on all the years since we'd seen them, so we made them promise to come again real soon if not the next month.

Our intrepid President, **Lee Storlie**, stays in touch with one of our former MSP colleagues, **Dick Curry**, who now works at PHXCS. **Dick** had the enviable record of over 27 years on the job without even one sick day, but some kind of virus brought that to an end. **Lee** reported that it attacked **Dick's** heart and he did a two-week stint in the hospital. By now, he's probably back to work, but I'm sure he'd appreciate any communication from the old MSP gang. His address: 2300 W. San Angelo, #2059, Gilbert, AZ 85233.

Another of our old bunch, **Darrell Schueler**, is dealing with some health issues. He'd probably like to hear from you, too. His address: 5099 – 57th St., West, Webster, MN 55088.

Hurricane Sandy had blown its destructive path through the East not too long before our November meeting, so we decided that since our 50/50 raffles had built up our kitty nicely, we'd contribute to one of the agencies that help out in those disasters. The chapter voted to donate \$200 to the Salvation Army. It's not much, but they use most of what is donated for good works.

Since our meeting fell a couple of days after Veterans' Day, all our local veterans were recognized and thanked for their service to our country. **Jim Simon** told us about one time when, by the flip of a coin, one of his buddies in Viet Nam was sent on a mission in place of him and didn't return. **Jim** read a poem he'd composed about how fleeting life can be during wartime. We sadly miss one of our veterans, **Joe Eyestone**, who left us in September.

A reminder: It's time to pay your annual \$5 dues again. Send to **Bud Ayres** at 1583 Covey Drive, River Falls, WI 54022 or better yet, come to lunch and give it to him then!

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

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There were 34 attendees at the Bohemian Café hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**. We had several attend who we have really missed seeing: **Bracston Olds**; **Collen Hardick**; **Elaine Boner**; **Larry Nollette**; **John & Stella Mason**; **Marva & Emery Dickinson**; and **Cary & Toddy Manson**. **Elaine** surprised us with her delicious baklava.

Terry Haynie (employee at UAL/Eppley) and her husband, **Mike**, received devastating news on October 29th of the death of their daughter, **Michala**, age 35, who lived in Texas where she was a teacher. She was playing a game of soccer and suffered a brain aneurysm. Services were held at the Queen of the Apostles Church in Council Bluffs on November 3. **Michala** had only been married a couple of years and is survived by her husband, **Brent**. Our sincere sympathy to **Terry**, **Mike**, **Brent** and their families

Birthdays for the month of December: **Mel Harrison** (12/12); **Stan Longmeyer** (12/20); **Hope Acevedo** (12/21); **Dick Schwan** (12/21); and **Ralph Bichel** (12/25).

Stella Mason said **John Ziemes**, retired flight kitchen, passed away the week of October 29. She also advised that **Roberta McLaughlin**, also retired flight kitchen, is now in a nursing home in Hastings.

Larry Farrell had surgery on November 8 to get a new heart valve and a bypass at the same time. Word has it he came through surgery just fine. He went home on Friday the 16th. **Sharon** said he is extremely tired and sleeps a lot. We can give him our best wishes by sending him a Get Well card at 123 McGee, Council Bluffs, IA 51501. Our best to **Larry** for a complete recovery!

Larry Nollette and **Larry Farrell** each won \$17.00 from the 25/25/50 raffle.

Calendar:

January 8 - Golden Corral

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There were 17 members at our November meeting at Jack's.

The 50/50 was won by **Lynda Klemm**. **Ann Batty** also won a gift.

November birthdays were celebrated by **Tom Diehl** and **Janice Flanagan**.

Lloyd Stephens talked about the book "Highest Duty" written by Pilot hero Capt. Sully and his remarkable landing in the Hudson River.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held on December 11 at Sardina's Restaurant. Lots of goodies were given away in addition to our usual 50/50 drawing. A nice donation was also made to the No. Nevada Food Bank courtesy of the Sierra Roundup members.

Calendar:

January 14 - Meeting at Jack's on So. Virginia at 11:30AM

NEW YORK



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December 4th, twenty eight Chippers got together at Sean Patrick's Restaurant, Getzville, NY, a favorite of Donna and me but new to most everyone in attendance. It was a warmer than usual but rainy December day. Inside, the group was ready for friendship and camaraderie.

The program consisted of a few remarks by yours truly on the status of a few of our members. **Dick Wagner** promoted the Holiday Concert of his group Friends of Harmony. Sponsored by WGRZ-TV, Channel 2 and Tops Super Markets, they are putting on a show to benefit the Friends of Western New York Food Bank. The December 7th, 7:30 pm, benefit will feature great tunes and great singing featuring the full chorus and barbershop quartet selections. Admission is one or more cans of food at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 8500 Main St., Clarence, NY. This group is outstanding and preforms all over Western New York.

Lunch was a combination of Broiled Haddock, Charbroiled Boneless Chicken and good old fashioned homemade Meatloaf. According to the group, each was excellent.

We were glad to see a few old friends who have been sorely missed, **Gerry & Magdalene Lamers**, **Howie Vough**. In addition there were four newcomers and now new members, **Dave & Carol Owarcark** and **Frank & Mary Ann Palumbo**.

Next meeting is planned as a luncheon for early March, hopefully at the Culinary School of Erie Community College. Last year, someone beat us to the dates we were available so we missed their warm friendship and excellent meal.

GUYS AND DOLLS

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“Oh, the weather outside was ... balmy?” We celebrated the upcoming holiday season on a very mild Tuesday. We welcomed back old friends, **Anne Windmuller**, **Steve Fontakis**, **Jean Flynn** and **Anne Dean**. **Norma Bertolotti** (JFKSW) ventured north from Florida bearing gifts. She gave each attendee an authentic United teaspoon, very “sterling” like. She also reported positively on a EWR-PEK trip she took recently, outstanding crews and efficient, professional service. She spoke at length with the inflight group, 70% of whom were commuters. Many of them chose to fly back-to-back-to back PEK trips, followed by 1 HKG, and their schedule is completed for the month. There are no work rules, per se, so it’s legal. Wonder how long it takes for their “land legs” to return.

Some members reported problems with Medco since the merger with Express Scripts. Often prescriptions covered by Medco were no longer approved in the new system.

April King said she waived her UA coverage with BCBS and switched to BCBS Medicare Advantage. When she became Medicare eligible and BCBS was her secondary insurance, it paid nothing more than what Medicare covered, and didn’t reimburse her for anything. With her new program, she has no premium, no deductible, and her doctors are all in the network. She can reapply to UA after a year if she so chooses.

Not much travelling for our group, but the usual opera, ballet, theater, and movie going has been enjoyed. The movie “Lincoln” is a must-see on everyone’s list.

Our chapter was fortunately spared much damage by Hurricane Sandy, but the Metros in Long Island were greatly affected as were many of our colleagues in New Jersey. Our thoughts and prayers are with all.

Guys And Dolls wishes all our fellow UA chapters the happiest of Holidays, and may 2013 bring peace and prosperity to the world. It certainly is needed.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 5th when dues will be collected.

Calendar:

February 5 - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill**, (212) 799-8061

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It’s hard to focus on what to write after all we went through with “Sandy”. This is sort of my personal account so bear with me ~ Prepared 10/28 by purchasing DD batteries for my radio, and baking a meat loaf. Sandy arrived on 10/29 and by 4:00PM, the power was out. Got ready for bed by candlelight and then lay there with the blinds up watching in fear out the windows at the flashes in the dark. Couldn’t hear over the roar of the winds if there was a thunderstorm, but it turns out those were transformers blowing out all over. While the rest of the country could see the destruction going on - the unbelievable flooding in NYC, 100 homes burned in Breezy Point, the wrecked homes and coastal areas of NJ and Long Island, we could only listen to it on the radio. No local contact with family, friends or neighbors, but I could receive and make out of state calls on my trusty rotary land line phone. I deliberately didn’t stock up on food so I lived on non perishables and meat loaf for 4 days. Travel was discouraged as roads were cluttered with fallen trees and wires. I was fortunate to gas up the car Wednesday but the next day, 3 out of 4 stations were closed, either no gas or power to pump it.

Imagine a world without electricity, heat, TV, computers, phones, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, automated garage door openers, gas rationing. Then the Nor'Easter blew in on 11/7, cancelling our Metro luncheon.

So here it is December and 92 cheerful Metros and guests showed up for our Christmas luncheon. Special thanks to **Paul Duran** who comes all the way from Syracuse to bring this father **Dan** to share this special day with all his friends. **Jason & Ona Weiner** enjoyed a recent visit with **Rocky Mongelli** at the Woodbury Nursing Home, reminiscing old times. Rocky would like more visitors; we miss him and keep him in our prayers.

Our guests were: **Kitty McSweeney**, cousin of **Cathy Richardson**; **John & Joanna Callahan**; **Joyce & Don Smith**; **Joe Czajkowski**, guest of **Carol Cenkus**; **Lenny Morelli** (JFK, LGA, EWR); **Cathy & Tony Stauto**; future Metros, I hope.

The **John Pucillo** award was presented by his daughters Irene & Linda, to **Ed Pozzi**. Congratulations, Ed! \$325.00 was raised in a raffle organized by **Joe Totaro** for the Marathon School for disabled children. The prize was a giant screen TV won at our lucky table by **Yvonne Guella**, as were prizes won by **Roy Portelli** and **Vic Carnevale**.

Ed & Marylou Ellis were proud attendees at the recent commissioning of the guided missile destroyer, the USS Michael Murphy. Michael was a Patchogue, L.I. native who died a hero in Afghanistan.

And finally, Frank Ferrara's nephew, Adam Ferrara, is currently filming a movie with Edie Falco! He played her boyfriend in "Nurse Jackie", coming to a theater near you in January. Wow! That's all, folks!

Calendar:

February 6 – Meeting at Milleridge Inn.

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Here we are in the beginning of December, my favorite time of year! We are having some beautiful weather for our usual winter slush and mush. Today was our Christmas party, and we had 72 in attendance. Our "Thank You" goes out to **Earl & Arlene Taylor** for bringing us back to Williams on the Lake, and hosting this luncheon. This is one of our favorites ~ good food, beautiful scenery (inside and out), great service and a beautiful room to dine in.

Dolly, our President, opened the meeting with some info which is included in the "Newsletter," along with the year ahead schedule of monthly get-togethers, etc. She also reminded us that Pearl Harbor was 71 years ago! Everyone also received a copy of UAL's "Travel Summary", released the end of October and already changed.

Arlene Taylor led us in saying Grace before our meal, and we went on to enjoy a very good buffet. I believe we were all happy with our luncheon and prompt service. Shortly after we were done with the meal, a surprise guest appeared and spent some time going around the entire room to see who was naughty or nice. Santa really was here and passed out treats for all. Santa, aka, **Steve Pytel** got lots of hugs from the ladies and hand shakes from the men. Christmas fun isn't only for the kids! Thank You Santa!

Since it was also Santa's birthday, we sang the old favorite "Happy Birthday" to him before he left to get ready for "The big Day". We continued on with our meeting to see if there were any questions or thoughts from the group.

We did lose a UAL friend, **Russ Richardson** on 11/22/12. He was a Automotive Lead, age 90 and was married to wife **Eleanor** for 67 yrs. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Many of our members are having serious health issues and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. **Sharon Garrah**; recurrence of cancer and receiving treatment, **Pete Kitsmiller** receiving treatment for cancer with a positive prognosis. **Dennis Adams** being treated for cancer.

On the lighter side, we had a few guests this month that we are always happy to welcome! **Arlene Taylor's** sister **Eleanor Kiehl** and her daughter **Michele Adamczyk**. Also, happy to see **Elda Jeskey's** sister **Lois Walter**. Welcome, and hope to see you again.

Happy Birthday to **Nancy Cleary, Hannah Beish, and Steve Pytel**. I'm sure they loved being serenaded by us!

I would like to take a moment to say that we have a great group of people in the Buckeyes. I also have been privileged to work with **Dolly & John Taucher, Arlene & Earl Taylor, Steve & Cathy Pytel**, and my husband **George Kuretz**. It is a pleasure to work with these officers, and we all know that everything is easier when you have good support behind you, so I included the spouses.

Last, but never least is our Fifty/Fifty drawing kept honest by **Dave & Marie Placko**. The winners were **Mary Jane Penick** and **Mary Jane McLaughlin**. Congratulations!

** Tact is the ability to make people see the lightning without ... letting them feel the jolt!*

Calendar:

January - No Meeting

February 6 - Stancatos Restaurant - Parma, OH, hosted by **George & Mary Lou Kuretz**

March 6 - North Olmsted Party Center, hosted by **Gene & Jacki Craig**

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While I was decorating the Christmas tree yesterday I thought about our November luncheon and what a wonderful group (80) came to feast on roast turkey and all the trimmings. An array of desserts was brought by the bakers in our chapter and there was hardly anything left over. The pumpkin pies were the first to disappear.

Paul Russell was taken by surprise when **Jack Curtis** presented him with a sparkling candle that played happy birthday. Paul's birthday was on October 2nd but the candle didn't arrive in time for the October meeting.

We have been fortunate to have two men who have diligently handled the 50/50 sales each month. They have asked for more people to come forward (come on you women out there) and **Cliff Blare** has offered to help, but it would be nice to have more people to back them up.

A retired skycap, **Joe Banks** (PDXCG) died on November 3 and it was also reported that his wife **Muriel** died in September. I was advised **John Kalde's** wife **Vera Jean** died on November 24. John retired from SFOFO and has lived in Vancouver for several years. At one time, they belonged to the Dew-er's and attended our meetings. Our condolences to both families.

Rosalie Betschart is accepting dues for 2013 and they can be sent to her at 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220 if you don't plan on attending a meeting. Dues should be received by March 15th in order to have your name listed in the roster. Dues are \$5 for one and \$10 a couple.

Winners for a free lunch in November were as follows: Door prize~ **Carol How**, Men's birthday ~ **Mel Martin**, Women's birthday ~ **Sara Petersen**, Anniversary ~ **Juanita Null** and 50/50 ~ **Sarah Blare**.

Lois Pitman, our Sunshine Committee member was recently having a severe problem with one of her legs and it was extremely difficult for her to walk without a great deal of pain. Thankfully she was given a cortisone shot and is feeling much better.

Thank you to everyone who has brought food and clothes for Shepherd's Door this year. They continually send thank you notes to us and appreciate all we do for them. Please remember to keep bringing in your donations.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

January 9 - Social

February 13 - Valentine's Day Celebration & Ice Cream Social

March 13 - Social

OUR CLUB

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OUR Club's Christmas luncheon was held on December 7 in the banquet room at River's Edge Restaurant in Grants Pass. There were 20 who came, all decked out in Christmas color and spirit, to start the holiday season together. **Jim & Jane Frincke** hosted and **Alberta Randall** did a wonderful job of creating festive centerpieces for each table. After **Laurie Jordan** won the 50/50 drawing, the centerpieces and door prizes were raffled. Winners were **Bob Rogers, Jim & Jane Frincke, Steve & Cyndi Austin, Harry & Barbara Horne, Neal & Sonnia Appleton, Ric & Gidget Walcha** and **Russ & Alberta Randall**.

After lunch, President **Jane Frincke** conducted the quarterly business meeting. Each December, OUR Club elects officers for the following year. The 2013 officers will be: President ~ **Jane Frincke** and Treasurer ~ **Alberta Randall**. We're still trying to twist an arm (voluntary, of course!) to serve as Secretary. Filling non-elected positions are: **Alberta Randall**, Sunshine and **Jane Frincke**, Membership.

Each December, OUR Club donates funds to a charitable organization of the members' choice. Once again this year, the members voted unanimously to support Rogue Valley Humane Society in Grants Pass. After the members agreed on the donation, **Russ & Alberta Randall** and **Ric & Gidget Walcha** offered to match the OUR Club contribution. Additionally, Ric explained that Roe Motors in Grants Pass is also matching private donations. As a result, in a matter of minutes \$600 had been given to support the no-kill animal shelter.

Our best healing wishes are with **Steve Osborn, Bob Lindberg** and **Marge Calkins** after each recently underwent major surgery, and also with **Jim Ellis** who had a ladder go out from underneath him and is recovering from a compression fracture of a vertebra.

Calendar:

January 4 - Laurie Jordan, TBA

February 1 - Bob & Miriam Lindberg, TBA

March 1 - Sue & Steve Osborn, TBA

PENNSYLVANIA



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The Independents met at the Clarion Hotel in Essington, PA with 21 persons in attendance. This is the same place as the Ramada, just a name change and an upgrade, our luncheon price remains at \$12.00, and the quality has been very good the past few months.

Our members brought in a trunk load of non perishables for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry at Prospect Hill Baptist church in Prospect Park. They serve the Ridley and Interboro school district area. They are extremely busy with the economic downturn. Everyone is very generous with donations. Thank you! **Dick Ems** won the 50/50 and **Marilyn Tierney** won the free lunch.

We are sending United We Care Employee Relief fund \$500.00 immediately to aid Hurricane Sandy victims. "Sandy" is on Santa's naughty list.

Ralph Galati was our Veterans Day speaker. He was an officer in the USAF. On February 16, 1972 he and his pilot were shot down over North Vietnam. He was captured and sent to Hanoi for 14 months as a POW. He spoke in a riveting manner about his captivity and the bravery of all the prisoners. We were extremely

impressed with his message. After his service to his country, he went on to have a career with IBM. He now works as a Veterans liaison for Delaware County, PA. He strives to see that veterans and the families of the county receive the benefits they are due.

December is here and gone. Our Christmas luncheon on December 10th was well attended and silent auction items bid upon. Our gifts to the veterans at Coatesville Hospital were delivered by our faithful members.

Happy New Year!

Calendar:

March 11 - Meeting at 12:30 at the Clarion Hotel in Essington.

PITTSBURGH
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Happy New Year, to all our friends across the country. May this year bring you good health, wealth and joy filled days with family and friends. We hope you all made your New Year's resolutions. The most important is that you will be attending our luncheons, and help in planning the restaurant locations. We need to find new members to join our chapter, Pit-Stoppers and RUAEA (Retired United Airlines Employee Association). It's not too late to add these to your list.

Our Christmas luncheon was held December 5th at J. W. Halls with 39 members attending. What a great group we had, everyone was in a festive mood. It was wonderful to see **Ellie Masters** from the Pittsburgh interline club. I am a member and they have luncheons, a picnic with a chili cook off, and Christmas party. They publish a newsletter every three months. If you are interested in joining, call **Ellie** at (412) 264-2572. She would be delighted to hear from you. What a pleasant surprise to see **Margie Corrigan**; let's hope she continues to attend our luncheons. The 50/50 was won by our First Vice President **Dave Beatty**. Our door prizes were plentiful. The lucky winners were **Barb Guida, Doris Abbas, Ed Yauch, Bob Wagner, Georgia Garcia, Margie Corrigan, Paul Musko, Ruth Redfern, Karen Molitierno, Treatie Karwoski, and Marlene Mootsy**. A big thank you to our crafters who donated door prizes: **Kay Yauch** made a gorgeous crochet angel (I wanted to win that, no luck). However I did win one of **Ruth Redfern's** hand quilted lovely candle mat. Her husband **Bill** made a bird house that is used as a Kleenex holder. Cute, cute! Thank you very much for thoughtfulness and generosity.

Phyllis Smith's grandson **Calvin**, is leaving for the Navy nuclear submarine training. Good luck **Calvin**. My **nephew** just finished phase 2 for the nuclear submarine training and is heading for Connecticut to finish his last phase of training. Then it will be six months under the ocean. He is so looking forward for that day to arrive.

I am sorry to report the death of **Linda Salamon Todd**. She was the wife of **Art Todd** who retired from PITTR, now living in Reno. She was the daughter of **Mary** and the late **John Salamon** who retired from PITCG. Cards may be sent to **Art Todd**, 3239 Gypsum Rd., Reno, NV 89503 and **Mary Salamon**, 109 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Our condolence to both families.

Our dear friend **Bob Yeager** is on the not so well list. His wife **Tami** has been taking good care of him for such a long time. Hospice is now helping to care for **Bob**. **Bob** worked at PITCG. Both **Bob** and **Tami** had a big part in planning the RUAEA convention when it was held in Pittsburgh. They moved to Camp Hill, PA to be near family. Cards may be sent to 3532 Lincoln Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

A note to our Pittsburgh Clipped Wings gals, we would like to invite you to join our local retirees chapter. We meet for lunch at a different restaurant three or four times a year. Dues are \$5.00 a year. We are a fun happy group. Ask one of your members **Karen Molitierno**, who also belongs to our group how much she enjoys attending our functions. If interested, you can call **Jeri Juth**, our president, at (724) 378-3316.

There are two groups of local retirees that meet monthly. One group which was mainly ramp service, now everyone is welcome to join them. They meet the first Saturday at 0830 at Janowski's restaurant, which is located across from their nursery. No dues, just show up and enjoy seeing everyone. The second group meets at eat & park in Robinson every fourth Thursday at 0800 except November and December which is the third

Thursday because of the holidays. Try and make one of these breakfasts, you will enjoy yourself. We would like to unite these groups to join our PIT chapter. Come on guys, give **Jeri Juth** a call, we would love to have you as members. As a reminder the **company** has nothing to do with our chapter and with RUAEA (Retired United Airlines Employees Association).

RUAEA publishes a newsletter every month that is full of information which is a benefit to us. Almost every city that United serves writes a column about their chapter. You may see a name you recognize that you have been thinking about.

Since I write for the Pit-Stoppers, I receive e-mails and calls from fellow employees who saw a name of a former employee that they knew and wanted to get in touch with them. I love receiving those calls. That tells me that people do read my column.

January birthdays ~ **Steve Molitierno** (26), **Betty Tinney** (27) and **Betty Musko**. Happy birthday to all!

One wedding anniversary ~ **Ed & Kay Yauch** (55 years). **Kay**, sorry about misspelling your last name in the December newsletter. It won't happen again.

Until next month **Happy New Year! Let's go Steelers!**

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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Our November 13th meeting was held at Lakeside Tavern at the Concord Marina. We had 18 members at the meeting. **Jo Hubbert** came in from Rogersville and **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr** were visiting from Washington State. Unfortunately, **Jerry** had pneumonia and couldn't come out to our Luncheon. Get well soon **Jerry!**

It was great talking to both **Jo** and **Mary Lou**. Those who have been traveling have been having some trouble getting onto flights - especially those connecting into Knoxville. We again discussed the best way to book our flights under the new system.

Most of our active members have paid their current dues. Those who have not can mail them to **Mike Chapin**. It was that time of the year for our annual charity donation. It was decided that we would give \$100 to the Union County Food Pantry. **Herman** and **I** help out with the assembling and handing out of the bags of food which are given out twice a month. The need here in Union County has doubled in the last two years. This is a completely voluntary program that is funded by donations. This donation is really appreciated.

Barb Chapin again reminded everyone to let her know when someone is ill so that she can send out cards from the group. **Sue Ferrell** won the 50/50. Door prizes were won by **Mary Gilbert, Mary Lou Barr, Carol Anderson** and **Pat Thompson**.

We will meet for breakfast on December 20th at 9:30 AM for breakfast. We thank **Barb & Mike Chapin** for making the arrangements for our Luncheon.

Calendar:

January 17 – Hosted by Terry Taylor, (865) 408-1453. Location and Time to be announced.

February 21 - Breakfast at 9:30 AM - Location to be announced.

March 21 - Hosts needed.

WASHINGTON

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President **Dave Jones** was back to conduct the November meeting of the Emerald City Slickers of Seattle and the greater Puget Sound area. That was the last meeting of 2012, as we do not meet in December.

We were privileged to have **Hank Gosselin**, chapter member and new president of RUAEA, speak to us about corporate matters relative to United retirees and the difficulty our officers have in obtaining information from the new regime, which seems to have an agenda quite unlike what former United employees have come to expect.

It may have been the generosity generated by the holiday season, but whatever the reason, donors of door prizes for the November meeting filled the prize table. Each attendee is handed a ticket at the door, and the lucky numbers belonged to **Vivian Anderson, Jo Ann Bernovich, Herald Bowman, Vern Bozarth, Mike Bratovich, Warren Brown, Bob Brumfield, Richard Devereux, Bill Gordius, Kay Johnson, Dave Jones, Rich Miles, Betty Paul, Edna Paulson, Ginger Phelan, John Reed, Sidney Reed, Jeannette Schlau, Carol Soffel, Doris Spence, Dolores Steger, and Jackie Stenger**. It looks as if it might be a good thing to have a surname beginning with B. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Sharon Penwell**.

Looking forward to their January birthdays are **Penny Baker, Bob Brumfield, Paul Burton, Virginia Dice, John Reed, and Steve Story**. Make them happy ones! Wedding anniversary celebrants include **Gary & Carol Moless-Maxwell** and **Ted & Thelma Parks**. Congratulations!

Ninety-year-old **Don Hanson** (SEAFF) was hospitalized briefly for treatment of pneumonia before recuperating at home. **Don** has a real "gift of gab" and appreciated the phone calls and visitors that allowed him to share his fascinating stories.

Sadly, many deaths occur close to the holidays at the end of a year, and the Seattle chapter of RUAEA was not spared, losing members and other retirees: **Kathy Court**, reservations supervisor for 23 years, passed away at the age of 59 from complications of ALS. News of the death of 84-year-old **Sidney Harris** (SEAMK), who lost his battle with cancer in November, was shared during the meeting. He had been a regular attendee at Emerald City Slickers meetings with his wife of 61 years, **Edna** (SEAHH), who was hospitalized herself shortly before **Sid**'s death. The couple came to the United States from England in 1967. More recently, we lost **Charlotte Rousso**, wife of **Ed Rousso** (SEACS), after a long illness. Condolences may be sent to **Ed** at 13029 NE 73rd St., Kirkland, WA 98033.

We also were saddened by the news of **Helen Cain**'s passing and send our condolences to the Golden Gaters of the San Francisco Bay area. **Helen** not only was their chapter's correspondent to this newsletter, but you'd all recognize her wearing her signature hat and holding one of her dogs, at the head of her bi-monthly recipe column in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Calendar:

January 8 – Luncheon at Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

February 12 – Luncheon at Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA



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Hi, we had a meeting on November 17th at the restaurant Azteca. There were 10 people present. They said the food was great. I'm sorry I couldn't go this time. Our next meeting will be on December 16th, at Chick-A-Ria. The hosts will be **Les & Vera Graham**. I think more people will be coming at Christmas, as we have such a good time with all the gifts and who will get what.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

A very Happy New Year to all our retirees and the members of the Continental Retirees Group who joined us in 2012! We wish you all a healthy and happy 2013.

The New Year will bring challenges as we try to navigate the changes in our computer system.

The November 14 monthly luncheon of the Dulles Loungers was a big success and we have **Mari McColl** to thank for standing in for President **Linda Scriven** who was on vacation.

We welcomed Jane Priest of The Alzheimer's Association and Jane gave a most interesting video presentation. She answered questions, gave out brochures and was most generous with her time.

Let's make a "New Year's Resolution" to contact a United Airlines retiree and bring them to a retirees event. We need to keep the momentum going and support our new RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin**.

Calendar:

January 9 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

February 13 - 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

CLIPPED WINGS

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The new officers are very busy "catching up" after a great National Convention in Seattle.

The Special Olympics (World Games) will be taking place in South Korea from January 26 – February 6, 2013. Clipped Wings is donating \$20,000 for the "Parent Grants". This assistance enables some parents to "see" their athletes perform.

We are encouraging Continental retired and active Flight Attendants to join us by sending them special invitation letters from our National Vice President and local Chapter Vice Presidents.

We have received several membership applications so far this year.

Our 2012-2014 current membership of approximately 1,200 includes 28 active local chapters and 1 Member at Large Chapter to accommodate those individuals not living near a city with a local chapter. Please consider joining us if you have been, or are presently, a United, Capital, or Continental Flight Attendant.

The Airplane Scarves and Ties will soon be available with a **new** look. They will have the combined United and Continental Logo. You will still be able to purchase these items by contacting **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), rjensen148@aol.com.

We are working on the completion of a new website for our Clipped Wings organization. We will advise you when it becomes available.

We hope you will join us! Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions.

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

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

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Retiree – **Nyberg, Richard M.**, on 8/20/2012 SFOFF, father of Dawn Thiessen, 1902 A St., SE #D110, Auburn, WA 98002

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Retiree – **Willert, Wayne A.**, on 8/30/2012, LGACS, husband of Helen L. Willert (Deceased) and father of Wendy Jadezuk, 86 Winnie Ct., Carle Place, NY 11514

LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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.

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

Larry Anzelmo, Betty Ballash, Robert Blum, Mike Bowles, Walter Boyd, Gene Couvillion, Diane D'Andre, Marge Dasaro, Carolyn Dillon, Norman Ediger, Richard Edwards, James Francis, Charles Gallagher, Dave Garland, Marilyn Halt, Arnold Hansen, Betsy Hamblin, Bruce Harris, Sarah Harris, Fred Higgins, Thomas Kalfa, Lynn Kalwelt, Tsuneo Kamei, Maeve Koleno, Jeanette Kostecki, Patricia Langhart, Casmir Mroz, Celena Nash, Rose Nigrp, Sam Oshiro, Robert Pitts, Rudy Reyes, Bernard Sandner, Wayne Satterfield, Bessie Tockstein, Eva Torres, Jim Touchstone, Mona Walter, Briget Walton, Gwen Williams, Joey Zarr.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Ishbel Garrett, 2775 S. Sedalia St., Aurora, CO 80013

Without our newsletter, we retirees would be completely heart broken!

I have only flown 3 times on UAL this year. All 3 times I was seated in the last row of the plane in a middle seat. I asked an UAL Rep. about that coincidence and she told me that was how the new system is programmed for standbys. I am insulted, after almost 30 years with UAL. I am a younger retiree (64) but I feel for our more senior retirees that gave it their all.

Jeff Smisek would like for us to roll over and play dead. I refuse to do that, and I hope that other retirees will not either. I think his day is coming, like Frank Lorenzo!

E. E. "Buck" Hilbert, 8102 Leech Rd., Union, IL 60180

A short note from Hilbert's Funny Farm ~ It has been 28 years since ORDFO and the DC 8. I am still active and flying! Please keep up with the great news; although I don't recognize many of the names. My heart is still United!

Jim Hottel, 5120 Plumosa St., Spring Hill, FL 34607

We are into our 18th year of retirement and enjoying it very much. I was counting our boarding stubs from 2011 and had 34; we got on every trip we planned. We only have 16 boarding stubs so far this year, missing only one trip. We enjoy our travel benefits very much and looking forward to more travel.

We look forward to the newsletter each month; it helps keep us up to date.

Charles Lewis, 801 E. Thomas St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

I want to thank each and every one of you who are involved in keeping the RUAEA membership records up to date. From being the treasurer of the Chicago Skyliners chapter of RUAEA, I have a little taste of the job to which you're so dedicated. You have my applause!

I could not make the convention this year. Its dates overlapped the dates of a cruise my wife and I took. It was a 50th wedding anniversary celebration cruise for us and for 3 other couples we've known for about 55 years.

Hopefully we will be able to attend the next convention, wherever and whenever it may be held.

Tom Morgan, 1871 Bridgestone Dr., Lexington, KY 40511

Carol and I have recently moved to Lexington, KY to be closer to our family. We loved our years in Pensacola, but felt it was time to downsize, and we did just that. We are in a townhouse overlooking the 9th fairway of the Marriott Golf Course. I no longer play golf, but it is fun watching the duffers go by, sometimes we have a ball landing on our back deck. I just toss them back to the owner. This is my 88th birthday coming up 12/13, and for all of my ups and downs, I guess I feel as good as most in my age bracket.

Louis Mullen, Bally Goley, Riverstown Dundalk, Ireland, ballygoley@yahoo.co.uk

My wife and I were so lucky to work for UAL in the 50s and 60s. We were in SFORR and remember when the ALOHA room opened. The beautiful woman who was in charge then was Lois Newcomb. Today we mailed her a birthday card for her 98th birthday. Those retirees who will remember her will be happy to know that she is hale and hearty. She lives alone closely cared for by her daughter, Beverly Wenger.

She continues to watch football and baseball and does XWORDS every day. She can still look beautiful in a muumuu.

I thought that some of your members might like to send her a card, and I will be happy to send them her address.

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

Another year has come and gone just as quickly as the last. It seems the older I get, the quicker time passes. I think it is almost at the point that I wake up and it is time to go to bed.

I started off this year with just a very minor hernia repair which ended up being quite major. I am still experiencing problems but like every thing else it could be worse. That was in February, about six weeks later my father, George Floyd, moved from Illinois to live the remainder of his life with Charles & me here in

California. He had been diagnosed with Lung and Liver Cancer. Four days after his arrival he had a stroke. Four weeks after that he had another stroke and lived about five more days.

We had to take him back to Chicago for his services, but I am sure he was happy as he was where he wanted to be, with us. They gave him about 9 months to live but only God knows for sure. He died from complications due to the strokes; therefore he was in no pain and never had to be medicated. He was a wonderful man. He smoked for 77 years but he lived to be just a few months short of his 90th birthday. Every time I think of him I smile, which is a good thing.

I have had a few more surgeries this year but I live one day at a time. Our Granddaughter, Anna-“Banana”, who lives with us, made her Debutante Cotillion on November 23 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. It was wonderful to see her and Grand-Pa Charles waltzing around with the other young ladies and their fathers on the dance floor with the beautiful long white dresses and the dads all in their tuxedos. They have been preparing for this since June and now, it’s just a memory.

A memory just like all my years with United Airlines, Chicago (CHIRR), Los Angeles (LAXRR) and Beverly Hills (LAXTO)! Now in just a couple years it will be 10 years since I retired! I enjoyed my career with United and I am enjoying my retirement. Until next year, I wish all of you, a Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Soon to come and soon to also become a memory!

Nick Romeo, 308 N. Highland Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-2245

Well, November is my birthday month. So move out of the way 89 and make room for the big 90.

My wife and I just celebrated our 68th anniversary on October 1st. Much has happened to her since the first of the year. I had to rush her to her to the primary doctor who after examined her, told us to go immediately to the ER but her vitals checked out okay. While she was in the ER, I passed out. She was released but I had to stay overnight. My sympathy pain was the diagnosis, and I was released after 2 days.

After this, with a snap of the finger, she got a virus with blisters in her mouth. The doctors said it was a form of herpes. Her white blood count was so low; it affected her bone marrow which affected her legs. She was unable to walk and talk; and she was in the hospital for about 2 weeks and rehab for a while. She was given a chemotherapy drug, lost her hair; but it is returning slowly. Now she is using a walker to get around.

While this was all going on, I had hernia surgery. I complained of back and stomach pain, so it was back to surgery to repair the hernia and an obstruction of the bowel. I was in the hospital for another 6 weeks. I can’t drive now except only if someone is with me.

I must give credit to our daughter, Sandy; she is with us almost daily. She keeps a record for her mother and me. She calls herself a RDMD; says she has a Readers Digest Medical Degree.

My best to the RUAEA crew for putting out this informative newsletter.

Phyllis Singer, 9345 Landings Ln. Unit 301, Des Plaines, IL 60016

It is my birthday time without my Beloved George. He was one day older than I. He passed away in February.

Thanks to my working for UAL, we did travel extensively. I am most grateful for all those wonderful memories.

I appreciate the Newsletter as it keeps me updated on what is happening with UAL.

Kenneth Storey, 16039 12th Ave. SW, Burien, WA 98166

My wife and I want to thank the Washington, DC committee and all of those who helped to put on the convention. We had a great time; the hotel was fabulous, and the dinner was excellent. The dinner cruise on the Potomac was a lot of fun.

We spent Sunday in DC roaming the many museums and monuments. We waited until Monday to fly home, and had no problems either way on the non stops to and from Seattle.

Seattle was well represented at the convention.

Emily Turner, 2210 Pullman Ave., Belmont, CA 94002

I very much appreciate all the work the staff does to keep up with the latest news, some good and some bad, especially for widows of retirees. They devoted just as much time and work as the employee.

Thank you again for what all the staff does to keep us informed.

Jason Weiner, 91 East End Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801-2248

Thank you for the very enjoyable monthly newsletters.

The last ten years of my 36 years with UAL before retiring in 1988 was with the ground Communications Department (JFKGC), we set up and maintained ground communications as well as setting up and maintaining security systems in all of UAL's northeast terminals. This gave me the opportunity to meet and work with the managers and people in many different departments.

My wife, Ona and I had a most unusual and distressing 2 week experience. On October 29th, the storm "Sandy", struck. We live about in the center of Long Island. The damage to this area had heavy wind damage to homes from trees and power lines that were blown down. With no electricity, heat, or hot water, we decided to stay and tough it out. However, the nights became very cold; the outside temperatures dropped into the low 30's.

On November 6th, we got 8" of snow. On November 7th, we decided to go to a shelter at a local school, which had been set up by the National Guard and Red Cross. They provided cots, blankets, showers, hot food and moral support.

To add to our consternation, the shelter lost power on the first night we were there and did not get it back until 4pm the following afternoon. We stayed there another 3 nights. During the day, we spent our time alternating between 2 local libraries that had power, as did hundreds of other people.

The National Guard and Red Cross personnel did a remarkable job. They earned our highest praise.

Power was restored to our home after 13 days, on November 11th. Our house had no damage, there were many pieces of shingles, large and small tree branches and enough leaves that filled 29 large bags that blew into our backyard.

No matter our inconveniences and discomfort, we consider ourselves fortunate. Many people lost their lives and many suffered injuries. In addition there were flooded houses and a tremendous amount of property damage.

LaVonne Wilhoite, 556 Woods Dr., San Mateo, CA 92069

Thanks for all the news.

I just traveled to see family in Iowa.

United employees were very kind and helpful. I had wheel chair service for the first time. It comes in handy at the Denver Airport.

I will be celebrating my 85th birthday soon.

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

Thank all of you so much for the newsletter. You do a really fantastic job. I have been retired since July 1, 1991 and the newsletter is pretty much my only contact with those I worked with as I moved from the LA area. But I do have some wonderful new friends here in the desert that worked for UA.

I was able to go to the convention this year with the help of a daughter. Anyone that was unable to go missed a wonderful event. Thank all of you that worked so hard on the convention. We took 4 of the tours in 3 days plus we came in on the previous Saturday to take in sightseeing before the convention.

I won a beautiful handmade white shawl. I have already worn it 4 times in the evening. So a very special thank you to the very talented and generous person that made and donated it. So sorry I don't know their name.

Jane K. Yaguchi, 906 E Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-7134

I retired from EXOAK in 1984. I always look forward to the monthly RUAEA newsletter, but I rarely see co-workers' names from my past in the newsletter anymore. However, I appreciate this connection to the retirees as this is my only source of news of the UAL.

Last May 4th, I fell and broke my femur. After staying at Moorings of Arlington Heights, IL, I returned home in September. With the help of a nursing aid that comes three times a week, I can now live back at home. Incidentally, my husband of 63 years of marriage, Mas, passed away from a stroke last year in the summer of 2011.

My traveling days are now over, but those fond memories of traveling all over the world will be remembered for the rest of my life.

The best thing I did when I retired was become a lifetime member of RUAEA. I am so thankful for this lasting connection to UAL through this newsletter.

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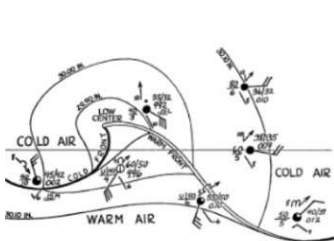


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Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. from the 11/55 United Mainliner Flight Plan booklet.

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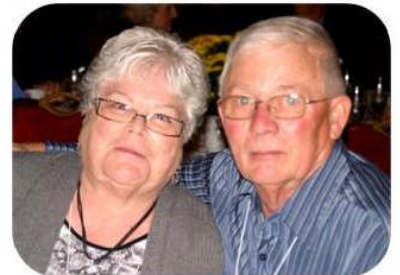
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