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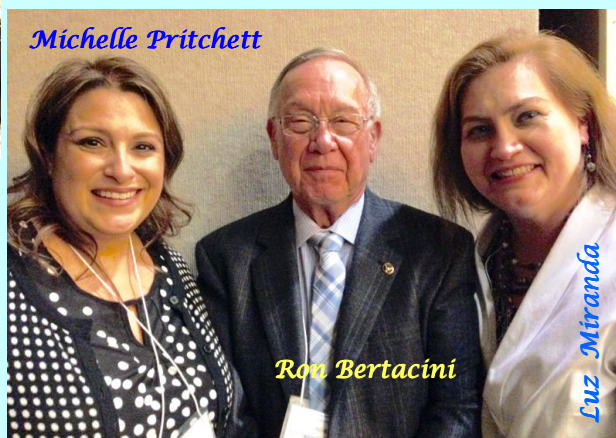


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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,
Wow, 2016, hard to believe. Has time slowed down for any of you? Well, I hope you all had a great Holiday Season. I wish a great and healthy New Year for all of you. What will 2016 bring? No doubt more turbulence in the world, so be careful in your travels.

We are in the planning stages for your 2016 Convention in Seattle. Ken Storey has picked a great team (all willing volunteers of course). So once again, please mark your calendars for your vacation in Seattle. There is so much to see and do. The committee will help you with that as time progresses, but please check on what's available to you before and after the Convention.

Also, once again I'm asking your help in identifying candidates or volunteers for our officer positions in RUAEA. Let us know if you're interested. Or, if you know of someone who you feel will do a good job in any position, let us know, so we can discuss it with them. It's a great organization, why not be an active part of it. We also need help in recruiting new members in RUAEA. Again, I ask every member to help with recruitment. Talk to you again soon.

Hank Gosselin
President RUAEA

Writer's Column - Pearl Harbor To China

By Bob Duensing DENTK (Ret.)



December 7, 2015 was the 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a UAL retiree who was wounded on that fateful day and someone that I consider a hero in the true sense of the word.

Marvin Olsen, a southern Colorado native was a member of the Army Air Corps stationed at Hickam Field which adjoins the Pearl Harbor Naval Base. On the morning of December 7th, 1941, Marvin and several friends had just finished breakfast and were



standing in front of their barracks when they saw the first wave of Japanese dive bombers wreak havoc on the Navy ships in Pearl Harbor.

While he stood there, a second wave of dive bombers flew across and dropped bombs on the airfield. Marvin and the others ran to a hanger for cover, but the hanger was struck also. The first bomb penetrated the hanger and a second bomb wounded Marvin, killing a man next to him. Marvin spent a total of two months recovering in a hospital. He still carries some shrapnel in him.

He served on the island of Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides and then in Guadalcanal during the time the battle for the island was still being fought. In Guadalcanal, he contracted Malaria and was sent back to the United States.

After recovering, he was trained as a crew chief on the new B29's, which were long range bombers and just entering service with the Air Force. Since he had already been in combat, he was given the option to stay out of harm's way in the U.S. However, he volunteered for another tour of duty in the combat zone.

Marvin's squadron of B-29's was sent to a base in India and on to a forward base at Chengtu, China, which was built with the cooperation of General Chiang Kai Shek. The runways were gravel and constructed by over 1,000 Chinese laborers. This base at Chengtu put the B-29's within range of the Japanese mainland.

It was 3,000 miles round trip across China and the South China Sea to Japan. The missions took 22 plus hours to complete. On August 20th, 1944, Marvin participated in the first daylight mission over Japan. He witnessed the destruction of many Japanese ports and cities and was aware of the loss of a considerable number of B-29's and their crews.

Marvin flew 19 missions out of the bases in India and Chengtu, China while crew chief of the "Mary Kay". In addition to the missions to Japan, areas in mainland occupied China and Burma were targeted.

Marvin was discharged in June of 1945. During his tour of service, he was awarded the Purple Heart (Pearl Harbor), Legion of Merit (Guadalcanal), Air Medal (China, Burma and India) and the Distinguished Flying Cross (China, Burma and India).

In civilian life, Marvin had a long successful career with United Airlines in Denver. His final position before retirement was as a Maintenance Specialist for United.

Marvin is a true patriot and was a great contributor in the fight to keep us free. He is 96.

Hot off the press! The new Winter Pass Travel Newsletter from the Employee Travel Center!

The Winter Pass Travel Newsletter can be found on Flying Together > Travel > right hand side of the page under More Information. Important topics in the Winter Newsletter:

- How to get the most out of your pass travel privileges
- Open enrollment for 2016 pass travel – Announced in United Daily November 23
- Primary friend election begins January 1
- ZED travel moves to one platform: new airlines being added – Announced in United Daily November 10
- Imputed Income
- Tips for pass riders baggage
- Employee Travel Center expands hours, simplifies email – Announced in United Daily Dec. 1
- Pending buddy or vacation ePasses?
- Health declarations and vaccination requirements for dogs entering the U.S.
- United app now works for employee pass travel – Announced in United Daily November 13
- Holiday travel checklist
- How to refund a prepaid space-available eTicket
- Employees to get 20 percent off onboard purchases – Announced in United Daily Dec. 3

Employee Travel Center expands hours, simplifies email

The Employee Travel Center (ETC) has enhanced its services with increased hours of operation in its call center and simplified email communication. Beginning Dec. 1, the ETC will introduce a 7-7-7 model – taking calls 7 days a week between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT.

The ETC will also streamline email communication by providing a single address – ETC@united.com – for all travel inquiries, including dependent document verification and travel payroll deduction questions. It is no longer necessary to use the Employee Information Services (EIS@united.com) or Employee Pass Charges (EPC@united.com) email addresses.

“The expansion and simplification of support services provided by the Employee Travel Center are part of the company’s commitment to improving the experience that employees have with their travel privileges,” said VP Total Rewards Anthony Scattone.

In addition to the phone and email support provided by the ETC, you can also access Flying Together > Travel 24/7 to find policies, procedures, Q&A’s and United’s booking tools - employeeRES, mobileRES and the United Pass Line.

As a reminder, here is the ETC’s contact information:

From the U.S.: 877-UAL-ESC9 (877-825-3729)

From outside the U.S.: 847-UAL-ESC9 (847-825-3729)

ETC@united.com

Unplanned events are now less costly for customers



When customers are going through a difficult time and need to cancel or change their travel plans unexpectedly, United is not going to charge them a processing fee.

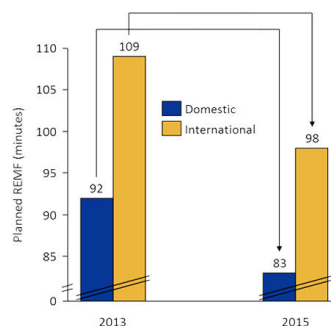
Effective Nov. 2, United discontinued the \$50 processing fee charged for ticket and/or change fee refunds due to unplanned events such as jury duty, illness or death.

“We know that our front-line employees want to help our customers in their time of need,” said Customers SVP Sandra Pineau-Boddison. *“Eliminating the processing fee is the right thing to do and will create a better experience for the customers and for our people.”*

There are no other changes to the death/illness/jury duty/unplanned situations refund policy.

This is one of several policy and other changes United is making based on employee and customer feedback.

How United saved 1 million gallons of fuel



United is continuing to fly more fuel efficiently by focusing on developing accurate flight plans and efficient procedures. A big part of that savings comes from more accurately planning arrival fuels - also known as remaining fuel, or REMF.

Both Flight Operations and the Network Operations Center, along with the Air Line Pilots Association and the Professional Airline Flight Control Association, continue to work together to get REMF (measured in minutes) closer to United’s targets, which reduces overall aircraft weight and subsequently reduces our fuel cost and decreases the emissions.

Thanks to United’s pilots and dispatchers, this October, United’s average planned REMF was 83 minutes domestically and 98 minutes internationally. That compares to 92 minutes domestically and 109 minutes internationally in October 2013. United burned 1 million

fewer gallons of fuel in October and has saved more than \$25 million so far this year.

United set a goal through Project Quality* to reduce its cost structure by \$2 billion annually by 2017. Increasing fuel efficiency, through actions both in the air and on the ground with its fleet to running a more fuel-efficient operation, is the single largest opportunity the company has to reach that goal, and United has a plan in place to save \$1 billion by improving its fuel efficiency by 7 percent from 2013 to 2017.

United chooses luxury coffee maker illy as new partner



United heard your concerns about coffee – that’s why it is excited to launch a partnership with illy. The premium, luxury coffee came out on top after the extensive blind taste testing with United’s customers and employees on

the ground and in flight on Boeing, Airbus and United Express aircraft using various coffee brewers in its galleys.

Based in Trieste, Italy, with more than 80 years of history in the coffee industry, illy’s distinct flavor comes from a unique blend of the top 1 percent of Arabica beans, purchased directly from the best growers in Brazil, Central America, India and Africa. illy has helped United by working on all the factors that go into the perfect cup of coffee: the blend, the water, the preparation and training. United also chose the Italian coffee maker because it reflects United’s global network and commitment to creating an elevated, distinctive experience for United’s customers.

United couldn’t be more excited to start bringing great coffee to its global network. Recently, the company invited its pilots and flight attendants to a coffee sampling at its hubs, CLE (Cleveland) and HNL (Honolulu).

Beginning next month, United will offer illy’s signature scuro dark roast and espresso in United Club locations at its mainland U.S hubs. Other lounge locations will offer illy in 2016, with the same dark roast coming to flights worldwide next summer. In the meantime, run out and grab some to try yourself and stay tuned for news on some employee perks!

United improves the customer Wi-Fi experience

United started rolling out a new United Wi-Fi in-flight portal to customers. The new portal provides a consistent user experience across all Wi-Fi-equipped aircraft regardless of the underlying Wi-Fi provider.



Several new customer-friendly features will also be available, including the ability to purchase time-based (for 30 minutes or one hour) or full-flight access, with a saved credit card or MileagePlus miles.

“The new, common portal is an important part of providing our customers with a more consistent and user-friendly experience,” said eCommerce Managing Director Tarek Abdel-Halim. *“Continuing to improve the consistency and the reliability of our Wi-Fi and entertainment products remains our top priority.”*

The new portal will include several Wi-Fi reliability improvements and will introduce personal device entertainment to non-DIRECTV 737s and United’s entire international fleet.

United will install the new portal on a fleet-by-fleet basis starting with the Airbus fleet, followed by the 737s in December and continuing the rollout to all remaining fleet types in 2016.

United will defend its ability to compete at EWR

U.S. media published reports recently that the U.S. Department of Justice is taking action to prevent the completion of United’s transaction with Delta (DL) for takeoff and landing slots at EWR.

With three major airports, the New York/Newark area is the most competitive air transportation market in the country. United firmly believes this transaction benefits its customers and the region by enabling the company to enhance service at its EWR hub and manage congestion at the airport. United will vigorously defend its ability to operate effectively, efficiently and competitively at EWR.

Torgy’s Travel Tips – January 2016



Kathie Torgison

With the countdown to 2016, there are some important changes to Retiree travel I want to share:

- ✓ Enrolled friends registration procedures change
- ✓ Non-rev offline travel on ZED fares moves to a single booking site
- ✓ Non-rev travel on UA now accessible via new phone app

Offline Travel Ticketing: The next time you want to purchase an offline non-rev ticket, you will be pleasantly surprised to see that MyIDTravel will be handling

the transaction. We have been using this site for a few carriers like Delta, Lufthansa and Southwest, but the majority of the other carriers were handled by ID90Travel, which did not provide the ability to check the flight loads, except for a small number of airlines. Now, with MyIDTravel, you will be able to see a green, yellow or red icon indicating the load factor right while you are looking at the flight schedule. (A few carriers may not show the flight load icons, but you will still purchase their ticket on this site.) Additionally, many of the carriers will automatically list you for the flight you select, thereby eliminating another step.

Because of this platform move, the Company was able to reinstate interline agreements with Air France and SAS as well as add some new airlines such as Virgin America, Virgin Australia, Air Europa, Germanwings and Azul Brazilian. Additionally, more airlines in 2016 will be offering us the opportunity to purchase upper class cabin non-rev tickets.

Access to the site is the same as before: Flyingtogether.ual.com>Travel>OtherAirline/Interline. Simply click the down arrow to access the names of all of the carriers. Highlight the one you want, enter and then read the data for that carrier. When you reach the Reservations paragraph there will be a blue link to MyIDTravelPurchase. Once clicked, you will be on the booking site. Click "Accept" on the Privacy Statement to proceed and then click "Booking/Listing" on the title bar. Indicate the person desiring to travel and click "Next". Follow the prompts and you will see the schedule and load factors. Select the flight you want and it will lead you to the payment page. **Note:** The fare and taxes will be shown *in the currency of the home country of that airline* but you will also be shown and be charged the USD amount. You need to type your credit card number and click "Verify" (in order for the system to determine if your card is valid) before clicking "Next" to complete the purchase.

Enrolled Friends: If you want to keep everything the same as it was in 2015, don't do anything! If you want to make a change or you want to decide later who to enroll, then the following instructions are for you.

To change or add Enrolled Friends for 2016 go to: Flyingtogether.ual.com>Travel. Beneath the picture of the gondola you will see a box titled: Update Pass Riders and Buddies. Click the box and you will see an Open Enrollment Box which contains 3 options: Manage 2016 Elections, Review 2016 Elections, and Add 2016 Pass Riders. Click Manage 2016 Elections if you wish to delete one or both 2015 riders. The system will walk you through several screens, each one clearly lets you know that you are not finished until you get to the very end. If you delete both 2015 riders and wish to keep those slots blank until a later time, the system will state you have 2 blank slots available. If you wish to

add one or two new riders for 2016 after deleting those you had in 2015, use the Add 2016 Pass Riders option. You are able to review what changes you have made by clicking the Review 2016 Elections.

The open enrollment period is from Dec 1 to Dec 30, 2015. The effective date for the changes you make begins Jan 1st, 2016. **Remember:** Whoever you enroll cannot be dropped until this time next year. If you can't decide now who you want to enroll, make sure your slots are left blank and then you can enroll your friend (s) when you decide during 2016. There is a convenient Questions and Answers page as well as an Overview Chart in the Advisories section of the Travel Tab, just below where Update Pass Rider box is located.

United.com app: If you have a Smartphone and a Mileage Plus number you're in luck! The Company has made it possible to link your MileagePlus number to your File Number so that you can more easily access your UA travel information by using the same app that revenue customers use. You will be able to check-in and save boarding passes to your phone, view your position on the standby and upgrade lists, view passenger boarding totals and even change your flight, provided it is for the same day and same origin-destination pair. But no, you don't get to accrue miles for standby-by travel!

Access: Flyingtogether.ual.com >EmpRes >QuickLinks >Employee Profile. Below your name at the top of the page, you will see "MileagePlus Number: -----Add". Click *Add* and type your MileagePlus number, then click the ✓ check mark to save. That's it, you're ready to go! Whenever you access united.com on your Smartphone, you simply sign in using your Mileage Plus number and associated password. All of your UA trips will be stored there, including positive space MyUADiscount reservations as well as non-rev standby listings.

What I like best are the 2 menus which make navigation a breeze. Touching the "wallet" icon on the upper right reveals all of your reservations/listings, boarding passes and flight status. Tapping the confirmation code of a listing reveals flight details and, if you are already checked-in, you can view boarding totals and watch for your name, hopefully, to rise to the top of the list. Touching the opposite corner of the main screen reveals the home menu which includes access to baggage fees, airport maps, currency converter and even Sudoku games. The Sign-Out option is also located here.

Android and Apple users receive the exact same info, however the access symbols on the screen may vary slightly. Give it a try. I think you'll like it!

And lastly, **Hot Off The Press**, we now receive 20% off all food and beverage items purchased onboard all mainline UA and UAX flights! Just show your Retiree

ID card, or if you don't have one, tell the flight attendant, who can verify your status on the departure list. The discount does not apply to DirecTV or Wi-Fi, but does apply to Economy Plus seating upgrades on purchased tickets, tablet rentals and ear buds. Things are definitely looking up!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



Thank you, Retirees of United Airlines, for your dedication and support to the 93 Memorial Chapel. We missed our goal of \$40,000 by a few dollars. Thank you for your effort. The chapel still needs your support. Last year the mortgage was paid, a new roof was installed. The chapel interior damage was repaired at approximately 200,000 dollars.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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 2ruaea@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 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, 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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Our Birmingham group met Monday, November 9th at the Bright Star in Bessemer, AL; Alabama's oldest restaurant. Attending were **Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager** and **Joe & Jane Jones**.

Our senior member, **Bill Preston** is recovering from a heart attack last month and will be at a rehab center in Trussville for another couple weeks. He will probably stay with his sister in Trussville until he is able to return to his home in Dawson, AL.

Birthdays for November are **Jane Jones, Jim Gooch, Joe Duncan, Marie Duncan** and **Terissa Mendum**. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Carol Wilbanks**. No anniversaries for November.

As reported last month, we voted to meet every other month beginning in January 2016, only meeting on the even numbered months. We will meet in December and as of now, plan to meet December 7th at The Club atop Red Mountain, thanks to **Gay Fowler**.

For more information, please call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

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Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you all enjoyed the Holidays with family and/or friends. Welcome to 2016. It's a new beginning for everyone and our Re-United chapter has many things planned this year. We hope more retirees will want to come to any of our monthly breakfasts or luncheons. If any retiree is visiting Phoenix this winter, be sure and contact our President **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be happy to give you direc-

tions to where we are meeting, or answer any questions you might have. We are a very friendly and nice group of people, so give us a try, won't you?

Our November luncheon was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Gilbert. There always is quite an assortment of food there; you never leave hungry; in fact, sometimes we want to try everything and then regret it later. President **Shirley Claggett** spoke about the next RUAEA Convention, which will be held in Seattle, and hoped more of our members would attend. There's a lot to see and do there. If you want, you can take a train there, and possibly make plans to go on a cruise from there; there's a lot of opportunities to take advantage of, so keep this in mind when you're making your vacation plans. Thanks goes out to **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, who hosted the luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant. As part of the 50/50 raffle, they donated a bottle of "Limoncello", which Ginny made. We heard it was very good.

Decorating for the Fantasy Flight was held on November 10th, with the actual Fantasy Flight being on December 4th. Shirley also talked about the enrollment period for insurance which began November 9 and ends November 20. Our annual Christmas luncheon is Wednesday,, Dec. 2nd at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, to be hosted by **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen** and **Judie Preston**.

Our November 20th breakfast was held at the Black Bear Diner, with 28 members attending. Shirley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We talked about the Enrolled Friends passes, which you can take off names of people you have listed, if you wish, and add new names, but you have to do this by December 31st. If you don't want to have any names listed now for your passes, you can always add names at a later date. We talked about the Christmas Luncheon coming up, with reservations due by November 23 to **Pat Nicholaisen**. Taking down the Christmas decorations at the airport will be done on December 12. At the November 28th Coyotes game, the Arizona Coyotes Foundation chose our Fantasy Flight organization to have a 50/50 raffle there. Several members from our Re-United's Chapter helped at this worthwhile event.

Several dates to mark on your calendars: January 12, Luncheon in Florence, AZ, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**; February 12, Luncheon at Floridino's in Chandler, hosted by **Donna Pedone**; Cubs/Sox Baseball Spring Training Game on March 12, the All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, on March 17, and the April 7th picnic, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** in Mesa.

The annual United Fantasy Flight was held on Friday, December 4th at the Phoenix Airport. There were 103 underprivileged children, who are in kindergarten through second grade there. What an exciting time for

them, as they got to ride in a real airplane that landed at the North Pole, where they were met by Santa, Sparky, students from Arizona State University, and see all the Christmas trees and decorations before them. They had breakfast, got their faces painted, played games, and they each received a big bag of gifts. The children smiled, laughed, and enjoyed themselves very much. Thanks so much to all who helped in any way to make this something so special for these children. It's something they will never forget!

Reminder, our annual dues of \$5.00 each are due by January 1st. Please give them to our treasurer, **Rita Zarek**, at one of our gatherings, or mail it to her at 823 W. 14th Avenue in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Be sure and tell her if you have any changes in your address, e-mail, or phone, so we have the correct information for our membership directory which comes out in the spring. Thanks for your help.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held December 2nd at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, with about 40 people enjoying the delicious food, great Raffle gifts, and having a wonderful time at the start of the Holiday season. This is always a very special luncheon. Thanks goes out to **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen** and **Judie Preston** for being such wonderful hosts. Everyone had a good time.

We have the following birthdays in January: **John Gaudioso** (1/5), **Jane Miller** (1/14), **Molly Norwood** (1/14), **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (1/15), **Judy McFarland** (1/22), **Barb Paymaster** (1/22), **Carol Hinkle** (1/24), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (1/25), **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/28), and **Skip Ward** (1/28). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have two couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in January: **Dillon & Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/8), and **Jay & Barbara Hartough** (1/16). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Calendar:

January 12 – Luncheon in Florence, AZ, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**. More information to follow.

January 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice-President, with your reservations at phomfield@cox.net by Wednesday, January 20th, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

February 12 – Luncheon at Floridino's, 590 N. Alma School Rd in Chandler, hosted by **Donna Pedone**.

February 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

March 12 – Cubs/Sox Spring Training Game. See **Ron Paluch** for tickets.

March 17 – All-Arizona Luncheon, hosted by Re-United's, at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ.





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Greetings and Happy New Year from Southern Arizona. Since the deadline for January's newsletter is a few days before the Christmas luncheon, I speculate that it was of the same quality of event as was last year's luncheon held at the Arizona Inn.

Our November luncheon was to be held at Teresa's Mosaic Cafe, however, due to a water main break, there was a change of venue to Mimi's Cafe. The quick thinking of the hosts, **Wayne & Loretta Norman**, saved the day. All 26 who were attending the event were notified of the change of location and arrived at Mimi's with no problem. Menu selections were good only no burritos. After the lunch, drawings for the 50/25/25 resulted in **Roger Callahan** and **Marian Dietrich** winning lunch money. Two other items of business were covered. We have 2016 covered for luncheons. A copy of luncheon dates and their hosts was sent out by email.

We were not so lucky in filling the officer positions of the group. President is still vacant. VP and raffle specialists **Alice & Pete Lopez** will stay on with **Bill & Bonnie Royle** as stand-ins when needed during the winter months. **Pat Dilallo** will continue as treasurer. **Doris Clark** will be RUAEA correspondent as well as being secretary for the Roadrunners. A personal thank you to Doris. We also need a photographer for the "year book".

I would like to remind all that the All Arizona Luncheon is scheduled for March 17. Please let the host group know that you are coming and do it in a timely manner. Mañana is not the word to use when the host group has to plan for 100 people plus.

The January luncheon is being hosted by **Jinny & Clyde Cable**. It will be held January 21, 11:00 at the Gallery Golf Club and Restaurant at 14000 N. Dove Mountain Blvd., Marana. Please RSVP to Jinny by Jan 15, (970) 301-1293 or jinnycable2@gmail.com.

Milestones: Anniversaries ~ **Bonnie & Bill Royle** (1/28). Birthdays ~ **Ed Kokot** (1/1), **Maureen Hicks** (1/1), **Carolyn McGlothlin** (1/9), **Emmett Doyle** (1/14), **Alice Lopez** (1/20), **Marcy Degan** (1/20), **Merit Nerland** (1/25), and **Ron Robertson** (1/31).

Correspondent to the RUAEA newsletter has been a privilege and I am certain that **Doris Clark** will fill the position to your expectations.



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November was a meet-less month for our chapter. This year has gone by too fast. But fortunately for us, some members who have had some setbacks during the year, were able to overcome them.

By the time this Newsletter is printed, we will have had our Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays over with. We will now look forward to another new year.

In the RUAEA December Newsletter, the back page talked about the Boeing Stratocruiser. I never saw UAL's, but I did go on an NWA's. This was the ultimate luxury when flying. This 4-engine plane had the largest engines built, and most of the time it flew on 3 engines because one engine always had to be shut down. When NWA flew out of MDW en route to MSP, as soon as they reached cruising altitude, I monitored their radio reports to MSP. Their mechanical problems lasted almost the entire flight. Those were interesting times.

We will be holding our December 16th meeting at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach. This is our usual gift exchange. **John & Barbara Stilwell** will be the hosts and they always come up with unusual table treats. If prior years are any clue, John buys after Christmas gifts and saves them for our December meeting. We will all be surprised.

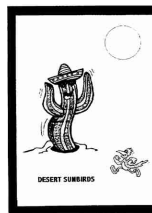
Our Chapter wishes all of the RUAEA's members a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Calendar:

December 16 – Next meeting hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. This will also be our Christmas exchange luncheon.

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Submitted by Elaine Aggson

Our very efficient correspondent, **Chuck Lamas**, was missing in action at our November meeting, instead spending 5 days in the hospital with a stomach infection. He's now at home under Marji's care, so we ex-

pect to see them both at our Christmas party. We also missed his monthly joke, so we look forward to a twofer in December.

32 Sunbirds celebrated our 27th anniversary at lunch hosted by **Jan & Fred Kellerhals** at Louise's Pantry in Palm Desert. Elaine noted that 35 members attended our first anniversary luncheon in 1989 (she is the only one still a member who attended the first). Members brought items made of "paper" which were given out as door prizes (there were some very unique prizes!) Over the years, we have missed only one monthly meeting and have been to over 150 restaurants, clubs and private homes. We have welcomed many new members and said goodbye to those who have left us.

At our November meeting, we were pleased to see **Louie Horvath** who had been missing for some time with health issues. We welcomed **Dick Milford**, guest of **Mary Frank** and **Jo Gottschalk**, friend of **Carole Paquin**. Jo, a retired UALer promptly joined as our newest Sunbird.

As always, there were several lucky winners: **Barbara Harrison** ate a free birthday lunch, **Marianne Patterson** won the 50/50 and promptly donated her 50\$ winnings to our toy drive. Wine and candy donated by the **Kellerhals** and **Elaine** went to **Robb Bohart** and **Mark Kaplan**, wine and candy to **Maureen Schultz** and guest, **Jo Gottschalk**.

The Desert Sunbirds send best wishes to all our retiree friends for a happy and healthy new year.

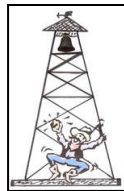
Calendar:

January 13 - TBA

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Seeing the beautiful colors of Fall and feeling the nip in the air makes the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the Sierra Banquet Hall all the more inviting. If you have never been to this establishment and have the opportunity to do so, be sure to go and enjoy the homey feel. It is a very welcoming place, replete with a big fireplace, comfortable chairs to relax and visit. And visit we did! 23 members came together to enjoy a delicious meal and conversation.

President **Rudy Blazius** extended our gratitude to **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** for arranging this for us. The **Kennys** also brought our only guest, **Diana Bell**. Diana worked for United for 36 years but when urged to join our group, she declined since she still lives in the Bay Area. No one had a birthday in November nor were

there any anniversaries. We do send a heartfelt Thank You to **Tom & Suzanne**.

Vice President ~ Apparently, a friend of **Bill Dinette** noted that Bill never seems to have any report! So, Bill brought us information on various places – 3½ pages on businesses that offer Senior Discount. It is amazing how many establishments, from restaurants to car rentals to cell phones that will give us seniors a break!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report, however, I will be ordering more name tags. If you would like a new name tag, please let me know (soon). They are \$6.50 each.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reported on our checking balance.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** didn't have a report this month, so we assume all is well with all of you!

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was not at this meeting.

Old Business ~ Dues: Okay, Hangtown Miners members, it's that time of the year – again! Our chapter annual membership dues are due! We would appreciate it if everyone could have their \$10 in by the end of January 2016. Many of you have paid already, thank you. If you would like to pay by check and mail it to Tom, please make your check out to Hangtown Miners and mail to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. Some of our members are not able to attend many (if any) of our lunches/meetings, but, you all are still important to us. And, even though you may not get here, by remaining a member, you will continue to receive our monthly minutes with the helpful information and can be active by letting us know what is going on in your lives. Some of you may have a difficulty in getting to the monthly lunches, if that is the case, call one of us and we will see if there is someone who may live close by and who could give you a ride.

Officers for 2016 ~ Last month (October) we opened the floor to nominations for our 2016 officers. All positions were available for new occupants! If you nominated someone, that person being nominated had to know his or her name was being tossed into the ring. There was not a lot of discussion, no knock down dragged out fights to be the nominee! So, after you have had a month to think about those nominated, Rudy asked if there was anyone who wanted to change the list – no one did.

The positions and nominees to be voted on were: President – **Rudy Blazius**, Vice President – **Bill Dinette**, Treasurer – **Tom Kenny**, Secretary – **Jane Gibson**, Sunshine – **Suzanne Kenny**, Historian – **Lynda Lima**. By vote of raised hands, all were accepted and will be our officers for 2016. According to our by-laws, the position of Treasurer is a 3 year position. However, Tom said if someone wants to take it over in 2017, it will be okay!

December Luncheon ~ This luncheon is always an extra special way to wind up the year. Just to remind you, our luncheon will be at the American Legion Hall in Placerville on Monday, December 14th. We also circulated a sign-up sheet for appetizers and desserts for this luncheon. Homemade dishes are the very best!

New Business ~ It is amazing that we are rapidly heading into 2016. That being said, there's a couple things we needed to address: Hosting: Rudy circulated a sign-up sheet for Hosting Luncheons in 2016. So far we have: January – **Blazius**; March – **John Muir**; May – **Biros**; June – **Akins**; July – **Wolframs**; August – **Di-nettes**; December – everyone. That leaves February, April, September, October, and November to be taken. If there is a particular month you would like to host and don't want to wait until December to put your name down, you can let me know (**Jane Gibson** email tired-dogs@comcast.net or (925) 443-0905) and I will get you on the list. If you have never hosted before and are unsure what you will be expected to do, don't be afraid! We have a suggestion sheet of places that are tried and true and kind of guidelines for putting it all together. You will/can be reimbursed up to \$25.00 to help offset the expense you may put out for decorations and such.

Updating our information: **Thom Biro** handles our membership roster and he does a great job with it. But, sometimes we have changes in our lives that can change our status and our contact information. Should you have anything that has changed (address, phone, email etc.) in the past year, please let Thom know by sending an email to t.biro@comcast.net.

Miscellaneous ~ California Wild Birds had an event at the fairgrounds and **John Muir** won the Henry Golden Boy award. **Mary Voetsch** expressed the wish to have the BP6's reinstated for us. Many years of hard work earned them, we want them back.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. Winner of the donator's prize was **Thom Biro**. Many thanks to all who brought items: **Blazius** – maple leaf dish; **Kenny** – turkey serving dish; **Gibson** – pumpkin salt and pepper shakers; **Wolfram** – cheese holder; **Dellinger** – dish with candy; **Akin** – eggs; **Biro** – cookie jar; **Wagner** – 4 bowls; **Di-nette** – measuring tape and bottle of Irish liqueur.



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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We are nearing the end of a great year, enjoying our time together at various locations at both Sonoma and Marin County restaurant venues. The California

drought is slowly showing signs of letting the rain back in to give us some relief. Here in November we are starting to have a couple of days of light rains per week leading to the upcoming El Nino weather promised for the coming midwinter months.

This month our luncheon was located at the Villa Restaurant in the Bennett Valley Hills of Santa Rosa on November 12th, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**, they had the tables decorated with pretty white Cyclamen plants and a sprinkling of fall-colored chocolate kiss candies. We had a good turnout and a nice visit together while we waited for the luncheon to begin. It was emphasized to give to the Charity Box and to buy some raffle tickets for the drawing for wines, See's Candies and the centerpiece plants.

The menu for the lunch was a choice of Braised Lamb Shank, Chicken Cacciatore, Salmon Piccata, and Polenta & Eggplant Parmigiana entrees, followed by slices of the lovely sheet cake, highlighted by a pumpkin and a Happy Thanksgiving greeting, brought by the Maus', along with coffee and tea.

President **Larry Wilson** welcomed us all and thanked **Brandon & Pat Maus** for hosting our luncheon, and also bringing the nice sheet cake for dessert, as well as the pretty plant centerpieces.

Vice President **Jerry Underhill** who along with his wife **Barbara** supplied the wines for the raffle, announced that there was 37 total attendees, including 4 guests: **Dan Williams**, guest of **Helen Furber** along with her daughter **Jan**, who is a member; **Sherri Zi-rock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**; **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, and also joining us, **Jill Schratz**, guest and daughter of **Oscar Chambers**.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** gave a detailed report on the status of our General and Charity Funds, which includes the recent donation to the Redwood Credit Union for the Valley Fire Victims, in Middletown and Cobb Mtn, who urgently needed help after such terrible losses, for which we felt an immediate need to provide a gift. Our total balance in both accounts as of October 9th is \$727.96. The added donations of the day to the Charity Box will make it possible to donate to three local charities in the amount of \$550.00 at our next Christmas lunch in December; the winners will be announced at that time. Oscar also announced that he will be stepping down from the Treasurer duties due to health problems, and the job has been offered to and accepted by **Valery Hulsey**, who has previously served the RER chapter as our Secretary. Everyone was pleased with the choice, and we wished Oscar well and promised to keep him in our thoughts and prayers. We applauded them both!

Barney Hagen, RER historian and Travel Ambassador, reported on using the ID90T website to access information on the load factors on the other airlines that

give UAL employees travel discounts, so you can plan your travel by these other airlines. One can go directly to the myID90T.com website and set up a new account, or go through your account on UAL Flying Together main website, sign in using your password, select the Travel tab, then "Other Airline/Interline Travel" and choose from the 6 selections for more information to the Electronic Tickets and click on the ID90T tab to go this website; you may have to create a new password on your first visit. It is reportedly color coded and comparing the load factors, makes it very "user friendly". I hope I got that right; or you can call **Larry Wilson** or Barney who both understand it very well! *(Note from the RUAEA Newsletter editors, Please read Torgy's Travel Tips, in this issue for information on Offline Travel Ticketing)*

Roger Casterline, our RUAEA representative, discussed the UAL "farmed out" jobs, layoffs, and negotiations on the union contracts coming up for renewal. In a recent e-mail he sent out reports that the IAM contracts may be negotiated on early next year ahead of time. Also, on a slightly less serious level, Roger mentioned the recent passing of the well-known "fixture" of North Beach, San Francisco; Carol Doda. He got a bit of a chuckle from the audience from that "share"!

Mary Wilson, RER Secretary, standing in for "Sunshine Lady" **Verda Burr**, who is visiting family, announced the November birthdays and anniversaries. The birthdays for the month are **Don Edwards**, **Clare Hagen**, **Carol Hanna**, **Bridget MacDonald**, **Maddy McKinnis**, **Norma Stillman** (94), **Ernie Stukey**, and **Elsie Kuhl**. The one Anniversary being celebrated this month is **Marie & Richard Southon**, who live in Deerfield, IL. The number of years wasn't given, but the congratulations song was sung for all the celebrants; the Winner of the free luncheon was **Clare Hagen**! **Norma Stillman**, who is turning age 94, addressed the group with a history of the origin of the UAL retiree meetings, and said that our RER chapter started out in her living room in Petaluma "back in the day"! A few jokes related to maintenance problems/solutions of pilots and mechanics "checks" were shared by me, courtesy of **Larry Wilson**'s research.

The raffle drawing was conducted for the wine, See's candy, and centerpieces, followed by a thank you by **Larry Wilson** to all who attended, with a reminder that the December luncheon will be held at the Quail Inn restaurant in Oakmont on December 10th, hosted by the Officers of the chapter. We were asked to please bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive to the meeting; and the end of year donations from our Charity Box will be announced and awarded at that time.



RESANS

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Another good month in San Diego. A few things going on with all our Christmas Festivities coming up. We had eighteen present for breakfast and we all missed a few of our regulars. **Helen Soderberg** is back in Acute Health Care and hopes to be home soon.

Arlene Roberts is not able to attend as she is still weak from her last fall and walks with a walker. She is working on getting her strength back so she can join us again. **Kit Fogelman** is home recovering from cancer surgery. She is feeling well but is still weak. Kit hopes to join us in January.

Bob & Helen Grissom are in Minnesota and settling into their new home. They tell me it is cold and they are having a difficult time adjusting after so many years in San Diego. Bob tells me they haven't seen any sun since they left San Diego!

Barbara Tobin paid her yearly dues and became our newest member and we welcome her and **Lancelot** to our group. Barbara also won the monthly 50/50.

It was good to see **Iris Hastie**, back from Scotland. She will be spending the winter here basking in our warm sunshine.

We got some travel reports. **Maria & Arnold Polack** just returned from New York where they went to the Macy's Christmas Parade in Manhattan. Fortunately, they had some good weather and of course, lots and lots of people. **Betty Tomaino** was cruising for twenty six days, two cruises, the Mediterranean and a Trans-Atlantic cruise. Betty had a great time on both but came home with Bronchitis. She is on meds and recovering nicely. **Peggy Van Sickle** and **Donna Capps** have just returned from a Mexican cruise.

A big thank you to **Angie Derrick** for donating a large gift basket which we are going to raffle off at our Christmas Luncheon. We will tell you what it contains next month and who was the lucky winner!

The present acting officers of RESANS were all re-elected to serve for another year and we always plan to keep it going and continue to be the best group ever.

Next month I will report on our RESANS Christmas luncheon, on the 10th and the Mainliner Buffet on the 11th.





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Soon to be Past-President, **Jerome Underhill** opened the October meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. This is our Thanksgiving month and the last meeting for the “Gaters” for 2015. For those leaving the Board – our special thanks to all for the time and work you have devoted to our meetings. As **Jerome Underhill** steps down as the Grand Poobah, he hopes to be able to get some R&R in, probably a jaunt to Hawaii. We also appreciate his representation at the Mainliner Club meetings at the MOC. Joining him as a re-retiree is our Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** who has done a sterling job as our Scribe for many years. **Kathy Hutt** is stepping down from her 2nd Vice President chores, she has done a great job providing entertainment for our meetings. She made sure that we laughed, sang, enjoyed the Hula group and loved the Belly Dancers! Thank you, one and all, for keeping our group glued together this past year. We will be consolidating Board members this next year and will announce those changes next month.

Art Barrett, our Treasurer, says we are holding our own financially but we will need to raise the annual dues for 2016 to \$12.00 per person/\$24.00 for couples. Please mail your dues to **Art** at the Foster City Post Office address located at the end of this article. **Harriet Kunze**, our Membership/Charities coordinator wanted to thank all of you who helped support our food and toy drives this year, keep up the good work.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** had planned to step down from her job because of health issues but got the good news that those problems have been resolved, she will be getting her knee fixed in January so we expect to see her back on her surfboard shortly! She said that we had eight birthdays this month, 4 youngsters and 4 who own up to 90 and over – hey, hey, congrats to **Ronnie Errichson**, **Aubrey Bliss**, **Ella Mae Donovan** and **Bob Clinton**. Those other 4 youngsters are creeping up on you. **Clark Speetzen** and **Al Christian** are currently in skilled nursing homes recouping and enjoying good, old hospital food- that alone should make them get well soon!

For our last meeting of the year, the gourmet chefs and chefettes (new word) put together a great Pot Luck Luncheon feast, a favorite of everyone’s and we get a good turnout for these events. January 25th meeting will be a BYOBL (Bring Your Own Bag Lunch), February 22nd will be a Chinese New Year luncheon (chop sticks

optional), March will be a St. Paddy’s day meal, details to follow shortly. The rest of 2016 to be advised.

We are thankful for our loyal Board members, many retirees who come every month, miss those of you who are unable to come to the meetings and want to wish you all a very joyful Christmas season, good health, smiles and laughter, winning lottery numbers, and, yes, Peace on Earth.

Come join us if you are in town all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P. O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Happy New Year! In with the New—Out with the Old! ... or should I say “former” (not **old**!) when referring to the 2015 Officers? Our RUAEA group extends a very special “Thank You” to the out-going officers for 2015, and for those who have agreed to another year of serving. Your time and dedication is much appreciated. The following is a list of our New Officers for 2016: President ~ **George Midwin**; Vice President ~ **Boyd Sweet**; Secretary/Correspondent ~ To Be Announced; Treasurer ~ **Cheri Scales**; Historian ~ **Vern Snyder**; Sunshine ~ **Maureen Snyder**; Photographer ~ **Vern Snyder**.

Our group ended the year reflecting on our good fortune. We donated over 100 pounds of canned food and a 16 pound turkey to Second Harvest Food Bank as well as \$200.00 to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. At our last meeting in 2015, a special thank you went out to our dedicated servers at Holder’s Restaurant - Lenora, Roberto and Beverly, who help make our weekly breakfast meetings enjoyable. Lenora has even baked us bread and brought it to a meeting. She also attends some of our events, and it feels as though Lenora is one of our members. Other than that, 2015 ended a bit anticlimactic since both Christmas and New Year’s Day fell on consecutive Fridays, our meeting day! Have any of you, besides me, begun the year feeling RUAEA withdrawal? It will be nice to get back into the regular routine of meeting with friends on a weekly basis.

Having not met for the past 2 weeks, I have no information from members of any travels or travel plans. **Karen Devlin**’s sister, **Judy Snyder**, was at one of our

meetings in December, visiting from Minnesota. Perhaps Karen will reciprocate by going to Minnesota for a winter trip - "you betcha", especially since recently Karen & Bob have enjoyed sand, sun and fun celebrating their November birthdays in Puerto Vallarta.

It has been an interesting start to the New Year since we have so many local sports teams participating in Bowl Games - with the University of California/Berkeley playing in the Armed Forces Bowl, and San Jose State playing in the Citrus Bowl. Stanford won the PAC 12 Conference and will play in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. The 49ers have had a disappointing season, but the Super Bowl will be held here in Santa Clara, and the hype has begun big time. (It's tempting to rent my house for Super Bowl Week since we are only 4 miles from Levi's Stadium. Any takers? Sorry, no Airline Employee Discounts!) The San Jose Sharks can't seem to win at home, and the Golden State Warriors can't seem to lose. Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants pitchers report for Spring Training in only 50 more days.

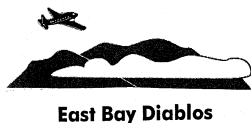
For Downton Abbey fans, the last season begins this month, but Outlander fans have to wait until March or April for the return of that steamy series. For those who kept busy during the holidays, perhaps January provides a good opportunity to catch up on movies and become "Academy Awards Literate".

Dan & Georgia Nielsen and **Dee & Stan Kolman** (a former SFO/SJC President) start the New Year celebrating Wedding Anniversaries.

The following members will celebrate birthdays this month: **Charley Brown, Bill Copley, Elfriede Grossman, Leon Manou, Jean Marcolina, Marion Swanson, and Harry Willever.** Happy Birthday to all of you in this New Year.

Calendar:

Every Friday 8:00 breakfast at Holder's Restaurant on Sunnyvale/Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot) Start the New Year right and join us each week. After all, research indicates that remaining social and active contributes to longevity.



East Bay Diablos

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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The East Bay Diablos met November 9 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord on a rainy day. Huzzah for the rain! 27 intrepid souls made the journey. We seem to have found a "home" for our meetings. Man-

agement has been most cooperative in adding to the menu. We missed **Trudy Engeldinger** who is traveling in China and **Joe & Wilma Leather** who are still recuperating from Joe's foot injury. They are all planning on being at the Christmas party. **Cheryl Kinkaid** said that **Lou** is planning on being there also, although he was unable to attend this month. **Roger Casterline** had oral surgery, but is planning on next month also. We also missed **Jan Soderstrom** as she was home dealing with an ongoing problem with a rat infestation. The local TV stations were interested and interviewed her.

Tom Johnson brought in brochures and schedules for those who might be thinking of taking the Amtrak Coast Starlight to the RUAEA convention in SEA next September. There are senior rates available. We will be giving more information out as we draw nearer the date.

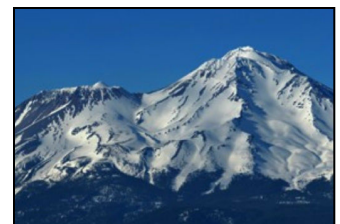
Tom Cunningham commented on the visits he and **Barbara** made in his capacity as Northwest Regional Director. They commented on how welcoming everyone was.

- **December 14** – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots with the Marine Corps – Zio Fredo's - 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill
- **January 11** – Old Spaghetti Factory
- **February 15** – Old Spaghetti Factory

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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Weather will never stop the Northstaters from having their Christmas Luncheon! The date had to be changed to December 5, and we did have a pretty nice day, weather wise. A great time was had by all at the home of **Bill & Sharon Simonton**. Bill & Sharon had decorated their home in the Christmas spirit. A small meeting was held, bust mostly we had fun, laughs, and presents shared by all. President **Merritt Odor** did ask if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Vreney Grundherr** and **Phyllis Burdick** celebrated birthdays in November and December. **Ray & Jean Herrick** celebrated their 52nd anniversary in November.

Merritt announced that the Travel Center from United will be open seven days a week from 7AM to 7PM Central Time for any retirees that might need some travel help. Also, enrolled friends need to be signed up between December 1 and December 30th.

Kent & Billie Jorgensen announced early that they will be having their summer party at Lake Almanor again next year and it was met with great enthusiasm, a special event enjoyed by all.

Merritt asked that we bring our membership dues of \$10.00 for family or \$5.00 per single person to the January meeting.

The meeting day has changed from the fourth Thursday of every other month to the fourth Wednesday every other month. Our next meeting will be held at the Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos on Wednesday, January 27th at 11:30 AM.

After all the business was taken care of, we did have a great gift exchange. **Kay Neidlinger** wrote a very funny story that guided us on how we exchanged our little gift. Lots of laughs! A nice time was had by all and thank you Mother Nature for a good weather day.

Calendar:

January 27 - Wednesday at 11:30 AM Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Come and join us!

COLORADO



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The Christmas luncheon was a very nice event, attended by 48 people. The food was quite good, with excellent service. There were door prizes of gift cards and bottles of wine. President **Tom Goodyear** announced that he is planning on retiring from his position in the organization by next March and has asked for someone to come forward and take his place. Tom has been President of the Mile High RUAEA chapter since 1998. In addition, Tom is also President of the UAL Historical Foundation. With these positions, Tom has donated countless hours of his time. He has done a superb job for all of these years and will be difficult to replace.

Tom mentioned that the simulator moves will continue in June. There is one simulator here at DENTK that is in the process of being certified by the FAA. The move of the other simulators is on hold while the building floors are being replaced to accommodate the increased weight of new simulators. Tom then talked about the ETC (Employee Travel Center) which an-

nounced that it will now be open 7 days a week, from 7am to 7pm. He also spoke about gate changes in Denver where Frontier is giving up some gates and several other airlines are picking them up.

Don Burbank, RUAEA Airline Liaison, shared that he has contacts in HR (Human Resources) and has had success in obtaining resolutions for members with problems such as insurance, ETC, refunds and so forth. His phone number is (303) 495 9941. **Virgil Gooselaw**, RUAEA Executive VP, reiterated **Don Burbank's** ability to resolve problems for people and that Don has access to Continental information. He also spoke about the frustrations experienced by some when dealing with ETC over the phone. That particular department is overwhelmed. If you have time, the best method of communication is e-mail. They do answer e-mails.

The December breakfast was attended by 35 members. In his remarks, **Virgil Gooselaw** announced the hospitalization of **Tom Goodyear**. Tom is improving and should be released shortly. Virgil also spoke of items noted above. He mentioned that retiree's insurance coverage for 2016 would remain the same if you took no action during the enrollment period. Open enrollment for passes was also noted and explained. A 50/50 drawing was held and the winners were **Walt Hansen** (DENMM), **Doug Colbert** (DENCg), **Cas Spokas** (DENMM), **Bob Graham** (DENMM) and **Bob Duensing** (DENTK).

Richard Mahan, (DENMM/GQ) of Brighton, Colorado, left us on November 16 at the age of 80. **Mary Lou Hoffman** (DENPP) left us on November 18th in Denver, Mary Lou was a 30 year employee of UAL. No services are planned.

This past October, **Roy Rardin's** (DENTK) wife **Ethel** had two operations on her left leg due to a staph infection. Complications arose and it was feared that the leg would have to be amputated. Fortunately, Roy's daughter, Irene, works at Children's Hospital and managed to contact a vascular surgeon who successfully performed surgery in November. Ethel is healing nicely and will be able to return home from rehab in mid-December.

Harry Crandall (DENTK) suffered a heart attack recently. Two stents were placed. He has recovered and is currently doing well.

A breakfast is held at 9am the first Saturday of every month in the cafeteria at the Flight Center (DENTK). The cafeteria is staffed with a Chef and there are a variety of breakfast items. It is a good opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. I encourage you to consider attending. Don't forget to bring aluminum for recycling. The January breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 2nd.



FLORIDA

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50 members and guests of the Real McCoy's RSVP'd for our Christmas Luncheon on December 1st at Buca di Beppo at the Florida Mall. Our private banquet room, with red placemats and Christmas favors certainly got us "in the spirit"! Stan began lunch with a wonderful blessing of food, family, and friends. The food was plentiful and the conversation lively!

After we'd eaten our fill - and before dessert, President Rich opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The important business at hand was tied to Treasurer Charlotte's report of our finances, which were bountiful! That made it easy for all our members to vote YES to a wonderful donation of \$250.00 each to the three charities that we continue to support: Russell House for Atypical Children, Hospice of the Comforter, and the Veterans Rehab Center.

Continued prayers for a speedy recovery to **Mack Chandler, Stan Halterman and Don Ulman**.

December Happy Birthday Wishes to **Charlie Ringer** - 10th, **Gloria Armistead** - 24th, and our guest, all the way from MEM, MCO Retiree **Jane Houston** on December 25th!

Anniversary Congratulations to **Laurie & Darryl Bork, Angel & Julia Montalvo, Dave & Lisa Leighty** and, coming in First with 60 Years Together, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**! Wow!

Next, the all-important elections to the Board for 2016. We had been forewarned that President **Rich** and First Lady **Cathy Llewellyn**, after very faithfully serving since 1999, wanted the opportunity to simply come to the luncheons and eat. With the promise of a one year term and the famous microphone thrown into the deal, MCOCS retiree **Al Fields** agreed to serve his constituents! VP **Ken Michels**, Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand**, Sunshine Lady **Linda Agnello**, and Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** were reelected. Isn't job security grand?

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on South Semoran Blvd.

January 5 - Luncheon



TREASURE COAST

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A few short items since we did not have a meeting in December and in its place, a Christmas/Holiday Party was held. Just a reminder that our Annual Picnic at DuBois Park is going to be held in March so that our snowbirds are able to enjoy and partake in the fun. More details on the picnic at the next meeting, stay tuned.

Unfortunately, we are dealing with a lot of illness in our group and want to send all of them our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see you all soon.

No Birthdays for January but we have an Anniversary celebrated by **Al & Janice Popek** on 1/28 and since an Anniversary in February is close to the beginning of the month, we want to wish Happy Anniversary to **David & Carolyn Lindgren** on 2/2.

We hope all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and wish you all good health and happiness. We also wish a Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish members.

On the Lighter Side: Laughter is the medicine of life. Love, Laugh and Live; today is a present, tomorrow is unknown and yesterday is history.

Calendar:

January 5 - Luncheon/meeting - 12:30 PM Duffy's, South Stuart, FL

February 2 - Luncheon/meeting - 12:30 PM Duffy's South Stuart, FL

March 1 - 12 Noon Picnic, DuBois Park, Jupiter, FL

HAWAII

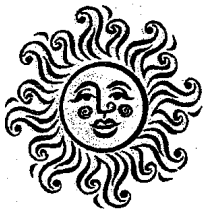
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

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



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Though our number was low, we enjoyed our time together at our November meeting. The menu offers many delicious choices (both breakfast and lunch while we're there). Attending were **Marlene Croghan**, **Shirley Dempsey**, **Charlie & Shirley Perkins**, **Louise Duvall**, and **David & Carol Adams**. We feel so blessed to count in our circle of friends these very special folks!

We will no longer be able to share the yearly anticipated event called the Fantasy Flight, and for that we are sorry. It was such a fantastic time, both preparing for it as well as experiencing the joy of the underprivileged children, chosen by their elementary school teachers and counselors. There were activities and snacks while awaiting the plane. It was exciting for these youngsters to be led in games by BSU football players and cheerleaders. Upon their return from the North Pole, the children opened their gifts after locating the pile for their school. Previously, each child had written a letter to indicate what they would like to receive.

Each year several schools in low income areas were selected. Santa and Mrs. Claus were awaiting the children's arrival, as well as parents, grandparents, and siblings. A goodie bag was given to each child upon deplaning. I need to say that employees from other airlines also contributed, as well as the Boise Airport. Due to the fact that United pulled out of Boise, leaving only two flights daily, we are now unable to do our Fantasy Flight. The rest of the United flights are being covered by United Express.

Calendar:

January 13 - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave., Boise

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January 2016 - the beginning of a new year, a new journal, a new day in our lives, a new sunrise. Let's see if we can get this right, or attempt to. Well, we must be doing something right to have lived this long. What will the year hold? A new great grandchild, a trip back to Rome, lots of visits with friends? I won't even go to the negative side. We are going to make the most of this year. We have the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, this August. Maybe somebody will go there. Also, the Republican Convention is in Cleveland, July 18-21. The Democrats will have theirs in Philadelphia, July 25-28. The election itself should be interesting. God bless America! Lollapalooza is four days this year. I know you'll be running for those tickets to stand for days in the sun or rain with all of those sweaty, drunk millennial.

Our Northside breakfast was attended by about 30 people. **Jim Sommerfield** and his friend, Shirley, visited the Brookfield Zoo, saw the new wolf and zebra babies. They had fun without any kids. **Pat & Bob Kallicki** have been babysitting their 2 and 3 year old great grandchildren. Brave people! **Joan Feister's** son, Keith, retired from the Air Force on December 4 after many years. He has another job lined up, but I can't tell you what it is until next month. Joan and her brother, **Jerry Tipperreiter** drove to Kansas City for that, then to Orlando and Disneyworld. **Carol & Charlie Lewis** went to Europe last August. They are still missing their luggage. Because they transferred to a few different airlines, they are all denying responsibility. They did receive monetary retribution, but Carol lost her favorite pair of shoes. Ladies, we know how tragic that can be! **Helen Cauwels** and **Ginny Vlach**, took a ride to Avon, IN to attend the Indy Racer's luncheon. As luck would have it, Helen won the 50/50 raffle.

Our Southside breakfast had 13 people in attendance. **Barb Wesemann** joined her friends on a bus trip to Gatlinburg, TN. **Betty Doran** moved to Bushnell, IL to be closer to her daughter. Our raffle was won by **Al Broderson**, **Tom Hurley**, and **Gwen Brookins**.

Elaine Dore is back in Florida for the winter. Her son-in-law, Dani, 33, passed away from an aortic aneurysm, in November. They have a two year old girl, and a baby boy due in March. Dani's dad, **Mark Snyder**, worked at ORD and SEA, before retiring. Elaine and her husband spent Christmas in Budapest. Haven't heard of many people traveling lately. At least we get 20% off any food/drink purchases in the cabin now. Anybody that I heard traveling internationally got first class. Guess we have to leave the country to see what the front of the airplane looks like.

I'd like to pass on info of a few scams that are going around. We all heard about the call or email from your supposed friends/relatives who are stuck in Scotland or Mexico, and are being held by police for DUI or drugs. They want you to send money, via Western Union to help them get out of jail, etc. Not true! Second one is, a deliveryman comes to your door, giving you flowers and a bottle of wine. He doesn't have the card saying whom it came from. Because he's delivering wine, there is a \$3.50 charge, and it cannot be paid in cash. You must give him your credit or debit card. When you do, you have to enter your pin and the security code on the back. By the time he's in his truck, his accomplice is already charging things on your card, and/or taking cash out of your bank ATM. Another **no!** The last one I know about is a job offer that comes over the internet. It's asking for a mystery shopper, you go to a store, ask questions, buy things, and give a report, and they send you money for your time. I did these years ago, but that's when the world was more honest. Now, they send you a check for a couple of thousand dollars, tell you to cash the check, and asks you to buy some high-end items, like iPhones. The check is no good. But when they get their check back, your bank information is on that check. They can go into your account and clean it out. Plus, you are out the \$3,000, because the check bounced. Yes, you can take back the phones, but you're out any charges you incurred with activation fees, and they robbed you blind. These people are very sneaky. The phone numbers they used are from burner phones. The addresses they give you are fictitious. Just want to warn you, we are perfect targets for these people. They think we're elderly, not thinking, and are just so happy to get flowers from our kids or husband, etc. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. As my dad used to say, "*There is no free lunch*". Take heed and be careful. I don't want to hear about you on the 5:00 news.

In Chicago, we have a few good FM radio stations for us Rock and Roll lovers. 87.7, 94.7, and 104.3. Most of their music is from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. I'm still looking for songs from the 40's, but to no avail. If anybody finds a station like that, let me know. I'd love to hear Glenn Miller or Mantovani while I'm driv-

ing. I know, CD's, Jan, CD's.

Now for our dear departed friends, **Javier Chavez**, and **Ray Shaner**, from ORDCG, **Norman Schalk**, Cargo Supervisor, father of **Robert Schalk**, ORDCG, **Rita Olivera**, CHIRR, daughter of **Denise Larsen**, **Dick VanDerlofske**, ORDSW, **Theresa Visser**, HDQRC, **Von Gemeny**, EXOCU, and **Agnes Braun**, mother of **Beverly Tucker**. **Peter Giangreco**, brother of **Virginia Monaco**, passed away in November from cancer. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of you who have lost your relative or friend. Losing someone is always so sad, but around a holiday, it just seems harder. Also gone from our world, Nathaniel Marston, 40, actor, One Life to Live, P. F. Sloan, 70, songwriter, 'Secret Agent Man', David Canary, 77, actor, All My Children, Steve Hrymnak, 89, Blackhawks hockey player, Elmo Williams, 102, producer, 'High Noon', Harry Radcliffe, 66, producer, 60 Minutes, Robert Loggia, 85, actor, Big, Chuck Williams, 100, founder of Williams-Sonoma.

Maybe it's our imperfections that make us perfect for each other.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**January 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**January 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

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During our November meeting, RUAEA Regional Director **Helen Cauwels** (pictured) provided a brief report on the health care insurance open enrollment period and upcoming changes to retiree prescription drug provision. She explained that under United's retiree Plan, CVS pharmacies will provide 90-day supplies of prescription drug to retirees starting in January. She indicated that all prescriptions currently being provided by Express Scripts are to be automatically transferred to CVS unless the retiree selects a different option. Helen encouraged all members to attend next year's RUAEA

Convention in Seattle from September 21st through 25th. The host hotel will be the Doubletree at the airport. She ended her presentation with a brief discussion on the loss of membership by RUAEA and many other retirement organizations over the past several years.

Attending the meeting were **Hannelore Brabo, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway**, RUAEA Regional Director **Helen Cauwels** (guest), **Bob, Ruth & Edward Duffey, Bob & Mert Duty, Amy-Christine Fallowfield** (guest), **Jim Gibson, Chris & Shary Johnston, Lenny Kurtz, Dimple Rihel, Joan Romano, Charles Theiss, Tony & Barb Urbanovic, and Ginny Vlach** (guest).

Former Indy Racer President **Wanda Bryce** explained that the President and VP were out of town due to an emergency and that the organization should probably postpone officer elections until our President, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary can join us. **Bob Duty** moved that we have an open officer election at our January meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

As in past years, our members remembered the holiday spirit by supporting area children from underprivileged families. Several members brought unwrapped toys for our Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. **Charles Theiss** agreed to take the box full of toys from the restaurant to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection site.

Our Christmas Party was scheduled at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant at Keystone at the Crossing on Tuesday December 8th. Those who wanted to participate in the Santa Exchange brought wrapped gifts valued at up to \$15. Crown Royal, Bailey's and other bottles of alcohol are always popular with the Secret Santa Exchange participants!

We were very happy to have **Joan Romano**, who is grieving the death of her husband, join us for the meeting. Also, **Ed Duffey**, who had recently been hospitalized, joined us for the luncheon meeting and is enjoying being back home with Bob and Ruth. **Charles Theiss** has been busy volunteering with the local Boy Scout Troop where his grandson, Alexander, is a member. And **Tony & Barb Urbanovic** have been busy traveling to Florida and enjoying a trip to Israel in December.

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Helen Cauwels**. Members think this is the first time a guest has won the 50/50.

Happy Birthday Greetings are extended to **Dimple Rihel** (1/22). Happy Anniversary to **Chris & Shary Johnston** (1/2).

Calendar:

January 12—Meeting at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, IN. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Business Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS

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No November meeting, so no meeting news. Our Christmas luncheon is December 8th, we'll do our bragging in February's issue.

VP **Mercedes Hersom** has been calling past members in a recruitment effort. So far she's recruited three. Keep it up Merc!

I mailed 2016 Nor'Easter membership renewals early December, still only \$10 per member and spouse. If you're dragging your feet, please desist and mail it with your check ASAP. Help your volunteer secretary computerize it all before 2017! Note, if your 90 years or older, no dues required.

So far, New England has had mild weather compared to last year. A little snow way up north, but not like the rest of the country. At least we're getting rain. **Lynn O'Hara** living in ME says her life in October & November has been boring as all she's about is raking leaves. You're not alone there!

June Alberino did a few days in the hospital at Thanksgiving time. She is home now, but will miss the Christmas lunch. June says "Hello" to all!

Our own **Horace "Freddy" Smith** passed away on November 14. Horace, a BOSMM retiree, worked 40 years at UAL, his first 15 at LGA. He was born, brought up and lived in several suburbs north of Boston. He was drafted into US army in September 1943 after high school. A member of the 47th Infantry Division under General Patton, he served in North Africa and Europe earning several medals. On returning home in September 1946, he got an aerospace mechanics degree at Boston University. Horace and wife Janet had 37 years of marriage until she passed away a few years ago. Horace was a quiet man and easy to be with. He'll be missed.

Our own **Peter Fusco**, now in his mid-90's, lost his sister Giovanna on October 31. She was 107 years young. Peter may have a long way to go! Good for you Peter! Also, her deceased husband worked at BOSHH years ago.

January's birthdays ~ **Bruce Eddy, Paul S. Kelley Jr., Don Lewis, Jim Murray, Lucinda Suga and Frank Procopio**.

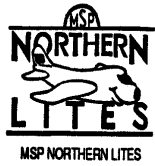
January's anniversaries ~ **John & Peggy Dellelo** (57 years), **John & Joyce Lagadinos** (52) and **Joan & Larry Meister** (31).

Take every birthday with a grain of salt. However, this works better if the salt accompanies a Margarita!

Calendar:

No meetings planned **January & February 2016**

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29 Lites came for lunch and visiting in November, including **Joe & Mary Ann Gaug**, **Andy Holen** and **Randy Cirksema**, four folks we don't see very often. It was great to see your smiling faces and have a visit with you! **Randy** was bemoaning the fact that he's a lonely man because ever since his wife, **Georgia**, got her iPad and smart phone, he doesn't see very much of her except the top of her head. Sounds like he needs one of those devices just to communicate with her.

It was Veteran's Day and as always, we celebrated those of our members who served, along with the general thanking of all the military. We were pleased that so many of the Twin Cities eating establishments were offering a free meal that day to veterans and active duty members of the military.

Lee Storlie recently visited our dear departed (geographically) friend, **Jim Simon** at his digs near Sacramento. Since it's so difficult to get on flights as a non-rev out of MSP, **Lee** bought a ticket and flew as a Real Passenger, can-you-blame-him. The two had a great visit and probably consumed one or two beers in the process.

After the 50/50 raffle was completed, **Sonja Gunderson** was looking for a new chair to try out in December. Her name wasn't among the winning five. Again. She did perk up enough, though, to relate a funny story about **Lyle** shooting a deer one year off their deck ~ clad only in his shorts! (If I'd only been a fly on the wall).

A reminder: it's time to pay your annual \$5-per-couple dues again. There's been no inflation in the dues since 1995, so no one can say we're raising rates frequently. Send a check to **Bud Ayres** at 1583 Covey Drive, River Falls, WI 54022 or better yet, come to lunch and he can collect from you there!

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

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There were 34 who enjoyed the luncheon at the Bohemian Café and our thanks to **Tom & Rose Langan** for hosting. Those in attendance we haven't seen for months were **Bracston & Myrtis Olds**, **Lorraine Stanfield** and **Ralph Bichels**. **Harry Hansen** was there after having back surgery September 21. He said he was getting along okay but now has to have knee surgery as he can hardly walk. **Lorraine** said her brother, **Ralph Westadt**, had knee surgery in October and was released to go home from rehab on November 4. **Elaine Schreiber** has bursitis in her hip and it hurts so bad she can hardly walk. She is now taking some physical therapy to see if it will help. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Betsy Anderson** and **Lorraine Stanfield**.

Word has been received from **Nancy Grandgenett** that while she and **Roger** were out walking on October 24th, he got dizzy and fell backward into the street and hit his head. After having a scan, they discovered he had a fracture on the back of his head and some blood in the front part of his brain. After spending 4 days in ICU he is now in rehab. An update from **Nancy** said **Roger** would be going home by November 13. Our best to **Roger** that he will have a full recovery.

Barb Soseman, our Sunshine Lady, doesn't feel very sunny right now. Even though she received the shingles shot, she came down with them anyway. She does feel that maybe the shot has helped some from the stories she has heard of people who have had shingles and didn't get the shot. Get well soon, **Barb**.

December Birthdays ~ **Mel Harrison** (12); **Stan Longmeyer** (20); **Hope Acevedo** (21); **Sharon Delong** (21); **Dick Schwan** (21); and **Ralph Bichel** (25).

Van VanHouten called and said he came home from having rehab after his knee surgery on November 4. He said he is doing very well and has hopes of making it to our Christmas Luncheon.

John Orchard's wife, **Carolyn**, age 85, passed away November 7 from a severe heart attack. **John** said she had been quite ill for a couple of weeks. Funeral Services were held November 11 at the Westlawn Hillcrest Funeral Home. Our sincere sympathy to **John** and his family.

I called **Jake Hutchinson** to see how he was doing as we haven't heard from him for a long time. He said he is getting along pretty well. He said his two girls are close and they see that his needs are met. He is going to try to get to Phoenix to see his other daughter hopefully

this spring. We both agreed that flying is not what it used to be. He said to tell everyone hello. He thinks of the days everyone was working in Omaha and of the good times that were shared.

Since **Andy Vassios** is not on the Internet, I called to let him know about **Carolyn Orchard**. In our conversation, he told me about his daughter, **Stephanie**, age 59, who has been struggling with bone cancer. They received word it has gone to other parts of her body and, since the chemo was no longer working, they stopped the treatments. She is at home and is having palliative care. Our prayers go out to **Andy & Stephanie** at this difficult time. It was just a year ago November 13 that **Jackie** passed away.

Marilyn Weak will start radiation and a lower dose of chemo for six weeks Monday through Friday. She looks great and says she feels good. She and **Dick** just learned that their daughter, **Jann**, and **Jann's** daughter, **Emily**, both have breast cancer and will begin their journey soon. Both **Jann** and **Emily** were at Piccolo's a year ago when **Dick & Marilyn** celebrated their 60th anniversary. **Jann** lives in Colorado and her daughter lives on the East Coast. This is hard to believe, especially with **Marilyn** having cancer and what she is going through. Our prayers to the whole family, we hope they will all have a complete recovery.

Calendar:

January 5 - Golden Corral, 6006 North 72nd Street

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There were 15 members at our November meeting at the Black Bear Diner. It was good to see **Larry & Donna Reid** down from the Lake, especially as the weather seems to be finally turning more winter-like.

The Christmas Luncheon on December 4 at Tamarack Junction will be reported next month. Once again, we will be collecting cash and checks for the No. Nevada Food Bank. Please make checks payable to the No. Nevada Food Bank.

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

Pat Nettles was the lucky winner of the 50/50.



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The Garden Staters opened their meeting with a flag salute by our Pres. **Frank Worzocha**. Frank called for a moment of silence for four of our people who have passed away. Indeed this was a moment of deep sorrow since this time we have added more people to our deceased. **John Rankin**, **Hank Szal**, **Joe Piechowski**, and **Lynn Koromi** of EWR flight service. That being said, it was still a great turnout that we had.

It was good to see people that we haven't seen for a long time, and everybody was busy catching up on all the news, old and new. Some of our happy faces were **Marie Blackwell**, **Ruth Anderson**, **Bob Pruchnik**, **Jim Safer**, **Jean Flynn**, **Jim Washington**, and **Charlie Donnerly**.

We had plenty of door prizes, but guess what, while they called a lot of numbers, I was close, but no cigar, I guess I'll have to complain to the management! When we all departed we said "same time next year", and that's a pretty good wish.

Bob Pruchnik won our 50-50. Our next meeting will be on January 27th, 2016, notice I got the year right anyway.

"Some people want everything, but where would they put it all?"

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Someone, I'm guessing Dee T. and Jim R. made some effort to draw in the crowd for our Christmas luncheon.

We had 59 members signed on our regular attendance list and 20 other names added. These were either not on 2014 list, not yet members or guests but all were warmly welcomed.

We were happy to see Yvone Guella at the luncheon since she had been recuperating from a fall and missed other luncheons.

What a nice crowd! Thank goodness it didn't turn to be our final luncheon at the Milleridge Inn. Seems

the new owners are going to keep it open, so we'll meet there on February 3rd. Remember, no January meeting.

We didn't make too many announcements due to the noisy atmosphere, but did note the passing of **Joe Cantillo** and **Werner Wolf**, neither current members so have no further info. **Mel Pugliese** is not doing well, he now resides in Pennsylvania so if anyone knows how to reach him, he would welcome the contact, I'm sure.

We cracked the safe when **Paul Cohen** wasn't looking and boy, was the money flowing! The special drawing for members who attended meetings at least 6 times over the year went to **Alice O'Hagan** and **Donna Feingold** - \$65 each. Nice! 50/50 as follows: \$50 **Jodi McGinley**, \$50 **Carson Baker**, \$30 **Bob Lee**, \$25 **Cassie** (me) and \$20 **Kathy Richardson**. **Pat Hannon** donated many lottery scratch-offs which were also given out. Lots of fun!

Nunzio Milazzo was honored with the **John Pucillo** award for his contributions to the NY Chapter. Once again the lovely Pucillo daughters made the long trip to L. I. for the presentation, thanks Linda and Irene. They mentioned the passing of their brother, John Jr. this past August so remember them in your prayers.

Another award was given to **Ron Feingold**, **Donna's** husband, not by us, but Adelphi University. He was on their faculty department, chairman and dean, and now has the computer classroom named for him. The dedication was November 6th. Since I don't even own a computer, I think Ron should be our new secretary. All in favor say Aye - Louder!

Evelyn & Mike Schroeder are off to Hawaii for three months after the holidays. Once again they forgot to leave their address with me. It's a small island, I'll find them. Nobody else reported any trips.

Flags out for Pearl Harbor Day. Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas and the best to all in 2016. Keep your prayers going for all in need.

Calendar:

February 3 - Milleridge Inn

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We had a wonderful crowd of 87 for our November lunch, but no new members or guests this time. Our meeting happened to fall on Veterans Day and many in attendance were wearing patriotic colors. One of our

female members served in the Air Force nurse corps and several gentlemen in attendance served in the military. Long time member **Margaret Borbley** entertained us with an original song, "Thanks to our Services", sung to the tune of "Thanks for the Memories".

Thankfully, no deaths were reported again this month!

Sick List: **Veulah Lorts** remains at Holladay Park Plaza but is doing much better, and is beginning limited mobility using a walker.

Announcements/New Business: Everyone was reminded that open enrollment ends November 20th. **Marilyn Woods**, our talented artist, is having a Holiday sale two weekends in December, 12/5-6 and 12/12-13, which will include note cards, pillows and totes printed with images of her paintings, and, of course, paintings and ceramics. **Dennis Cline** told us about Washington Family Ranch, a 63,000 acre retreat center in Antelope, Oregon, run by Young Life and encouraged all to look into this marvelous setting.

Anniversaries: **Bill & Sara Petersen**.

Birthdays: **Anita Donaldson**, **Sara Petersen**, **Sarah Blare**, **Lorene Ludeman**, **Beryl Rennie**, and **Bill Petersen**.

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize ~ **Emily Pittman-Newberry**, Men's Birthday ~ **Bill Petersen**, Women's Birthday ~ **Anita Donaldson**, 50/50 ~ **Sara Petersen**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

January 13 - Social

February 10 – Social



OUR CLUB

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O.K. so November came and went and you did not hear from us. My fallback excuse is our meetings are after the deadline and I am sticking with that. We had a wonderful luncheon at the new Tokyo Restaurant in Grants Pass on November 6th, hosted by **Sonnica Appleton**. Our surprise guest was our new Western Regional Director **Tom Cunningham** and his beautiful wife, **Barbara**. I think we may have frightened them at first by all of us gathering around and welcoming them to our wonderful town along the Rogue River. We were given much needed information concerning passes, insurance and general information that is sometimes overwhelming for some of us. Seeing we do not have CVS pharmacies in Oregon, it is still a mystery if we will

have prescription coverage by mail or coverage period. Someone please answer our phone calls!



We had our usual 50/50 drawing and it was not awarded to a host for a change. Our usual 11 members were there and counting the Cunninghams, we went over our quota. We later heard from them once they were safely home that they spent the night in Medford as they could not get on a flight but enjoyed their visit with us. We look forward to their return and sharing more information with us. Thank you for making us your first official visits with your new office Tom.

Now, on to our annual Christmas Party. Our hosts were **Peggy & Bob Wright** who went above and beyond with decorations, treats and wonderful holiday gift raffle prizes. President **Ric Walcha** said he was overwhelmed by how festive the room looked. The event was held at the Tap Rock Restaurant which is on the Rogue River and a beautiful setting if you are ever in our area. The food was great and the waiter did a wonderful job keeping everyone happy. We decided instead of having elections and a 50/50 drawing, we would only have raffle tickets sold and may the best person win. Peggy & Bob did a great job of selecting the prizes for the event. President Ric won a gift card to Home Depot along with a good sized mug for lots of latté to hold, **Russ & Alberta Randall** won a gift card to Dutch Brothers coffee, **Marge Calkins** won an ultra-blush large blanket for those cold winter nights we have been having. Ric and I donated two very beautiful table runners to the holiday raffle that were won by **Russ & Alberta Randall** and **Laurie Jordan**. Seeing **Marge Calkins** is such a great crafter, I asked her if she would make those for us so we could offer them as prizes. They were a big hit and I was just disappointed we didn't win one.

For something different, we decided to have a white elephant gift exchange and that proved to be a big hit as well. There was only one steal and that was from the last person picking his gift so guess all were pleased

with what they opened. Our elections of officers will be held in January along with the business meeting. We thought it would be nice to have a holiday party without all the political stuff. Most of the group did pay their yearly dues so poor **Linda Althouse** did have some work to do. Something else new we tried was selling the raffle tickets at the door, so Linda would not have to stop eating her meal to do this job. It worked out so good we decided to make that the new normal for tickets. Now all we have to do is convince her to come early for every meeting to do that. She is a busy lady so sometimes it just takes a smile pleading face to ask, a tear or two helps as well.

I know this will be in January newsletter so we wish you all a very Happy New Year and may God Bless each and every one of you.

Personal note from me: I don't know if this will happen but if by chance it does, "Go Packers" Once you are raised in Wisconsin you are a Packers fan for life. Just had to say that for all my fellow State of Wisconsin people. I may live in Oregon now but your heart remains a Packers fan.

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November 9th, a buffet lunch was enjoyed by all 29 members at the Clarion Essington.

The 50/50 was won by **Harold Turney, Rosemarie Frei** won the free lunch.

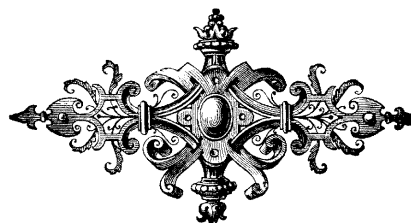
Many items were brought to send to the troops overseas in the war torn areas.

Matt Sonderman gave us a name to take them to as recommended by the Wounded Warriors.

Our speaker was Shane Levy, he is an expert on insurance and Medicare supplements.

Our sick list continues. Remember **Tom Lyons, Lou Meyer, Marilyn Sonderman, Mr & Mrs. Gressler** and **Al & Kathy Edwards**.

More about our Christmas dinner in the next issue. We have no meetings in January and February.





PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Happy and Healthy New Year to one and all. Welcome to another year.

The Pit-Stoppers last get-together for 2015 will have been held on December 9th, so we'll cover that in the next issue.

Once again we lost another of our members ~ **William "Bill" Alex** passed away on November 12th. Bill had 37 years with Capital and United. Bill along with his wife Verna were very active members of the Pit-Stoppers. In addition to being a talented musician, he was a very accomplished tennis player. I can recall the many mischievous pranks he pulled along with Markella and Treatie. They spent many a day in the office explaining (ha-ha). Condolences can be sent to Verna and family at 2120 Lenore Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Our roving reporter and Good Samaritan **Jim Weber** visited **Barb Guida** at the Residence at Willow Lane and lo and behold, he ran into **Ann Mariana**, wife of former PIT senior agent **Jack Mariana**. Ann is a patient there and also suffers from dementia. Thank you Jim for being such a caring individual despite all your health issues.

Best wishes to a speedy recovery to our President **Dave Beatty**. Dave is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery, hopefully he will be as good as new. Dave's address is 215 Norman Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Our January Birthday Greetings to **Betty Musko** (23rd), **Steve Moliterno** (26th), **Betty Tinney** (27th).

Happy Anniversary to **Ed & Kay Yauch** (25th).

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Our November meeting was hosted by **Mike & Barbara Chapin** at the Lakeside Tavern in Knoxville. 24 members and guest were in attendance.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Secretary's report was also read and accepted.

Cal Anthony, one of the founders of Tennessee Rocky Tops, passed away in November.

We are donating \$100.00 to Hospice of Crossville in his memory.

Betty Shipe went to stay with **Maxine Anthony** for a week. No service is planned.

We have two new members: **Bea Edwards** (IADSW) and **Penny Robinson** (LAXSW). On this subject, **Carolyn Hartshorn** has put ads in local papers to see if we can find more retirees in the Knoxville area.

Les Hartshorn won the 50/50 for \$31.00. Door prizes were won by **Robbie Corbin**, **Sue Ferrell** and **John (Al Barkman's son-in-law)**.

Well that's it for now. Happy holiday to y'all and come and see us if you're ever in Tennessee.

Calendar:

December 17 - Social breakfast at the Egg and I at 10:00am

January 21 - Meeting place is TBA, hosted by **Noreen Koan** and **Ray Perry**

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The Emerald City Slickers met for the last time in 2015 on November 10.

President **Ken Storey** welcomed members and guests before leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He saluted those who had served in the military on this day before Veterans' Day.

Our special guests for the day were **Tom Cunningham**, our new RUAEA Northwest Region Director, and his wife **Barbara**, who came up from their home in Pleasanton, California to meet the chapter and to introduce themselves to our group.

Upon being asked how he had gotten hooked up with those of us in the Pacific Northwest, **Tom** commented that he had volunteered to take the position when nobody in the area stepped forward to fill the shoes of **Jack Hooper**, the retiring director. Thanks for filling in, **Tom**! We look forward to working with you and getting to know you better.

Another guest, **Jim Fauber**, was introduced and greeted the chapter. We hope he'll add his name to the roster early in the year.

Local chapter dues are due and payable - \$10 a year with checks made payable to RUAEA. This does not include membership in the national organization, but we urge all retirees to join both groups to get the full benefits of RUAEA and the Emerald City Slickers membership.

Ed & Gay Liesse had organized a drive for nonper-

ishable food items for a local food bank and toys to be distributed by the Marines Toys 4 Tots program and chapter members contributed generously, including a few cash donations.

Because we don't meet in December, the collection was conducted at the November luncheon. Everyone seemed excited to be doing something for the community. It was fun and enlightening to see the items provided. Perhaps this will become an annual project.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** conducted the drawings for a multitude of door prizes – some provided by the chapter and others donated by attendees.

Lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Laverne (Bud) Dice**. Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during November or December were recognized.

Officers will meet immediately after the January 12 luncheon to brainstorm and plan for the coming year and to organize projects for the national convention to take place in Seattle in September.

Volunteers and draftees who have definite assignments by that time will be announced in the February RUAEA Newsletter. We'll keep you posted as planning progresses. Banquet table decorations and tours already are in good hands.

Until further notice, we will continue to meet for lunch on the second Tuesdays of January through May and September through December with lunch at the Elks Club in Burien, Washington.

If you're up our way, we'd be pleased if you'd put us on your calendar and plan to join us for lunch. Because menu choices are scheduled in advance, we do require that you reserve a meal.

To get the ball rolling, send an e-mail to **Gay Liesse** at the address above, and she'll route your request to its proper destination. Most likely, that would include a request to **Vicki Shumaker**, editor of our chapter newsletter, *Contrails*, asking her to forward you a copy of the latest issue, which includes details on making luncheon reservations.

Once again, we end on a sad note. **Lyle Lindblad** passed away November 23 after a period of declining health. While he did not work for the company long enough to retire, **Lyle** had worked at United Airlines as a customer service supervisor for many years before leaving to start his own business.

Lyle was born and raised in the Puget Sound area and studied theater at the University of Washington. He had interesting stories to tell about his experiences working in General MacArthur's office after World War II. **Lyle** is survived by his wife, **Phyllis Stillson Lindblad**, also an active member of RUAEA, four children, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. **Phyllis** had worked for United as a flight attendant, and in sales and reservations.

2016 already? It can't be!

Calendar:

January 12 - Lunch at Burien Elks

February 9

March 8

LILAC CITY FLYERS

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Lilac City Flyers met on November 29th at "Dau Stein Haus" for Christmas Dinner/Gift exchange. Lots of laughs, the food was excellent. Someone mentioned "we have arrived", when gifts mainly are food (cookies and candy).

Attendees were **Les Graham** with Lorie and Larry (daughter and son), **Vera** was not able to attend as her surgery took place six days earlier, she is doing wonderful, so says her family, **David & Theresa Reisenauer**, **Jerry & Edna Tefft**, **Arnold & Mary Anne Kayl**, **Nada Morse**, **Bob & Edie Clark**, **Frank & Willi Storey**, **Bob Williams** and sister Nancy, **Gary & Sharon Holmes**. **Dottie Higgins** could not attend, outside of being sick, a tree came through her roof during the "Historical Wind Storm".

To friend Pat, Thank You for your generosity from each of us.

Calendar:

January 16 – Dinner, hosted by **Arnold & Mary Anne Kayl** at Ferraro's, 11204 E. Sprague, (509) 928-2303, 1600 hours.

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Hello RUAEA:

Oh my, how the year has sped by us. It is December already. Therefore, I am sending out my Best Wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. We here at Clipped Wings, have accomplished a few things on our agenda with more to come in 2016. It has been an exciting time for our group and we are looking forward to bringing in more retired Flight Attendants in the coming year.

We also have had some sadness with the loss of some of our dear friends this year. We will always remember them and the good times we had flying together.

Again, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.



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NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **November 2015**:

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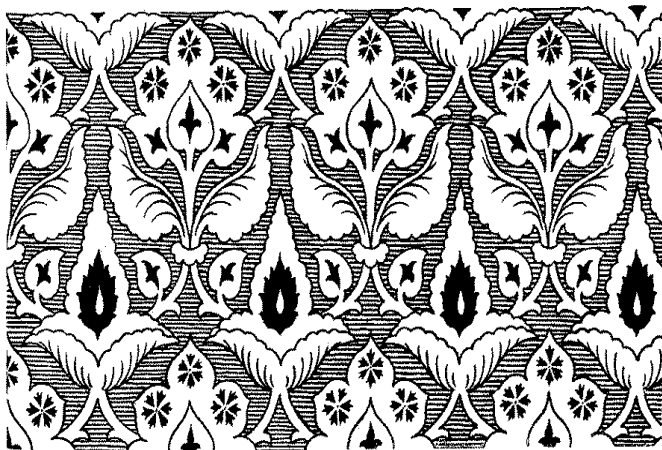
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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **November 2015**:

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Thanks!

OBITUARIES

Correction: In the December, 2015 issue we had an incorrect address. This caused **William M. Cooke** of 11132 Pinehurst Dr., Austin Texas to be thought to be deceased. We are happy to report that Mr. William M. Cooke is alive and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused him, his family and friends.

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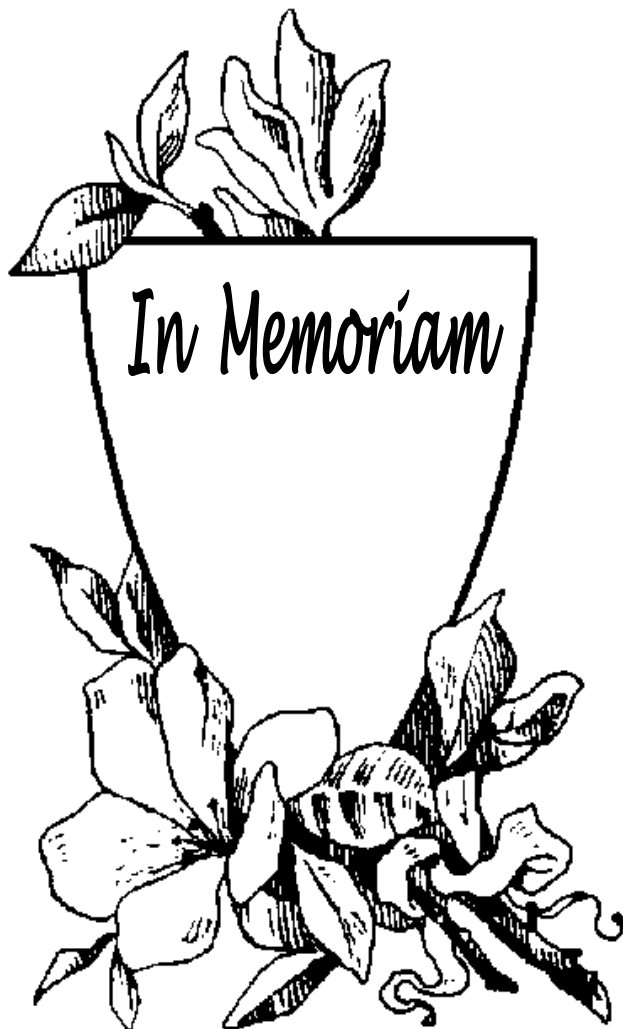
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- Retiree – **Anthony, Calvin C. (Tony)**, on 11/7/2015, ORDMM, husband of Helen M. Anthony, 118 Morris Lane, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558
- Retiree – **Beese, Peter H.**, on 11/14/2015, SFOPA, husband of Michelle A. Beese, 4723 Monte Mar Dr., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
- Retiree – **Calderwood, John D.**, on 9/2/2015, IADFF, husband of Dianne D. Calderwood, 12368 Tacketts Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22556
- Retiree – **Dawson, John E.**, on 11/25/2015, DENCS, husband of Joan Dawson, 11004 Ash Place, Thornton, CO 80233
- Retiree – **Hoffman, Mary Lou**, on 11/18/2015, DENPP, sister of Jim Hoffman, 1405 S. Salem Way, Aurora, CO 80012
- Retiree – **Graham, Roy F.**, on 10/15/2015, DENMM, husband of Diane Graham, 270 N 14th Ave., Brighton, CO 80601
- Spouse – **Lanzaro, Linda**, on 11/3/2015, wife of George R. Lanzaro, NYCRR, 317 Margene Ct., Northvale, NJ 07647

- Retiree – **Mahan, Richard D.**, on 11/16/2015 DENMM/GQ husband of Patricia A. Mahan (Deceased) 13149 Elizabeth St., Thornton, CO 80241
- Retiree – **Martinez, John A. (Jack)**, on 11/29/2015, SFOEG, husband of Susan L. Martinez, 3989 Casanova Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403
- Retiree – **Pabian, Dorothy A.**, on 9/21/2013, SFOFF, wife of Frank Pabian (Deceased), mother of Valerie (King) Pabian, 49 Ensenada Rd., San Carlos, CA 94070
- Spouse – **Steckel, Hilda L.**, on 10/27/2015, wife of John S Steckel, SFOOV (Deceased), 6 Homestead View, Washington, MO 63090
- Retiree – **Szal, Henry A.**, on 11/23/2015, EWROO, husband of Danuta Szal, 4610 Larkenheath Dr., Springhill, FL 34609
- Retiree – **Visser, Theresa**, on 10/20/2015, HDQRC, wife of John Visser (Deceased), 12565 W Renaissance Unit 305, Lockport, IL 60441
- Retiree – **Weikle, Warren F.**, on 11/14/2015, HNLFO, husband of Ruth Weikle, 4560 Vallejo St., Denver, CO 80211



LETTERS



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

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

Barbara Anable, Patricia Austin, Sina Beck, Michael Bowles, Patrick Byrne, Margaret Claeys, Ruth Conrad, Laura Ehas, Ronnie Errichson, Pedro Franco, Marilyn Fry, Ardell Furuta, David Fusina, Gay Givens, Jeanne Hamblin, Jesse Hicks, Roy Hicks, Jessie Hiltbold, Betty Hopkins, Robert Jaworski, Robert Kaczor, Paula Kielas, Raymond Knazik, Caroline Manelski, Joni Manley, Luella McGill, Janet Meyer, Papee Mossman, Celena Nash, June ODonnell, Clifton Reik, Marlene Rosenberg, Lloyd Stephens, Ken Story, Ele Syoen, Wayne Tarr, Therese Tasse, Shirley Telegdy, Michael Tipper, Ginny Vlach, John Woytovich.

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.)

Dianne Calderwood, 12368 Tacketts Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22556

My husband John passed away on September 2, 2015; he retired from IAD March 1, 2002. His death was due to COPD and pneumonia, which he struggled with for 4 years.

He began his career with UAL in ATL in 1961, then transferred to LAX in 1986. The last station IAD was his home place, where he retired in 2002. He noticed

many changes in the airline business and gladly retired. We enjoyed going to the meeting and meeting old and new friends.

I still want to receive the newsletter. It has much needed information and I thank you all for the great work involved in the publishing of it.

D.T. Ferrell, 401 Burney Cir., Knoxville, TN 37934

It seems like yesterday that I flew my last B-737 flight from TPA to IAD. All of the passengers signed my shirt for remembrances of my last United Airlines flight. End of a great career where I worked with a lot of outstanding people of United Airlines. I miss everyone and that great Company!

Phyllis M. Easley, 882 Annesley Circle, Meadville, PA 16335

Thanks for producing the paper version of the newsletter. I read every word and the pictures are good!

Enclosed is my check for renewal as I don't want to miss an issue.

We enjoyed the PIT Convention the 2nd time as much as the 1st time. Thanks to all who worked so hard for us who attended. Looking forward to SEA for the 2nd time as well.

Happy Holidays to all and a Blessed 2016!

Nancy Enos, 15831 Norwich Cir., Westminster, CA 92683

Thank you for providing so much valuable information to retirees. I often clip out articles and the phone number column. It would be helpful if pages could have simple date at bottom corner giving current issue, i.e. 11/1/15 would be the current one being published, or 11/15. I usually write the date when I clip them out but sometimes I forget and then wonder how current the information is.

Fred Kremerskotter, 1430 Fallen Leaf Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035

It has been a fast year and this December I turned 80. However, I still enjoy good health and love to hike with my friends from the Sierra Club. My 17 year old grandson joined me again this past summer for a week in Yosemite. We managed to climb from Tanaya Lake to the summit of 10,000 ft. Clouds Rest and then descended 6,000 ft. to the valley floor. Naturally, he was always a mile ahead of me.

In early summer, I was off on a more relaxing trip to the alpine villages of Europe, visiting Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. A post trip visited Salzburg and Munich for a few days in these great cities. But the highlight of the trip was the cog rail ride to the Jungfrauoch from where we enjoyed fabulous views of the surrounding mountains.

In October, I crossed the Atlantic again for a river cruise through the Bordeaux wine area of France. The grapes had already been picked, but I care mostly for the end product anyway; and we had ample opportunities to taste the fine wines. The tour ended with a week in beautiful Toulouse. Our stay in Paris was brief, but I had been there before. With only one day of rain, and mild weather throughout, this was a great trip.

It is also time again to submit the annual dues and to thank you folks for the great job you are doing; thank you so much.

Emmett Landrum, 141 Yorkshire Ct., San Bruno, CA 94068

Another year has gone by and another year older, 90 of them this year. Also another anniversary, 60 years: I never thought we would make it!

I have seen many old UAL and Navy friends, who are not around anymore.

Our sons helped us celebrate by taking us to places that we went to when they were young. We went to Tahoe and took the cable ride up the mountain and had a great lunch. That evening, we were taken for dinner on the tour boat. The next day, we journeyed to Virginia City. That old town has come alive with lots to see and good food.

Some bad news, I have not driven my Porsche for some time as it has no lights in the rear; the fuses were blown. I have looked and a Porsche mechanic has also looked but we were not able to find the short.

So I decided to remove the driver's seat, to look up under the dash. I rolled the car out on the driveway and took the seat loose. Then I went stupid! I did not chock the wheels! As I pulled the seat out, it hit the parking brake. The car rolled over my right foot, then over my right arm, dragging it until the car stopped in the middle of the street. My hand was trapped until two neighbor ladies came to my rescue. They shoved the car enough so I was able to get my hand out and called 911. The paramedics came and took me to San Francisco General, where I was well taken care of.

My arm is a mess from the wrist to the elbow on top but the bottom is good. I am healing but still don't know if the skin can be saved yet, after a week's time.

I feel good otherwise but I am not able to make it to the UAL or IAM meetings for a while. I still have my Ford to drive when I feel better.

Thank goodness, I finished working on airplanes and ships. I finished work on the 1931 SJR last month and it has been sold.

Gloria said I was finished working on the ship at Albany NY last year. She said I was getting too old. Let the younger guys have my bunk.



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

If it weren't for those red letters in the address section of the newly received Newsletter, it's possible that you wouldn't be getting this check now. Thanks for the reminder.

My wife and I have had a pretty good year. At the end of August, along with 2 other couples, we went on a Danube River cruise. It was all excellent: the hotels at end, the food, the cruise line, and the tours provided for us at each port.

We only had one problem, United Airlines. Our flight from ORD to FRA was 2½ hrs. late! Therefore, we missed our scheduled connection and had to be re-accommodated on 2 flights to get us to Budapest; each on a different carrier (we bought tickets and traveled coach). We arrived at BUD, but our luggage did not. Mine finally arrived the morning we left the hotel to board the boat.

Thank goodness the travel agent suggested to my wife that we make 2 piles of the clothes we were taking and put each pile in a different checked bag. Thus my wife had some clothes to wear; the boat was nice enough to do our laundry free. The day we flew out of ORD was the last day we saw my wife's luggage. That was a bummer.

Thank you many times for all the work you do on behalf of the members of RUAEA. If it weren't for the volunteers, there wouldn't be the great organization that it is.

John Lunde, 351 Crestline Ct., Lowell, IN 46356

On Saturday, October 3, 2015 some of the "Old Timer" retirees from ORDCS had a get together at Giuseppe's Pizzeria in Des Plaines, IL.

In attendance were **Ken & Arlene Shabino** from Pulver, IN, **Mitch Russo, Carol Ann O'Shea, Mark Hoffmeister, Bob Tesmer** and his son, Bob Jr., **Chuck Pavilionis** and **Jack Lunde** from Lowell, IN. It was wonderful to renew old friendships.

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

It is Thanksgiving and I have found myself behind with dues.

But, what a perfect time to send it in and say thanks you for all you stand for: our past, our present and our future! Your efforts and pride in our newsletter does not go unappreciated! I am sure for many of us who are now homebound, have many fond memories of our United Airlines careers.

Some of the letters we read bring tears to our eyes and some bring joy. It is so enjoyable to read what each chapter from all over our great USA is doing and how they celebrate together. We were all one and still are one family.

Roy Rardin, 15461 E 33rd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011

My wife, Ethel has had 2 operations for a staph infection in her left leg in October 2015. During the following 3 weeks, the surgeon noticed that the operation was not healing and the flesh was dying. He told us then that if it doesn't start healing soon the leg would have to be amputated.

Our daughter, Irene works at Children's Hospital. She saw Ethel's chart and noticed 2 blockages in an artery and asked the surgeon about clearing the blockages. He said that would not be viable.

Irene refused to accept his solution of amputation and bypassed him and managed to get a vascular surgeon in our health group to examine the wound. He said he should have been consulted earlier; but could still replace the artery. The 5 hour operation took place 4 days later on November 12th.

The wound is healing nicely now and we expect to have her released from rehab by mid-December.

John Thomas, 810 Gonzalez Dr. 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132,

I first met Kenny Ahern, a ramp serviceman from Boston, back in 1968. His first greeting to me was "What a country, Scotty, **what a country**". He was so right then and I have used those words many times over since.

In 1979, my wife Helen conned me into going to see her doctor, who happened to be a cardiologist. Two weeks later, I had open heart surgery. The surgeon was Jewish and the cardiologist was Irish. After I recovered, my wife then lined me up with a family doctor, Chinese, who set about lowering my cholesterol from 350. My last lab test, two months ago, was 120 with the LDL (the bad cholesterol) at 59, the lowest ever for me. Two weeks ago my dentist, Japanese, gave me the bad news that I had to have a root canal and referred an endodontic dentist, Chinese. When I went for the root canal last week, I was mighty nervous. The first thing the nurse gave when I was sitting in the chair was a list of movies. I lay back and watched a James Bond movie on a screen above my head and two hours later I was as good as new. It was a most enjoyable root canal experience. What a country!

We have a grandson who is a captain in the U.S. Marines. This month his younger brother became a recruit in the U.S. Marines. Imagine that, my two grandsons are marines. What a country!

Back in 1959, I was hired at the SFO Maintenance Base, after four years in the USAF, on the Friday before Labor Day. Pat Paterson was running the airline in those days. While I was working at UAL, there were many great leaders but I thought there were two who did a fantastic job. Dick Ferris was the one who really opened the door for us to becoming an International

Carrier, when he made the deal with Pan Am. I also thought he was brilliant when he took us into car rentals with Hertz and the hotel business with Hilton and Westin. Unfortunately, others thought otherwise and he was asked to resign. Stephen Wolf also did a fantastic job of expanding our international routes and, as a result, he also expanded our fleet of planes. I was told, as a result of this expansion, making captain went from 25 years down to 10 years and every classification benefited from this expansion. Not bad for a guy who started his airline career as a ramp serviceman for American at SFO. I benefitted from Mr. Wolf when he started flying into Glasgow, Scotland because I was only one mile from my Mother's house. What a country!

What a country, Kenny, **What a country!**

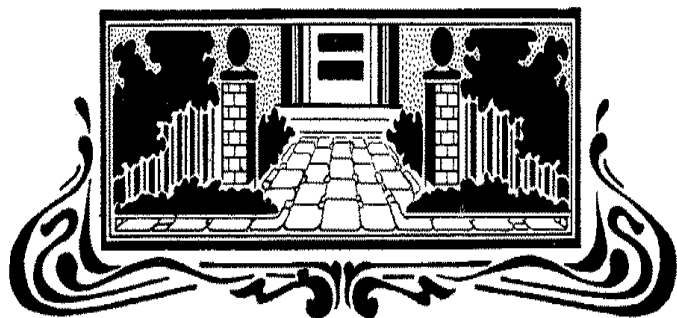
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I would like to thank everybody for the good work all of you are doing. Hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas and a great "New Year".

Don't hear so much anymore from the people in the good old EXO-Personnel department.

Hope my year will be better. I broke my wrists, no fun but that's life, don't want to complain. Now, it's Christmas time and we all should be happy!

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Please keep them coming!*



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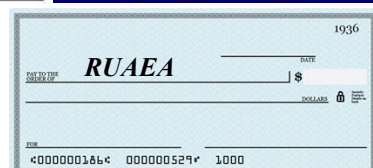
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