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RUAFA CONVENTION 2005 WRAP-UP

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD! The theme for the **RUAFA Convention 2005**, which is now history. This convention was a resounding success, and offered a great deal of events for all of the attendees. We have received a great deal of accolades during the convention, after the Friendship Dinner on Friday, & the Banquet on Saturday. We all are grateful for the wonderful comments, and are very pleased that the entire week long convention turned out so well. Additionally, we have been very pleased to have received a number of emails with so many positive comments.

The Committee Members all realize that without the great attendance at the Convention, our efforts would have been in vain. It is **YOU**, the RUAFA members, who made the great efforts & sacrifices to attend this function that truly made it such a success. We are eternally grateful to **ALL** of you, also to the great many talented folks who labored & donated their arts & crafts to the convention. You helped to make this extravaganza a truly memorable event. **Thank you, one and all!**

The RUAFA Convention 2005 Committee members extend to **EVERYONE** our heartfelt thanks for your participation. Organizing this event for the past 10 months has been a labor of love for us. All of us understand the importance of staying in touch with so many others - enjoying the times we share. Time grows shorter for all of us; we all understand how wonderful it is to see old friends, also meet new ones at these events. It has been our extreme pleasure to organize the Convention 2005 for everyone who attended. For those who could not, you will read about it in the future Newsletters.

The RUAFA Convention 2006 will be held at the **Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia**. This location is excellent, as it is close to Washington, D.C., the seat of our government. The location offers a tremendous amount of things to see & do. You will not lack for anything to visit & tour. What a great location!

You will be informed of the activities available to you at the RUAFA Convention 2006 from the RUAFA Convention 2006 Committee members, starting with the Oct. 2005 RUAFA Newsletter. Look forward to it, - make your plans to attend.

I hate to be redundant, but once again, from all of the Committee members of the RUAFA Convention 2005, our heartfelt thanks to all of you. We wish you the best of health & happiness. We are very pleased to have made a part of 2005 a very memorable time for you.

As they say in Hollywood, **THAT'S A WRAP!**

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ARTS & CRAFTS WINNERS AND DONORS - RUAEA CONVENTION 2005

<u>WINNER</u>	<u>ART/CRAFT</u>	<u>DONOR/ARTIST</u>
1. B. Bliss	Planter	Donated by Hal Klobe
2. Lee Price	Wooden Airplane	Donated by Bob Taiciet
3. Barbara Bertacini	Framed Plane Pictures & 2 T-shirts	Donated by Francis Domaratius
4. D. Stroud	Wooden Box w/ note cards & 2 T-shirts	Donated by Francis Domaratius
5. Linda Kauhane	Two Scarves	Donated by Diane Lange
6. Pearl Fjugstad	Two Scarves	Donated by Diane Lange
7. Shirley Griffin	UAL Afghan	Donated by Joan Boerman
8. Curt Stenberg	Picture of Elizabeth Taylor	Donated by Jim Ferrance
9. Gene Menten	Blue Afghan	Donated Mary Szabo
10. Dorothy Overbey	Framed "Forever Friends" Needlepoint	Donated by Cathy O'Connor
11. Lorrie Wax	Framed Photo "The Creek"	Donated by Maureen-LaMarre Marks
12. Vic Swanson	Framed Photo "Posing"	Donated by Maureen-LaMarre Marks
13. Barbara Seaholm	Autographed Baseball (Richie Sexton)	Donated by Betty Tomaino
14. Arno Schaetzke	Autographed Baseball (Randy Winn)	Donated by Betty Tomaino
15. Mardele Celestin	Autographed Baseball & Pictures (Don Baylor)	Donated by Betty Tomaino
16. Gloria & Herb Rosskamp	Autographed Baseball (Don Baylor)	Donated by Betty Tomaino
17. Betty Schaetzke	Autographed Baseball (Bret Boone)	Donated by Betty Tomaino
18. Patty McGreal	Autographed Baseball (Adrian Beltre)	Donated by Betty Tomaino
19. A. Edkin	Teddy Bear Needlework	Donated by Marianne Blasco
20. Linda Harris	"Iris" - by Van Gogh	Donated by Donna Klobe
21. Patty McGreal	Framed Picture (Early Morning)	Donated by Jacqueline Sontheimer
22. Fred O'Keefe	Two Framed Flower Pictures	Donated by Rebecca Booker-Weidner
23. Leon Wyant	Green Afghan	Donated by Tina Acoba
24. Bob Griffin	Framed Welcome Needlepoint	Donated by Marianne Blasco
25. Adele (No Last Name)	Table Runner	Donated by Marianne Blasco
26. Marlene Garcia	White Afghan	Donated by Phyllis Easley
27. Maureen Williams	CD Music featuring Irv McIntyre & the cross cut saw	Donated by Irv McIntyre
28. Phyllis Easley	Pictures by Michael	Donated by Hal & Donna Klobe
29. Shirley Griffin	Beaded Ornament	Donated by Fran Elsner
30. Marjorie Martin	Beads In Bowl	Donated by Jeanne Sellon
31. Joyce Cason	Mountain Painting	Donated by Jim Jenkins
32. Hal Zinger	Lake Painting	Donated by Jim Jenkins
33. Phyllis Easley	Trivet & Coasters	Donated by Ray Jeffery
34. Charlene Casanova	UAL Serving Tray	Donated by Harry Walton
35. Paul Cazaglis	Trivet & Coasters	Donated by Harry Walton
36. Vilma Hanes	Three Trivets	Donated by Ray Jeffery
37. Eddy Dent	Chinese Checker Board	Donated by Lloyd E. Towne
38. Jan Sherbert	Christmas Wreath	Donated by Rebecca Booker-Weidner
39. Barbara Edkin	Large Wreath	Donated by Rebecca Booker-Weidner
40. Pearl Winne	Silver Necklace	Donated by Lee Gill
41. Bennett Messer	Side Table	Donated by Hubert Malco
42. Irvin & Sherrie Wolfram	Nutcracker	Donated by Hubert Malco
43. Eddy Dent	Sand Art	Donated by Diane Lange
44. Pat O'Shaughnessy	Bird Feeder	Donated by Hal Klobe
45. Jean Tolle	Ceramic Bowl	Donated by Pearl Fjugstad
46. Bob Griffin	Ceramic Basket	Donated by Pearl Fjugstad
47. Joanne Huhn	Driftwood Carving	Donated by Howard Lackey
48. Bernie McNamee	Driftwood Carving	Donated by Howard Lackey
49. Paul Cohen	Framed Trees in Oil	Donated by Joan Denton-Jervis
50. Allan Popek	Two UAL Art Pieces - Planes	Donated by Joe Tomasic
51. Nancy Bessenbacher	Punch Needle Art (Pansies)	Donated by Marian Owens
52. Pearl Fjugstad	Punch Needle Art (Roses)	Donated by Marian Owens

53. Shirley Criscione	Punch Needle Art (Country)	Donated by Marian Owens
54. Carol O'Keefe	Indian Eagle Painting	Donated by Thomas Wheaton
55. A. Edkin	Two UAL Art Pieces (Planes)	Donated by Joe Tomasic
56. Dawn Kealoha	Water Color (Flowers in Teapot)	Donated by Marilyn Wilkins
57. Pat O'Shaughnessy	Painted Denim Shirt	Donated by Helen Mae Cain
58. Wilma Sandy	Crystal Necklace	Donated by Fran Elsner
59. Chris Czaplewski	Necklace	Donated by Patty McGreal
60. Harvey Sampson	Scarf, Necklace, Earrings	Donated by Patty McGreal

LOST & FOUND DEPARTMENT

The following items were left at the hotel during the Hollywood Convention:

1. 1 pair of prescription sunglasses left on the Palm Springs bus #1.
2. 1 pair of wrap around, non-prescription sunglasses.
3. 1 pair of reading glasses in a light brown leather case.
4. 1 baseball type hat with Budweiser written on it.
5. 1 silver and jewel broach.

If the owners will e-mail or send their address to:

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He will mail the item to you.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO JIM FERRANCE, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2005 HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION.

Dear Jim:

I feel like a movie star!

The RUAEA convention in Hollywood could not have been better if it had been written in a script!

Who else would plan a convention & then have Rene Zellwegger receive her star across the street from us? Who else would plan a convention during the final two days of the American Idol Competition while we watched celebrities walking down the red carpet and being interviewed?

And, that's not all!

Our accommodations at the luxurious Renaissance with views of the Planetarium, downtown L.A. & the historic Capitol Record building right outside our window were breathtaking!

Accolades to everyone from the greeters to the organizers of the pension discussions. Kudos for the fantastic tours, fabulous cocktail parties, wonderful dinners & programs! Just the best!

Please thank everyone involved in developing every aspect of this star-studded splendid event. Your efforts were truly appreciated! It couldn't have been better!

Take a bow ReLAXers!!! You are awesome!

Most sincerely,

Karen Dietrich LAXSW

This is one of many messages complimenting Hal Klobe, Convention Chairman and his entire committee. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you. RUAEA Officers, Directors, Office Staff & Members.

GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE CEO AND PRESIDENT OF UNITED AIRLINES, INC.

Dear United Retirees:

I am very pleased to communicate with all of you at such an important time for our company. This spring marked a significant point for United Airlines as we concluded a series of difficult but essential

steps that will allow us to move ahead with our goal of becoming a financially strong, viable & sustainable enterprise.

It is a goal we have worked hard to achieve, even though many said we could not succeed. We have gone from a company in deep financial crisis to one that is doing better work for our customers and for our future together.

By the end of May, we reached consensual agreements with all six of our labor union groups after a great deal of hard work, based on a realistic understanding of the issues that the entire airline industry is now facing.

We will maintain that momentum, focus our energy on improving our company and serving our customers. We know we have more to do; we will work to improve every day as companies that win in the marketplace do.

I also want to take this opportunity to compliment RUAEA on the very positive relationship you have developed with United's leadership. Two years ago, I met with Jim Fauber & Marlin Lade to explore ways of improving communication, providing for retiree input and encouraging ways for RUAEA to assist in our effort to be a leader once again in today's dramatically changed marketplace. Since then, we have had periodic meetings with Marlin, Mort Wax & Ed Tolle. I am also familiar with your group through my experience as guest speaker at the Chicago RUAEA Convention two years ago.

Ed has communicated with my office on current activities and provided retiree assistance in various company-sponsored projects, such as the "Chicago Y-ME Breast Cancer Run" in May and the "Run for the Zoo" in June. This is great help, I want to thank Ed and all of the rest of you for supporting United as we invest in the communities that are so important to us.

On behalf of all of us at headquarters, thanks again for your efforts to help return this airline to its rightful leadership position in the global aviation industry. I hope to arrange a future visit with RUAEA.

In the meantime, as always, stay United.

Glenn Tilton

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hal Klobe & his staff of committed volunteers, assisted by Bud Hubbard, Bill Betters (also Lynn & Norma), have been working over the past year to offer all of us RUAEA members an outstanding Convention in Hollywood, CA. This convention again afforded us the opportunity to renew our ties & relationships with fellow associates & retirees. Plus the benefits panel, questions, answers, and the breakout sessions addressed many issues of great interest & concern. Of special interest were Pensions and the PBGC. A Pensions Manager from the Pension Department, plus four representatives from the PBGC gave us a comprehensive summary of the current status and what to expect from whom. We thank them and the whole benefits panel for sharing their time and expertise with us.

A major milestone in the bankruptcy proceedings and the recovery of United Airlines was reached this week (May 31) with agreements in principle reached by all the unions & the company. I believe this is the turning point for United Airlines to successfully exit bankruptcy and build on the future. (See Glenn Tilton's letter in this newsletter).

In our annual business meeting we reviewed the current status of RUAEA plus the direction our organization is going. We identified the principals, both elected & appointed, who will lead RUAEA into the future. Helen Cauwels will write a summary of the business meeting & the Board of Directors' meeting in next month's newsletter. In subsequent newsletter various officers & I will write articles keeping you informed of activities relating to retirees' issues, concerns & causes; also to the developments of United Airlines, especially as they affect us.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

NEW TED FLIGHTS LAUNCH SEPT. 7

Beginning Sept. 7, 2005 & continuing through the fall, Ted service will be offered to popular destinations in the US, Mexico & the Caribbean, comprising part of its previously announced 20% fleet expansion.

Additional routes to be served by Ted's fleet expansion will be announced in the future.

The multi-route launch meets increasing customer demand for Ted service in these markets, represents a conversion of several United mainline routes to Ted, as well as one route that is brand new to United. As announced in March, 9 Airbus 320 aircraft are being converted from United to the Ted configuration to provide this service.

We've had such positive customer response to Ted in the last year, along with strong financial & operational results, prompting us to continue to launch Ted service in markets with significant low fare demand. The success of Ted continues to be driven by the effort & focus our employees have on ensuring we provide a high-quality customer experience.

Effective Sept. 7, 2005, Ted will offer roundtrip service between SFO & Ontario, CA, twice daily. This service is brand new to United, & does not represent a conversion of an existing mainline route to Ted.

Additionally, on the same date, Ted will start service between LAX & PHX with 2 daily flights complemented by continuing UAX service.

Also effective Sept. 7, 2005, the following roundtrip service will be available on Ted, unless otherwise specified:

DEN to MIA, twice daily

Washington Dulles to MIA, twice daily

Effective Oct. 2005, the following roundtrip service will be available on Ted:

CHI O'Hare to San Juan, once daily, effective Oct. 23

CHI O'Hare to MIA, twice daily, effective Oct. 31

Effective Nov. 15, 2005, the following roundtrip service will be available on Ted:

DEN to Cancun, once daily

Washington Dulles to Cancun, once daily

Effective Dec. 18, 2005, the following roundtrip service will be available on Ted:

Washington Dulles to San Juan, once daily

TRAVEL EMBARGO SCHEDULED FOR MID-SUMMER FLIGHTS DEPARTING LONDON

Due to extremely high load factors, an embargo on United flights departing London will be in effect July 21 through Aug. 7 for unaccompanied companions of United employees & retirees; for United Express employees or retirees & their travel eligibles, including companions.

The embargo does not apply to United employees, retirees & their eligible travelers, including accompanied companions, or to travelers from other airlines who are traveling on company business.

United embargoes flights to prevent space-available travelers from being stranded during high travel seasons. For more information on embargoes, see Travel News within SkyNet.

UARGC GOLF TOURNAMENT

159 Retirees attended this years Golf Tournament in Mesquite NV. May 1-3, 2005. 131 golfers competed playing 3 days of golf. There were many winners (too numerous to mention) sharing approximately \$5500.00 in cash prizes; all in attendance received a door prize. We heard there were big winners playing the slots!

A "Thanks" to the following people who donated door prizes; Judy Kulpins, Dick Magee, Jim Geddes, Dick Thompson, Harriet Ahr, Donna Daniels, & the dapper Ziggy Butkiewicz (without his 1920's moustache.)

A very special "Thank You" to our Director, Frank Callahan, for another successful year, Ray Kulpins helping with the score cards, Denny Gorlach running the men's skins game, (how about doing one for the ladies, Denny?) Evie Callahan, & Judy Kulpins for their help with the 50/50 raffle, check-in, & door prizes.

Mark your calendars for April 30 through May 3, 2006. We will be moving to the Eureka Hotel, (Formerly the Holiday) playing the Palmer Course, (formerly the Oasis), and the Vista's renamed the Canyons upon completion of an additional 9 holes. NO FALCON RIDGE, yeah!!

Watch for information in the RUAEA NEWSLETTER the first of next year.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Aug. are due in DEN by Tues. July 6, Sept. reports by 8/5, Oct. reports by 9/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by US Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

The Phoenix AZURES

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For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00pm on the Mon. prior to the breakfast, her number is (623) 935-9235.

5/10 – We had 18 in attendance plus 2 visitors. Sonny (IAD-ops) & Barbara Carnes were first-time visitors, we hope to see them join us in the future. 5/24 we had 21 in attendance, Sonny & Barbara Carnes decided to officially join the Azures.

Our April 9 cookout at Luke AFB was great. We had 58 members & 6 guests. John & Margaret Kaschalk drove from LAX. Roger and Pat Gordoni were guests of Marilyn & Sammy Roberts. Elsie Green was a guest of Ginny & Ben Meyer; Walter Crusik was guest of Sheila & Jack Bonesteel.

After our luncheon we enjoyed a speech & slide show from our guest Reverend Len Silverter. Len & his wife took a sabbatical last year. They visited & taught English in China, India, Thailand & Japan. We thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. Thanks to Mel & Mildred Hofer for asking their pastor to our luncheon.

Bob Lutzinger had a double-knee replacement, was in attendance, glad to see him doing so well. We send our best wishes to Joan Aaronson who is still convalescing from hip replacement surgery. We heard from Don Wohlbrandt that his wife Marsha is ill. George Klick begins another round of chemotherapy. We ask that you keep our members in your prayers. Elsie Dykeman is home recuperating from major back surgery.

Just a reminder, Chapter dues will be collected beginning in Oct. for the session Oct. through April. I'm sure that you could give your next year's dues to Ginny Weiler-Meyer our Treas., anytime from now on. If dues are not paid by the end of the year, your name will be dropped from the Azure roles, thus our mailing list. Ginny's address is 17810 No. Mountain Laurel Trail, Surprise AZ, 85374.

Jim Bechtold took our \$500 donation to the Westside Food Bank in Surprise. He had a tour of the facilities & was greatly impressed. This is a worthy cause & an area that we may consider for volunteer work. Jim is also looking to start a travelers club within our group. He would like your ideas & thoughts on trips that we could take.

Calendar

Coco's breakfast meetings:

July 5 - Azures – Coco's

July 19 - Azures - Coco's

Fall Luncheon:

Oct. 8 - Beardsley Park Ramada #10

Nov. 12 - Luke Air Force Base Luncheon

"I can feel guilty about the past, apprehensive about the future, but only in the present can I act." --Abraham Maslow

PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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The Re-United's May breakfast meeting was held May 18 at Ollie's Omelettes. 21 members & 1 guest attended.

Pete Kuspis had a slight stroke, was hospitalized, but is now at home, doing well.

Bill Van Sant is having a difficult time with arthritis but will attend meetings when he is able.

Bill Hawthorne was hospitalized for surgery, now is in the Mesa Lutheran Rhodes Re-Hab Center. If anyone would like to send a card, their address is Bill & Marie Hawthorne, 1850 S. Westwood St. #21, Mesa, AZ 85210. Marie thanks everyone for their continuing prayers.

Calendar

June 15 - Breakfast meeting.

TALL PINES

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Turnout was good for our May 24 Tall Pines luncheon at the Lone Spur restaurant. We welcome new member Blas Arriaga & wife Mary Ann to our group. Blas retired from SFO MOC. It was good to see the familiar faces of Lynn McCoy, Frank & Vi Stout, & Bob Rowe again.

A discussion was held in regard to our All Arizona Chapters Annual picnic. The date is Sept. 13 at Goldwater Lake - from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, parking is "free". Be sure to bring a brown bag lunch plus drinks (soft that is). The Tall Pines group will provide desserts. We will be holding a "White Elephant Sale" to benefit charity - so start looking in those closets, garages and dressers for those articles you hate to part with but know you should. Flyers will be mailed to all chapters in the near future.

Calendar

July 26 - Lone Spur Restaurant

Aug. 23 - Potluck at Nikki Krauser's home

Sept. 13 - All Arizona Chapter Annual Picnic

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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The Aug. luncheon meeting for the Central Coasters will be on the 17th. It will be hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar (805) 595-2532. Details in flyer.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' May 2005 meeting was hosted brilliantly by Dick Shryock. V.P Jack Hartman presided as Pres. Peggy Oakshott & husband John were off galavanting.

Helen Follansbee was absent getting beautified at a beauty shop in preparation for her & Curt's granddaughter's wedding in HWI.

Not to be missed were jokes by Jack Hartman, Donna Nessling, Nile Jones & Gil Gilbert also an "old west" story by Robert Frost.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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We had a nice luncheon on May 11 at the Rock Garden Cafe in Palm Springs which was sponsored by Karen & Wally Schmidt.

We have a new member, Roland Martin, retiree out of S.F. He worked in cabin equipment, docks, paint, Education & Travel. Glad to have him join us.

Had news from Marge Eastman who reports that she's very busy getting her new home built. It should be pretty well along now.

John Ulsinger was in hospital receiving 3 stents. Hope he gets much better soon. Joyce Bossio was in the hospital for a week at which time they installed a pacemaker. She was still a little pale but doing better.

The afternoon at the Ramona Pagaent was a big success. The play was reported to be great, 28 Sunbirds & guests attended. Joyce Bossio had made the arrangements with some difficulty as there were rainouts, etc.

Vivian Rotella, Lynda Davis, Sandy Sereno & Elaine Aggson teamed up for a golf tournament at Monterey Country Club, came in 4th place. Way to go!

George & Loraine Lantz were both a bit under the weather for our May meeting. Hope it's just a temporary thing.

Ron Aggson gave us these thoughts for the day which I chose to pass along: "Good Judgment is the result of experience. Experience is the result of poor judgment."

Also: George Bush: "I think we can agree that the past is over."

THE SACRAMENTO

GOLD DIGGERS

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The luncheon meeting was held at the Luau Gardens in Rancho Cordava on 4/27.

Pres. Harold Esola thanked himself and his wife Colleen for hosting the luncheon as the members scheduled to be the hosts had to cancel.

There were 76 members present plus 1 new member who was asked to give a short resume of her employment with United.

New Member Elvira (Lovi) Adamis, 4695 Pacific St #33, Rocklin, CA 95677, (916) 625-0133, elsanowat@yahoo.com

Tom Lorry was guest of Dick & Velma Carrol.

Secy. Bob Sample stated that he was in the process of updating the anniversaries so we can announce major milestones. He is also updating the email list. Anyone with a new email address please see him. Any members that would like to update either list can contact me at msamlere@sbcglobal.net. Please state in the "subject" line "Gold Diggers" so I know it isn't spam.

RUEA Regional Director Bob Cuff: The overview of where retirees are today is not a pretty sight. The bankruptcy has been going on too long. Many retirees won't see a change in their monthly payments. Current PBGC maximum payment is \$3801 per month (\$45,613 per year).

Retirees who have medical deductions taken from their pension checks will be billed separately.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREEES

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La Gare Restaurant was the scene of the May 2005 meeting of Redwood Empire Retirees. Pres. Les Carey called the meeting to order. In attendance were 46 members & guests. Les thanked Ivy Cardinaux and Norm & Ann Burnett for hosting the meeting.

V.P. Norm Burnett introduced our guests: Lee Trevelyan & Clem Shanahan, guests of Barney & Clare Hagen.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that as of May 12 the Charity Fund was increasing.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the May birthdays & anniversaries. Joanne Huhn was the winner of the Birthday Lunch. Verda sent cards to Norm Burnett, Joyce Carey & Joanne Huhn. Jim Lea called Verda, asked her to say "Hello" to everyone.

The Sept. meeting is still without hosts.

Thought for the month:

REMEMBER FRED ASTAIRE & GINGER ROGERS? GINGER DID EVERYTHING FRED DID, BUT SHE DID IT BACKWARDS & IN HIGH HEELS!

Calendar:

July 14 - Chalet Basque, San Rafael - Oscar & Joan Chambers

Aug. 11 - Picnic, Anderson Grove - Verda Burr

Re-LAX-ers

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Well, the convention is the high-light, still, even though we've been home a week. We all worked very hard to carry it off; and BY GEORGE, I THINK WE DID IT! The glitches were small & resolved – you were totally unaware of them in most cases. The complaints were very few – and in some cases, legitimate (with locales or providers dutifully notified!). Did you realize we had nearly 800 attendees?

We ran 23 different tours, which involved 34 buses/vans, 2 Catalina Express boats, a bunch of gondolas with over 800 boardings (thanks to you all who took several tours). Can't remember when I worked so hard! The exhilaration in "running the show" was only matched by the time a number of us worked with the '84 Olympic Committee. We found on both occasions that you can run on high nervous energy for the duration because you can see the light at the end of the tunnel, knowing you can go home & "crash" when it's over. No one could do it often, but we sure had fun while it lasted.

(Hank Gosselein hit up a couple of us to help in '06 as Tour Escorts. I think the answer from all has been – "OK. ONE tour! Only!")

We all thank you for coming. We thank you for the many kind & complimentary comments we've received. We also thank the folks who joined with committee members to give helping hands all week. We couldn't-a done it without you!

Now back to day-to-day news:

Ellis Pohlmann dropped a note advising that Anne went into a nursing home May 1. She had her 91st birthday on May 28. Although her memory is slipping (whose isn't?) he reports she still walks, enjoys the comics, is receiving therapy. Ellis is hoping it will allow him to bring her home again as he misses her. (A note/card would be nice—431 S. Burnside Av. #7E, L.A. CA 90036).

Fran Goodrich has battled cancer too many times, but is in remission now. She hopes to go to DEN in June to see her twin grandkids graduate from hi-school. (Card her at 124 Kemper Ln, Fairhope, AL 36532, (251) 990-9666.

Marion Gebert was the victim of a sunny day! At the dock for the Gondola tour, the sun reflected in her glasses, blinding her view of a low bench. She tripped & skinned her knees, split her lip, bloodied her nose, scratched her face, but was able to hang tough. After stopping the nose bleed, went on to enjoy the gondola ride. Maybe she hated to see the chance of a free wine-tasting go to waste? The following day I saw her in the hotel lobby, she reported she was fine. Here's hoping the "fine" continued.

Former Re-LAX-er member, Roz Krohn Danielson, friend of many LAXRR retirees passed away on May 8 from lung cancer. We all send condolences to her family; I am sure they would be pleased to receive a card or note. (Carl Danielson, 1645 W. Warm Springs Rd., #60, Henderson NV. 89014)

Another former Re-LAX-er member, John Rice, missed giving a "Hooray to Hollywood" due to a serious bout with kidney stones. We all missed you, John, many folks asking your whereabouts! Get better soon, we'll see ya in WAS (if not sooner).

Jim Ferrance, one of the hard working convention staff members, is getting outta town. He leaves tomorrow for his annual big family reunion in upstate N.Y.

Calendar:

Aug. 11 - The now famous Steak Grill picnic in El Segundo. Notices will go out in early July.

Oct. 13 - Regular luncheon meeting – place t.b.a.

Dec. 1, or is it 8? – Well, we'll let you know in time. Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary.

Tour time coming up – watch for it next issue.

Re-Sans

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With our lovely Spring Fling luncheon at Carvers now a pleasant memory, we are searching for a restaurant in the Greater San Diego Area for our Oktoberfest Meeting, previously referred to as our Halloween Party. Just as soon as a date is set for this event, you will all be notified.

Bill Lindsay is hard at work trying to find a solution to the parking situation for our attendance at our Annual Ballgame at beautiful Petco Park. You will hear from Bill directly on this.

No information is being included here on the negotiations with United, as I am sure that all of us have kept up with this on a daily basis.

Calendar:

Oktoberfest - Date and location to be announced

Christmas Party - Tom Hams Lighthouse - date to be announced

UNITED AIRLINES

RETIREES - SFO AREA

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Pres. Ralph Trullinger called the May 23 meeting to order with 112 members present. Some of our officers & members had already left for the convention so we had a smaller group than usual.

I'm sorry to report that Elaine Wright, who had worked as a secretary at United for 32 years, passed away on April 26, 2005. You can send condolences to her husband Howard Wright at 342 Highland Ave. #208, San Mateo, CA 94401. I sent a card to Elinore Lindquist who had eye surgery for the 2nd time. If you would like to send a card to Elinore, her address is 146 Crescent Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010.

At the July 25 meeting we will have a *Burrito Ole'* luncheon. Tickets are \$5 & must be purchased by July 18. No tickets will be sold at the door. You can call Ozzie Schmidt, (650) 368-3407 to order tickets. Ozzie reported that sales were doing well at today's meeting - hopes to sell more next month. Our special luncheons have been a lot of fun, a nice change from our potlucks.

Ernie Bloom brought us up-to-date on the remodeling being done at SFO. Once passengers have gone through security they may go into either concourse E or F that is used by United & American. There will be a lot of new restaurants & places to sit, even if you are not eating. The prices are SFO street prices plus 10%.

Our program today was a repeat performance by violinist, Tibor Horvath with Yelena Savchenk on the piano. This is one of our favorite programs. They not only play beautiful music but Tibor entertains us with his great sense of humor. We hope to have them back again.

Travel info: Both Betty Garner & Ginger Dahlberg are on their way to the convention so we didn't have a travel report. Betty now has a wait list for the New Year's Mississippi River Boat Cruise. Ginger's Baltic Cruise also has a wait list. You can contact Betty Garner at (650) 355-4195 or email her at garnerbee@yahoo.com. Ginger can be reached at (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com for info on these or future trips.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. each month, business meeting 11:30 AM at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY**

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A major birthday in May, Lew Bacheller had his 80th on May 14.

Most of our members who have been ill are continuing to recover. It was nice to see Barbara Farrell back after finishing radiation treatments.

Our prayers for Joanne Currier & Lee Suit, who are still quite ill. Floyd Phillips had a heart attack, had a stint put in.

Alex Klaus was back from travels to Germany. Mary Anne Locke & Dee Carlson were back from VA. They attended the ceremony for Dee's son's retirement from the Air Force; had a splendid time. Lew & Nancy Bacheller went to HWI for the Lappahoehoe Reunion - Lew lived there from 1936 to 1939, when his parents were missionaries there.

Many of our members went to the RUAEA national convention this month. Our Pres. Garver Sandy, & Wilma attended, then went on to Taos, New Mexico. Our V.P., Jack Fredricksen filled in for him at the first meeting; George Sosa filled in the second week.

Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:00 am, meeting convenes at 8:20 am. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

COLORADO**DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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June 1 was the Mile Higher's monthly breakfast at beautiful Park Hill Golf Course. Good to see Thurm Eaton. Ralph & Carol Krieser were kind enough to give Thurm a ride to the breakfast. It was good to see Jim & Maryann Amend. A first timer, Tom Ficht, who just retired from DENCg. Tom, come back and see us again. Please bring your wife, Nancy. Wayne Greenhill returned his 50/50 winnings to the RUAEA stamp fund, thanks, Wayne.

Tom Goodyear gave a report on the RUAEA convention in Hollywood CA. He stated 740 attended the convention. Elmer (Eirc) Errichson & wife Ronnie from Belmont, CA. also attended. Eirc is 95 years young.

26 Mile Higher's attended the convention.

MOTHER GOOSE: The goslings hatched Sat. May 28 in the Flight Training Center courtyard; all 5 babies were healthy. Tues. May 31 was moving day with the help of PAPA GOOSE, Denise Stepto & Doug Anderson from the Flight Training Center. (It was Doug's last day before retiring from United. He is a new member of RUAEA.) A nice pond was discovered east of the training center. They all

made the trip to their new home safely. Thanks to the help of Denise, Doug, PAPA GOOSE & MOTHER GOOSE.

Don't forget the pop cans - be sure to bring them to the next breakfast on July 6.

Lois Dick was in the hospital for tests; could use some cheering-up notes/cards. Address: 8685 W. 67th Pl., Arvada, CO 80004-3236.

The Mile-Highers' picnic will be held July 13 at Heather Gardens Blossoms, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Social hour 11:00 AM, lunch (picnic) 12 Noon - \$12.00 P/P. Send check payable to RUAEA - Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, phone (303) 477-2918. Cut off date 7/8/05.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

July 13 – Picnic - Details in column

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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On May 26, the Citrus Groupers met at La Tierra del Sol restaurant in The Villages, with 18 members in attendance. We welcomed some new members: Chuck Cochran, who worked as flight dispatcher in DEN, retired from CHI-WHQ. Fred & Mary Miller - Fred retired from IAD Maintenance. Jim Dickinson who retired from MIFF, & wife Rosel. Also, joining us was Jack Spalding who retired from MN Customer Service & Station Manager.

We missed Frank & Maxine Wood because they went to Atlanta to their granddaughter's graduation. The Wimmers came back from an extensive trip; first to Milwaukee, then to LAS and to AZ. The Wirths just came back from a Caribbean cruise & had many tales to talk about.

Calendar:

July meeting - 11:30 AM at the International Buffet, 2259 N. Citrus Ave., Hwy 27 next to Wal-Mart, in Leesburg.

Aug. 25 - 11:30 AM at the Pasta Fare, 10401 US Hwy 441, in Belleview.

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Pres. Dick Coughlin opened our meeting with 20 members present. There were a few people back after a long absence, but many sent regrets, either because of illness, traveling, or entertaining company - also those grandkids -- gotta go see them!

Anniversary celebrants were John & Bobbie Rieck celebrating 54 years together. Bill Oliver, our resident photographer won another award for his latest photograph. He is really becoming a celebrity with his picture in the newspaper so many times. He tells me his son is an even better photographer.

Our treasury is growing slowly but surely. We'll have a good amount to give away by the time Christmas comes. It's always a pleasure to give our money to local causes. Our Prez gave us a brief account of the company information he had available. We all still wonder how this is all going to pan out. But as the slogan goes, we must all "STAY UNITED TOGETHER". The Prez has a couple of really funny jokes; also gave us a quiz to find out how really stupid some of us can be.

We have made a decision to go to a baseball game at Jackie Robinson ball park on July 26. We think it's "senior night". Anyone interested in joining us, please let Frieda know before she buys the reserved seat tickets.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Do your givin' while you're livin', then you're knowin' where it's goin'.

Calendar:

July 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

July 26 - Ballgame - Jackie Robinson Ball Park, Daytona

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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13 members & guests enjoyed breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on June 3. Because of the rain from a tropical disturbance, we had a small group, all sat together & got to know each other a little better. Curtis & Bonnie Sawyer had their grandson, Brian from Deltona, FL as their guest.

Arleen Walton, wife of Harry Walton, former Director of Southeast Region for RUAEA, passed away on June 1. Arleen was very active with the Pelican Drop-Ins. She took all the pictures at our gatherings & kept up the photo album for the group. Arleen will be truly missed.

Ann Miller, manager of United at RSW, is retiring. She & her husband, Dick who is a member of the Pelican Drop-Ins, will be moving into their lovely new home in The Villages near Ocala, FL. The new manager for United at RSW is Jim Drain from Baltimore/Washington International Airport. We want to thank our Pres. Carrie Belluso, & Ann Miller for conducting the tours of the new Terminal at RSW on May 15. The new Terminal is scheduled to open in July.

Rex Davenport will be spending the summer & fall in his home in Bella Vista, AR.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October-May)

Guests are always welcome...but reservations must be made.

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers (June-September)

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I had a good time at the Hollywood Convention, & no problems getting flights going or returning. There were only 25 members registered from FL & that included 6 from TPA. The Correspondents Breakfast /Meeting went very well as usual with Jo Madden at the podium. Jo advised we now have 53 Chapters & RUAEA membership increased 20% in one year, having approximately 13000 members currently. By now you probably know the 2006 Convention will be at the "Crystal Gateway Marriott" just across the Potomac River in the Washington D.C. area. Reagan National Airport is the closest but I suspect IAD Dulles Apt. will have more flights or larger planes. Be sure to attend next year as 5 Exec. Offices will be up for election. Let Jim Fauber know if you are interested. Since Harry Walton resigned as SE Region Director he is being replaced by Loretta Marvett. At the Business Meeting it was announced the RUAEA Treasury is in very good health. Only paid employee is the typist for the Newsletter. We were encouraged to join the Mileage Plus/Frequent Flyers as it brings UAL millions of \$\$\$\$. A way to earn money & 20 companies are involved.

There were 37 members at the June 6 Meeting. Many of our Chapter have gone North for the summer or vacationing. NOTE we voted to meet July 11 due to the holiday being on our regular meeting date. Our annual \$5.00 dues are due in July. Please bring the dues to the next meeting. Shirley & Larry Eppard recently celebrated their 55th Anniversary in May. Pat Brown & Lillian Sawyer will celebrate their Birthdays in June.

Christmas Luncheon is Dec. 5 & will be at the Sparton Manor. In Aug. Terri Breslin, Chairperson, will send flyers with details. The price will be \$14.50 with dinner & entertainment. Last years program was excellent & a good time was had by all!

Several members told of good trips they had taken, join us July 11 & let us hear of some of your good/bad travel experiences. We were disappointed our Elderhostel speaker was a NO SHOW! We may have him at a later date.

Calendar:

July 11 – Meeting at Buddy Freddy's Holiday FL 10:00 AM

Aug. 1 – Meeting at Buddy Freddy's Holiday FL 10:00 AM

Sept. 5 - Meeting at Buddy Freddy's Holiday FL 10:00 AM

Oct. 3 - Picnic Anderson Park. US 19 Tarpon Springs

GEORGIA

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Don & Marge Shelley hosted the luncheon on June 1 at their home in Locust Grove, GA. 29 flyers & 5 guests, Al Shaffer, who joined the flyers that day, Kenny & Jennette Cadwell, Jodi & Jay Marshall, Bill Elk's daughter & grandson, were in attendance. The weather was not conducive to outdoor dining, as it was raining, also a bit chilly for this time of year. Don & Marge had tables & chairs set up in their spacious garage that accommodated us very comfortably. The meat, drinks, & tableware were provided, "Flyers" brought covered dishes & desserts. Pres. Bruce Brodersen held a brief

business meeting; the mood a little more somber, considering the sequence of events that has recently taken place with retiree's pensions. There were a great deal of questions asked, Bruce tried to answer them as best he could from information that is available. It should be noted that some of the retirees do not own a computer, or have access to a computer, so their information may be limited to the news media, newsletter, company correspondence, or other retirees. We are trying very hard not to pass along rumors or gossip.

It is with great sadness that we report Gene Carter of Sharpsburg, GA, passed away on May 24, 2005, after a long illness. Our hearts & prayers to Gene's family. Gene was a Dixie Flyer for many years.

Calendar:

July 13 – Meeting at the Long Horn Steakhouse, in Peachtree City, GA (2nd Wed. because of July 4 Holiday). Hosted by Elmer & Lois Koldoff.

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BOISE GEMS

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Prexy Ned Yundt reminded us of our Memorial pot-luck picnic on the afternoon of July 23. That's a Sat., in hopes that those retirees now working during the week will be able to participate. Our hostess is Flora Tanguay who lives in Meridian. To get there from Boise, use Overland west to S.E. 5th, an intersection with a traffic light. Turn south on S.E. 5th, proceed to 2nd cross street, which is E. Martinique. Turn left on Martinique. Flora's home is the last house on your left: 862 E. Martinique. Bring your own service, beverage, & a dish of your favorite recipe, enough for 8-10 people. Water & coffee provided.

Some of the Boise GEMS are heading to the Calgary Stampede & Lake Louise on July 15, on the Harmon Travel Bus Tour. The best part is that our own Dave Adams is our bus driver.

On Aug. 22, a group of us will be taking in the Starlight Mountain Theater show at Garden Valley. Those interested should contact Joan or Joe Varady, as early as possible.

Richard & Doreen Hardy have made the big jump – from Carmel, IN, to Eagle, ID, now are full-fledged Idahoans. (They always were GEMS, now they are precious Idaho GEMS. Welcome to God's Country! Their new address is 3031 W. Champagne Ct., Eagle, ID 83616.

Dorothy Trock had knee surgery. She is doing fine. Charley Law is in St. Lukes Regional Medical Center with pneumonia. He is responding well to antibiotics, is slowly recovering. Shirley says she expects that he will soon be ready to return to the Veterans Home.

Traveling were Ossie & Louise Haugen, who enjoyed a trip to Alvin, TX on May 16-25. Connections were perfect going via DEN. On their way home, they were DB'd in DEN, with all flights to any western city served by UAL. They spent the night with a friend who treated them royally. They left the next day on Frontier. Louise Duvall was also on the go, with an uneventful trip to TX, to see her 2 granddaughters, their husbands, & 2 great grandchildren, 6 & 7, for the first time. Louise went standby, had no hang-ups or delays, but she wouldn't name the airline.

STOP PRESS: Our regular monthly meeting scheduled for July 4 has been canceled by JB's restaurant, because of the large crowd expected on that holiday morning. So, instead we will meet at Ned's home, not for breakfast, but for a pot-luck picnic, starting at noon. That address is 10556 Southerland Dr., in Boise. Take Overland to Five Mile, south one block to Southerland, 2nd house on left. This won't change our regular schedule for meeting at JB's, so we'll plan on seeing everyone there Aug. 1.

Tom Goodyear, RUAEA's Director for the Mountain Region, very kindly phoned to give us a summary of events that took place at the Convention in Hollywood. We passed the information on to

those attending the June meeting. Ned had invited him to visit us, when his schedule would permit it. Tom accepted, & we'll see him on July 4, if all goes as planned.

Bill Smith continued his series of talks on protecting yourself & your property, this time on Home Security. He explained it in two parts with some very helpful hints on how you can protect your home when you are away, & when you are in your home, when it is invaded. Thanks, Bill. Your do's & don'ts are valuable information for all homeowners. We're grateful to you for taking your valuable time to give us the benefit of your experience & of your crime-prevention training.

Calendar:

July 4 - Noon picnic at Ned's home.

Aug. 1 - 9 a.m. breakfast at J.B's in Meridian.



ILLINOIS LOOP GROUP

Chicago

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Wow! Was I surprised when I arrived at the May Loop Group luncheon. Imagine my surprise when I was greeted by large table with smiling, happy faces waiting to be served. I had assumed that there would be no one present, that everybody would still be in LAX. I was so pleased to see so many faces even the 2 ladies who had attended our previous luncheon whose names I had misplaced. They are Kaye Flynn & JoAnn Giannini, in addition it was good seeing Carol Faust, Jacque Sontheimer, Larry Barr, Irene Miller, Mary Gray, Beverly Connor, Helen & Tony Stefanos, Stefanie Simpson & Rich Surma. It was a very chatty & happy get-together. A wonderful day. Well, happy summer & Happy 4th of July. Hope that United will somehow survive. Looking forward to seeing you all in July.

Calendar:

July 20 - 11:30 AM, Palmer House - French Quarter.

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It looked like the May Northsiders monthly breakfast was going to have very light attendance due to a rainstorm, but then the sun broke through & the retirees streamed in. There was quite good attendance after all.

A surprising number of Northsiders visited the bi-monthly Downtown group in the French Quarter for lunch at the Palmer House in May, had an enjoyable time. On this occasion the Northsiders outnumbered the hosting group! The weather in downtown Chicago was just beautiful at this time of year – perfect for strolling around. Group pictures were taken of all those attending to remember this enjoyable occasion. Some Northsiders are looking forward to the next Loop Group gathering in July where some of them will take the train from the suburbs.

Four newcomers came to the Northsiders breakfast in May: Marlene Fulton from ORDCS, Thomas Adams from WHQWS, Sharon Gulino from WHQBO & Mildred Ogden who did clerical work.

Angelina, wife of retired Nick Romero, has been struggling with her health the past few months: starting with an uncontrollable cough. She had to be admitted to the hospital emergency room; it was discovered she had pneumonia. This all began when Angelina developed a virus in her kidney that was toxic & poison in her blood, she came home in March, had the shakes, returned to the emergency room for observation; fell in the hospital & broke her arm now is finally at home, where Nick watches over her. Send her a card to cheer her up, address is 308 Highland Avenue, Elmhurst, IL. 60126.

There was only 1 visitor attending the April Southside gathering, Rich Surma, who gave out pens & raffled garden tools for spring gardening. Helen Collins had hip surgery early in May, Leona Gasiorowski is recovering slowly from her eye operations.

The convention in Hollywood was spectacular. I was proud to be part of the convention Committee & the program. The weather, selection of tours & dinners were enjoyed by everyone. The dinner presentations were special. Both dinners opened with spectacular performances that continued all the way through to the end, with a cast of performers & wonderful music. It was pleasure mixing with old & new acquaintances. I am sure it will be remembered for a long time by all. It was exciting to learn that the 2006 convention will be held in Washington, D.C.

Calendar:

July 13 – Come & enjoy breakfast with the Northsiders Group, 9:00 A.M., Artemis Restaurant, Golf & Busse Rd. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

July 19 – Hawaiian Luncheon in Bartlett, IL (Flyers will be sent)

July 20 – Loop Group at the French Quarter Restaurant in the Palmer House

July 26 – Breakfast with the Southsiders, Grandma Sally's Pancake House located 8500 South Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview, IL. at 10:00 A.M.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Our April casino cruise was enjoyed by 35 Nor'Easters, a good time with good food. The ship rocked somewhat offering the appearance that our members were enjoying too much alcohol, however, it was the sea, occasionally making walking difficult. The big winner was our Executive Admin. Asst., George Mavreles, at the slots. He won't say how much, but an armed guard accompanied him to his car!

The RUAEA Convention was attended by Patti Austin, Bill & Norma Betters, Jack Casey, Bill & Marie Dwyer, Bruce & Carleen Eddy, Audrey Joyce, George Mavreles, and Don & Joan Simard. Although the flights were pretty full, everyone made it. Our Pres., Carleen advised the presentation with the PBGC, UAL pensions, insurance & pass travel were very well done. Of interest; the PDX & SEA travel desks trying to expand for retirees, limited only by the lack of \$\$\$\$ for the volunteers travel, parking, phone lines, etc. All in all, a good convention, worthwhile attending, not to mention seeing many old friends again.

I'm sad to report the death of Jean Clapp, daughter of Bob & Claire Anderson. Jean, succumbed on May 13 of cancer, only 46 years old. I can feel Bob & Claire's pain at having to bury their child. I'm glad to have made it to retirement & be members of our great organization, despite the problems UAL is having.

Calendar:

July 27 – Cape Cod Canal Cruise

Aug. 23 – 5th annual summer picnic

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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No July Report as meeting postponed due to the convention. Hollywood was another RUAEA success. Escapees especially enjoyed a wonderful reunion with Marla Gibbs formally from DTWRR, & with her guest, Alma Seaborn, also from DTWRR. Only regret was not enough time. Who set the clock on fast?

Several Escapees enjoyed a wonderful time with the Loonies in Mackinaw City and Island. Pres. Clyde Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer remembering past members; Gordon Sundeen, Dwight Watson & Gene Lydon. It was very cold, up north, no one sat on the top deck of the ship going over to the Island, I wasn't sorry I brought along my fake fur. Their next meeting will be in Menomonie, WI. When asked what was in Menomonie? They said they didn't know, they just like the sound of the name. Now I know where the name "Loonies" come from ... I was surprised the AAA Tour Guide actually had this lumber town mentioned. Whatever, you can't help but have a good time with a bunch of "Loonies".

Now, Welcome to the good life to Kathy Franz as she becomes our newest retiree.

Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or email.

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May's get-together was smaller than usual - only 14 members - because some of the Northern Lites were attending the Spring Fling of the Northwoods Loonies, which was held on the same day. V.P. Ethel Johnson kept order in the absence of Lee Storlie, who was partying with the Loonies in Mackinaw City, MI, along with his bride, Diane, Mary & Jim Brennan, Nel Brawner, Jim Simon & Myra, Rich & Connie Glattly.

We're glad to hear that Wes Briest is now home again, after weeks of rehab following knee surgery. He was bored stiff in that care center; I'll bet home never looked so good!

Have heard from "Mort" Morton: they're back home in SD. He's making good progress after his surgery. We've decided that he's too mean & stubborn to let a little surgery get him down.

Our congratulations to Bill & Era Hoffmeyer on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were surprised by family arriving from all over the country to help them celebrate their special day.

A reminder that the annual picnic is being held July 13 at Brennan's place in Danbury, WI. If you didn't pick up info & map at the June lunch or receive the announcement in either US mail or e-mail, call Mary for details at (715) 656-7014.

Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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What a nice crowd of 54 at the Greek Island. Many thanks to Elaine Boner for hosting and for her delicious homemade Baklava.

M. J. Bruning just retired. Please add her to your roster - 11611 Spaulding St., Omaha, NE 68164, phone 493-0605. We are glad to have her join our retiree group.

Lorraine Stanfield said that Vince Manhart's tumor is gone, but the tumor was so large it damaged a nerve so he is having trouble walking, but does get around some with a walker.

Dick Weak said if you are flying you can create a Departure Management Card by going to the Skynet Web List or United.com. This will print out the various schedules & you can also show it if you are checking in your baggage at curbside.

Joyce Torchia will be performing in the production of "Annie" at the Omaha Playhouse from May 27 to June 26. Hours are Wed. through Sun., 7:30 & Sat. & Sun. matinees 2:00. She said she has few lines but mainly will be singing in the ensemble. Said she will be on stage quite a bit. Good luck, Joyce.

I received a card from Dorothy Glover, she & Bob want to thank all of you who sent birthday cards & also cards of encouragement to him. She said Bob is still trying to adjust. She goes to see him 3 or 4 times a week. I would say from where she lives in Plattsmouth to 146 & Maple is a long way for her to drive. My hat is off to her for making the trip that often. She did say that Bob gets to go out a couple of times a week for lunch at various place (VFW, Legion & the DAV's). He seems to enjoy his outings.

I noticed in the obituaries that Tonya Feldhacker, age 60, passed away, her services were May 13. Tonya was the wife of Ron who worked for United as a ramp serviceman in the late 70's.

Calendar:

July 12 - Lo Sole Mio Villa, hosted by Tony & Jackie Sortino

Aug. 2 - Regal Lanes, hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell, Tom & Rose Langan, & Denny & Mary Pierson

Sept. 13 - Picnic at Chalco Hills, hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

Please note date changes above due to holidays on Mon.

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury balance as of May 16 is \$497.56. Please send renewal dues to Mary Withers or to me. There were 35 members in attendance, including new/renewing members Bob & Inez Rutherford & Art Lewis.

Regarding United Airlines business: The bankruptcy court has approved PBGC assuming liability for pension plans. The possibility of a wild cat strike looms by both IAM & AFA. Eight aircraft are being repossessed by the leasing company. Employees can now buy revenue confirmed tickets at a 20% discount. \$2/bag cost at skycaps now in effect at SEA, PDX, ORD & DEN, coming soon to SFO & LAX. The cost excludes tip & is for domestic trips only. Several law makers in Washington are trying to get a bill through Congress to stop companies dumping pension plans like United has done.

Duncan Thompson would appreciate it if someone could give him a ride to the monthly meetings. Please contact him if you can help. Elizabeth Brown recently spoke to Gladys Lang, a former member of Sierra Roundup, who now lives in WI. If you are in that area, she would love to hear from you. Her address is: 4715 Sheboygan Ave., Madison, WI 53705, (608) 233-2593.

Pat Zoboli had announced her resignation due to her recent employment. The membership voted to change the meeting date to Mon., which then enables Pat to continue as secy. The annual picnic, will remain unchanged on Aug. 18. Pat was able to have the date changed for the Christmas luncheon to Dec. 12. Thanks to everyone's flexibility.

Calendar:

Meeting - July 18, Aug. 18, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 & Dec. 12 - Place: The Red Lobster on S. Virginia St. - 11:30 A.M.

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This report is submitted by Lena Confer:

The monthly meeting of the Gardenstaters was held May 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in memory of George Leone, a ramp serviceman, who passed away earlier this month. A sympathy card was sent to his family by Gene Boyer, sunshine chairman. It was reported that the golf outing at Bunker Hill of Local Lodge 914 was canceled. Pres. Confer called CHI, re: PBGC pension information; was told they did not know anymore than what was already published. The survival benefit option was questioned. If you took this option when you retired, it will be paid through United. Career Day at Newark Liberty International Airport was attended by several of our Members. There were 1,200 kids attending the first day & 1,500 kids the second day. Pres. Confer thanked everyone for contributing money towards the soda & water our club donated. June 22 is our golf outing. As of now, only 8 people have signed up. If not enough people participate it will have to be canceled. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse will be July 13, "Living It Up" is a new summer musical

spectacular celebrating 100 years of popular music & dance. John Murphy is taking names & money. Pres. Confer reminded everyone of the chapter's picnic which will be held the last Wed. in Aug.

NEW YORK

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36 Chips arrived for the March 7 get-together at Carmine's, Transit Road, Williamsville, NY for a family style dinner. Carmine's went out of their way to make us feel at home, the quality, as well as the quantity, of food was more than you could expect. The meal was followed by one of the best Cannolis most of us have ever tasted.

The only person reported on the sick list is Joyce (Joan) Izydorczak, who recently had a hip implant redone, is home, & according to all reports, doing very well.

Don & Frankie Gaydos made the dinner solving problems that occurred the last couple of times we have met. Mike Keller found his way back from his winter home in Corpus Christi to enjoy the sunny clime of the Lake Ontario Shore, even brought his son along to enjoy the evening.

A lively discussion on the pension plan turn over to the PBGC occurred with the general concurrence the real answers will come when the first checks arrive. Because age & time retired appear to figure in the equation, most probably will not see much change, if any.

Calendar:

The next meeting is planned for early Sept. and probably will be a picnic. More on this soon.
Dec. 7 is the date of the Christmas Party at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

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A short prayer for Jack Dowling, who is back in the hospital, started this month's meeting. Harold Malesardi has been keeping the Metro chapter updated on Jack's progress.

There were 74 members & guests in attendance at Antons of Hicksville. Dr. David Bittar & Chris Bittar, son & grandson respectfully, of Mabel Bittar were the June guests. Welcome, David & Chris!

Birthday greetings to Milton Sank, 87 years on June 20.

Terry & Frank Zabarouskas are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary on June 20. They'll be in the Poconos in their honeymoon cabin for the happy occasion. Mary & Joe Zweilick married 56 years on June 19. Velma & Fred Jones hitched 54 years on June 24. Maureen & Len Pascale, our golden wedding couple, 50 years on June 4. Best wishes to all!

Both Joe Totaro & Charlie Kaczinski updated the New York Metros chapter on the RUAEA 2005 Convention in LAX. Information on pension distribution & medical insurance payments, of course, all subject to change.

Once again, the telephone numbers to list oneself on United Airlines flights was given to the chapter members. The phone numbers are for the retirees without computers. Thanks Portland & Seattle for your brainstorm!

Good to see Peter & Edythe Dollis at the meeting. Also, Carol Cenkus & Fred Zehend. All have been away for awhile.

The New York Metros call list is available to all chapter members. People living in Suffolk county see Charlie Kaczinski, members living in Nassau county see Rose Schneider & Queens, Brooklyn & Bronx counties see Paul Cohen for your lists.

The news of next year's RUAEA convention in the Washington D.C. area was warmly received by the chapter. The members have the choice to fly, drive or take the train to Washington.

A reminder if you want to tour the White House and/or the Capitol building you have to write your representative in Congress or Senator.

Paul Cohen & Charlie Kaczinski are collecting \$10 P/P for the annual picnic at Wantagh Park next month.

Calendar:

July 6 – Annual picnic at Wantagh park, come early 11:00 and have coffee & donuts. Meeting will be short.

Aug. 3 - 12 Noon Antuns in Hicksville, NY

Sept. 7 - 12 Noon Antuns in Hicksville, NY

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The May convention of the Loonies was a huge success. 33 members, including our contingent from the Great Lakes Escapees & the Northern Lites, enjoyed a couple days in Mackinaw City, MI.

Several of the group took a day trip to Mackinaw Island without walking on the great porch of the Grand Hotel. We all enjoyed an early dinner then took in the show at Mackinaw Center. It was a musical revue called "Revelations", featured popular music from the fifties to the present. Most of us seemed to prefer the fifties.

The Oct. meeting will be in Stillwater, MN. Hosted by the Northern Lites section of our chapter.

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June 1 The Ohio Buckeyes met at the Old Schoolhouse Restaurant in Litchfield, with 87 present including one guest. Pres. Carol Hacker welcomed all. A big "THANKS" to the committee for this enjoyable event.

Pres. Carol Hacker welcomed back club members Cale & Eleanor Neth, Charlie & Nellie Beers & Melinda Gaydon. We hope to see more of you in the coming months. She also welcomed visitor Tammy Danner, daughter of members Dick & Jean Foster.

Birthdays & Anniversaries were also recognized. Cale & Eleanor Neth celebrated their 50th anniversary last month. Charlie & Nellie Beers are celebrating 63 years this month. CONGRATULATIONS!

Bill Gatesman gave us an update on his brother Mark's condition. Mark had surgery on May 27. He is in ICU, room 132, Parma Hospital; 7007 Powers Blvd., Parma, OH 44129-5495. Cards are most

welcome. He will be in the hospital for some time. Please, chapter members, keep Mark & Sharon in your prayers.

It is with deep sadness I report the passing of member, Carol Flickinger. She passed away peacefully on May 24 at Western Reserve Hospice. There were no services. Carol was a long time standing member & Caller for many years. She also worked with Pres. Carol Hacker in the 90's helping her with the mailing list. Etc. She had many good friends in the years that she was a member. All will miss her. A donation was sent in her memory to Western Reserve Hospice. Condolences may be sent to her son & daughter: Robert Flickinger, Jr. & Luellyn McGowan, 16293 Paulding Blvd., Brook Park, OH 44142-2743.

Bernie Garrah called Lou Best (Retired Mech.) to see how he was doing. He is taking Chemo. He sounded in good spirits. He wanted to thank all of you for your prayers & asked that we continue to pray for him.

A Thank You card was received from Beck Center for the Arts for a donation made in the memory of Nick Brodella. A card was also received from his family. He passed away April 22.

Our chapter also received a Thank You card for the numerous donations made by our members through the year to St. Herman's. The donations were greatly appreciated

On June 2 a get-together at Shari Herman's house to discuss possible craft ideas & projects to benefit St. Herman's House. Attendees were Betty Taylor, Shari Herman & me. We tossed around a few ideas & decided to make a few Christmas items, rent a booth at a craft fair in Oct. or Nov. The proceeds would benefit St. Herman's. We would love to have other members participate in this worthwhile cause. Please contact Shari Herman (440) 327-1860, Betty Taylor (440) 734-0877 or Sharon Garrah (440) 775-3558 if you are interested. We would love to have you!

Carol will have Northfield tickets available at the annual picnic on July 13. The price of the ticket will be \$20 P/P. This includes parking. Feel free to invite friends, family to this annual event. Please make checks payable to Ohio Buckeyes & mail to: Carol Hacker, Columbia Mobile Home Park, 16 Church Street, Olmsted Township, OH 44138-3019.

FYI, we still have a few United Retirees Shirts available. The cost is \$20. Please see Jerry Laco if you are interested. They are really nice shirts.

Calendar:

Aug. 10 – Northfield Race Track. Pre-paid.

Sept. 7 - SWEETWATER LANDING. Pre-paid. Seating 100

Oct. 7 - Athens County Paul Bunyan Show All Day Trip

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Mothers were honored at the May meeting. The decoration committee placed sunflower candles in pastel colors at each table, the mother with the seniority date closest to Mother's Day on the 8th won the candle. The guest speaker was Phillip B. Janney an attorney specializing in estate planning. It was an interesting topic for our group; there was a long question and answer period.

Our annual picnic this month will be held on July 13, anyone that has a "classic car" is asked to drive it to the picnic. The venue is the same as last year, North Clackamas Park located in Milwaukie. (Milwaukie, OR that is!) Please contact John Donaldson (503-524-1959) or Dave Smith (503-254-7790) if you need directions to the park. Prize drawings will be held every ½ hour from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The fee for the picnic will be collected at the park.

I am sorry to report that Clell Kolbo had a stroke in May & was to go into rehab after his hospital stay. Janice Mortensen had surgery, Bruce Blough & Bob Lorts are both struggling with health issues. Our thoughts and prayers should be with all of them.

The seat savers that Bruce & Carol DeFord introduced to the group several months ago have become a great hit. Please keep yours to use again if possible; however, there is a supply of them in case you need another one.

We wish to thank the many individuals who have donated money to the travel desk for the "800" number.

Please remember to bring a can of food or any non-perishable item to the next meeting (no glass) for a food bank. This will be an ongoing project to support the programs in our area.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 & (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted

July 13 - Picnic North Clackamas Park, Milwaukie

Aug. 10 - TBA

Sept. 14 - TBA

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The executive committee met at Kathy & Al Edward's house on May 16. Those present included Pres. Joe Brad, Betty & Art Pyle, Treas. Tom Lyons & wife, Pat, Bernie McNamee, Kathy & Al Edwards, Marge & Frank Eggles, Shirley Roberts & me.

We discussed the upcoming picnic for our June meeting. That will be the last meeting until Sept. The picnic will be held at the Ramada Inn, outside by the pool, weather permitting.

Joe announced that parking would no longer be available for the retirees at Air Freight.

We discussed pensions, medical, Social Security & the annuity purchased by United.

It was agreed upon that we intend to make up a box or boxes to send to soldiers overseas. Each retiree will be asked to donate a small item suitable to send to a service man or woman stationed in Iraq. We have names of several military people stationed there.

The 20 Week Club will be converted to a 10 week club unless we are able to sell some more of the tickets. The grand prize will remain at \$500, however, instead of a winner every week for 20 weeks, we will award one every week for 10 weeks.

PITTSBURGH **PIT-STOPPERS**

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Hooray For Hollywood - What a wonderful convention! Kudos to Hal Klobe & staff for a great effort.

Next we march on to Washington D.C. It was great to see former Pit-Stoppers - the Spearings, the Balachs & Judy Ford. Bill Betters asked about his cousin's (Mitch Abbas) whereabouts. Shame on you Mitch - you missed a good time.

Our Pres. Barb Seaholm & husband Malcom attended the convention - later toured the countryside.

We missed our good friends Frank & Brigitte Murdock who were absent this year. I had a "couple" for you.

Spoke to our Irish rose, Patti Ellis, she is holding her own & thankful for all your prayers!

Our "roving reporter" Skip Weiss advises that Ray Davis is still getting daily treatments, recuperating at home. I'm sure Ray would love to hear from all his friends.

A bit of "old news" - Bernie & Ted Zyzak were involved in a nasty auto accident. Bernie was hospitalized for her injuries. Ted had a black eye - but the car was demolished. Both are on the mend. Cards can be sent c/o 506 Canterbury Lane, Carnegie, PA 15106 - Phone (412) 276-1520.

Calendar:

July 15 - Annual Picnic

TENNESSEE

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May 19 was a touring extravaganza for 22 of us who met at what was once called the "Gateway to the West". Situated where the western point of VA & the southeastern border of KY meet the northern edge of TN lies the Cumberland Gap of Dan'l Boone fame. It's fascinating, rugged country with historic & scenic locations to experience. We thank Herman & Bev Emmel for hosting the May luncheon at such a "you gotta see this" place, but which most of us never had.

The Ye Olde Tea and Coffee Shoppe was in Cumberland Gap's small downtown area in a historic building with a walk-in bank vault & a restored Model A on display. We're pleased that several guests were able to join us -- Dave Leonard's daughter, Patti; Dick McBride, a former 777 pilot, Pat Thompson, Jack Ferrell's flying buddy from their Navy days; & first-timer Jack Ball along with a friend, Dave Roach.

Jack Ball was a 41-year employee with UA & is a Knoxville native. After hiring on with Capital Airlines at MDW, he was soon able to transfer to TYS, except for a 6-month tour at CHA, spent most of his career in Int'l Air Freight & Customer Service at his home station. Jack retired from TYSCS in 1997, resides with his wife, Peggy, in the West Knoxville area.

After a short meeting, most of us drove through the Cumberland Gap tunnel (almost a mile long) to visit the Lost Squadron Museum in Middlesboro, KY. Many of you may have heard about the P-38 Tomcat Squadron which took off from Maine headed for WWII by way of Greenland in the early '40s. Weather caused the entire squadron to crash-land on Greenland's ice cap. Eleven days later the

crewmen were rescued, but it took another 50 years before the Glacier Girl, buried 268 feet under the ice, could be recovered piece by piece & restored to almost-mint condition. The F version P-38 is easily the star of the show at this small museum.

Several people stayed overnight at B&B's & motels to see more of the area the next day. Worthwhile was a tour of the Visitors' Center & a hike on the Wilderness Trail, a restored path that Boone and eventually 30 thousand others used to migrate through a narrow gap in one of the Cumberland ranges. I suspect that many of our ancestors made that dangerous trek from VA & NC through TN's Indian territory into wild, unexplored KY for homesteading. We thank them for it.

Calendar:

July 21 - 12:30 pm EDT, luncheon/meeting to be hosted by Mike & Barbara Chapin (865 675-3511) in the West Knoxville area. Details to be announced.

Aug. 18 - 10 am EDT, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Sept. 15 - 11:30 am CDT, picnic/meeting to be hosted by Cal & Maxine Anthony (931 484-0036) in Fairfield Glade. Details to be announced.

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On May 18, 24 chpt. members met at the Jumbo Buffet. The local sec'y could not attend, but Jackie Loyola supplied information for the nat'l/local RUAEA reports. Thanks, Jackie!

The group was joined by Kiyoko Olsen & friend Sam; Ernie & Marjorie Rowbotham; Dale Street - & all the other pleasant regulars who do not miss many meetings. Also welcomed was a retiree, John Wishart, who recently relocated from Orlando, FL to SLC. Welcome, John!

Sandy & Darlene Cantonwine were there; Darlene had health problems, but seemed to be much better again. Bill Ottman came, but without wife Shirley who had undergone knee surgery on May 16. She is recuperating near their home at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital (561-3400).

On a happier note: On May 14, wedding bells chimed for Doug Schwartz & Rayma Atkinson who originally hailed from Charleston, WV. Congratulations, Rayma & Doug!

Update on Capt. Al Haynes' daughter, Laurie Arguello: As reported earlier in the Nat'l Foundation for Transplants' The Advocate, Laurie's bone marrow transplant was successful - in part thanks to the generous donations by Capt. Haynes' UAL coworkers-at-large. The magazine showed a recent photo taken by the Memphis, TN NFT staff at a reception given in honor of Capt. Haynes, his daughter Laurie, & another lady-patient treated for the same disease at the NFT. All are doing great.

A couple of weeks ago, this correspondent enjoyed a houseguest with whom, many years ago, she was domiciled in NYC flying for EAL - later this guest worked for PAA. In Sept. 1991, her flt. schedule took her to Hamburg; upon next-day check-in for the return flt., everything fell apart: When the crews checked in at the Hamburg/Germany PAA flt. dispatch, no one was on duty to accommodate the crew. Their airline had closed down for good - from one day to the other. Within a short time, the B-747 capt. obtained permission from the foreign aviation authorities to fly to Zurich/Switzerland to pick up stranded pax & crew members to be taken back home to JFK. What a ride that must have been! No food, only the remnants of the liquor cabinet from a previous flt. - served in plastic cups, FC & YC.

Calendar:

July 20 - Lunch 2pm - Chuck-A-Rama - 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful, UT

Aug. 17 - Catered Picnic - 5pm - Sugar House Pk., Terrace TBA.

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Luncheon at Locks Point included guests Bob Wright, John Spillane & Helen Neil. Meeting opened with joke from Bob Riggs & reports on financial situation at UA. Discussed were on retiree pensions. Vi Hildebrand - in a hurry to get to the luncheon - received a speeding ticket! The 2 Pichardos visited from Texas. A pig roast is being co-chaired by Bob Riggs & Tony Washington to be held in Aug.

Sponsoring the luncheon was Elaine Karlson with flower & candles on all tables. Nominations for Sept. meeting was announced. Sept. luncheon will be hosted by Bob & Barbara Riggs. If interested in attending luncheon, contact Mario Quaglietta at (757) 490-7326. No luncheon will be held during June, July and Aug.

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Our dinner was held June 12 at the Airport Ramada. Our thanks to David & Theresa Reisenhauer for doing a great job hosting. Everyone that attended had a good time catching up on all the news.

We are losing 2 of our members, George & Glad Press. They are moving to Atlanta to be closer to their children & grandchildren. They have one in Atlanta, the other in Chicago so Spokane was not close by. They also go to Newfoundland for several months every summer - that, too, is closer to Atlanta! All of us will miss them & wish them the very best.

We were fortunate to have an absolutely gorgeous Memorial Day three-day weekend. Since that time it has cooled off dramatically & have had showers on a daily basis.

On June 14 I had laser surgery on my right eye for glaucoma & in July the Doctor will do the left eye. It was one of the things that he told me was age related. I was pleased to still be around to have the surgery.

We are looking forward to see Leslie Lathrop at one of our upcoming events. She is one of the newer retirees from GEG.

Hello to Don Bonar & his family who now live in Apache Junction, AZ. I just noticed his name on the new member list for RUAEA. Actually he has been in AZ the past several years & your OLD CO-WORKERS from GEG would like to hear from you. Send us e-mail if you have a computer or pick up the phone & call.

Les & Vera Graham have celebrated yet another anniversary. I hope I am right with 59 years, however, they go by so quickly I could have missed a year along the way. They are both in excellent health & both remain very active, Les in composting, both he & Vera are the Mushroom Club, Les still goes golfing & hunting & plants lots of pickling cukes for Vera to pickle! They are an absolute joy to be around. Fran & Warren Smith are a year behind Les & Vera, they, too, are very active. Fran is

volunteering at Holy Family Hospital each week & Smitty just takes it easy & enjoys all the bakery goodies that Fran bakes for him.

Another of our attendees, Hallie Tayman from Hayden, ID is moving to Boise in the next month or so. She, like the Presses, wants to be closer to her daughter & family. She has been coming to our meetings with Jerry & Edna Tefft who also live in Hayden. We will miss you Hallie.

We received a nice thank you letter from Elsie George (widow of K.D. George) who recently passed away. Our group donated to Hospice of North Idaho in his name. We hope to keep in touch with Elsie.

Calendar:

July - Laney Wilson is hosting. It will be at the Harvester in Spangle. She will be calling you with the date, time & details. Hope to see you in Spangle.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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May 11, an enormous crowd gathered at the Golden Corral to find out from each other if there were any new developments in the "Pension Crisis". We had all received a letter from United & we had read many unsettling reports in the Washington Post & the Wall Street Journal. The negative tone that the press had adopted was starting to wear us down. We looked to our former colleagues & friends for a little moral support.

Chapter Pres. David Cox gave an encouraging analysis & expressed the wish that it would work out for the best. These are difficult times for all the airlines, but it is generally felt that this year, 2005, travel will return to the pre-9/11 levels.

United is starting new service this summer ... CHI to Munich, LAX to HNL & SFO to HNL will both increase to 5 flights a day. Also, SFO to Maui will increase to 4 flights a day. Customers wishing to visit the Caribbean can now take United from DEN to Cancun & Washington Dulles to Cancun with daily service.

For those Dulles Loungers with a desire to see Aruba, now have twice weekly service from Dulles to consider.

Our intrepid travelers Dutch & Kerrie Schneider have recently returned from 2 cruises! In April, Dutch & Kerrie joined 2 other couples, flew to LAX to join "The Norwegian Star" for a cruise to Acapulco, & other points on the Mexican Riviera. Then in late May, the same friends flew to SEA, sailed to Alaska, on the "Norwegian Spirit".

Did you know that there are now almost 13,000 members of RUAEA? If you need a membership application, please contact this correspondent. It will be mailed to you promptly. Membership dues are \$20 per year.

NEW MEMBERS

CORRECTION: In the Feb. 2005 Newsletter - New member Ronald E. Frylan (LAXMM) was listed with an incorrect address. The correct address is: *1186 Dorset Ct., Aurora, OH 44202*. Please accept our apology.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Ken & Julia Lee, 107 Sand Trap LN. Greenwwod, SC 29649

Early in Dec. my wife Julia had stomach surgery; we decided then we better move from Green Valley, AZ closer to my son & family, better medical facilities in S. Carolina.

It's 3 ½ month, we are slowly settling in our new home, & small town living, plus mainly different kind of golf in hilly 29 hole course.

Thanks again for all the information about United Airlines.

Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd, Clermont, FL. 34711

Early in May I hopped MCO-ORD-LHR to visit my brother living near London. Seven years younger at 74 he's in worse shape than I. After a few days there I went by coach (modern, not horse drawn), to spend a week at a B&B on the south coast. Sitting on a bench in a busy city park I was entertained by 2 young French women sitting nearby & passionately "necking". Everyone ignored them except 2 young men. One said, "Wotta waste." ... Incidentally it was sunny but with a howling North wind which blew for the next 20 days. From there I took another comfortable European style coach almost a thousand miles up to Strathpeffer in northern Scotland for 9 days. Even though it was May I took my parka, wore it for the next 3 weeks. In Scotland, it rained, hailed, frosted, snowed and that Artic wind never dropped below 15-20 mph. The natives all

said, "This is most unusual." I've heard that before... Took 3 ancient rail trips, one steam. Starting at Inverness on the Scot east coast one trip was across to the Atlantic at the Kyle of Lochalsh, opposite the Isle of Skye. Another was up to Wick just South of John O'Groats where one hears a strange brand of English, Gaelic, Norwegian, & American (oil workers). Frankly I forget where the third rail trip went but I did take the funicular rail trip up to the Cairngorm Mountains. It was worth it despite the snow blows ... Saw a great looking horn heavy Stag & a herd of Highland deer seemingly intent on avoiding the Stag, or just teasing him ... Later in a Scottish mill store (loads of everything plaid), I heard proof of the spread of the English language. English must be a hard language for a Japanese to learn but in a store it was startling to hear a male Japanese say to his wife-----"Shut Up!" ... Food in the lonely old Highland hotel where I stayed was good. Talking with a young waitress there I asked if she were German. "I'm from Russia", she said, "over here to learn English." In Scotland? Her English was easier to understand than local waiters from the village. To make my point, the coach driver, just after leaving Inverness said, "Weer noo passin the bla ale." Huh? Again please said the passengers. "The Bla Ale." No good so I looked it up on the map. It was the 'Black Isle'... Some of the distilleries in the Highlands are small, in fact one had only 4 employees, all sober. But you can get a lovely "wee dram" of single malt ... Back in Lockalsh the Post Office in Gaelic is UIFIS A'PHUIST. ...but I found it. Lastly it isn't true that Scots have deep pockets & short arms. A Scotsman told me that. Cheers.

Homer & Agnes Warthen, 603 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206-3131

What a great group for getting the newsletter out to us. There is so much information that it is hard for us "Seniors" to absorb all of it. Thanks for keeping us informed.

We are doing our annual 5 month trip in our Motor-home.

Mr & Mrs Art Moore, 23430 Oriole Ln., Twain Harte, CA 95383

Well!! Art's late again. Thanks for the reminder on the May issue.

I had my 86th birthday on May 3; am in excellent health; all lab tests are in the normal range.

We still spend our winters in Apache Junction, AZ & our summers in Twain Harte, CA (near Yosemite National Park). Only travel this year was 10 days in HWI to cat & house sit.

We retiree's are so fortunate to have folks like Marlin Lade, Mort Wax, etc. to look after our interests; keeping us informed. Also, definitely, Jo Madden & her wonderful staff.

From all the retirees: Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

Barbara Briggs, 2380 California Street #503, San Francisco, CA 94115

Here it is again – and another year older! Hope that the Hollywood Party was great – was thinking of you all.

Wondering (as we all are I'm sure) of our pensions. Trust that you will advise us when you know details, as your clear explanations are always appreciated.

Charlotte J. Flagg, 202 Stonemill, Ln. Oswego, IL 60543

To the dear hard working people who put this newsletter together!

THANKS ONCE AGAIN!

Just wish the ones at the top running UAL now, would take a few pages from the past at what was done right & stop doing what is wrong, so United could RISE again & be the success it once was.

From one who dedicated 45 years.

Bertram J. Donnelly, 889 Canyon Ct. Manteca, CA 95336-3580

This June 2005 my birthday makes me 85. Helen & I will have been married 65 years. I cannot drive anymore, cannot read any small print because macular degeneration is stealing my eyesight. Otherwise we are both still doing as good as can be expected for old folks.

Marilyn A. Chaplin, 114 E Pine Ave. Bensenville, IL 60106

Today "is" my birthday, so thanks for the reminder. I gladly pay dues in order to keep in touch, informed & up-to-date. Keep up the good work, we all appreciate it.

My husband Wayne & I just returned from a lovely Windstar Sailboat Cruise out of Lisbon, to Casa Blanca, Morocco, then on to Cadiz, Marbella, & Malago, Spain. We were very lucky to get First Class, sleeper seats round trip to & from Frankfurt!

Our travel companions included Phyllis (ret-CHIRR) & George (ORDMM-active) Kordecki, Jim Kristoff (ret-ORDMM) Sandy Forester (ret-CHICU) & Jim Kulik (ORDMM-active).

A great time was had by all.

Greetings to any one out there who recognizes my name.

J. Branstetter Sr., 605 Missouri Flat, Grants Pass, OR 97527

First of all I would like to thank all the people that put out the Newsletter to keep us informed.

I have now been retired over 20 years of this good life. Enjoyed the time of employment at both SFOOV & SFOMM. The company and the employee relationship was the best. I also had a great retirement package, (The government also got paid). But now things have changed, at that time it was said to have 61 V.P.'s; need I say more?

After retirement I got involved in the retirees monthly pot-luck. Saw my name many times in the newsletter. Took care of the annual picnic for 15 years, earned a honorary life membership.

I have been very fortunate to get involved with both active & retired programs.

Recently I bought a ranch in the Applegate region, therefore I have a new address.

Lynn Kretschmer, 913 Via. Cielito, Ventura, CA 93003

Thank you for the monthly newsletters; all the hard work & time involved spent putting it together. I feel a UAL family "hug" everytime I receive one.

James D. Leek, 79 Forest Cove, Bunnell, FL 32110

Things have happened since this time last year. In November we sold our home in Murphys, CA. We sold our furniture, sent 240 boxes of personal stuff to IL for our son to put in storage. We packed the big trunk of the Grand Marquis, drove to Southern CA to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with our daughter & her husband in Helendale. After Thanksgiving we loaded up again & took 5 days, dodging snow, ice & storms driving to Freeport, IL so we could spend Christmas with our son & his family. Jan 3 we headed South & drove to FL. A long time & very good friend of ours owns a senior retirement development in Bunnell, we liked what we saw so now reside in a 2200 sf manufactured home.

It is good to be settled once again.

No trips on airplanes.

Just an observation, but I believe if United had hired a group of old guys to come back & put the company back together we would not now be getting all these letters from lawyers & MBA's seemingly not able to make it happen.

The newsletter is our lifeline. Keep up the good work.

Lavern M. Burke, 16197 Emerald Pt., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

I enjoy reading the monthly newsletter, I thought I would write to see if there is anyone in the CLE area that might like to go to the local retiree events with me?

After my husband died several years ago (he worked on the ramp at SFO & SMFOZ for 36 years) I moved back to the CLE area to be near my son & his family. It is nice to be near my family but it is also nice to make new friends as well.

I will pay for my expenses & also pay for gas. If interested, please call me at (216) 898-0273. If not home please leave voice mail.

Jay Holland, 12107 41st St. E., Edgewood, WA 98372

This is a note to let others know my address. I retired in 1999. Worked for UAL SFOOV – SFOIQ – SFOMM & SEAMM 40 years. Since retirement, I volunteer at Seattle's Museum of Flight each Friday as a docent. I enjoyed touring with other RUAEA members for the SEA convention at the museum.

J. C. Sedell, Royal Oak Apt 204, 2180 Popular Dr., Medford, OR 97504

Please change my address to the above.

I appreciate all your efforts to provide us the retirement news, also appreciate receiving the monthly newsletter.

Terry Gilkison, 2521 W. Marion Ave., Isles Cove Villa 1012, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Thanks for sending me the "Happy Birthday" reminder. My wife, Joan & I are disappointed that we will not attend the convention this year. Joan had cancer surgery May 11 to be followed by 5 weeks of radiation treatments with possibility that chemo will follow. There is a 90% recovery rate for this type of cancer so we are planning future cruise ships & Elderhostels. She had told me that she would be able to continue our "Pelican Drop-Ins" newsletter on schedule.

Regarding our reduction in benefits that have increased our travel costs, medical & health costs also for many a probable reduction in pension checks, there is a comparison to be made with compensation & benefit reduction to active employees. My daughter & son-in-law, who are active employees in their fifties, have had a combination pay reduction of 30% plus a loss of stock from ESOP. Their benefit reductions are similar to retiree benefit cuts. When I was still employed the Compensation & Benefits Department considered employee benefits to be equal to 20% of our salary. I think we retirees need to accept our reductions in benefits equally with those of active employees if this is what it takes for United to survive, however, I do believe United should plan to restore the benefits that have been cut to employees & retirees at some future date.

Good luck & good health to all of you in Denver that work so hard to keep us informed.

Bernadette F. Juanich, 73-1277 Awakea St., Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Keep up the good work to keep us informed.

I used to be proud to be a United employee/retiree. Now I am disillusioned & frustrated.

All we can do is keep the faith & hope for the best for all concerned.

Jack Livesay, PO Box 97453, Raleigh, NC 27624

Have just returned home from 2 months in Australia. Toured 4 of the 7 states. It is a great country - a lot to see & do. A lot of different contrasts in the different parts of the country. The people are very friendly towards Americans.

I really enjoy reading the newsletter, thanks for keeping us up-to-date on the happenings at United, also all the hard work that goes in putting it together.

Jack Atkinson, 6702 Lockenna Ln., Rancho Palos Verde, CA 90275

Thank you for the greetings in the May issue. And many thank you's for keeping all us seasoned oldies up to speed.

I enjoyed my time in OAK-SFO-LAX-LGB-DEN-DTW-DCA & finally LAX. I'd be willing to buy a ticket to do it all again!

Henry A. Szal Jr., 4036 Littleleaf Ct., Spring Hill, FL 34609

Like many others that have written, I really appreciate the newsletter. It keeps us informed & the letters are interesting.

We appreciate the work month after month of putting the newsletter together.

My very best regards to all my friends at EWR & those that went to other parts of the country from EWR.

To the current employees, - keep up the good work, hang in there.

Richard Bresett, 1375 Vintage Way, Auburn, CA 95603-6031

Thank you so much for the info you give on UAL. It's my only source since I have no computer.

I have 2 questions that I'd really appreciate some feed back on if possible. Maybe through the newsletter as some other folks might be interested in the answer also.

1ST Question: Does the government know that if UAL gives up these pension programs that will force all other airlines to do the same? If UAL would be the only U.S. airline without having to pay a pension then they have unfair advantage of all the other airlines?

2nd Question: My wife will be going on Medicare soon. What happens if we stay with Blue Cross/Blue Shield & 3 years later UAL goes out of business? Is anyone talking to Blue Cross/Blue Shield about this? Could we keep it at the same rate or would they drop all of us or raise the rates?

When you turn 65 you have only 6 months to get a MEDIGAP insurance without a physical. This puts us in a difficult situation. We would prefer Blue Cross/Blue Shield but if the 6 month time lapse occurs & then UAL goes out of business we would have a more difficult time getting MEDIGAP insurance.

Thanks a lot for any info or help you could give me on these 2 questions.

F. Cordero, 134 N. Ithaca Ct, Sterling, VA 20164-2619

Thank you for all you ladies & gentlemen do for us retirees. Without you to be out front for us, we would not know anything about what is going on with United.

I am thankful for that and for keeping us informed.

I'll be sending you another address change, but it won't be until I sign the dotted line; my house is almost finished at Pt. St. Lusie, FL.

Mary & Don Toeppen, 14420 Whitewood Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

The computer has not quite caught up with the calendar, so we are a little late this year.

2005 we celebrated our first anniversary on the 8th. Mary & I are both doing just fine; attend all the RUAEA events other than the weekly breakfasts. Would do that too, but the breakfast hour we are at the gym for our daily workout. This later activity is necessary to take out all the age related "kinks" that seem to develop while sleeping!

This year we will be in Oshkosh for the EAA annual fly in convention where we work as volunteers. After the convention, we plan a trip to Door County for one of those famous "Fish Boils", something Mary has never experienced.

CHI is on the agenda as well, where we can both visit with long time friends & family.

Lord willing, we will be back to you again next year with the annual update. Until then, Keep The Faith!

Jim & Anne Kear, 850 W. Vereda Calma, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Thanks to everyone who puts out the wonderful newsletter. Anne & I are doing great. I had prostate surgery last Nov; just finished with radiation treatments. Even so everything is fine with us.

I would like to say "Hi" to all of my friends in CHI, SAN & DEN.

Mardele Celestin, 15579 Miami Lakeway No. 104, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

I just finished reading the May issue & one letter took me back to the good times we had. My first FAM trip was with Quantas, First Class to LON. The whole weekend, hotel included was \$35.00!! They were great! So many lasting friendships were formed.

A million thanks for keeping the United family connected.

Paul A. Folta, 825 Thornton Ct. Apt 2B, Schaumburg, IL 60193

It's that time again, I beat the "Red Line" The extra is for postage.

I'm still kicking along, but not as high as I used to!

Thanks for a great newsletter.

John (Jack) P. Meyer, 885 N. Almond Street, Dixon, CA 95620-2228

Thank you so much for another year of tremendous work in running the RUAEA Newsletter. In spite of the trials & tribulations affecting us all in this time of uncertainty, we all seem to keep going. My retirement is in its 7th year & going well. Still keeping in touch with "old" buddies & staying updated on the latest news. As time moves on I've somehow morphed into a computer nerd, but that's the price one pays when there is time on one's hands. In the meantime, thanks for everything, let's hope for the best.

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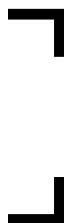
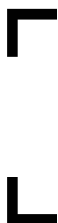
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*When times are hard, and you are blue
Think of the others worrying too
Just because your troubles are many
Don't think the rest of us haven't any.*

*Life is made up of smiles and tears
Joys and sorrows mixed with fears
And though to us it seems one sided
Trouble is pretty well divided*

*If we could look in very heart
We'd find that each one has its part
And those who travel fortunes road
Sometimes carry the biggest load.*

(Author Unknown)

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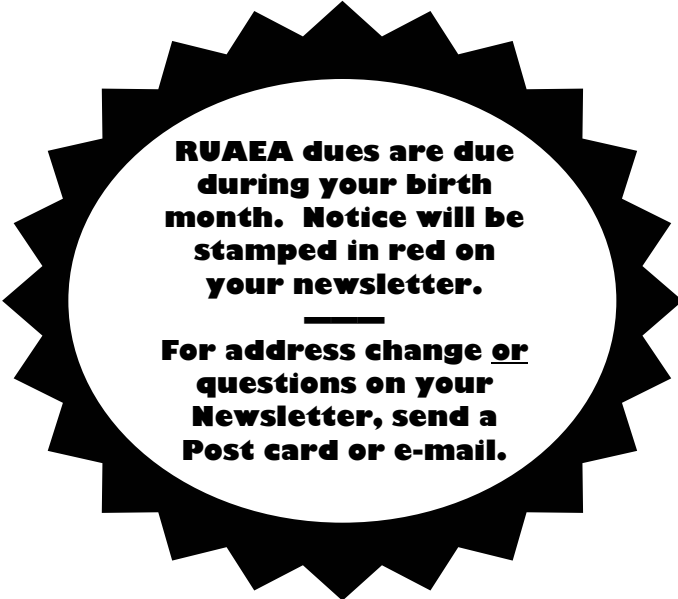
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