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**Washington Monument**

## **RUAEA CONVENTION 2006 WASHINGTON DC MAY 21 - 28, 2006**

Convention 2006 held in Washington DC is now destined for the RUAEA yearbook!

We welcomed over 600 visitors from many Chapters in the USA.

Perfect weather each day made the tours to Mount Vernon, Annapolis & Capitol Hill etc, all the more enjoyable.

Our guests took the Metro to the National Zoo [panda watching], the National Cathedral & the many Smithsonian Museums, as the Metro was located underneath our Convention Hotel, the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington VA.

The two banquets were well attended. Entertainment both nights proved to be "Smash Hits." Thank you for the many nice comments I received at the hotel also in the two dozen Emails I received after Convention!

Several items are unclaimed from the Arts and Crafts Raffle:

- ✈ E. Johnson won the political animals.
- ✈ Joe Bradley won the political animals.
- ✈ Delores Frank won the small quilt, aviation theme.
- ✈ Caldwell won the novel "The Galty Prize"
- ✈ B. Messor won the small quilt, or lap robe.

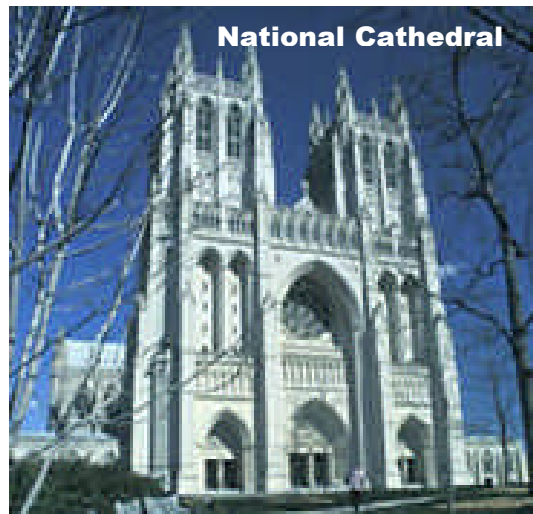
Contact Jewell & Gus Giustozzi at (703) 360-4644 or you may email them at [FORGE67@aol.com](mailto:FORGE67@aol.com). Postage to be paid by the winners.

It was a pleasure to meet our special guest Harold Weary of Mount Prospect, IL. This gentleman retired in 1973 from EXO Controllers Office & has attended every Convention from 1976 to 2006. We look forward to seeing him in Sacramento!

It has been a pleasure to bring you the sights and sounds of the Washington, DC area, including Northern Virginia.

My best wishes & many thanks to all the Convention 2006 Team members. I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento for Convention 2007.

Lucy I. Chatelain, Publicity Chair  
RUAEA Convention 2006



**National Cathedral**

# **GENERAL NEWS**

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## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Last week, I took office as the 17<sup>th</sup> Pres. in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the life of our Association. When you check the last page of the Newsletter, you will see that I have had a distinguished group of predecessors. The most recent is Marlin Lade who all will agree has done much to make RUAEA a proactive voice of retirees' interests, issues & concerns as well as to provide for continuation of member friendships & associations. I intend, to the best of my ability, to continue & increase the efforts made by my predecessors.

Also on the last page of the Newsletter is a membership list for our new Board of Directors. As a group, we dedicate ourselves to communicating information which our membership expects to receive from their representatives. We will do this through our liaison with the various chapters affiliated with our Association & directly with our many members who may not have chosen to associate themselves with a chapter. Upon conclusion of our respective terms of office, we expect that RUAEA will be no less a viable organization than it is today.

A word about our 2007 Convention! As you will see from many articles in this Newsletter, our next Annual Convention will be hosted by the Sacramento Gold Diggers in Sacramento, CA. This publication will give you much information over the several months prior to its start. Give serious consideration to joining us there.

Finally, all of us, and particularly Ed Tolle our Corporate Relations Representative, & I, will insure that RUAEA will be consulted in any changes being considered by the company in our retiree benefits & will be available to you to as a court of last resort if you are unable to resolve questions you may have about the provision of those benefits.

Mort Wax  
RUAEA President

## **FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT**

We just returned home from our annual convention held in Washington DC. I believe it was an outstanding convention. Everyone I talked to had a great time; all are looking forward to the convention next year in Sacramento, CA. Since the Annual Business meeting on Sat., I am now your "Past President." I want to thank each of you for the privilege of serving as your Pres. the past two years. We have shared some difficult times. We have done our best to keep you informed. We have gone to bat for many of you individually; we have represented you collectively regarding retiree matters. No doubt about it, we have made a difference. I am proud of the individuals I had the privilege to work with over the past years, & thank them for their support. I know your new Officers, Directors & Staff will continue the work & mission of RUAEA. They deserve & need your continued support. Thank you!

Marlin Lade  
Past President – RUAEA

## **NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN KUWAIT CITY & WASHINGTON-DULLES**

United announced that it will start nonstop service between Washington D.C., & Kuwait City in late Oct. 2006. Pending Kuwaiti government approval, United will be the only U.S. airline to offer nonstop service between the U.S. & Kuwait.

Launching service to Kuwait further demonstrates our commitment to expanding our global network, bringing our passenger & cargo customers closer to the world's key economic centers.

The new route is expected to serve as an important cargo access point into the Middle East, due to the region's high demand for oil & gas equipment also perishables. Mail is expected to represent a significant cargo volume on these flights.

### CANCUN SERVICE

United will begin new daily service between CHI & Cancun, Mexico, July 5.

United will begin the service with a daily roundtrip on Ted. An additional mainline roundtrip will be operated on Sat. & Sun. through Sept. 5. Effective Dec. 14, United will operate twice daily service exclusively on Ted for the winter peak travel season.



## United Airlines Historical Foundation

*"Preserve the Past, Inspire the Future"*

### PACIFIC AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)



Top: Crissy Army Field ca. 1921, National Archives - Lower: Detail from a UAHF 1926 pilot's "roll-up" map showing Crissy Field.

Flying the C.A.M. #8 route proved very hazardous due to the mountainous terrain & the frequently dense fog along the coast. Several planes & 3 pilots were lost in the first year of operation.

By March 1927 Gorst's "financial shoestring" was nearly broken, he entered the San Francisco Wells Fargo-Nevada Bank hoping for a \$5000 loan. He explained to 27-year-old William Allan Patterson that he wanted to use part of the loan to raise a plane out of the San Francisco Bay & salvage the engine. During their conversation it was concluded that the salt water had probably damaged the engine beyond repair.

Intrigued about the struggling airline, eager to bag his first new account, Patterson visited PAT's hangars at Crissy Field that same afternoon.

Gorst received his \$5000 loan, but the next day Patterson was standing before Frederick L. Lipman the bank president. He was told to “stick by those flying-machine men until they pay it back”.

Gorst repaid the \$5000 loan promptly. When he received a \$15,000 check from the Post Office, Patterson convinced him to invest in government bonds. These bonds were used as collateral for credit and to acquire a new loan from Wells Fargo.

Gorst was still “strapped-for-funds” to pay for planes, fuel & to meet his payroll, so Pat Patterson spent his “off-duty” hours at the bank setting up an orderly accounting system for PAT.

By Marvin Berryman, from the DENTK UAHF library’s books “Vern C. Gorst - Pioneer and Granddad of United Airlines” - Gorst Publications & “Pat Patterson” - Lane Magazine & Book Co. - Crissy Photo: [www.nps.gov/prsf/history/crissy/crissyaf.htm](http://www.nps.gov/prsf/history/crissy/crissyaf.htm)

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions and donations of United Memorabilia & Artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Visit our website at: [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org)

### **NEW FLIGHTS EFFECTIVE SEPT. 6**

United is launching new daily nonstop service on 6 new routes, beginning Sept. 6, that expand United’s service through our hub markets.

The year-round flights will also provide customers in smaller regions with better access to our global route network. Three of the new routes will be served by explus, our United Express regional jet service, which provides customers with enhanced travel comfort.

The new flights include:

- ( SFO - Toronto (daily service on United)
- ( LAX - Oklahoma City (daily service on explus)
- ( LAX - Vancouver (twice daily service on explus)
- ( DEN - Grand Rapids, MI (daily service on explus)
- ( Washington Dulles - Birmingham, AL (daily service on United Express)
- ( Washington Dulles Albuquerque, NM (daily service on United)

### **TRAVEL DESK TIPS BY BOB (ROBERT BRUMFIELD)**

It is Summer Time and the flights are heavy. United has asked that we check as much luggage as possible & carry-on as little as possible [keep the medicines and essentials with you]. Those “overhead bins” are getting a real work out which slows down boarding & deplaning. The Customer Service Reps. & Inflight Attendants are there to serve the customer, not play “police” anymore than necessary.

Your checked luggage will be tagged. There are notes on that bag tag that note you are a “Standby” which alerts Ground Services to hold your luggage until you are confirmed as an onboard passenger. This is a nice advantage in that your bags will usually be the first off at your destination also first into the claim area.

After you get home remove those used bag tags. You will note that there are three or four little strips with your name - handy to peel off to attach to your note books or personal items that you frequently take out of your home to “pot-lucks” or meetings and wish to have identified as “YOURS,”

One final item - Companion Pass Travel will be difficult, especially if UNaccompanied by the sponsoring employee. The Boarding Priority drops without the employee along. Recommend that Companions standby for the first flights of the day, take along a good book to read; “Gone with the Wind”, “The Da Vinci Code”, or “War & Peace.”

Better times to standby – Tues., Wed., Sat. afternoons & early Sun. mornings. Times to avoid are Sat. mornings, Sun. mid-day & afternoons. Call the Travel Desk the day before for best possible flights. Please advise your Companions the need for “patience.”

**Current Embargo on International United Airlines Travel for Unaccompanied Companions, Employees of Other Airlines International Travel Embargo,**

( USA to Europe East Bound Embargo Dates June 10 through 17 2006.

( Europe to USA West Bound Embargo Dates June 15 through July 1, 2006

( Amsterdam to London, West Bound June 15 through Aug. 1, 2006

Information source: SkyNet // Travel // More Travel NEWS

Good Travels,  
Bob Brumfield

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, MAY 27, 2006**

Pres. Marlin Lade called the 2006 Annual Business meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

This meeting is in accordance with the RUAEA Bylaws.

Motion made & seconded to waive the reading of the 2005 Annual Business Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried.

Marlin welcomed all the attendees to the Business meeting. Reiterated that the purpose of RUAEA is to maintain the friendships & associations of its members & be a proactive voice of United retirees' interests, issues and causes.

Marlin introduced Corporate Relations Representative Ed Tolle who reported on contacts & meetings with CEO Glenn Tilton also WHQ corporate management. Any retiree problems that are not resolved through regular channels can be brought to the attention of their Region Director or newly elected RUAEA Pres. Mort Wax, who in turn will notify Ed, who has the contacts in United's corporate office to obtain the necessary answers.

Howard Tress, Membership/Support Manager reported the DEN office now has a staff of 5 Membership secretaries, Dixie McCay, Carole Longbella, Lonna Fischer, Carol Sostarich & Julianna Alfonso, who will man the office daily, Mon. through Fri., from 8 AM to 3 PM, Mountain time. RUAEA membership as of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2006 was 11,003. Jo Madden, editor of the Newsletter, now has her own phone number, which is listed on the back page of the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw, Newsletter Manager reported on the production & distribution of the Newsletter. Requested that Correspondents who send their Chapter reports by computer using Microsoft Word.

Newsletter editor, Jo Madden reported RUAEA now has 55 Chapters reporting to the Newsletter. A successful & informative Correspondents breakfast was held Friday morning, May 26. She thanked all attending for their timely & informative Chapter reports. Reminder to all present at the Annual Business meeting to write their file number on any correspondence.

Executive VP Mort Wax presented the Computer Manager's report for Jim Sommerfield. There are currently 2,100 members receiving the Newsletter on the RUAEA Website. With the implementation of the 3 levels of access, all RUAEA members have access to the Website at Levels 1 and 2 as well the members who access the Newsletter at Level 3.

Bud Hubbard, VP-Conventions, reported that 718 members & guests are attending the convention, 506 attended the Friendship dinner, 541 will attend the RUAEA Banquet. The 2007 Convention will be held in Sacramento, hosted by the Sacramento Gold Diggers Chapter. Bud introduced Ron Bertacini, Chairman of the Convention Committee. Site Selection committee is working on a site for the 2008 convention.

Treas. Charlie Lewis, presented the 2005 Financial Report. Our revenues consist of dues, contributions & interest. Year-end cash balance was \$107,036. Currently we have 4 CD's worth \$142,660 at the end of 2005. The financial statement & reports for 2005 were audited in Jan. 2006.

All reports were free of any material misstatement & they were an accurate representation of the Association's operating results. Total revenue for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006 was \$52,550. Total expenses for the same period were \$54,542.

Past Pres. Jim Fauber announced the results of the 2006 election for 5 officers and 5 region directors. Officers elected are, Pres. – Mort Wax; Executive VP – Hal Klobe; Treas. – Len Haubl; Secy. – Marilyn Marcy, VP Conventions – Hank Gosselin.

Region Directors elected are: Howard Lackey – So. Cal; Ray Winterhalter – Florida; Carol Faust – Midwest; Howard Payne – Western; Ron Bertacini – No Cal/NV.

Appointed to NW for 1 year is Jack Hooper to finish Hank Gosselin's term.

Bruce Brodersen has been appointed director for 1 year of the newly created Southeast region, which is comprised of chapters from both the Midwest & Northeast regions. The old Southeast region has been renamed Florida. RUAEA now has 10 regions. Only 840 members out of 11,000 voted!

Marlin recognized & distributed Certificates of Appreciation to the following outgoing officers, directors and staff: Pres. – Marlin Lade; Executive VP – Mort Wax; Treas. – Charlie Lewis; VP Conventions - Bud Hubbard; Ass't VP Conventions – Bill Betters; Past President - Jim Fauber; Secy. - Helen Cauwels; So Cal - Bob Owens; No Cal/NV – Bob Cuff; Southeast - Loretta Marvett; NW - Hank Gosselin; Audit Chair - Tom Costa; Site Selection Chair - Bob Hallden.

Marlin & Mort reported that there is no change to the current Travel Plan for retirees through 2006. Stock distribution has been made. Options, upon notification, were to vote for new UAL stock certificates or a cash settlement. In both situations, FICA & Social Security deductions were taken. Life insurance issued through the Medical Plan has been dropped effective March 31, 2006.

Following the meeting, door prizes were distributed to lucky raffle ticket holders.

Meeting was adjourned at 1119

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Cauwels  
Secretary - RUAEA

### **KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/STAFF**



Carol Sostarich was employed by United Airlines 10/8/79 as a General Clerk in the In Flight Dept. – DENSW & retired as a Flight Manager Rep. – DENFO. She received 2 Awards of Merit & a Flight Operations Division Award (1995).



Carol is working in the RUAEA Denver office as a Membership Secretary. Her leisure activities include vacationing in Mexico, Hawaii & going to her grandsons' activities.

Carol & husband, Lawrence, have 2 girls, Gretchen & Heather, 2 grandsons, Mykol & Ralph.

Welcome to the DEN staff – We are happy to have you on our “Team”.

### **KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/STAFF**



Bruce Brodersen started his career with United Airlines 2/6/60 as a Station Agent in Fresno, CA – Customer Service Dept. & retired 1/31/95 as Service Director, Customer Service in Atlanta. He received an Award of Merit when he worked in OAKOZ.

Bruce set up the NRSA Travel Registration at the RUAEA Convention in Atlanta – 1994. He is Pres. of the Dixie Flyers Chapter from 2002 to present. He also was the local Newsletter Editor & RUAEA Correspondent until 2002. He has been appointed Director of the Southeast Region for a one-year term. His volunteer involvement includes Board of Directors & Treasurer of Fayette Community Hospital for the last 2 years & is V.P. of the Homeowners Association. Also has been active in the ATL Fantasy Flights.

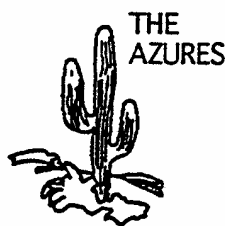
Leisure activities include traveling & computers. Wife is Mary. He has held supervisor positions in FATTO, MRYOZ – also worked at OAKOZ, ATLOZ, & was a Sales Rep. – FATSS & MRYSS.

We are happy to have you as a member of the RUAEA Board of Directors.

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for Aug. are due in DEN by Thurs. July 6, Sept. report by 8/4, Oct. report by 9/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto: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 U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

## ARIZONA



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please call Mary Toeppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at 623 214-1504 or Sherry.

Pat Paulson had hip surgery on May 18, is now at home. She seems to be doing well, knowing Pat she will be in her water aerobics class in no time at all. Address is 3927 N. 151<sup>st</sup> Dr., Goodyear, AZ 85338.

Harry Fraser continues to mend from his fall, Horst Heinig & Chuck Sharp continue with their chemotherapy. Jean Kerman & Pete are going through some health issues too. Please keep all our friends in your prayers.

We are looking for a friend or relative that is a member of the Luke AFB officers club. This person, if willing, would be our sponsor to the two luncheons we typically schedule each year. If we cannot find another sponsor willing to attend the meetings & hand in the attendance sheets, we will be looking for new locations for our luncheons. Please contact any of the Azure officers if you know someone who would be interested in helping us at LUKE.

We will begin our luncheons again in the fall. Oct. will be our next event, it will be at the # 7 Ramada in SCW off Beardsley Road. More info to follow on the plans for next season.

We will continue to meet bi-weekly at Coco's throughout the summer.

#### Calendar:

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

**July 4**

**July 18**

Fall/Winter Luncheons

Oct 14 - Pizza Party at Ramada #7, Beardsley Park SCW

### TALL PINES

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The 23<sup>rd</sup> of May was our present. We welcomed Tony

TALL PINES

monthly UAL luncheon/meeting at Coco's with 17 members Geraci who retired from SFOMM and his lovely wife - Suzanne.

It was decided by popular vote to cancel meetings for June, July & Aug. due to vacations plus summers' busy schedule. Our next meeting will be a picnic at Goldwater Lake on Sept. 26, 11:00 am. Please bring a brown bag lunch & beverage. Hopefully, we will have a great turnout! In the past, our Sept. meeting was an All Arizona Chapter picnic at Goldwater Lake - but due to a poor turnout the past several years, it has been cancelled. If anyone is interested in making the trip to Prescott to join us on the 26<sup>th</sup>, we would love to see you. If you have any questions, please call me.

#### Calendar:

**July** - No Meeting

**Aug.** - No Meeting

**Sept. 26** - Picnic - Goldwater Lake - 11:00am - Brown Bag Lunch



### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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We had an informative, delightful, & unusual May meeting. Howard Hunter invited us to have lunch at the Santa Catalina Villages, where he is now living. Thirty of us attended. We had an open bar, not that necessarily appeals to airline



people, also a delicious lunch. We toured the facility, which was quite impressive. Our thanks to Howard Hunter & the Santa Catalina staff.

Alice Belzer reports on our sick list:

- ( Hank Dykuis—He is feeling fine. In fact Hank & Lou hosted our June meeting.
- ( Pat DiLallo - She thinks they have an answer to her problem - Hopes to see us at a meeting soon.
- ( Beverly Goodlow is doing well after having heart valve replacement. She is impatient to be out & about as she can't drive yet, but she hopes to be at our next meeting.
- ( Alice Belzer had a right knee replacement June 5.

Alice's trivia for the month: Coca Cola was originally green.

#### Calendar:

**July** – Yet to be decided.

**Aug. 17 & 18** - Our annual trip to Pine Top. George Morris has invited the Roadrunners for a cocktail reception at his home on Aug. 17, followed by a dinner at the Pine Top Country Club hosted by Howard Hunter. On Fri. the 18<sup>th</sup> we are all invited to Gordon & Dora Starr's mountain cabin for brunch.

**Warning:** *dates in calendar are closer than they appear.*

### ARKANSAS

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Hello to everyone out there from Arkansas!

Having just taken the gavel from Evelyn Nilson I'm looking forward to my term as Pres. of "The Naturals". Joining United a number of years ago I was in one of the last classes to train in Cheyenne, WY. I flew 2 years before marrying Jim & moving to Miami where we resided. Recently moving to Hot Springs Village we found the wonderful UAL'ers & immediately became active. We are a growing group & enjoy our get-togethers. June 20 will be the luncheon at Fisherman's Wharf on Lake Hamilton. We meet every other month for either lunch or dinner. Please let us know if you're going to be in our area, come & say hello!

Members Charles & Gwen Whitfield recently returned from a trip to South Africa also to Detroit where they visited with family including Charles' mother who is 105 years young!

The May newsletter & the article on Capital Airlines from The Central Coasters by Al Rybar was enjoyed. I didn't mention but my husband Jim is a proud X-Capital employee & began his career with Capital in Cleveland, Oct. 1953 - now retired after 46 years in United. He still carries fond memories of his first airline & first love - Capital! Thanks Al, for the great article.

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Since our Chapter did not meet during May, there is not much news to report from our members. I did get an E-mail from Bob & Pat Wagner who will be traveling to the Midwest again for a couple of months. They have relatives there; this is their yearly visit, however they are not spending as much time away as they have in the past. The Central Coast has an attraction that is hard to stay away from for any length of time!

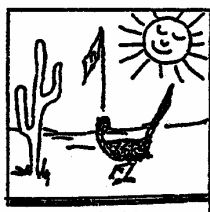
I have an interesting experience to relate. On May 12, 13, & 14, there was an air show at the San Luis Obispo Airport that included the B17, B24, & B25. If any of you have seen these restored planes, it sure brought back a lot of memories. I was able to go inside all 3 of these planes - even though I might be a few pounds heavier than I was when I was 18, I had problems squeezing through the bomb racks & other areas. I have heard that these planes will be based at the Paso Robles Air Museum. On the way out, the granddaughter of Jimmy Doolittle, Mrs. Jonna Doolittle Hoppes, was selling her book, "Calculated Risk". I think we all know most of Jimmy Doolittle's life, but do we know about the influence his wife "Jo" had that affected his career? This book is about that and well worth reading. She wrote a very touching inscription in the book to both my Grandson & me that meant an awful lot to both of us.

Last month's trivial question was: What is the shortest non-stop commercial flight in the world is: Loganair's two-minute flight between the islands of Westray & Papa Westray in Scotland's Orkney Islands. There is no meal service.

This month's trivial question: When did the first U.S. airport hotel open?

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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*Submitted by Elaine Aggson*

The 100 degree plus temperature didn't deter the 24 Sunbirds who attended our May meeting hosted by Chuck Lamas at the Palm Desert Greens Country Club. Among the missing were Roberta Craig, vacationing in HWI, Mike Bailardo who was performing his magic in Lewiston, ID, John & Dede Utzinger participating in the LAX Mainliner Club golf tournament & Marie Slater who had to stay home and supervise the painters. Ron Napier was in Chicago so Barb came alone as did Jimmy Clapper because Liz was working. Jan Kellerhals won the free birthday lunch, Melinda Lerg was the 50/50 winner AGAIN! It was our annual White Elephant exchange, needless to say, there were some REAL treasures (?).

Al Pennington's cochlea implant had been "turned on" since our last meeting. He gave us a fascinating description of how the surgery is done & how the implant works. He described how it felt to hear sounds he had not heard since 1977. He had forgotten the sound of birds, water, music also the noises of the world. It will be some time before he is able to adapt fully, be able to block out background noise & easily understand one on one conversation. We were all amazed how noticeable his progress is already & share his joy at this miracle.



**Redwood  
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Retirees**

### **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

#### **RETIREES**

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Pres. Norm Burnett welcomed 42 members & guests at Paradise Bay in Sausalito; thanked hosts Ann Sullivan & Joan Sheahan for selecting a restaurant with a fantastic view.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced guests: Don & Valerie Halsey, guests of Jan & Grover Blackburn; Pat Bresler, guest of Corrine Geppert; Ginger Dahlberg & Mary Winkler, guests of Ann Sullivan; & Jo Payne, guest of Howard Payne.

I took the place of Sunshine Lady Verda Burr (she is not really replaceable) & announced the May Birthdays and Anniversaries. Barbara Briggs was the Birthday Luncheon winner. Sympathy cards were sent to the Quinn & Rosenthal Families.

RUAEA Director Howard Payne encouraged members to join RUAEA. RUAEA provides the toll free numbers for the PDX & SEA travel desks. He provided information on a program called "Suitcases for Kids" that collects no longer needed luggage; gives them to children on welfare so they have something other than paper or plastic bags in which to carry their possessions. If you have suitcases that you are no longer using, please contact any of the officers; we will coordinate with the Concord Group.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A HOLE: STOP DIGGING!**

#### **Calendar:**

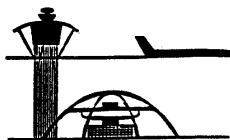
**July 13** - Basque Chalet, San Rafael - Oscar & Joan Chambers

**Aug. 10** - Picnic, Anderson Grove - Verda Burr & Staff

**Sept. 14** - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Ted Bell

## Re-LAX-ers

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Good news and bad news this month. Good - **Jim Day** is doing very well after heart valve replacement (the first replacement valve had lasted nearly twice as long as expected, but was beginning to be a bit leaky, so he had to have it replaced). Not a great operation to have to deal with as you get older & heal slower, but Nan advises he's come along exceptionally well. Happy to hear that, hope he'll be good as new & able to keep up the travels which they enjoy.

Much as I hate to tell the bad news stuff, it is so important to keep everyone informed. When Nan Day called to tell me about Jim, she also had to tell me that **Hilda Goodrich** died very suddenly about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Not long before she died, she had not been feeling well & tests were done. It was determined that she had an aneurism, but surgery was not recommended at that point. Just a few days after the first tests she told Herb that she felt a bit faint, collapsed & died. Our deepest sympathies to Herb & the family, we are so sorry to lose Hilda who was such a lovely lady.

Jim Ferrance who sends an excellent LAXRR email/newsletter, who had to miss the convention due to family commitments, passed on info: -- **Toni Turner**, (LAXRR rate desk) living in HWI & doing well -- contact at 91-440 Pupu St., Ewa Beach, HI 96706. She had clots in both legs, had surgery to clear up the problem. After being on a respirator, it was removed & she is now recovering. She'll be in rehab for a time, but mail to her home will get to her. Best of luck, Toni! **Jose Melendez** (LAXRR, SEARR, CHIRR) lost his 14 year old daughter due to a tragic accident. Address: 520 Eagle Dr. #107, Elk Grove, IL 60007. Your former co-workers from LAX extend the deepest sympathy.

A number of LAX folks attended the very fine convention. We enjoyed the tours (who couldn't in WAS?) Some of us "did our own thing". But here's a suggestion -- don't try to go to the new Air-Space Museum near IAD in a taxi! Four of us decided to pool finances, got a fare quote of \$45 & headed out. When the meter read \$60 we said, "turn it off". It probably would have reached \$80 or so by the time he found the place he knew how to get to! Wonderful place to visit. We went back to hotel by shuttle & Metro - piece of cake and cheap! Dinners were very good, entertainment outstanding. After the convention, the 4 of us drove through MD, WV & PA for 5 days. Among other places, we went to Shanksville, PA to see the temporary memorial to United 93. It is really something to see, even though at present, it is just a small shed, 2 docents, 40 viewing benches (one for each passenger & crew), also many, many mementos. VERY impressive. When the monument is finished it will be so simple, yet very impressive, very tuned to the friends & relatives of the victims. Do go if you can. Also go see the movie.

One last word, remember we have a tour going Oct. 31 - Nov 1 to PSP to see the Fabulous Follies & the Living Desert Museum in Indian Wells. For a flyer, contact me.

### Calendar:

**Aug. 10** - Annual steak fry in El Segundo Park

**Oct 12** - Luncheon.

**Oct 31 - Nov 1** - Tour to PSP

## SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

A few people were out ill this month. Otto Schaller was in the hospital with pneumonia, now recuperating at home. Marion Gaevert has been nursing a painful back condition, has missed several meetings. La Donna Eggert was ill for awhile, is now back. Pres. Garver Sandy has missed several meetings due to the results of his falling, & the ensuing medications. Stan Kolman filled in as Pres. for Garver.

Stan & his wife Dee attended the convention in Washington, D.C., along with Tony & Sally Urso. Stan & Dee continued on a trip to see Dee's relatives in the Northeast.

### Calendar:

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

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57 members & guest attend the luncheon at the East Sonora Conference Center, May 11, co-hosted by Jack & Rosie Walls and Don & Joyce Temple. Guests were: Marilee & Harry Miller, Phil & Sharon Spinelli and Kathleen & Jon Loynaeseth. It was good to see Charlie & Pat Passarell with us after a long absence.

We are glad that our Chapter Pres. Guy Hoffman & his wife Nancy, attended the convention, visiting relatives along the way.

I would like to apologize for the exclusion of Don & Cathy Rentzel as hosts of the Feb. meeting held in Valley Springs. Better late than never!

All members are advised that dues of \$5.00 P/P are due & payable to Treas. George Gemberling.

A special anniversary of 64 years was celebrated by Darrell & Jane Silvers!

The new Rosters were distributed to those present; the others to be mailed. Thank you Dick & Nancy Buddington.

Bob Blair reported on some Passport information. Passports must be valid for at least 30 days before you return. A Passport will be REQUIRED for Mexico & Canada in 2007.

### **Calendar:**

Our next meeting will be held at the Good Friends Restaurant in Valley Springs, hosted by Bob & Sandy Brooks & Sophie Feaster.



## **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our May meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 30 attendees. We welcomed back Manny Kessler.

Ed Bingle celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month, we presented him with a card & a resounding version of Happy Birthday.

Warren Bartlett gave a short presentation that should interest those of us who love to cruise. His agency is now able to book Carnival Cruises at the interline rate! Email him at [WarrenBart@hotmail.com](mailto:WarrenBart@hotmail.com).

Kathy Cleberg from Suitcases for Kids was our featured speaker; she was very inspiring. These are donated to Foster children who have nothing in which to carry their belongings. Many thanks to all of you who contributed suitcases, duffel bags & tote bags. We filled her van. If there are any other groups in the Bay Area who are interested in participating, feel free to email her at [KCleberg@aol.com](mailto:KCleberg@aol.com).

She will come to your meeting & take the suitcases back. They need diaper bags, backpacks, duffel bags, sport bags & suitcases (new or "very gently used"). If you prefer a cash donation, 100% of donated dollars go directly to purchase items for the foster children. For those of you without internet, just call me (Diane Griego), I'll be glad to give you any of the information you need.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 noon - lunch & business from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

### **Calendar:**

**June 12** – Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park - 147 Gregory Lane - Pleasant Hill

**July** - (no meeting)

**Aug. 14**

**Sept. 11**

**Oct. 9**

## COLORADO

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June 7 breakfast at the Flight Training Center was enjoyed by 44 retirees. "Curly" Baker was a first-timer. Join us again, "Curly".

Thurman Eaton is in the hospital – could use some cheering-up cards/notes. Home address: 14233 E. Marina Dr., Aurora, CO 80014.

Lois Dick recently had a pacemaker implanted - is doing very well. Cards or notes to: 8685 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Pl., Arvada, CO 80004-3236.

In the June DEN column was listed that Jean Flanagan (Jim's wife) had pneumonia. Jean passed away 4/27/06. We are very sorry about the mis-information. Please accept our apology. Jim's address is: 1390 Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80220.

Al Malleck has been in the hospital, now recuperating at home; address 702 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Brighton, CO 80601-3212.

While several members of the Mailing Team were attending the RUAEA Convention in Washington, DC, Mel Conine & Diane Adkins, Virgil Gooselaw's daughter, took charge of the mailing & did a great job. Our special THANKS to all of you.

Nancy & Tom Goodyear enjoyed an Eastern Caribbean Cruise to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Cruise was arranged by their children with a total of 28 family members. Congratulations - Nancy & Tom.

The Mile-Highers' picnic will be held July 19 at Heather Gardens, Blossoms, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Social hour 11:30 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 7/14/06.

#### Calendar:

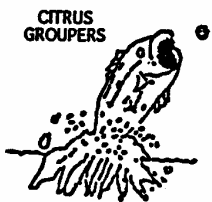
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

**July 19** – Picnic. Details in column.

## FLORIDA

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*This report was submitted by Maxine Wood (Correspondent Claus Brinnitzer attended the RUAEA Convention in DCA).*

Citrus Groupers met at Perkins in Ocala May 25 with 20 members & 1 guest in attendance. We said FAREWELL to Al & Irene Warner; we will miss them. Our loss will be gain for the "Sand Dabs" as they move into a new condo in Daytona Beach Shores.

Jo Beck fell & broke her elbow, but is improving.

Summer brings traveling to our group: Eve & Don Dulen will be going to NY for a couple of months. Paul & Mary Wimmer will head "West" to see family & do a bit of touring. Don & Mary Nellans are going to HWI to celebrate the first birthday of their granddaughter. They moved here from HWI so they will be busy seeing friends & family.

Frank Wood celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Seniority Anniversary on June 26. We have enjoyed United Employee Benefits.

#### Calendar:

**July 27** – 11.30 AM - International Buffet (Chinese) in Leesburg with Betty Smith as hostess.

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30 members attended our luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on June 7. Attending was the FL Regional Director of RUAEA, Ray Winterhalter. He was our guest speaker & had just returned from the RUAEA Convention. He spoke of the highlights of the convention. Since his return he has been visiting all the chapters in FL. His goal is to open new chapters especially in the southern part of FL. We wish him the best of luck!

Congratulations to Cathy Llewellyn who is the proud winner of a Patriotic Queen Size Hand Made Quilt that she received at the RUAEA Convention. Cathy & Richard Llewellyn, our VP represented our chapter. He gave us an enthusiastic report!

A Hearty Welcome to the following guests: Morgan & Marin McFeely and Dileyn Ian Montalvo. We were delighted to have you with us today!

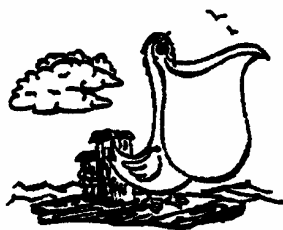
Our next Luncheon Meeting is Wednesday July 05 at the Golden Corral - 2328 S. Semoran Blvd. - Orlando at 1:00 p.m.

**Calendar:**

**Oct. 11 through 21** - Spectacular Sights of Scenic Arizona Featuring Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

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15 Pelican Drop-Ins & 1 guest met for breakfast June 2 at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. Susan Cloud, who just retired from Northwest Airlines, was a guest of Nancy Kopp. Ray Winterhalter, our newly elected Regional Director for FL, was our only representative at the convention in Washington. He attended both the Correspondence Breakfast & the Presidents Breakfast for us. Ray addressed our breakfast group and gave us information about the convention.

The announcement that Mel Volz had suffered a heart attack & had a stent put in his artery surprised everyone. He looks wonderful. One would never know he just had a heart attack.

This is Hibiscus Flower time of the year in FL; our member, Wanda Schmoyer - MIAFA, hobby is growing hibiscus. She is an active participant in the Hibiscus Society of our state. She was recently mentioned & pictured in an extensive article in the Fort Myers News Press.

**Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Sept.)

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**THE SAND DOLLARS**

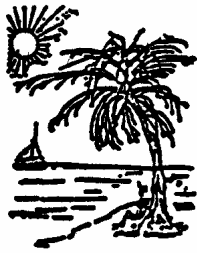
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The Sanddollars met May 11 at South Lido Beach Park in Sarasota. 20 members attended a picnic on the beach.



Since many of our Sanddollar members leave FL for the summer months, our regular meetings are now suspended until further notice.



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The June meeting for the Tampa Bay Chapter was held June 5 at Buddy Freddys in Holiday, FL with 29 of our 81 members in attendance. We had one guest, Ray Winterhalter, Director of the FL region.

Ray spoke to us about trying to get more of the United retirees living in Florida to join one of the several chapters in the state.

Our speakers this month were 2 of our own members, Jan & Bob Lindstrom. They are volunteers at the Brooker Creek Preserve & gave us several brochures about the preserve. Bob told us about how the preserve is being built up to educate the public about the natural habitat of FL.

We had many good reports from those who attended the RUAEA convention.

A sympathy card was sent to Flo Reveillac for the death of her sister. A get-well card was sent to Art Reveillace who has been in the hospital.

#### Calendar:

**July 3 - Meeting** – 10:00 AM Buddy Freddys in Holiday, FL

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Our last meeting of the season was held on June 6 with 14 members & a guest speaker. We welcomed our new FL Director, Ray Winterhalter. Congratulations, Ray, on your new appointment. He & Pres. Allan Popek shared with the group information obtained from the Convention in D.C. 6 members from the Treasure Coast attended the convention. The Convention & entertainment was reported as being outstanding. Allan & his wife, Janice, plan to attend the 2007 Convention to be held in Sacramento, CA & highly recommend that many members attend this popular event. 2 of the most frequent participants, Bob & Chris Taylor, were missed this year; Bob passed away May 5. Bob's wife, Chris, graciously turned over some of Bob's airline memorabilia to the United Airlines Historical Society, some of it dating back to the start of Bob's career, prior to Capital Airlines. Thank you, Chris, for your generosity.

June was also Treasure Coast election month. By popular vote the present Board was re-elected for 2007-2008.

- ( Pres. - Allan Popek
- ( VP - Paul Liebisch
- ( Correspondent - Helen Koerber
- ( Treas. - Diane Liebisch

Effective with the Sept. 6 meeting, the following changes will be in effect: Dues for 2007 will be due at this first meeting of the season. The annual dues will be waived for those 80 years & above. Bring your birth certificates! By popular demand, an additional Palm Beach Princess gambling cruise was requested. More info through the summer. Have a great & most important, healthy summer.

#### Calendar:

**July & Aug. - Vacation**

**Sept. 5** - 11:30 luncheon meeting at Johnny's, 7180 US 1 (Federal Hwy), Port St. Lucie, FL - (772) 878-2686

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4 GEMS attended the RUAEA Convention: Sharon Kolins, Ned Yundt, Gloria Trotter, & Lil Jolly. Lil rated rooms, dinners, entertainment, very good. Proper ID of business meetings in program, poor. Acoustics (or proper use of microphones by speakers), poor. Weather, good. Time spent with grandson & family, plus meeting Ned's son & nephew, boosted overall rating to: *Great Trip!*

Reporting her impressions, Ned Yundt said frankly that the going could be titled the good, the bad & the ugly. **Good:** I purchased a ticket, knowing I'd never get to DCA as an S/A. **Bad:** The connecting flight canceled. The **Ugly** was being unable on 5 flights, so we were very late in getting to DCA. As for the Convention, it rates a THUMBS UP! My son & family from NJ, my nephew & his wife from MD drove in for a heartwarming visit. Wonderful friendships old & new. Thank you all who worked/slaved to make it a GO!

The 1<sup>st</sup> (hopefully an annual event) Frank Schell Golf Outing was held today (June 5) at River Birch Golf Course in Star, ID, honoring our friend Frank who died in Boise last year. Bud Peters reported that blue skies & warm temperatures were the order of the day & that 30 golfers participated. They were joined afterwards by other friends of Frank, for a potluck BBQ on the patio at River Birch. Kudos to Sharon Kolins, our Chapter Pres., Ron Hamann, for organizing the event, & to Art Doo for making all the arrangements.

Retiree Dave Adams didn't retire. He re-enlisted in the travel business - as a tour bus driver! He loves his job & is about to earn another 10-year pin, this time with Interwest Systems Inc. His wife Carol is enjoying it also, for she has the option of accompanying Dave on some trips. His most recent one was a 2500-mile tour of CA with a group of students from Houston. Coming up is a trip to the Portland Rose Festival & Calgary Stampede, with an ID tour thrown in. Hearing this, reminded Joe & Joan Varady of the wonderful time they had on their recent Harmon Travel trip to the Washington Tulip Festival. Dave was their driver also.

There was a wonderful story in the *Idaho Statesman* on Memorial Day issue, titled "All But Forgotten." It concerns an isolated Military Reserve Cemetery (only minutes from downtown Boise) dating back to the early 1800s, when Fort Boise was manned by federal troops. A jogger - our own Holbrook Maslen who often passes by the desolate lonely spot - figured something should be done to spruce up the grounds. Last fall, he planted 200 flower bulbs at the graves. Poor soil & hungry gophers conspired against him. As a result, only a few hardy daffodils showed up this spring. A photo of the yellow flowers in front of a weathered headstone reading, "Harvey S. Root, Co. K, 5<sup>th</sup> Wis. Inf.," took up most of the front page of the paper & was continued on pages 4 & 5. Now citizens are demanding remedial action.

Another nice story was about our Madeline Hanson, 81, & Al John, 83. She is a widow; he a widower. They got together at a singles' dance, & have been a couple ever since. That rated the front page of the Statesman's LIFE section. Besides dancing, Hanson & John play ping-pong: "We've won gold medals at the Idaho Senior Games," John says. "We're just youngsters," he laughs, "we're having a heck of a time." All of which proves that you are only as old as you feel.

Since JB's has pre-empted us for our July meeting, we'll be having instead a pot-luck picnic at Ned Yundt's home in Boise. Party starts at 1 p.m., July 3. Bring own table service, drinks (beer pop, Magarita's, whatever) also a tasty dish of one of your favorite picnic recipes - enough to share with others. RSVP. to Ned @ 377-8612.

### Calendar:

**July. 3** - Pot Luck Picnic at Ned Yundt's home, 10556 Southern Dr., Boise.

**Aug. 7** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

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3 new people came & joined friends at the Northsiders breakfast. They were Jewel Henkes from WHQFM who was Cashier at WHQ; Carole Blanchard of HDQLZ retired in Jan. of this year. Carole says she loves retirement, plans to keep enjoying this kind of life. Then Dean Knbospe who retired from ramp service (ORDCG) & is a member of RUAEA. 2 happy ladies went home with gifts from a raffle held that morning honoring Mothers Day.

Here are some handy directions for catching the shuttle bus from United Headquarters to the airport. On weekdays the shuttle originates from the training center. You can walk from the guard shack on Linneman Road down a new sidewalk inside the gate to the training center if you want to catch the shuttle bus there. The shuttle bus proceeds to the front entrance of World Headquarters. After this stop the shuttle goes to the new stop, which is a shelter across from the guard shack on Linneman Road arriving about 5 minutes after the hour. The shuttle can be boarded at any one of these stops. On Sat. there is no stop at the main entrance. On Sun. there is NO shuttle service at all. Parking is available behind the new shelter.

Several Northsiders joined in with the Downtown group to have lunch on the 95<sup>th</sup> floor of the John Hancock building. Angie Malouhos really knows how to pick exquisite places to have downtown lunches.

We want to congratulate 2 of our lucky Skyliner members who attended the Washington RUAEA convention & were BIG raffle winners. Muriel Bergsma & her husband Ken won the last 50/50 drawing, largest totaling over \$325. Larry Barr won the 30,000 Marriott Hotel Points. There was also a special recognition on opening night honoring Hal Weary at the convention. Hal was recognized for attending all RUAEA conventions since its beginning in 1975. Congratulations to Mort Wax, a member of our Skyliners, who is the new Pres. of RUAEA.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the 2 evenings of entertainment as well as the tours. I enjoyed my time visiting with old & new acquaintances.. Be sure to watch for exciting convention photos in future issues.

We will continue to have another food drive at our July breakfast. Canned goods & paper products are appreciated.

Congratulations to Ginny & Frank Vlach on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Many Skyliners attend their Anniversary Celebration.

Lynn Kmiecik has been in the hospital for an extended length of time due to complications proceeding heart surgery to replace a valve. Cards can be sent to 2803 Campbell Street, Rolling Meadows, IL. 60008.

#### Calendar:

**July 12** – Northsiders Breakfast Group – 9:00 AM. Artemis Restaurant, Golf & Busse Roads in Mt. Prospect, IL.

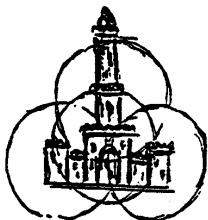
**July 12** - Breakfast *Spring Food Collection*

**July 13** - Annual Summer Cookout Flyers in the mail)

**July 27** – Breakfast with the Southsiders at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

**Aug. 16** - Loop Group at Palmer house at 11:00 a.m.

**Sept. 27** - Midway Guys & Gals Lincheon – (More information in future columns)



#### **LOOP GROUP**

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What a beautiful morning for the Loop Group Luncheon to dine at the 95<sup>th</sup> Signature Room at the Hancock. The group had gathered & flown up to the 95<sup>th</sup>. We were ushered into the south end of the restaurant, tables were set & waiting. The windows were very inviting for us to look down - the view was fantastic. The only problem was when it was time to pay - no individual check; Ted Jung graciously shared his financial talent to help out. By the time we were ready to leave, the sky was no longer blue or sunny, because a fog had enveloped the area except where we were seated, however, when we were at ground level, it was raining hard, a strong wind and, would you believe, hail.

The next Loop Group Luncheon in July will be back at the Palmer House, in the meantime, summer is hopefully here, enjoy & be well. A possibility exists that we may go to Greek Town again.

#### Calendar:

**July 19** – Loop Group Luncheon - 11:30 AM. French Quarter – Palmer House.

## INDIANA

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Life couldn't be any better than living here in Indiana during these summer months. The skies are clear, beautifully blue, temperatures are perfect during the day with a slight cooling during the evenings, flowers are beginning to bloom - very soon will be a tapestry of colors. Living in Houston, TX for 18 years prior to coming to Indy, I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the weather & the lack of humidity. To sum it all up ... I'm a pretty happy woman for today! Remember this when winter comes, I can tell you now, I won't be sounding so happy.

Terry Doppler, retiree & Advanced Master Gardener, entertained us all with tips on landscaping during the meeting in May. He is so knowledgeable & interesting; it's amazing how much you never knew before. The meeting was so good that we went over our normal meeting time as everyone had so many questions. Once again, thanks Terry for educating us plus giving of your time & know-how.

Pres. Wanda Bryce was unable to attend the meeting as she was still recovering from an illness. I am happy to say that Wanda is back home & will be at our next meeting. We missed you Wanda. We are all so glad you're up & about again - feeling well.

Ray Brabo is housebound as he is dealing with a foot injury he received while duking it out with his edger. 43 stitches & surgery still pending, I would say the edger definitely won! Hang in there Ray - please - no more yard work! We all are thinking of you & wishing you well.

July 19 is our bus trip to the Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg, IN. I'm really excited about going, if any of you are still interested, call immediately to see if there are any open seats left. The trip includes a box breakfast served on the bus, lunch at the casino, four hours to lose all your money, then wine & cheese on the ride back home.

I hope you're all having a great summer. If you're visiting the area, stop by at one of our meetings. We welcome all visitors & new members - would love to have you join us. The Indy Racers meet each month at the Golden Coral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., in Plainfield. Our meetings begin at 3:00, we do have access to our room at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting.

### Calendar:

**July 10** – Meeting

**July 19** - Argosy trip

**Aug. 14** - Meeting

## MASSACHUSETTS

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No meeting, little info. Heard from Bob Wilson. He advised he has been under the weather, but is recovering. He'd rather be back attending meetings. His current link to the Chapter & RUAEA is the Newsletter. Bob misses his friends, said to say 'Hi' to all. Another "Hi" to our members comes from Steve Bilodeau, a former Nor'Easter now hiding out in FL.

Don Simard, member & Past Pres. has been diagnosed with a form of bone cancer. It is treatable & the prognosis is optimistic. Our prayers are with you Don.

Don Latter advised his partner, Woody Withrow, took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Joe Melanson, (BOSCG) Golf Tournament, to benefit the family. 124 golfers participated, most of them being United employees or retirees.

Our newest member is James W. Murray, DCAFO. Welcome to the Nor'Easters Jim!

Please, remember to advise your secretary when you change your e-mail address, internet carrier or home address. Don't be left out, keep your addresses current.

Calendar:

**July-** To be announced

**Aug.** - Sixth Annual Summer Picnic, at Salem Willows

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Escapees celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday in June, meeting was postponed due to Loonies & Convention Commitments.

12 Escapees represented our DTW chapter & 4 Loonies joined us for a great time in our Nation's Capital. Especially fun was the Joey Vincent Show at the Friendship Dinner. Joey is a spontaneous combustion on stage. With his quick costume-changes, impressions & musical talent, we were entertained by such greats as Harry James, James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Louis Armstrong & Elvis to name a few. The evening took us from the 30's to the 90's. Lastly at the Banquet our Past Pres. Marlin Lade, gave a most touching farewell speech on TIME & its importance. Hate to admit it but he had this Escapee in tears, noticed I was not alone. Many THANKS to Marlin for his TIME, for us these last 2 years.

Once again our Loonie event was unforgettable. The following explains it all. The first time in 25 years the Canadian Soo Lock Gate collapsed, detaining many Loonies for hours. They were finally rescued by another boat that came to the rescue & set them free.

We were very saddened as I learned while in DCA that our dear friend, Charlotte Quann went home to Jesus & her beloved husband Charles. Charlotte will be missed by many. Love & prayers to family c/o Carla Quann, 1429 Mardrake Rd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114. Also Larry Mariani, Blayne's father, passed May 21, condolences to family at 1443 Carston Lane, Chelsea, MI 48118. Lastly sympathy to Cherly Hayes Margo Kelly at 1101 Magnolia Lane, Lafayette, Ca 94549-3118, on the recent loss of her mom, Mary Hayes. Also remember to keep Loralie Kennedy in your prayers @ 17486 Stanwich Street, Livonia, Mi 48152-3426

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

**MINNESOTA**



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**MSP NORTHERN LITES**

May brought April's weather -- rain, wind & cool, dreary days. Go figure. Here we are, salivating for spring flowers & work in the garden after our 7-month winters & what we get is gloom. Not fair. HOWEVER, that didn't keep 31 Northern Lites plus 1 guest from gathering for lunch. We welcomed Wes & Bette Briest after an absence of almost a year & a half due to health issues. Wes looked terrific, having lost a gob of weight, & we trust he's truly on the mend so that we'll see more of them.

Those who attended the Northwood Loonies' spring event weren't disappointed. How many of YOU can say you were stranded on a tour boat in one of the locks at Sault Ste. Marie? A hinge broke on one of the mighty gates which close to hold the water back while the pumps drain the lock, & there wasn't enough room between the gates to back the boat out. Our 2-hour tour on the "Minnow" (a.k.a. "Voyageur") turned into 4 ½ hours because we had to wait for another boat to come & fetch us. We all cheered when the captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat backed it out of the channel & got us on our way.

The group of UAL-ers who gather twice a year have become very dear to us, & we admire their sense of adventure, curiosity & camaraderie. Those of you who weren't able to make it this time were missed; we look forward to seeing you in Door County in Oct.

We here in MSP were saddened to learn of the passing of Bruce Buehler, one of our alumni who was furloughed in the early 90's & finished his career with NWA. His zany sense of humor & brash attitude spiced up our workdays. Another of our group, Clyde Anderson, has been dealing with a lot of health issues in recent months. A phone call would be mighty welcome (651) 388-5791. Mort & Glenda Morton could use some cheering up, too. He's got some more rehab to strengthen his leg before being sent home. Cards & e-mail would be great: 7215 So. Hoffman Pl., Sioux Falls, SD 57108 or [mgmort@sio.midco.net](mailto:mgmort@sio.midco.net). Jack Duke is recovering from surgery & doing well.

Entertainment recommendations: "United 93" is being highly touted as very authentic in many ways. Nel Brawner says that Plymouth Playhouse's production of "Church Basement Ladies" is a winner. The Minnesota Zoo's I-Max Theater has a \$10 ticket rate for seniors on Tuesdays.

Our congratulations to Bob & Jan Hannah on their son Kris's marriage to Jill Driscoll, MSP's station clerk & customer service rep. Jill took upon herself the duties of Christmas party organizer for many years. We all wish them many happy years together!

Don't forget that there's NO MEETING on Aug. 9 because the picnic is Aug. 16! If you can make it to the picnic, please RSVP to the Gundersons (715) 684-3930. Bring your own beverages, lawn chairs & a dessert or snack to share.

Calendar:

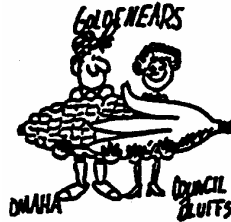
Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of every month (EXCEPT Aug.) at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

**Aug. 16** - Annual picnic, Lyle & Sonja Gunderson's in Baldwin, WI

NEBRASKA

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We had 43 at the Regal Lanes. Thanks to Larry & Sharon Farrell and Tom & Rose Langan for hosting.

Bill Harrison lost his battle to cancer, passed away April 30. A Memorial Service was held at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in OMA on May 3. Our sincere sympathy to Mel & family.

A little trivia. In looking through the secretary books, I would like to pass a little information on to you. The Omaha Goldenears had their first meeting in Nov. 1979 at the Omaha Flight Kitchen. The first Goldenears letter was in Dec. 1979. Officers were Pres. Harry Brown; VP Dick Deaver; & Secy. Bill Harrison. Harry Brown was very instrumental in getting the retiree group started, along with Dick, Bill & Arnie Lang. There were 15 official members.

As the years went on, more & more people started joining at retirement. We now have 97 retiree members plus spouses, so if everyone got together, we would have between 135-145 who belong to the Omaha United Retiree Group. We have a great group, no doubt one of the best in the system!

Dick Weak was suffering from the shingles at Bill's funeral. Then on May 4, he suffered severe pain in his stomach, ended up going to the hospital where he had his gallbladder removed on Fri. a.m. Then the doctor said he had stones, the only way to get rid of them was to operate again - so, Dick had 2 surgeries in 2 days. He is now at home - doing quite well.

Sandy Bender said she & Ken would be moving to Hemet, California before too long. Being they are VPs, Tony will appoint someone for their remaining term.

Tony Sortino said he & Jackie flew the non-stop flight from OMA to San Antonio on the United Express. He was very impressed with the flight.

Calendar:

**July 11** - Faro's

**Aug. 1** - Fish & Game Club, Lake Manawa, IA

**Sept. 12** - Picnic Chalco Hills, Hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish



## NEVADA



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Report from our Prez, Chris Czaplewski, on RUAEA Convention in DCA:

What a great feeling to experience the annual RUAEA Conventions in a different city every year. Until you attend one, you don't realize how much time & effort is involved; or how long all the chairpersons have been working to put this event in place. The amazing thing is that it is all about the most important people **UAL RETIREES** renewing old friendships, enjoying good food & drink, reminiscing old times & great laughter.

Many thanks to all the 2006 Convention Chairpersons & the National RUAEA Officers who conduct the meetings. Lots of thanks to all retirees who volunteered their time & talents for the raffles & donations for door prizes, etc..., let's not forget to thank all the family members of these wonderful people for putting up with it.

My husband Jim & I together with Larry & Linda Tracy (PDXTQ) were fortunate to attend it this year, & explore our nation's Capital.

During the convention we were able to visit with our friends Bill & Bonnie Royle, Bill was one of my ole supervisors at LASSZ many years ago; he later retired from RNOSZ. It was also nice to see Charlotte Anderson from LAS helping out with the raffle. Charlotte doesn't get a chance to attend the LAS GAMBLERS meetings because of work.

There were 2 other couples at our dinner table from Henderson NV. Although some retirees do not belong to the local chapters, they are still involved with RUAEA.

We drove in a rented car to the BWI area to visit with friends, Deb & Ned Ensor, who own & work a large dairy farm in MD. Debbie is the daughter of DENCS retiree Freddi Bieman. It was such an experience to tour their 300+ years old house & meet their wonderful family.

Congratulations to our new RUAEA Pres. Mort Wax & the other new officers, we promise to support you.

We want to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done & wish you good fortune on your next endeavors.

Tom Goodyear holds the office of Mountain Region Director, he continues to do a fantastic job at the UA Historical Foundation. Speaking of fantastic! ..... Jo Madden, I don't know how you continue to do such a wonderful job; you are truly **Fantastic!**

Another Past Regional Director that we were happy to see was Nellie Yundt from BOI, she has been ill - we wish her our best.

We also send "get well soon" wishes to Jeri Juth PITCS & Regional Director, with the mending of her broken leg. She was truly missed at the Convention.

### Calendar:

**Aug. 8** – Luncheon Meeting - 11:30 am. Place: The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109  
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**Oct. 10** – Meeting

**Dec. 9** - Meeting

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Thank you to Joe & Kathy Robinson for stepping in to fill in for vacationing Pat & John Zoboli & Mary Withers. Thanks also to Ethan Gillooly for picking up the birthday cake. We all enjoyed our trips & could not have done it without your willingness to step in to help.

The Treasury balance as of May 15 is 745.01. Please send renewal dues to Mary Withers or me. There were 10 members in attendance at our May meeting.

As mentioned previously, John & I will be checking out several alternative picnic sites for voting on later this year by the membership: Rancho San Rafael, Spooner Lake, Idlewild, & Manzanita Park off Lakeside. Other suggestions received were: Wingfield Park & Lazy S Ranch.

We are pleased to let everyone know that Dorothy Haws is recuperating at home from her recent fall. On a sadder note, Louise Birch passed away

The service continues to be excellent at Austins. The members decided to rotate menu items – the new selections will be Cobb Salad, Mountain Melt & Chicken Fried Chicken Sandwich. The price will be \$16/person, cash or check only.

We will be sending the invitation to the Sacramento Group for the annual picnic. Unfortunately, last year we had only 5 people sign up. Hopefully, this year will be different. Please start thinking about who would like to volunteer to be our cook this year.

## NEW YORK



### GUYS AND DOLLS

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On 6/6/06 20 members gathered for lunch at San Martin (no doomsday here!) We welcomed Alice O'Hagens' cousin, Kit Allen from Dublin. Ratimer Sunderic was celebrating his 5<sup>th</sup> day of retirement & will join Guys and Dolls. Congratulations to him.

Marge Segal spoke about the RUAEA Convention in DCA. Our chapter had 8 members attending. She also encouraged us to call the Retiree Travel Desk in PDX & SEA for flight listings.

Donna Feingold gave some very interesting information on the Peace Boat. The ship holds 1,000 passengers also holds educational seminars daily. One can stay on board for as long as 4 months or disembark at any of the ports that it stops. For further information, go to [www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org).

Fellow travelers include Audrey Smolik back from a 6-week stay in Italy; Ann Cannarella & Jan Nonamaker to Sicily; Pam Jones to Egypt, Anne Dean to Chile & the Easter Islands and Jeanne Leo to Italy.

### Calendar:

**Aug. 1** – Lunch at San Martin. Please RSVP Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

## OHIO

### BUCKEYES

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Mark July 13 on your calendar. That is the date of the Annual Albion Woods Picnic. If, you haven't contacted Dolly & John, please do. They need a head count for ordering the chicken. It will be held at Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area in the Mill Stream Run Reservation in Strongsville. It will begin 12 noon. You are to bring a table setting for your party, drinks if you do not want coffee, also a dish to share with 8-10 people. Dolly & John Taucher will host this annual event; which is always a great success.

Carol will have Northfield tickets available at the annual picnic on July 13. The price of the ticket is still \$20.00 P/P. This includes parking. Feel free to invite friends & family to this event. Make checks payable to Ohio Buckeyes. If mailing them, the address is: Carol Hacker, Columbia Mobile Home Park, 16 Church Street, Olmsted Township, OH 44138-3019. REMEMBER, reservations must be back to Carol by Aug. 3 to insure that tickets get back to you by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Event packets will be handed out at the July picnic. Packets will be sent by mail if you are not present. If you do not receive a packet, please notify an officer ASAP.

The only way you will not receive a packet, is if your annual dues are not paid, or we do not have a current address. If a packet is not delivered by mail due to an incorrect address, the packet will be sent to Carol Hacker's address.

I am glad to report that all of our chapter members are doing well. Please continue to keep former Buckeye members & their families in your prayers.

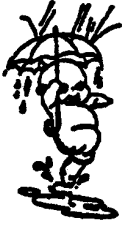
### Calendar:

**July 13** - Albion Woods reserved Picnic Area, Strongsville. 12:00 p.m. & eat around 12:30 p.m. This is a Thurs.

**Aug. 9** - The Thirteenth Annual Northfield Night.

**Sept.** - Sweetwater Landing in the Metro Park, only 95 seats available.

## OREGON



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There were 85 members at our May meeting. Portland Police Bureau Officer Barbara Glass was our speaker. She explained the problems that occur with identity theft & gave some of the ways to protect you from becoming a victim. It was an interesting topic - everyone seemed to appreciate the tips she gave to the group.

Welcome to our new member Robert (Bob) Zedaker who retired from SMFSS.

Past Pres. Jack Hooper will take over the duties of Northwest Director since Hank Gosselin won the election of Vice President of Conventions for RUAEA. Congratulations to all of the new officers.

Bruce Blough was back in the hospital last month for continuing cancer treatment of the area where he had surgery. Marilyn Woods fell - broke her elbow, & sprained an ankle. She said the ankle sprain was worse than the break. Both Bruce & Marilyn have had their problems this year, I know Marilyn is going to have a heart procedure sometime later this year.

Picnic plans are progressing under the guidance of Rance Ishibashi for July 13 at North Clackamas Park. The picnic will start at 11:00 AM, end at 3:30 PM. The park is located off I-205 in the same place it has been held the past 2 years. Rance has hired No Ho's Hawaiian Café to cater the Hawaiian food. Everyone is encouraged to wear HWI attire as there will be a prize for the best dressed outfit. The cost is \$10 P/P. Please contact Dave Smith if you have any questions, (503) 254-7790. Let him know if you plan to attend.

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 from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

### Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**July 12** - Picnic, North Clackamas Park

**Aug. 9** - TBA

**Sept. 13** - TBA

### OUR CLUB

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25 OUR Club members & guests met for the monthly luncheon at Wild River Brewery & Restaurant on May 5. We were delighted to welcome visitors Robyn & Bob Focht, who retired to southern OR from the SFO Bay Area, also Ben Guess who was visiting United friends near Medford.

Everyone was happy to wish the very best to Alberta Conger & Russ as they announced their engagement.

During the lunchtime conversation, one couple talked about getting ready for a 10-day vacation in Paris, France. They described the activities on their agenda, including an elegant evening at the Moulin Rouge. From the excited response to their itinerary, it seems that the remainder of the members will be traveling with them, if not literally, at least vicariously.

The regional travel season also seems to be on. Many members have polished their motor homes - are already out & about to CA, NV & WA State.

Well wishes to Mary Crees with every hope that she will feel as good as new after an upcoming short stay in the hospital.

### Calendar:

**July 7** - TBA, hosted by Jim and Jane Frincke

**Aug. 4** - TBA hosted by Lon and Yvonne Vigil

**Sept. 8** - Picnic hosted by Robert & Judy Machado

## PENNSYLVANIA



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On May 15 the executive committee met at the home of Pres. Joe Brad. Attendees included, Joe & his wife, Gail; Frank & Marge Egges; Treas. Tom Lyons & his wife, Pat; & Dee.

Frank Egges, Chairman of the flight 93 Memorial Committee, discussed possible methods of transportation to attend the services. The services will be held Sept. 10, 2006 & Mon. Sept. 11. We were planning to run one bus, however, after much discussion, renting several vans appears to have an advantage over a single bus. If some attendees wanted to remain overnight for the Mon. service, using vans would make that possible. Since June was our final meeting for the summer, we will try to get a commitment from those planning to attend. This number will help us decide on the size of any vehicles we need to rent.

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Well what I thought would be dedicated to the 2006 convention, yours truly was unable to attend due to a broken femur. Thanks to a truly dedicated committee & many friends, the convention was a huge success. Al & Roberta Larimer were great in filling the voids created by my & Bernie's absence. Bernie played nursemaid to me. Marilyn Marcy did a fantastic job in taking up the slack in work assignments. I only hope I have the chance to work with that wonderful group again in the future. This convention did prove that we are 'UNITED'.

It is with great sadness that the Pit-Stoppers & The Golden Girls lost our "IRISH Rose". Patti Mulligan Ellis lost her battle with cancer on May 26. Patti started her career with Capital Airlines, after a short void started with United Airlines. She was a loving, caring friend who will be missed throughout the United system - always proud of her heritage. I know Patti will be smiling down on all of us with her beautiful smile & positive outlook. She was the loving mother of D. R. "Rick" Ellis & Mary Jo McVay. Cards and condolences can be sent to Mary Jo & Mike McVay, 7 Pyrella Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070. God be with you my friend. On the brighter side, congratulations to Bill & Ruth Redfern celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Cards can be sent to 367 Moon Clinton Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

#### Calendar:

**July 14** - Annual Pit-Stoppers picnic at Robinson Park.

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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The Tennessee Air National Guard's Armed Forces Club at McGhee-Tyson Airport in Knoxville was the location for our May 18 meeting. 38 members & guests turned out for this extra special event. After lunch, Capt. Jeremy Taylor & Msgr. Brian Thomas spoke about the 134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling's Mission in today's War on Terror, also how they participate in relief efforts such as the recovery from hurricane Katrina. They shared some interesting anecdotes on their refueling missions. This Air Force Guard unit has 600 full time members with approximately 2000 part timers. They have received several rewards for being an outstanding Air Force Guard reserve unit. Amongst the Guard Units they have received the nickname "Hillybilly Mafia". We thank Jack & Sue Ferrell for planning this great event.

#### Calendar:

**July 20** - 12:30 EST, lunch to be hosted by Bill & Terry Taylor (865-408-1453). Location to be determined.

**Aug. 17** - 9:30 EST breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40/75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**Sept. 12** - 12:30 EST, lunch to be hosted by Cecil & Rachel Atkins (931-358-4047). Location to be announced.

## UTAH

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On May 17, 22 chapter members met at the *Golden Corral* restaurant (7200 S. 700 E., SLC) for a generous buffet & good company. We welcomed fairly new members Kip Lufkins, Frank Zoum, Gray Lowery; we missed Sandy & Darlene Cantonwine; Doug Roberts; Tony & Dorothy Brown; Byron & Kay Nelson, Mary Blackhurst.

One of our longtime regulars, Bob Faydock, died 4/16/06 of pneumonia; his wife Bonnie (a UAL F/A from 1947-1961) preceded him in death by a couple of years.

Chapter VP Betty Davis was ready to join up with us again after a nasty fall a couple of months ago. She looked great & felt good about her recuperation phase.

Shirley Scown's "new" shoulder, although still tender, was healing well. A while back, George Dalton had the same shoulder procedure - with good results. We wish all of them a speedy recovery!

Bill & Shirley Ottman were missed; he called to tell that they would be taking off for their St. George home for a couple of days.

Sometime in the future, we might have some guest speakers from MDM Consulting, Inc. who are available for an informational presentation on hearing aids, without obligations on our part - except to listen & ask questions regarding price, quality, etc. Chapter Pres. Doug Peterson agreed to get in touch with the corp.'s Michael Monahan to set up a meeting for later this year, he will advise us in due time.

Soon we might have a new member among us: Bernadean "*Tiger*" Weiss as soon as "she has her own wheels", as she jokingly related. Bernadean only recently moved to UT to live near her daughter's family; she is the widow of Ernie Weiss who headed up UAL's aircraft maintenance dept. for many years. Bernadean, in her own right, is a UAL retiree who worked for the company 32 years before retiring. We are looking forward to meeting her.

### Calendar:

**July 19** - Lunch - 2pm Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W. Bountiful, UT.

**Aug. 16** - Potluck Picnic 5pm - Sugar House Park, Terrace Lake Pavilion.

## VIRGINIA

### BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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Our Chapter met with 13 present at the town of Buchanan, VA Family Restaurant. Pres. Gene Calvert had a slight fall & was unable to get to our meeting. We hope he will have no bad effects from the fall. The restaurant was a restored building from the 1800 era, also had very good food & great service. We missed a number of our members who were ill; the Meadows & Gartzkes. Hope they are better.

After lunch we had a wonderful walking tour by the local guide & city planner who has helped all of main street owners to restore their buildings as near as possible to the 1800 style. We visited 3 churches & a bank which were really spectacular in beauty inside. Outside on the street each building was brought up-to-date with repair and paint. We enjoyed the tour & meeting.

We look forward to a report from all those who attended the RUAEA Convention at our next meeting in July. We thank John Rice & George Fuller for standing in for Gene at the meeting.

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Luncheon held at Chesapeake Restaurant on May 18 with 16 in attendance. Vi Hildebrand opened the meeting by reading a thank you card from the daughter of Claire Karlson who died last month.

The Swanns may be attending Sept. luncheon. Kirt Swann started as a ramp service man in the 40's & became a pilot for Capital Airlines.

We are sad to announce that Dick Perry (former Station Mgr. at ORF) died last month. Vi Hildebrand turned 80 years old on May 22. Congratulation was given to Sunny Quaglietta for her birthday May 5.

Newly elected officers for 2006-2007 are:

- ( Vi Hildebrand - Pres.
- ( Hank Gilbert – VP
- ( Lois Pichardo - Treas.
- ( Mario Quaglietta - Correspondent

Bob Collins is back from some medical problems. Bill & Beverly Lehm told stories of past ORD employees. Calvin Hunt attended after a long absence. Vi & Pat Gieger supplied gifts for everyone. Sunny Quaglietta told story of a Norwegian sailor killed some 60 years ago & on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, his family came from Norway to place a memorial tree at the grave site.

For information, call Vi Hildebrand at (757) 482-3445.

### Calendar:

**July - Aug.** – No meeting

**Sept. 21** – Next meeting

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY

**EMERALD CITY SLICKERS**

### SLICKERS



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Our May 9 luncheon at Fairwood Golf & Country had 62 attendees. This is a popular place with our chapter. I'm breaking rules, saying the chef outdid himself with the tastiest halibut fish I've ever eaten.

VP John Haferbecker conducted the meeting as George Weseman had a previous commitment in CHI. One new member, Dave Rippentrop was introduced.

Bob Brumfield gave an update on travel even enlightened us with a few jokes. Both Bob & Rita Reynolds are doing an excellent job of keeping 2 & sometimes 3 people at our Travel Desk.

Jan Karagas passed away – Address: 7734 Forest Dr. NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

Get-well cards were sent to: Anita Malco – Address: 4316 S. 171<sup>st</sup> S., Seattle, WA 98188-3021; Delores Steger – 818 Maplewood Ave., Kent, WA 98031; Dave Ramsay, husband of Jean – 714 N. 95<sup>th</sup> #1, Seattle, WA 98103. Dave is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Don't forget our Travel Desk Mon./Tue./Wed./Thurs. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PDT. Local (206) 433-4218; outside (206) toll free # 1 888 826-3375.

### Calendar:

**Aug.** – Picnic, details later.

**Sept. 12** - Fairwood Golf & Country.

**Oct. 10** – Fairwood Golf & Country.



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Several months ago, I reported that the Pres. of The Dulles Loungers, David Cox, was "down with a bug." David has not felt well for a very long time. His energy (the driving force of our Chapter) was unusually low. Recently, after a battery of tests, in which David was poked, prodded & drained, a diagnosis was finally made. David has acute Leukemia. He began chemotherapy last month, his prognosis is excellent. Keep David, & his sweet wife Tina, in your thoughts and prayers.

In true Cox fashion though, the "show must go on." The annual Pig Pickin', which we all look forward to with great anticipation, was held on June 17 as planned. Tina Cox, Linda Scriven, Camilla Warner & the rest of the members all pitched in & picked up the slack under David's watchful eye.

Other sad news from this chapter: Sheila Mitchell is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor, Jessica Hoerdegan is in Intensive Care at the hospital after undergoing surgery to help her breathing. We will keep you informed as we learn how they are doing.

On May 12, Dick Perry, retired dispatcher, passed away. Dick, and his wife Gertrude (deceased), were Loungers until they moved to FL to be closer to their son. Dick was 93 years young. He was a unique man, & will be sorely missed.

Due to the lack of space, I will not be listing home addresses for our members, but if you wish to send cards or regards to anyone, if you will email me at: [marimccoll@aol.com](mailto:marimccoll@aol.com), I will give you contact information.

Are you looking for a cruise? Homeport Cruises Company has informed me that they offer the best cruise deals available to interliners. For information they can be contacted at 1-800-473-6170 & <http://www.homeportcruises.com/>

Lucy Chatelain wrote to let me know that the annual RUAEA Convention was a success & great fun. Approximate 600 members were in attendance & enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Our monthly luncheon, abandoned for the summer, will resume with fervor on 9/13 at the Golden Corral in Manassas. In the meantime, many of us are looking forward to the Airline Exhibition in Tysons, VA, at the Sheraton in July.

### Calendar:

**Sept. 13** – Dulles Loungers meeting at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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## OBITUARIES

### Correction:

In the June 2006 RUAEA Newsletter under "Obituaries" WAS LISTED "Retiree **BIRT, John F.** BOI, on 3/17/06, husband of Carol L." with an incorrect address. Carol's address is 5663 E. Gateway Dr., Boise, ID 83716. Please accept our apology.

*Editor's Note: Just a reminder - Retirees should keep WHQ up-to-date with their current address.*

Retiree- **ABE, Kaoru**, SFO, on 5/5/06, husband of Teruhi, 779 Gull Ave., Foster City, CA 94404

Retiree- **BAPTISTE, Melville H.**, HNL, on 4/8/06

Retiree- **BECKWITH, Virginia A.**, EXO, on 4/7/06, mother of Judith Pershinsky, 9820 Drew Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55431

Spouse- **BIRCH, Louise M.**, on 5/13/06

Retiree- **BLACKBURN, Niles A.**, BOS, on 4/20/06, husband of Katharine I., 1916 Forest Dr., Camden, SC 29020

Retiree- **BORBA, Edward J.**, SFO, on 4/27/06, husband of Florence M., 745 Stewart Ave., Daly City, CA 94015

Retiree- **CROSS, James E.**, DEN, on 5/6/06

Retiree- **DEATON, Eugene**, SFO, on 4/19/06, husband of Billie K., 118 Beeney Road SE, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Retiree- **EVENS, Ingrid B.**, SFO, on 4/11/06, wife of Paul H., 2505 Outrigger Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577

Retiree- **FIEDOR, Frank A.**, SFO, on 5/14/06, husband of Louise, 3891 Azalea Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Retiree- **GATESMAN, Mark A.**, CLE, on 4/18/06, husband of Sharon F., 1601 S. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212

Retiree- **HARRIS, Richard H.**, SFO, on 4/24/06

Retiree- **HARRISON, William C.**, OMA, on 4/30/06, husband of Mabel A., 801 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> St. Apt. 1813, Omaha, NE 68106

Retiree- **PAPPAS, Louis K.**, DEN, on 4/25/06, father of Louis, c/o Christine Delongchamp, 7100 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apt. 340, Lakewood, CO 80214

Retiree- **PERRY, Dagmar I.**, HNL, on 5/7/06, wife of Colin K., 91 215 Ewa Beach Road, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Retiree- **PERRY, Oliver H.**, IAD, on 5/12/06  
Retiree- **QUINN, Michael J.**, SFO, on 4/16/06, husband of Diana L., 221 Quintara St., San Francisco, CA 94116  
Spouse- **SIEVERS, Natalie A.**, on 5/15/06, wife of Ronald W., DEN, 1130 Magnolia St., Denver, CO 80220  
Retiree- **SITARZ, Shirley M.**, EXO, on 5/10/06, mother of Janice, 173 Encantado Canyon, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
Retiree- **SNOW, Charles A. Jr.**, BOS, on 3/13/06, father of Virginia McGinn, 28 Crams Rd., E. Baldwin, ME 04024  
Retiree- **TAYLOR, Robert C.**, LAS, on 5/5/06, husband of Christine, 8522 Lidflower Court, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952  
Retiree- **WILEY, Keith E.**, CHI, on 4/23/06, husband of Patricia A., 5201 Portsmouth Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032  
Retiree- **WILLIAMS, Nancy A.**, CDG, on 3/29/06  
Retiree- **WRIGHT, Robert J.**, MKE, on 5/22/06, husband of Maryann K., 5012 Charles St., Racine, WI 53402  
Retiree- **ZACHOS, Peter K.**, SFO, on 5/10/06, husband of Frances E., 217 San Miguel Way, San Mateo, CA 94403  
Retiree- **ZIMMERMAN, Betsy G.**, LAX, on 4/17/06, wife of Clifford E., 1717 Rockefeller Ave. #152, Everett, WA 98201

## **LETTERS**

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

Janis Herman-Steenberg, Fred Landsburg, René Elliot Laraway, Chris Czaplewski, Michael A. Perry, James J. Wallace, Jo Ann Haft, Boris Spitz, Louise Landgraf, Edward Taylor, Janet Jolley, Dick & Betty Penner, Dorothy Krauss, Jan Mahoney, Norm Bettke, Chuck N. Hostert, Diane McCourt, Eddy Y. Lara, Rudy Maki, Ray & Honey Pere, Katharina Lauber, Barbara Bock, Rose Tobin, Ray L. Arnold, Beulah Barber, Art Martin, Charlie W. Schutz, Wallace Zuehl, Isabel Buchanan, Evelyn Terry.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

#### **John Bateman, 95 Pioneer Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583**

In my annual letter I wish to say that RUEA Newsletter is, as usual, very good - much like the airline we built & retired from, however I still have many differences with current management. Since last year I have lost medical benefits (increase cost), lost my life insurance (cancelled by management) & was given very little option for alternatives. Life insurance (Cigna) had a rate table that only went to age 74, the Cigna letter had to be replied within 15 days but I didn't receive it until 2 days after that time period. It probably doesn't matter because the cost of policy was beyond my means.

When Tilton joined United in 2002 he received pension trust of 4.5 million, starting salary of \$712,000; \$3,000,000 signing bonus & 100,000 shares of stock. Compare this to Southwest, Chairman Kellerher has 5.5 million shares of stock, CEO Gary Kelly receives salary of \$411,000, Pres. Colleen Barrett \$368,000; this is with a current profitable airline (2005). When we look at American, we find they are making similar mistakes that United made. Chairman Carty left the airline after a generous management bonus plan. They are currently working on giving 80 million to management team because of stock price performance - not earnings (American lost 861 million in 2005).

United plan to recover is based on oil prices of \$50 a barrel. The market price could easily double in the next 5 years. United capacity is limited to grow with the loss of over 100 aircrafts - no finances

to buy replacements. United could grow by buying another airline but that seems to be a very remote possibility.

Well, I hope this status report from my viewpoint doesn't upset too many people..

We sure appreciate the newsletter.

**Patti Flanagan Mix, P.O. Box 567, Pocasset, MA 02559-0567**

Another great big thanks for your on-going fabulous newsletter!

To all of us, finding monthly issues filled with truly appreciated information is wonderful.

Please add my thanks to all as we cheer you on!

**Bob Colpitts, 1801 Randall Rd., San Mateo, CA 94402**

Well here it is May 23 - I am sending in my dues which were due in Feb. I was just reviewing some expenses from the beginning of the year, it dawned on me that I never sent in the dues. Fortunately you can't see my face, red from embarrassment, but here is the check including a few bucks for the postage fund.

Retirement is great. I have been doing some project management work part time which is fun – good exercise for the brain. We are planning a trip to Sicily & northern Italy in July which will be hot, but I know we'll enjoy every minute of it.

To all of you Officers, Volunteers & Staff of RUAEA; you are doing a terrific job. I find the monthly newsletter to be much more informative today than it was a few years back. I, for one, really appreciate your efforts. Also, having known Ed Tolle for many years, I couldn't think of another person I would rather have representing my interests with the Company than Ed. Thanks much.

**Helen & Tony Stefanos, 760 Marshall Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016-2665**

We look forward to receiving the monthly newsletter; our thanks to you & your staff for the wonderful & excellent job you accomplish in its production. The updating of UAL events that affect our retirement & news of the various RUAEA chapters are most interesting especially the Chapters' news where we recognize many names of people we have worked with in the past. Great work!

**David Shea, 3754 Compton Ln., San Jose, CA 95130-1303**

Running late on the dues that I should never be late with because of all the news and information I look forward to each month.

Do have a question. Do you archive the newsletter or the better question is how far back do you archive the newsletter? I think the main reason I chose the paper edition is I can always go back & check on past information.

Anyway keep up the good work. It is the one piece of mail that gets read cover to cover the day it hits my mailbox.

*Editors Note: We have every RUAEA Newsletter in book-binder by year - 1975 through 2005. On the RUAEA Website, we keep a rolling archive of 3 years or 36 issues.*

**Jeri Juth, 1900 Truman Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001**

Just a brief note thanking everyone for their notes, cards, calls & get-well wishes. June 5 is the 1<sup>st</sup> day I was able to manipulate the stairs & able to get to the computer. Am trying to use a cane, hopefully will be able to shuffle about. Thanks again & God bless you all.

**Elaine Ptak, 9674 Moonlit Sky Blue, Las Vegas 89147**

Retired 10 years. How time flies! So glad we relocated to LAS. We golf year round. Have nice driving trips to AZ, UT, CA. We've found many nice towns in UT for golf & theater plays. Many National Parks also can do in a day trip.

We fly to HWI at least once a year. Also to CHI area visiting family & friends!

Celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Princess Cruise Mexican Riviera in Nov., 6 friends joined us. Had a great time!

Thanks to United we have been very fortunate to travel to many destinations. South America Cruise is on my list of "to do's". Maybe next year!

Thanks to Jo Madden & staff for all your hard work!

**P.S. "Pris" Hawes, 1009 Dwight Ave., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

Hi! Enclosed dues for the year & the remainder for the postage fund.

The year has flown by. Thanks so much for keeping us all so well informed.

A BIG, BIG thanks to "all of you" & your efforts for publishing the newsletter. You do a wonderful job.

**Juanita L. Braid, 4913 W. Bromley Dr., McHenry, IL 60050-5001**

I appreciated the info. you provide to us all the time.

This year I will be 83 years old, & have been grateful for my association with United Airlines.

Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with the latest information.

**Bernie T. Bernard, 1528 W. Richmond St., Arlington Hts., IL 60004**

It's dues time again, thanks for the reminder. I just want to commend the staff on all you do to keep us informed & entertained.

Keep up the good work - It's much appreciated.

**Shirley Dickinson, 620 Barbara Way, Hillsborough, CA 94010-6706**

I hated being reminded I was older but I love being a member of RUAEA. I am looking forward to convention in Washington, D.C. We attended every convention since 1980 when Walt retired; after he was gone I vowed to keep up the tradition so Washington D.C. here I come again!

**Charlotte J. Flagg, 202 Stonemill Ln., Oswego, IL 60543-8965**

Thanks again for all the dedicated people who put together an important newsletter to keep us retirees informed & united.

I am sure many of retirees will remember the framed statement that were always visible in every office; that somewhere were lost to importance. The rule of five - SAFTY - PASSENGER COMFORT - DEPENDABILITY - HONESTY - SINCERITY. How many of the complaints that are received today apply to these ideas?

**Sharon Gulino, 800 S. We Go Trl., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

Can someone help me? I've been trying for weeks to see why I was never contacted re. the UA settlement. No one can answer: Poorman - Douglas, United Payroll, UAL IAM, Etc. Can you help me?

**Carmine P. Ianieri, 6127 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Apt. 7C, Grandville, MI 49418**

Thanks for everyone's effort to keep UAL alive & helping all of us around the world informed & up-to-date on all the issues.

My new address is above.

**Mary & Don Toeppen, 16155 Sentinel Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375**

Time is going too fast here in the desert! Suddenly the date for the annual letter is a month past.

Mary & I still live across the fence from one of the lakes surrounding the 9<sup>th</sup> hole on one of our seven golf courses. Across the course about a half mile away we can see the BNSF Railroad trains roll by. They have to whistle for a crossing a mile away just to let us know they are coming! For an old railroad buff who later discovered airplanes, it can't get much better!

Mary & I are both well, attend the monthly luncheons of RUAEA & RUPA, thus keeping in touch with UAL retirees on a regular basis. In fact, Mary has become the Chairman of the RUAEA phone committee for the northwest valley area.

**Nellie Marie Tilson, 161 De Soto Way, San Bruno, CA 94066-4747**

Did anyone ever try to figure how many “thank you’s” you get for your wonderful work putting out our monthly Newsletter? I am among the many who wait for the news and, again, “thank you”.

Things remain the same with usual routine activities, house & yard work; the many extras that seem to pop up each week. I retired in 1986 but find I am not really retired. I’m sure I would be bored if I didn’t have at least part of this but would like more time for the house & yard.

My family in CO say they could use part of our rain. It is good it has finally stopped, now we can start on summer, maybe it will move your way.

**Gae S. Bockelman, 5240 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Pl., Thornton, CO 80241-3266**

A short note to say thanks for all the info you send our way; with no computer it’s our only source of information. Also, Bill Sandy is undergoing rehab after a recent aneurysm/surgery.

Spent several weeks at Aurora South & Spaulding. Now at daughter Jeannette’s home. We’d appreciate cards from former co-workers & friends:

William N. Sandy  
c/o Jeannette Gosnell  
17160 S. Boxelder Canyon Road  
Maxwell, NE 69151

**Elisabeth Midunsky, 202 Devonshire Rd., Tower Lakes, IL 60010-1212**

My RUAEA dues is money well spent. Thank you so much for a job well done.

It is 13 years since I retired. How time flies!

My husband Hans & I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 23, 2005. We feel extremely lucky to still have each other in fairly good health. We, our two daughters, Linda & Michelle, spent three days in CHI with spouses, 5 grandchildren & wives. On the agenda was seeing the Nutcracker Ballet, shopping, good food & sightseeing. We had a grand time.

In the mean time - life goes on! On March 13, we flew home to Stuttgart, Germany for the funeral of our beloved brother-in-law. What a sad family gathering! I must have caught a virus that put me in the hospital for 5 days - no fun.

**Marion I. Gebert, 30751 El Corazon #120, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688**

I finally made the big decision and sold my house and moved to be near my son. Big decision, big project & I’m adjusting easily to apartment life. I have lovely surroundings.

**Jean Etcheverry, 1700 Rivera St., San Francisco, CA 94116-1739**

Since my retirement (June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1987) after 21 years of service, I did some traveling to France with my wife, daughter & son-in-law. This past winter, we spent Christmas & New Years in Bilbao, Spain. Beautiful town!

Thank you for the enjoyable Newsletter. My wife has a kick reading the letters! Keep up the good work.

**Sean Foley, 38-180 Del Webb Blvd., PMD #38, Palm Desert, CA 92211**

Thank you for being there & sending the monthly newsletter. Our only link to UAL, with so many happy memories; in my case, working in the LAX flight kitchen.

**Flora MacLean, 6732 W. Hurlbut Street, Chicago, IL 60631-3125**

I enjoy the newsletter – especially the May 2006 issue - “From the Executive Vice President Mort Wax” medical plan, life insurance, retiree hiring which I strongly recommend since I did return after retirement for a couple years - great opportunities! They need the expertise & people!

Keep feeding us as much up-to-date information concerning these issues - travel, perks for retirees, which is online under discounts.



Thanks for a great job - I love my 19 years at United in CHI. I love United.  
The information you gave in May issue - OUTSTANDING. Keep it up - we need it.

**Agnes K. Warthen, 603 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206**

Again, a special thanks & appreciation to you & your staff for a great newsletter.

We are now in Altoona, IA, starting our 6<sup>th</sup> year at the Adventureland Amusement Park. It is a fun place to spend our summer.

**Richard P. "Duke" Kennedy, HCR 3 Box 13007, Keaau, HI 96749**

We survived 2005 somehow, & want to thank the newsletter team for the job they do. The newsletter is becoming a book of information, which is most important & is the "plain facts".

Thanks again; as a life member I feel I owe something on the postage.

*"The wisdom of the wise is an uncommon degree of common sense."*

**Stephen Mihalik, 9044 Warwick Ln., New Port Richie, FL 34655-1311**

It is time to pay my dues which makes me a year older - adds up to 90 years. Never thought I would make it.

I was hired in 1940 at Capital Airlines, retired in 1978 from United Airlines. Had some health problems the past year but feeling much better now.

Time to get the golf clubs out again!

**Linda Westbrook, 592 Knickerbocker Rd., Cresskill, NJ 07626**

Thank you to you & your staff for getting the newsletter out to us each month.

I hope United's return from bankruptcy is permanent. Did not Continental go bankrupt several times?

**Bill T. Dodds, 5588 Jan Ct., Redding, CA 96003**

Many thanks for the birthday greeting - just what I needed. Seriously though, I think the people who put together the newsletter are doing a great job, keeping us informed of goings on at UAL.

**Ray Beebe, 5228 Megan Dr., Independence, MO 64055**

How the years roll by ... 13 years since retirement. Appreciate the work you all do to keep us informed. I love reading the letters from the retirees.

I spent all my 37 years at good old MKC & look forward to receiving the newsletter another year!

**Terry Gilkison, 2521 West Marion Ave., #1012, Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

Thanks for the red stamp reminder. My wife Joan, our Pelican Drop-in Chapter correspondent, has health problems that have kept us grounded since March 2005. She was diagnosed with breast cancer & has been taking weekly treatments, which will continue through Sept. of this year. Some good news, however, she has been cleared to fly so we plan trips to visit our children this year. We might even get out on our boat for a few days, then later, book a cruise ship.

Fortunately I am as active as ever at 87 and, since we finally have "Charley" cleaned up, I plan to get back into tennis.

**Marianne Skala, 24649 Meadow Lane, Westlake, OH 44145**

Just a brief note to thank all of you for the terrific job you do! Having worked in BUF, CLE & WAS, it is always good to read about a familiar name. Keep up the great work.

**Marshall & Anne Kappel, 420 N. Wolf Rd. Apt. 241, Northlake, IL 60164**

Enclosed is my check for enrollment of our membership in RUAEA again after a few years of absence.

We are at present in a retirement community since 5-1-04. Our new address is listed above. We always enjoyed receiving the newsletter as it kept us informed about United & the retirees.

Many thanks to your entire staff.

**Diane Cervantes, 3658 Los Coyotes Diagonal, Long Beach, CA 90808**

Thank you for the gentle "dues" reminder. My intent is to "beat you to the punch" by renewing early, yet ... here I am, just in time.

The newsletter is a joy - I usually see names of people I knew across the UA system - Very heartwarming.

**Cecelia Paulie, 8388 Woodline Court, Manassas, VA 20110-4620**

Thank you for the newsletter. Very interesting & informative; keeping everyone connected to United Airlines.

Best wishes & keep the good work going.

**Pauline A. McCann, 2400 Carlmont Dr., Apt. 402E, Belmont, CA 94002**

Because I chose to be a life member, I automatically receive the newsletter & do enjoy hearing of fellow retiree doings. I came through my valve heart operation in great order - hope to be able to attend next year's convention, also get back to attending meetings locally. We are a busy & happy group.

**John & Sally Hildebran, P.O. Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557-0191**

*Oh my ... Oh me ... Just what have I done?*

*My O-six due ... I have paid none!*

*Two months past due, No red stamp!*

*But the May Newsletter, re-lit my ole lamp.*

*So ... Here are my dues. I hope it will gladden,*

*The big kind heart of our Jo Madden*

I re-married this past year. To a great girl that my Aida & I have known for over 20 years. Time just slipped by without my realizing my birth month had gone by too. So here is enough to carry me through next March. Then ... maybe I'll remember.

Yes, we both have really been blessed, & are still being blessed! Oh yes ... we miss our spouses, naturally. But we know where they are ... also know that they are happy for us.

We have not been on an aircraft for YEARS! But we did enjoy an auto trip to Madera, AZ to visit my Aida's sister. On the way, we picked up another sister & her daughter, in ELP, so we have been to airports ... ha.

Thanks for continuing to send the Newsletter. We are not on the Internet, so we get it via US Mail but it is our connection to the outside world of UNITED. And from Oklahoma ... thanks for all your work, we appreciate it!

**Virginnia M. Swenson, 26088 145<sup>th</sup> St., New Richland, MN 56072**

Thank you for helping me find two friends I'd lost track of. One is a member of RUAEA, the other not a member but she is on your records. Your records are wonderful and appreciated!

In March I did a 2-week trip to Israel & literally covered points North, South, East, West, then to Petra. The last time I was there was before the '69 war. I recommend the trip especially to Bible reading people; the bible will truly come alive. Oh yes, I felt safer there than here in the USA. Thanks!

**Erika Nikolich, 4013 Palm Tree Blvd., Unit #307, Cape Coral, FL 33904**

Thank you very much for the really great newsletter; so informative & helpful.

Our flying days are over as my husband, Nick, is on dialysis.

**Bernadette Juanich Llanes, 73-1277 Awakea St., Kailua Kona, HI 96740-9571**

Thank you for your tireless efforts to keep us retirees informed.

My retirement date: July 1, 2003. Adjustment has been gradual. Now I see that it was a blessing - to pursue other interests (completion of Master Gardener Certification), & to be available to visit & help with the arrival of grandson born June 1, 2005, & granddaughter born Mar. 23, 2006; which necessitated travel to FL & ID respectively. I enjoy the freedom to stay as long as I want without a rigid schedule to adhere to, & the worry about space availability in pass travel! (BP6 is nice too!)

You are the lifeline to my connection to the memory of a 38½ year career with United Airlines!

**Robert Smith, 495 S. Dayton St., Apt. 6A, Denver, CO 80247-1360**

The red Happy Birthday Dues Time sure caught my eye, thank you for this great newsletter. Wish I had read it the day it arrived, I see Dave Rasmussen is a new member & living in Corning, CA. We were just through Corning, my daughter just recently bought a home just out of Stonyford, CA. Have lived in Denver 1½ years, love CO.

This summer we go to Branson, MO with CA friends, Alaska cruise with Brother & Sister-in-law, Lake Tahoe with CA friends, & a time share in Breckenridge, CO. We have been very lucky on flights. Retirement is great! (after 40 years).

**Bill C. Dower, 36147 Sandalwood St., Newark, CA 94560**

Just a note to thank all of the talented people who publish the Newsletter. I really have appreciated it during my 18 years of retirement.

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

Dear Officers of RUAEA,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the time & effort you have donated to RUAEA. We all benefit immensely from your hard work & pro-active involvement.

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