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RUAEA Convention Pittsburgh - 2008 United At the Point!

Memorable and Unique Wonderful Memories of Pittsburgh!



William Penn Hotel Terrace Room

Celebrating the **RUAEA 2008 Pittsburgh Convention**, wishing all of our **RUAEA** members could have joined us in Pittsburgh. A lot of *inspiration* was found at the Pittsburgh's Convention; especially the vintage, ambience, and the elegance of the Omni William Penn Hotel, where all of our **RUAEA** friends gathered to meet. We also found a city of magic that was so much more than we expected. **RUAEA** members were warmly greeted with kindness, it was not uncommon for a helping hand to be extended when it was apparent that we were looking for directions or just gazing at the grandeur. That's what makes **Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh**, truly a warm and friendly city!

A fond memory for many of you was the **Shanksville** tour. We enjoyed a pleasant trip on the bus with our **RUAEA** friends. One of the highlights for the tour was **Mort Wax, RUAEA President**, laying a wreath on the Flight 93 crash site, in between the rain and tear drops.

There was great entertainment: On Wednesday night in the **Hospitality Room**, we had "**Oldies' night**" where members dressed in poodle skirts, pegged pants, jeans, and scarves to enjoy the performance of Mike Canali! The music was great, we even *danced*, had a lot of smiles and laughter. And to our surprise, "**Elvis**" appeared - **Hank Gosselin**. *Imagine that!* Thursday night in the **Hospitality Room** was equally great, we had "**Sports' night**". The Pittsburgh Banjo Club, of the Banjo Hall of Fame, entertained all **RUAEA** friends dressed in their favorite sports team's colors. They played happy music, put a smile on your face, and you couldn't resist tapping your toes! Remember, Pittsburgh is the City of Champions and a sports fan's paradise!

On Friday night, we had the Friendship Dinner in the Grand Ballroom. Introduction was by **Jeri & Bernie Juth**, the Convention General Chairpersons and the Presentation of Colors was by the Ambridge Color Guard, Marine Corps ROTC; directed by Sgt. Curtis. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by **Jeri & Bernie Juth**. God Bless America was sung by Arts and Crafts Chair, **Dave Detwiler**. Our guest speaker was David Shirey, who "Welcomed us to Pittsburgh". His outstanding speech was about "What makes Pittsburgh (Burgh) so interesting!" The invocation was given by Fr. Terrance O'Conner of Ambridge. The entertainment Bob Morelli, a Dean Martin Impersonator, adding to the romantic mood, providing after dinner music and songs that we all could all relate to.

On Saturday night, we had the Banquet Dinner in the William Penn Ballroom. Hank Gosselin introduced our special guest speaker, Actress/Producer/Director "**Tamara Tunie**" (*Law & Order SVU*). Her father and two uncles were honored since they were **United Skycaps** in Pittsburgh! She gave an outstanding stroll down memory lane of what United "used to be", with laughter by all and tears for some of us too! The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Karl E. McDonald of Kenmawr Presbyterian Church, Kennedy Twp. We were also entertained by the "**Steel Band**" from Ambridge HS, Ambridge, PA. These great & talented young musicians playing steel drums, highlighted the evening!

Closing comments were made by **Mort Wax**, **RUAEA** outgoing President. Mort ended his two-year term, and **Ron Robertson**, newly elected, is now **RUAEA President**. Good luck to Mort and Ron!

The Pittsburgh Committee extends thanks to all **RUAEA** members and guests that were able to attend and share this wonderful event. **Let's get together in Phoenix Convention 2009!** Much acknowledgement to **Jeri Juth** – Chairman, Convention in Pittsburgh 2008! Also to VP **Hank Gosselin**, Asst. VP **Bob Hallden** and Photographer **Rich Surma**.

Betty & Paul Musko
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See you next year in Phoenix!

GENERAL NEWS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! I'm **Ron Robertson**. In writing this for the July Newsletter, I wish to introduce myself to you as your newly elected RUAEA President. My career spanned approximately 35 years from 1966 thru 2000. Along the way, there were a lot of moves including assignments in OMA, DSM, EXO, DEN, SLE, SEA (4), SAN, LAX, TPE, SMF, and TUS. I was blessed with meeting and working with many of you during those years. Since retirement, as AZ Director, I've met many more retirees. My wife, **Shirley**, and I make our primary home in Tucson, Arizona. We also have a residence in Maple Valley, Washington where we spend time in the summer and holidays with our children and grandchildren, who all live in the Seattle area.

Your new Officers and Directors as determined by your votes were announced on Saturday, May 24, at the Business Meeting of the RUAEA 2008 Pittsburgh Convention. Other elected officers in addition to myself are:

- ★ **Ron Bertacini** - Executive Vice President (*New*)
- ★ **Marilyn Marcy** - Secretary (*Reelected*)
- ★ **Len Haubl** - Treasurer (*Reelected*)
- ★ **Hank Gosselin** - Vice President - Conventions (*Reelected*)

We, along with **Mort Wax**, Past President, and all the Regional Directors (listed in the Newsletter) are looking forward to a successful and productive year for RUAEA members.

For all of you at the Pittsburgh Convention - What a terrific experience! The Pittsburgh PIT-STOPPERS Chapter and its Convention Committee, headed by Northeast Region Director **Treatie Karwoski** and **Jeri & Bernie Juth**, all did a fantastic job. **Hank Gosselin** and his experienced RUAEA convention team performed their usual professional expertise. The tours were all a hit. For many, the Flight 93 - Shanksville trip was not only the highlight - but a lifetime moving experience. Once again - THANK YOU PITTSBURGH!

On the subject of Conventions, I'm personally very excited about our 2009 Convention - announced in Pittsburgh that it will be held in Phoenix, Arizona! Speaking for my adopted home state, all of us in Arizona are going to continue the standard of making our annual Convention an outstanding event. Begin making your long range plans now for next May in "easy to get to" PHX. We will have lots of information to assist you in making plans in upcoming issues of the RUAEA Newsletter.

As seems to be the norm over the past several years,

this coming year promises to be challenging for United and the industry. Your RUAEA is a separate entity and our primary activities will focus on the following:

- ✈ Publication of a national newsletter (including an optional fully electronic version, complete with additional information);
- ✈ Support and growth of local chapters;
- ✈ Conducting an annual convention;
- ✈ Provision for a proactive voice for retiree interests, concerns, and causes.

With success in these functions, we will increase our membership, individual participation, chapter interests, convention attendance, and our collective voices, visibility, and organizational strength.

I look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making many new ones.

Ron Robertson
President - RUAEA

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED US

Unfortunately, you will not be reading this until the middle of June or July but with the RUAEA Convention wrapping up on Memorial Day weekend, I thought I might remember some of the folks who contributed much of their time to RUAEA and have recently passed away. **Jo Madden**, the past Editor of the RUAEA Newsletter, had a policy of not publishing "*special obituaries*" and this policy will continue as it has over the last twenty some years. We will continue to honor the obituary information in the local chapter news, as well as information we receive from the company and family members. We are always saddened by the loss of any of our members and past associates.

On November 24, 2007, **C. Pate Hutchens** passed away in Urbana, IL. Pate was 92 and had been residing in Mount Dora, Florida. He was a Lt. Col. in the Army Air Corp during WWII. Mr. Hutchens retired from United Airlines as Director of Employment. After retirement, he was active with RUAEA and became the organization's 4th President from 1981 to 1983. He gave his time to see that this organization not only got started but continued. Pate also was active with his church, the Boy Scouts as well as a member of Pi Beta Kappa. **Pate Hutchens** was buried in a private ceremony attended only by family members. (*No picture of Pate was available*).

On May 8, 2008, **Robert 'Bob' Cuff** lost his battle with prostate cancer in Auburn, CA. Bob was 85 years old and had a long career with United Airlines, some 35 years. Bob also served in the Army Air Corp in WWII and the Air Force in Korea. He was very active in RUAEA and was President of the Sacramento Gold Diggers in 1991. Bob served two separate terms as



RUAEA Director Northern California/Nevada, was also on the 2007 Convention Committee and was a member of the 2007/08 Nominating Committee for RUAEA. Bob was also active in his community. He served as chairman of the Auburn Airport Advisory Committee and was a long time member

of the Auburn Chamber Forum. **Bob Cuff** was interred in a private ceremony with military honors attended only by family members.



Lastly, but by no means the least, is **Jo Madden**. She passed away on May 14, 2008, after suffering a stroke. Jo began her career with United in 1943 as an executive secretary in Chicago. She also worked in San Francisco before settling in Denver in 1949. Jo was the Credit Union Manager in Denver until she retired in 1977. She became active in RUAEA for the next 30 years, serving as the Newsletter Editor

for at least 20 years. Jo was also active with the National Secretaries Association, the Denver Mainliner Club and enjoyed jazz. The RUAEA Board of Directors wanted to thank Jo for her years of service and present her with a token of their appreciation, namely a crystal bowl with inscription. Jo had asked that that presentation take place at the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh. Unfortunately Jo passed away shortly before the convention at the age of 95.

A **Celebration of Life** for **Jo Madden** was held in Denver on June 5, 2008 and was hosted by **Tom & Nancy Goodyear**. Mort Wax, Past President of RUAEA, presented the crystal bowl to Tom Goodyear. Tom assured all that the bowl will be prominently displayed at the Flight Training Center (DENTK) by the United Airlines Historical Foundation. Approximately 150 were in attendance and many shared their memories and stories about Jo. Of course, Nancy & Tom Goodyear had several memories to pass on to the gathering.

I know there have been many others who have passed on recently and I apologize for not being able to mention all of these RUAEA members. We especially think of those local chapter members who were so instrumental in getting chapters started and helped to keep them going. We appreciate our chapter correspondents efforts in keeping us informed through their monthly reports of those who have passed away, as well as of those experiencing difficult medical issues. So we will continue to not only depend on but encourage all chap-

ter correspondents to keep us all informed.

In closing, we thank all who volunteer their time to RUAEA and sadly remember those who are no longer with us.

Ron Bertacini
Executive Vice President

2008 RUAEA ELECTION RESULTS

In the past, election of Officers and Directors took place at the Annual Meeting held at the Convention. Consequently, only those members who attended the convention were able to vote. Several years ago, the By-Laws were changed. The slate of candidates and a ballot were published in the newsletter. Members completed the ballot and mailed it in. Thus every member of RUAEA had the opportunity to vote. This year the ballot was expanded to RUAEA's Website and members could vote by "e-ballot" or mail in ballot.

In RUAEA's 2008 National Elections, 457 members cast their votes by e-ballot; 608 mailed in their ballots; for a total of 1,065 valid votes cast. This is the highest number of RUAEA members voting in an election.

The results of the election – and your new Officers and Directors – are:

- ★ President – **Ron Robertson**
- ★ Executive Vice-President – **Ron Bertacini**
- ★ Secretary – **Marilyn Marcy**
- ★ Treasurer – **Len Haubl**
- ★ Vice-President Conventions – **Hank Gosselin**
- ★ Director Southern California – **Howard Lackey**
- ★ Director Western – **Roger Casterline**
- ★ Director Northern California/Nevada – **John Zoboli**
- ★ Director Midwest – **James Simon**
- ★ Director Florida – **Paul Brown**

We thank every one of you who voted to support these fellow retirees in conducting the business of RUAEA for the next two years.

Nominating Committee
Bob Cuff, Jim Fauber, Marlin Lade

RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday May 24, 2008
Omni William Penn, Pittsburgh

The meeting was called to order at 08:30AM by President Mort Wax.

President - Mort Wax

Mort welcomed all members to the annual business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the 2007 business meeting minutes. The motion was carried.

Mort asked for all to stand for a moment of silence in recognition of some stalwarts of RUAEA that we have lost in the past year; **Shirley Drumheller, Harry Caldwell, Bob Cuff, Michael Marvett, David Cox and Jo Madden**, our Newsletter Editor of 21 years.

Reports:

Corporate Relations - Ed Tolle

In Ed's absence, Mort reported that there have been no significant issues in the past year and he will keep the membership informed on any merger discussions. There will be a schedule reduction of approximately nine percent in the fourth quarter, along with additional flights to Canada. System wide, 61 of the lowest performing flights will be eliminated.

Mort asked Carol Faust to give some details on the new travel desk in Chicago. She reported this desk will be located in the training center and will be run by the Skyliners and subsidized by RUAEA. The space has been obtained, along with parking passes, phone numbers and computers. Training will be accomplished by a member of the PDX desk. Computer security is the final issue to be resolved. Carol advises to check the Newsletter and Website for start date and times of operation.

Executive Vice President - Gordon Starr

Howard Tress will be vacating his appointment on June 1st, leaving the positions of Membership/Support Manager and Newsletter Editor open. An additional membership secretary would be a benefit to the office. If you know of any candidates please forward to Executive Vice President, **Ron Bertacini**.

Membership Manager - Howard Tress

We have 8615 members as of 03/31/2008. This is 8.6% decrease from 4Q/07. Howard suggests the local chapters encourage non - RUAEA members to join. He has enjoyed the last six years and thanks everyone, especially the staff in Denver.

Newsletter Manager - Virgil Gooselaw

The mailing of the Newsletter has been fully automated since last July, which has made it less expensive to produce. The most well liked sections are; letters from members, UAHF and "Ask the Doctor".

Web Site - Jim Sommerfield/Ed Majewski

Ed Majewski and Jim Sommerfield work to keep the website current and post information promptly. They also respond to password and website navigation issues. The most popular links are; Newsletter, Members information and Travel. Jim encourages all to register online. Instructions have been published in the June Newsletter and on the website for signing up for level two or three access.

Treasurer - Len Haubl

Member contributions and dues fell more than 15% from 1Q/07, but expenses are down 11% from the same quarter. The reduction in revenue is equivalent to the

monthly operating cost for the newsletter and membership office. The convention will probably draw from the saving accounts, which can be replenished in August with a maturing CD. Net income for the 1Q/08 is 1%.

Vice President Convention - Hank Gosselin

The 2009 convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ from May 19th to the 24th. Jim Zarek will be the Convention Chairperson. He thanked the local Pittsburgh committee, especially **Paul & Betty Musko**, for their help and asked for local chapters to think about hosting future conventions. Hank also complimented **Virgil Gooselaw** for the Convention coverage in the RUAEA Newsletters.

Past President - Marlin Lade

Marlin presented the results of the 2008 election:

- President – **Ron Robertson**
- Executive Vice President – **Ron Bertacini**
- Secretary – **Marilyn Marcy**
- Treasurer – **Len Haubl**
- Vice President Conventions – **Hank Gosselin**
- Director Southern California – **Howard Lackey**
- Director Western – **Roger Casterline**
- Director Northern CA/NV – **John Zoboli**
- Director Midwest – **James Simon**
- Director Florida – **Paul Brown**

There was a total of 1065 votes cast; 457 by electronic and 608 by paper ballots.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Directors

Mort presented Certificates of Appreciation to all outgoing Officers, Regional Directors and appointed positions.

New Business

A suggestion was made from the floor that a list of RUAEA's accomplishments is made available to local chapter presidents that can be used to encourage retirees to join. Mort suggested this be a goal of all the Regional Directors. A discussion followed on methods to increase membership with all of us becoming evangelists, encouraging retirees to join. This is currently the major focus of the Board of Directors.

Tom Goodyear gave information on the services for Jo Madden.

A question was raised about the monthly cost of the printed Newsletter versus the website. Both have costs associated with production and publication.

Motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Marcy, Secy
Approved by: Mort Wax, President



2008 TREASURY REPORT

The 2007 year-end report shows some significant trends, which are continuing into the first quarter of 2008. Membership continues to decline along with convention participation.

Offsetting, a portion of this decline, is the reduction in the cost of producing the monthly newsletter and the efforts of the convention committee to reduce the guarantees that are made with the convention hotel as early as 2 years in advance.

We are also experiencing a lowering of the investment CDs we own. As they have matured annually, we have had to replenish our credit union savings account. Each year, we must draw on our savings to cover a major portion of the convention.

Len Haubl
RUAEA Treasurer

UNITED BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION **Saturday, May 24, 2008**

Alliant Credit Union - David Mooney

Alliant's Mission is to provide consistently superior financial value through high return on deposits and low rates on loans; and helpful, knowledgeable and memorable service.

- The Alliant Credit Union is in the top 1% of all credit unions in savings dividend and total member "giveback" with over 214,000 members.
- Financially strong – over \$630 million in total reserves.
- The average Alliant member earns a financial benefit of \$803 per year compared to doing business with a bank, according to a national economic study.
- They have below market loan rates (APR) in new car, used car and home equity and are still in a strong lending position.
- Operation expenses ratio to assets below 1% allowing them to deliver great returns to members.
- 24/7 attended telephone support.
- Free online banking with unlimited bill pay.
- Free Visa® Checkcard (checking) or ATM card (Savings).
- Ten service centers – Over 75,000 ATM's nationally – 5000 ATM's located in 7-Eleven stores.
- Online access has enhanced functionality, including transfer of funds electronically to/from any financial institution at no charge, ability to

transfer funds to other Alliant members and ability to view Alliant credit card activity.

- Special offer to RUAEA members - A **.25%** off coupon off your standard qualifying loan rate valid through 7/31/2008. When applying online or over the phone, mention Promo Code J441. Note that is **point two five %**.
- Visit them on the web at **www.alliantcreditunion.org** or call **1-800-328-1935**.

VSP – Mary Kirkpatrick

- Routine eye exams are necessary for early detection of glaucoma, cataracts and diabetes.
- All information about enrollment and payment are available at **www.enrollvsp.com/united** or **866-896-1273**.
- Benefit questions are answered through **www.vsp.com** or 800-877-7195 – also location of closest participating Doctors. Eye Health Magazine is a wonderful resource.

Fidelity – Brian Cernicky

- 120 Branches that offer 100% free financial advice.
- Action plan – Understand different types of fees – learn how fees are calculated – make informed investment decisions.
- Visit them on the web at **www.fidelity.com** or call **1-800-343-3548**.

PBGC – Bill House

- Their primary goal is to get the pension checks delivered on time.
- They issue 600,000 checks a year and over four billion in benefits.
- If you have not received your final determination letter, your benefits are still estimated. All claims should be finalized this year
- For information call **1-800-400-7242 M-F 0800-1900 Eastern time or log onto www.pbgc.gov**.

Travel Desks - Bob Brumfield

- All retirees are encouraged to use Skynet for checking loads, listing and printing boarding passes. The travel desks are there to help those who do not have computer access at home or who might be traveling.
- There are brochures available on companion travel. Make sure they read the literature before traveling.
- The travel desks at Seattle and Portland provide coverage five days a week and are supported by RUAEA and RUPA. They are looking forward to the Chicago desk being functional.

United Benefits - Linda Ann Collier

- It is important that retirees pay attention to

Medical Changes during open enrollment.

- With Voluntary Suspension you can re-enroll during open enrollment with proof you were covered by insurance in the interim. If you elect to terminate coverage, you might not be able to re-enroll.
- Keep your address information current – this is especially important if you are in an HMO.
- Check www.ualretirees.com to compare rates on different plans and Skynet for additional discounts. You must have the pin # from your open enrollment letter to access the site.
- Use the tools available like www.md.com.
- ADP (Automatic Data Processing) provides benefit administration.
- Call for letters for interline travel 1 – 888-825-0188

BlueCross BlueShield/Illinois - Pauline Wilson

- They have been health care providers for over 80 years with 99 million Americans covered. This size gives more choices in hospitals and doctors and access to coverage wherever we travel.
- Encourages everyone to use the website and go paperless – www.bcbsil.com.
- Before traveling call 1-800-5FLYUAL for a list of providers in the countries you will be visiting.

Medco - Pamela Morrison

- Use www.medco.com and review **myrx-choices**. You will be able to view your medications and see if changes can be made to a lower cost drug. They will contact the Doctor for you. Use this tool also for re-ordering prescriptions.
- Generics are a major part of the drug industry with patents expiring.
- One million prescriptions filled each year for United employees/retirees.
- Find a pharmacy that takes your Medco card – information available on website.
- Visit them at www.medco.com or call 1-800-633-2662.

For further information on these services please use the website or 800 numbers listed

MEDCO SPECIALIST PHARMACISTS

Expert treatment care - and advice on lowering costs: Medco Health Solutions, Inc., offers a great way to help members stay healthier and safer. Members can now get expert, personalized care from **specialist pharmacists**. These pharmacists focus on the medications used to treat chronic, long-term conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, stomach issues,

asthma, and arthritis.

There's no additional cost to members for this level of care - it's already part of the prescription drug benefit. And since specialist pharmacists are up to date on new drug therapies, costs of medications, and the plan's co-payments, they can talk to you and your doctor about treatment options that are more affordable yet just as effective.

How Medco specialist pharmacists help: Medco specialist pharmacists have the latest knowledge, skills, and training, backed up by the experience that comes from assisting patients *with similar chronic conditions on a daily basis*. They are available 24/7 and have the time to talk to you - one on one, in private - about your medications. They also go one step further, working together with you *and* your doctor to improve your health.

Because they have access, in most cases, to a member's prescription history, specialist pharmacists can quickly identify potentially harmful drug interactions and alert members and their doctors immediately if they find any issues. This is especially important since many members get prescriptions from multiple doctors.

For decisions involving members' medication choices, specialist pharmacists can provide trustworthy, expert advice, as well as help members find potential ways to lower their costs.

This kind of advanced care is offered to every Medco member, but the only way a member can take full advantage of a specialist pharmacist's support and focus is by filling his or her long-term prescriptions through **Medco By Mail**.

Personalized care - plus potential savings: By filling long-term prescriptions through Medco By Mail, members and their covered family members not only receive personalized care from specialist pharmacists, they also benefit from the safety, savings, and the convenience of having medications delivered right to their door. With Medco By Mail, members receive:

- Up to a 90-day supply of medication—often at a lower cost than at local retail pharmacies
- 24/7 access to benefit specialists who can answer questions and also arrange for a member to talk to a specialist pharmacist
- An easy refill process over the phone, by mail, or online

To find out more about specialist pharmacists and Medco By Mail, please call the toll-free number shown on your prescription drug ID card. You can reach Medco 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. (If you wish, Medco can even contact your doctor to arrange for your new Medco By Mail prescriptions.)

Tour of Champions: Six Gold Medalists have teamed up and are touring the United States with a com-

mon goal. *Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Peggy Fleming, Greg Louganis, Bruce Jenner, Bob Beamon, and Mark Spitz* are sharing the way that Medco is making pharmacy care work better for people with chronic conditions that require ongoing medication. Each of the athletes has a chronic condition, and they all benefit from consulting Medco's specialist pharmacists to help improve their health.

Medco, the world's most advanced pharmacy™, has 1,100 specialist pharmacists trained in the medications used to treat specific chronic conditions. If a safety concern arises with a member's medication, Medco's specialist pharmacists work with members and their doctor to help avoid potentially harmful drug interactions. They can even help members save on medications. The high level of care Medco specialist pharmacists provide comes from the deep knowledge they've gained from assisting thousands of patients with similar conditions. To find out more, visit www.tourofchampions.com.

To meet some of Medco's specialist pharmacists, and to read additional case studies about pharmacists who reached out to help keep their patients safe when there was an issue with their prescriptions, visit www.medcospecialists.com.

SAVING THE STORY **THE FLIGHT 93 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

Nearly seven years have passed since the crash of Flight 93 near Shanksville, PA on Sept. 11, 2001; however, memories of that day are still strong for many, especially those closely connected to the event. An oral history and documentation project is being conducted by the National Park Service as part of the planning, design and management of the Flight 93 National Memorial. The results of the project will be an oral history & document collection that will preserve the collective and individual stories of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 and Sept. 11th for interpretive, educational and research purposes at the permanent memorial for Flight 93.

To date, more than 370 audio interviews have been recorded for the project, including memories of family members, friends and business associates of the passengers and crew members, eyewitnesses to the plane in its final seconds of flight, citizen and first responders, those who investigated the crash and those who worked in recovery, those who supported the workers at the site, media who covered the Flight 93 story and those involved in the memorialization efforts. The National Park Service realizes that there are still literally hundreds of stories that should be recorded before the project ends, and would like to invite all retired or former United Airlines employees with a connection to the crew members of Flight 93, the passengers, or the

events of the day and Flight 93, to contribute their memories to the Flight 93 Oral History Project and archives of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Please contact Oral History Project Assistant, Kathie Shaffer, at the Flight 93 National Memorial planning office in Somerset, Pennsylvania to learn more about the project and how you can participate by calling 814 443 4557 or emailing kathie_shaffer@nps.gov as soon as possible.

UAL FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL **CHAPEL PAVILION**

On Sunday, May 25th, **Dee Burrs, Marge & Frank Egges** attended services at the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville. Following the services, Frank presented a check to Fr. Mascherino in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Independents of Philadelphia for the Chapel Pavilion.

To date, United Airlines retirees have donated almost \$4800.00 to the Chapel Pavilion:

- ✈ The Independents - \$2080.00
- ✈ Pittsburgh Retirees - \$600.00
- ✈ Mail in and Convention donations - \$2105.00

The estimate cost of the Pavilion will be close to \$20,000.00.

Should you wish to contribute to the Memorial, make check to *Chapel 93 Memorial Fund* and mail to **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Cheater Pike B305, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

ROME NRSA TRAVEL EMBARGO ADVISORY

When making NRSA travel plans, please be aware of the especially high load factors during the busy summer travel season, particularly if you are considering Rome.

Flights departing from Rome (FCO) are under embargo now through August 10 for the following space-available passengers:

- ✈ Unaccompanied companions of United employees and retirees
- ✈ United Express partner carriers' employees and retirees, as well as their travel eligibles and companions

Travel for employees, retirees, their travel eligibles and accompanied companions is not embargoed.

Flights to FCO are not affected by the embargo, so we advise you to plan alternative travel options for return trips. Flights to and from other European destinations currently have no embargoes.

For more details about United travel policies, please refer to SkyNet's Travel section. For travel related questions, call the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188.

FLEET REDUCTIONS

United streamlines operations to compete in unprecedented fuel environment. United announced significant fleet, capacity and executive changes that will enable the company to build a stronger, more competitive business that is better able to withstand record oil prices and a softening economy.

United will remove a total of 100 aircraft from its fleet beginning in September and reduce the mainline domestic capacity in the fourth quarter 2008 by 14 percent year over year. The reduction eliminates the Boeing 737 fleet, including the 30 previously announced B737 aircraft, provided United can work out terms with its lessors. United also will retire six Boeing 747s. Over 2008-2009, United will reduce cumulative mainline domestic capacity between 17 and 18 percent and cumulative consolidated capacity between 9 and 10 percent.

"We are taking additional, aggressive steps that demonstrate our commitment to size our business appropriately to reflect the current market reality, leverage capacity discipline to pass commodity costs on to customers, develop new revenue streams and continue to reduce non-fuel costs and capital expenditures," said Glenn Tilton, chairman, president and CEO. *"This environment demands that we and the industry act decisively and responsibly. We continue to do the right work to reduce costs and increase revenue to respond to record fuel costs and the challenging economic environment."*

When complete, United's fleet reduction will retire the oldest and least fuel-efficient jets and will lower the average fleet age to 11.8 years. Schedule changes related to the elimination of 30 B737s previously announced are currently in the reservations system.

United will file further changes related to the retirement of an additional 50 aircraft by year end in the systems in the near future. Schedule reductions will be primarily reached through frequency reductions while retaining commitment to all five of its U.S. hubs. United expects to remove about 80 planes from the system by the end of 2008, with the remaining 20 being removed by the end of 2009.

As part of these changes, United will eliminate its Ted product and reconfigure that fleet's 56 A320s to include United First class seats. The Ted aircraft reconfiguration will begin in spring 2009 and be completed by year-end 2009.

"The decision to dramatically reduce our capacity profile particularly in the domestic marketplace, while also eliminating a fleet type, is a significant step leading to a more effective and efficient operating fleet for us in the years ahead, while improving our customer experience and reliability," said John Tague, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Staffing Changes: As United reduces the size of its operation, it also expects to reduce the number of salaried and management employees by 1,400-1,600, including the previously announced 500 employee reduction by year end. Work is currently under way in each division to determine critical priorities and necessary SAM reductions. As schedules are finalized, United will identify the reductions necessary on the front line and communicate those as they are available.

To drive improved performance and a focus on the basics of industry-leading safety, reliability and the cleanliness and condition of its fleet, Joe Kolshak was named Senior Vice President - Operations, overseeing United Services, Flight Operations and Operations Control. Kolshak previously served as Delta's Executive Vice President of Operations, responsible for Delta's maintenance, flight operations, ground operations, operations control, safety and security, as well as the Delta Express operation. He will be based in San Francisco and will report to Tague.

"Joe brings a depth and breadth of experience to United and will enable us to accelerate our work to improve customer service and operational performance with the goal to be the industry leader in the U.S.," Tague said. *"We are committed to building a leadership team with the capability and accountability to drive performance improvements at our airline."*

In addition, Alex Marren has been promoted to Senior Vice President - Onboard Service. She is now responsible for the full range of work within the division, including worldwide flight attendant operations, catering, crew accommodations and flight attendant scheduling.

Cindy Szadokierski, who has been responsible for Operations Control, United Express and Ted, will now be Vice President - United Express and Airport Operations Planning, reporting to Scott Dolan, Senior Vice President - Airport Operations, Cargo and United Express.

As part of the reorganization, Sean Donohue, Senior Vice President - Flight Operations and Onboard Service, and Bill Norman, Senior Vice President - United Services, will both be leaving United after long careers and dedicated service to the company.

"We thank Bill and Sean for their many contributions during their long and successful careers with United and wish them well in their future endeavors," Tague said.

ASK THE DOCTOR

This column was debuted in the April RUAEA Newsletter and will be a bi-monthly featured article. Dr. Daner Reider has already prepared an article for the August Newsletter titled *"Circadian Rhythm 101"*. In

the meantime, if you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

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LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Summer is here in Arizona with the temperatures around the 100's. We had a very good spring with temps in the 80's and 90's. The flowers were beautiful! And, it was great for outdoor entertaining.

We heard that **Marge Mullman** had a fall while on vacation and had her arm broken in 4 places. Hopefully, by now, she's feeling better and healing well. I hope the rest of the Azures are feeling well ... no news is good news!

The Azures' Board is planning events and luncheons for the 2008/09 season. They will meet during the summer to set the schedule and email the events to the members some time in September. All events are booked except for January. Union Hills C.C. is asking for a \$300 non-refundable deposit plus the cost of the lunch so we decided to look for a new place. Any suggestions should be made to one of the Board members. Our first get-together is October 11 at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. We had a caterer last year and the food was yummy ... so we'll do the same this year, only with a different menu.

Our breakfasts seem to always have about 15-20 in attendance. **Jim Bechtold** usually heads the conversation with new information about United. **Mary Toepen** is in the Chicago area for the summer and will resume her role as "breakfast concierge" when she returns.

Have a great summer!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell Road

October 11 – Beardsley Park picnic – S.C.W.

July 1 - Breakfast at Coco's

July 15 - Breakfast at Coco's

July 29 - Breakfast at Coco's

October 11 - Beardsley Park picnic – S.C.W.

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

-Ronald Reagan

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The Convention in Pittsburgh was a huge success. The Omni Hotel was beautiful and their staff was great! Our group thought the city was very clean and easy to get around. One of the highlights for some of our group was going to Shanksville to visit the Chapel that the local priest purchased and restored, in honor and memory of our crew and passengers on UA93. They also went to the temporary memorial near the crash sight. A Park Ranger told them about an eyewitness that saw our plane go down. The guides told them they were honored that the United Airlines retirees came to see these places. They were glad they had this opportunity.

Next May, the convention will be held in Phoenix! We all are anxious to show off our city too! We'll need a lot of helpers from our Arizona chapters to make it a success. We know it will really be worthwhile for all those willing to help. Be sure and mark your calendars for next May. More details will follow for committees, etc.

We're making a list of birthdays and anniversaries for our members, so we can start announcing them at our monthly luncheons. We haven't got information yet from several of our members; so, if you're one of them, please let **Liz Tollefsen** know yours and your spouse's birthdays and your Wedding Anniversary.

We recently heard from one of our past members. His name is **Paul Weatherford**. He now lives at 14458 S. Vandalia Avenue, Bixby, OK 74008-3747. His phone number is (918) 943-6146. He misses his friends in our chapter, and would love to hear from you. There isn't a chapter in the Tulsa area, but he is joining the Chicago Skyliners, as it had been his home for many years. He owns a company called FM Global in Park Ridge, IL.

Remember when you're out and about, we need many items for the Fantasy Flight in December, so start collecting bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. **Peg Homfeldt** will gladly store these items for you.

During the summer months, we only meet for breakfasts at Crackers in Mesa on the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 9:00 a.m. The food is wonderful, so make it a point to join your fellow Re-Uniteds every month. They give us our own room, so it is a good place to talk and get caught up on what's happening with everyone and find out what's going on with our group.

Starting in October, we will be having our monthly

luncheons. More on that later.

We hope to see many more of our members come out for our activities. Also if you live in the Phoenix Metro area, and are a member of RUAEA, we hope you will contact us and come to one of our meetings. We love to eat! We are a very friendly chapter, so gives us a try. Contact President **Jim Zarek**, at (480) 288-6685 or by e-mail at jzarek1@msn.com, or VP **Peg Homfeldt**, at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail phomfeldt@cox.net. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a good summer!

Calendar:

Breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 9:00 AM at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317 - phomfeldt@cox.net or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - jzarek1@msn.com, by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

Oct. - Luncheon - TBA



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Thunder Canyon Brewery was the meeting place on May 15th for another wonderful luncheon. There were 29 Roadrunners in attendance.

Our local newsletter reporter, **Mary Howard**, is experiencing a rough time right now as she fights off severe arthritis and degeneration in her neck. She is currently undergoing physical therapy and hoping for some relief. I'm sure our thoughts and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Roadrunner member and the new president of RUAEA, **Ron Robertson**. He has a big responsibility ahead of him and I'm sure Ron could use all the support we can give him.

Back in Pittsburgh, **Bill & Bonnie Royle** hosted cocktail parties for the Roadrunners prior to the two dinners at the convention. I think they had the larger of the rooms available at the William Penn hotel. Twelve Roadrunners made the trip. The Pittsburgh group did a wonderful job in organizing and putting on a fabulous convention.

Our next meeting of the Roadrunners will be on the 19th of June and once again, it will be held at the Thunder Canyon Brewery. The hosts will be **Clair & Jerry Byle**. Doors open at 11:00 am and lunch will be served around 12 noon.

No word yet on the July meeting to be hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**.

Howard Hunter will do the hosting honors at our annual trip to the White Mountains. The Pine Top Country Club will be the place and we will meet on the 21st of August. The dinner will be followed with brunch on the 22nd of August at **Gordon & Dora Starr's** cabin in Nutrioso. Times will be noted later.

Calendar:

July 17 - Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin

August 21 - Pinetop - Howard Hunter

Sept. 18 - Mary & Bill Howard

Oct. 16 - Shirley & Ron Robertson

Nov. 20 - Pat & Rich DiLallo

Dec. 11 - Oro Valley Country Club - Beverly Goodlow

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This has been a rather slow month for our chapter without a meeting. I haven't heard from anyone so that means that we are all well and looking forward to our meeting next month.

By the time this makes the newsletter, the convention will have been over in PIT. I will be waiting for everyone's report and especially from **John Stilwell**. He represented our chapter and usually comes back with inside information. I hope the air travel wasn't too hectic and everyone was able to fly back when they wanted too.

Last month, I wrote about our trip from LAX to MCO and back. We were able to get on the flights we were listed on, which was tentative at times. The last time we visited Orlando was a year after the worse hurricane hit. I don't recall the name of it. At that time, there was still a lot of destruction that was not cleared up. I did notice this time, that there were still a lot of billboards not yet repaired. I forgot about the toll-roads that were in very good shape and a pleasure to drive. In and around Orlando, a lot of surface roads were being repaired and this caused some delay. The weather was great, it didn't rain or get too hot. That is the good news. We spent three days going to Disney World with family and we found the cheapest tickets were at the park. It cost \$11 each time we parked and then the three day pass was expensive. Once in the park, everything else was priced higher than outside. It was quite a walk,

regardless what park we went to and I kept looking for shade and air-conditioned buildings. The crowds were huge and there was no such thing as a "Fast Pass". You had to dash to the rides you wanted to get on. You then inserted your entrance card and it would kick out a paper pass with a time on it that would allow you to get into a line first. Some of the bad news, besides the crowds, parking, and cost to enter the park, it bothered me that there was no senior citizen rates. There were so many of us and we paid the same amount as everyone else. I think if Walt Disney was still around he might have considered us as special.

I'm now off my soap box and I hope everyone that goes to Disney World has a wonderful time.

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The Brazen Raisins' June 2008 meeting was hosted by the illustrious **Jack Hartman**. President **Don Nessling** announced that the new Brazen Raisins RUAEA Director is **John Zoboli** and that **Ron Bertacini** has been elected Executive Vice President of RUAEA. He also announced that **Jo Madden**, long-time editor of the RUAEA Newsletter had passed away as had long-time RUAEA Director **Bob Cuff**. **Jack Hartman** stated that United is grounding 100 planes. **Elida Rivas** told about her and **Reuben's** 23-day cruise to Europe, including a stop at St. Petersburg, Russia. **Elida, Don** and **Dick Hayes** entertained with jokes!

DESERT SUNBIRD

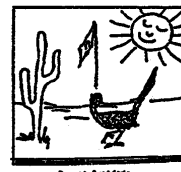
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The Desert Sunbirds enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Café at Camelot Theater in Palm Springs. Most of us didn't know that the Camelot had a café so it was quite a surprise! Thanks to **Roberta Craig**, thirty of us could enjoy a meal and a movie in the same afternoon. We had only one Birthday kid in attendance, Roberta, won the free lunch. Roberta went on to have her guest win the 50/50. What great luck she has! Several members are out with illness and we hope for their return and recovery soon. They include **Marge Lenz** and **Jan Kellerhals**.

We look forward to seeing some of our ill members back in June at the Back Street Bistro in Palm Desert.

Marge is our host, so contact her at (760) 674-8427 or Mlenzpd@aol.com.

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers did not have a luncheon in May due to the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA.

As reported in the last issue, **Bob Cuff**, one of our Past Presidents who had also served as the Northern California Director of RUAEA, passed away last month. I received an email from his wife, Jo, asking me to put a note in the next issue of the newsletter - *"Thank you so much for all the very nice cards and notes that we received. It really helped to know that so many people cared. As Bob always said "United folks are the very best".* **Jo Cuff**.

Our next luncheon will be on June 25th at the Empire Mine State Historic Park.

Calendar:

June 25 – Empire Mine State Historic Park, (Empire Clubhouse), Grass Valley

July – Sierra View Country Club, Roseville

August – Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley

September – China Buffet in Citrus Height

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The Hangtown Miners held their monthly luncheon/meeting on June 2nd at **Ed & Lindalee Akin's** Ranch near Placerville. It was a gorgeous day in the Sierra Foothills. The ranch is incredible and Ed has a collection of vintage earth-moving equipment, which are predominantly Caterpillar including bulldozers, graders, steam shovels, etc. Ed also has a huge hangar which houses two airplanes, an antique GMC Truck, a Chrysler Imperial and other assorted equipment and machinery. Lindalee has a large herd of miniature horses.

Suzie & Jerry Quinnell masterminded the event and did an excellent job. The meal was catered by Back Forty Texas BBQ. Delicious! The Buckboard Bunch entertained us with wonderful Country Western music.

The Buckboard Bunch is the band that **Harry Caldwell** was involved with for many years.

A short business meeting was conducted by **Suzie Quinnell**. President **Rosemary Heier** and her husband **J.R.** are still traveling around the country. Suzie indicated that several charities have been suggested for donations at Christmas Holiday time. The July 7th luncheon/meeting will be held at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Folsom hosted by **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** and **Bob & Dorean Ames**.

None of the officers had anything to report but Suzie called on **Ron Bertacini**, the new Executive Vice President of RUAEA, to give a report on the convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Ron said that it was a good convention except the weather was not very cooperative. Ron told of the tour out to Shanksville for the Flight 93 Memorial. It sounds like it is a must experience. Hangtown Miners attending the convention were **Sherrie & Irv Wolfram**, **Geneva & Al Lockwood**, **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud**, and **Barbara & Ron Bertacini**.

Wedding Anniversaries for June are: **Carolyn & George Parkinson** - 60 years.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to **Darryl Stroud**, **Jack Fitzpatrick** and **Joe D'Amico**.

Calendar:

July 7 - Olive Garden Restaurant, Folsom - Hosted by the **Ames & the Blazius**

August 4 - TBA hosted by **Thom Biro**



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Retirees

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It doesn't get much better than this: A private room with a deck overlooking Richardson Bay in Sausalito; 42 Redwood Empire Retirees and their guests certainly enjoyed it on a beautiful day in May. Slightly overcast at 10:30, the sun broke through as guests began arriving around 11 and the city of San Francisco revealed its unique skyline across the bay.

The overwhelming choice for entrees was a Caesar salad with shrimp and bay scallops. Guests included **Cathy Wayland**, **Bobbie Hunt**, **Barbara Gach**, **Judy Roque**, **Carol Turek**, **Barbara Wullschleger** and **Angie & Ken Saul**. President **Judy DeFord** thanked hosts **Ann Sullivan**, **Joan Sheahan**, and **Joan Olsson**.

Oscar Chambers stood in for Treasurer **Ted Bell** to announce the balances in the Charity and General Funds. **Naomi Tolf** urged members to vote NAY and YEA on two propositions pertinent to renters in the up-

coming June elections.

Retiring Western Regional Representative **Howard Payne** and his wife **Jo** were presented with small gifts to express members' appreciation for their efforts on behalf of retirees. Howard spent a little time speaking of the airline merger talk and about the new standby screens at some of the major airport departure gates. Hopefully, these will ease the stress for us standbys.

Standing in for Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was **Joan Olsson**. She listed the May birthdays and anniversaries (**Don & Norma Davis** and **Emery & Shirley Kovacs**) and awarded the birthday lunch to **Maria Van Kruining**. (Maria was very lucky that day and went on to have five of her raffle ticket numbers called. We urged husband **Nicolaas** to book a flight to Las Vegas immediately or at least buy a lottery ticket). We received a note from **Fred Bonney** who is slowing recuperating from a fall. "Not fun," he says but he sent a nice gift for the Charity Box to make up for his absence.

President DeFord chose the following quotation as appropriate for an election year: "Elections are when people find out what politicians stand for ... and politicians find out what people will fall for."

Calendar:

July 10 - Chalet Basque, San Rafael, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

August 14 - Picnic, Armstrong Grove, Russian River - **Verda Burr & Crew**

September 11 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Dan & Judy DeFord**

Re-LAX-ers

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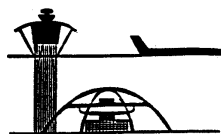
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Convention is over! And it was so nice. We were so impressed with the "new" downtown PIT and with much of PA. Enjoyed the tour of town and river on the Rubber Ducky. Now I wish I had gone a day or so earlier (we went on Wed.) The tour to Amish Country was awesome - very beautiful countryside, more food than I eat in a week at home. Some of the goodies we were given at each stop, we brought home (required expanding the suitcase), some was donated to locals because we just couldn't carry it. I hear every one who went to the Flight 93 site was very impressed. Having been there two years ago, we decided to wait another few to see it when the monuments are finished. Three friends and I rented a van on Sun. and drove through PA from Falling Waters north to Rte. 6, then east to NY and MA

ending in BOS on Fri. night. The whole trip was on country highways so we could enjoy the beautiful green trees and fields and the lovely old small towns.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS: **Herb Martin** passed away on May 13 at age 83, from complications of a stroke. He was a supervisor in LAXRR and retired after 39 years with UA. I am sure many will want to send a card or note, so address it to Dave Martin, 920 W. Pine St., W. Covina, CA 91790.

Patrick Wang who now lives in China sent an email to **Jim Ferrance** to advise that he was quite safe from the earthquake area - actually "on a giant bay-crossing ship 1000 miles east of the epicenter ... Now I am back home in Jinan watching TV ... making donations and crying with those who've lost their loved ones."

Rod Rodriguez went to the hospital, May 15, as an outpatient for gall bladder surgery, and ended up staying 7 days after 2 operations in one day due to several not good complications. Carmen says the Drs. estimated a 6 week recovery period considering all he'd gone through and - they had to throw this in - his age.

Linda Muche spoke to Jim on 5/21 and repotted she's at home and recuperating, with some days better than others. She hoped at that date to have the feeding tube removed soon.

Mary Ann Mueller news was sent by **Dee Miller** who advises that M.A. is now at home and seems back on the road to good health.

Dee Miller is able to use the O₂ only when she needs it during the day, but has to use it at night to get some decent sleep. She is planning to attend the LAXRR reunion in Oct.

Jack Callahan, one of the Sales Mangers prior to retirement, advised secretary Donna that he's "still at it" at age 90 and to prove it, he came to the 6/5 luncheon. Great to see him, and hope he can attend more. Unfortunately, Helen is not able to handle such affairs anymore and we miss seeing her.

Chuck Johnston was able to attend the luncheon in April - it was good to see him. We all remember how, as the Interline Rep in LAXSS, he was able to help many of us get interline trips and passes in the days before ZED fares and the like.

Rick Miller, another of our LAXSS retirees has joined the chapter and we sure hope to see him and **Gretchen** at meetings in the future.

Jo Ann Briggs, our treasurer who greets everyone at the entrance to our luncheon sites, was at the Petroleum Club on the 5th and looking very fine after a really bad bout of pneumonia. Jo Ann also reports travel on her horizon. She is the most cruising person I know with plans now for a Princess cruise from NYC to Canada, using M.P. free tickets. Way to go! She also reports on her growing list of great grandkids with 3 born

between 4/3 and 5/14, making a total of 25 greats with 2 to come before the end of '08. WOW!

Tarina & Charles Murray ordered LAX Parking tags for July for their nine day trip to Cancun. At home, she reports she too has a growing family - their pet birds (finches) with six new birds recently hatched. Any bird fanciers are welcome to adopt (as in free) one of these beautiful babies.

Dick Pendleton and his lovely lady, Fluor Santos, will be off to Toronto and Peterborough, ON to visit Dick's daughter Karleen Pendleton, now a professor at Trent University. He doesn't have to go quite as far to visit his grandkids, Matt (12), Shane (10) and Melissa (6), just "up the road a bit" in Camarillo CA.

Ed Clay now living in SEA area, had to go to a rehab after some health problems. We were able to get most of the 6/5 luncheon attendees to sign cards for him.

Lois Bowns - I talked with Lois' friend, Esther, who takes care of all her business. She says Lois is really failing. At times when Esther goes to visit (which she does weekly), Lois will ask what she is doing there. She has fallen a number of times and was even hospitalized after one fall last Feb. She is back at the assisted living facility, but is a more secure unit and is now on Hospice care. A brain scan was done recently and it was discovered that she has persistent bleeding which cannot be corrected. Friends can still send cards and your name may or may not register. Esther will keep in touch and if there are any changes we will send out the information via email in a timely manner.

We all sincerely wish and pray for the best of all of you who've had set-backs in your lives lately.

Anyone wanting to send cards or notes to any of these folks, contact me for addresses.

OTHER NEWS STUFF:

Employee/Retiree LAX Parking is still the same price! Isn't that a miracle? I am still going to LAX every Thursday afternoon, so I can buy parking permits for you. Just keep in mind that I may skip a week or two so you have to plan ahead. The costs are per month plus 5 days of following month: \$15 for Lot E, which is a small corner of public Lot B on 111th. Estimate shuttle leaving every 10 min., takes about 15 to 20 min. to work the way around World Way to UA terminals 6, 7, 8. For lot D \$30. New rule for D Lots - ID card only covers one person. If 2 people are in the car, each one must have a \$30 card and each person boarding the shuttle must have a card. So for Lot D, if more than one person is traveling, the driver must drop passenger/s off at terminal, then proceed to the lot (on Jenny - off 96th). Shuttles about every 10-15 min., it takes 7 min. to UA. Payment can only be by check, made payable to me and please add \$2 per mailing for S&H.

TRAVELING TO COME:

Checking to get one of the RiverBarge trips in Feb/

Mar '09 between Galveston and Brownsville, along the inland waterway on the coast of Texas. With flights as tight as they are, we'll be trying to get as good as possible airfares. We've done the RiverBarge trips before - they're great! Comfortable accommodations, very informal (dressed up is clean jeans - and there's a guest laundry on board).

Also, we have our bus tour operator pricing a bus tour for late Oct. to Tuacahn Amphitheater, outside St. George, UT. We'd go from here early in the day, late lunch in Pahrump, UT at Sherry's Brothel (honest - been there! No, not working, for me it's too little, too late), then overnight at LAS. Next afternoon to Tuacahn; after the evening show, overnight in St. George, then back to LA the next day.

Of course, these trips will be pricier than in the past - have you checked diesel prices lately? But I think they will be fun and despite the costs, we can't stay home and fret - just get out and spend your kids' inheritance.

NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION: Don't give up on travel. Figure out the alternates. Buy several ZED fares (they're refundable) as back-up. Try for standby - many of us got through to PIT on the first try, some had some pretty funny alternates (via LGA, via DCA), but we all made it - so don't give up. There's no question that the increasing prices of it all - hotel, meals, travel are discouraging. The alternative is staying home - no extra cost per night, tasty low cost food at home, travel to market not too expensive, BUT how many reruns of Law and Order or Dancing With the Stars can you stand to watch. So come on and join the friends who wonder why you didn't come last time!

Calendar:

August 7 - Steak Fry in the Park in El Segundo. Helper volunteers needed, call (310) 306-7415 (Donna) or 310-823-1075 (Howard).

Oct. 2 - Proud Bird Restaurant Luncheon

Oct ? - Tour to LAS and UTAH

Dec. 4 - Christmas Luncheon - surprise new location a/c we've been priced out of the Q.M.



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It would appear that our luncheon in Little Italy is cancelled. Repeated calls to our volunteers for further information have brought no response. It would have been different from our usual fare and fun.

I have been very ill myself, spending 2½ weeks in

hospital. I am recovering at home now and improving every day.

Again I plead with the members for news for the column. I cannot continue to write a column without your assistance.

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, **Pittsburgh, PA** RUAEA Convention workers! We know **Philadelphia** is supposed to be the “City of Brotherly Love.” But if that’s so, then big-hearted **Pittsburgh** is definitely the “City of Brotherly-and-Sisterly Love.” Not only did we appreciate the hard work that it took to put on this year’s convention but we happily discovered the non-UAL citizens of this city to be friendly, smiling and so helpful. What a treat! (Look out, **Phoenix** ... here we come next year!)

One interesting and factual comment overheard at the convention was this: *“Isn’t it funny that instead of matching our clothes ... now we are buying canes to match our outfits?”* We saw a lot of very pretty and fancy canes being used by both male and female convention attendees. Way to go!

Back on the home front, angels have come down to rescue **two** citizens from our view. **Charles O’Toole** left us and wife, **Emily** on April 11. Like many of our original chapter members, he was originally a **Wyoming** boy, born in **Yoder** in 1927 and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He worked in Ramp Services at the SFO Maintenance Base. **Mrs. O’Toole** can receive cards at 1734 Borden Street, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Russell Taiclet, son of Board members **Bob & Donna Taiclet** disappeared from our earthly sight on May 27. This highly talented and artistic young man can now use the heavens as a most suitable backdrop for his beautiful paintings. Cards may be sent to the **Tailets** at 212 Lomitas Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

Elmer & Veronica Errichson celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in May. What an inspiration you are to the rest of us ... congratulations!

On another serious note, we would like to ask all of you to encourage your UAL retiree friends and **newly** retired UAL employees to join both your local chapter and also RUAEA, who gives us this very informative monthly newsletter. It is sadly surprising to discover how many non-members feel **WE** are the enemy and just don’t want anything to do with us. In addition to the information, mealtimes, entertainment and just plain

camaraderie we share, as the song goes, “**WE ARE FAMILY**”. A beautiful example of **how we support each other** was evidenced at a recent Celebration of Life where 35 of us who attended the memorial service were UAL SFO - Bay Area chapter retirees. If we didn’t outnumber the family’s friends and church members (I didn’t count them) at this service, we sure tried!

Incidentally, if you sign up to receive your monthly RUAEA newsletter **on line**, you will not only get your newsletter several weeks earlier, you will save RUAEA a large amount of money on rising printing costs, paper, postage, etc.

Our two Tour Coordinators are busy working for us as usual. Domestic Tour Coordinator **Betty Garner** has a bang-up trip scheduled: “**Trains of the Colorado Rockies**”, September 26 – October 4, 2008. Pricing includes round trip air fare. You’ll visit the fun-filled cowboy town of **Durango**, relive the excitement of the **Old West**, and ride on a narrow gauge railroad through beautiful southwestern **Colorado’s San Juan Mountains**. Also included is a journey on the world’s highest cog train “way up there” to **Pikes Peak**. Contact **Betty immediately** for this one! Telephone (650) 355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com. Also on tap is a 3-day “**Yosemite National Park**” trip, 28-30 October. Included are indoor/outdoor rides on the **Sugar Pine Mountain Railroad**, lunch at the **Ahwahnee Hotel**, 2 nights at the **Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino**, and a lunch at the **Hilmar Cheese Company**. Call/email now, please.

You’ll need to contact this young lady right away: International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has her “**South African Safari**” roaring and ready to go. This 16-day trip starts October 9, 2008 so telephone **Ginger immediately** at (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com. Interested in a May 2009 “**Alaska Land-Cruise**”? Contact **Ginger**.

If you have time to “come on down” and visit with us, our July 28 general meeting will have an excellent guitar player who specializes in music from the 50’s and 60’s. August 25 brings back “**Nadia and the Beledi Dancers** (that’s belly dancers, guys!). And September 22 is the date for our annual Flood Park/ Menlo Park picnic (**no general meeting**). Y’all come!

“Happy trails to you” and if you can’t travel, have some fun anyway!

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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May was a quiet month for our chapter. A visitor on May 16 was **Dennis Schaar**, retired UA pilot. **Larry Jorgensen** has moved back from Tracy, we are glad to have him back with us at our Friday breakfasts.

On May 2, Ruie spoke about her trip to Des Moines, Alex about his latest trip to Germany. **Tony & Sally Urso** went to Williamsburg in Virginia for their granddaughter's graduation, said it was cold and rainy. **Ben & Cheri Scales** went to Oregon, visited the aircraft museum in Tillamook.

Joan Dahl had knee surgery, is now doing fine. **Garver & Wilma Sandy** are not doing well, and won't be able to attend our June 17 picnic. **Vic & Elaine Kristen** are doing fine.

We were very sorry to hear of **Jo Madden's** passing. She contributed quite a bit to RUAEA over the years.

Billie & Sam Cram will be hosting our fall luncheon. There will be more information on this later.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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We had another wonderful luncheon on May 8th at Kelley Brothers Restaurant in Manteca. This was a new location for many of our members, including Jack and I, and it was great! Our hosts were **Pat & Charlie Passarell** and they did a great job. And what a great turnout we had, 46 members and guests. Wow, we hope that continues because we have such a good time when we all get together.

And it is always fun to see new faces or returning members. **Bob Brooks** welcomed back **Ruth Swanson** and **Doug Daniels**; also **Darrell & Jane Silvers**. It was great to see them.

We had several guests who joined us for the first time; Ivy & Paul Lafoom, guests of **Bobby & Charlene Wood** and Blanche Tardif who was a guest of **Evelyn Price**. Blanche confided in me and said she is "one of the golden girls" and now we all know!

At the end of our meeting, we had our raffle and there were many prizes of Ghirardelli chocolates. Jack must be picking the right numbers because I was one of the lucky winners again! Yummy! Now tell me, who doesn't like chocolates?

Pat & Charlie invited us to their home in Manteca. They live in a Del Webb subdivision and what a beautiful place. Pat & Charlie gave us the grand tour of the new Club House that was just recently opened. They have a pool, hot tub, weight room, card room and everything the residents might want or need in order to have a great time. We were very impressed by the subdivision and the landscape which was beautifully manicured.

I am sure many of you already know this but **Bob Brooks** shared some sad news with all of us. He told us that **Shirley Drumheller** had passed away in her sleep on April 26, 2008. Shirley was a wonderful happy-go-lucky person who loved life and I know she will be missed by **Vic** and all her family and friends. Cards can be sent to **Vic Drumheller**, 4003 Estates Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688

The San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of each month. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends. If you know of anyone planning to retire, it would be a nice gesture to invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. New retirees are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact me or President **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814.

CALENDAR

July 10 - Annual Picnic at Pinecrest Lake - Hosted by **Nancy Buddington**

August 14 - Location TBA - Hosted by **Rudy & Elma Reyna**



East Bay Diablos

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our May meeting was held on the 12th with 22 members and guests. Good to see **Judy Tiu** back after her successful surgery. **Ed Bingle** and his daughter-in-law, Bonnie were also back with us. Ed celebrated his 92nd birthday on May 15th.

We celebrated a special date today. It was the 10th

anniversary of the founding of the East Bay Diablos. **Vilma & Sam Patrick** were the founders. Vilma got the zip codes of the retirees in our area from **Jo Madden** and started calling (and we know how hard it is to say no to Vilma!). **Howard & Jo Payne** were there, **Louis & Ruth Kinkaid** and **Tom Costa**. Tom was elected Treasurer, a post he still holds. Sam was elected President and Vilma vice-president. Thanks to all for your hard work.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We have a diverse group of job classifications and encourage you all to come and bring your significant others.

Calendar:

July - No meeting

August 11 – Meeting

Sept. 8 – Meeting

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

Submitted by Tom Goodyear



The Denver Mile Highers had their spring luncheon on May 12th at Bennett's BBQ with sixty retirees in attendance. Bennett's is nationally known for their great BBQ and without doubt, is the best in Denver. It was good to see **John Wade**. We also had some folks from out of town. **Sam Vasicko** drove 6 hours from Delta, CO to attend the luncheon and **Bill & Linda Willison** joined us from Arizona. We hope they come back to see us soon. Two retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter, **Burton Dietel** and "Van" **Van Fleet**, thanks fellows.

June 7th was the Mile Highers monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center. There were 65 in attendance. **Al DeWoody**, **Bill McLeod**, and **Ed Schroeder** were first timers. It was good to see **Joe & Nancy Bain**, **Jim Pech**, **Gene & Kathy Sibley**, **Jim & Ginger Spate**, **Ken & Velma Larson** and **Les & Joan Bullas**. **Mike & Bonnie McGee** brought Mike's father **Dick McGee**. We had two apprentice retirees, **Joe & Lynn Pettrow**'s grandson **Brady Gorden** and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**'s granddaughter **McKenna Morris**. Hope to see you all at the annual indoor picnic.

Tom Goodyear thanked all that attended **Jo Madden**'s celebration of life. Over 150 attended the event at the Doubletree Hotel on June 5th. **Rich Surma** from the

Chicago Skyliners presented an excellent slideshow of **Jo**. She was born August 23, 1912 and passed away May 14, 2008. She began work for United in 1943 in Chicago and retired in 1977 in Denver. Upon retiring, she became editor of the RUAEA monthly newsletter and the editor of the Denver Mainliner Club newsletter *Contrails*. **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** and **Jim & Lois Hixon** want to thank all of you that attended.

The following 50/50 winners returned their winnings to the chapter, **Walt Bumberger**, **Bill McLeod**, **Charlie Norris**, **Thom Rowland**, **Cas Spokas**, and **Steve Wasuta**.

It was announced that the 6th annual United Airlines Maintenance get together will be held in Minden, NV on August 22-24. Hotel rates are \$102.60 for Friday and Saturday and \$84.60 for Sunday. RV rates are \$31.50 for pull-through 50 amp spots and \$28.80 for a back-in 30 amp spot. Reservations must be made by August 1 for United Airlines retired mechanics at 1-800-321-6983.

We are sorry to report that **Don Pinzensham** passed away June 5th. If you want to send a card to Don's wife **Jan** and the family, the address is 14438 East Arkansas Drive, Aurora, CO 80012.

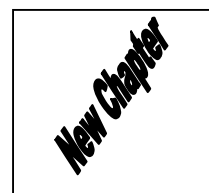
Jerry Fredrick had a serious motorcycle accident. If you want to send a card to his wife **Linda**, the address is 10861 Tennyson Court, Westminster, CO 80002.

The annual Summer Picnic will be on August 13th at Blossoms on, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Price is \$13.00 per person. The menu is BBQ beef, BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, chips, ice tea, coffee, etc. and etc. Social hour is 11:30 to 12:30.

Tom reported that the new RUAEA Pike's Peak chapter was just getting started and suggested the Denver Mile Highers give them \$200.00 to help with initial expenses. It was approved and the funds are on the way to the Pike's Peak chapter.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!



PIKES PEAK

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Our meetings are held the third Monday at 0830. We are looking for all Pikes Peak area retirees to contact us via e-mail at UALCS35@Q.com. We met at The

Village Inn on May 19 and had 18 members present. New members attending were **Chuck Turner**, **Carole Kowalski**, **Relda Lewis** (SFOSE) and **Richard Franco**. Our local Yoga instructor **Paula Bayer** volunteered for the picnic committee. News of former Nashville singer and ex COSOZ CSR **Candy Gay** is moving to Estes Park, CO and is now using a walker due to her progressive MS disease.

Calendar:

July 21 – Nomination of officers

August 18 – Regular meeting

FLORIDA

THE ORLANDO

REAL McCOYS

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Seventeen members of the Real McCoys gathered for a wonderful lunch. Our own President **Paul Brown** was applauded and congratulated for winning the RUAEA Florida Regional Director position at the recent convention in PIT! Yeah, Paul! We look forward to a great year for him in his new job!

Lively discussion followed regarding UAL's just announced plans to ground all the 737's, several 747's and many layoffs. We sure are glad to be retired!

Jim Weeks joined us for lunch, looking fit and feeling great after his stent implant.

Prayers and Well Wishes are needed for some of our retirees with health issues including **Matt McNeill**, **Mert Lawry**, **Dave Adam**, **Al Mollet**, **Joe & Barb Fitak** and **Lee Cahoon**.

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

July 2 – Luncheon meeting

August 6 – Luncheon meeting

September 3 – Luncheon meeting
Favorite Restaurant Dinner Night

June 18 – Wednesday at FishLips at the Port Canaveral Pier. Meet at 4:30 pm. SunCruz Casino sails 11am – 4pm. Reserve a seat & then meet for dinner. Plan a day trip to Port Canaveral. Just 40 minutes from the airport!

July 23 – Wednesday at Dixie Belles (at Orange and Nela) meet for lunch at 1pm. (Only open for breakfast and lunch)

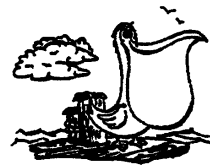
August 20 - Wednesday at Tony Roma's on So. Semo-

ran by the airport, at 4:30pm.

Call **Stan Halterman** if you are interested in a great 7 day Eastern Caribbean Cruise, November 23 – 30 In/Out/Bal \$632/ \$746/ \$926. Sails from MIA and visits ports of San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. What a deal! (407) 852-6773.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

PELICAN DROP-INS



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Nineteen Pelican Drop-Ins attended the May 2nd luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club. President **Bill Burg** welcomed everyone. **Ray Winterhalter** spoke about the upcoming Retiree Convention that will be held in Pittsburgh in mid-May and thanked those who voted for him to represent Florida for the coming year. Election results are unknown at this time. The speaker following lunch was **Toni Grace**, fitness director at Heritage Palms Golf and Country Club in Ft. Myers. She gave lots of tips for low impact exercises that we all can do to maintain our muscles and flexibility. Toni answered lots of questions from the audience and urged us to exercise daily, even if it is a minimal ten minutes a day. She encouraged and didn't "guilt" us!

The May luncheon was the last for the "regular season". The summer schedule will include monthly gatherings for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in North Ft. Myers (Rt. 41 and Hancock Bridge Parkway) on the first Friday morning of each month June through September. The summer breakfasts are at 9 am. **Rosemary Blake** will send notices for the monthly summer breakfasts and **Joan Gilkison** will report monthly for the RUAEA newsletter. Thanks to both volunteers!

2nd Report submitted by Joan Gilkison

I am substituting for **Sandy Pryde** for the summer newsletters. She and **Jerry** are spending the summer in Illinois. Our first morning breakfast of the summer season was held at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. Perkins gives us a special room and we enjoy our summer get together talking, laughing and eating. If any United retirees are in the area, we would welcome new friends. There were ten of us and we had a good time laughing and being together. **Mel & Linda Volz** are driving up to their home in Michigan and will be there about three weeks. The rest of the summer they plan to spend their time between Florida and Michigan.

Bill Purcell from Iona in South Fort Myers joined us for breakfast. He had dropped out of our Chapter and

we were so happy to welcome him back. Bill retired from Norfolk. **Sally Sciple** was a group leader of Girl Scouts when the girls were in the third grade. The girls and Sally have remained friends all these years. The girls are now in their fifties. They will all have a reunion with Sally in Apalachicola. **Nancy Kopp** won three ribbons in the amateur division of the Fort Myers Hibiscus show. She is on her way to the Grand Prize. **John & Nancy Dainus** will be going up to Michigan for a visit and Nancy plans to stay for a month.

Rosemary Blake plans to be in El Paso for the birth of her first grandchild and in Honolulu for the birth of another grandchild this summer. **Terry** and I will be leaving June 11th for the Outer Banks of North Carolina for a week's vacation. I have rented a large house 900 feet from the ocean for my family. This is about the 9th year I have done this and we all have a great time. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** were not at the breakfast. They left about a month ago for Wisconsin with stops along the way to visit with their children and should be back for the next breakfast.

Since the 4th of July is the first Friday of the month, we have decided to have the July breakfast on Friday, July 11th. We hope to have as many as possible join us for a fun and interesting breakfast.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October – May)

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

For more information June-September 2008 call or email:

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20 members and 1 guest (**Paul Brown**) arrived at Buddy Freddie's, (our monthly meeting place) only to find that it had closed. Pres. Lindstrom quickly sent everyone to Anderson Park to hold the meeting and decide what to do in the future. He also sent his wife and **Beverly Alderdice** to purchase water and rolls. A moment of silence was observed in honor of **Jo Madden**.

Birthdays for June was **Harold Judd**, 6/15. Anni-

versaries - **John & Barbara Riecss**, 49 yrs.

Several spoke on the RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention. The Flt 93 Memorial was the top topic along with the various other trips and seeing old friends. Everyone enjoyed the events.

Travel - **Jon Wilkinson** spoke of visiting the Pensacola Naval Air Station for a squadron reunion. They visited the Naval Museum which is free and watched the Blue Angels practice. They practice on Tue., and Wed. mornings. After practice, they sign autographs at the museum for about an hour. It was about a 10 hour drive from the TPA area.

Paul Brown was introduced as the new SE Region Director. He stated that he was new at this post and is still learning.

There was much discussion as to where we could hold our monthly meetings. It was tabled until the July meeting which will be held at Anderson Park again on July 7 so that some new restaurants can be investigated.

Sunshine Committee - VP **Bob Taylor** is not doing very well.

Calendar

July 7 - Anderson Park - 10 AM meeting



TREASURE COAST

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Well, our June 3rd meeting was attended by 13 members. Since several of our members have gone North for the summer, that is reflective of the low numbers in attendance. Perhaps the soaring price of gas could also be a factor for those members that have a long way to come to our Luncheon/Meeting. This is our last meeting for the summer, no meeting during July and August. See you in September.

We started off with our election process for new officers for 2009-2010 fiscal year starting in September, and it should come as no surprise that there was a unanimous decision from all the members to leave everything as is, you know the saying "*If it isn't broken, don't fix it*".

We are also planning something special. Instead of our October meeting at R.J. Gators, tune in September, for by then I will have had all the arrangements made and let you in on our plans.

We all decided to send a generous donation in memory of **Jo Madden** to the United Airlines Historical Foundation. Seems that Jo did not have any surviving relatives and it was one of her wishes to support The UAHF or the Stroke Society. What a wonderful contri-

bution she made to the Newsletter all those years.

Constantinos Xifaras selected his own name as the winner for the 50/50, so he decided to pay his and his wife **Celina**'s dues ahead of schedule. Constantinos is scheduled to have surgery at the end of June and hopefully, plans to leave for Greece for a three week stay at the end of August. He will need the rest and recuperative time and what a better place to be than with all your relatives and friends. We all wish you a complete and speedy recovery.

Now this is not indicative of the Luck of the Irish - **Jane Wise** won the progressive drawing and would you know, neither she nor her husband Frank were in attendance. So, the money goes back for the next drawing, which will be in September. This is the third time either Frank or Jane have had their name picked and were not in attendance; the most recent time Frank was with us, his name was not pulled, I wonder what you can make of this? No Irish luck there Frank and Jane.

For those of you who remember NYCRR's **Barbara Bock**, well, she and her husband are putting their condo in Vero Beach up for sale and hope to move to Aurora, Colorado. They are hoping this won't be too long a process but with the sluggish housing market they hope it will be within the year. Their son and daughter-in-law and 2 grand children are the reason for the move. Good luck to you all.

We just heard that **Dale Whitaker** from NYCRR & DENRR who resides in Aurora, Colorado recently had a stroke. Having great admiration for him, myself personally, we all wish him a complete and speedy recovery. Get well soon Dale, we are all plugging for you.

We wish all a happy and safe summer and look forward to hearing and or seeing you on September 2. On the lighter side!

Subject: Italian Confession

An elderly Italian man who lived on the outskirts of Monte Casino went to the local church for confession. When the priest slid open the panel in the confessional, the man said, "Father ... during World War II, a beautiful woman knocked on my door and asked me to hide her from the enemy, so I hid her in my attic".

The priest replied. "That was a wonderful thing you did my son, and you have no need to confess that". "It's worse than that, Father ... she started to repay me with sexual favors".

The priest said, "By doing that you were both in great danger. However, two people under those circumstances can be very tempted to act that way, but if you are truly sorry for your actions, you are indeed forgiven." "Thank you, Father, that's a great load off my mind, but do I have one more question". "And what is that?" asked the priest.

"Should I tell her the war is over? What do you think?"

Calendar:

July – August - On Vacation

September 2 - R.J. Gators 11:30AM Luncheon/Meeting

GEORGIA

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DIXIE FLYERS

Nineteen Flyers and one guest were in attendance June 4th at The Golden Corral in Newnan, Georgia. **Bill & Judy Elk**'s 6 year old grandson, Jay Marshall was our guest. We had a very nice meeting room, and the food was buffet style, with so many choices, you didn't know what to pick. The general consensus was all the items were exceptionally good, as was the service.

There are a lot of Flyers on vacation or traveling during this time of year, so naturally the attendance is down. A couple of sick calls to report: **Ron Heider** is under going carotid artery surgery this week and will be recuperating for a time at home. **Wormie Bowling** has had two surgeries on her eyes for cataracts. Understand she is having problems with one of them and may have to have it redone. We hope not. Recuperation is slow but steady. All the Flyers wish them a full and speedy recovery.

Our business meeting was conducted by **Bruce Brodersen** this month because **Sandy Lis** had a sinus cold and didn't have much of a voice to speak. Seems she caught it on the way to the convention in Pittsburgh. Possibly too much air conditioning. Understand she is sounding much better now. Bruce was more than happy to conduct the meeting as every one wanted to know how the convention went. One of the highlights was that he won the 3rd day 50/50 after being prompted by Mary to go get some tickets. Mary and friends told Bruce that they would be out shopping at Macy's, in case he wanted to contact them. Way to go Mary! Bruce said "well there goes the gas money". But all agreed they had a really great time there. Bruce reported that the hotel was very comfortable, as he had a suite, and very elegant. The Omni William Penn is one of the oldest hotels in the area and has a very rich history indeed. He said that he was in meetings a lot with all the new officers, but the girls were able to participate in some of the activities planned for the time they had there. He said the people in Pittsburgh did a great job organizing this year's convention. He reported there was a pretty good turn out on the voting on line for officers this year. The attendance at the convention was

down somewhat from last year, but the financial status of RUAEA is still in fairly good condition. Next years convention will be in Phoenix, AZ.

Bruce talked of the latest news release from United regarding the grounding of the 737's and the demise of TED. This will have a far reaching impact on domestic air travel in this country, as many other airlines are doing the same thing. Most of these cutbacks are being blamed on cost of fuel, and older fuel inefficient equipment. Sandy surprisingly reported that a new airline is starting up named Georgia Air, and will be flying from Macon, GA to Atlanta. Sandy also had pamphlets from The Alliant Credit Union that addresses questions and concerns people may have with regards to the current changes in economic times we all are experiencing.

Conversation also touched upon what is going on with medical and drug costs these days and how it affects us as retirees. There will be more questions in the future on these subjects. The 50/50 was conducted by **Bill Elk** and **Bill Bowling** in **Fred Crons'** absence. Fred is on vacation and should be back next month. **Bobbie Foles** drew the winning number which was held by **Andy Ryabik**. Andy graciously donated his winnings to The Promise Place. We had two very nice letters of appreciation from them this month thanking us for our support every month. It means a great deal to these people, especially during these times we are in. We endeavor to keep up our support as long as possible.

Calendar:

July 9 - (Moved 1 week because of July 4 holiday). Lunch 12:00 noon at Ryan's Steak House Restaurant in McDonough, GA. Hosted by **Ron & Marge Heider**.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Dave & Carol Adams (with Dave driving the bus) made another trip to the Canyonlands, arranged by Harmon Travel of Boise. This was a nine-day tour enjoyed by members of the group & described as "beautiful to behold." Their next junket is shorter. It's a nice drive along the Columbia River to Portland, where the passengers will be witness to the famous Portland Rose Festival. Before that Dave & Carol drove to Spokane, where they picked up Carol's Mom to visit her younger sister. They are the only two left of eight siblings. Upcoming is a visit with their daughter, son-in-law and three granddaughters in Scappoose, OR – also

meeting their foster-daughter, their newest granddaughter. Carol was delighted to attend two high school graduations of several students in her last second-grade class. Where does the time go?

Rick & Shirley Dempsey couldn't make it to our meeting on June 2. Both are down with a virus, apparently picked up during their recent travels. Their latest trip was an Alaskan cruise, but who knows? Might have been airborne critter, or even an airport malady, possibly even a rare algore bug just hatched from a melting iceberg. Speaking of bugs, **Charles & Shirley Perkins** caught the travel bug again. They lit out one nice Sunday in May, towing their camper behind their vehicle. **Dave Adams** (Carole had a prior engagement) joined them at their RV camping outing, with Dave all alone in what the Perkins described as a "huge" RV. They all had a ball. From there, the Perkins headed north. Fifteen hundred miles later, they had completed the Oregon-Washington Cascade & back-to-Boise loop, which they described as "fantastic."

Joe & Joan Vardy went to San Diego for Joan's reunion with old high school friends. Joe liked the tour of the USS *Midway*, but Joe cringed when he learned that the big ship eats up 200 gallons of fuel per mile! They both liked the accommodations at the Lawrence Welk Resort in Escondido. (Editor's note: You haven't lived until you've tasted Lawrence's favorite [secret recipe] ... chicken & dumplings).

John & Carol Bell spent almost two weeks following their son and his family through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, & Utah. They camped mostly in KOA's & State Parks. They visited Craters of the Moon, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Flaming Gorge, and Dinosaurland. They took lots of photos to remember all the sights & fun times.

Paul & Anita Wassmuth from Sun City, AZ, have been visiting **Marlene Croghan** for the past couple weeks, while Marlene is recovering from surgery. They are now on their way to Bend, OR to visit **Bill & Mary Crawford**. Shortly, they will continue on to Lincoln City, OR, to be with Paul's twin brother. After that, they will return to Boise to visit relatives and friends, before returning to Sun City.

Good to have **Chuck & Carol Ryerse** join us after too long an absence.

While preparing the above, we learned of the passing of **James David Hallmark**, 90, on May 31. David was from Ogden, UT. He and his wife **June** moved to Boise in 1959. He served UAL for 34 years, retiring in 1980. Services were held at the L.D.S. Chapel in Boise. (**June** predeceased David six years ago). They were parents to 7 children, and grandparents to 32 grandchildren & 55 great-grandchildren. Our deepest condolences to the entire family.

Over

Calendar:

July 7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

Aug 4 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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May started off a great trip for fourteen Skyliners joining up with eighteen other Loonies in Green Bay for four days. The group included **Carol & Bob Faust**, **Mary Szabo** and sister Martha from Belgium, **Norm Pearson**, **Ginny & Frank Vlach**, **Phyllis & Phil Capuzello**, **Al & Esther Broderson**, **Mary Kay**, **Gil Wojtal** and **Norm Wilkinson**. **Muriel & Ken Bergsma** missed the trip because they didn't leave their Green Valley 'Love Nest,' warm air and sunshine until May seventh. We had great outings at reasonable prices, too much great food and great company with humor till one's ribs ached. On a personal note, I would like to thank all the Loonies who did not allow my wheel chair to keep me from any planned activity. **Clyde & Doris** were fantastic hosts. **Carol & Bob Faust** will host the next get together in the fall. Plan to attend. You'll have a ball.

Jim & Kathleen Bennett did not fare as well on their Panama Canal trip when Kathleen broke her left ankle while on a visit to the Panama Rain Forest. After traveling one hour from Panama City by bus, then a forty minute trip up the river by dugout canoe, then about twenty minutes on foot to a Tribal Indian village, Kathleen slipped and had to be carried out by the Indians on their backs. By canoe back to Panama City and the hospital for surgery. Fortunately for a good surgeon, the trip was over and back home again.

Carol Faust gave the Skyliners the honor of her last breakfast visit as Midwest Director. A big round of applause for all she has done in her term.

Southsider **Rudy Maki** attended the Pittsburgh convention and was impressed by the American Heroes tour and the Quecreek Mine Rescue of nine coal miners and their stories. He also took the Henry Clay Frick family home and the Cars and Carriages tours. He was satisfied with dinners, entertainment and meetings.

The Southside had seventeen present and the raffle winners were **Bill Adams**, **LaVonne Halach** and **Agnes Pearson**. **Ernie & Lydia Codilis** were still not up to coming back yet after Ernie's treatments. **Darlene Wenk** was also not able to attend. Hopefully, all will next month at a better time.

We were saddened to hear that **Goldie Bear** has been in the hospital and rehab for five weeks. She has moved to Minnesota to live with her daughter. I'm sure she would love to hear from her friends - c/o Nancy Evanson, 136 Lohse Dr., Winona, MN 55987 or a/c (507) 452-1752.

While honoring those who gave their all on Memorial Day, **Roy Schmitt** was thankful that all three Schmitt brothers returned Christmas 1945 with no Purple Hearts.

A fifty year anniversary for **Joan & Jim Lyckberg**. Congratulations.

My apologies to **Gwen & David Detwiler** and **Virgil Gooselaw** for being no shows at the convention. The chair lift would not work at the handicap hotel entrance and the parking garages could not accommodate a European van over eight feet tall. So we turned around and went back home.

Augie Weber's memorial, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 24500 Old McHenry Rd., Hawthorn Woods (Lake Zurich), IL, Saturday, June 28th, 3:00 PM.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (**July 29 & August 26**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**July 9 & August 13**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**July 1 & August 5**).

July 22 – Summer Picnic at Chandlers Restaurant, Schaumburg Country Club



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Stephanie Simpson who is one of our regular luncheon member had a serious fall last month and severely injured her leg which required surgery. This will keep her home bound for a few months, so she can use some get well support. Write or call Stephanie at: 2200 Bouterse – Unit 301, Park Ridge, IL 60068, and phone: (847) 823-3912.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for July 16, 2008 at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.) All members and guests who plan to attend, please email or call me before noon of July 15th so that we can give adequate notice to the hotel.

Calendar:

Over

July 16 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (the Great Street Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.)

August – No Luncheon scheduled

Sept. 17 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

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Happy 4th of July! This summer is speeding away too quickly! Right or wrong, I feel summer is half over by the time it is July.

I have to report, having attended my first RUAEA convention, it was great fun. Congratulations to the Pittsburgh team, they did a marvelous job. To mention a few activities, many tours were offered and quite reasonably priced; an evening at the Pirates' baseball game; delicious food at the Omni William Penn Hotel evening dinners with entertainment. There were at least a hundred art prizes donated and displayed in the hospitality room, to be awarded by purchased tickets. In addition, at least that number of door prizes was handed out on Saturday. One of the tours offered was a daytrip to the Shanksville, PA area, site of the impact of UAL 93. On our trip, as the chill of the wind swept across the green hills of the impact site, a wreath was very solemnly placed in the temporary visitors' area. If you visit, be certain to stop, also, at the Flight 93 Chapel, about 1½ miles away. Hear the story of how and why this non-denominational chapel was founded by Fr. Alphonse Mascherino and his sentiment and compassion for the "heroes of 93". He is not always there, so you might check for the chapel's schedule.

I grew up in the Pittsburgh area and enjoyed returning to see the beauty of the city, hills and rivers. While there, I took advantage of a senior transportation perk. Show your Medicare card for free transportation during certain hours. I rode a public bus to various parts of Pittsburgh just to see how the areas have changed over the years.

I met many former Cleveland reservations retirees at the convention. I spent years in the CLERR office before ultimately ending in Indy. Talk was there might again be a Cleveland Res reunion; I hope so. There have been three reunions (I think), since CLERR closed in 1990 and they have always been well attended.

Welcome to our new Midwest Regional Director

Jim Simon. Hopefully, he will be able to visit Indy Racers as frequently as **Carol Faust** did. Carol and Bob joined us a number of times for our summer picnic and December holiday fests as well as regular meetings. We always enjoyed having them attend and the invitation continues to be extended beyond her "official" capacities.

Welcome, too, to our Indy Racers meeting: **Jeff & Carol Small** and **George & Diane Ward**. George and Diane related they had traveled to Seattle and also had taken their grandson to Disneyland. Other travels of our members included Mesquite, NV for the Retirees' Golf tournament attended by **Warren & Gayle Allen**. Word has it that Warren did quite well, just a warning! **Chris & Jim Gibson** hosted Chris' sister Josette Gelimier of Bordeaux, France for two months. Chris said Josette certainly enjoyed her stay in the U.S.

Indy Racers did not hold a "regular" June meeting due to our summer picnic on Saturday, the 28th of June. As usual, it was held in the beautiful, rustic Twin Lodges, Danville, IN. Our theme was "Christmas in June", basically because we had leftover supplies unused from our cancelled Christmas party. However, with our July meeting changes are occurring. We are going back to the **Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., Plainfield, IN.** beginning on the **2nd Monday, July 14th**. The actual business meeting time will be 3:00 P.M. The room is available from 2:00 PM for use by the group. Members enjoy getting a two for one meal price, coming early (2:00 PM) for lunch and staying for the dinner changeover at 4:00 PM. Optimistically, we look forward to prior attending members returning to our meetings as well as the new attendees.

Happy July birthdays to **Anita Rafols, Lewis Presley, Ray Brabo** and yours truly. None of us will ever see 39 again, but celebrate like you are!

Calendar:

July 14 - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM

August 11 - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM

September 8 - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM



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The Cinco de Mayo, May 5 meeting at the Marblehead Yacht Club, proved to be a great weather day, in a grand location overlooking Marblehead Harbor. Better yet, it only cost members three dollars per person with their pot luck. Besides excellent and abundant food, there were margaritas and Mexican beer. Yacht club member, **Bill Betters** arranged for the room and outside deck. Although attendance was lower than normal with only 29 members attending, it was a great day. The 50/50s were won by **George Mavreles** and our ever lucky winner, **Bill Shailor**. Free lunch winners were **Horace Smith** and **Bill Betters**.

Lourdes & Timothy Whelan brought in the real story behind Mexico's Cinco de Mayo. Mexico won its independence from mother Spain in 1820 and again from Napoleon's France, on May 5, 1862. I would imagine winning your independence two times is worthy of a tequila party! Viva la Mexico!

Bill Shailor advised at his last family Christmas Eve gathering, his youngest son, Richard, announced a new family addition in mid summer. Then, on Christmas Day, his oldest son Jonathan announced another family addition, also by summer. By July, Bill will have nine grandchildren, 5 boys & 4 girls. OK Bill!

Peg Nichols had a hip replacement and is now at home recuperating. Hang in there Peg! We want to see you at the summer picnic.

I talked to **Bill Dwyer**. He advises his throat is now cancer free. He's feeling great and is slowly regaining weight.

I spoke with **Helen Wilson**. She advised Bob had been ill and is now in rehab and doing much better. I'm sure he would rather be home!

Jack Casey hasn't attended a meeting in some time and because of Nancy's problematic TMJ, they even missed this year's convention. Jack advised he & Nancy are taking a summer trip via frequent flyer miles to visit a sister in Montana, where he came from. Jack is planning on visiting another sister in Spokane, where his employment with United began in 1948, the DC3 days.

I also got to talk with **Ken Washburn**, someone we haven't seen in a really long time. Ken says "Hi" to all his friends from BOS. He advises he lives close to **Ron Barkley** and **Bart Casey**, two more long lost, but not forgotten co-workers.

July's birthdays: **Edward Aldorisio**, **Gina Marotta**, **Pete Nichols**, **Elizabeth Palmer** and **Paul Ward**.

July's anniversaries: **Ron & Joyce Heiseler** - 50 years, **Olga & Myron Kondratiuk** - 12, **Liz & Joe Palmer** - 40, **Jon & Ann Parks** - 53, **William & Carol Spruce** - 31 and **William & Margaret Swift** - 61.

Calendar:

Aug. 5 - 8th annual summer picnic - Harold Parker State Forest.

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21 Escapees gathered at Bakers of Milford on June 5, minus our hostess, **Gwen Schwendenmann**, who was recovering from unexpected surgery due to a torn retina. Hubby **Rick** did just fine with a little help from his friends. We welcomed first timer **John Stewart**, retiree from GRR, and worked in many stations across the USA. We learned John is married to **Gail Chabin** who formerly worked in DTWRR from 1965-1967. We are looking forward to both John and Gail joining us often. We also celebrated the Escapees' 13th birthday.

I must admit this is one of the hardest reports I have ever written, due to the fact that so many of our UA family have gone to their eternal home within the last month. First was our beloved **Jo Madden**. My last words from Jo was "We'll talk tomorrow?" Which I responded, "Of course." We did not know God had different plans but feel she must be happy to be spending her eternal life with her Bill at last. Then my wonderful friend of 55 years, **Betty Martinez**, passed quietly May 30th, surrounded by family. Betty was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Feb. Our love and prayers to **Lino**, **Larry** and family for help in dealing with their loss @ 17992 N. Fruitport Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456-1568. Also **Paula Green** on May 4, and **Joanne Maass** on Jun 6, both left our world after a long battle with cancer. Our prayers to Paula's husband, **Ron** and family @ 22883 Meridian, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 and Joanne's hubby, **Walt** and son, Scott @ P.O. Box 1274, Orting, WA 98360-1274.

Continued prayers for **Rod Jacob** with stent heart problems, **Carlene Moule** recovering from pneumonia and **Gwen Schwendenmann**. Lastly, do not forget, **John Leroy** can use all the prayers he can get. May God bless each and everyone.

Calendar:

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

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There were 39 who enjoyed our get-together at Jack & Mary's. Thank you **Bob & Carolyn Kraft** for hosting. Speaking of Carolyn, she is going in for surgery on her knee June 1st. She had a replacement done in 2003 and now has to have it done again.

Those who attended the RUAEA Convention were **Carolyn & John Orchard** and **Jackie & Tony Sortino**.

Helen Taylor suffered a heart attack and had a pacemaker put in April 28. After checking with her doctors the middle of May, they will tell her if she is able to drive. Since **Stan** has limited vision and hearing, Helen is the one who drives in their family. Our best to you, Helen.

Alene Dytrych has been home from rehab at the nursing home for about 3 weeks and **Marge Stankoski** says Alene is getting along okay. That's good news.

I had an e-mail from **Mike Blasco** saying that **Marianne** had rotator cuff surgery. The next step is some physical therapy. We hope Marianne has a speedy recovery.

Toni Longmeyer passed away on April 19. As reported in last month's newsletter, things were not good for Toni. It is amazing to think she greeted so many people not quite a week before at their 50th Anniversary. She will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to **Stan** and his family.

Lorraine Stanfield said her brother, **Ralph Westadt's** very good friend, **Ardella Johnson**, passed away the last of April after a very brief illness. Our sincere sympathy to Ralph. Lorraine just returned from a 15 day trip to Europe.

Calendar:

July 1 - Piccolo's, hosted by **Tony & Jackie Sortino**

Aug. 5 - Fish & Game - Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

Sept. 9 - Chalco Hills - Hosted by **Jan & Keith Cornish**

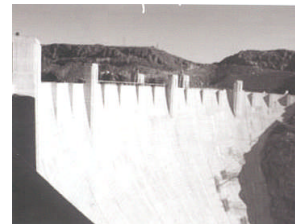


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The PIT Convention is over, and I'll bet the Committee members are breathing a sigh of relief.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel out at the last minute, so we'll have to hear all about it from other Chapter reports. Sorry that the 'Gamblers' didn't have coverage at any of the meetings. Now we can all look forward to PHX in 2009!

Mike Vasko just returned from PIT (his home town), where he is helping plan an "all class reunion". They are a lot of fun, as we have held a couple of these reunions in my hometown of Ely, NV. I remember when ELY was on UAL's flight schedule; ah, the 'good ole days'!

Winnie Stone is recovering from her surgery. We all wish her the best.

That's all for now, fellow retirees; have a good summer.



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The Treasury is in sound shape for our upcoming August picnic.

We had a nice turnout for our May meeting - 25 members plus 2 guests. **Louise Smith** brought her son Randy to the meeting, and **Herb Klemm** brought his son Herb Klemm Jr. He currently works for UA at OMA.

We are sad to report that **Bob Cuff** passed away. He was a past president of the SMF Gold Diggers and a RUAEA Director - Northern California/Nevada. Services will be private at his request. We sent a card expressing the condolences of our membership. He made several trips to our meetings and picnics. We will miss him. We also learned of the passing of **Jo Madden**, the long time newsletter editor. A memorial service was held in Denver on June 5, which John hopes to attend. John was elected as the Director for Northern California/Nevada area and will be attending his first meeting in that capacity next week in Chico, Calif. with **Ron**

Bertacini, the past Director/current Exec. VP of RUAEA.

The RUAEA Convention for 2009 will be in PHX. The location will be the Hyatt Regency at the Civic Plaza downtown. Thanks to the **Perkins** for attending the Correspondents' Breakfast this year. Also discussed at this year's convention was the drive to increase membership in RUAEA. It is surprising that many retirees do not know about local chapters in their area once they retire. Please be sure to get the word out to anyone you know. Also, covered on the RUAEA website: Medco covers shingle shots given at a store pharmacy or in a grocery store/drug store.

Jim Wagner spoke briefly about the Confederate Air Force (CAF) now known as the Commemorative Air Force. This group is going to start a group in Reno and also start restoration on an F86 and would like help from any volunteers from our group. They will be working out at Stead. See Jim if you are interested.

As agreed at this meeting, we will be inviting the SMF & Placerville groups to our August picnic. At our June meeting we will be discussing our August picnic. Are you ready?

The winner of the 50/50 was **Mary Withers**. The winner of the mystery prize was **Elizabeth Brown**. May birthdays were celebrated by: **Bonnie Royle, Dean Nettles, Howard Keller, Tom Pagni, Harold McGuire, Louise Helmer, Dorothy Burrell, and Nancy Hilz**.

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Submitted by Harriet Ahr

The United Air Lines Retirees Golf Tournament was held in Mesquite, NV on April 28 - May 2, 2008. 134 people attended with 111 Golfers playing 3 days on two different courses. The Eureka Hotel hosted a cocktail party for us on Monday Evening. The Banquet was held at the Palmer Course in their banquet room on Thursday night.

Thanks to **Jim & Fay Geddes** for donating a man & woman's driver. Gift Certificates to various Restaurants were available for everyone attending instead of golf merchandise for a door prize.

Dennis Gorlach was in charge of the "Skins" game with 31 people participating. Top winners were **Dennis Noon, Dennis Gorlach, Sam Solomon, Gary Opperman and Mary Lou Mims**.

Congratulations to **Ted Ries** for a "Hole in One" on the Palmer Course par 3. **Fay Geddes, Hank Norris,**

Judy Higley, and Frank Dzikowski "Closest to the Pin" on Holes 8 & 13.

Numerous golfers were winners, however because not all can be named we would like to acknowledge the "BEST". **Warren Allen, Jim & Barbara Anthony, Phil Bartles, Paul & Sharon Biernat, Al Bogenhuber, Bud & Jean Carmichael, Ron Coil, Terri Davis, Fred & Mary Diaz, James Dolan, Frank Dzikowski, Mike Fitzsimmons, Russ Savig & Heather Fox, Jim & Fay Geddes, Greg Gulick, Mike Ho, Tom Jones, Jack McKinney, George Miyasaki, Cliff Morton, Dennis Noon, Tom Pawlowski, Bob Shaw, Sam Solomon, Duane & Mary Tafoya, Charlie & Theresa Teasdale, George Thomas, Dick Thompson, and Chuck Turner.**

Many Thanks to Golf Director **Frank Callahan**, wife **Evie, Ray & Judy Kulpins, Harriet Ahr & Dennis Gorlach** for their assistance.

Dates for the 2009 UARGC Tournament in Mesquite, NV: Check in on May 4th at the Eureka Hotel, golf on May 5, 6, and 7th. Keep swinging. See you next year.

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The Gardenstators met on May 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was held for **George Poosikian** who passed away. Also **Cornelius "Connie" Sharkey** is in the hospital. The Newark Library put out booklets about the 80th Anniversary of Newark Liberty International Airport. They have a great display in the Newark City Library about the Airport. **John Deily** gave a report about the RUAEA Pittsburgh convention. He attended the Presidents' breakfast, around 40 people were in attendance. He said the RUAEA organization is losing members. There was also a suggestion that other airlines could join the local chapters. At Newark, the Gardenstators are one of the chapters that has the most members attending the meetings. The 2009 convention will be in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Newark Airport expo was held and out of the 11 volunteers who helped the Port Authority, 10 were from our chapter. Many schools from around Newark Airport attended. There is a new manager at the airport by the name of John Jacob. The Port Authority is plan-

ning on tearing down the old United hanger #14 to build a new terminal A. Minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and a card that was received from **Doris Gray** was read. She now resides in Canada, **Al Murphy** gave a treasurer's report.

In August we will be holding our annual picnic at Colonial Park.

Clipped Wings New Jersey News – Clipped Wings New Jersey hits Broadway! In January, twenty members made a trip into New York City to see Jersey Boys. It was such a great day, that when the new show Boeing Boeing opened, it was a “must see” for May. The day, which included lunch and the show, was made complete with pictures taken with award winner Christine Baranski and four autographs! And, back at our “own” airport on May 5th, we had a chance to catch up with familiar “stars” at the 2nd Annual EWR Domicile Reunion. (Submitted by **Diane Johnson**).

Calendar:

June 25 – Next meeting

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Our group of 13 met June 3rd at San Martin Restaurant. It was nice seeing the same friends that always attend these luncheons.

Those just returning from the convention were **Marge Segal, Marilyn Cheadle, Helen King** and **Roy Portello**. They all enjoyed their time in Pittsburgh.

Annual dues of \$10 each will be collected at the August 5th luncheon for those who have not yet paid.

The 50/50 winner was **Alice O'Hagen**.

Calendar:

August 5 - Luncheon at San Martin 12 noon. Please RSVP to **Jeanne Leo** or **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788

NEW YORK METROS

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Seven members from the Metros attended the annual RUAEA convention held in Pittsburgh, PA. Many

thanks to the convention chairpersons who interceded for **Charlie Kaczinski** and his LAS roomie. The Omni hotel booked the Metro Vice President at another hotel and paid the bill for Saturday night. The Omni was overbooked with Proms, Weddings and RUAEA conventioners.

Roy Portelli won **Tina Acuba's** beautiful white afghan from the arts & crafts raffles. **Rose Schneider** loves the afghan that was donated by **Dee Chiochi** of Monaca, PA.

Forty-five members and one guest attended our last meeting at PER UN ANGELO. **Lee Marcus** was the guest of **Harvey & Gail Block**. Hopefully, we'll see Lee at more Metro meetings. Welcome!

Birthday greeting to **Milton Sank** who will be 90 years young on June 20th. For the first time on our birthday list, **Lillian Cohen** will be 80 on June 16th. Best Wishes for many more years!

Terry & Frank Zabaruskas celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss on the 20th. **Velma & Fred Jones** will be married 57 years on June 24th. **Maureen & Len Pascale** tied the knot 53 years ago today. Three couples: **Carol & Robert Piechnik, Julie & Vic Carnevale** and **Diana & Leo Talochino** celebrate 51 years of togetherness on various June dates.

Carol Cenkus (LGACS) suffered a severe break to her left ankle. After surgery, hospital stay and rehab, Carol came home only to fall and break three ribs. When it rains, it pours!

Carol's sister, **Susan Fleming** (JFKFF) is her caretaker. The Metros sent a fruit basket as is our custom and Carol responded with a thank you note for our thoughtfulness – (718) 470-6840.

Mary Lou & Ed Ellis did a no-show at the Pittsburgh convention. Unfortunately, Mary Lou made an unscheduled stop to the hospital. Quick recovery Mary Lou, we're all waiting to hear about your sky diving events, not your ride on a gurney – (516) 541-4958.

Hello to **Edythe Dollis**, we're thinking of you.

Evelyn & Mike Schroeder surprised the chapter after a long medical absence. It's wonderful having another member rejoining the group

Calendar:

July 2 - 10 am – 10:45 am. Belmont Raceway. Parking is \$2.00. Preferred parking - an additional \$2.00. Entrance gate to Raceway opens at 11:00am. Entry fee to raceway is \$3.00. We'll try to have some balloons on the tables to make it easier for you to spot us. NO COOKING, NO ELECTRIC for coffee pot. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED IN THE PARK.

Aug. 6 - 10 am, Wantagh Town Park. Come early for coffee & donuts.

Sept. 3 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY

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The Northwoods Loonies meeting in Green Bay, WI May 6-9 was attended by 32 tried and true Loonies. It is a bit strange, that the people at the motel and restaurants in Green Bay would look somewhat worried when they found themselves faced with a bunch of folks approaching and identifying themselves as "Loonies". The word got around town, however, that they were a pretty good bunch of characters, who paid their bills and seemed to laugh more than even the good natured citizens of GRB. Of course, when **Al Olson** showed up at Lambeau Field in his yellow and purple Vikings jersey, they did look at us a little askance, but then the tour guides let him have it with some pretty good statistics and straight talk.

The prize (if we weren't too cheap to buy one,) for longest distance traveled to get to the meeting, would have gone to **Martha Grive**, sister of **Mary Szabo** from the Chicago group. Martha is one of our newest members and hales from Belgium. Our oldest member, **Jo Madden** from Denver had injured her ankle and couldn't make the trip although she had fully intended to do so if she could have, but then, we are all aware by now that our dear friend passed on to meet her Savior and is probably editing the Trumpet Tribune. We will all sorely miss her.

This report leaves you with the invitation to join us in October at the Spring Green, WI get-together, to be hosted again by **Rich & Connie Glattly** of the Northern Lites.

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Jack & Kay Preston hosted the June 4th luncheon. The location was J – Bella, located in the "Staples" Shopping Center in Strongsville. Eighty-one Buckeyes were in attendance. The food was great.

VP **Sharon Minelli** played the role of Secy. for this

luncheon since I was unable to attend. They celebrated 3 June wedding anniversaries totaling 119 years of wedded bliss. There were 2 June birthdays. Congratulations!

Carol reminded the Buckeyes that the ANNUAL PICNIC would be held on the 2nd Thursday July 10th. Gather at noon at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks. This is always a fun event. It is a beautiful time of the year in the park. Hope you all can attend. Also, the newsletter and the registration form for the up coming events would be distributed at that time. She also will have the tickets for the August 10th annual event at Northfield Park with her. Feel free to invite some of your friends to this fun filled event.

Dave & Marie Placko were there at the door taking care of the 50/50. The winners this month were **Steve Pytel** and **Betty Krisckner**.

There still are a few members that have not paid their yearly dues. Make a check out to Ohio Buckeyes and mail to: **Dolly Taucher**, 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

Calendar:

July 10 - Annual Picnic - Second Thursday. Gather at noon at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks.

Aug. 13 - *The Fifteen Annual Northfield Night*. Doors open at 5:45pm with buffet at 6pm. Pre-paid.

Sept. - To Be Announced

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I believe everyone who attended the May meeting will tell you that Rob Rich from Shaver Transportation was an interesting speaker. He gave a short talk about river traffic, barges and commerce and then asked for questions from the group. There will be a speaker from Oregon Public Broadcasting at our August 13th meeting so remember to mark the date on your calendar.

The winning prizes for May are as follows: Door prize/raffle free lunch was won by **Carol De Ford**, Birthday - **John Donaldson**, Anniversary - **Bobby & Pat Ogden** and 50/50 - **Dave Smith** (again this year!). Dave had better started buying lottery tickets. Congratulations to **Carl & Lois Gruenberg** on their 50th Anniversary in May and to **John Carter** celebrating his 80th Birthday.

The only illness to report this month is **Marilyn**

Micallef who had leg surgery.

Our condolences go out to **Odd Pedersen** and his family on the death of his wife **Lucy** on May 9th. Information was also received of the death of **Ruth Freberg** in Texas. She worked for UAL for over 25 years in the offices at PDX and was a good friend of **Veulah Lorts**.

The travel desk is in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in learning to be one of the volunteers at PDX, please contact **Tina Lewis** at (503) 287-2546. You are only asked to volunteer one day a month for four hours.

For those who are still interested in attending the July 9th picnic, please send your money (\$14 per person) to **Nadine Holten**, 15685 SW 116th, PMB 180, Portland, OR 97224. The picnic is being held at Lewisville Park, Battleground, WA, Dogwood Shelter Area. The Dew-er's are paying the entrance fee to the park but you must sign in at the park entrance.

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

Calendar:

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

July 9 - Annual Picnic

August 13 - Speaker from Oregon Public Broadcasting

September 10 - Social



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The June luncheon and quarterly business meeting was held on June 6 at Habaneros in Medford with **Donna Andrews** serving as host. The 22 OUR Club members attending enjoyed a buffet specially prepared by the restaurant staff. We were particularly pleased to welcome back guest Mary Hubbard, **Judy Machado's** mother, who is visiting from Sacramento.

May was a sad month for OUR Club. Member **Walter A. Wilson** passed away on May 9 after a valiant stand against esophageal cancer. Walt was in administration at OAK for 15 years prior to being laid off in the wake of September 11. He was only 60 at the time of his death - a true gentleman and one of life's good guys. He already is - and will continue to be missed by all of us, and we'll be holding his wife of 34 years, **Peggy**, close in hearts and thoughts. We observed a

moment of silence at the June meeting in memory of Walt.

Our hearts are also with **Robert & Judy Machado** after Robert's mother passed away late in May.

Steve & Cyndi Austin graciously offered to open their home and large deck and yard to OUR Club for its annual picnic in September. Their generosity will allow the chapter to retain a substantial sum in the treasury that otherwise would have gone to renting picnic facilities at a local park. Our sincere thanks to Steve and Cyndi. It was agreed that while OUR Club will pay for all members' picnic meals, guests will be charged for their tickets.

Bob Rogers was the lucky winner of a record (at least in recent times) 50/50 drawing. Treasurer **Laurie Jordan** distributed the permanent name badges to all who had ordered them -- well designed, attractive badges and an excellent job on Laurie's part.

Bob & Miriam Lindberg have recently returned from a cruise through the Inside Passage and had some pertinent advice and interesting tales for anyone planning to make a similar trip.

Jim & Eirlys McIntosh were unable to attend since tourist season has begun again and Jim has resumed his tour guiding along the West Coast.

It's always heartwarming to keep in touch with former chapter members. **Jackie & Bob Johnson** report that they've settled into their beautiful new home near Portland, OR and are now thoroughly enjoying all the projects that had been placed on the back burner while they were putting down their new roots.

Calendar:

July 11 - Date & place TBA - **Doe Pope**

August 1 - **David & Lorraine Presley** - TBA

September 5 - Annual picnic - **Jim & Jane Frincke**

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Well, the spirit of "The mail must go through" is alive and well with the Philadelphia Independents. In spite of a rain, high winds, power outages, plus branches and trees on the roads, 26 retirees made it to our May 12th meeting. Fortunately, we planned to have our annual picnic indoors. We enjoyed our hot dogs, hamburgers and picnic fare inside in a comfortable dining area.

President **Joe Brad** opened the meeting and presented all the ladies with flowers for Mother's Day. What a nice treat!

This was our last meeting until the fall. We welcomed **Meredith Whitaker** and **Jim Reichelderfer**. We haven't seen them in a while. Jim announced a golf outing coming up on Monday, September 15th. **Jim Fanto** had planned to attend after a long and serious illness but the weather did keep him at home. We are glad he is up and around. We heard about **Paul Shockey** and **Joe McCaughey** sightings but no further information on either of them.

Bernie McNamee was at home celebrating his mother-in-law's 90th birthday. **Paul Lynn** was the recipient of the free lunch and **Al Edwards** won the 50/50.

Frank Eggles announced that as a result of our notice in the national RUAEA Newsletter, we received \$800 in donations. We are planning to give another \$1000.00 check. This would bring our total contribution to \$3000.00. Again, Frank asked that anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Flight 93 Memorial that the checks be made payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mailed to: **Frank Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address on your check. If you went to the convention, we hope you saw Frank and I manning a desk to accept any additional gifts. We would like to thank those who sent in contributions for their generosity.

Our entertainment (and entertaining it was) was **Al Long**. His specialty is impersonating George Burns (he looks exactly like him) but this time he included impersonations of Jackie Mason, Archie & Edith Bunker, Henny Youngman (of "Take my wife, please" fame), Rodney Dangerfield, Jimmy Durante and Bob Hope. There was lots and lots of laughter. A good time was had by all. Enjoy a healthy and safe summer - see you in September.

Calendar:

June 16 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the **Edwards**

Sept 8 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn



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Thanks to a great convention committee, Pittsburgh truly was "UNITED AT THE POINT". For those of

you who were able to attend I'm sure you enjoyed it. For those of you who didn't make it, "shame on yunz".

Our "stand in" speaker **David Shirey** certainly got the Friday Friendship Dinner off to a great start with his exuberant welcome address. This was capped off with the invocation by Fr. Terrance O'Conner (great uncle of **Lynn "Muff" Deaver** of PITRR). We missed you Muff. Our Dean Martin impersonator thrilled the crowd with the songs and jokes.

Saturday's Banquet was a huge success, thanks in part to our guest speaker **Tamara Tunie** who had the group teary eyed as she reminisced about her memories of her dad James and uncles Ken and Ed who were all skycaps in PIT. The evening came to a close with the rousing music of the Ambridge Steel Band. During the course of the evening, our official Photographer **Rich Surma** played a clip of our dear friend **Jo Madden** who graced us for so many years as Editor of our RUAEA newsletter.

How great it was to see so many of our PIT transplants. We were able to see and talk of the old days with so many - just to mention a few - **Bev Alderdice**, **Rachel Baron**, **Ralph Bruggerman**, **Dick Coffelt**, **Stefie DaBecco**, **Teresa Breslin**, **Dave Keefer**, **Jim Kenny**, **Hal Leach**, **Bill Linehan**, **Marilyn & Tom Marcy**, **Ray McConaghy**, **Russ Miller**, **Sherry Muoio**, **Anita Pawlack**, **Marge Segal**, **Don Sullivan**, **Frank Wise**, **Joe Scafoglio** and **Lynn Morrow**.

We certainly missed some of the "regulars": **Bill & Norma Betters**, **Jo Cuff**, **Charlie Lewis**, **Len Haubl**, and **Frank & Bridgett Murdock**.

Best wishes to **Bill & Ruth Redfern** on their 51 years of marriage.

Our condolences to **Ken Wolfe** on the recent passing of his sister. Ken's address is 1461 Dormont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Also condolences to **Doris Abbas** on the passing of her brother.

Our get well wishes to **Art Proviano** on his recent stem cell transplant. **Diane** said Art is doing well. Hope to see him at the picnic.

Also get well prayers and wishes on **Ed Yauch** on his recent aorta bypass operation. Ed developed more problems while he was hospitalized and had surgery again. Get well wishes to Ed, c/o 1427 Great Oak Dr., Oit, PA 15220.

John Schiralli is recuperating at home after another bout in the hospital. Hurry and get back on your feet John.

Plans are underway for our annual picnic. Don't forget once you receive your flyer, get your reservations in.

Calendar:

July 17 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

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On May 20, twenty Rocky Top members traveled to Crossville for our May meeting. We met at Beef and Barrel for lunch. They had a wide selection of sandwiches and salads. We were surprised to see meatloaf sandwiches on the menu and can report to all that they were excellent.

It was good to see **Cal & Maxine Anthony** after a long absence. His leg is finally starting to heal and they were glad to be out again. **Les Rines** is still suffering from a severe cold that he has had for several weeks. **Betty Shipe** is having knee surgery in June and **Dave Leonhardt** is having leg artery surgery next week.

The 50/50 was won by **Bev Emmel**. After our meeting, we traveled a short distance over to Cumberland County Playhouse for the Play - Flight of the Lawn Chair Man. This is a hilarious musical comedy based on the true story of Larry Walters who hitched balloons to his lawn chair and flew it up to 16,000 feet where he was buzzed by airliners and came under fire from the Federal Aviation Administration. Scene 2 and Scene 3 were entitled "The Friendly Skies". (Sound Familiar?) These scenes featured Big Jack in flight with his 707 jet while Jerry was in his lawn chair fueled by balloons. The singing and acting was excellent and the airline humor kept us in stitches. Our hosts **Robbie & Joe Corbin** did a wonderful job in planning this great outing.

Calendar:

July 17 - Hosts **Jackye & Don Jeacock** (865) 995-9367. Time & Location to be announced. They will be hosting a "One Women Art Show" by our very own **Mary Lou Barr**.

August 21 - 9:30 AM ET - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

September 18 - Still need Hosts!

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On **June 3**, 27 chapter members met for lunch at the Bountiful *Joy Luck* Chinese restaurant - and as this was the first visit to the place, the members' opinion was important. From the comments received, the food was good and the service was pleasant. **Grant Beutler & Dale Street** had reconnoitered the eating establishment, with good results. Thanks, Grant & Dale!

As the regular chapter correspondent was not present, it fell upon **Sandy Cantonwine** to give feedback on the happenings. Additional details were supplied by **Bill Ottman**. Thanks, Sandy & Bill, for your reports!

We welcomed a number of visitors who cannot always be at each meeting: **Kaye Nelson** brought **Edith Paul**; **Patty Byrne**; **Mike Brown**; **Shirley Scown** & son **Mike** joined us.

Art Scott and friend **Carol** were present; **Carl & Lorraine Olson** drove in from Layton. **Lila Maughan & Betty Davis** got a ride with **Sandy Cantonwine**; **Bill & Shirley Ottman** enjoyed the lunch. **Kip Lufkin** agreed to being the Chapter VP of "The Salt Lakers." Congratulations, Kip!

Sandy Cantonwine met **Tony & Dorothy Brown** and learned from them that she will have an updated pacemaker. We wish Dorothy all the best for her health!

Earlier in the year, **Pete & Jackie Loyola** had reserved the Sugar House Park "**Lake Terrace**" for our catered August picnic.

Some sad notes: After a long illness, **Chic Adams** succumbed on 5/03/08. He & his wife of many years had been valued SLCCS & RR coworkers of many of our local retirees; they retired in BOI. **Roni** - a former F/A & the acting Pres. of the *Clipped Wings* MAL chapter - was advised by another retiree that the latter's Navy pilot son **Marc Preston**, based in Japan, was given permission by his superiors to "*tip his wings*" for Chic who had also served in the Navy. Our deepest sympathy to **Roni Adams**!

It was with great sadness that we learned of **Douglas Roberts'** passing (5/21/08); he had been one of our most avid visitors to our meetings, and we shall miss him. A sympathy card "*from his retirees' chapter*" was left at the funeral sign-in desk. Recently, we learned from **Doug Peterson** that another former SLCRR colleague, **Bill Charles**, passed away on 12/01/07.

We also mourn the recent death of our well loved National Newsletter Editor, Ms. **Jo Madden** (95), of DEN. Her system wide friends celebrated her life & work at a special DEN get-together. Her work with our social RUAEA organization & its ca. 47 nationwide chapters began when the newsletter was established in 1975. By 1985, she assumed the duties of RUAEA Newsletter Editor & performed them until last year, when another retiree, **Virgil Gooselaw** of DEN, took over this responsibility.

Calendar:

Jul. 1 – Brunch 10am, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., SLC

Aug. 5 - Catered Picnic - 5pm - Sugar House Pk. (Lake Terr.), entrance 2100 S./1500 E., SLC

Sept. 2 - Coffee Time - 9:30am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

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At our May 13 luncheon, we hosted 77 members and guests at Fairwood Country Club in Renton, once again arranged by **Lyle & Joanna Myers**. **Jim Small**, retired from SEARR, was welcomed as a new member attending his first meeting, and we also welcomed back **Sid & Edna Harris** after a long absence, much of it spent in Palm Springs. And I was pleased to have **Nayley Jackson** as my guest for the meeting.

Mary Luke, who is our Membership Secretary, has volunteered to also assume the responsibilities of coordinating our monthly luncheons with Fairwood, and we applauded Mary for her willingness to take on this new role. **Lyle & Joanna Myers** have been considering moving to Georgia to be closer to their children, so Lyle is transferring this responsibility in anticipation of a possible eventual move.

During the meeting, **Bob Brumfield** mentioned that **Jo Madden** was hospitalized following a stroke on May 8 that left her paralyzed on her left side. Everyone was hoping for a good recovery for Jo. Unfortunately, in the days following our meeting, we sadly learned of Jo's passing. She will be missed, and her many contributions to RUAEA will be long-remembered.

Bob also pointed out that if a pass record is created by the Travel Desk, you won't be able to print out boarding passes on your home computer – only at the airport. To print out boarding passes on your home computer, the original pass record must have been created on your home computer.

Bob also gave us a sample "thank you" card that **Rita Reynolds** designed on her home computer. She designed it to send to retirees who have sent cash donations to the Travel Desk, in gratitude for the service they've received. Rita has incorporated photographs of the staff volunteers working the Travel Desk the day the service was rendered, so the donors will actually receive a photo and thank you from the volunteers who helped

them. Rita has done a very professional job with these cards.

Bob brought our attention to an article scheduled to appear in this edition of the newsletter dealing with operational deficiencies in the system that need corrective action, and that we can help by writing letters to the appropriate officials. He cited past situations where grassroots actions like this have been very effective.

Many door prizes were donated for our meeting, and the winners were: **Phyllis Lindblad, Phyllis Bowman, Don Hanson, Jeannine Anderson, Phil Andersen, Fern Lockhart, Jim Small, Otto Wieland, Vernon Bozarth, Dolores Steger, Nayley Jackson, Agnes Ness, Ed Rouso, Dick Waterous, Ed Liesse, Marlene Nelson, Anita Malco, Sharon Penwell, Darleen Schroeder, Noreen Krawczyk, Sidney Reed, Vicki Anderson, Dick Wiesner and Ken Walters**. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Doris Spence**.

John & Fern Lockhart celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March. Congratulations to them on this significant milestone. They were mentioning that they've been taking a number of local tours in the Puget Sound area that they have been enjoying. And a couple of years ago they flew to Toronto, toured the city, and took the train back through Canada to Vancouver, B.C. – a beautiful trip.

Jim Bernovich was hospitalized at the end of May and was subsequently released to recover at home under the expert care of his wife **Jo Ann**.

We learned of the passing on June 2 of **Joanne Maass** who was retired from SEARR. Joanne had been battling cancer.

Retired Vice President **Ed Clay** has undergone a couple of surgeries in May and would most likely benefit from receiving cards and letters from his friends. Ed's address is 933 11th Avenue, N.E. #317, Bellevue, WA 98004.

Calendar:

July – No meeting scheduled

August 12 – Annual Picnic, Home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA

September – Meeting date and location being finalized

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Summer is here, and most of our chapters don't

meet again for a couple of months. Usually in September, so the article this month will be short, and probably there will be one more before our 62nd annual convention in Pasadena.

Clipped Wings® & Chapter Charity News: The **RDW Chapter** visited there charity which is the YMCA Aquatic Program, and encourage anyone or other organizations to look into this program. **STL** had eleven members and husbands volunteer at the Missouri Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament. **SAN** always has fun at their Bingo Party, which supports their local charity Jane Lanes' Kids, Inc., and they don't stop there. Sixteen limping, aching, aspiring, would-be bowlers raised \$500 after only two games for their chapter funds.

SEA is trying a new idea for their chapter. "Zoo-Do" will be held on June 28th and no more than 100 reservations will be taken for the developmentally disabled friends of theirs. Beginning with a picnic lunch, games (horseshoes and lawn games), then tours for everyone. If you would like more information on this, please let me know. **SMF** volunteered for the 2nd Annual Special Olympics Crab feed.

Members: Last month, **Hutch Hutchinson (OCC)** joined his wife, **Kathryn Arle-Hutchinson**, who has been a member of Orange County for a couple of years. This is our first every husband and wife members. Congratulations! Also, welcome to new member **Sheryl Nelson Lill (SEA)**.

Clipped Wings® National News: Our upcoming convention will find several members running for National office. They are as follows: President; **Gail Andrus Preston (MAL)** and **Pam Troutman Ziebarth (OMA)**; Vice President; **Barbara Fisk Vincent (SEA)** and **Elaine Haley McGann (DEN)**, Secretary; **Christal Hasenbring Ilg, (ORD)**; Treasurer; **Sheryl Yanken Schubert (DEN)**, Editor; **Mary Ann Niehus McGarry (LAX)** and **Lavon Parker Cook (DTW)**.

LAX-OCC & SAN: Convention is getting closer, and in no time, we will enjoy seeing so many of our Clipped Wings® friends. The LAX chapter along with OCC and SAN who will be hosting an evening are working very hard on *Surfs Up*, Wednesday evening, and *Hooray for Hollywood* on Friday night. An Evening of Wine & Roses will be a very beautiful and enjoyable one.

This reporter is taking a couple of months off. Until September, if you are interested in joining Clipped Wings® at ½ dues until July 31st, or starting a new chapter, please write, email, or call me.



NEW MEMBERS

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

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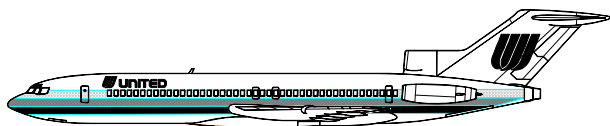
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BUSCHMAN, Martin J., OAKIQ 02/27/08
 CHRISTIANSEN, Ole, ORDFO 02/09/08
 COSBY, M. Marie, DENKR 02/24/08
 COX, David M., IADCS 02/02/08
 CUNLIFFE, Thomas J., JFKPV 02/09/08
 DANIELS, Jean, WHQCR 02/09/08
 DICKINSON, Mark D., ORDMM 02/18/08
 DRIFFILL, Steven W., LAXMM 02/07/08
 ELIZER, Charles G., LAXJL 02/11/08
 FARRER, Lola M., DENFF 02/18/08
 FEIS JR., Charles H., DENMM 02/07/08
 FITZGERALD, David W., SFOFO 02/24/08
 GIRARD, Edward B., PHXOZ 02/14/08
 GRANT, Charley L., DENFF 02/20/08
 GRAWAY, Fred V., DENMM 02/09/08
 GREENE, Thomas A., SFOFO 02/24/08
 GRIES, Charles H., ORDFO 02/22/08
 HAMILTON, Matthew, DENMK 02/27/08
 JACKSON, Arthur, ORDCG 02/03/08
 JENSEN, Edward J., DCAPV 02/17/08
 KACPROWICZ, Genevieve T., WHQAI 02/01/08
 KATZER, Gerhard A., ORDHN 02/15/08
 KAUSCH, Robert G., LGACS 02/06/08
 KIRBY, Andrew J., LAXHH 02/11/08
 LAWRENCE, Marion D., SFORQ 02/11/08
 LINEHAN, Maurice V., ATLRR 02/18/08
 LUNN, Alvar H., DENJL 02/17/08
 LUSK, Jessie B., CHIRR 02/25/08
 MANDER, Charlene A., DENFF 02/22/08
 MC CORMICK, Donald B., SFOFO 02/19/08
 MC CULLEY, Olin, WHQKV 02/20/08
 MILLENAAR, Elia, SFOCE 02/28/08
 MITCHELL, Milford C., LAXMM 01/25/08
 MONGAN, Eugene F., EWRFO 02/29/08
 MOON, David S., ORDDF 02/13/08
 MUNSCH, Lawrence J., MIAMM 02/23/08
 O BRIEN, Evelyn L., LAXRR 02/23/08
 OWEN, John C., SEAFO 02/12/08
 PETERSON, Lynn, SEASW 02/12/08
 PFEIL, Leslie W., WHQFP 02/02/08
 PHILLIPS, Robert F., WHQCR 12/31/07
 REEDER, George H., WHQCR 02/01/08
 ROGELL, Edward T., SFOMH 02/12/08
 ROUTA, Robert W., SFODD 02/18/08
 RUSSELL, Alice M., SFOPK 02/12/08
 SCHMITH, Robert P., SFOIQ 01/25/08
 SCHOONHOVEN, John W., DENFN 02/15/08
 SHAW, Howard A., JFKFO 02/10/08
 TOMPKINS, David F., SFOFO 02/08/08
 VOSMIK, Jeannette A., ORDCL 02/01/08
 WATTS, Bill C., SBAOZ 02/29/08
 WEGRZYN, Florian, ORDGQ 02/28/08
 WILSON, Theodore P., SFOWR 02/23/08
 ZABROSKE, Laverne M., WHQOA 02/19/08

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ARCHER, Norval D., SFOEP 01/26/08
 BARNES, James D., SFOCE 03/26/08
 BELLINGER, John P., DENTK 03/11/08
 BIBB, Martha J., DCATO 02/05/08
 BOWERS, J. Donald, WHQPP 03/04/08
 BRASWELL, Imogene, DENCS 03/19/08
 BROWN, Theotis, SFOCE 03/28/08
 BROWN, William B., DENTK 03/01/08
 BRYAN, Jonathan A., ORDOO 03/06/08
 CALABRESE, Nancy, WHQAX 03/01/08
 CINNA JR., Anthony J., PITMM 02/29/08
 COGAR, Dewey O., DENMM 03/07/08
 CONLEY, Marvin B., SFORQ 03/27/08
 DUNSMORE, William O., SFOMM 03/15/08
 DYE, David L., JFKFO 03/10/08
 ESTRELLA, Danilo M., SFOBL 03/14/08
 FARRELL, Francis G., JFKFO 03/23/08
 FERRIS, Franklin D., SEAFH 03/13/08
 FITZSIMMONS, Norman H., DENTK 03/07/08
 FORD, Wesley M., SFOMP 03/12/08
 FREEMAN, William F., ATLCG 03/16/08
 GARDNER, M. L., SFOSJ 03/14/08
 GOTT, Harold M., SFOFO 03/27/08
 HARRIS, Delbert L., ORDDF 03/31/08
 HOLM, Edward M., SFOMP 03/08/08
 JENNINGS, Marlene A., TPAOZ 02/25/08
 KANEMORI, Edward M., SFORQ 03/13/08
 KEFF, Patricia D., HNLTO 03/23/08
 KELLING, Earl D., DCAFO 03/12/08
 KELLY, Edward D., SFOOV 03/23/08
 KONDO, Toshimitsu, HNLCS 03/01/08
 KOPPE, Bobod B., ORDFO 03/02/08
 LAIRD MILLER, Mary Diane, SFOSW 03/08/08
 LEDER, Erwin K., BOSMM 03/25/08
 LOFGREN, Harvey K., SFOOV 03/27/08
 MADDEN, William D., JFKMK 03/03/08
 MALLSTROM JR., Roe E., ORDSW 03/23/08
 MC COY, Walter L., PITCG 03/24/08
 MC KENZIE, Earl D., LAXFO 03/05/08
 MEIER, Sharon R., CHIRR 03/28/08
 MORENO, Victor C., CHIRR 03/20/08
 NILSON, Evelyn A., WHQKV 03/06/08
 OWENS, Seymour S., LAXMM 03/09/08
 PACIORKOWSKI, Erma, LAXHH 03/22/08
 PATRICK, Russell W., OPBSK 03/04/08
 POINDEXTER, Gerald R., PHXMM 03/20/08
 RAZZAK, Abdul, SFOOV 03/24/08
 REISING, Robert L., SFOKA 03/31/08
 ROSE, Robert J., SFOSH 03/04/08
 RUSINKO, Andy, PITGQ 03/22/08
 SANCHEZ, Pio A., MIAHH 03/13/08
 SANDERS, Lauretta B., SFOSW 03/17/08
 SCHMIDT, Oswald D., SFOWR 03/04/08
 SEXTON, Jacque M., SFOFO 03/22/08

SHENK, William E., DCAFO 03/07/08
SMITH, Charles H., ORDFO 03/17/08
SMITH, George P., SFOSH 03/13/08
SOCHAT, Marvin, ORDCS 03/01/08
STAMM, Vernon F., EWRPV 03/23/08
TEZKY, Wanda H., WHQCX 03/10/08
TRIGUEROS, Pedro C., SFOGH 03/05/08
WALTER, Joseph A., SFOEG 03/31/08
WEBER, August H., ORDFF 03/24/08
WILLIAMS, Thomas S., SFOMK 03/08/08
WOODS, Thomas E., SFOPI 03/10/08

LETTERS

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

Bernice Aaron, Kenneth Ahern, John Bennatts, Marty Bergmark, Juanita Braid, Claus Brinnitzer, Barb Bock, Richard Bulin, Mardele Celestin, Lynn Dever. William Dodds, Jean Drongoski, Jack Ercanbrack, Jean Etcheverry, John Geiger, Gay Givens, Bruce Hanson, Marilyn Hanson, James, Haslem, H.C.Ioka, Thomas F. Jervis, William Le Jues, B. F. Juanich-Llanes, Louis Kelly Jr., Agnes Kubicz, Katharina Lauber, J.H. Lion, Lisa Midunsky, Bud Peters, George Peters, William Pfeiffer, Ken Price, Bernard Sanford, Rogelio O. Ramos, Verdell Roundy, Mary Schobinger, Jeanette Spano, Ilene Swan, Edward Taylor.

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.)

Verda England, 25604 32nd Pl. S, Kent, WA 98032

I enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter as much as Tom did. I get lots of news from it and enjoy reading the letters.

I especially want to thank RUAEA for seeing to it that I received all of the missed issues after Tom passed away in September of 2007.

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

Thanks for keeping us in touch.

I enjoyed reading all of the memories of Miss Edie Jones. I worked with her in the Daily News Building in Manhattan and Rockleigh, New Jersey. It was a pleasure.

The new format is so much easier to read.
Thanks again.

Gene Menten, 631 S Palo Verde Way, Mesa, AZ 85208-6474

How time does fly! It has been 24 years since I retired from EXOAI and the majority of them have been enjoyable. But with age comes more health problems, none of which are too serious, but enough to slow me down. I don't travel much due to the fact that I am still a BP8, never having reached that 25 year mark. Not that it matters much these days of overcrowded planes. When there are zero seats, not even a 40 year retiree will make it. So I am content with enjoying the lovely Arizona weather and trying to improve my golf handicap by playing several times a week. I enjoy the Newsletter and commend the staff for a job well done.

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

Thanks so much for all that you do. It is truly appreciated.

Wayne, my husband and I traveled to Sydney, AU in January, where we embarked on a 12 day Princess Cruise from there to New Zealand and back.

It was great fun, and "Praise" is to the gods of NRSA, for blessing us with First Class sleeper seats, both ways, LAX-SYD-LAX. That trip is 14½ hours and you know how hard that long haul can be. It makes a person grateful to have worked so many years at United, to be able to enjoy the privileges of travel.

We also took a trip from Chicago to Maui in March. We were not lucky that time, it was coach both ways, but I am not complaining, I'm just happy to get on the flight.

Hello to anyone who recognizes my name.

Marge Segal, 301 East 48th St. Apt 10E, New York, NY 10017

The Pittsburgh Convention team is to be congratulated for hosting a most successful convention! I'm sure their time, effort and dedication was appreciated by all of the attendees.

I personally experienced so many memories of the two times being based in Pittsburgh, flying as a hostess for Capital Airlines. There they were: Many of the known personnel who worked at the airport at that time were involved with the convention. It was great to see and chat with the following: **Jeri Juth, Anita Pawlack, Treatie Karwoski, John Knezevich, Al Larimer, Russ Miller, Jim Weber and Jack Tinney.**

You could always depend on the Pittsburgh crew to get the job done with perfection.

Thanks again to all!

Diane McCourt, 7552 15th St., Vero Beach, FL 32966

We travel a lot, SEA, DEN, PHL and back. In March we went to Brazil, RIO. We are going to Tahiti,

PPT, in a few days. So far we have done pretty well, riding on a pass. We will have to see how the summer goes.

Thanks to everyone for all of your great work.

Agnes Warthen, 603 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206

Hello Friends,

We are going back to Adventure land Amusement Park in Altoona, Iowa. We will be working there for about 4½ months. This will be our 8th year of doing this. We have really enjoyed working at this place and are happy that we are able to keep going back.

Connie Russo, 500 Stonehaven Ave., Elk. Grove Village, IL 60007

ORDCS meets the 1st Tuesday of every month.

July 1st, **Mitch & Connie Russo** are having a pot-luck lunch at noon. It is BYOB, a plate to share, and a lawn chair.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Contact Connie or Mitch: Home: (847) 956-0764, Mitch's cell: (847) 284-0891, mich4mitch@aol.com.

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

All is well here. I can't believe that it is 13 years into retirement. Where does the time go when you are healthy and enjoying life?

Thanks to RUAEA on this one, for the retirees. Last week I called Chase Card Customer Service, quickly and courteously, my \$60 annual fee was waived on the United Mileage Plus Card.

I always look forward to receiving the Newsletter. The new format is very nice. Keep the news and information coming.

James Leek, 79 Forest Cove, Bunnell, FL 32110

Dee and I go through the Newsletter but very seldom do we run across a name we can remember. Of course, a lot of it is because; I have been retired from United for as many years as I worked. We still do not have time to do everything we would like to do.

So, I settled on writing a non fiction account of my time spent in World War II. The kids are to blame for this as they kept pushing me to do it.

This little document is only 103 pages but it covers the time from 1926 to 1941. This epic is called, "Almost a Gentleman". In case anyone is interested, they can purchase a copy from orders@xlibris.com or 1-888-795-4274.

My best wishes to everyone or at least anyone that remembers back beyond 1980.



Ray Battellino, 1600 Oakmont Dr., #8, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

I enjoy the Newsletter and appreciate the work you all do. A special thanks, goes to the Portland Travel Desk.

I have been retired from SFOES since March of 1981.

I live in a retirement community that has a 9-hole and an 18-hole golf course. I walk the 9-hole 6 times a week. On Monday, they give the course a rest. So, I take the monthly bus trip to Indian Casino.

I have lived here in Rossmoor for 25 years. It has everything you would want.

My wife of 56 years passed away a year ago.

Ted Rapalus, 1111 Presidio Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

It is hard to believe that it is almost 24 years since I retired and Vickie & I moved to Pebble Beach. She has been gone for six years and I just rattle around this house which is too big for only one person. I plan to sell soon and move into a condo or apartment in this area. My health is still good for an 88 year old. The sad thing of being this old is having your friends die. I just have to make new and younger friends.

I still manage to get around of golf in occasionally, but I rarely keep score. I can't count that high.

My volunteer days are at the Monterey Maritime Museum. I enjoy this as I get to meet a lot of interesting people as we get visitors from all over the world.

Interesting things are happening with my children. My son, Peter, joined United and is a Communications Manager at SFO. My other son, Steve, is a B727 Captain at FedEx. A grandson joined the Marine Corps and is in Boot Camp. I hope the war in Iraq is over by the time he graduates.

Kudos to the crew that publishes the Newsletter. Thanks for giving us retirees the latest UAL news and tips on space available flying. I look forward to spotting familiar names, but there are fewer and fewer of them in each issue.

Bill Bennett 2171 W. Williams Ave. PMB 223, Fallon, NV 89406

Back in 1965 and 67, I had taken a number of pictures for a couple of projects at SFO - some of reservations, passenger service, planning center, flight kitchen, ramp and some miscellaneous areas. Many are of co-workers of that time. I thought it might be interesting to go through these and scan them into the computer. I have a flatbed scanner with a 35mm slide adapter which I used, which didn't do all that good of a job, but still brought back some good memories of that time. I thought I would like to share them with others that worked at SFO during that period. So I posted them

onto Picasa, a Google free service photo depository. I have posted them as "Unlisted" so they are not available to the general public. I call the set "SFO Memories 1965, 1968". I only wish they were of better quality. But if you would like to see them, you can go to:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/fallbill/SFOMemories19651968?authkey=Wrp8Tl5Pmto>

While all pictures are labeled, some are of people I can't recall (signs of getting older?). So I just labeled them with a sort of code. If you see someone you recognize, (maybe yourself?) I would appreciate it if you would let me know at fallbill@phonewave.net. I'd be happy to add that name to the photo. Make sure to include the caption that is under the photo. Also, if you have some pictures at SFO from that general time area you would like included, if you send them to me I would be happy to add them. I'd credit you as the photographer. I already included some from **Dick Trout**.

My thanks to the team at RUAEA for the newsletter and the chance to get this info out to those who may be interested.

Sue Felicio Spencer, 1760 Germaine Ct., Hayward, CA 94541, ssfriscobay@sbcglobal.net

The ability to keep in touch with the airline and other retirees is much appreciated over the past five years since my departure from OAKEG in 2003.

My husband of four years never fails to comment on the helpfulness of the United staff. He is glad to now be a part of this wonderful and loyal group of people. Travelling on stand-by and enjoying the benefits of interline travel is much appreciated by a "newbie" to NRSA. We have flown to Frankfurt, Rome, Hawaii, Mexico, Alaska and other national destinations in the past few years. In November, we are traveling to Israel with a tour group and will be on a confirmed flight once again! Here's to many more years of flying.

Thanks for all the great work by the RUAEA staff.

William Betters, 171 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, MA 01945

Thank you for all you do to keep us connected. We continue to enjoy reading the news from the local chapters and receiving the latest important updates.

The growth and expansion of the website has really been a welcomed surprise.

Cecelia Paulie, 8388 Woodline Ct., Manassas, VA 20110-4620

Please continue the wonderful work; all of you do in producing the Newsletter.

I enjoy reading everything each month. Although I only recognize a very few names, it is still good.

I retired from IADRR in September of 1992. Time really flies, but I am hanging in!

Jane Grigolaitis, 3071 W. Camino Camelia, Tucson, AZ 85745

As one of **Rachel Woodings'** many flying partners, we met in 1965, after she came from PIT to DC. For many years we flew #53 IAD-SFO together, with a 24 hour layover in San Mateo. What fun we all had. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

In the May issue, **James F. Many**, paid tribute to Rachel (she passed away in January, 2008). It is true; she worked very hard to get better schedules for us in DC and for other causes. She had a heart of gold.

No one will ever forget her sense of humor, always ready with a joke and that "earthy" language that was Rachel's alone. Anyone that met Rachel once will never forget her. She was one of a kind.

Linda Ward, 247 E. Woodland, Ferndale, MI 48220

I had a manufactured home put on a couple of lake lots I own and I am really enjoying the Michigan North Woods.

We have deer, fox, coyotes, bear, wild cats, bald eagles, sand hill cranes, loons, and of course, Canada geese. The fishing is great in our little lake (no motors). We had pike, crappies and large mouth bass for dinner last weekend.

Memorial Day weekend, there were very few fisherpersons on the lake. Of course, it has been so cold not a child or adult has been in the water.

I think the gas prices could have something to do with the families not showing up.

The trip home which is usually bumper to bumper was a breeze on Monday evening. It was a fast 2½ hour trip home. Normally it would have been a 3-4 hour trip on Holidays.

Albert R. Rodland Jr., 19 Schimwood Court, Gettysville, NY 14068

I am enclosing a check for the payment of my father's RUAEA dues. He has been ill, but still enjoys reading the newsletter.

I am still catching up with the matters that he would like me to address.

By the way, I collect aviation-related items, thus I also enjoy your wonderful publication.

Charles "Chic" & Roni R. Adams., 2012 North 24th Street, Boise ID 83702

"Chic" Adams passed away on May 3, 2008.

Chic and I celebrated our 53rd Wedding Anniversary on April 9, 2008. We met when we were both working for United Air Lines. UAL hired me in 1953 to work in DENRR. In June 1954, I graduated from UAL's Stewardess Training School in CYS and was assigned Salt Lake City as my domicile. UAL hired Chic in 1948 and he was working in Passenger Service at the SLC airport.

The day before my first flight, I went to the airport to meet the dispatchers and passenger agents. After meeting everyone, I walked out of the Terminal Building and went to the gate that passengers went through to board their flight. When I arrived at the gate, Chic was the passenger agent working that flight and he gave me a smile that took my breath away.

I told him I was one of the new stewardesses and would be working the flight to Chicago the next morning. When I started to leave, Chic said, "*Will you have dinner with me tonight?*" I said yes, and he told me he would pick me up at 6:30.

From that day on, always, after I returned from working flights to CHI, SFO, and SEA, I would find a note from him in my mailbox with his name, phone number and "*Have dinner with me tonight*". He enjoyed taking me to ball games, stock car races, and one of his special places called the Twilight Lounge. He had been a bartender at the Twilight while going to Westminster College right after getting out of the Navy (during WWII, he served on the Destroyer USS Stribling in the Atlantic). He worked at the Twilight again after he served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked Air Traffic Control both in Korea and Japan.

We were married in 1955. I exchanged my Stewardess wings for a telephone in Reservations. We did a lot of traveling and entertaining. In 1964, our first gorgeous daughter, Celin, was born. In 1966 our beautiful daughter, Cordi, joined the family. Cordi was killed in an auto crash at age 22 riding as passenger. She left a 5 month old son who is now attending Valparaiso Univ. in Indiana on a scholarship. We felt fortunate to be able to fly with our daughters to exciting places when they were growing up.

In 1999, Chic started his fight with emphysema and in 2002 was diagnosed with bone cancer (Multiple Myeloma). He was in and out of remission, but never in pain. In March 2008, the oncologist told him he would no longer be able to take Chemo to fight his cancer. During our grandson Andrew's Spring Break, he flew here from Valparaiso Univ. to spend four days with his granddad. Our daughter, Celin, came to visit with her dad once a week and the last week of his life, she also spent nights with us and visited with him.

On Saturday, May 3, at 0430, I went to his bedside to make sure he hadn't pulled the oxygen mask from his face. When I held his hand, he squeezed mine, opened his eyes and said "*Hi*". Then he said he was tired and was going back to sleep. Our daughter got up at 0630, checked her dad and found him sleeping comfortably, so she went to take her shower. I woke up at 0730 and went to check on him. When I saw his face I knew Chic was not there. He had started his journey to a place where he knew he had to be. He was a quiet man, and that's how he went ... quietly.

Important Phone Numbers



United Retiree Service Center

1-888-825-0188 (M-F 7AM - 5PM Central Time).

<https://www.ualretirees.com/>

<https://united.intranet.ual.com/>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

Blue Cross / Blue Shield

1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

Traditional Plan information, claim status, claim forms.

1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478)

For flight information and to list yourself and companions for travel.

Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

1-800-393-6682

Portland Travel Desk - Toll Free

1-888-278-7038 (M/W/F 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

Seattle Travel Desk - Toll Free

1-888-826-3375 (M/T/W/Th 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

PBGC

1-800-400-7242

<http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

<http://www.ssa.gov>

Alliant Credit Union

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

Benefits Service Center

1-800-482-5236 - For all retirees pension, travel and ESOP questions. M-F, 7-7 Central Time

ARTS & CRAFTS WINNERS

There were many door prizes at the Hospitality Suites Oldies, Sports Night, and after RUAEA business meetings. We greatly appreciate those individuals who donated items, along with the following companies who contributed or supported the Pittsburgh 2008 Convention: *Alliant Credit Union, ANA Airlines, Iceland Airlines, Lufthansa German Airlines, United Airlines, Omni William Penn Hotel Downtown Pittsburgh, McCormick & Schmicks Restaurant, Crackle Barrel, Pats Hallmark - Hopewell, Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Ross Sports, Sam's Club, Smith Glass Company, Coldwell Banker Airport West, Donna Vasilakos, H.J. Heinz, Hopewell Beverage, Hopewell Pool and Spas, Hubert & Anita Malco, South Hills Beauty Academy, Macy's Downtown Pittsburgh, and Church Brew Works.*

The Arts and Crafts Display and Raffles consisted of 127 items donated for this event. We thank all of the talented RUAEA members who donated these crafts to the Pittsburgh Convention. **Dave & Gwen Detwiler**, Arts and Crafts Chairs, did great work to organize and display in the Hospitality Room. Below are a list of winners and the donors!

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Donor</u> | <u>Art Piece</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Walt Kina | Large Jewelry Box | P. V. Smith |
| 2. | Walt Kina | Small Jewelry Box | Kilkenny |
| 3. | Walt Kina | Wooden Clock | B. Juth |
| 4. | Walt Kina | Wooden Clock | Helen Cain |
| 5. | Jim Jenkins | Oil Color Painting, Lost Lake | Doris Hall |
| 6. | Jim Jenkins | Oil Color Painting, Seely Lake | Bob Hallden |
| 7. | Jim Jenkins | Oil color Painting, Sunset over Lake | Paul Musko |
| 8. | Jim Jenkins | Oil color Painting, Mountain Circle | Paul Musko |
| 9. | Jim Jenkins | Oil on Leather, Summer Mountain | Joan Zorn |
| 10. | Jim Jenkins | Oil color Painting, Double Oval | Bill Daniels |
| 11. | Ron Meyer | Set of 4 custom Photos on Tile | Phyllis Easley |
| 12. | Ron Meyer | Set of 4 custom Photos on Tile | Phyllis Easley |
| 13. | Ron Meyer | Set of 4 custom Photos on Tile | Phyllis Easley |
| 14. | Ron Meyer | Set of 4 custom Photos on Tile | Lucy Chatelain |
| 15. | Kay Yauch | Hand Crocheted Doily | Barbara Underhill |
| 16. | Kay Yauch | Hand Crocheted Doily | Barbara Underhill |
| 17. | Kay Yauch | Hand Crocheted Doily | V. Kilkenny |
| 18. | Kay Yauch | Hand Crocheted Doily | Martha Gooselaw |
| 19. | Dick Trout | Airline Agent SFO Book | T. Karwoski |
| 20. | Dick Trout | Airline Agent SFO Book | Helen Crisman |
| 21. | Dick Trout | Airline Agent SFO Book | Norman Jukes |
| 22. | Dick Trout | Airline Agent SFO Book | Tom Goodyear |
| 23. | Dick Trout | Airline Agent SFO Book | Lew Dunning |
| 24. | Dick Trout | Airline Agent SFO Book | Kathlee Deily |
| 25. | LaVerne Haubl | Handcrafted Necklace | Maureen Williams |
| 26. | LaVerne Haubl | Handcrafted Necklace | Nancy Goodyear |
| 27. | Hank Gosselin | Disney Print | Broderson |
| 28. | Hank Gosselin | Disney Print | Ginger D. |
| 29. | Roberta Larimer | Quilted Sunflower Wall Hanging | Jane Wise |
| 30. | Roberta Larimer | Hand Decorated Santa Pillow | Bruning |
| 31. | Lorrie Wax | Hand Made Plaid Cat | Else Schiller |
| 32. | Bob Taiclet | Wooden Necktie | Bernie McNamee |
| 33. | Bob Taiclet | Wooden Necktie | Bill Redfern |
| 34. | Dan Baroni | Wooden Picture Frame | Frank Rainer |
| 35. | Suzy Golitko | Aqua Necklace/Earrings | Nancy Meyer |
| 36. | Suzy Golitko | Turquoise Necklace/Ear rings | C. K. Knapp |
| 37. | Suzy Golitko | Jade Green Necklace/Ear rings | V. Kilkenny |
| 38. | Treatie Karwoski | Hand Crocheted Afghan | Roy Portelli |
| 39. | Treatie Karwoski | Hand Crocheted Afghan | B. Musko |



| <u>No.</u> | <u>Donor</u> | <u>Art Piece</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 40. | Marcia Ann Skryny | Hand Crocheted Bayb Bunting | Bateman |
| 41. | Marcia Ann Skryny | Hand Chrocheted Baby Bunting | Bill Redfern |
| 42. | Jacque Sontheimer | Water Color, Christmas at Sea | Pat Rainer |
| 43. | Carl & Dee Chiocchi | Hand Crocheted Afghan | Julius Schneider |
| 44. | Thomas Wheaton | Moose Painting | Dave Detwiler |
| 45. | Ray Jeffery | Set of Wooden Trivets | Starr |
| 46. | Ray Jeffery | Round from Snail Fir Tree | Bernie Juth |
| 47. | Ray Jeffery | Snail Fir Coasters | Else Schiller |
| 48. | Gus Giustozzi | Small Wooden Clock | B. Bertacini |
| 49. | Adelaide Haferbecker | Quilted Wall hanging, Log Cabin Print | Lew Dunning |
| 50. | Francis Domaratius | Hand Made Wooden Pen | John Zoboli |
| 51. | Else Schiller | Hand Painted Vase | T. Yeager |
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| 56. | Melanie Burkhart | Matching set of jewelry | Nancy Goodyear |
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| 58. | Frank Rainer | Raccoons in Hollow Log | B. Mc Namee |
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| 67. | Marjorie Hall | Red White & Blue Scarf | R. Redfern |
| 68. | Rose Wikstad | Knitted Scarf | J. Chambers |
| 69. | Treatie Karwoski | Hand Made Oak Basket | Bob O'Conner |
| 70. | Treatie Karwoski | Hand Made Oak Basket | R. Potsic |
| 71. | Joan Denton Jervis | Large Oil Painting | C. O'Connor |
| 72. | Joe Tomasic | UAL 727 Limited Edition Print | Judy Stadlander |
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| 93. | Marian Owens | Bunka Embroidery Art | B. McNamee |

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| 94. | Marian Owens | Bunka Embroidery Art | Norm Jukes |
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| 109. | Nancy Meyer | Quillow | Dorothy Ito |
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William Boeing became acquainted with Frederick D. Rentschler during WWI when Boeing's military planes were powered with engines from the Wright-Martin plant and later from Wright Aeronautical Works.

Because of his foundry background, Rentschler had been assigned by the U.S. Army Signal Corps Aviation arm to test airplane engines built for the Allies at Wright-Martin Aircraft in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

After the war, he was invited to head the new Wright Aeronautical Corp. He assembled a staff of designers & builders and soon the company was the number-one source of military and commercial aircraft engines. They made the remarkable "Whirlwind" radial, the engine that carried Lindbergh across the Atlantic.

Rentschler and Wright's engine-designer George Mead had an idea for an even better radial engine. The company's directors objected to the development cost, since they already had the best engine in the field. After his proposal was turned down, Rentschler resigned.

While searching for new backers, he found the idle Pratt & Whitney plant in Hartford, Conn. He persuaded the plant owners, the Niles-Bement-Pond machinery company, to let him have the Pratt & Whitney plant, the name and \$1,000,000 in working capital.

Mead and other engine designers quickly went to work. Their first "Wasp" engine exceeded all expecta-

tions, producing 410 hp and only weighing 625 pounds.

Recognizing the engines potential, Wm. Boeing switched to Wasps for all his military airplane designs.

In the fall of 1928, after Boeing had demonstrated that Wasp-powered commercial planes could make money carrying cargo and passengers, Rentschler broached the idea of a "well-rounded"

aviation holding company.

At this time business mergers were rampant. Additionally, the east-coast "Keys Group" of North American Aviation was entering the aviation market in the west. They had purchased stock in Varney Air Lines and were supporting Maddux Air Lines and TAT.

In early 1929, Boeing set in motion Rentschler's proposal by absorbing the Chance Vought Company.

Then through a stock swap with Pratt & Whitney, United Aircraft & Transport Corporation was formed as a holding company.

Frederick Rentschler was named President; William Boeing, Chairman of the Board; Chance Vought and Philip Johnson of Boeing were Vice-Presidents.

Boeing swapped stock in Boeing Air Transport, Pacific Air Transport and the Boeing Airplane Company for United Aircraft & Transport Corporation stock.

Next, Rentschler bought Hamilton Propeller Company, Standard Steel Propeller Company, Stearman Aircraft, Northrop Aircraft and Sikorsky Airplane works.

In June 1929, he acquired Stout Air Services and its fleet of Ford tri-motors. This gave United Aircraft and Transport their first passenger service in the east, flying between Chicago and Cleveland via Detroit.

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