



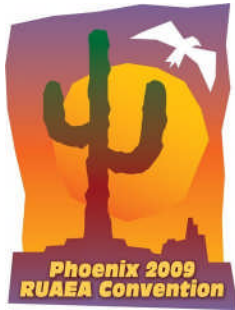
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***Natural Wonders of
Arizona!***

***Wonderful, Warm
Memories of Phoenix!***



Phoenix Hyatt Grand Ballroom

Phoenix RUAEA members rolled out the red carpet to welcome our RUAEA friends from the East Coast to the West Coast and beyond. It was a great week in Phoenix with visitors getting a sample of all kinds of weather, from our rainy evenings, sun-drenched days, warm and toasty temperatures and even our ominous dust storms. Members were made to feel welcome from the moment they arrived at **Sky Harbor International Airport**, with our greeters there to welcome them. A short trip to the luxurious hotel, **Phoenix Hyatt**, where attendees were welcomed by volunteers manning the registration desk and made to feel right at home. Wherever you happened to be during your stay, people were eager to answer your questions, send you in the right direction or just give you a friendly "hello."

Many attendees were adventurous and took to the streets of Phoenix. Many took advantage of our new means of transportation, the **Light Rail**. Some just rode it the entire route to get a view of the city, others took it to the **Heard Museum** and spent a few hours viewing Indian art and artifacts. Still, there were others who braved the heat and rode the light rail to the **Desert Botanical Gardens** to stroll the beautiful gardens and see the **Chihuly Sculptured Glass Art Exhibit**.

Everyone enjoyed the great entertainment. On Wednesday evening in the **Hospitality Room**, members came attired in their cowboy garb and were entertained with Western music by **Ken Willis**, a country cowboy. On Thursday evening, everyone donned their sombreros and listened to the Mariachi Band. Both evenings were filled with lots of smiles and laughter.



The **Grand Ballroom** was the location for the **Friendship Dinner** on Friday evening. Convention General Chairpersons, **Rita & Jim Zarek** welcomed us. Our guest speaker for the evening was Sheriff **Joe Arpaio**, Maricopa County's Sheriff and known to many as "the toughest sheriff in the West." After dinner, music was provided by the **Needham Twins**, who managed to get everyone moving around the floor, especially with the line dancing.

On Saturday evening, we had our **Banquet dinner** in the **Grand Ballroom**. Great music for dancing was provided by **Old Dogs New Tricks**. RUAEA VP of Convention **Hank Gosselin** spoke briefly and announced the winner of the \$100, donated by the Alliant Credit Union. Hank also introduced **RUAEA President, Ron Robertson**, who made the closing comments and announced that **RUAEA Convention 2010** would be held in **Orlando, FL**.

The **Phoenix Committee** extends thanks to all RUAEA members and guests that were able to attend and share this wonderful event. Look around your attic or basement and find those Mickey Mouse ears and we hope to see you in **Orlando** in **2010**. Many thanks to **Jim & Rita Zarek** – Co-Chairman for the **Phoenix Convention**, VP **Hank Gosselin** and Asst. VP **Bob Hallden**. And a very special thank you to **Rich Surma**, our official photographer, who provided us with an outstanding slide show each evening and could always be found nearby snapping pictures to preserve the memories made at **RUAEA Convention 2009**.

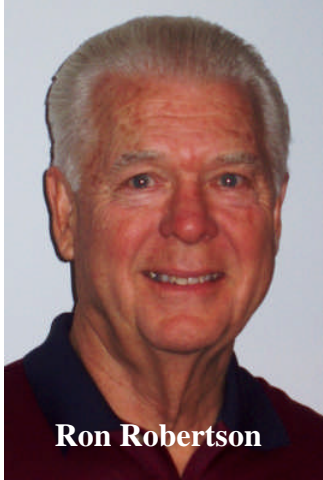
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See you next year in Orlando!

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Robertson

It was terrific to see so many long time friends and the occasion to make new friendships at our Phoenix Convention. Shirley and I spent many hours visiting with arriving attendees and helping the local committees wherever we were needed. We had a lot of fun with tours, hospitality get-togethers, viewing and bidding on all the donated artwork, raffles, dinners, great entertainment, and more.

We also got our business taken care of with the Chapter Correspondents Meeting, the Chapter Presidents Breakfast, and of course the RUAEA Annual Business Meeting. The PHX Committee was able to provide many door prizes for this session. A highlight once again was the Retirees' Benefits Panel presentation with following breakout room sessions. There were expert representatives on everything from Alliant Credit Union to Retiree Benefits Services, PBGC to MEDCO, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and more.

Last month in this column, I mentioned we were looking for opportunities to increase our membership. Since then, we have had a mailing of over 4300 letters, including a membership application and a new brochure. We will continue to follow up and expand on that action with more recent retirees with another mailing of approximately 1000 in the next couple of months.

General Membership Action: **BYLAWS CHANGE**

In addition, at the Business Meeting, Saturday morning, May 23, 2009, the General Membership by unanimous vote elected to change our By Laws, in summary, as follows:

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Regular Members

All former employees of United Airlines who have reached retirement age are eligible to become members of RUAEA. (*Interpretation - any former employee of United who left prior to age 55 and at the time of application is now at least 55 may join*).

Spouses of retirees may become a regular member. All may do so by making application and paying the required dues. (*Interpretation - Spouses of current members, non members, widows/widowers are eligible*

for full regular membership complete with voting and holding national office).

Please note the new Membership Application form in this Newsletter. Cut it out and make copies, give to your spouse, take it to your local Chapter meeting for non RUAEA members, pass it on to Clipped Wings friends or your ex Covia buddies.

In other business, the results of our election were announced with **Mike Richards** as the new Director for the Arizona Region and **Chuck Cole**, the new Director for the Mountain Region. **Treatie Karwoski** for the Northeast, **Bruce Brodersen** for the Southeast and **Jack Hooper** for the Northwest were reelected to their respective Regions.

In the interest of supporting all United Retirees and former employees, we were pleased to have for the first time at a RUAEA Convention, the President of National Clipped Wings, Ms. **Pam Ziebarth**, and the Vice President Conventions/President Elect of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Assn), Mr. **Ron Jersey**. Each of our organizations is looking for ways to better benefit our respective members.

In closing, we announced next year's Convention site: **Orlando, FL!** Start making plans now for May 23, 2010 in Florida - See you there!

Ron Robertson
President - RUAEA

RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday May 23, 2009

Hyatt Regency Hotel - Phoenix, AZ

The meeting was called to order at 0830 by President Ron Robertson

President-Ron Robertson

Ron welcomed all members to the annual business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the 2008 business meeting minutes. The motion was carried. The current focus for the RUAEA Board is to revitalize our membership. There will be mass mailing to approximately 4300 retirees containing a letter from Ron, a brochure explaining RUAEA and an updated membership application. We have also invited Pam Ziebarth of Clipped Wings and Ron Jersey of RUPA, in an effort to extend our membership to those groups of retirees.

Reports:

Corporate Relations-Ed Tolle

Ed continues to meet with Mark Ugol, Senior Vice President of HR, a tradition started by Jim Fauber and Marlin Lade. He and Mort also meet monthly with Jill Chapman, Managing Director, Benefits Strategy to discuss retiree concerns. Dan Lynch of government Affairs may be contacting Ed for help with some upcoming

ing political issues; upgrade of the ATC system and the Passenger Bill of Rights.

Past President – Mort Wax

There were a total of 1045 ballots cast in the May election, with almost 2/3rd voting online. This represents 14% of the total membership. The successful candidates for Regional Director are: Bruce Brodersen, Jack Hooper, Treatie Karwoski and Mike Richards. Charlie Cole has agreed to represent the Mountain Region and Ron has appointed him to the two year term. In 2010, all five Officer Positions are up for election, with three of the current officers ineligible for another term. There are also five Regional Director Positions to be filled, with one current Director ineligible for another term. Mort asks for everyone's help with recommendations for candidates for these positions.

Executive Vice President – Ron Bertacini

A change to the By laws has been proposed, that would allow all former employees of United Airlines, who have reached retirement age to become members of RUAEA. The change would also eliminate the Associate member category and add the Site Selection Committee Chair to the Board of Directors. A motion was made to accept these changes; it was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Membership Support/Newsletter – Virgil Gooselaw

We currently have 8200 members with 7000 receiving the Newsletter in print and 1200 electronically. It was mentioned you can now get the Newsletter both ways (print and online) by paying an additional \$5.00. Virgil recognized the hard work of the secretaries, his wife Martha and John Chu of the Denver Office and all the Chapter correspondents. One secretary, Carol Sostarich, has resigned for personal reasons. Carol has done a great job and will be missed. We have a new secretary, Marilyn Hansen and welcome her into the Denver Office. There are three new columns in the Newsletter: *Centenarian* – A recognition of members who turn 100, *The Writers Column* – A column for members that have a story of interest and *Easy Does It* by Helen Cain – Recipes made easy. We continue to enjoy: *Ask the Doctor*, *Ask the Pharmacist* and *Travel Tips* by Bob. We commend the authors for their contribution.

Web Site - Jim Sommerfield/Ed Majewski

The idea of a website originated in 2002, with a goal of being tailored to retirees needs. To that end, all RUAEA members are encouraged to take advantage of this product by registering for either level two or three. Jim went through the steps of accomplishing this process.

Ed described some of the links that are available including; Financial, Travel, Chapters and Convention information. Ed will be working with Nationwide Hospitality in developing "RESX", a program tailored to

RUAEA member's travel needs. It will be available in June or July and details will be in the Newsletter.

Treasurer-Len Haubl

The annual audit on RUAEA's finances and the 2008 Convention was conducted and there were no adverse findings. Dues income declined 5%, but contributions were up 29%. Overall expenses are 3% higher than a year ago and 6% above budget.

Vice President Convention - Hank Gosselin

The 2010 Convention will be held in Orlando, FL from May 24th to May 30th at the Rosen Center Hotel. Jim Llewellyn from Orlando will be the Convention Chairperson. He thanked the local Phoenix committee for their help in putting on a first class convention. A cruise is being considered for a future convention site.

Travel Desk – Jack Hooper

The concept for a travel desk started in 1995 with one in Seattle. We now have three; Seattle, Portland and Chicago with a potential for a fourth in Portland. We operate them through the generosity of United, giving us Apollo access, office space and printers. They are manned exclusively by volunteers. The costs of the calls are underwritten by RUAEA and RUPA. They can check real time loads, list for travel and supply general information. They cannot check loads for other airlines, issue travel letters or reduced fare tickets.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Directors

Ron complimented Tony Sortino for his work as Regional Director – Mountain. He also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Gordon Starr for all his past participation, the last being Regional Director – Arizona.

New Business

A question was raised about donations to the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville, PA. RUAEA cannot take donations, but the Philadelphia Chapter has already collected thousands of dollars toward this remembrance. The contact for this chapter is on the RUAEA website or available through the Denver office. It was suggested we offer advertising space on our Website. This is a topic that is being pursued by the Board of Directors.

Motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 1030.

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Marcy, Secy.

Approved by: Ron Robertson, President

United Issues RFP for Next Generation Aircraft

United is kicking off a fleet modernization program with a request for proposal (RFP) that has the potential to result in a large order of next-generation widebody aircraft and narrowbody aircraft that would replace its oldest fleet type, the Boeing 757s.



"This presents a strategic opportunity for both United and the manufacturers as this program could well define our fleet strategy for the next twenty-five years," says

Glenn Tilton, chairman, president and CEO. "As we have consistently said, we will only invest in new aircraft when we can generate a return on our investment, and we believe we have a unique opportunity to do so now, leveraging a fleet replacement strategy as one of the building blocks to running a great airline."

The RFP is the start of a multi-month competitive process.

"The work we have completed to date through our Focus on 5 prepares us well to consider an investment in aircraft," says John Tague, EVP and chief operating officer. "We are building a best-in-class cost structure, and we are taking the right steps to enhance the quality of our service and our operational performance. New aircraft would provide us the opportunity to improve our cost structure, eliminating aircraft that are more costly to operate and delivering better service and an improved onboard environment for our employees and customers, while allowing us to consider markets not available to us today."

"We have consistently advocated a disciplined capacity strategy for the company, and we will only commit to new aircraft if it does not impede the progress we are making to build liquidity and improve our financial performance," says Kathryn Mikells, SVP and chief financial officer. "This is a competitive time for manufacturers, creating a unique opportunity for United. This process also represents a major strategic opportunity for Airbus and Boeing, as the winner will place its new generation widebody aircraft with one of the largest operators of twin-aisle aircraft in the world."

While United is doing the work necessary to determine if it is the right time to consider a future investment in aircraft, United remains committed to its current rollout of the International Premium Travel Experience (IPTE) aircraft. IPTE is a critical driver of customer satisfaction and is also allowing United to size its premium cabins appropriately.

If there is a compelling business case for ordering new aircraft, an order could be completed as early as the fall of 2009. Manufacturer financing involvement at some level is a typical part of the process.

Making NRSA Travel Easier

Traveling non-revenue, space available (NRSA) is an important benefit for retirees, our families and companions. Below are important tips and reminders for

NRSA travelers that will help reduce the hassle of maneuvering through the airport and on board an aircraft this summer.



✧ **Save time, check-in online** - Checking in online is definitely the best way to reduce the amount of time you spend standing in line at the airport.

Even if you have bags to check, you will reduce your hassle at United's hubs by using the Easy-Check-In Online Bag Drop location in the lobby. At smaller airports, check your bags with a skycap at the curb and skip the ticket counter all together.

To check in online, visit the Travel section on SkyNet or www.united.com/employeeetravel.

In addition, if you go to united.com, Services and Information, Airport Information, Airport Check-In Info, you will find helpful information listing the peak wait times for the security checkpoint and ticket counter hours, as well as construction updates for all the airports that we serve.

✧ **Dress Properly** - As the weather gets warmer, it is important to remember that clothing for the beach or a picnic are not appropriate when traveling NRSA. Please see SkyNet's Travel section for the appropriate attire for traveling.

✧ **Know the Nuances** - Friends and family traveling on companion passes are often not familiar with the nuances of NRSA travel. To help create a more pleasant travel experience for them, make sure that you complete their initial travel listing and verify that the name in the listing matches the name on their government-issued identification exactly.

It is also helpful if they have your employee identification number to check in online or to make itinerary changes en route, if needed, and that they are fully briefed on United's dress code. For everyone's convenience, there is a helpful travel brochure for companions available to print on Companion Travel found on SkyNet's Travel page.

✧ **Check the Latest Travel Embargoes** - If your travel plans include a trip overseas this summer, there are two international destinations that are planning travel embargoes: Rome (FCO) and Hong Kong (HKG). FCO's embargo will be in place from July 1 - July 31 and HKG from July 15 - August 15. The embargo restricts NRSA travel for unaccompanied companions as well as employees from other carriers - including our United Express partners. But even United employees or retirees traveling to or from these destinations should consider purchasing a ZED ticket as an alternative as the flights will be full or subject to weight restrictions.

✧ **Economy Plus Availability** - Economy Plus is an important source of revenue for the airline, so please be mindful that those seats are intended for our premium customers or for those willing to pay extra for additional legroom.

Employees, their travel eligible and companion travelers can be accommodated in Economy Plus when all other qualifying customers and up-sale opportunities have been completed.

For more details about our Travel policies, please see the Travel section on SkyNet.

United Welcomes Back 107 Mechanics in Recall

United announced the recall of approximately 107 Line Maintenance mechanics from furlough as an investment in its areas of focus related to the Clean, Workable Product and operational reliability initiatives.



These mechanics will focus on improving the workability of items in United's cabins, reducing the number of out-of-service aircraft and ensuring the reliability of its airplanes.

"The International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) approached us to discuss opportunities to efficiently improve the workability of our aircraft, and we are pleased that collaboratively, we were able to work out a way to bring these mechanics back," says Jim Keenan, senior vice president-United Services. "It is essential that we make strategic investments in our product, to continue providing our customers with great service."

The 107 mechanics will be recalled at all of United's hubs. The recall process will begin immediately.

United Partners With TSA in Secure Flight Program

As the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) takes over pre-departure watch list matching from individual airlines, United is partnering with the agency to ensure it is in compliance with the new requirements.

United's reservations agents and customer service representatives at its ticket counters need to continue to collect the legal first and last names of all customers when they make reservations, as do the travel agencies and online booking channels that serve as distribution channels for United's tickets.

As the government takes over the list matching, the



TSA will mandate that air carriers ask customers to provide additional information when making reservations, including:

- ✧ full name as it appears on the passenger's non-expired, government-issued ID
- ✧ date of birth and gender

This additional information will be known as Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD). It is intended to standardize the watch list processing and enhance the security of domestic and international commercial air travel. SFPD will need to be collected from all customers who travel on United and United Express, including non-revenue positive-space and space-available customers.

Once additional programming is complete, Reservations, Customer Service, the booking channels and travel agencies will need to collect all of the Secure Flight Passenger Data.

Programming to collect the full complement of this data will take several months; therefore, United is working closely with the U.S. government regarding its compliance schedule and will keep you posted as information becomes available. During the upgrades, United will remain in compliance as long as reservations are made with the customer's first and last name as it appears on his or her government-issued ID.

Passenger on Flight 881 Commends the Crew

A customer aboard United Flight 881 from Chicago to Narita on May 18, whose video clip of a fuel leak was recently covered in the news media, wrote to us explaining his version of events that day.

The flight crew on board was already aware of the situation and was taking appropriate action when the customer, who serves in a U.S. Air Force refueling squadron, brought it to the attention of the inflight crew.



United's customer, Staff Sergeant Bartek B., explained he spotted the left wing fuel surge tank leaking on take off and documented it on video. When he arrived at Kadena Air Force Base in Japan, his story was published in an Air Force website, which news organizations later used for their reports.

In an e-mail, Staff Sergeant Bartek wrote:

"I wanted to e-mail you earlier to thank United and to commend your extremely professional flight crew for how they handled the situation and took care of myself and my senior master sergeant.

I want to especially thank Captain Ramon A. Navarro and (the) first officer for handling this situation with a cool, calm and collected attitude. They made dumping fuel and diverting seem like a routine proce-

dure and prevented passengers from panicking. At no time did any of the passengers feel nervous. Your crew handled this problem with a very professional attitude.

When I initially saw the leak on the runway at Chicago, I was hesitant to say a word, since the fuel system surge vent tank is designed to relieve excess pressure during ascend and descend. But once we leveled off and it became evident this leak would not subside, I did my best to get word to your crew ASAP. I also realize they would have noticed the leak in any case.

Once again, I would like to thank United for taking care of ALL of UA Flight 881 passengers and for safely delivering everyone to our final destinations. Thank you very much for your outstanding and professional flight and ground crews."

New Column

We are pleased to introduce a new column this month. The column will feature a monthly recipe that is easy to put together and should be of particular interest to those of us who have limited time because we find ourselves busier now than when we were working.

The column is the inspiration of **Helen Cain**, RUAEA Correspondent for the Golden Gaters Chapter in SFO. The idea came to her by way of her willingness to help others. Here's Helen's explanation:

"To be retired doesn't mean you have to stop cooking or baking or eating! But as a whole, we males or females don't cook the way we used to. This upstart column was inspired by an email received from a very active and enthusiastic 88-year old Tom McDonald, UAL retiree in Sacramento. Our SFO-Bay Area chapter doesn't have a general meeting in December, so all I could submit for our "Golden Gaters" RUAEA column for January 2009 was an unusually quick and easy Date Bar recipe. Tom made them and then sent the recipe to his sister and niece in Dorval, Quebec. His follow-up email to me: "Some more recipes, please". So this one's for you, Tom!"

We are extremely pleased that Helen has graciously agreed to host the column. We have established an email address easydoesit@qwestoffice.net for recipe suggestions and comments for Helen.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager



EASY DOES IT - INSTANT SALAD (Creamy Fruit & Cottage Cheese)

Mix together & chill in refrigerator one hour:

- ☞ 1 pint small curd cottage cheese
- ☞ 1 small container Kool-whip (4 oz.)
- ☞ 1 can fruit cocktail (16 oz.)
- ☞ 3 oz. package lemon jello powder
- ☞ Frozen (whole) or fresh (halved) strawberries (Amount: your choice)

This looks very pretty in a see-through glass bowl. Enjoy!



Helen Cain
easydoesit@qwestoffice.net

Ask The Pharmacist - Olympic Gold medalist and asthma sufferer Jackie Joyner-Kersee interviews a Medco specialist pharmacist about treatment

Approximately 20 million Americans have asthma,¹ a condition that makes it difficult to breathe. Olympic Gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is a good example of someone who needed help to successfully control her asthma. In fact, it took several life-threatening attacks and multiple trips to the emergency room before Jackie started taking a proactive approach to asthma management. Now Jackie avoids attack triggers and takes medication to keep her asthma under control.



Jackie works with her doctor and a specialist pharmacist from Medco to help her manage living with asthma. Just like doctors, many Medco pharmacists are now specializing in the medications used to treat a single, ongoing health condition. Jackie relies on a

Medco Pulmonary (concerning your lungs) Pharmacist to help her stay informed about her asthma and to help her manage her medications. Jackie's Pulmonary Pharmacist has in-depth knowledge about pulmonary conditions, including asthma, and the medications used to treat them.

In the following conversation, Jackie Joyner-Kersee asks Medco Pulmonary Pharmacist Ron Erkens, R.Ph., some common questions about managing asthma.

Jackie: *There seem to be a lot of medicines for asthma. What are some of the most common asthma medications?*

Ron: People with asthma often use the following two different types of medications to help control their condition:

- + **Long-term control medications** (controllers) work to help reduce airway inflammation or relax muscles in the airways. They must be taken daily to prevent symptoms. They will not give quick relief if breathing suddenly worsens.
- + **Quick-relief medications** (relievers) relax airway muscles to provide rapid relief of symptoms. They can be taken as needed or when symptoms worsen, but will not control symptoms on a daily basis. Using more than one canister of reliever medication per month may indicate your breathing condition is not under control or you may not be using your inhaler correctly. Taking your medications correctly can lower your risk of doctor and emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and death.

Jackie: *Many people have more than one chronic condition, so they are taking multiple medications. Are there any problems that can arise?*

Ron: Yes, certain medications can have harmful interactions when taken together. This is why it's important to read labels on all medications, even over-the-counter medications. If you're still unsure, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Some medications used to treat asthma should be used with caution in patients with cardiovascular disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma, and certain food allergies. This is why it's important to tell your doctor your complete medical history, so the proper medication is prescribed without harmful side effects.

Jackie: *What are the benefits of having a Pulmonary Pharmacist?*

Ron: Pulmonary Pharmacists review National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guideline recommendations for the treatment of asthma. We review patient medication profiles, check to see if the medications a patient is taking might adversely affect any medical condition that he or she has, look for duplication of medications and seek other opportunities that can help improve patient outcomes, as well as offer lower-cost options if they're available.

Jackie: *Why do so many people with asthma end up in the emergency room?*

Ron: Patients often stop or decrease their medications when they feel good. People need to take controller medications daily to prevent flare-ups later. Sometimes people overuse their rescue medications, which might be a sign of worsening or uncontrolled asthma. Knowing more about asthma and turning to health pro-

fessionals, like specialist pharmacists, to help you take medications correctly is key.

Jackie: *What if someone can't afford asthma medication?*

Ron: Talking to your doctor and pharmacist about generics may save you money. If you are taking a long-term medication, check with your pharmacy plan for any potential savings you can receive by filling your medications through **Medco By Mail**. Programs like **My Rx Choices**® at www.medco.com have cost-comparison tools that show Medco members how much they can save by choosing a generic drug or ordering their prescriptions through the mail.

Jackie: *What advice do you have for people with asthma?*

Ron: Although asthma is not curable, most patients who follow doctors' recommended treatment can live normal, active lives.

Asthma is one of the nation's most common and costly chronic conditions. The annual direct and indirect healthcare costs of asthma totals approximately \$19.7 billion.² By working closely with her doctor and Pulmonary Pharmacist, Jackie is controlling her asthma. You can, too!

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Ask The Doctor

"Ask The Doctor" column is featured every other month. We hope you've enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net.

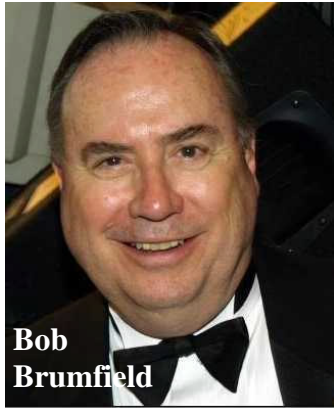
Travel Tips by Bob

This issue of the Travel Tips is dedicated to a few timely reminders:

As of June 1, 2009, the rules have changed for reentry into the USA from Canada and Mexico. You must have a valid passport or a federally approved "enhanced" driver's license. Some states charge a fee to obtain the enhanced license, I know that for Washington

State, the fee is \$15.00. This will probably vary from state to state. The new rules apply to all modes of transportation. Children under 16 years of age can use a birth certificate. For additional details, go to www.getyouhome.gov.

A number of you travel on Southwest Airlines for various reasons. Be aware that they have recently enacted new unaccompanied minors fee of \$25 for ages 5-11. They have also started charging \$50.00 for a third bag or any bag weighing 51 pounds or more. You are still allowed to check two bags without a fee if 50 pounds or less.



**Bob
Brumfield**

This summer may be a good time to travel to Europe as it is predicted that 25% less travelers are planning tours because of the recession. I suggest if you go to Europe that you make London your first stop and return from another city. This is because of the high departure tax when returning to the USA.

The tax, the last time I checked, was \$155.00 for First Class, Business and Companion. Economy Class tax was \$93.00.

Another reason why this summer may be a good time to travel to Europe is because the value of the dollar has risen against the Euro and the Pound. I'm told that restaurants, hotels, tours and clothing stores are begging for customers. Also, if planning a tour to the Orient, the US Dollar is much the same as last year.

Most cruise lines, with the exception of Carnival, have moved out of the Mexican market for various reasons for the short term, with the expectation of returning in the fall. This summer may be a good time to look into a cruise.

At the end of the day, the word is that this summer may be an excellent time to travel as most Hotels are desperate for customers. It's always wise to call in advance and ask about the specials. FYI, I did reserve a room at the Sheraton in Denver in August for a Saturday & Sunday. The Sunday's cost is less than last year. The special bargain was that the Sunday cost was based on the last two digits of the date of my birthday. Just think - if I was born in 1900 it would be FREE. There are many bargains out there – **Go and search for them!**

Happy Traveling,

Bob Brumfield - MrB40@q.com



RUAEA 2009 PHOENIX CONVENTION **ARTS & CRAFTS WINNERS**

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| 1. Kachina Carving | Gail Schiffman |
| 2. Wooden Clock | Margie Klaus |
| 3. Napkin Holder | C. Russo |
| 4. Jewelry Box-White Ginger | Adele Sherman |
| 5. Jewelry Box-UAL Logo | Ron Paluch |
| 6. Jewelry Box-White Rose | Bob Halgren |
| 7. Flower Box | C. Hostetter |
| 8. Flower Box | Dorothy Stroud |
| 9. Jewelry Box | Martha |
| 10. Wood Dish | Helen Cain |
| 11. Bag Tags | Laverne Haubl |
| 12. Necklace | N. Hooper |
| 13. Necklace | Treatie |
| 14. Necklace | Jo Anne Gaudio |
| 15. Necklace | Francis Damaratius |
| 16. Bear | Hafterson |
| 17. Print-Bryce Canyon | Wolfram |
| 18. Fabricated Fish Print | Shirley Robertson |
| 19. Afghan – UAL Logo | Ron Paluch |
| 20. Ceramic Lamp | Donna Kuahn |
| 21. Large Oil Painting | Gail Schiffman |
| 22. Beaded Bracelet | Dolly Ito |
| 23. Beaded Bracelet | Russo |
| 24. Food Mat Runner | Carol O'Keefe |
| 25. Food Mat Runner | Mary Hill |
| 26. Ceramic Candle Holders | Sandy Lis |
| 27. Ceramic Pitcher | Mary Dietel |
| 28. Lamp | Ray Potsie |
| 29. Ceramic Tray | Dorothy Pappas |
| 30. Necklace & Earrings | Dave Sasso |
| 31. Necklace & Earrings | Rita Zarek |
| 32. Christening Outfit | Chambers |
| 33. 2 Aprons | Russo |
| 34. 2 Aprons | Lew Dunning |
| 35. Boy and Girl Dolls | Russ Miller |
| 36. Wood Art Dog | Judy Till |
| 37. Wood Art Raccoons | Bonnie Farber |
| 38. Reversible Afghan | Judy Till |
| 39. Medicine Man Painting | V. Kilkenny |
| 40. Carved Painting | Mary Monson |
| 41. Silver Pendant | G. Hostetter |
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| 46. Silver Pendant | G. Hostetter |
| 47. Vase | LaVerne |
| 48. Napkin Holder | Dolly Ito |
| 49. Shawl | Nancy Goodyear |
| 50. 737 Print | Eline Tillman |
| 51. DC 6 Print | Hank Gosselin |
| 52. DC 4 Print | A. Bertanica |

53. 727 Print
54. Cross Stitch Picture
55. Tote Bag
56. Tote Bag
57. Reversible Tote Bag
58. Scarf
59. Acrylic Painting
60. Quilted Runner
61. Boy and Girl Dolls
62. Prickly Pear Painting
63. Hedge Hog Painting
64. Saguaro Painting
65. Hibiscus Painting
66. South West Painting
67. Ultra Suede Dress
68. Baby Blanket
69. Red Rose Picture
70. Yellow Rose Picture
71. Dish Carrier
72. Tote Bag
73. Jeans - Tote
74. Jeans - Purse
75. Painted Blouse
76. Sun Catcher- UAL
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All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (*Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.



Virgil Gooselaw

There is one exception to the above deadline:

If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by one day for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If

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

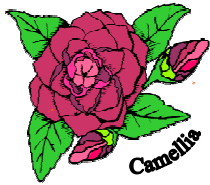
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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26 of our members attended May's RUAEA meeting in Trussville, Alabama at The Mall Cafe. Afterwards, everyone made a stroll around the Trussville Flea Market to find bargains.

Donna Gooch presented her 35-year career story in our "Getting to Know You" session of the program.

Carol Wilbank's mother is in an assisted living facility close to Birmingham, and our June picnic at Herb & Carol's home in Emerald Lakes will be postponed to a later date. June's meeting has therefore been changed and will be held again at The Mall Cafe in Trussville, thanks to **Charlotte Gibson's** great planning.

Word has it that RUAEA's 2010 Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida. Many of our local members will be planning to make this convention and see old friends.

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Summer is almost here and we are experiencing really hot weather early. Soon, our monsoons will start and we hope to get some much needed rain. Our chapter is in the midst of our yearly siesta from monthly meetings and I miss seeing all of you.

I got a call from **Olive Crowthers** on June 4th saying **John** had a heart attack and is recovering in Boswell Hospital. We wish him a safe and quick recovery.

About 20 of our members were able to attend the recent RUAEA convention in downtown Phoenix. Everyone had a great time. It is always so much fun to see old friends and make new friends from around the country. The Re-United's did a great job of putting this convention together. Great entertainment, great food, and great fun!

I did ask a question regarding our medical benefits and they (United and RUAEA officials) assured me that

we are NOT going to lose our current medical benefits. Did you know that you can go online to your Alliant Credit Union banking website and get your credit score? It is updated every 3 months. The PBGC representative assured us that our benefits will be guaranteed far into the future!

It is a shame that more of you could not attend. Maybe next time! The 2010 convention is going to be in Orlando, FL. The resort accommodations will be at the Rosen Center.

On August 29, I have blocked 20 seats at the Arizona Dinner Theatre. The show is the "Taffeta's", and the music should be phenomenal. I am presently collecting names for the show. If you are interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible.

We would like to invite any RUAEA member who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future.

"The important thing in life is not to have a good hand, but to play it well!"

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98th and Bell Roads

July 7

July 21

August 4

August 18

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We hope your summer is going well and that you are enjoying yourselves. Our Chapter continues to meet for our monthly breakfasts at Crackers in Mesa on the fourth Friday during the summer. We won't be having any luncheons until this fall, but we encourage you and any of your guests, to join us. Also, if you are a RUAEA member visiting in our area, we would love to have you join us at any time. More information is available below in the calendar section.

The RUAEA board is contacting past retirees, who have not been a recent member of the organization, by sending them a letter and information about RUAEA, along with a membership application, to encourage them to become members. There may be retirees from United Airlines that aren't familiar with the RUAEA organization. As stated in the Membership Application, *"Its purpose is to help retirees continue, into retirement, the bonds of friendship and fellowship developed during*

their careers and to be a proactive voice of former United Airlines employee's interest, issues and causes. RUAEA has established and will continue to maintain a cordial relationship with United Airlines and will assist United Airlines in communicating information concerning policies, plans, benefits, services and etc. to the members."

If you have any questions concerning our local chapter, the RE-UNITEDS, from the Phoenix Metro area, you can contact any of our officers. Our President is **Jim Brigante**, (480) 443-0031, jbrigante@aol.com; Vice President, **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317, phomfeldt@cox.net; Treasurer, **Jim Zarek**, (480) 288-6685, jzarek1@msn.com, or myself, the Secretary, as listed above. We will be glad to assist you in any way.

Be sure to collect items for the Fantasy Flight over the summer. Items needed are bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. Any items you collect will be very much appreciated. Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, if you have any questions.

July Birthdays are: **Veronica Kundit** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29). Happy Birthday to everyone! We don't have any known Wedding Anniversaries in our chapter this month.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY TO EVERYONE!

Calendar:

July 24 - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net, by the Wednesday before the breakfast.

August 28 - Breakfast

September 25 - Breakfast

October 8 - Luncheon, hosted by **Hank Falk**

October 23 - Breakfast

November 12 - Luncheon, hosted by the **Brigantes**

November 20 - Breakfast

December 8 - Luncheon, hosted by the **Wards**

December 18 - Breakfast

TUCSON

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There was no local luncheon in May as the National Convention was taking place in Phoenix. Although Lyn and I were back in Michigan at the time, we have been

advised that over 400 members were in attendance. Of those, 20 were from the Roadrunner chapter.

Also at the convention, our RUAEA President Ron Robertson has put together information explaining the existence of RUAEA and what we do. This info was mailed to some five thousand retired employees dating back to 2005 in hopes of increasing our membership. The Robertsons also hosted an open house in their suite each evening. Our Roadrunner President **Bill Royle** and his wife **Bonnie** also hosted a cocktail party on Thursday evening. **Chuck Cole** of the Roadrunners is now the Mountain Region Director. **Chuck & Sharon** have been with us several years.

Mary Howard is recovering from very extensive neck and back surgery. She had the operation in Oct. of 2008 and is experiencing a very slow recovery. She said that **Bill** has been a real jewel during her recovery.

Our snow birds have left for the summer so we will expect a smaller luncheon turnout during the next few months.

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse will be the place of our next luncheon on June 18th. The restaurant is located at 4270 N. Oracle Rd. just south of the Tucson Mall. The restaurant opens at 11:00 am and lunch will be served at 11:30. You will order from the Menu. **Pat & Rich Dilallo** will host the luncheon and will need a head count by June 15th. Their phone # is (520) 825-7370.

Calendar:

June 18 - BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Oracle Rd., hosted by **Pat & Rich Dilallo**.

July 16 - Thunder Canyon Brewery

August 20 - Pine Top Country Club

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Our chapter did not meet in May. I was trying to remember how many years I have been attending our chapter and about 8 years seems to be close. During that time, I've been the president and now I've been secretary for several years, but not as long as **Dana Noyes** has been treasurer. I've gotten to know our members, but I only know some of their airline experiences. I gave those who attended our meeting last month a form to fill out giving me their history, so I could get to know where they worked with dates, etc. Some of our mem-

bers had spouses who worked for UAL, but are no longer with us. It would be interesting to know about them also. I got back several responses that I'll be including in the Newsletter when I need something to write.

I received an e-mail from **Dana & Bill Noyes**. They live very close to the Santa Barbara fire that threatened their residence. This has been the third fire in 10 months. They watched the fire from their home and although it was about 10 miles away, they didn't seem too concerned until the wind picked up. The fire started to move in their direction and at 1:00 a.m., they got a call to be ready to evacuate. They packed up a few things and when a second call came in, the fire was only one mile away, however, the fire department told them to stay put. They didn't want 400 seniors out in their cars, in the middle of the night, blocking traffic. Smart decision. They were lucky and never had to leave. **Rosina Harvey, Betty Rupp, and Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** live in the area but we haven't heard how they made out. We should have more details at our next meeting.

The Convention in PHX should be in full swing as I write this. **John Stilwell** and **Bob & Marcia Stanger** attended. Our next meeting will be on June 17th, hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**. At that time, John and Bob will fill us in on news from the convention. As in the past, this should prove very interesting.

Another airline announcement: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."*

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Helen & Curt Follansbee hosted the Brazen Raisins' June meeting.

There was a discussion about airlines today; Delta is the largest airline in America today. Curt reminded us that CEO Pat Patterson had wanted to acquire Delta many years ago, but I never happened. Then a discussion of the Air France crash and it is believed that the "black box" is 76,000 feet under water. Curt advised that the airline industry has improved safety through the years, and there used to be at least one crash per year.

Dick Hayes had brought a video entitled "Soaring through History", a history of United.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Wow! The Phoenix 2009 RUAEA Convention was fun, friendly and fabulous in every way! Thanks to all who worked so hard spending countless hours towards the success of the PHX Convention. Those attending certainly enjoyed each day ... seeing friends from the past, meeting new friends, experiencing the marvelous Friendship Dinner and Saturday Banquet. Representing the Sacramento Gold Diggers at the Correspondents Breakfast meeting was most special to me. It was inspiring to hear **Virgil Gooselaw** conduct the meeting and most enjoyable as each chapter representative told about their group. Amazing, but sitting next to me was **Diane Griego** from the East Bay Diablos. We discovered that we had a mutual friend, **Louise Kuret**. All three of us had worked at SFOCS during similar years. It was also fun getting to know **Cheri Scales** from the SFO/SJC SouthBay Chapter. It was especially interesting to hear of how the idea for SFO Bay Area correspondent **Helen Cain**'s new *"Easy Does It"* monthly article came about ... little did the person from Sacramento know when he sent Helen a letter about one of her recipes he enjoyed so much, that Virgil would pick up on a great idea of something new and interesting for the RUAEA Newsletter. Of course, we all owe Virgil a big "Thank You" doing such a fantastic job as the Newsletter Manager!

The weather in PHX was surprisingly cooler than expected and there were a couple of rain showers. I am happy to say we had 31 representing the Gold Diggers with 26 members and 5 guests. A tradition for our group is to meet for an hour before the Friday night Friendship Dinner in who ever has the largest room. It is our special time for hugs and picture taking. Some like **Art & Pat Rugh**, we only see once a year while at Convention. As the years go by, we hope more of our Gold Diggers will join us each year for the RUAEA Convention ... It is always fun and a special time to be with friends both old and new.

Calendar:

June 24 - Stage Door Café, Magic Circle Theatre, Roseville hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

July 29 - Hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**

Aug. 26 - Hosted by **Velma Stough**

Sept. 30 - A picnic social at Lake Wildwood hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

Oct. 28 - Hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

Dec. 9 - Holiday Social hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

January 2010 - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

February 2010 – Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

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Our June 1st meeting/luncheon was our annual picnic held at the Akin Ranch in Gold Hill. This is an event we all look forward to every year. **Ed Akin** has many acres that are home to his very large John Deere tractor collection. It was our late president's (**Harry Caldwell**) wish that the Sacramento Gold Diggers and the Sierra Round Up groups be invited to this event. We were very pleased to welcome 7 members of the Sierra Round Up and 12 members from the Gold Diggers this year. A total of 65 enjoyed a beautiful day in the foothills. Harry's old band, The Buckboard Bunch, once again provided the music.

Vice President **Jon Somplack** thanked **Ed & Linda Akin** and **Jerry & Suzie Quinnell** for hosting the picnic and Rescue Catering for providing a great lunch. He added that since this was a picnic and the group would rather visit and enjoy the entertainment, the meeting would be very short.

Secretary **Suzie Quinnell** acknowledged the June birthdays, (there were several) and made a comment that the notable anniversary this month is **George & Carolyn Parkinson** (61 years). She added that she was still in diapers when George & Carolyn were getting married. The birthdays and anniversaries were treated to special songs from the band.

Treasure **Dick Czapkay** reported that the treasury balance is looking good.

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** reported on the recent convention. The Hangtown Miners were very well represented with 31 members attending.

RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** also talked about the convention and some of the upcoming changes in the RUAEA by-laws.

Calendar:

July – No meeting.

August - Meeting hosted by **J.R. & Rosemary Heier**.



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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Sunning themselves on the deck at Sausalito's Spinaker Restaurant, thirty-six members and guests enjoyed a wonderful prelude to sitting down to a shrimp Caesar salad served in a private dining room overlooking the Sausalito harbor, sailboats, kayaks, and tugboats. Hosting the event were **Joan Sheahan** and **Joan Olsson**. Guests included **Pat Bresler** (guest of **Corinne Gepert**), **Clem Shanahan** (the **Hagens**), **Fred McCauly** (the **Legnittos**), **Almira Pilgrim** (**Pat Ortega**), **Judy Roque** (**Diana Quinn**) and **Barbara Wullschleger** (**Joan Sheahan**).

Members seemed to approve, by a show of hands, the concept of a RUAEA convention held on a cruise ship at sea. Reporting for the Sunshine Lady was **Joan Olsson** who reported that **Don & Norma Davis** celebrate 28 years of marriage this month. Winner of the birthday lunch of the month was **Joanne Huhn**.

Autobiographer of the month was **Barney Hagen** who told us how he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at 18, flew the faster-than-speed Voodoo airplane, and then later flew for United for 34 years.

Calendar:

July 9 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Nick & Maria van Kruining**

August 13 - Picnic, Armstrong Grove hosted by **Verda Burr** and crew.

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

Re-LAX-ers

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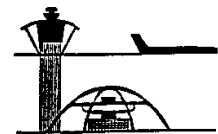
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Our dear friend and long time fellow traveler, **Lois Bowns**, slowly sailed into her last trip on Saturday, May 9. Lois had been fading for well over a year and finally just went to sleep. Her friend, **Esther Barker**, who so patiently and faithfully visited her ever since she moved to the assisted living facility, advises that for quite some time, Lois had lost track of her memory of friends and good times and just became weaker and weaker. We remember Lois for her enthusiasm about everywhere she

went. I can recall our being on tours all over the world and Lois saying, "*Oh, isn't this wonderful? Wouldn't you love to live here?*" She expressed the same pleasure with her new home at the Villa. Lois spent her entire career with UA in L.A. reservations and retired (in the early 80s) from her job as the top agent on the phones with travel agencies, many of whom remained her friend for years. She would have been 88 next month. She was cremated and her ashes scattered at sea. Condolences can be sent to her cousin, Lynn Ironside at 7030 S.W. Barnes Ct., Portland, OR 97225 and to her very dear friend Esther Barker, 1001 E. California Ave. #12A, Glendale, CA 91206-3822, (818) 241-0650.

Betty Buckingham, another of our favorite ladies passed away late in April. Betty's career with UA was as a flight attendant. I cannot recall when she retired, but I know she was a regular attendee at ReLAXers meetings for quite some time until quite recently, and will be missed by us all. Condolences can be sent to **Mabel Husely**, 700 Comanche Dr., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273.

An email from **Joan Welzenbach** has worked its way around the LAX folks - but in case you haven't received it (or aren't "wired") - she tells us that **Lu McGill** forwarded the latest about **Marilyn Maxwell** (retired from LAXTO - Disneyland Ticket Office in '84). She lives with her daughter, Gail, in FL. Marilyn was diagnosed with lung and liver cancer in about mid-May. Lu was waiting (as of about 5/25) to hear from Gail if she should go to FL to visit Marilyn before she passes on. If any of you would like to speak to Lu, call (858) 549-1250, or Gail at (321) 255-4796. All of the LAXTO folks fondly remember Marilyn - our flaming crazy redhead who could read a weather report and have us in stitches. The world needs more people like that - let's all say some prayers for Marilyn.

Joann & Jan Butler who were ReLAXers members (retired from LAXCS & FF) until about 3½ years ago when they had to move to Iowa - they're about 40 miles from DSM. Their move was to care for Joann's dad. Nearly a year ago, he had to be moved to a nursing home, then was under Hospice care. She sent me an email to say that he passed away on 5/6 at 98 yrs, 2mo. & 19days. I don't have her address, but their email is Janjo13099@aol.com so you can contact her for her address.

A number of our members have been hit with spring ailments. Very bad colds caught the **Horompolys** and **Barbara Schuster**. **Pete Schuster** struggled through a bout of pneumonia, and **Howard Lackey** is still raspy sounding with an unbelievably long bout of laryngitis.

A year or so back, one of our favorite shopping spots was the Mainliner Club store in the old air freight building. We no longer have access to the store as it is now "airside" of security. So, our store managers, Mark

and Chris, are very welcome attendees at the ReLAXers meetings, bringing a variety of UA logo merchandise. They also keep us up to date on the Mainline Club bus tours including the annual 3-bus-tour fun tour to Laughlin. For tour info, contact Mark Stanley, P.O. Box 881149, LA, CA 90009. Other news about **Pete & Barbara Schuster** - they missed the 6/4 luncheon because en route, they were in a bad auto accident. Barb was in the hospital for a bit with facial injury due to her hands being between her face and the airbag. Ouch! We're hoping it will all heal quickly. Don't know if the car will heal or not.

I forgot to mention last month about our "gift" at the April meeting from **Harry Takaki**. At each table setting was a very nice pen labeled "RE-LAX-ERS UAL RETIREE". We all thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness, Harry. Secretary **Donna Klobe** advises she has a few left on hand, so contact her if you'd like one, (310) 306-7415.

Those of us who went to the RUAEA convention in PHX enjoyed the week very much. A few days earlier, the temperature had been 107 degrees, but by Wed., it cooled to around 90 (*but it's a dry heat!*). The tours were excellent, according to all the reports I heard. On the Thursday tour to Sedona, it was overcast, cool and we Californians, loved the nice shower (everyone knows "*it never rains in Southern California*"). Friday was overcast and comfy. After attending the Correspondent's breakfast (which means we dedicated correspondents miss out on Friday tours), **Helen Cain** (of the SFO RUAEA) and I did our own tour and took the new PHX Metro to the Desert Botanical Gardens to see the Chihuly blown glass display. Throughout the gardens, displays of 10ft or more brilliantly colored blown glass spears and shapes were among the giant saguaro and other cacti - unbelievable, spectacular, awesome, and breathtaking - well - we enjoyed it! Helen bought out the gift shop, I bought postcards. Several others made that trip and really enjoyed it. One of the ReLAXers convention attendees was **David Finkelstein** who announced they are going to the Grand Canyon again after the convention. You may recall, David is the one who drove on *the very bad road* I advised to avoid en route to the Glass Bridge, only to end up totally stuck along *the very bad road*. This time they'll go to Grand Canyon Village and take the train from Williams. Smart!

Many ReLAXers had to forego the convention for important family gatherings, graduations, reunions, weddings, etc. Next year, start planning now to make sure you can make it to Orlando. Did ya know? The 1982 convention was held in Orlando - even before I retired! So this is a new trip for just about all of us - do plan ahead and plan to attend.

Other reminders -- **Parking** at LAX is still a great buy - no price change. I'll pick it up for you, just call or

email. Allow time for mailing and for my possibly being away when you want it picked up. **Fantasy Flight** - Volunteers always needed. For details, call **Laly Savoy** (310) 225-2553. It's early in December - I can't find my notes with the dates. **USO Lounge** at LAX never closes. If you're a veteran and are stuck at LAX, you are welcome to spend your time there - just north of, across Central Way, from Theme Bldg, and across World Way from area between T1 and T2. Snacks, TVs, computers, recliners, pillows and blankies, books & magazines - all free (**BUT** - a generous donation is most welcome!)

Calendar

August 6 - Steak fry in El Segundo Park. Book soon as flyer arrives - attendance limited. Please contact Donna at (310) 306-7415 to volunteer to set-up, clean-up and serve, BBQ steaks, supply cookies and other side-dishes. Bring your own steak knife.

October 8 - Luncheon at Proud Bird Restaurant

October 10 - LAXRR Reunion at Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo 11am-4pm Contact **Jim Ferrance** at 310-837-4695 or resrat@aol.com

December 3 - Christmas Luncheon, bring gifts for our charity's kids at Proud Bird (not on Q.M.)



GOLDEN GATERS **SFO - BAY AREA**

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There used to be an old song entitled, "*There'll Be A Hot Time In The Old Town Tonight*" and I think perhaps this peppy number might have been dedicated to Phoenix! Despite temperatures in the 100's, the 400+ of us UAL retirees present were definitely **warmed** by the kind and hard-working hearts and hands of our **Phoenix** Convention 2009 hosts. Surprise treats musically speaking were Willie Nelson-sound-alike **Ken Willis**, modern western tunes by **The Needham Twins**, rock and roll by **Old Dog New Tricks**, and the beautiful southwestern music and costuming of the **Mariachi Mexico Nuevo**. The music alone which was served up during this great get-together had something for everyone and we thank you very, very much Phoenix Convention planners and workers. And of course, a real coup was to feature **Sheriff Joe Arpaio** as our Friday night speaker ... quite a man!

The best part of all of our Conventions is that you can smile at faces you remember but can't recall the accompanying names ... and they smile back. We're still family, no matter what.

In addition to the fun tours offered by our Conven-

tion planners, I must rave over a particularly enjoyable afternoon spent by myself and **LAX** roommate **Barbara Smith**. We caught the new and very efficient light rail system and toured the **Papago Park Desert Botanical Garden** on our own. There were acres of beautiful and unusual cactus and our eyes could barely take in the absolutely fabulous and innovative glass sculptures of famed artist **Dale Chihuly** displayed everywhere. These hundreds of spectacular works of glass were to depart for other indoor and outdoor museums on May 31st. Thanks for the great timing, **Phoenix**!

A number of beautiful donations to the Convention's Arts and Crafts Raffle were generously hand-crafted and sent by our members, **Walt Kina** and **Bob Taiclet**. Many thanks, fellows ... you always make us look good! (This writer donated a hand-painted denim blouse.)

Now back to the real world: Our June "**Golden Gaters**" General meeting will be held on Monday, June 22 and will have a patriotic theme. So attendees, just for fun, please wear red, white and blue if you are able. There will be no potluck but instead, an All-American hot dog lunch with extras will be served. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time from one of the Auditors. (You may bring your own lunch, of course, if you so desire.)

Our chapter is always appreciative of the kindness of **Jim & Helen Goodwine** who frequently give us **Giants** baseball tickets to raffle off for our Charity fund. They did it again in May; thanks, folks!

At the time of this writing, we have been very fortunate, health-wise. Everybody seems to be home from hospitals and "hanging in there".

As for tours, our super-duper International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is presently working on a Fall season 2010 trip to **Oberammergau, Germany** to see the "Passion Play", only performed once every 10 years. Also coming up is an April 12-19, 2010 **Dubai (Persian Gulf)** cruise. If you are interested, please contact **Ginger** ASAP (Now! Now! Now!). Her email is: gingersfo@aol.com or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Mainliner Club rep **Jerry Underhill** is again reminding you that **Bingo** games at the Burlingame Union Hall will not resume until September. The annual **Mainliner** picnic is on Saturday, July 18 at **Great America**. Also available is a campout in **Gilroy** from August 28-30. It only gets better: A **Reno** bus trip October 16-18. Contact the **Mainliner Club** at (650) 634-4158 or **Bob** at (650) 799-7577.

We know it's early, but we would like to remind you that we **do not** have a General Meeting in **September**. Instead, mark your calendars for our annual picnic at **Flood Park** on Monday, September 28, 215 Bay Road in **Menlo Park**, CA 94025-1730. You may purchase your tickets from our Auditors now and please

note, this year it has become necessary to add an extra charge for non-member guests. Another note: we have a Sign-Up List just waiting for those members who can and will help carry out various duties at the picnic. Please check this out before you leave our next meeting.

Personally Speaking: Dummy me (so don't you do it): Instead of using a black felt tip marker to write a title on a CD, I put on a paper label. This caught in the CD mechanism and destroyed the unit. **On sale** at an audio store, the least expensive replacement cost \$63.00. Unless you have money to burn, take heed.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday (except for September & December), 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.

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

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We had a very busy May. First, we were treated to a Karate demonstration for senior self defense by Master John Ozuna and several of his students. It was so informative and we all learned several things we can do to make us safer. Master Ozuna of K O Kung Fu Karate, is offering our group one free lesson. Call President **Dave Saso** (408) 266-9347.

We had two guest speakers this month. Jeff Scales, a loss prevention investigator for Safeway, gave a very informative talk about how to keep ourselves and our valuables safe while shopping. He made us very aware of how a team of pickpockets work and that older ladies are the preferred target of these crooks. Our second guest was Peggy Bulger of Belmont Village Assisted Living, who gave us information on her facility. It was very interesting to learn about the apartments and the social activities that they offer. They also have medical staff that can assist their residents. The highlight of this month was the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix.

The Officers of RUAEA and the members of Phoenix Azures, Phoenix Re-United and Clipped Wings who organized this wonderful event deserve a big THANK YOU from all of us who attended. From arrival to departure, everything was beautifully organized and everyone was welcoming and helpful. We all had great time eating (Steve's Greenhouse Grill across the street from the Hyatt, YUM!) and just talking with old and new friends from RUAEA. The Hyatt Regency is a great

hotel and the staff was wonderful. A special thanks to the people who man the concierge desk for helping with everything from Tee times to listing for flights.

Our next "LADIES ONLY" will be held on August 13, 2009. **Sally Urso** and **Margie Klaus** will be hosting the event and it will be at Sally's home. Flyers will be passed out soon. Please call Sally for more info. (408) 264-8580.

Our Fall luncheon will be held on September 30, 2009 at Faultline Brewing, 1235 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale. **Zeima Kibler-Rosenthal** and **Cheri Scales** are hosting. We hope to make this a different and entertaining event. We will have a flyer out about 2 months before the date. We will be mailing them to anyone who does not regularly attend.

Our May list of members who have been "GROUNDED DUE TO A MECHANICAL PROBLEM" are: **Vi Mattscheck**, **Alice Shelton**, **Vie & Elaine Kristen** and **Garver Sandy**. Someone told me that **Gerry Frisch** is getting ready to take off soon. All of them would appreciate your calls, cards and prayers.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

August 13 - "Ladies Only" Luncheon, hosted by **Sally Urso**, (408) 264-8580.

September 30 - Fall Luncheon Please call **Zeima Kibler-Rosenthal** at (408) 734-3043.



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Our group got together in Salida at the Perkos Restaurant and we had a wonderful luncheon/meeting and a good time, as always. This luncheon was hosted by **Rudy & Elma Reyna** and they did a great job. They had originally reserved a Mexican Restaurant in Ripon. But 2 weeks before our scheduled meeting, the restaurant went out of business and closed due to the bad economy. So Rudy & Elma had to scramble around to find another location. They did and all was well. They also held a raffle and most of the prizes were Ghirardelli chocolates, among a few other items, and who doesn't love chocolate. Lucky me, I won a bag of chocolates and they are so delicious (but loaded with calories).

We have some good news to report. We now have

a Vice President and we are all very happy that **Bobby Wood** accepted this very important position and has joined the ranks of officers in our chapter. Thank you and congratulations Bobby. And we all know you will do a great job!

We had several guests with us. **Evelyn Price** attended the luncheon and she brought her guest **Blanche Tardif**. **MaryAnne Lovelace** and **Tim Taylor**, good friends of **Rosie & Jack**, were also guests.

Joan Verbaere announced the names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May. And we have a milestone to share with you. **Darrell & Jane Silvers** were celebrating 68 years of marriage on May 28th; wow, that's a long time! Congratulations to both of you.

Once again, I want to remind everyone about the UAL Maintenance Get-together in Minden, Nevada. This is the 7th annual gathering and a fun time to see old friends and co-workers and make new friends. The reunion will be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada on August 21, 22, and 23. **Jack Raynor** and **Larry Nagley** are setting this up and it is a fun time to see old friends and coworkers and make new friends. Jack and I will be there as we have attended the last 6 gatherings and we have had a great time. We hope to see you all there.

The San Joaquin Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in various locations. If you have any questions, please call our president, **Joan Verbaere**, at (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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Our May meeting was held on the 11th with 26 members and guests present. We again had a new menu which was well received.

Most of our regulars were back (yeah!). Nice to see our Res. group at their usual table. Also wonderful to see **Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth**. They are both recovering well from surgeries.

We had a guest from Albuquerque, **Cathy Pedregon** (Diane's sister-in-law).

Ed Bingle celebrated his 93rd birthday this week and **Hoagy** celebrated his 75th. **Diane** (me) and **Judy Parent-Smith** also have birthdays this week, but I'm not telling which one!

Howard Payne advised us all our new routes.

Our next meeting will be our annual BBQ and pic-

nic at the same location. Pleasant Hill Park - 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

Calendar:

July - No meeting

August 10 - Meeting

September 14 - Meeting

October 12 - Meeting

November 9 - Meeting

December 14 - Toys for Tots collection & Christmas party.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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Submitted by Laura Coats.

The monthly Saturday breakfast is normally held at the DENTK cafeteria but due to a change in the catering vendor, it was moved to the Country Buffet. We anticipate that next month's breakfast will be back at DENTK. We had a good showing with 48 in attendance. This Saturday, being June 6th and the 65th D-Day anniversary, our WWII vets were acknowledged and thanked.

As **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** were in Germany, **Harriet Ahr** and **Laura Coats** took charge of the gathering and did a splendid job.

It was great to see **Mel Conine**, who has been shut in for a few months due to a fall. We especially thank his daughter Connie for bringing him. We always encourage folks to bring guests and normally we have some in attendance. This breakfast was no exception. **Marilyn Harkins** brought a guest, **Michelle**. **Dottie Chin**, and **Tori Chin**, **Dick Magee's** daughter and granddaughter; **Sharon Floyd Ahr** and **Susie Hatcher**, all guests of **Harriet Ahr**. **Dianne Adkins**, **Deniece Morris**, and her son **Trent** were guests of **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**. **Tom Ahern** was a guest of **Vic Andreatta** and **Randy & Doris McDonald** were guests of **Ruth Marston**. Doris is Ruth's sister. To all our guests, we say "Come on back"; we enjoy having you!

Harriet announced that **Fred Tear** passed away May 6 at 78 years old. Fred was in Ramp Service. His wife **Lori** from Customers Service passed away 3

months earlier. **Ernest Clark** (DENMM) passed away on June 1; cards can be sent to his wife **Camille** at 19540 195th Ave., Hudson, CO 80642. **Dallas Mortensen** recently passed away and cards can be sent to his wife **Marilyn**, 2519 W. 109th Ave, Westminster, CO 80234. We also learned of the loss of **Bud Carmicheal**, husband of **Jean** from DENTK.

Harriet also mentioned that Aramark is the new catering vendor for the DENTK cafeteria and that we can still get new retiree badges and the old ones renewed at the DENTK "F" building. **Walt & Vee Hansen** are leaving to visit family and friends in OR, WA, WY and returning to CO in September. Have fun!

The summer picnic will be at Blossoms; the date will be announced later. The Christmas party will be at the Holiday Inn Select, on Colorado Blvd, Dec 7th.

Before Tom and Nancy left for Germany, Tom submitted the following report on the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix and requested that it be part of the Denver Mile Highers column:

*"There were 414 in attendance at the Phoenix Convention. The Mile Highers Chapter was very well represented with 21 attendees. They were **Irma Atanasio, Carol Bare, Laura Coats, Dolores Cooreman, Burton & Mary Dietel, Tom & Nancy Goodyear, Virgil & Martha Gooselaw, Marilyn Hansen, Earl Horner, Carol Longbella, Dixie McCay, Donna Miller, Hank Cook, Wayne Sableman, Curt & Linette Stenberg, and Howard & Terry Tress.***

The entertainment was great! Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the one that has the "Tent City" and has all of his prisoners wearing pink underwear, was the guest speaker. Very interesting to say the least! There was excellent entertainment in the Hospitality room every night and everyone had a great time.

*The oldest and probably the most consistent convention attendee, **Harold Weary** from Chicago was there. Harold turned 100 last October and has missed only one or two conventions. Harold, his daughter Joyce, son Ron, and Ron's wife Marlys, sat with Tom & Nancy Goodyear at the Friendship Dinner. The President elect, **Ron Jersey** of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) and the President of Clipped Wings, **Pam Troutman Ziebarth**, also attended the convention.*

*Four ladies from The UAHF displayed the following vintage uniforms: **Laura Coats** wore the Mechanics blue overalls with the name "Charlie", **Nancy Goodyear** dressed in a customer service uniform, **Nancy Hooper** and **Terry Tress** were in Inflight Hawaiian muumuus. They were all a big hit!*

On the return trip to Denver, Tom and Nancy Goodyear, had a car accident, but thankfully, there were no injuries, only damage to the car. Two days after arriving home, they were on their way to Germany."

The next breakfast will be on July 4th at TK at 9AM.

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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We had our breakfast meeting at The Village Inn on May 18 with 8 members present. We voted to change the time and place for our meetings. **The NEW time is 11:30 AM on the same third Monday and the NEW place is Giuseppe's Depot Restaurant at 10 S. Sierra Madre St. near downtown Colorado Springs, CO.** Donations were accepted for a postcard mailing to those without e-mail.

Members **Scott & Sandy Ford** returned from a vacation, **Chuck Turner & Carole Kowalski** returned from their winter quarters in Tucson, AZ. **Chuck Stuller** and family just returned from an easy round trip Denver to Bozeman, MT to visit their grandkids. **Warren & Noria Gerig** spent some time in their London flat and **Fran Austin** is arranging for Mrs. **Pat Patterson Dudley** to speak at our picnic again this year. **Rick Broome** is handling the media promotion and site set-up.

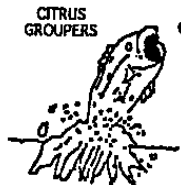
Calendar:

June 15- Regular lunch meeting, 11:30AM
July 20 – Regular lunch meeting, 11:30AM
August/September – Summer Picnic

FLORIDA

THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS

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A group of 29 attended the May 28th meeting at the Golden Corral in the Villages. President **Jerry Bell** announced the group will not disband over the summer. Everyone agreed that even though the "snow birds" are away, those remaining will carry on and meet June, July, and August and through the end of the year, and on, and on, we hope.

A few new faces appeared at our recent meeting and we hope to see them again soon. They are: **Darlene Eikoos**, Corporate Security and her husband **Stan**; and **Mary Ann**, JFKCS and **Dick Elick**, LGAOZ; and **Carol Christenson**, Chicago Reservations – Welcome!

Terry Davis participated in the Mesquite, Nevada Golf Tournament with about 80 other UAL retirees, and she came in 5th, congratulations!

Jerry Bell asked for a show of hands of those that would be in favor of a RUAEA Convention Cruise in the future and most everyone was in favor of that possibility. A discussion ensued regarding a cruise with other local Florida retirees. The RUAEA Convention will be held in Orlando in 2010 and our group is looking forward to participating in that event.

A Christmas party is in the works, we'll keep you posted.

Wedding Anniversaries: **Richard & Judith Whitmore** (May 4), **Earl & Grace Close** (April 28), **Russel & Lois O'Hara** (May 10).

Birthday Celebrations: **Bob Anderson** (April), **Jerry Bell** (May 11), **Carol Bell** (April 18), **Isabel Buchanan** (May 14), **Louis Brandonisio** (May 4), **Judith Brinnitzer** (May 4), **Claus Brinnitzer** (April 21), **Jim Dickinson** (April 3), **Joy Hernandez**, **Don Nellans** (April 11), **Jack Spalding** (April 21), **Irene Warner** (April 27), **Bill Wimmer** (April 4), **Maxine Wood** (April 27). Hope we didn't miss anybody.

Ralph Nardone is doing well after his recent operation. **Paul Wiczorkowski** is "under the weather" and we wish him well. We had two 50/50 winners and a lot of good discussion.

Calendar:

June 25 - Golden Corral, The Villages, 11:30 A.M., Private Room

THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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After a great lunch was enjoyed by all, Regional Director **Paul Brown** and yours truly took the floor to talk about the PHX Convention. There were over 450 RUAEA folks there this year and they all learned that the 2010 Convention will be held in MCO on May 23-30, 2010! Based on the applause and yeahs from the crowd, a great time is expected by all! Paul learned that the PBGC will be sending Determination Letters to all by year end and I found out that the SEA Travel Desk is a good tool for Skynet help.

There are roughly 55 RUAEA Chapters nationwide and all the members will be receiving an informational brochure in the mail soon. Share it with someone who hasn't joined yet!

Our own **Matt McNeill** is in need of extra-special prayers and get-well wishes.

Happy Birthday to **Rich Llewellyn** on 6/11, **Ernie Vosges** on 6/14 and **Linda Agnello** on 6/20. And Happy Anniversary wishes go out to these special folks – **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** on June 5th and **Joe & Barbara Fitak** on June 24th! And belated Congrats to **Gene & JoAnn Hall** who celebrated 52 years on May 23rd and JoAnn's birthday too!

As is often the case, President Rich ended the meeting with a couple of great jokes!

Stan Halterman's traveling opportunities include: November 7-15, 2009 – Branson, MO - 9days/8nights @ \$803.00. We have brochures! Make your deposit of \$75 by mid-June. Contact Stan at (407) 852-6773.

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.

August 5 – Luncheon Meeting

September 2 – Luncheon Meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights

July 15 – We will meet at 4:30pm at Miller's Ale House on So. Semoran Blvd.

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Three ladies from the Pelican Drop-Ins had a delightful breakfast together at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on Friday, June 5th. They had lots to discuss and had a great gals' gab fest. **Bea McCarthy** had just returned from an interesting Elderhostel in California. **Nancy Kopp** bought a foreclosure house in North Fort Myers which her sons are rehabbing for her. **Joan Gilkison** is leaving for a couple of weeks' vacation on the Outer Banks of NC with her family.

Lolita & Fred Bauer, long time members, have moved to a retirement villa in North Carolina. They will be closer to their daughter. On April 22nd, they celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Our next breakfast get together will be at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on July 3rd.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

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

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

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The June 1st meeting was held at Tiffany's Restaurant with 29 members and 3 guests and a guest speaker. Guests were **Nancy Anderson** (retired EWRSW), **Harold & Jenni Rich** (Jenni retired IADCS). The guest speaker was David Mikalik of the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit, he spoke on things that a person could do to prevent crimes. It was a very interesting talk.

Birthdays - **Pat Brown** (6/7), **Harold Judd** (83 yrs. young on 6/15) and **Lillian Sawyer** (6/22).

Anniversary - **John & Barbara Riecss** (50 yrs. on 6/27).

Travel - **Dave & Carolyn Lodge** by automobile to Joliet IL. **Terri Breslin** traveled to PVD on a paid ticket. She remarked on how rude the passengers were.

It was decided that a group would be attending the Aug. 22 Clearwater Thresher Game (PHL Farm Team).

Committee reports - **Jim Hottel** suggested that we remain at Anderson Park for the Oct 5 picnic. Jim and Pat visited Starkey Park and advised that it only had 1 pavilion that would accommodate us. **Jean Linahan** stated that dues were due July 1st and she would be accepting them now. **Terri Breslin** said that the Christmas Luncheon would be held on Dec. 7 at The Spartan Manor and gave the Sunshine report. A sympathy card was sent to **Denise Allen**, whose husband **Buddy** passed away May 6, and **Beverly Alderdice**, whose brother-in-law passed away May 31. Get well cards went out to **Ann Hollowed**, **Wilma Brown**, **Sadie Tuten** and **Shirley Eppard**, all of whom have been under the weather.

Jon Wilkenson spoke of United's reliability, the recall of several mechanics and various items regarding maintenance. Someone mentioned the large raise for Glenn Tilton.

President Lindstrom wished all of the fathers A Happy Father's Day. Also wished everyone a Happy Flag Day and 4th of July.

All business transacted, it was moved to close the meeting and have lunch.

Calendar:

July 6 - Tiffany's, 10:30AM

August 3 - Tiffany's, 10:30AM



TREASURE COAST

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Well, after a round of applause again at exactly 12:25PM, I greeted a total of 18 members and one guest who was invited by me and we all had the pleasure of her company a few months ago. Her name is **Claire Mainville** and she is one of my Mahjongg, luncheon, dinner buddies from the Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club.

President **Al Popek** and wife **Janice** returned from the trip to the West Coast safely and that meat tenderizer was used plenty this day. By 1PM, our lunch orders were all taken and the business part of the meeting began with wishes for **Celina Xifaras** who's recovering from a recent heart attack. She and **Constantinos** have had their health problems and are hopefully now on their way to full recoveries.

Since we had to pass the one day gambling, we voted on all going and car pooling to The Isles Casino on June 17 and will meet at 11AM at the Casino. We will let you all know how we made out, surely most of us will be donating to the Casino, but you never know. The 50/50 was won by **Diane Liebisch** and the progressive was won by absent **Bill Nehls**. Now mind you, **Jane & Frank Wise** who usually win were present and did not win, I guess for some reason their absence makes them lucky! We would much rather have them in attendance than winning. Huh!

For some of you that knew and worked with **Mary O'Prey** in Rockleigh, New Jersey, you will not want to know what I am about to say. I was sent emails from her husband **Richard** giving me up updates on her health issues right after she was admitted to the hospital. It seems they were trying to set her up for a liver transplant but unfortunately her kidneys shut down and then everything started to shut down. She passed away with all her family at her bedside on Saturday May 30 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Life is so very precious.

We covered a few other topics and then adjourned the meeting and lunch was served. As usual we all enjoyed the meal and all admitted that we had made a good decision coming to Mulligan's.

For those members that just don't seem to be able to make our meeting, please try and join us in September, since we will not have meetings in July and August. Have a healthy, happy summer and hope to see you all then.

On the lighter side:

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars:

The first worm was put into a jar with alcohol.

The second worm was put into a Jar with cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a jar of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a jar of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - Died

The second worm in cigarette smoke - Died

The third worm in the chocolate syrup - Died

The fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive

So the Minister asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration?

A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms"!

Don't you just love little old ladies?

Calendar:

June & August – No meeting

September 1 - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

October 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Rick Dempsey welcomed all, on a beautiful summer day. He then called attention to **Ned Yundt's** gracious invitation for us to attend a Fourth of July picnic at her daughter's home, starting at 1:00 p.m. on (what else?) July 4. What will we be celebrating? You are right again – it's the 233rd birthday of the USA.

To show your independence, you are asked to bring your own food, drink, plate, and utensils. A BBQ will be provided for those who wish to cook such picnic favorites as hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, rib-eye steaks, etc. The address is 12080 Florida Dr., Boise. Going south on S. Cloverdale, & just before W. Overland, turn left on Florida Drive. Going north on Cloverdale, proceed across Overland, and turn right onto Florida Dr. 12080 is straight ahead, as you turn onto Florida Dr.

Dave Adams announced that he would be driving a tour bus to Glenn's Ferry to attend the Melodrama there on Aug. 1. GEMs are welcome. Total charge: \$30 p.p. If interested, give Dave a call on 344-6897, or email him dadams208@aol.com

Marilyn Taylor & daughter **Sharon**, spent four delightful days together in PDX, before attending the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix. They said they had a great time at the Convention, taking in 2 of the tours, & explaining that "the early hours for tours were the best, & well worth it." Said Marilyn, "Beautiful country; first time there."

Gloria Trotter also attended the Convention, which she describes as "Wonderful, enjoyable, and yet sad. "My friend Eddy couldn't get out of Chicago, after trying for 2 days. All flights were overbooked."

Rick & Shirley Dempsey spent Mother's Day with their daughter in Windsor, CA. Rick explained, "Before driving back to Idaho, we loaded up the car with purchases at Trader Joe's. Next week we will have a friend from Petaluma, CA visit us. Shirley is riding back to CA with Kris; she will stay with her daughter while there."

It was good to see **Al Burkhart** again, after too many absences, & to compare notes on the disadvantages of aging. (For my part, I hesitate to go to doctors anymore. They always find something new for me to worry about, & they keep reminding me that old age is clearly not for sissies, to which I agree wholeheartedly.)

Calendar:

July 6 - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

August 3 - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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Twenty one Northside and Southside Skyliners started May by joining the Loonies in Red Wing, MN. Our Loonies included **Ginny & Frank Vlach**, **Mary Szabo**, **Norm Pearson**, **Jacque & Jim Sontheimer**,

Carol & Bob Faust, Marge Daily, Bob Jacobson, Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo, MaryKay & Gil Wojtal, Mary & Carlyle Brandt, Esther & Al Broderson, Jan Gawenda, Bob Brainard & Jim White. Our hosts, **Diane & Lee Storlie** first educated everyone with tours of how Red Wing shoes are made, how Red Wing pottery is casted and fired, how harps are made along with a mini concert and a visit to the Treasure Island Casino. The fabulous meal at the casino was worth any loss at the machines and the meals at Applebee's and the St. James hotel were net gains for the food and service we received. The prize for distance traveled belonged to **Martha & Virgil Gooselaw** who flew in from Colorado. My only disappointment was not witnessing any Northern Lights. I couldn't even find a post card of these beautiful skies. I believe the next Loonie outing will be in October in Door County, WI.

Tina Acoba's grandson Patrick who delights all with his high fives had a little attention to share with six month old Leo, grandson of **Elena & Cesar Guerra.**

We welcomed back **Helen & Tony Stefanos** after a long absence. Also joining us was **Becky [ORDOO] & Craig [OPBVV] Johnson,** and **Linda [ORDSW] & Don [ORDOO] Alberts.** **Pat & Ron Artman** brought **Ellen & Ken Thiede** along for a breakfast tryout. We hope all of you keep the second Wednesday open for another trip. Our **Jan Gawenda** attended a reception at the Daley Center in Chicago for being named the best election judge in Elk Grove Village.

Jim Somerfield's wife is retiring in June after 22 years from School District 54, but not soon enough to join Jim at the convention. He also plans to visit son Jeff in Scottsdale. Also planning a trip to Arizona is **Al Rus** for his grandson's high school graduation and his granddaughter's eighth birthday.

Ben Agana had surgery, and cards would cheer him up at 460 Ambleside, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

On a sadder note, a friend of many, **Ken Goetz** left us for the promised life. Condolences to wife **Gloria** and family may be sent to 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL 60118.

Only one Skyliner bridal couple in June, **Joan & Jim Lyckberg** with 51 years done and more to go.

Southside breakfast had 21 which included one new member, **Barbara Wesemann** who retired after 47 years in Accounting. She graciously picked the 1st winning ticket for my **Al Broderson.** He in turn picked the next winner for buddy **Carlyle Brandt.** Lucky third and fourth winners were **Bill Brookins** and **Sylvester Gant.** Southsider **Rudi Maki** was the only one who reported so far on the convention. Dancing was a new banquet feature which delighted twinkle toes **Rudi.** **Rich Surma** was kept busy snapping pictures besides showing videos with fireworks and highlighting next year's convention in Orlando, Florida.

This morning had a disturbing E-Mail from **Elaine Brown Ptak** advising old friend **Linda Ott** died about four years ago. We had lost touch when she moved to Texas where her husband in the Military was stationed. The last address I had for John was 2216 Chisum Trail, Rockwell, TX 75032. Linda and I shared many bus trips from the south side when EXO moved to Elk Grove.

A great time was had by all at the Phoenix Convention in May. Each evening, the Arts & Crafts room was filled with many faces enjoying the Cowboy and Southwestern night music serenading the people. People were enjoying old friendship and catching up on news from their friends and families.

There were many door and raffle prizes this year with winners going home with some nicely crafted gifts that were donated from retirees from all over the system.

The mood for the two dinner evenings was festive and amiable; the meals were unanimously tasty, elegantly prepared and won the raves of many of the attendees.

At the Friendship Dinner on Friday, a special little boy, 10-year old singing phenom Rio Chavez, sang our National Anthem to begin the opening of the convention ceremonies and the evening's entertainment. When **Hank Gosselin** announced Orlando, Florida, as the location for next years' convention, Rio and another youngster, Patrick, randomly gave out Mickey Mouse balloons to the ladies in the audience. Earlier in the day, Patrick had "earned" his gold wings on an inbound United flight to attend the convention with his grandparents.

On Saturday evening prior to dinner, a special music-video presentation was shown featuring the song "God Bless America" that included scenes of the United States. What a moving tribute it was when the audience stood and joined in singing. In fact, all the video presentations throughout the dinners were quite unique and truly a highlight that everyone enjoyed.

I am sure many are looking forward to another exciting RUAEA Convention next year in Orlando. It will give those in attendance a chance to relive those childhood memories and days of yesteryear with the Disney characters. See you in 2010!

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**July 28 & August 25**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**July 8 & August 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**July 7 & August 4**).

July 27 - Picnic - Chandlers Country Club, 401 N. Roosevelt Rd., Schaumburg.

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There were approximately 500 retirees attending the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix. We had a very good representation from our group with the following members attending, as well as yours truly: **Marge Daily, Bob Jacobson, Irene Miller, Carol & Bob Faust.** The Snowbirds that drove in from Tucson were **Muriel & Ken Bergsma** and **Phyllis & Ray Potsic.**

We did not have triple digit weather for most of the week as the climate was very pleasant with temps in the low 90's and some light rain.

A big selection of tours kept members busy with one of the highlights being the Chihuly Glass Sculpture Exhibit at the Desert Botanical Garden.

The Hospitality room was very active with a big selection of Arts & Crafts for raffle. The Clipped Wings had a desk with jewelry and airplane design scarves and ties for sale. The UAL Historical Foundation (UAHF) desk had information and handouts of pins, key chains and airplane cards.

The two dinners were outstanding with delicious meals and entertainment which had retirees dancing the night away.

The Business & Benefits meetings were very important and informative with handouts from some of the various groups represented and ended with dozens of door prizes to win.

The big news was the next Convention being held in Orlando, Florida in 2010 at the Rosen Center Resort the week of May 23rd.

There is consideration of a future convention being on a cruise ship which would be different and sounds like fun.

While flights were full, stand bys did get to Phoenix either directly or via Denver.

For those who are interested, there will be a concert rehearsal in Millennium Park at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion on Wednesday, August 5th, 11AM – 1PM. Featured will be the famous Schuman's Piano Concerto in A Minor plus Mendelssohn's Overture to Ruy Blas, Opus 95 and Hayden's Symphony #103, E Flat Major (Drum roll!)

Or an alternate date on Friday, August 14th will feature Beethoven's 9th Symphony with "Ode to Joy" Choral ending. We can discuss which choice at the July 15th luncheon.

After the rehearsal, it would be a good time to explore the new addition at the Art Institute via the new

bridge connecting the park to the Art Institute or you can explore the gardens of Millennium Park. Since this is a casual meeting, there is no scheduled luncheon so we can choose where to eat such as at one of the restaurants at the Art Institute or at one of the restaurants in the Park. Note that none of these restaurants offer separate checks, so we can always sit at smaller separate tables should we all choose the same restaurant.

If you are interested in coming to the concert rehearsal, please call or email me anytime before August 5th. I will be sitting and looking for everyone in the middle of the seating area in front of the stage.

The bus to take to the park is #14, 20, or 56 East on Washington at Canal.

Calendar:

July 15 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant – 11:30AM). Please email or call me before noon of July 14th to confirm your attendance as the restaurant needs to know.

August – No Luncheon Scheduled

August 5 – Concert Rehearsal in Millennium Park at Jay Pritzker Pavillion – 11AM – 1PM.

August 14 – Alternate Concert date in Millennium Park.

September 16 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

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Summertime, the best time to celebrate graduations and weddings; entertain family and friends at patio gatherings and cookouts; travel; attend outdoor concerts in the park, or simply sit back with a glass of wine or a "cold one" on a starlit back porch or patio enjoying the hush of the evening. This has always been my favorite time of the year.

The "hush" in my neighborhood this weekend was somewhat disrupted as five Navy "Blue Angel" jets, featured at the Indianapolis Air Show, screamed east across my pasture on their way to Mount Comfort Airport. How exciting and beautiful they were to see, even briefly. It brought back memories of days volunteering at the Cleveland Air Show and selling freshly imported Hawaiian pineapples at the United static display.

An important reminder, Saturday, July 18, is the day for our summer picnic at lovely Twin Bridges Lodge in

Danville, on S. 150 E. Setup will start at 11:00AM. Lunch is served from 12:30 PM. Attendees are requested to bring a dish. The chapter will provide meat and coffee, tea and pop. Guests are always welcomed. If you need directions or details, contact me at the above phone number. We **will not hold** a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday in July.

Ray Brabo is dealing with respiratory problems and anticipating cataract surgery. He hopes to recover his vision well enough to share the driving with **Hannalore**. Hopefully, he is well on the mend by now. Congratulations to **Charles & Lilia Theiss** on their 50th wedding anniversary, celebrated in June. **Ron & Cheri Innis** advised their stay at Gatlinburg was a wonderful getaway. The drive between Louisville and Knoxville was beautiful. They dined at **Cheddars** while traveling, which they say was an exceptional restaurant, and **Gail & Warren Allen** agree. Our deepest condolences to **Bud & Ely Barnett**, we heard recently of the loss of **Bud's** sister.

Calendar:

July 18 – Saturday Picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge, (Danville Youth Park) Danville, IN. Lunch serving begins at 12:30PM.

August 10 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

September 14 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a May meeting, so no meeting news. However, our members have provided ample news.

Our snow birds, **Patti & Bob Austin** have returned to Cape Cod from Naples FL. They visited Foxwoods Casino in CN the first week of June, then on to LAS on June 19 for their 35th anniversary. **Paul & Mary Ward**, also snow birding in Naples, have returned. They are considering selling property here, living in FL to be closer to their son & family and snow birding to New England in the summers. Anyone interested in buying a large home with in-law apt in Methuen, MA?

Richard Mangino, a double hand amputee is hoping to establish an art program and gallery at Spaulding Rehab in BOS. His objective is to get patients to con-

centrate on art and poetry, easing their minds away from the negative of their new handicap. Richard has his own art pieces he'd like to display.

Jack Regan, **Jayne's** husband has taken up a hobby. He's selling antique auto parts on Ebay since getting his own computer. Want to spiffy up your antique auto, look up CLASSICJACK57, the items change weekly.

On the road again, **June Alberino**, just returned from visiting friends in ATL. They spent three days in Savannah fulfilling June's wish to eat at Paula Deen's "The Lady & Sons" Restaurant. Back in ATL, they ventured into "Six Feet Under", a restaurant located opposite a cemetery. Appetizers were fried green tomatoes, rat's toes, fried okra and catfish. They didn't try the alligator bites. Brave ladies if you ask me!

Tom Blackwood now has a great grandson, to add to his thirteen grandchildren. Tom has people to take care of him when he gets old!

Our Pres. **Carleen Eddy** advises the hanger at BOS has been sold to DL. The once large aircraft maintenance crew is all but gone. Also, the ground equipment maintenance has been contracted out, causing the loss of many more jobs. She says it's very sad times for all of us that worked in BOS, to see these things we were so proud of, go by the wayside. Amen Carleen!

Bill & Norma Betters and **Don & Kathy Latter** were the only Nor'Easter members to attend the convention in Phoenix. Don & Kathy enjoyed the dinners, but didn't partake in tours. Don was looking for fellow employees he may know, but couldn't find any.

Don recently attended a fun fund raiser for breast cancer. All the donations were decorated bras that looked amazing. Don submitted a pirate theme bra and someone did a two fish kissing bra. The group raised \$4,000.00 for the cause. Way to go Don!

Marcia & Dave Kilpatric have been living with an ongoing kitchen remodeling. Marcia advised you don't have to eat out when you don't have a kitchen. She uses her crock pot, electric fry pan, toaster and microwave. The big problem is locating bowls, glasses, utensils, etc from temporary places. Marcia says she's saved three years for this upgrade and will not be deterred by all the inconveniences. Hang in there Marcia!

I got to talk with **Carol (Buscaglia) LaMontagne**, formerly BOSTR. She has been keeping me informed of the medical condition of **Bruce Godfrey**, also formerly BOSTR, neither of whom retired. Bruce is back home from visiting his son, but still in poor health. Carol has mycobacteria avium and will soon have her right lung removed. She is down to 88 lbs. and needs to gain some weight before she can have the operation. She would like to see all her old friends, but doesn't get out much. Carol says hello to all UALers she worked with.

Also got to talk to **Steve & Patti Bilodeau**, former Nor'Easters, now living in FL. Steve has something most of us don't and may not want to. He has Alice, a nine foot alligator nesting under his Brazilian Pepper tree. This is the second time in three years she's nested in his yard. She is a protective mother, but the herons and egrets manage to grab off most of her young. Tough world in the wild! Anyway, Steve & Patti asked to say hello to all their Nor'Easter friends and added, when in FL, come and visit. They also sent me a unique birthday present, Sudoku puzzles!

Ralph Nardone, former BOSCG, now a member of the Citrus Groupers recently had leg surgery. Ralph, all your friends in the Nor'Easters wish you a speedy and pain free recovery.

Don Simard made it through the mobilization process of his stem cell implants. He is home temporarily. More stem cells than needed were collected and will be used in clinical trials. These cells will directly attack the myeloma cells and hopefully will extend Don's remission time. Send get wells to dojosim1@aol.com or 432 Shore Rd. Cape Neddick, ME 03902-7355.

Anyone out there know the whereabouts of **Jimmy Sawyer**, last known UA address, SFOCS. Or **Joan (Picha) Fremont**, also SFOCS, last home town, Half Moon Bay CA. If you know them, or their location, please give them my e-mail/phone or e/call me at the above contacts.

July's birthdays: **Edward Aldoriso**, **Gina Moratta**, **Elizabeth Palmer** and **Paul Ward**.

July's anniversaries: **Ron & Joyce Heisler** - 51 years, **Olga & Myron Kondratiuk** - 12, **Don & Kathy Latter** - 14, **Elizabeth & Joe Palmer** - 42, **John & Ann Parks** - 52, **Michael & Paulette Provenzano** - 44, **William & Carol Spruce** - 32 and **William & Margaret Swift** - 60.

Calendar:

August - 9th Annual picnic, Harold Parker State Forest, No. Andover, MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Jun 2, 13 Escapees gathered at Baker's of Milford hosted by **Gwen & Rick Schwendenmann**. I have not heard of anyone that did not RSVP and found themselves at our original destination, Atlantis in Livonia, as

we received a call from Atlantis that they were going out of business and would be closed at the time of our meeting. After much thought, we decided it was best just to advise anyone when they RSVP'ed of the change, rather than send out notices to all, since I send out approx 120 local NL's and we average 20 or less Escapees that join us each month. Could this be the reason for such a small turnout on the Escapee's 14th Birthday? We welcomed back our snowbirds, **Sharon & Rod Jacob** and **Dee Hegle** along with **Carlene Moule** who has been missing for over a year.

Lee & Diane Storlie hosted another great time in Red Wing, MN with a bunch of Loonies. Lots of camaraderie, sightseeing, and eating, that Loonies do best. All went as planned until we went for our winery tour and found it was locked up solid. I guess they heard the Loonies were coming. Lee was a little upset, but he does not realize that something has to go wrong or it would not be a real Loonie event. Our hosts did a great job and we just went to plan "B" after the winery dilemma and many found themselves amongst a fishing contest event. Their October event will be held in Grayling, MI hosted by **Mike & Carol Beauchin**, Oct 6-9th, mark your calendars for a fun time.

Keep in your prayers **Rod Jacob** @ 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake, MI 48386-2827, who is going to under-go chemo again as the big "C" just won't let him be. Also heard that **Joan Rogers** @ 23700 Philip, Southfield, MI 48075, has under gone hip replacement. Love & Prayers for Joan's speedy recovery as she goes through rehab. In addition, Love & Prayers for **Norm Wilkenson**, @ 2114 Country Knoll Lane, Elgin, IL 60123-4909, our Loonie friend, who I just found out, is fighting pneumonia. Get well wishes to all.

Calendar:

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

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I'm really on everyone's "List" by now ... I totally spaced out the June newsletter! Sorry, folks ~ what can I say? As **Marie Cook** says, my Rememberer broke.

OK, here we go. In April, we had 33 members plus **Fred & Rita Stang**'s three grandkids in attendance. We were happy to see that **Wes & Bette Briest** were able to

make it after a long absence. Also, **Joan Bedahn** got the day off and came with **Earl**. Hadn't seen her in quite a spell, either.

Mary Brennan brought in for door prizes some of **Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker's** castoffs from the sale of their condo (memorabilia of Chuck's days at the original Braniff). They are now officially "homeless" in MN & residents of Florida. However, they'll always be Northern Lites. They will spend 6 weeks or so (the warmest ones) in MN each summer. Fragile little flowers.

The ongoing protracted Senatorial race here in Minnesota has prompted law suits, arguments over rejected ballots & resulted in 50% representation in Washington. Our pal, **Wes Briest**, is one whose absentee ballot was rejected on election day (forgot to sign it or something) and was interviewed on television. Our very own celebrity.

We had no one to buy the Birthday Lunch for this time ~ the only one with an April birthday is **Jack Spalding**, and he & **Carol** were still in Florida. So the kitty got a bit fatter.

The annual picnic was discussed & Aug. 12 was chosen. That's our regular meeting day, so that should eliminate SOME confusion. The place is still to be determined, as usual. More discussion & hopefully some suggestions for location will be forthcoming at the next meeting in May.

May news: 28 Northern Lites attended, including **Cal & Dottie Alderman**, **Randy Cirksema**, **Lou & Gordy Olson** and **Al & Mary Killian**, all of whom we haven't seen for quite awhile for a variety of reasons.

I'm going to get the bad news & concerns about our members out first this time ~

- ☛ We were sorry to hear that **Wes Briest** had a fall which took him to hospital. While there, a pacemaker was installed to help keep things ticking along.
- ☛ We lost another of our group in May ~ our longest-retired member, **Clyde Anderson**, took his last flight.
- ☛ **Cal Alderman** is back in the hospital. We're so glad we had the opportunity to have a visit with him & **Dottie** in April. Please add his name & **Wes'** to your prayer list.

Graduations kept some of our regulars from joining us in May. **Mary & Jim Brennan** travelled to Michigan for a grandson's graduation from college and **Joe & Arlene Kelley** were in Duluth watching their daughter being capped as a nurse.

Janet Meyer had a good tip. If you're out & about with your cell phone & need to call a business but don't know the number, Google now has a free directory assistance number which works *only for businesses*, no residential numbers. 1-800-GOOG411 or (800-466-4411).

John Beveridge III is our travelling' man. That guy doesn't stay home much. He spent his birthday in Connecticut with his daughter's family.

The picnic location will be at **Fred & Rita Stang's** place on the lake in Lindstrom. A flyer and map will be forthcoming. If you don't receive one in the mail, it's probably because we haven't seen any *dues* from you. Contact me & I'll get the info to you & we'll collect your dues at the picnic!

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

Calendar

August 12 - Annual picnic

NEBRASKA



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What a great turnout of 47 at Horsemen's Park hosted by **Elaine Schreiber** and **Lorraine Stanfield**. Our thanks to Lorraine for the "May Baskets".

Mel Harrison brought two special guests - **Gary Harrison**, son, and his daughter, **Casey**. Gary is a retired Navy Pilot and is now with Homeland Security. Casey is a pilot flying to Iraq and Afghanistan delivering supplies. Casey graduated from the Air Force Academy and has been a pilot with the Air Force for 4 years. Gary lives in South Carolina and gave us a very interesting talk on Homeland Security.

Barb Soseman is apparently going to have to undergo ear surgery for the third time. She will be going to a different doctor and they hope they can save the ear drum itself.

Had a note from **Marge Stankoski**. Apparently my "Do you remember" column got her to thinking and she wanted us to know who all was still living who worked at the kitchen here in Omaha - **Melvina Brazys**, **Bill Coleman**, **Charlie Cromling**, **Georgia Egr**, **Ruth Jepserson**, **Jean Kirsch**, **Stella Mason**, **Roberta McLaughlin**, **Paul Steuri**, and **Marge**. All but one of these fine people are members of our Retiree Club.

Bob Kraft notified me of **Dick Genthe**, husband of **Margaret** (Marge), passing away at the age of 77. They lived in Syracuse, NE. His service was May 15 in Syracuse.

More members who may be deceased or hopefully still alive and doing well. Do You Remember? **Denny Jones**; **Stover Deats**; **Mickey Koewler**; **Bob Glover**;

Joe Edwards; Nick Nekonchuk; Doris Priborsky; and Ken Bender.

Calendar:

July 7 - Jack & Mary's - Hosted by **Evan & Eileen Holly**

Aug. 4 - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa - Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

Sept. 1 - Cooper Farm, Hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

Oct. 6 - Sons of Italy - Hosted by **Gary Procopio and Linda**

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Another wonderful RUAFa Convention! Many thanks to the PHX Convention Committee for all their time and hard work; and to **Hank Gosselin**, VP Conventions. Thanks also, to **Linda Tracy** (PDXTQ) who covered the Correspondents' meeting for our Chapter and her Chapter, the Oregon Dew'ers

Although I didn't do any of the tours this year, the retirees who did had a great time. The accommodations and food were great; the entertainment was wonderful; especially on Friday evening, listening to Sheriff Joe Arpaio speak, and the music of the Needham Twins. I'll bet all the dancing caused some "creaking joints" the next morning. Well done, retirees! I know everyone is looking forward to this newsletter on the Convention.

Rich Surma does such a great job with his photo taking. I hope that more of you retirees will plan on attending the Convention in MCO next year and future conventions. It is so much fun to see fellow retirees, and enjoy all the activities. The business meetings are so informative. I promise that if you attend one convention, you'll enjoy it so much, that you'll plan on attending every year!

Nelma Gutwald, Gamblers member, has passed away. Our condolences to the families; **Denny Gutwald** had passed last month. I'm sorry that I don't have more news on the Las Vegas Chapter members; I'm unable to attend most of the meetings. Thanks to **Baldor Ziel** for covering for me. Hopefully, we'll be able to get another Correspondent to keep you better informed.



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22 members attended our May meeting. The **Perkins** were unable to attend – they are on the road again.

Pat & John Zoboli attended the RUAEA Convention in PHX. The location is the Hyatt Regency at the Civic Plaza downtown. Pat attended the Correspondents' Breakfast and John the Presidents breakfast. We will have a full report at our June meeting.

As agreed at this meeting, we will be inviting the SMF & Placerville groups to our August picnic. At our June meeting we will discuss our August picnic. **Kathy, Pat, Mary and Ethel Meek** will be meeting in June to start planning. Are you ready?

The winner of the 50/50 was **Lloyd Stephens**. The winner of the mystery prizes were **Ethan Gillooly** and **Lloyd Stephens**. (We won't count the 10 times we called **Joe Robinson's** name!).

May birthdays were celebrated by: **Bonnie Royle, Dean Nettles, Howard Keller, Millie McGuire, Jean Fahl, Louise Helmer, Dorothy Burrell, Nancy Hilz and Geri Boutz.**

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President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting on May 27 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. A flag Salute was held. A moment of silence was held due to the deaths of **Donald Resavy** and **John Coppolino**. Dick welcomed **Marty Etler** back and happy to have him on board. **Fred Landsburg** reported on the convention in Arizona, less people attended and the next convention will be in Orlando, Florida.

President **Dick Confer** reported that all pensions are being reviewed by the Government Pension Guarantee Corp., the Credit Union has over 250,000 members and Medco is offering Vision Plan, Hearing Plan and Eye Glasses. Dick thanked everyone that helped out at the Newark Expo on May 13th and 14th, they are also cutting back, they had only 1,000 children, which is half of what they usually have over the two day period.

Violet Etler read the minutes and Treasurer **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

Dick Confer will not be at the June meeting, he will be in Hawaii (lucky guy). At the July meeting, our theme will be "Christmas in July" and also in July, we will have a day at the Monmouth Race Track.

Calendar:

June 24 - Meeting

July 29 - Meeting

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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Seventeen members were present at our luncheon on June 2nd. A new face in the group was **Heidi O'Sullivan**. It was good to see **Hiroko Wright** whom we haven't seen in a very long time as she lives in Pennsylvania.

Sorry to say we had no convention goers, but hopefully next year we'll get to Orlando.

Some members have experienced difficulty getting on flights this summer. As for myself, I frequently flew LGA/ORD/CID and am happy to report the service was excellent and the crews very friendly and helpful.

Annual dues were collected. Secretary **Barbara Hill** was not with us as she had been attending to her mother who just passed away. Condolences to Barbara may be sent to 155 W 68th St. Apt 33A, NY, NY 10023.

Our good wishes go to **Marsha Jullivan** whose mother suffered a stroke recently.

Calendar:

August 4 – 12 noon luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP to **Jeanne Leo** or **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788

NEW YORK METROS

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We had 51 members, including three guests, for this month's meeting at the Millerridge Inn. **Nadine Cordes** drove her aunt Yvonne to the meeting from Sunset Park, Brooklyn. The "Pair of Jeans" - **Jean Donahue** and **Jean Zito** have a new chauffer, guest Shirley Infanto-

lino. They hail from Kings Park, NY. Our final guest is **Walter Siuda**, who retired after 31 years of service to United Airlines JFKSW. Welcome all!

Birthday Greetings: **Lillian Cohen** will celebrate her 81st Birthday on June, 16th. When Lillian was born, her neighborhood was singing, "*I Scream - You Scream - We All Scream for Ice Cream*". **Milton Sank** will be 91 years young on June 20, a popular song during WWI was "*Hinky Dinky parlay Voo*" when Milton was born.

Six couples celebrate 50 or more years for the month of June:

- ⌘ **Elenor & Anthony Locastro** on D-Day, June 6th, will be married 50 years.
- ⌘ **Carol & Robert Piechnik** wedded 52 years on June 2nd.
- ⌘ **Julie & Vic Carnevale** said their "I Do's" on the 15th of June, 52 years ago.
- ⌘ **Diane & Leo Talochino** married 52 years on June 23rd.
- ⌘ **Maureen & Len Pascale** "Tied the Knot" on June 4th, 54 years ago.
- ⌘ **Velma & Fred Jones** married 58 years ago on June 24th

The chapter received a thank you note from **Laura Muller** for the Mass card & basket of fruit the Metros had sent after she came home from the hospital.

Mabel Bittar returned to the Hospital for Special Surgery for total hip surgery. Once again, she's in rehab. Mabel's current address is: Schnurmacher Center for Rehab & Nursing, 12 Tibbits Ave., White Plains, NY 10606. Her phone number is (914) 644-8327.

Al Vernillo is living at Arbers at Westbury, room 711a, 45 Jericho Tpke. Westbury, NY 11753. Phone (516) 333-3595.

Jim Richardson had a moment of silence for our recently deceased colleagues who were based in the New York Area whom we may have known or worked with especially: **Harry Coultas** - LGAMM and **Frank Zabarauskas** - LGAGQ who both passed away last week. After retiring, Harry Coultas took his bride to the far side of New Jersey to live. Our own Frank Zabarauskas was a veteran of WWII Army Air Corp in the European theatre. He worked for Oldsmobile & Nassau County before finding a home with United Airlines. Frank retired in 1982 and has been a member of the Metros with his Wife, Terry. A few years back, Frank & Terry decided to leave the New York area and move to a retirement village in Eastern Pennsylvania. They returned for the Christmas luncheons to be with friends. Frank & Terry were married for 61 years when he passed away. Besides Terry, Frank leaves two daughters Joan & Diane and 5 grandchildren. Their son Paul died two years ago.

We had a guest speaker at this month's meeting. Mr. Todd Geller and his assistant Richard of Janney

Montgomery Scott, give the Metros a few tips & hints regarding investments during this economic crisis during dessert. The talk was very informative and had the membership interested.

Big news out of the NY Metros Chapter ... **Paul Cohen** is on a pilgrimage. He spoke with the Metros, IAM Local 1322 and active United Airlines employees of all departments, and the JFK Mainliner store about money for the construction of a memorial at Shanksville, PA in memory of United's flight 93 that went down in a field during the 9/11 terrorist attack. Last month, Paul collected one thousand dollars, (\$1,000.00). Since then, Paul has spoken with a United Airlines retiree group called ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and collected \$30.00. A retired Educators group from NYC sharing the meeting hall with the IAM local 1322 over heard Paul's pitch to the IAM members at the Union meeting and left a donation of \$30.00. Great going Paul!

Jason & Ona Weiner went to the Phoenix Convention last month and gave the chapter some information about the convention and some of the things they did while there. He was most impressed with the mist spray that kept the doormen cool while working out doors. Thanks Jason for sharing your adventures with the chapter!

Calendar:

July 1 - 11 AM will be "Post Time" for our 2nd Annual Belmont Racetrack Picnic

August 5 - Picnic at Wantagh Park

Sept. 2 - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The spring meeting of the Loonies met in beautiful Red Wing, MN, along the mighty Mississippi on May 5-8. We had a mighty bunch of Loonies attending, 51 in all made it to Red Wing, while 6 more had reservations until almost the last day and had to cancel for personal reasons. We missed them and hope to see them in the fall.

It was a wonderful time, the town people are probably still talking. We took pictures from the top of the bluff and the edge of river. We dined at St. James Hotel and visited the Art Gallery, toured the shoe factory and the pottery factory. We talked non-stop and ate and

drank in between. We strolled thru the famous Sheldon Theater along with purchasing shoes at the Red Wing Shoe store. We all enjoyed an unusual tour of the Hobgoblin/Stoney Harp Music factory located in an old dusty barn but the harps were beautiful and world famous. The locked Winery we planned to tour and taste turned into watching the famous fish weigh in along the river. Leave it to the Loonies, we can always punt during adversity, we all went back and tasted our own wine.

We were pleased to have some new Loonies and some Loonies Friends join us. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** traveled from Aurora, CO to check us out and everyone enjoyed their company. There was time for cards and domino's along with stories and jokes. The entertainment got a little wild with lots of laughs over spilt wine and **Jim Simon** and his rope tricks, and cork tricks that he pulled on several who were good sports and added to the laughter. But Jim Simon redeemed himself and the laughs settled down as our resident poet, he had written another great poem for the Loonies.



*Once again we've gathered together
After winter thaw and stormy weather,
We welcome our meeting in the spring
As we arrive to visit - here in Red Wing.*

*As usual many have come from afar
Some by plane but most by car,
And fortunately now with gas costs down
More have come to visit this town.*

*Our hosts have prepped good times for all
As we eagerly look to answering the call,
Thanks to you - Diane and Lee
There's way so much for all to see.*

*If you needed to find some shoes to wear
Red Wing makes them all right here,
And fishermen can come and see
The tourney running on the Mississippi.*

*A greater number have come this spring
Four dozen or so to attend this thing,
A record attendance for a gathering
Of loonies that we found could sing.*

*We all sang a birthday tune
For Don Hayden while here,
As he turned eighty on the 5th of May -
Now in this very year.*

*We also had some visitors
Who have never come before,
And we thank them for coming now
And hope they'll come some more.*

*We had a little gathering
With tricks to entertain
And participants like the Gooselaws
Became our newest gain.*

*We therefore welcome Virgil and Martha
To membership within -
And hope as "loonies" forever more,
That you'll attend again.*

*And for those that were unable to attend
We'll keep them in our thoughts,
And hope we'll see them soon again
Because we miss them lots!*

The October get together has not been finalized yet. The newsletter will have the information in the next couple months. Watch for it and come have a great time with a great bunch of Northwood's Loonies

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Jack & Kay Preston hosted the June 3rd luncheon. This is the second year that Jack & Kay have hosted the luncheon at J-Bella. It was an unusually cool and dreary June day, but the enjoyable company of 64 Buckeyes helped to make the day much brighter. Thank you both for your continued involvement in providing great places to meet.

President **Carol Hacker** along with hubby **Ray** were unable to attend. Vice-President **Sharon Minelli** had a previous engagement and was also absent. Treas-

ure **Dolly Taucher** and myself were present. Dolly called the meeting to order as soon as she could since she had a 6th grade graduation to attend for her grandson that afternoon. We all look forward to seeing Carol & Ray & Sharon in July at our annual picnic.

We acknowledged 3 birthdays along with 2 anniversaries. Congratulations to **Tom & Helen Hockett** and **Tom & Martha Hassel**. May you continue to have many more years of happiness.

Dolly reminded the group that August 15th is the last day to sign up for the Shanksville, PA trip. The cost is \$75 P/P. We will leave Great Northern at 7:00AM and return about 8PM. The check should be made out to the Ohio Buckeyes and mailed to **Sharon Minelli**. Her address is: 4169 Story Rd., Fairview Park, OH 44126-1727. Feel free to invite your friends to join us. This is the only day trip of the year so, if you can, try and join us.

As of this date, Northfield is a go for the month of August. As in prior years, feel free to invite your friends. Carol is staying in touch with them and will notify the chapter if there is a change in plans. The price is still \$20 and it is the 2nd Tues. of August. She does have a plan B if Northfield closes and that is a BBQ cookout at the Old Oak Bible Church.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 9th for our Annual Picnic to be held at W.J. Green Lodge located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks. Come as early as 11AM to socialize. In case of rain, there is a shelter house along with a covered patio. The chapter will provide the chicken along with coffee, cups, water, paper plates, napkins & utensils. Bring a dish for 8-10 people to share with your fellow Buckeyes, sit, relax and enjoy the company along with the beautiful surroundings.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of long time member **Ray Waldron**. After a courageous fight, he passed away on May 20th. His daughter Donna kept the chapter informed of her Dad's progress. Our prayers are with his wife **Carol**, children & 16 grandchildren. I will always remember that smiling face and how he always asked about my health.

I ask that you continue to pray for longtime member **Bob Herman**. He is such a kind and gentle spirit. We miss seeing his face at the luncheons. **Shari**, we miss seeing your smiling face and hearing about your work with The Rainbow Girls. We will continue to keep you both in our prayers.

Bernie will no longer be handling emails. If you have information to pass along to chapter members, contact one of the officers & **John Taucher** will email info. John's email address is: dolly1040@yahoo.com.

Calendar:

July 9 - Annual Picnic. Second Thursday. Gather as early as 11am at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill

Stream Run of Metro parks. You may still attend even if f you hadn't sent in your reply by contacting **Dolly Taucher**.

Aug. 11 - The 15th Annual Northfield Night. Second Tuesday. Doors open at 5:45pm with the buffet at 6pm. Races start at 7pm and end at 11pm, pre-paid

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The centerpieces at our May meeting were beautiful geranium plants that were raffled off at the end of the meeting along with the usual prizes. The winners this month were: **Bill Shaw** (door prize), **Naomi Heywood** (birthday), **Richard & Frieda Marley** (anniversary), and **Margaret Borbely** (50/50). The 2009 roster for Dew-er's was given out at the meeting and for those who were unable to attend, their copy will be mailed to them. **John & Anita Donaldson** didn't win the anniversary prize but they announced they celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 23rd. I also found out that was John's birthday. **Gaylean Swanson** had quadruple bypass surgery on June 2nd and is doing quite well. This should slow her down for a few weeks. **Merle Pitman** was supposed to have neck surgery but it was postponed; however he has an appointment with another doctor who will perform the procedure.

Our chapter bids adieu to **Joan & Ken Anderson** this month. They are moving back to Elk Grove Village, IL to live next door to their daughter. We will miss them and hope they keep in contact with us as it has been a blessing having them in our chapter.

Someone at the last meeting mentioned to me how my column seems to be a lot shorter than some of the other correspondents. I explained to them I can only be informative when material is given to me. Please feel free to call me anytime and maybe I can produce a "longer" column.

The annual picnic is in the planning stages and will be held on July 8th at Sunset Park in Gresham, OR. The cost is \$14 each and the check should be made out to RUAEA and sent to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th Ave. Portland, OR 97220. Brochures are to be given out at the June meeting with directions to the park. Checks are to be in by June 30th. If you are unable to get your check in by the due date, please call **Charlie Stemper**, (360) 823-9202 or e-mail him at cstemper@nuvoice.com. The menu sounds delicious and will

include chicken breasts, BBQ ribs, potato, pasta and bean salads, fruit, rolls, coffee and soft drinks. Please bring a favorite dessert to share.

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 8 - Annual picnic

August 12 - Social

September 9 - Social

OUR CLUB

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We had an enthusiastic turnout of 32 members for the June 5 OUR Club luncheon and quarterly business meeting, which was hosted by **Lowell & Norma Ross** at McGrath's in Medford. It was good to see **Russ Randall** looking hale and hearty after his recent surgery. Everyone was delighted to welcome **Robert & Judy Machado** "home." As full time RVers, they have toured the Southwestern, Midwestern and Western states in the past six months and are now back in southern Oregon for the summer.

President **Neal Appleton** conducted the chapter's quarterly business meeting following lunch. The members concurred on a September 11 date for the annual picnic. **Bob & Miriam Lindberg** won the 50/50. **Sonia Appleton** is a talented and accomplished crotchetier, and she was kind enough to donate a gorgeous afghan, she created to be raffled after the 50/50. **Russ Randall** was that lucky ticket holder.

Ric & Gidget Walcha will be hosting the July 10 luncheon at the new lodge style Taprock Northwest Grill on the banks of the Rogue River. Following lunch, Ric & Gidget have made special arrangements for all those who wish to tour The Bear Hotel, which is a huge warehouse/museum that houses the larger-than-life hand painted bears, eagles, Christmas nutcrackers and other public artwork that provides seasonal decoration to the streets of downtown Grants Pass.

Calendar:

July 10 - Taprock Northwest Grill - Hosted by **Ric & Gidget Walcha**

August 7 - TBA - Joe & Carol Bango
September 11 - Annual picnic - Jim & Jane Frincke

PENNSYLVANIA

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26 retirees and guests attendees showed up for our May 11 meeting. Treasurer **Tom Lyons** opened the meeting with a prayer and salute to the flag. He gave us an update on President **Joe Brad**. Joe had to return to the hospital with a blood clot in his lung but is now home. He will begin another round of chemo this week. Please continue to pray for Joe.

Bernie McNamee's mother in law turned 100 years old May 12th and we sent her 100 birthday cards. She has been living with Bernie and Mona for several years. Mona's mother's sister (age 97) just moved in with them also (That is Bernie's mother-in-law's sister). I'm certain Bernie must qualify for some sort of caregiver award. We miss Bernie at our meetings but we understand he is pretty busy.

Our guest speaker was Rob Hurst from "The Wild Bird Center" Wilmington, DE. His presentation on "Back Yard Birding" was very, very interesting. His visual presentation included photos of local birds and his talk included fascinating stories about the birds. He included information on their migration, types of food they prefer, endangered species and even, how to keep the squirrels from eating all the bird seed. The Q & A after his presentation went on for another ½ hour. Apparently we have several bird watching enthusiasts in our group. Tom also gave us another update on **Hal Zerbock**. Although Hal has been in SEA for several years, we all remember his time with us in PHL. We are all thinking of you Hal.

Frank Egges will not be attending the convention so he turned over the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel material to me to bring to PHX. Unfortunately, the name we selected for the pavilion was rejected due to some legal wording. So it is back to the drawing board. Of course Frank is still collecting donations for the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. This is applied toward the expansion of the chapel. So if you can spare some money, please make your check payable to "**Chapel 93 Memorial**" and mail it to: **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address on your check. Thank you in advance.

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Happy July 4th to all!

Well, another convention has come and gone. Sad to say Bernie and I did not make it. After standing by for 2 UAL flights, USAIR and SW on Thursday we called it a day. Our bags made it to PHX and back the next evenings. The only good thing about unpacking this go around was that all of the clothes were clean. Hope to make it to MCO next year.

Pittsburgh was well represented at the convention by our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** along with **Ruth & Bill Redfern, Lorraine Keith, Dave & Gwen Detwiler, Russ Miller, Joe Scafoglio and John Knezevich**.

I'm sure the Phoenix committee breathed a sigh of relief on a job well done and got all of the boxes on their way south.

The Golden Girls' luncheon comprised of gals that worked at the airport will have been held on June 11th at Felicity Farms, hosted by **Anita "Pineapple Princess" Pawlack**. I'll cover that in next month's report.

Plans are being held for the annual Pit-Stoppers picnic which will be held on July 7th. This is a catered affair so get your reservations in early.

Jim Weber is recovering from a setback on his previous knee replacement. I'm sure **Diane** is taking good care of him.

Mitch Abbas reported on the passing of **John T. Gaskill (Gas Can)**. John was employed in the auto-shop in Pit for 25 years. Our condolences to his wife **Mary (Huff) Gaskill**.

Calendar:

July 17 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

TENNESSEE

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We traveled west to Crossville, TN on May 19th for a special meeting and trip to see a matinee performance of "*On Golden Pond*" at the Cumberland County Playhouse. TV actor Steve Ayers played crotchety "old

poop". Norman Thayer who along with his wife Ethel shared memories of 48 summers on the lake where Ethel had camped as a girl. Family visitors included Billy who coached Norman on how to "cruise chicks" and "talk jive". Although different from the film version of "On Golden Pond", the general theme was the same from their arrival at the lake (H-E-L-L-O Lake) to the final walk along the Lake to say goodbye to the Loons.

This was another great trip planned by our Hosts **Robbie & Joe Corbin**. Prior to the play, we met at Beef and Barrel for lunch and a short meeting. It was good to see **Maxine** and **Cal Anthony**. Cal is doing much better; but they still don't take any long trips. They were able to report that **Cecil Adkins** is finally home. He still has a lot of therapy ahead and is currently using a walker to get around.

Jackye Jeacock is still in rehab and working on getting mobility in her one leg. She was able to get a one day pass to attend family graduation ceremonies. The 50/50 was won by Robbie's sister-in-law, **Cathy Lynch**. Everyone had a great time at lunch and the play and hope to do the same in the future.

Calendar:

July 16 - Location and time to be announced. Hosts are **Jack & Sue Ferrell**, (423) 745-9390.

August 20 - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 274 off I40-75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Sept. 17 - Location and time to be announced. Hosts are **Ed & Pat Valente**, (865) 458-2462.

UTAH

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On **June 2**., 33 chapter members met at the Chinese "Joy Luck" restaurant for lunch at 2pm. **Jackie & Pete Loyola**, the latter decked out with huge sunglasses & a sassy cowboy hat, entertained us with another raffle, & the winner, Treasurer **Frank Christenson**, won \$42.50, which he donated to the chapter kitty. Thanks, **Frank!**

Lila Maughan brought her son **Larry** who chauffeured her & **Betty Davis** to the luncheon; **Betty** is still using a walker & seems to be doing fine. Again, we welcomed the fairly recently retired SLCRS group - and we trust they are enjoying the company of their older colleagues.

It was nice to greet **Lorraine Olson** who drove in from Layton.

Just for laughs: This Chinese restaurant keeps a big aquarium in its foyer, for the entertainment of the waiting dinner crowd. The tank houses a very large dark fish (ca. 11 yrs. old) as well as medium-to-small-size critters of all colors. **Betty Davis** & this correspondent were waiting near the fish tank for other UALers to join us, when the large black fish had a little fun with us: Right near the corner where we stood, the fish suddenly flipped its big tail and immediately shot from there to the opposite end of the aquarium. The result was a mighty spray of water upon us! We were sure it knew exactly what it was doing, as we laughingly shook off the water.

Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** asked the UAL luncheon crowd to consider the caterer for the Sugar House Park Aug. Picnic - and the vote came in to firm it up by the next chapter meeting for **Joe Morley's Catering Service**. As you may remember, we enjoyed their food very much at our last-year's picnic.

Calendar:

July 7 - Brunch 10am, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., SLC.

August 4 - Catered Picnic - 5pm - Sugar House Pk. (\$\$P/P & terrace location to be announced at next monthly meeting).

Sept. 1 - Coffee Time 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., SLC.

VIRGINIA

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Fifteen of our members and guests met on the 17th at the Depot Grill in Staunton, VA. We had an excellent lunch and enjoyed visiting again after the cold and rainy wintertime.

Several have been travelling: **Tom Melgaard** drove to Florida to visit a Lions Club activity and the beach. **Gene & Catherine Calvert** visited family in Florida and **Bob & Mary Carter** flew to San Diego. **George & Louise Fuller** flew to St. Louis to see their granddaughter play in the Stanford Women's Basketball Final Four games.

President **Gene Calvert** and Activities Director **John Rice**, discussed plans for our next meeting. None of the members was able to attend the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona this year. **Bob Carter** shared

the information he received from his research with the Benefit Center regarding their Statement of Life Insurance. There may be life insurance for retirees that worked under the Mechanic's Agreement. The Mechanics Union, AMFA, was one that kept the life insurance provisions. Also, those mechanics that contributed to life insurance benefits prior to retirement may be entitled to some coverage. To find out, call the Benefits Center at 1-800-482-5236.

Calendar:

To be announced.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



At our May 12 meeting at Fairwood Country Club in Renton, we had 73 members and guests present. **Mary & John Luke** again arranged and hosted our luncheon. Guests included a number of Seattle Flight Kitchen retirees and also **O.J. McHenry** and **Holdin Greely**, both of whom worked in SEACG; O.J. was the station buyer when he retired in 1990.

We celebrated the 51st anniversary of the opening of the original Seattle Flight Kitchen in June, 1958. Vice president **Phyllis Bowman** introduced the following kitchen retirees and surviving spouses: **Eileen Austin, Rosemary Akre, Charlotte Binkerd, Vernona Gersdorf, John Haferbecker, Edna Harris, Evalena Hatcher, Rosa Koller, Fern Lockhart, Tom Lucas, Hubert Malco, Phyllis Mitchell, Agnes Ness, Dolores Nitsche, Mulang Pickford, Darleen Schroeder, Bessie Snively, Norinda Snyder, Dolores Steger and Doris Vormistrand.** **John Luke** took a group photograph at the end of the meeting. **Phyllis Mitchell** organized the reunion and provided many nice photographs and write-ups on the kitchen history. **Evalena Hatcher** also provided photographs. **Phyllis Bowman** assisted in planning and coordinating the reunion.

Betty Paul spoke to the group and thanked everyone for their phone calls, cards and other forms of support following the passing of her husband, **Bob**.

President **John Haferbecker** reviewed travel tips that **Helen Cain** of San Francisco had published in the May issue of the national newsletter. Helen highlighted many helpful items that we should all be aware of. John also reviewed the emergency travel benefits available to retirees and spouses, including positive space (BP-3)

travel if either should become ill when traveling and if the retiree should pass away, free shipment of his or her remains on United and positive space travel on the same flight for the spouse. Aero Medical at 1-800-825-6331 handles these requests. Skynet presents an explanation of these benefits.

Did you know that Wendy's offers seniors a 10% discount? They do, but you have to ask for it.

Phyllis Bowman also presented **Norm Strange** with his "crown" for organizing our chapter back in the early 1980s and for serving as our 1st president in 1982.

Bob Brumfield talked about the lack of security for carry-on items in the overhead bin, especially if they're out of your sight (e.g., behind you or way in front of you). This was also one of Helen Cain's points and she suggested keeping your valuables with you at your seat – not in the overhead bin. Bob talked about the 20% discount. If reservations won't waive the ticketing fee, go to Skynet and do it yourself. Under "Travel" and then "Employer Discount 20" there is an explanation of the benefit and a link to United's online reservation system that gives you the discount – without a ticketing fee. Bob also recommended using the "Search" feature in Skynet to find what you want, e.g., "Series 15" for the personnel regulations.

Marion Hafterson stated that it's important to carry your BlueCross BlueShield medical card when traveling – especially overseas, as it enables you to benefit from the discounted contract rates provided for in our plan. Without it, medical care can be very expensive.

Hubert & Anita Malco donated a nice brand new digital telephone system plus an electric shaver to the Seattle Travel Desk for use as door prizes at the October thank-you luncheon for volunteers. **Rita Reynolds** accepted the items on behalf of the Travel Desk with appreciation.

The door prize winners were **Kay Johnson, Jim Hafterson, John Paulson, Phil Andersen, Ed Liesse, Dona Westpfahl, Anita Malco, Gay Liesse, Edna Paulson, John Luke, Hubert Malco and Jeannine Anderson.** Treasurer, **Helen Stanger**, won the 50/50 raffle. We had many nice donations for the door prizes and **Bob Brumfield** ably assisted with the drawings.

Member **James Svajdlenka**, retired from SEAMM in 2001, passed away May 1st due to complications from a ruptured aneurism in his left leg. James is survived by his wife **Barbara** and children **Eric & Kathleen.** Barbara wishes to thank everyone for their cards and phone calls of support, as well as those who attended the viewing and the funeral services for James. **Chuck "CA" Johnson** passed away May 19th at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife **Janet** and children **Kristine, Michele and Jennifer.** Chuck retired from SEACS after 37 years with United and, once retired, also worked as a volunteer at the Seattle Travel Desk.

Member **Rita Reynolds** was singled out for recognition at the Phoenix Convention by Regional Director **Jack Hooper**. Mr. Hooper reviewed the history of the travel desks during the business meeting and pointed out that the Seattle Travel Desk was the first one to operate, having opened May 2, 1995. The person who knew who to contact for the necessary approvals to get the ball rolling and who really laid the groundwork was Rita. Once she got the facility set up and the equipment and phone lines installed, Rita received help from **Liz Cairnes** in training the volunteers who staffed the desk. When Liz retired from the desk, **Bob Brumfield** took over. The Portland and Chicago Travel Desks followed in later years. As **Jack Hooper** put it, we all owe **Rita Reynolds** a big thank you for what she did for us.

Retired SEARR employee **Jean (Bock) Ramsay** was treated at Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle during May for a pulmonary embolism with blood clots in both lungs. Her condition was serious, but her husband **David** reported that at the end of May she was transferred to Foss House in Seattle for rehabilitative treatment and was progressing in her recovery.

Jim Small, also of SEARR, learned at the end of May that his sister, **Mary Rickett**, was hospitalized in Maine with a serious medical condition involving her liver. Testing revealed that she had contracted E-Coli, possibly during gall bladder surgery a couple of months previously. Jim and Mary are relieved that this is a condition that can be successfully treated.

Ken Tank, retired from SEARR, reminds us that retirees represented by the I.A.M., such as Public Contact Employees (PCEs), should check www.iam141.org periodically for updates on health insurance and PBGC payouts. Contract negotiations are underway and this is a good way to stay informed. Ken reminds us that there should be no health insurance changes for PCEs who retired prior to July 1, 2003, as these benefits are protected under the section 1114 Bankruptcy clause. If United were to re-enter bankruptcy or have an ownership change then there would be cause for concern. Also, the PBGC's website at www.pbgc.gov is another good resource; search for "United Airlines."

Phil Cook, who retired from SEACS in 2002 after starting his 34-year career in Chicago at Midway Airport as a customer service agent and who then worked in EXO, HNL and SEAHH, passed away in his sleep June 4 after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 65 years old and is survived by his wife **Susan**.

Cris LeGasse and **Sue Crane** hosted another successful SEARR reunion at Kona Kitchen in Seattle on June 6. It was well-attended and information was disseminated about RUAEA and the recent bylaw changes broadening membership eligibility as well as the PBGC, Public Contact Employee health insurance benefits and I.A.M. contract negotiations with United.

We received word that **Doris Spence's** sister passed away in the Minneapolis area at the end of May.

Sidney Reed, wife of **John Reed**, fell and fractured her pelvis May 19 when she fell getting of the car in rainy weather. At the hospital, it was decided, not to perform surgery, but to let it heal on its own with the help of physical therapy. Sidney returned home June 5 from the rehabilitation center where she underwent her therapy. Sidney plans to follow doctors' orders in slowing down and recuperating over the summer. She looks forward to regaining her normal activities by the end of the summer.

Calendar

July – No Meeting

August 11 – Annual Picnic at **Jerry & Irene Opperman's** home, Kent, WA

September 8 – Luncheon Meeting – Location to be Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

On May 13th, 55 members of the Dulles Loungers spent a fun day at the Charles Town Races and Slots in West Virginia. The buffet luncheon was a big hit and there were even some winners at the slots! Thank you President **Linda Scriven** for making this event possible!

By now, you will have read in the RUAEA newsletter that the Phoenix Convention was a fabulous success. Many reunions took place at the Hyatt Phoenix Hotel as co-workers found each other again! New friendships were formed as our retirees joined the tours to see more of the beautiful state of Arizona.

On a sad note, as two of our members passed away recently. **Mr. Van Eitel** passed away in November 2008. He was formerly of cabin service and ramp at IAD. Also **Nancy Tiller** (formerly IADSW) passed away in April 2009. For more information please contact this correspondent.

The Dulles Loungers will continue to meet on the 2nd Wed. of each month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. Please advise me of any interesting news as it pertains to retirees in the greater Washington DC area,

Calendar

July 8 – Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109. 12:30PM casual Lunch, no speaker.

August 12 - Golden Corral 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA 20109, 1230pm, casual lunch, no speaker

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Summer is here! We are wishing warm summer evenings and joyous family picnics to all!

The members of Clipped Wings® are making future plans and helping out where we can. We have a committee in place that has met with the Games Operating Committee (GOC) of the 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes, we will also be able to assist with the Cessna Airlift. These are two events in which we love to participate.

Several chapters around the country have spent many hours assisting various Special Olympics State Games this last month. Our volunteers are experts in hugging, cheering, and award ceremonies.

We are delighted to have been asked to help the United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) in donating uniforms for its project with the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and the San Francisco Airport Museum.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$1.50 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com. As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com.



UARGC

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The UARGC (United Airlines Retiree Golf Club) completed three days of golf in Mesquite NV. May 5th - 8th. We had 76 golfers and 15 non-golfing guests. All

were invited to a Eureka hosted cocktail & hors d'oeuvres party on Monday evening.

The banquet and prizes were on Thursday evening at the Oasis Golf Club. We had four Golf Club Drivers donated and a framed picture from St. Andrews given for an auction.

The club gave everyone attending a \$25 gift card to a restaurant.

There was \$4600.00 in cash prizes to numerous winners.

First Place winners each day received \$100.00, they were:

- + Day 1 - **Cliff Morton**
- + Day 2 - **Toner Brown**
- + Day3 (2) Person Best Ball: The team of **Alfred Bogenhuber** and **Gene King**.
All scoring was with handicap net.
- + Closest to the hole, Day 1: for women: **Dorothy Peck**, for men: **Chuck Turner**.
- + Long Drive, Day 1: for women: **Dorothy Peck**, for men: **Gary Peck**.
- + Closest to the hole, Day 2: for women: **Pat Baker**, for men: **Tom Pawlowski**
- + Long Drive, Day 2: for women: **Dorothy Peck**, for men: **Maurice Fitzgerald**

I would like to thank my wife **Evie** and **Ray & Judy Kulpins** for all the help they gave. I could not have completed it without them. **Dennis Gorlach** took care of the Skins game and I appreciate what he did to make the tournament a success. Lastly, the people who donated the prizes. The club received \$250 for the 50/50 raffle, \$85 for the auction.

I would like someone to relieve me of the Chairman's duties as I have doing this for twelve years. I have enjoyed the years I have been involved and the people I have met over the years.

Harriet Ahr was not able to attend this year. She was missed very much for all she has done over the past years for the golf club.



You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.

-Erma Bombeck

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Thank You!

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- 5) Address

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Correction: In the June 2009 Issue, the obituary for **Karen S. (Carlson) Layman** was entered incorrectly. "**Carison**" should be "**Carlson**" and the address was entered in error. There is no specific address, and it should be "Reno, NV". We apologize for the error.

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LETTERS

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

Barbara Bock, Juanita Braid, Richard Bresett, Eileen Brittain, Nancy Brock, Ralph Brooks, John Cooper, Nancy Davison, Georgeann DelCastillo, Lynn Dever, Joanne Dilks, Jean Drongoski, Jack Ercanberack, James Ferrance, Wanda Garofalo, Jane Grigolatis, Roy Hicks, Evan Holly, Patricia Hurst, Louis Kelly, Jr., Agnes Kubicz, Sammy Liao, Vincent Maher, Stella McCaffrey, Bernie McManus, Gene Menten, Patricia Mix, Kenneth Nako, Joyce O'Brien, George Press, Mary Riter, Carol Lynn Remillard, Bernard Sanford, Peter Schaefer, Kelly Shaffer, David Shea, Jeanette Spana, Marie Stewart, Edward Taylor, Frank Whitecotton, Donald Wolfel, Vikki Young, Jason Weiner.

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.)

Herbert Roth, 8419 N Calle Tioga, Oro Valley, AZ 85704-6505

I truly appreciate the RUAEA newsletter. It is always a "must read"! I am grateful for your dedicated volunteer efforts in, not only keeping RUAEA together, for publishing a great newsletter, for negotiating on our behalf with the company, for keeping us up to date with the latest company changes, as well as travel regulations, just to mention some of the many things you do for us "Retirees". We are blessed.

I pray our company will continue to improve in all their efforts to keep us airborne and profitable. It will not be an easy task in today's turbulent business world. They all need our prayers, especially the employees. "United" we all must stand!

I came across this article on Attitude and thought some one might be interested in it.

ATTITUDE

Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.

I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bank-roll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances or my position. Attitude keeps me going or cripples my

progress. It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream to extreme or no challenge too great for me. Written by Charles R. Swindoll.

Sylvia Allen, 8409 West Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305-1620

Things have been a bit hectic, but trying to keep my head above water.

Thank you for letting my RUAEA friends know about my husband's passing. I heard from some folks I hadn't heard from in many years.

Isabel Buchanan, Sandy Ln., The Villages, FL 32162, Bronzeizy@yahoo.com

My Day:

1. Put on brown stretch pants and baggy gray T-shirt.
 2. Run errands.
 3. Bump into every person I have ever met.
- The above says it all!

Hi, to everyone that worked in DCA/IAD Res. Come to visit anytime here in the Villages, FL.

I am even "driving" a golf cart with doors, all over this huge community.

Thanks to all the fantastic people that keep all of us informed.

A 6th great-grandson is due in August.

Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118-1517

Thank you for the great job all of you do in communications.

And now, a few comments:

1. I was given this short poem in a Literature class I am taking and want to share it. Of course, however, none of it refers to me in any way. (Am I really going to be 71 years young at the end of the month? I don't think I look a day over 70!).

Special poem for Senior Citizens

A row of bottles on my shelf caused me to analyze myself.

One yellow pill I have to pop goes to my heart so it won't stop.

A little white one that I take goes to my hands so they won't shake.

The blue ones that I used a lot tell me if I'm happy or not.

The purple pill goes to my brain, and tells me that I have no pain.

Such an array of brilliant pills, helping to cure all kinds of ills.

But what I'd really like to know ... is what tells each one where to go?

2. I have joined the South Bay Retiree Chapter and I am so glad I did. The food and functions are great but the people are greater. It is wonderful to see so many friends.
3. Excuse me! – GM and everyone else getting those government handouts, isn't it nice though, that nobody can make jokes about us being called "Obama Airlines"? Very nice. Oh, oh if you print this, am I in trouble? Well maybe they'll let me go because I'm old.

Barbara Crees, 10940 Aletta Ave., Culver City, CA 90232

I am the wife of Jerry Crees. He has Macular Degeneration. His father and sister had it as well; they are passed now. He is the last of the Crees.

He has very good moods most of the time.

He just celebrated his 89th birthday and is hoping to make it to 90 years. We have been married for 60 years and still enjoy each other. We celebrated with our daughter, granddaughter and 10 friends.

Jerry loves jokes.

He worked in RR and GQ. He says to keep well, that is what he is doing.

Robert England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

Many years have passed since I joined UAL on my 17th birthday, June 5, 1944.

I gave up \$1.10 per hour at Hammond aircraft for 72 cents at UAL. I did this because I was convinced that United was the wave of the post war period. I was right and continue to be right after 45 plus with UAL, interrupted by service in Germany with the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Our base at San Francisco at that time was only a line station servicing our fleet of DC-3's. If anyone wonders why San Francisco became our main overhaul base, try visiting the MOB at Cheyenne, WY in December.

Bill Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472-6380

Greeting and thanks to one and all. Many thanks to the Seattle Travel desk for the wonderful help they give. It is a wonderful service for us people who do not have a computer. It is so nice to speak to lovely people.

All is well here; just the usual aches and pains; but we can still laugh and that is the main thing.

Thank you for all the news and hard work you all do. I love the Travel Tips by Bob.

Joe Hegner, 46 Essex Dr., Little Silver, NJ 07739

Just a note in passing to thank you and the staff for the monthly newsletter; it is just great. On occasion, I

see a letter from a past co-worker.

The newsletter is such a vital link with United and contains valuable information.

I look forward to it each month, and wish you the very best in keeping us informed.

John Houser, 4252 Memorial Hwy, Dallas, PA 18612-9158

It is good to receive the monthly newsletter.

I am in assisted living and getting by.

I talk to people that worked with me in PHL. **Charlie Taylor** (the Cat), **Wayne Jordan** (Mr. Clean), **Bert Ponante** (the Snake), everyone had a nickname and got along together.

I send my good tidings to **Hal Zerbook** in SEA and wish him many good years.

Joe Brad survived his surgery and is doing well. Remember him in your prayers.

I wish every one a happy and healthy life.

Thomas Jervis, 1-19171 Mitchell Road, Pitt Meadows, BC, V3Y 2G3

Sorry to have been so late, but time seems to fly by.

We had 2 grandchildren married this past year. Eight of our family came from Ireland, two came from Toronto and three came from Calgary.

We have one more being married in September.

It is hard to realize that I retired 22 years ago.

I look forward to receiving the newsletter. Many thanks for all involved in producing the newsletter.

Art Martin, 9586 Indigo Creek Blvd., Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

We live near the ocean and on a golf course, one couldn't ask for more than that.

I am eleven years into retirement. Time goes very quickly when you are enjoying good health and every day.

Thank you all for the great work you do in putting together our association newsletter. It keeps us all updated on what is happening across the country.

The economic problems in the world and within our company are not good. But we have all been through tough times before and somehow managed to weather the storms. I am sure we will do it again.

John Organtini, 18145 Sacramento Ave., Homewood, IL 60430-1421

Even the doc tells me not to even buy green bananas; I'll take a chance and go for the 2 year offer. Thank you for a great job. You really were a help to me on 2 trips I recently had to make.



Mary Platt, 1496 Wyndham Cove Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173

The newsletter is very much appreciated and so many interesting articles, historical pictures with descriptions of our earliest airplanes, routes and how United Air Lines progressed, members letter, chapter reports from around the country, color photos of the conventions, general news and a photo of RUAEA President, Ron Robertson. Current UA information, scheduled quarterly meetings with UA Senior officers, PBGC, and the letter from Exec. Vice President, Ron Bertacini are all of great interest.

Bill Simonton, PO Box 2257, Paradise, CA 95967

Thank you again for all of the work you all do.

We are really enjoying the "Northstaters" RUAEA group. It is lots of fun to see the retirees.

We survived the fire last summer. They were about ½ mile from our house and the smoke last for about 6 weeks.

We were camping in Bryce Canyon when they started. We came right home only to be caught in the end of the evacuation.

All is well and this year; we are having a beautiful spring in Paradise.

Susie Stanley, 3985 Holly St., Dumfries, VA 22026-2439

I look forward each month to receive the RUAEA newsletter. As soon as the mailman delivers it, I sit right down in my favorite chair and read it from cover to cover. It always has great news and information.

In July of last year, my oldest son (Winston, Se. Date 5/5/77 IADPV) came down with Guillian Baree' Miller Fisher Syndrome. With all our love, faith hope and prayers, he returned back to work 2/1/2009.

You folks continue to do a great job keeping us informed of the happenings and the changes.

I worked 38½ years with Capital and UAL and have been retired for 21½ years. I am still able, most of the time, to keep up with all of my housework and yard work. Best of all, I have lots of great times with my children.

Virginia Swenson, 26088 145th St., New Richland, MN 56072-6004

What a beautiful time of the year to be alive. I am enjoying my coffee and watching the early birds, as the sun comes up. We even have a visible pair of cardinals.

The farm work still goes on, although the roto-tiller seems a little heavier this year.

We have eleven acres to tend (but the fields are rented out). Some are for flower gardens and some are for vegetable gardens. So far I have 19 varieties of jams/jellies for the Farmers Market.

We are blessed to be able to be the care takers as it really belongs to God.

We plan to take a trip again to India in the fall.

Agnes Warthen, 603 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206

This is our 9th year at Adventureland in Altoona, Iowa. It is such a great place for retirees to work. It is so much fun and interesting.

Still enjoy the newsletter; it always has so much information in it.

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

Thank you RUAEA, for your hospitality and your efforts in making the Phoenix Convention a great success. Among the NY Metros I met there were **Charlie Kaczinski, Ruth & Elliott Olenick.**

My wife and I enjoyed every minute during our stay, seeing friends and being with United Airlines family. The accommodations and the banquet we attended were outstanding.

Taking the city tour, learning about its history and culture was delightful.

We took a behind the scenes tour of the Diamond-backs Chase Field. The field is unique, with its retractable dome, air conditioning and swimming pool over a low wall at right center field. Seeing the players locker room and sitting in the dugout was a nice touch.

To top off our stay, we took the overnight tour of the Grand Canyon. Getting there, going through the desert, stops at Jerome, Sedona and Flagstaff were educational and enjoyable.

Seeing the spectacular Grand Canyon was awesome. Words can not describe its width, depth and magnificence.

Harriett H. Miller, 1430 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34609

Greetings from Spring Hill, Florida, especially to anyone in the Cleveland area (CLERR) who might remember me or my name. I have now lived in Florida for 29 years and love it. I have a lovely home and a pool right outside the back door. I grow orchids. Don't need a greenhouse here. Just put the orchids out around the pool in the summer and bring them into the Florida room when the weather gets cool. They bloom year round, so I always have a beautiful blossom to enjoy.

Since my stroke in January, 2008, I have not been active in many things. As of today, I am still not able to walk and still spend a lot of time in my wheelchair. But I keep busy reading, writing letters, and telephoning, so the days pass quite quickly. I have my wonderful son living with me, so he keeps me company and takes care of me and everything including his two cats and my be-

loved Sheltie, "Maggie". I lost my other Sheltie, Fievel, in 2008, so I just have one now. We all miss him very much but I'm not about to start over again with a new puppy.

I do not travel anymore. It's too difficult these days but my dear daughter and son-in-law have been here twice already this year to visit. They were here for the month of January and returned in April. We are always so happy to have them. We all have a great time together and it is such fun to have them visit.

I certainly enjoy reading the newsletter each month.

Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd., Clermont, FL 34711, vectis24@aol.com.

Here's information for surviving USAAC that served in Hertfordshire, England, during WW2. I was recently in a picturesque village in Herts, where daily life unwinds like a tortoise race, but the traffic is Formula One. USAAC Bovington was a bomber base where married quarters were built after the war. Throughout WW2, the village had three social centers, pubs by the name of The Bell, The Bull, and the Wheatsheaf, where a warning poster in the entrances said, "Be Like Dad - Keep MUM", and it showed lips with a warning finger. After the war, The Bell changed hands and the new owner was making repairs. Upstairs, he found a loose wall panel and removed it. Behind was another room with a bare light and switch, a chair, and table. On the table was a German transmitter ... told to me by my brother, and that's all I know.

In the English countryside, I walked a mile each morning into the village for a newspaper. No sidewalks and fields were either a waving bright yellow crop called Rape seed (cooking oil), or yellow with thousands of dandelions. Some use the heads to make a delicious wine. Roadsides were lined with Stinging nettles used to make soup or a drink to suppress nasal allergies.

I was taken to a private garden in the village of Chenies, renowned for its 179 varieties of tulips. If you saw the TV series on a Dickens story, "Little Dorrit", some of the filming was done in the Chenies church yard. Taken to a small town in Buckinghamshire looking for a cobbler, I was surprised to find a small movie house with a bar at the back selling wine or beer during the movie. I was told there were no problems or they'd be shut, and the front lobby has been turned into a café.

The European pastry shops are a delight and I couldn't pass one without buying a real dairy cream cake. What a wonderful taste! There's one chain store in the U.K. with the strange name. In fact there's one in LHR's Terminal One where UAL resides. It's a ladies dress store called "***E*rench ***C*onnection ***U*nited ***K*ingdom******".**

Did many see the TV interview with co-pilot Jeffrey Skiles (A320 in the Hudson river)? He said he recently

deadheaded in the cockpit jump seat on UAL to ORD. Shortly after take off, a changing weather problem arose for the landing and he compared the training on the "legacy" carriers with that on regionals. He said the skill, training, and experience of the UA pilots had the problems solved long before meeting it. He was answering a blunt question on the winter crash of a "regional" in Buffalo. It was reassuring to hear.

In late April, I scooted up to NYC via White Plains to visit son's family in Yonkers. Daughter-in-law has started a garden club for children to convince them that fruits and veggies aren't made in supermarkets. She explains soil chemistry, seeds, germination. And the kids do the digging and planting. It has provided my two grandsons with a new playmate who brought his two "cherubs" out from Manhattan. He stayed and built a trellis for the kids' garden. Surprise! It's the Aussie movie actor Hugh Jackman. He entertained the two grandsons with excerpts from his movie currently on the screens - Wolverine, taking both good and bad guy parts.

Daughter-in-law took her gardening kids out to a farm for more information and two boys chased a 12 year old girl, also a visiting Aussie. She turned to see her pursuers and impaled her pretty face on the gnarly bark of an old fir tree, twelve sutures. She won't forget her American visit.

The unusually early and heavy rain we're having in FL is a disaster for many (flooded homes). Last month, it was bush fires in central FL and drought in the South ... and so it still goes.

Marietta F. Parker, 0 So. 030 Rowe Road, Elburn, IL 60119

It has been brought to my attention that my husband's membership has expired. I knew renewals were due on his birthday, but it slipped my mind.

William Lloyd Parker, Jr. died March 7. With Hospice help, I was able to have him home. He was alert and kept his sense of humor to the end.

According to his wishes, he was cremated and there were no special services. We enjoyed hiking the many preserves in Kane County and in his memory, I am purchasing a bench to be place in Dick Young Forest Preserve (Nelson Lake), Batavia, in his memory.

He flew his entire career in Chicago, ORD.



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Dear Fellow Retiree,

We have lived and worked in interesting times. Now in retirement, we live in interesting and threatening times. Not just the U.S. and world economies, but specifically for us, the problems and challenges facing United Airlines and the airline industry. And what an industry!! ... dependent upon capital, labor and energy ... all three are required and necessary to operate. It's amazing to me and others, how the industry has survived but it has, in remnants. I still have a keen interest in these things, and in United Airlines, because at the end of the day, our well being in the area of travel, health, and other benefits depends on United. I don't want to read about the industry and UA just in the newspapers. If it affects me and my family, even in the smallest way, I would like to know about it now and what action I can take to change it, if necessary!!

The vehicle available to you to provide information (early warning), and oppose or condone actions planned or put in place by United is RUAEA, (Retired United Airlines Employees Association). RUAEA was established about 35 years ago, primarily to provide a structure and process to continue and enhance the relationships, camaraderie and friendships among fellow employees. That function continues. We have about 60 geographic chapters that meet regularly. The RUAEA monthly Newsletter and web site are full of information about United, retiree benefits and policies and retirees throughout the country. Each year RUAEA puts on a Convention that is attended by hundreds of United retirees. The annual convention is hosted in various cities and provides a means to reestablish those relationships that we all experienced while still working. And, the camaraderie and events at the convention are great!

Beginning about six years ago, we decided to take a more aggressive role for retirees and it has worked! Our officers now meet with Glenn Tilton, Chairman/President, Marc Ugol, Sr. V.P. Human Resources and other key United officers whose decisions affect our lives. For individual retiree problems RUAEA has a representative that meets monthly with an assigned HR Director. For major input from/to retirees on significant policy issues we meet three times per year, and on a critical issue we can, and have, asked for and received an audience with senior officers.

A recent indicator of the success we have had working with United officers is the reestablishment of the retiree boarding priority. After meetings and numerous dialogs with United we were able to restore/retain the BP-6 boarding priority. Another is the fact that there is no service charge for retiree travel in economy. This didn't happen by accident, RUAEA had input on this issue and we all will continue to benefit. There are also many life insurance, health and travel items that are specific to individuals. In these individual cases we have been very successful at working with United, to the retirees' satisfaction. This doesn't mean that all problems are immediately solved, but we do have a relationship wherein a resolution may be possible. I also want to clearly point out that in some of these major items the decision made in our favor was not solely due to RUAEA's action, but we got the word out to members early and we were influential in the company's decision. And then, on the other hand, we have been receptive to United's needs. We have assisted the company in various community and national efforts, e.g. the breast cancer run in Chicago Mother's Day, political efforts such as the Washington/Beijing route award and others yet to come this year.

I encourage you to join RUAEA to be part of a great organization that is dedicated to the betterment of retirees. Individually we are a voice in the wilderness, but numbers matter. I am puzzled why all retirees are not members of RUAEA. It may be because RUAEA is not known by all. This letter is an effort to reach out and let you know who RUAEA is. It can't be the 25 dollars annual dues. Who wouldn't spend seven cents a day to keep his/her ear to the ground, and assist in protecting his/her benefits - diminished as they may be?

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Sincerely,

Ron Robertson
RUAEA President

Cut along this line and give this page to your UAL Retiree friend!





Retired United Airlines Employees Association

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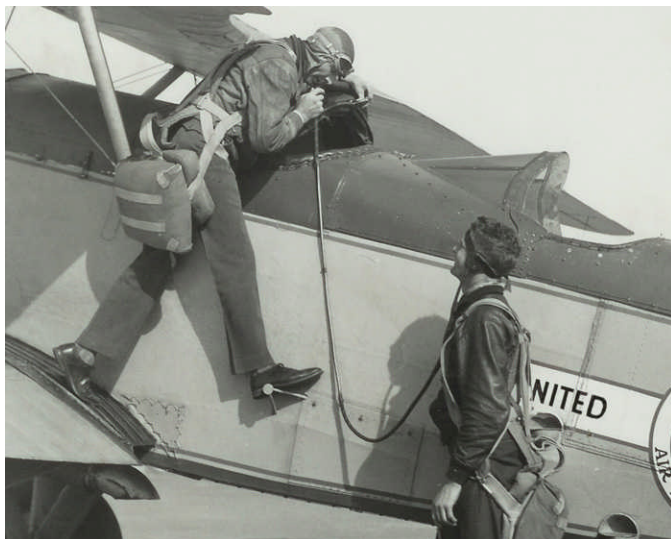


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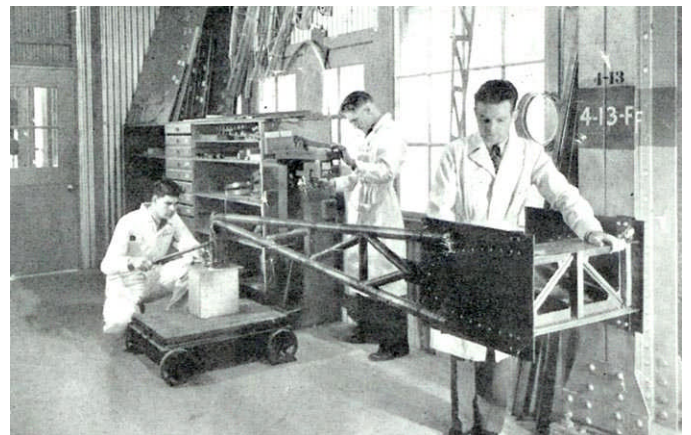


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(Left) For Pilot Instrument Training, the Boeing School of Aeronautics used "covered-cockpits" in dual-control aircraft such as this Boeing Model 40C. (Lower Left) BSA flight instructor George I. Myers demonstrates "voice-tube" intra-cockpit communication to the pilot of this Pacific Air Transport, Boeing Model 40.

BSA Meteorology instructor, B. C. Haynes, developed the "Geostrophic" wind-scale. This scale allowed upper-wind observations to be converted into graphics similar to isobar maps. By using available reports and the scale, it was possible to estimate upper-wind conditions for periods of 24 to 48 hours.



BSA students "load-testing" an airplane wing's leading-edge deflection. By Marvin Berryman, DENTK (Ret.)

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