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**RUAEA Convention**  
*Orlando, Florida*

*Oh, What Wonderful  
Memories We Have!*



**DID YOU KNOW** ... That from the moment the first out-of-towner checked in at the Registration Desk, the fun, the smiles, the “oh, my gosh it IS you”, the hugging and the kissing began and it continued right through Saturday night. Hope you got your share of that!

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That the Rosen Centre is a very well run hotel and the food at every event we held and in the restaurants was NOT your usual hotel fare ... it was delicious.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That our many volunteers made all the tasks, big and small, so much easier and lightened our load and **WE THANK YOU ALL!** Much applause also to acknowledge Convention VP **Hank Gosselin**, Assistant VP **Bob Hallden**, Local Chairs **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** and all the committee members who shared in this great adventure! Special kudos go out to **Angel Montalvo**, audio visual, video and mike & speaker man extraordinaire. Working hand in hand with **Rich Surma**, our committee graphics, photographer and video man, they were an amazing team! Thanks to everyone – we couldn't have done it without all of you!

**DID YOU KNOW** ... Wednesday Night's **Beach Blanket Bash** entertainer, Patti played some great music to a packed house who enjoyed pizza, chips with several dips, and of course, that open bar! Friday night's **Friendship Dinner**'s tropical theme was a huge success! Flamingos everywhere ... some of them, the ladies in their tropical finery! The **Air Force ROTC from UCF** presented **Colors** and the “**Star Spangled Banner**” was sung by our own, **Stan Halterman**. We were welcomed to Orlando by **Harris Rosen**, and he shared the story of his early beginnings up to today as President & CEO of Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Inc. Our own **Al Fields** gave the invocation and we all enjoyed a tasty meal. The wonderful dance music from our era played by **Jody & The Trouble Brothers** continued until almost 11PM, as many members took to “dancing cheek-to-cheek”!

**DID YOU KNOW** ... Thursday night, Karaoke singer **Monte Clark** was joined by several of our members with some great voices and some pretty amazing dance moves too - you should've been there for the fun! But a surprise guest brought down the house! Former CLECG and MCOCG retiree **Mack Chandler** joined Monte at the mike for several numbers including, “**Unchained Melody**” (this writer's personal favorite) and received a standing ovation! The Magical Moments continued at Saturday night's **RUAEA Banquet**, with sparkling top hats adorning each table and everyone dressed in their black and white best – we sure clean up good! After the invocation by **Stan Halterman** and another wonderful dinner, we enjoyed the **Magical Entertainment of Don Townsend**, who wowed us with his slight-of-hand, mind-reading and, get this, he put **Tom Cannata** in a guillotine with what seemed to be a real blade ... thank goodness, no blood when the blade fell. How did he do that anyway?

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That we all really should start making our plans now to attend the **2011 RUAEA Convention** in Portland, Oregon! Go PDX!

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**See you next year in Portland!**

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Another RUAEA Convention is history. This was my fourteenth since retirement. The Orlando Committee did a fine job, the convention was well organized and offered a little something for most everyone. Tours included a visit to the oldest city in the US, the NASA Space Center and searching for alligators. The Arts and Crafts display/raffles featured many unique items and United memorabilia donated by members. The ever popular 50/50 raffles made the day for several members. There were two Hospitality nights that were well attended with music and donated door prizes. Thursday night was Karaoke night and we found that we have some very talented members.

It was great to see friendship reunited and new acquaintances made. We were fortunate to have Mickey Manfre, President of the Continental Airlines Retirees Association, with us to see how we function and possible go forward with a relationship between the two groups. RUAEA is the only retirement association representing **all United retirees** and has direct contact with upper

Management at United. Our Corporate Liaison meets frequently with policy makers at United Headquarters. Over the years, we have been successful in resolving many issues. During the coming months as the UA/CO merger progresses, these contacts will be helpful in getting our desires communicated to United and be able to report back to our membership in an accurate and timely manner.

During the Convention, there were two important gatherings, one for the local Chapter Presidents and one for the local Chapter Correspondents. In both cases, attendees were able to exchange information on how the various chapters function, get officers, raise money as well as how and when they meet.

As usual, Saturday started off with the RUAEA Business Meeting. President Ron Robertson and other officers brought the membership up to date on how our organization is doing. Following the Business Meeting was the Benefits Panel with representatives from Alliant Credit Union, Fidelity Investments, ADP, Medco, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, VSP Vision Care, PBGC and several principals from United: Doug Rose, VP-Total Rewards; Rob Puryear, Managing Director-Benefits; Patrick Reid, Program Manager-Employee Travel Program and Rosemary Sams, Program Manager-Benefits.

The 2011 RUAEA Convention will be in Portland, Oregon at the downtown Marriott. The dates for the convention are May 22 through May 28, 2011. As with all conventions, it is up to each attendee as to how many days they would like to attend. Planning is already in progress and there will likely be interesting tours available and other activities along with the Friendship Dinner, and the Banquet on Saturday, May 28. We hope to see many of you there.

As your President for the next two years, I look forward to meeting many of you. Your officers and the Board of Directors are aware of the many questions that will arise with the coming merger. As soon as accurate information is available, we will let the membership know via our Website and Newsletter.

**Ron Bertacini**  
**President - RUAEA**

## United Becomes First Airline to Join UN Global Compact and Commemorates World Environment Day

What does it mean to be a good corporate citizen in the world economy? As a company with operations around the world, United connects communities, enabling tourism and facilitating commerce and business opportunities. United believes it means engaging in initiatives that allow the company to use its assets and expertise to make a difference. That's why United has become the first airline to join the UN Global Compact, an initiative involving companies from around the world that are taking a leadership role in sustainability and responsible business practices.



One area of focus for the UN Global Compact is a commitment to promoting environmental responsibility. United commemorated its joining of the UN Global Compact by participating in World Environment Day, which is held every year on June 5 and is intended to stimulate awareness of the environment and enhance political attention and public action.

United will become the first airline to conduct two trans-Atlantic flights using state-of-the-art flight planning to reduce environmental impact and save fuel. The demonstration flights will be United Flight 945 from Frankfurt to Chicago and United Flight 944 from Chicago to Frankfurt.

*"We expect this effort will serve as a model for how cooperation and coordination can generate meaningful progress in our drive to protect the environment and improve our operational efficiency,"* said Joe Kolshak, SVP–Operations.

United estimates that the two flights will save nearly 6,400 pounds of fuel and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by almost 20,000 pounds.

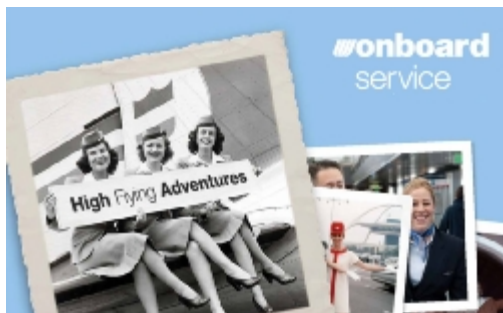
To mark World Environment Day, United is also giving out 10,000 specially designed Every Action Counts United luggage tags made from recycled plastic at all five of its hubs, and customers on all United domestic flights will see an in-flight video about United's commitment to the environment and the importance of all of us coming together to care for our one shared earth.

Some of the other initiatives include:

- ① Saving over 1 billion pounds of jet fuel since 2004 by changing how United plans its flights and fly its planes.
- ① Flying the first commercial engineering flight on a natural gas synthetic jet fuel to advance bio and synthetic fuels as environmentally beneficial alternatives to petroleum jet.
- ① Diverting 590 tons of waste - 25 million cans and 6 million plastic bottles - from landfill by recycling on board its planes across all our eligible U.S. routes.
- ① Planting close to 1,000 trees in the neighborhoods where United lives and works in partnership with the Alliance for Community Trees.

Protecting the environment is about the work United does every day and the actions that the company takes that have lasting impact. Continued progress is about each employee - within the company and the industry - taking action and doing the part to make a difference.

### **Join the Celebration: 80 Years of United Flight Attendant Service**



May 15, 1930, the world's first stewardess took to the sky and changed the air travel experience forever. She and seven other nurses were the industry's first professional flight attendants. They were hired to calm and comfort customers who were apprehensive about flying in those early days. Much like today, they were safety experts, emergency responders, service professionals, mediators and counselors.

"First Stewardess" Ellen Church began the journey from San Francisco to Chicago. Four stewardesses - one for each assigned segment - were staged along the flight's route to complete the 13-

stop, 20-hour trip on a Boeing 80A with 14 seats.

On May 15, 2010, Senior Vice President of Onboard Service Alex Marren took that same journey to commemorate the event -- as a non-stop four hour flight, with 244 customers on a Boeing 767.

"We're kicking off a month-long celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flight attendant profession, including volunteers wearing vintage uniforms," says Alex. "So the next time you fly, take a moment to say "thank you," to our flight attendants, who have transformed the historic roles of their predecessors into today's safety and service professionals in the sky."



## **Glenn Tilton Joins Future of Aviation Advisory Committee Convened by DOT**



UAL Corp. Chairman, President and CEO Glenn Tilton has accepted an invitation to join the Future of Aviation Advisory Committee being convened by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Ray LaHood.

The committee held its first meeting on May 25 in Washington and focused principally on five issue areas: 1. Ensuring aviation safety, 2. Ensuring a world-class aviation workforce, 3. Balancing the industry's competitiveness and viability, 4. Securing stable funding for aviation systems, and 5. Addressing environmental challenges and solutions.

*"I look forward to working with the Secretary and joining my colleagues on the Future of Aviation Advisory Committee to bring about meaningful policy initiatives that will strengthen our industry and our national economy," Glenn said. "Our industry facilitates global commerce and strengthening it will enable us to provide a platform for sustained economic vitality."*

As United communicated to the Secretary in November at the Future of U.S. Aviation Forum, the company believe that three overarching imperatives should be addressed in order to secure the future of the industry and best prepare it for the global market realities of an intensely competitive industry. The three imperatives are:

- ➔ *Assist the U.S. Airline Industry to Return to Sustained Profitability* - The aviation sector and customers shoulder a federal tax burden that is typically higher than that paid by the alcohol and tobacco industries for so-called sin goods. Federal taxes represent as much as 20 percent of a domestic roundtrip airline ticket. This hampers United's ability to reinvest in areas that directly benefit its employees, customers and communities.
- ➔ *Ensure the Global Competitiveness of the U.S. Industry* - The airline industry contributes 3 trillion dollars a year to the global economy. It is a catalyst for commerce and tourism, creating jobs, connecting small communities and large cities to the world. Restoring U.S. competitiveness requires regulatory and structural reform that will enable airlines to operate like other global businesses. International investment, consolidation and cross-border ventures are among the business tools and options that should be made available to the industry.
- ➔ *Invest in Air Traffic Control Infrastructure* - While a satellite-based, modernized air traffic control system is a priority for DOT and the Federal Aviation Administration, much more needs to be done. The government must act now to fund this priority. There is broad agreement on this priority and its benefits. It will create jobs, improve customer service, improve safety and reduce emissions.

## **Gauging the Right Amount of Fuel for Each Flight**



A new process to more precisely determine the amount of fuel needed for each flight is helping United reduce its costs and impact on the environment. The Analyzed Contingency Fuel (ACF) method brings more precision and less subjectivity to calculating the proper level of fuel for all its flights.

*"We developed our ACF standards in conjunction with the FAA," said Howard Attarian, VP-Flight Operations. "After two years of fuel burn data collection and analysis, ACF was officially implemented in late April."*

*"The idea is to develop a more consistent flight plan by giving dispatchers and pilots the tools to make the safest and most accurate decisions on fuel,"* says Captain Jim Barnes, of the ACF development team.

ACF calculations not only compare the amount of fuel planned for each flight with the amount actually burned, they are also based on a series of conditions specific for each flight, including aircraft type, departure and arrival cities, weather conditions, season and even the time of day, all of which determine ground and air traffic. Fuel burn data from each flight is consistently updated in the system to maintain a high level of accuracy.

*"We wanted to go to the next level of fuel efficiency,"* says Mark Talaga, senior staff representative-Operations, who developed the modeling that led to the project's Six Sigma black belt and green belt certifications. *"ACF*

*considers all the values for a flight and asks several decision tree questions about weather, visibility and other variables to calculate the proper amount of contingency fuel.”*

This new system improves United’s previous fuel determination method but does not represent a minimum amount of fuel pilots can board; rather, it’s a more accurate amount that allows for more fuel conservation in a safe and reliable operation.

*“Carrying too much fuel not only adds more weight to the aircraft, it increases the fuel burn rate - pumping more emissions into the atmosphere,” Attarian added. “Given that fuel is our single largest fixed cost, conserving fuel is not just a key cost-saving contribution Flight Operations can deliver to the enterprise, it also helps us to maximize revenue by reducing the number of denied boardings due to weight restrictions.”*

He concluded, *“We believe that industry adoption of these standards would reduce emissions across the board and create even wider fuel savings.”*

### **Inside Our Industry**



Here’s a look at some of the airline industry news announced recently. (Posted June 4, 2010)

- ➔ ATA President Jim May said passenger convenience will remain a priority as the airline industry plans its response to a set of rules proposed by the Department of Transportation yesterday. The regulations, which are open to public comment for 60 days, include provisions designed to better compensate bumped passengers, improve delay notifications and expand just-implemented tarmac delay rules to more carriers and airports (Source: USA Today).
- ➔ The International Air Transport Association said on Tuesday air cargo volumes rebounded by an annualized 26 percent in the first quarter, and shippers and cargo executives expect a strong 2010 although growth could slow in the second half. The IATA said that improved cargo yields had boosted revenues by 30 to 40 percent in the first quarter (Source: Reuters).
- ➔ A strong recovery in premium travel is helping to allay fears that the recession may have created a permanent change in corporate travel spending. March saw a 10.8 percent increase in first- and business-class travel around the world, compared to an 8.8 percent rise in leisure travel, according to data by an international aviation group (Source: New York Times).
- ➔ As the summer season unleashes a pent-up demand for air travel, experts predict fuller planes and higher fares than in recent years. Corporate and leisure sales have grown anywhere from 15 percent to 39 percent in various reports, while the Air Transport Association predicts domestic capacity will increase only 0.2 percent from last year (Source: New York Times).
- ➔ The Air Force today is convening a meeting of experts in energy and aviation in an effort to spur development of commercially viable alternative jet fuels. The Air Force seeks to cut its consumption of fossil fuels in half by 2016 (Source: Boston Globe).

### **Merger Integration Planning Team Formed**



United announced the formation of the team that will begin integration planning in relation to its announced merger with Continental Airlines. Integration will begin after United has gained approval for the merger and closed the transaction.

Glenn Tilton and Jeff Smisek will lead the Integration Steering Committee, which will include EVP and CFO Kathryn Mikells; EVP and Chief Administrative Officer Pete McDonald; Zane Rowe, Continental’s EVP and CFO; and Jim Compton, Continental’s EVP and Chief Marketing Officer.

Pete McDonald and Lori Gobillot, Continental’s Staff VP and Assistant General Counsel, will report to the Steering Committee and will lead integration planning.

*“As this work gets under way, the most important contribution we can all make is to continue our momentum and focus on the good work that has put us in the position to effect this merger with Continental,”* Glenn noted in a message to all employees.

The Integration Management Office (IMO) led by Pete and Lori will be responsible for day-to-day integration planning and recommendations. The IMO will focus on identifying key strategic opportunities, including fleet plans, capital structure, product and service strategy and processes that will create a stronger airline, better positioned to succeed.

United expects to announce the full IMO organization structure and leadership soon, with planning work beginning in earnest in early June.

*“I look forward to working with our team and the leaders at Continental through the planning process as we define key strategic opportunities that will position us to succeed after the merger closes,”* says Pete.

Please visit SkyNet for the latest updates on [Let's Fly Together](#). You can also visit <http://www.unitedcontinentalmerger.com> for more information.

### **Demolition Begins in Advance of Construction at Willis Tower**



United's move into the new operations center at Willis Tower in downtown Chicago took a major step forward on June 1<sup>st</sup>, as the company began demolition on four floors. The demolition work sets the stage for the first wave of approximately 1,000 employees to move in by the end of the year and the remainder in early 2011.

The next major milestone will be in early July when construction begins on these floors.

As noted in previous stories, the cost advantages provided by the city's incentive package represent a key opportunity to leave a sub-par facility, raise additional cash for the company and ultimately move into one of the highest-quality office facilities in

Chicago. The move to Willis Tower will also provide more aligned and productive working relationships between and among its airline's operating functions.

### **Letter from United Benefits Service Center** **Direct Billing Process Change**

Dear Retiree,

As you may know, in early May, we launched an update to the United benefits website and implemented a new bill payment process for retiree benefits. Many of you reached out to the United Benefits Service Center with questions and experienced unusually long wait times. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we addressed the situation. The volume of questions was significantly higher than projected, and we were unfortunately unable to provide you with the high level of service you are accustomed to receiving.

Despite these initial challenges, we are confident that the recent system upgrade will result in added flexibility and greater convenience for our retirees. The ability for you to manage your own account and view your payment history on-line will give you greater control and more timely information.

We are in the process of resolving billing and system issues that inadvertently resulted from these changes. During this period, we can assure you that your medical coverage will not be affected and that no one will lose their medical coverage as a result of the recent system issues. The following steps have been taken to address the issues some retirees have experienced:

1. Additional resources were added to the Benefits Service Center to support the high call volume and wait times have dropped to no more than 1-2 minutes in most cases.
2. Passwords for the website were automatically reset to a default password. This allowed retirees to access the system and change their password without having to call and speak to a representative.
3. Payment or billing errors on accounts with automatic payment have been identified and the vast majority have been corrected. We are working actively to correct any remaining billing errors.
4. A number of retirees choose to pay in advance for their benefits, but in some cases, credits for these payments were not shown on the May bills. Credits and past due charges will begin showing on the billing statements in July. No action is needed for the May or June billing cycles. However, if you

would like to pay for any past due charges, please contact a representative at the United Benefits Service Center.

5. In a few instances, retirees reported that they were charged banking fees as a result of a May billing cycle error. If you incurred any fee or penalty associated with your May payment, please call the United Benefits Service Center and we will work with your financial institution to restore your account appropriately.

Once again, we want to thank you for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience you experienced as a result of these recent changes.

If you are unable to access your information on [ualbenefits.com](http://ualbenefits.com) or have questions about your billing statement or automatic payment arrangements, please contact the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188. Representatives are available from 7 am to 7 pm CST, Monday through Friday.

Thank you.

The United Benefits Service Center

### **Give Help, Get Help**

Use these resources to give help to a variety of relief organizations, your communities and your colleagues. Some programs are available to provide you with help when you're in need.

- ➔ **United Airlines Employee Relief Fund:** The United Airlines Employees' Relief Fund (UAERF) provides confidential, timely, short-term crisis relief for those in the United Family who need basic assistance unavailable through other resources.

Who is eligible?

- ☒ Active employees (not on voluntary Leave of Absence)
- ☒ Retired employees.
- ☒ Furloughed employees (for up to one year after furlough date)
- ☒ Dependents (May receive assistance for up to one year after death of employee or retiree)
- ➔ **Employee Giving Program:** Pledges to the Employee Relief Fund are encouraged during the United Employee Giving Program annual fundraising campaign held each fall.
- ➔ **Corporate Social Investment:** We are responsible for United's involvement in the community. The company shows its commitment through Corporate Social Investment's volunteerism, corporate giving and community partnership programs.

A brochure will soon be available explaining this worthy cause. To get more information about the EMF go to SkyNet at <https://skynet.ual.com> and click on Employee Services, then click on *Give Help, Get Help* and follow the blue prompts or write: United Airlines Employees' Relief Fund, c/o WHQHR - Employee Service Center, PO Box 66100, Chicago, IL 60666. Call/Fax: Toll-free (US only): 877-48-UAERF (877-488-2373), Phone: (847) 48-UAERF. Fax: (847) 700-3114.

### **Benefit Panel Discussion, Saturday May 29, 2010 - Grand Ballroom**

#### **VP Total Rewards United Airlines – Doug Rose**

His goal is to maintain an ongoing dialogue with RUAEA and its members throughout the merger process. He was very glad to attend our Convention and hopes to do so every year.

#### **Managing Director Benefit Strategy – Rob Puryear**

Health care reform is one of their biggest concerns currently. It is a 2500 page document with more questions than answers. Areas that have potential impact for retirees and where they will need additional guidance are as follows;

- ✎ Requirement for no annual/lifetime benefits
- ✎ Coverage for dependent children up to age 26
- ✎ Change in amount of reimbursement in the Advantage Medicare Plan
- ✎ Medicare Part D – closing the “doughnut hole” in the prescription drug coverage
- ✎ Retiree re-insurance program

#### **United Airlines/ Travel – Patrick Reid**

Retiree travel in 2009 generated \$3,000,000 with more than 6000 segments taken to Hawaii. Some new enhancements for employees and retirees are free Pet in Cabin, age limitation for children in international first class reduced to 12 years and fee for first and second bag waived on a 20% employee discount fare. They are

trying to convert all ID90's to ZED fares. It is important you know your Companion travel pin number. This is protection against possible abuse of your companion coupons. You can change this on Skynet at Weblist. Go to Options and enter a new password if you can't remember assigning one.

**Alliant Credit Union – Dave Mooney**

This is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Credit Union. Today assets exceed \$7 billion and over 250,000 members enjoy the Alliant Advantage. As a member – owned cooperative, Alliant provides members consistently superior financial value through high return on deposits and low rates on loans and helpful, knowledgeable and memorable service. In 2009, Alliant was in the top 1% of all credit unions, paid \$132 million in dividends and added 20 new sponsors while membership grew by 8%. Interest rates are likely to stay at historically low levels for an extended period of time. Alliant is offering members a Member certificate of Appreciation on a new or used vehicle or unsecured loan. See the website for complete information.

**ADP – Todd Hall**

There is a new website [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com). Once signed in, you will be able to make personal changes, like address, marital status, etc. You will also be able to change the day of the month for your Medical payment. If you need to reset your password, just enter your employee number and the original password will be your birth month and last two digits of your birth year. You then can change the password to one of your own. He apologized for the confusion on the direct bill changeover and the long telephone wait time. This has all been corrected and you should be able to call now without any problems.

**PBGC Team Leader United Airlines Plans – Thomas Hopkins**

The PBGC paid \$4 billion to over 600,000 retirees last year. There are sufficient reserves to continue these payments without using any tax funds. There are still United Airline retirees that have yet to receive their final determination letter. They send approximately 4000 a month and should be finished by the end of 2010.

**VSP – Oxana Lapchuk**

The Vision Service Plan is one of the largest vision plans in the US. They have the largest network of doctors for your vision needs. Enrollment dates are generally late October 28 to mid November. You can view the coverage and costs at [vsp.com/go/unitedretirees](http://vsp.com/go/unitedretirees) or call 800 400-4569.

**Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Illinois – Celeste Medina**

There were over two trillion dollars spent on health care in the United States last year. Since fraud accounted for over 10% of that number, they are very concerned that members report fraud. Be cautious of anyone offering "Free Screening" and then asking for an insurance card. Someone is paying for this service. It is important everyone review their EOB (Explanation Of Benefits) be it in paper form or on the Website. There is a number listed to report suspected fraud. All members are encouraged to register at [www.bcbsil.com](http://www.bcbsil.com).

**Medco – Pamela Morrison**

In 2009, Medco filled 118,000,000 prescriptions for over 67 million members. Between 2009 and 2015, a number of drugs are going off patent. Some of them are among the most widely prescribed in the world; Prevacid, Flomax, Ambien CR and Lipitor. Their mission is to make *medicine smarter, but more importantly adhere to your prescriptions* – "drugs don't work in patients that don't take them". Remember to use the new Medco Health Store for buying OTC medicines.

**RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Saturday May 29, 2010**

**Rosen Centre Hotel – Orlando, Florida**

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

President - Ron Robertson - Ron welcomed all members to the annual business meeting with a special thanks to first time attendees. *"Our main focus is to keep RUEA meaningful and serve our 8000 members. We represent all 39,000 retirees and feel we make a difference"* He sent 5000 personal letters to recent retirees and received a 14% return in new members. In our attempt to remain proactive, Mickey Manfre from the Continental retiree group has been invited to our Convention. Ron recommended all attend the Benefit Panel session, since there will be representatives from most programs, with breakout sessions to follow. He also encouraged members to visit the Flight 93 booth and get information on donations. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the 2009 business meeting minutes. The motion was carried.

Corporate Relations - Ed Tolle - Ed passed out a brochure explaining the United Airlines Employee Relief Fund (UAERF), of which he is currently a board member. There is a typo omitting retirees from coverage which he will address at the business meeting. Ed continues to meet monthly with HR senior employees. Doug



Rose VP of Total Rewards will be at the benefit panel discussion tomorrow. His department manages all forms of compensation; salary, medical and travel.

Past President/ Nominating Committee Chair – Mort Wax

Election Results

There were 1226 ballots cast in this election. Of this total, 63% were cast online and 37% were paper ballots. Mort thanked Virgil Gooselaw and the members of the audit committee for their help during the election.

The successful candidates are as follows:

Executive Committee

- \* President – Ron Bertacini
- \* Executive Vice President – Hank Gosselin
- \* Treasurer – Tony Seidl
- \* Vice President – Conventions – Marilyn Marcy
- \* Secretary – Diane Griego

Regional Director

- \* Florida – Paul Brown
- \* Midwest – Helen Cauwels
- \* Northern California/Nevada – John Zoboli
- \* Western – Roger Casterline

The Executive Committee members presented their recommendations for appointees.

President:

- \* Audit Committee Chair – Howard Payne
- \* Audit Committee – Ed Meyer and John Haferbecker
- \* Travel Committee and Consultant – Mort Wax
- \* Corporate Liaison – Ed Tolle

Executive Vice President

- \* Membership Manager – Virgil Gooselaw
- \* Assistant Manager – Cas Spokas
- \* Denver Office Secretaries – Carole Longbella, Carol Bare, Marilyn Hansen and Juliana Alfonso
- \* Newsletter Manager – Francis Domaratius
- \* Proof Reader – Martha Gooselaw
- \* Web Managers – Jim Sommerfield and Ed Majewski

Past President/Nominating Committee Chair

- \* Marlin Lade
- \* Virgil Gooselaw
- \* Len Haubl

VP of Conventions

- \* Assistant Vice President – Elaine Tillman-Mannella
- \* Liaison Treasurer and Computer – Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser
- \* AV Manager – Rich Surma
- \* Site Selection Chair – John Koehl
- \* Site Selection Committee – Paul Brown, Helen Cauwels and Elaine Tillman-Mannella

Executive Vice President – Ron Bertacini

Newsletter/Membership Managers - Francis Domaratius will become Newsletter Manager, effective the end of May. Virgil Gooselaw will maintain his role of Membership Manager.

Denver Office – Virgil Gooselaw - Office Relocation Update - The relocation at DENTK for RUAEA and UAHF has been placed on an indefinite hold.

Membership Report - Membership is currently 8200, with 1200 members receiving their Newsletter electronically. Virgil thanked the secretaries for their help in keeping the data base current and answering questions. Martha Gooselaw and Cas Spokas were also recognized for their service, along with the Chapter correspondents for their contributions.

Web Site – Jim Sommerfield - The idea of a website originated in 2003, with a goal of being tailored to retirees' needs. The current goal is be professional, informational and easy to use. To that end, all RUAEA members are encouraged to take advantage of this product by registering for either level two or three. Some new features are UA/CO merger information and retiree travel awareness. There are also links to medical, Star Alliance and travel desk information.

Treasurer - Len Haubl - The annual audit on RUAEA's finances and the 2009 Convention was conducted and there were no adverse findings. Income increased due to the multiple year offering. Interest earned decreased because of lower interest rates. Contributions also decreased.

Vice President Convention - Hank Gosselin - The 2011 Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront. Jack and Nancy Hooper will be Convention Co-Chairs. He thanked the local Orlando committee for their help in putting on a first class convention.

Travel Desk - Jack Hooper - Jack will be available during the breakout session to answer any questions or concerns. The phone numbers and hours of operation are listed in the Newsletter.

Recognition of Service - All outgoing elected officers and committee members were recognized for their service to RUAEA with a certificate presented by Ron Robertson. Additionally, Martha Gooselaw was recognized for her contribution in editing the members' letters and proof reading the Newsletter.

#### New Business

- ☒ A question was raised about changing the date of future conventions. Hank answered that we usually get a better rate at this time of year, but we can still consider changing the dates.
- ☒ It was also asked about the annual Convention on a cruise ship. Hank responded that this has been investigated and it was felt there were too many variables involved and getting commitments two years out from members.
- ☒ He also answered a query about the number of attendees in Orlando compared to previous Conventions. We have 388 attendees, which is down from past Conventions.
- ☒ A correction was made to a previous statement about sending in dues payments. They are to be sent only to the Denver office. Make sure your file number is on the check.
- ☒ Nancy Hooper has a survey about future conventions. She will make copies available at the Registration desk. It is also posted on the Website. Please submit by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ☒ The UA/CO merger was mentioned and everyone was assured RUAEA will make our position on travel benefits known to United.

Motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 0940.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Marcy, Secretary

Approved by Ron Robertson, President

#### **Portland Travel Desk - Temporary Change of Service Hours**

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Portland Travel Desk will operate only on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 1000-1400 PDT. This is a temporary reduction in service.

Normal service hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday will resume on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Updates**

*Flight 93 Memorial Chapel - Thunder on the Mountain.* A milestone was achieved as just over \$10,000.00 was received to date from United Airline Retirees & the Philadelphia Independents.

This is great news! We're on our way to enlarging the Chapel. The estimated cost is expected to be in the area of \$50,000. Thanks to you, retirees, for your support and generous donations. I would like to acknowledge each and every one of our retirees; however, space is at a premium. Maybe something can be worked out.

Should you wish to contribute, make check payable to **93 Memorial Chapel** and mail to: **Frank Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Thanks again for your support.

## Easy Does It



So you don't/can't/won't have an outdoor **BBQ** to celebrate the Fourth of July? So what! You can do these “**Saucy Pork Spareribs**” easily (and less messy) in your *kitchen oven*. I've bent my rule about my recipes using only 4 or 5 ingredients ... this time, it's 8 if you count the water ... but so delicious. Accompanied by “**Valerie Noel's Potato Dish**” in a separate bowl (recipe follows), just before you serve, you could add slightly warmed canned peach slices to your meat platter, adding pretty color and a nice blend of flavors.

### “Saucy Pork Spareribs”

Buy *especially meaty* (“farmers or country style”) pork spareribs, *whatever amount* suits your needs. (\*The Sauce recipe makes a generous amount.) Cut ribs between bones into serving-size pieces. Place ribs in *one layer* in an appropriately sized *metal* baking pan. Do not use a glass baking dish. I had one break in my oven ... what a mess! Bake in a *preheated 500 F.* oven **15** minutes. Add another **5** minutes if you are making enough ribs to serve *over 6* persons. **Remove** from oven. **Drain**, discarding fat.

**Reduce** oven temperature to **325 F.**

#### \*While ribs are baking, make Sauce:

1/4 cup chopped onion (I cheat; I use frozen).

1/2 cup water

1/4 cup lemon juice (I use bottled “ReaLemon: 100% Lemon Juice)

2 Tablespoons brown sugar (Diabetics: Same amount of “Brown Sugar Twin” works fine)

2 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce

1 cup bottled Chili Sauce

1/4 teaspoon paprika

**Cook** sauce over low heat in pot, **uncovered**, **20** minutes. Watch carefully so it doesn't burn.

(1) **Pour** Sauce over ribs in pan; **cover** with heavyweight foil; **bake 2** hours.

(2) **Remove** foil ... bake additional **30** minutes.

(3) **Drain** ribs slightly on paper towels before placing on meat platter to serve.

### “Valerie Noel's Potato Dish”

Buy **10** medium size red (“new”) potatoes, wash (do not peel) and thinly slice. If you have a food processor, Cuisinart etc., use the medium-slicing blade.

(1) **Generously brush** bottom and part way up sides of casserole dish with soft (room temp) butter.

(2) **Place** sliced red potatoes in casserole dish. Dot (cut tiny bits of butter) top of potatoes using approximately 1/3 cup butter (more or less).

(3) **Sprinkle** 1 oz. package dry onion soup mix (not “Cup-A-Soup”) over potatoes.

(4) **Cover** with casserole lid or heavy foil.

(5) **Bake** in preheated 350 F. oven 45 minutes.

**Note:** *If you're doing the ribs and potatoes at the same time in the same oven, add the potato dish **55** minutes **before** the ribs are done.) And remember to put our American flag in your window or outside in a prominent location on July Fourth. God Bless America!*

## Ask the Pharmacist – Generic Drugs

Prescription drugs can be costly, especially for seniors and those who suffer from chronic illnesses. One way to save money on out-of-pocket costs for your prescriptions is to use generics whenever clinically appropriate, instead of brand-name drugs, which can be more costly.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved generics are bioequivalents of their brand-name counterparts. That means they have the same effect on the body as brand-name medications. Generic drugs must meet the same strict FDA standards for quality, strength, purity, stability and safety as brand-name drugs. According to a survey conducted by Medco, nearly 40 percent of consumers say they're not knowledgeable about generics, and what they don't know about generics may be costing them a lot of money.●

If you have a chronic condition for which you're taking long-term medications, you can talk to one of Medco's specialist pharmacists to learn more about how generics can help you save money. Specialist pharmacists are trained in the medications that treat one specific chronic condition, such as diabetes, cancer,

high cholesterol and asthma. A specialist pharmacist can talk to you about the medications you're taking, and answer any questions you have about lower-cost generics. Working with your doctor, the specialist pharmacist can help find out if generics are right for you. Of course, only your doctor can change your prescription. For more information on specialist pharmacists, call the number on the back of your prescription drug identification card.

#### **Facts about generics:**

- Generic drugs typically cost 30 to 80 percent less than their brand-name counterparts. Many plans charge lower co-payments for generics.
- Even when your doctor writes a prescription for a brand-name drug, your pharmacist can fill your prescription with a generic equivalent, as long as the doctor has not checked the "*dispense as written*" box on the prescription.
- Once a brand-name drug loses patent protection, other manufacturers can produce a generic version that usually costs less.

The rising cost of healthcare affects businesses, too. Generics are now among the most important factors in keeping down the cost of the pharmacy benefit that employers offer to their workers. For some companies, especially small ones, generics can help make the benefit more affordable and might mean the difference between providing a benefit or cutting coverage altogether. Because of this, many health plans have implemented rules and incentives to promote the use of generics, such as:

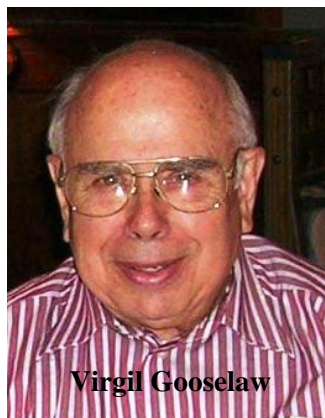
- Lower co-payments for generics than for brand-name drugs, resulting in reduced out-of-pocket expenses for consumers using generics
- Step-therapy programs that require patients to try a generic drug first before providing coverage for a brand-name drug

In April 2008, the FDA released a study that re-examined whether a brand-name drug (Wellbutrin XL®) and its generic version (Budeprion XL) were equally effective. The study was prompted by reports of bad side effects and other complaints concerning the generic version. After reviewing all available information, the FDA concluded that both products were bioequivalent and therapeutically interchangeable. In other words, both medications were equally effective.

This information from the FDA underscores what many people have known for years - that generic drugs provide a safe and effective way to stay healthy and combat medical problems. For more information, visit [medco.com](http://medco.com)®.

• The Medco Monitor™ conducted a poll of 1,698 healthcare consumers by phone, March 2005.

### **It's Time To Pass The Torch**



Effective with the publishing of this issue of the Newsletter, I will pass the torch as Newsletter Manager to **Francis Domaratius**. I will continue on in the Denver Office as the Membership Manager.

For a number of years, I have been the Newsletter Manager, doing about anything and everything around the Denver Office. Being responsible for the Newsletter has been most challenging and most rewarding. It has been challenging because of meeting the deadlines (mainly self imposed) and rewarding to see the good information flow to the membership. The RUAEA Newsletter is like any endeavor. It isn't successful at the hands of one or two but by the effort of many. There have been many folks that have helped with the Newsletter over the past few years and if I were to start to mention them all, I would surely leave some out, so I'll gracefully bypass that possibility and simply say thank you.

Francis lives in Sacramento, CA and there has been challenges and will be more. But the major hurdles have been met. Francis' good wife Veronica will work with him to make sure he does it right just as my wife Martha has helped me. Martha has accepted the task of formatting all the hand written letters that come to the Denver Office for the Letters section and will make sure they are published in a timely manner. There are some aspects that all of us will be involved in and will work together to make sure the Newsletter continues, but for the most part it will be published in Sacramento, CA. It will still be printed and mailed in Denver.

I look forward to Francis and Veronica taking over the Newsletter. They have some talents I lack that I think will enhance the Newsletter. A fresh look is always a good thing. They are great folks to work with and I encourage everyone to give them all the support they need.



Therefore, all material for future issues of the Newsletter should be sent by email to the Denver Office at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), **please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com)**. When you send material for the Newsletter, it is important that you use the above email addresses. Francis' contact information is published in the back of the Newsletter.

**Virgil Gooselaw**

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

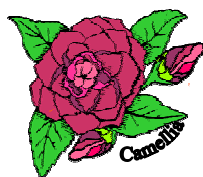
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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel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

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



#### **SWEET HOME ALABAMA**

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May's meeting was held at Dale's Southern Grill in Birmingham, Alabama. Our President **Herb Wilbanks** briefly discussed the upcoming merger of United Airlines and Continental Airlines. Two motions proposed: (1) Motion presented to open each meeting with the pledge of allegiance to our flag – passed by unanimous vote. (2) Motion presented to allow all members to have a copy of our roster for "Sweet Home Alabama" - passed by unanimous vote. The upcoming convention was mentioned. There is concern that attendance will be down due to restrictions on passes because of the reduced number of flights to Orlando. Hopefully, it will still be a success.

**ATTENTION ALL UAL RETIREES NATIONWIDE:** The Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham wants to include individual airline sections. Delta Airlines has already determined that they will participate. **Tom Goodyear** with UAHF will check out the museum to see if it will be suitable for United Airlines. That should not be a problem since the museum is very nice. Our chapter will have volunteers to help maintain the section and any items that are donated. Everyone please keep us in mind if you have anything that you can donate. We will need memorabilia of all sorts including old uniforms, posters, bumper stickers, pins, etc. If you can help us, please contact our President **Herb Wilbanks** at [carolwilla@aol.com](mailto:carolwilla@aol.com) or (205) 681-0236. You can

also contact Secretary **Judy Slover** at [judyslover@mindspring.com](mailto:judyslover@mindspring.com) or (334) 593-2249. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

ATTENTION ALL UAL RETIREES IN ALABAMA: We have members in Auburn and Fairhope who wish to connect with other retirees in their area. If you are interested in contacting them, please contact Secretary **Judy Slover** at [judyslover@mindspring.com](mailto:judyslover@mindspring.com) or (334) 593-2249. We also realized that some of our members were not members of the Retired United Airlines Employees Assn. Anyone needing an application, please contact **Judy Slover** at the above email address or phone number.

Our Treasurer **Joe Singleton** was unable to attend our May meeting. **Herb Wilbanks** conducted the 50/50 and the winner was **Barbara Huffman** who donated her share back to the chapter – thanks Barbara! **Carol Wilbanks** won a gift certificate for two at a restaurant in Trussville, Alabama.

We had a great meeting this month – lots of new faces and lots of familiar faces. Our chapter is growing! After the business part of the meeting, **Bill Preston** led off our lunch with another wonderful blessing. Then we had a great lunch and caught up on news of friends and colleagues.

March Birthday: **Edna Mann Aronson** - 3/28

April Birthday: **Carol Wilbanks** – 4/29 (Whoops - I got it wrong last month)

April Anniversary: **Beverly & Ken Yeager** - 4/20

May birthdays: **Klickie Thornton** - 5/31, **Judy Slover** - 5/22.

May Anniversaries: **Bobby & Jean Cox** - 5/17, **Hank & Linda Thompson** - 5/23

#### Calendar:

**June 14** – Meeting, 11:00AM at Campbell Field Restaurant, 2484 Arkadelphia Road, Hayden, Alabama 35079 - Phone # ( 205 ) 590-2744. A retired Eastern Airlines' employee, Fred Campbell owns the restaurant. We will have a joint meeting with an Eastern Airlines group of retirees. Should be great fun! Need directions? Contact **Judy Slover** at the number listed below.

**July 12** – Meeting, TBA - For info contact - **Judy Slover** (334) 593-2249 or email me at [judyslover@mindspring.com](mailto:judyslover@mindspring.com).

### ARIZONA

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We officially hit the 100 degree mark in late May this year, have had a lovely spring. Lots of wind and dust storms but we enjoyed the pleasant weather.

We thought **Pat & Lowell Neal** had left for the summer, however their granddaughter asked them to stay for graduation and of course who could say no to that. So they are now on their way back to IL. Also we have to say so long for the summer to our treasurer **Joe Hopkins** and his wife **Lisa** as they too return to their summer residence in IL.

We had 19 attendees at the May 11 breakfast meeting. Three were visitors. **Milena**, a good friend of **Enza Scarso**, was there. We also had two visitors from the Oregon Dew-ers. **Jerri & Len Blodgett** were cat and house sitting in Sun City Grand this month. They came by to join us for breakfast on 5/11. We certainly enjoyed meeting all of our visitors and hope to see them anytime they are in the area.

Please keep **Jackie Rosch** in your prayers. She is now at home and having physical and occupational therapy as she recovers from her broken femur. She has a caregiver at night and alternating days during the week. Calls and cards would be appreciated. Her home address is 16012 W. Heritage Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375.

More good news: **Vic Liltz** is home from the hospital; he is still on heavy duty antibiotics from a severe staph infection and will be for some time. **Carol** says he is doing well and eating good. Cards may be sent to Vic at 16437 West Alvarado Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

Any UA retiree whether you were pilots, flight attendants, and ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast

please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

*Take a deep breath, it calms the mind.*

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

**June 22**

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**July 20**



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**Happy Fourth Of July!** Hope you will enjoy the weekend filled with various patriotic events, such as Parades, Picnics, Fireworks, and being with family and friends. We hope your whole summer is enjoyable.

We were all saddened to hear **Jim Zarek** passed away on May 11, 2010, from a massive stroke. Jim had been a long time member, was President for three years during 2006 – 2008 and our Treasurer the last two years. A Memorial Service was held on May 15 in the Chapel by the Superstition Mountain Museum in Apache Junction. Another service was held at St. Peter United Church of Christ in Lake Zurich, Illinois on May 22, 2010. Our prayers and condolences go out to Rita, his wife, and his family.

The **RUAEA** Convention in Orlando had a smaller crowd, 388 people registered, but overall it was a good convention. Some of the highlights were the Kennedy Space Center tour, the singer on Wednesday night, the karaoke night Thursday, the magician on Saturday night. It's always good to renew old friendships and meet new people. A couple of important items stated at the Convention for all retirees are:

1. If you have your retiree monthly medical fees automatically charged to your credit card or deducted from your bank or checking account, make sure your May deduction was taken. If not, or if you have any questions, call the **RETIREE SERVICE CENTER** @ 1-888-825-0188.
2. The United Airlines Employee Relief Fund has been in place for a number of years, but had not been widely publicized. Our new Sr. Vice President of Human Resources has resurrected the program and retirees are eligible. It is available to assist those in need for a variety of life events such as Death/Funeral expenses, Child or Elder Care, Medical Expenses and Natural Disasters. Additional information can be found on SkyNet under Employee Services >Give Help, Get Help >**UAERF** where you can also download an application or make a donation.

Next year's Convention will be in Portland, Oregon at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront. We hope more people will be able to attend. Mark your calendars now!

If you haven't returned the Convention Survey, located near the back of the May issue of the **RUAEA** Newsletter, take time to do it now. The committee would like your opinion as to what you like or don't like about the Conventions, and what would attract you to come join the fun.

Our Breakfast at Crackers on May 28 had fewer people than normal due to many of our members escaping to cooler temperatures, but also we have a number of health-related problems. **Arnie Schaetzke** had back surgery, but is doing well, and hopefully will be able to travel back to Seattle for the summer. **Marge Matteson** fell and fractured her right foot. **Ron Pedone** is under treatment for a disc problem in his back. Get well, soon!

Two of our members, **El Ailshie** and **Hank Falk**, were able to go to the Breakfast after having health problems. We hope the both of them will feel better each day and continue to come to our breakfasts this summer.

Remember to continue collecting items for the children, such as blankets, socks, gloves, toothpaste and brushes for the Fantasy Flight in December. Also, **Peg Snowdall**, is collecting books for a sale at the airport to benefit the children.

July Birthdays are: **Veronica Kundit** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Eldon Miller** (7/25), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29). Happy Birthday to all of you!

We aren't aware of any July Anniversaries for our members.

Calendar:

**July 23** – Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Snowdall** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317, or [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). Any UAL employees or retirees, 55 and over, are welcome!

**August 27** – Breakfast at Crackers.

**September 24** – Breakfast at Crackers.

Luncheons will start in October.

**TALL PINES**

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There was a great turnout at our last luncheon at The LoneSpur Café with 16 members in attendance. Over the summer, we are having lunch at our annual picnic spot, Goldwater Lake.

**Earle & Jeannie Risdon** are celebrating their 26<sup>th</sup> year wedding anniversary again! As we may remember, they went on that fabulous cruise to start the year out celebrating. July will take them for a celebratory vacation in Flagstaff.

Congratulations to **Chuck & Lynn McCoy** who were visiting with their son, attending his wedding in Seattle. Congratulations to the **Willisons**, whose grandson graduated High School. We are happy that **Brian Underhill** is recovering from a mild stroke, and he is working steadily to get his speech abilities back. With **Joe's** recovery, he and **Marge Mattheny** are going on a nice RV trip for July.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who are also celebrating! See you at the next luncheon.

Calendar:

**July 20** - Goldwater Lake

**August 17** - Goldwater Lake, weather permitting, it's Monsoon season.

**September 21** - Lonespur Café, Downtown Square, Prescott.

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Our Chapter did not meet this month and I have received no news from our members. This is always a good sign that everyone is alright. We will be looking forward to our next meeting since the convention will be over and our representative, **John Stillwell**, will be back and fill us in on the news.

At our meetings, we do not discuss religion or politics, but I did receive an e-mail from **Uel Soward** that I thought he would like to be sent. I'm sure that many veterans will agree. Uel just celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and still going strong: *"It is my sincere desire that my sons, my grandsons and I did not serve approximately three dozen years in the U.S. Army and Air Force in vain. If the need were there, I would go tomorrow to serve again. And, broken hip and all, I could serve. This is OUR COUNTRY!"*

After reading the latest list of new RUAEA's members, it's hard to believe that I don't recognize any of them. The depressing part is seeing friends I knew in the obituary column. I hope you read the back page of the Newsletter for June. Under the United Airlines Historical Foundation, the article recalled all the things that those of us growing up during the World War II days remember. I'm glad someone was able to document those times we lived through. I still remember going through the United terminal at Midway Airport and that picture also brought back memories. I can still recall going through Pat Patterson's office, across from the terminal, just before the move to O'Hare, thanks to a friend that had access to the office. Thanks for the memories.



Someone very famous once said: *"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave it up ... reading, that is."*  
Editor's Note: This quote was from Henny Youngman.

Calendar:

**June 16** – Meeting at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home. The theme is Hawaiian. Bob does the cooking so we know it will be enjoyed by us all.

**August 18** – Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**October 20** – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

**December 15** – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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The Brazen Raisins' May 2010 meeting was hosted magnificently by **Dick Shryock**, who did nothing but show up. President **Dick Hayes** called for a moment of silence in remembrance of **Bob Frost** who passed away on April 28; we all remembered the wonderful cowboy poems Bob recited from memory, occasionally.

Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** told of having a long talk with **Ethelda Frost**. Donna had been having some heart problems; she also fell and broke her arm while moving to a new apartment. **Gil & Pat Gilbert**, who had missed several meetings due to Pat's not being well, hoped to be back with us in June.

**Hazel & Dick Hayes** offered to taxi **Ethelda Frost** to meetings if she was able to attend.

A trip to the coast was given to **Dick & Hazel Hayes** by their kids for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

It was announced that the long-awaited merger of United and Continental is finally happening; the logo for the new airline will be "Let's Fly Together!"

**Dick Shryock** rattled off a series of short jokes!

*2<sup>nd</sup> Report:*

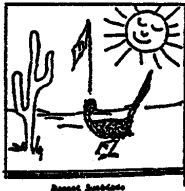
The Brazen Raisins' June 2010 meeting went un-hosted, but President **Dick Hayes** conducted the meeting in his usual efficient manner. We were honored with a visit by our Director, **Roger Casterline** and his daughter Carla; Roger talked about the RUAEA Orlando Convention and the various meetings there and other matters of interest to UAL retirees.

Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** was not so sunny and was absent; **Dick Hayes** brought "get well" cards for Donna and **Pat Gilbert** for the members present to sign.

**Nile Jones** had brought her granddaughter Tatiana, who won a mouse pad, donated by Roger, in our raffle.

No jokes - phooey!

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The Desert Sunbirds' June Luncheon, hosted by **Gay Traber** and **Patti Sica**, was held at the Shadow Hills Golf Club Restaurant in Indio. Twenty nine members enjoyed an excellent buffet. Most of those present participated in a "White Elephant" raffle, in which your reporter took home a Crock Pot. Just what I needed, to take a break from slaving over a "hot" microwave every evening.

Nice to see **Dee Whately**, **Brad Zittel**, and **Carole Paquin**, whom we haven't seen lately. **Betty Rodgers** (LAXCS Retired) joined us as a guest of Carole. Also in attendance, **Sean & Marilyn Foley**, who hopefully, are rid of their health issues for awhile.

**Vivian Rotella** reports that she now has "Shingles". We hope things are getting better, Vivian, so no going up to the roof - OK?

**Joyce Bossio** missed the May luncheon, as she was off to the River again for fun and games. **Robb Bohart** also missed the luncheon, as he had eyelid surgery, and will fly back to Seattle for the summer.

The “Birthday” winner was **Merv Myers**, and **Jim Clapper** won the 50-50. **Gay Traber**, one of our co-hosts, is off on a Mediterranean cruise, and I’m jealous!

*Simple Home Remedies:*

- ☺ *Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.*
- ☺ *A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.*

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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President **Joanne Huhn** welcomed 42 members and guests to Rancho Nicasio, a perfect setting in the rolling hills of Marin County. The food was wonderful and the weather was perfect. A return visit is a must. Joanne thanked our hosts **Joan Sheehan**, and **Sullivan & Joan Olsson**. They were assisted by **Ron Huhn** and **Nick Van Kruining**. A big “Thanks” to all.

Vice President **Maddy McKinnis** introduced our guests, **Lee Trevelyn** and **Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Clare & Barney Hagen**; **Gussie Mederios**, guest of **Pat Leahy**; **Fred McCauley**, guest of **Louis & Sheila Legnitto**; **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** reported that our General Fund and Charity Fund are both steady. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** returned from a trip to Georgia. She said the dogwood and azaleas were in full bloom – just beautiful. Celebrating birthdays for the month of May were **Barbara Briggs**, **Mary Bentham**, **Maria Van Kruining**, **Zepha O’Kelly** and **Joanne Huhn**. Anniversaries in May are **Dan & Norma Davis** (29 years) and **Ernie & Donna Stuckey** (59 years). Congratulations to all. Verda also said **Carol Hanna** was a little bit under the weather. She also received a call from **Pete Bilsich**. Pete fell and broke a couple of ribs. He is doing fine, but will miss a couple of luncheons. Carol and Pete, get well soon. Verda had her great “quips for the day.” She even had the waiters laughing.

Our autobiography for May is **Maddy McKinnis**. When Maddy was graduating from High School in Los Angeles, her goal was to go to UCLA, major in Journalism and someday write a great mystery novel. One day she picked up a Life magazine and noticed an article about an Airline Stewardess. It looked very glamorous, great pool and a beautiful Training Center.

She enrolled in UCLA and started school, but still had the article in the back of her mind. One day she took a ride to the airport and went to the first personnel office she saw. It was United Airlines. **Bill Looney** interviewed Maddy and informed her she had to be 21 years old to fly. However, she took all her tests, and about 2 months later she received a letter stating she would be hired for Reservations. That was March 19, 1954.

Once she hit 21 and had 2 years of college, she was on her way to that beautiful Training Center. It was in Cheyenne in Mid February and located on Harrison Air Force Base over the National Guard Hangar, it was great fun, but not quite what the Life Magazine article had described. Maddy was based in SFO, LAX and MIA.

Maddy’s flying career lasted until she married. She then transferred back as an airport agent in LAX. Her initiation on the ticket counter was also the first day of a mechanics strike. Surviving that, she then transferred to Ticket Sales and ended up in SFO. After awhile, Maddy transferred to HNL. She has the distinction of being the only ticket agent ever to have been robbed at the Waikiki ticket office. They picked him up 20 minutes later, trying to board the flight he made her write him a ticket for.

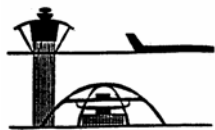
Heading back to the mainland, Maddy retired from SEA after 37½ years with United Air Lines. That was on January 1, 1990.

Joanne thanked everyone and reminded us the June luncheon will be Hawaiian attire. It will be held at the Quail Inn in Oakmont, hosted by Joan and Oscar Chambers.

Calendar:

**July 8** - Chateau Basque, hosted by **Richard & Maria Southon**

**August 12** - Armstrong Park Picnic, hosted by the Officers



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Well, we survived the Mex. Earthquake just a month ago. We are now enjoying (?) the cool “June Gloom” days with just enough sun at mid-day to get in our 20” outside to soak up some Vitamin D (Drs.’ orders). Our temperatures are so consistently pleasant with no snow to shovel and little rain to slosh through, and rarely winds to battle that we just keep things battened down in case of a quake or two and enjoy!

I’ve heard from some folks about the convention and the Orlando surroundings - which I unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute - things I had planned on didn’t pan out - things I hadn’t planned on pushed from the other direction - so I missed a convention for the first time since I retired in ‘84.

Reporting from my news helper **Donna**: On the Nassau cruise, apparently the cruise folks check out birthdates when you check in, with the result of **JoAnn Briggs** being sung Happy Birthday to by the whole dining room of waiters. Donna reports that they must have heard it at least 10 times in their 4 day cruise (and what year was that you are celebrating, Jo Ann?) WX on the cruise was very nice, but a bit damp, humid, with short bursts of downpours. Quite a few ReLAXers were in attendance in ORL, but missing was **Eleanor Jones** who had a health setback but promises to see us all in PDX.

Speaking of Happy Birthdays, **Dick Pendleton** called to advise he talked with **Dorothy Overby** who told him of the upcoming birthday party for her 80<sup>th</sup> (which is on the 19<sup>th</sup>), with a big bash being planned for friends and family on the 27<sup>th</sup>. She had surgery in April, but is doing fine. I didn’t know that doctors offered two-fers, but she had the works - four procedures at one time! So, Happy Birthday, Dottie and continue to be healthy.

**Dick Pendleton** is a member of the Pacific Railroad Society, and will be going on an excursion with them via Metro Link (That’s the commuter service which is more luxurious and roomy than Metro Rain cars, less luxurious and roomy than Amtrak). They’ll go from L.A. Union Station to Lancaster, back to Union Station, lunch at the new station bistro, then to San Bernardino, back to Union Station. Sounds great, hope to hear a report about it.

From **Jim Ferrance**’s usual newsy bulletin - First of all, Jim advised he’ll be on his annual family reunion in “way upstate” NY - a whole month this time. If you read this before July 7 - plea from Jim is NO emails for the time, PLEASE. Pass the word. He reports of a huge and terrific retirement party for **Debbie Riggs** (LAXRR/CS/FO). She worked for UA from age 19 - ended up with 44 yrs of service! Send retirement cards to 503 Sheldon St. El Segundo, CA 90245. Congratulations, Debbie, hope to see you at ReLAXers gatherings. Regular report from **Linda Muche**, who recently spent 6 weeks in CLE with great family members. She rode the CO nonstop to CLE and came home via CHI on UA with F CHI-LAX. She had another procedure - a new tube - which was a tough one, but a small sign of progress and with luck, the next time she rides in F, maybe she’ll be able to eat - keep it up, lady!

And now time to wrap this up - I have four reports to write in preparation for two big-time meetings here on “the reservation”. **Ray Gonocchio** reports that **Norm Dugas** is slowly improving. Also, he tells us that **Betty Kopp** is feeling much better. Keep it up you guys. I know all your friends at ReLAXers send prayers and best wishes.

**Calendar:**

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111<sup>th</sup> and Aviation at LAX.

**August 5** - Our terrific steak fry at El Segundo park. All welcome.

**September 25** - LAXRR/TO reunion, Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, 11am-3:30pm. Contact **Jim Ferrance**, 10500 National Blvd, Apt. 24, LA CA. 90034-3626 for flyer. Deadline is August 24.

**October 7** - Meeting and luncheon at the Proud Bird.

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Another of our “senior-most” gentlemen has left his earthly body behind and is probably looking down upon us right now, smiling at our silly little world. 97 year old **Guy Harold Ackley** maintained his membership with our chapter, the “Golden Gaters” even after moving to Oak Harbor, Washington State. He had worked for UAL in San Francisco from 1943 to 1978 and although I never met him, we frequently exchanged interesting and humorous emails. His daughter, **Jeanan** tells us that he was an avid card player, story-teller (that I can testify to), angler, camper, traveler and sports fan. And I’m sure he must have boasted about his 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren! Bragging rights are also due **Guy** for his 68 year marriage to spouse **Dorothy** who departed this earth just 3 years ago. If you would like to send a card to the family, please address it to: Mrs. **Jeanan Ackley Richter**, 1511 McKinnon Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Bon voyage, Guy.

If you receive your monthly RUAEA newsletter online (rather than “snail mail”), you will have time enough to set out your red-white-and-blue wardrobe for our Early-Fourth of July “Patriotic Hot Dog Lunch” and **General Meeting on Monday, June 28**. And by then of course, you’ve already purchased your lunch tickets? If not, contact one of our Auditors at least 5 days ahead of time to reserve your ticket: **Gene** 856-9738, **Ben** 589-2988 or **Judy** 593-8922. (Plead if you have to!) (If you’d prefer to bring your own lunch, that’s OK, too.)

If you’re a former Boy Scout, you know about “Being Prepared”. **No** General meeting in September but a great (annual) picnic at **Flood Park**, 215 Bay Road, **Menlo Park**, CA 94025. We always have friendly and enthusiastic attendance, delish steak dinner, and you can’t tell who you will meet from your past UAL days (daze)! Tickets will be available at our Monday, July 26 General Meeting ... \$10 for members, \$15 for guests.

Our “Busy Bee” International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is presently planning her 2011 trip to London, England and St. Petersburg, Russia. Do contact **Ginger** immediately to be put on her interest list; this tour will fill up fast! (I was in St. Petersburg last year ... what a fairyland!) Call (650) 224-1865 or email: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

From our chapter President **Ralph Trullinger**: An unfortunate warning comes to us from Sheriff’s Deputy Keith Mansell of Washtenaw County, York Township, Michigan. Evidently in the past few years, “soda bottle bombs” are being fashioned by mischievous youths as a popular prank which can; nonetheless, cause serious damage to whomever moves or picks the bottles up. These bottle bombs containing Drano (sodium hydroxide) and tin foil are being left in unsuspecting residents’ yards, parks, etc. The volatile build-up and chemical reaction of gasses can detonate within 30 minutes, causing severed fingers, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns and worse. Do warn your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren not to pick up empty soda bottles that have signs of swelling or melting and have a brown liquid in them which may or may not contain leftover soda. This may sound like overreacting but the police departments are urging you to call 911 and let them handle any possible detonations. (Did I say this is a crazy world?)

Local Tour Coordinator **Jo Milligan** needs your input as to “local tour touring”! Is there somewhere you’d like to go, see, eat, and shop or ... whatever? Maybe a place that would be fun (and we haven’t explored yet) for the Christmas holidays? Call her at (650) 591-2194.

Chapter President **Trullinger** reminds us to check our monthly medical insurance premiums to insure that we are covered after the end of the year because there may be changes. Mine comes automatically out of my checking account. I checked my May 2010 statement ... fortunately, everything was OK. Many UAL retirees are complaining that theirs are not. (Thanks to **Dale Harper** and his “NewsReal for the alert.”)

Several months ago, our lunchtime speaker was Gary Nelson, Energy Specialist, Pacific Gas and Electric Company. One of our retiree members stood up at our May meeting and elatedly announced he had received a **free** refrigerator, courtesy of PG&E’s “Energy Partners” program, (415) 755-8782. This program offers **free** house calls regarding home weatherization, energy education, and information regarding free replacement of old appliances. Interested? You betcha! Telephone or go online: [www.pge.com/energypartners](http://www.pge.com/energypartners).

Did you know, depending on your income *and* if you’re local, that you can get monthly discounts from both PG&E and your local Water Department? For PG&E, call the telephone number on your monthly statement. Ask for the “CARE” *discount rate*. For the Water Department, telephone the number on your monthly statement and inquire about the “LIRA” discount. If you’re not local, call your utility company and ask if they have this discount available to you.



From time to time, I receive inquiries as to how to receive the annual \$60 fee rebate from your UAL Visa Mileage Plus credit card account. So here we go again: You must already be a Mileage Plus Visa Signature (Chase) credit card holder. Go into Skynet (don't forget to add the small case letter "u" in front of your file number.) On the right side of your computer screen, go to the "Easy Links" column, and then scoot down to "Employee Discounts" on the left. Find the "Employee Mileage Plus Offers" and then, "Card Members Who Are Eligible For a \$60 Annual Fee Rebate". Now it's all up to you: Type in your name, file number or that of your spouse) and whatever else they ask for. If it doesn't go through the first time, repeat this procedure. Don't give up. You will eventually get a confirmation.

**Personally Speaking:** First of all, I want you to know that y'all will be celebrating my little Pembroke Welsh Corgi's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Easy on the fireworks, please! Second, don't be taken in by TV ad salesmen. I almost was ... and it took several months to get my \$1,000 deposit back. I had been sitting in a medical building, watching TV and killing time until my ride came to pick me up. Being unable to take a nice comforting bath for several years, the television advertisement for a walk-in therapeutic bathtub sounded heavenly. I called the telephone number on the TV screen and was visited the next day by a very slick salesman. With the medical disturbances I've had these past months, this tub sounded like a miracle to me. Before this con artist left my home, I had innocently signed a contract for both the bathtub and its installation. The starting price was \$18,000 but went down to \$13,500 before we concluded negotiations. The small print on the back of the contract was just that: small/tiny/mini/teensy! I couldn't and didn't read all of it, including the back page (legal size paper) that said I would be responsible for any local building permits, taxes and fees. That part was never orally mentioned to me along with some other major points. When a friend of mine, a former contractor, visited 2 days later and looked at the contract, he called my attention to some major problems. I had 3 days to cancel this contract. However, when I telephoned to cancel (3 times), I could only reach their Answering Service. The contract (I didn't read this part) required that I cancel "prior to midnight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day" and this would have to be done by telegram. (I didn't know people still sent telegrams.) I kept telephoning and finally reached a real live person (quite rude) and was told I would have to contact a lawyer. And this was a "diamond rated" company? (Want the company's name? Email me.) Deciding to be a burr under their saddle, I continued to telephone and finally inferred that I had "other avenues I could explore". For your eyes only, friends, this would have included the Board of Contractors, Better Business Bureau, and 2 local television stations who do consumer investigations. To conclude, with professional help from an educated friend and an experienced (contractor) family member, the decision was made to buy the therapy tub separately and online. With taxes (shipping was free), it came to \$4,150. Quite a difference, wouldn't you say? I think the conclusive point has been well made: "Caveat emptor" ... "Let the Buyer Beware".

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (except September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, followed by lunch (potluck or a "special" meal) and entertainment, William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call 650- 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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**Helen & Tony Seidl's** grandson Fritz, who attends the University of Santa Clara, was their guest at our breakfast this month. **Len Haubl**, the former Treasurer took the opportunity at our weekly meeting to formally introduce the new RUEA Treasurer, **Tony Seidl**. Len's wife **LaVerne** and Tony's wife **Helen Rose** were smiling brightly. We were happy to see our long time member **George Smith** whom we haven't seen for a while.

**Wilma Sandy**, (our Sunshine Lady for 10 years prior to **LaDonna**) reported to **LaDonna** that **Barbara Farrell** is doing okay, but losing her eye sight more rapidly than she would like. **Dee & Stan Kolman** were

visiting the Holy Land and just prior to visiting the Garden of Gethsemane, a taxi taking too wide a turn veered into the tourists and left Stan unable to clear the area. Fortunately, he was not hit by the taxi, but did break his leg/ankle in two places requiring a plate and pins. Stan's choice was a temporary cast until he could return home for the operation. Dee was able to manage Stan and all of the luggage for the trip home after being there only 1½ days.

The Ladies Luncheon hosted by **Cheri Scales & Ella Sousa** was more than anticipated. Those dining at the tables in Cheri's back yard were joined by humming birds gently flying in for a drink and the nectar from the beautiful flowers on Cheri's patio. **Sally Urso** was a great bar tender and kept the glasses full. **Vi Mattscheck** kept her table in stitches with her story of the proposal she didn't accept while **Mary Ann Lock's** punch lines to Vi's story only fueled the laughter.

Recently, we took time out at our breakfast meeting for a game of "name the kitchen gadget". It was for the Ladies, but the Men had fun helping to identify the tools from the late 1890's. Things such as a butter curler, can crimper, mayonnaise maker and raisin seeder were real stumpers. This is the last "tidbit" from our Ladies Luncheon. The game was provided by Cheri who had intended to use it at the Luncheon, but we ran out of time.

#### 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.

**September 29** - Fall Banquet at Michael's at Shoreline

**December 7** - Winter Banquet at Marianis

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June is here and half the year will soon be over. Time flies when you are having fun ... and we are having fun! Hopefully, the rains are over and we will be blessed with warm and sunny days for the summer. But, I hope, not too hot! We had our share of rainy days and now it's time to get out there and cut down those weeds, mow our yards, and plant some beautiful flowers and great vegetables.

What a wonderful time we had at Mimi's Restaurant in Modesto where we had our May luncheon meeting. **Rudy & Elma Reyna** hosted the luncheon and we had a wonderful turnout. There were 36 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the food, location, the raffle and the many prizes.

**John Zoboli** was our guest speaker and as always, he gave us a lot of information about United Airlines. He talked about the Convention and said that attendance was down over previous years. **Bob & Ginger DuMars** from the San Joaquiners attended and represented our chapter at the breakfast meetings.

The dates are set for the United Airlines Maintenance Reunion in Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn ... August 19, 20, and 21. Mark your calendars and we hope to see many of you there.

The San Joaquiners meet on the second Thursday of every month in various locations. We would be happy to have anyone join us if you are in our area or visiting in the area. If you have any questions or would like to know the location of the next luncheon, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.



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Our May meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 22 members and guests. We welcomed back **Shirley & Bill House**.

We held a lively discussion regarding the [www.unitedcontinentalmerger.com](http://www.unitedcontinentalmerger.com) and the [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com) websites.

The 50/50 was won by **Vilma Patrick** and **Adeline Lee** won the pie.

Just a reminder that our annual picnic is June 14 and that we will not meet in July.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. No need for reservations. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

### Calendar:

**June 14** - Annual Picnic

**July** - No meeting

**August 9**

**September 13**

**October 2** - Our Day at the Races

**October 11**

**November 8**

**December 13** - Annual Christmas party & Toys for Tots collection

## **COLORADO**

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On Saturday June 5, the Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast at United Air lines Flight Training Center with 71 in attendance.

Our first timers were **Jan Anderson, Shirley Pelham, Virginia Sutton, and Darlene Toomey**. **Harriet Ahr** worked with these ladies who were Teletype Equipment Operators (TEO) in the Communications Dept. Of course, this was long before computers. We hope to see all of you ladies at another RUAEA event!

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Burton Dietel, Al Neilsen, Charlie Norris, Joe Pettrow and Dan Simons**. Thanks folks.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Don Cannalte, Corky Colgrove, Jack Helmsteadt, and Elizabeth Hierzer**. Elizabeth was one of the first call ladies when the Denver Mile Highers was still manually mailing the Newsletters. She was busy as there were at least 50 calls to retirees to help with the mailing of each issue. Of course, this was before computers.

The following are on the sick list, **Bonnie Ceperley, Lola Wallace, and Oma Green**. Hope you get well soon.

**Tom Goodyear** reported on the RUAEA Convention in Orlando, FL. There were 22 retirees and their families from Colorado who attended the convention. There was an announcement about a United Employee and Retiree Relief Fund for those in financial need. For more information, go to Skynet and click on the Employee Service tab. Then in the left column, click on "Give help, Get help". Or you can call 1-877-488-2373. As expected, the main topic was the merger of CAL and UAL but because of strict federal regulation

prohibiting the officers of both companies from discussions until the deal is approved, there was no new news and won't be for a while.

The Orlando team is to be commended for putting together a great convention! Also if you are in the Orlando area, stop in at "Fantasy of Flight" - the world's greatest aircraft collection. Check website at [www.FantasyofFlight.com](http://www.FantasyofFlight.com).

Tom & Nancy and Nancy's cousin **Paula Nessmith** attended the Stuart, FL Treasure Coast RUAEA Chapter's June luncheon. We all had a great time.

Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



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We had our breakfast meeting at The Village Inn on May 23 with a small group. **Scott & Sandy Ford** returned from a vacation to Switzerland. **Chuck Stuller** and family just returned from an easy round trip from Denver to Austin, TX to see son **Charles, Jr.** receive his MBA from UT Austin as a working professional. Go Longhorns!

**Sheila Baumgarten**, wife of displaced COSOZ CSR **Greg Baumgarten**, had three stents inserted last week. She is recovering very well.

Our regular meetings are held the third Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.

Calendar:

**June 28** – Regular lunch meeting at TVI

**July 26** – Regular lunch meeting at TVI

**August 23** - Regular lunch meeting at TVI

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There were only 11 Sand“DABS” present at our meeting, but we had a great time together. We had one guest **Cassie Manelski**, friend of **Marion Johnson**. They worked together in NY and met again at the convention. The **Thomases** were at the doctor, and **Anne & Lowell Johnston** decided to stay home and keep a check on the painters working today. The rest of the bunch we hadn't heard from, so who knows what they are up to.

There were no members present for Birthday, Anniversary or Company Anniversaries to celebrate. I see **Al Warner**'s company Anniversary is 62 years, so he is on top of our seniority list.

**Herb Gardner** won the 50/50 and graciously donated the winnings to our treasury. Treasurer **Penny Logan** said our finances got a big boost today. Penny is recuperating from a cancer growth on her shin which was removed. It was so deep she had to have a skin graft, but all seems well for her and she is healing nicely.

**Marion Johnson** gave a brief update on the convention. She thought the accommodations were excellent. She & husband **Rick** won a few of the prizes at the drawings. At the banquet, the speaker was Mr. Rosen, owner of the hotel, who gave a biography of his life and how he “made” it in America. He owns several hotels.



The next convention will be in Portland, OR. The Johnsons will be off to Alaska on a 14 day cruise and will miss our next meeting.

**Herb Gardner** told us about the Balloon Fest he participated in, which was very successful. He also shared about his recent trip to Ireland with his wife. It all sounded very interesting.

It was really joke time today. Prez **Dick Coughlin** had some really funny ones for us, but also some of our members had a few jokes to tell also. Prez Dick then shared what information he had on the company. The biggest topic is the merger. He then shared some other things going on in the airline industry. As someone said, he covered all the news that's fit to print.

Thought for today: *The word stressed spelled backwards is desserts. Since life is so short, eat desserts first.*

Calendar:

**July 1** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**August 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**September 2** - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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The Golden Corral space was “stretched ...” again today as 45 members and guests gathered for good conversation and fellowship. A bunch of us were really smiling, tired smiles true, but happy ones because the 2010 RUAEA Convention was a wonderful, fun-filled, whirlwind of great experiences and new friendships. And, we welcomed quite a few guests and former UAL retirees to our luncheon today! Those included: **Rich Quinn, Bob Mahoney, Ray Vecchiarelli, Isaac Diaz** and **Rich Ketter**! We also welcomed back those guys from the coast, **Sid Edelman** and **John Nelson**; and back from injured-reserves, our own **Mack Chandler** and his guest, **Eland**. Hearty welcomes to all!

President **Rich Llewellyn** and his convention team applauded each other (a couple times!) on the well-run Orlando RUAEA Convention. Every one of us has stories to tell and we hope all who joined in the fun have great memories to last a lifetime! Then, a very surprised President Rich was recognized for his years with the IAM with a framed certificate and a 45 Year Veteran Pin to a round of applause. Seems his old boss, **Elmer Koldoff**, of the Dixie Flyers Chapter, arranged for it!

June Birthday Wishes go out to: **Jim Multeri, Rich Llewellyn, Ernie Vosges, Linda Agnello** and **Bob Olson**. Anniversary Congrats to: **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** – 29 yrs, **Jim & Janet Mummah** – 43 yrs, and **Joe & Barb Fitak** – 49 yrs.

Belated wishes to **JoAnn & Gene Hall** – 53 yrs in May and **JoAnn**’s birthday too!!

Sadly, we remember and pray for MCOCG retiree **Carlos Terrell**, who passed away recently. We were fortunate to have seen Carlos and his wife, **Brenda**, at our May meeting. Their address: 1770 Cunningham Dr., St. Cloud, FL 34771

**Stan Halterman** is offering an 8 night cruise on the Carnival Miracle sailing from FLL to Greece, Turkey, Catalina Is., Aruba, Curacao, 3 days at sea, FLL – February 23 – March 3, 2011. Inside \$859. Cat 4C, Balcony \$1171. Cat 8D. Rates are per person. Final payment 11/30.

Calendar:

**Luncheon time is now on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road.

**July 6** – Luncheon

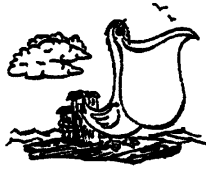
**August 3** – Luncheon

**September 7** - Luncheon

Watch for info on our Fall Picnic Date and Location!

## **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA** **PELICAN DROP-INS**

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On June 4<sup>th</sup>, we had our first breakfast get together for the summer season. Seven Pelican Drop-Ins had a great breakfast and so much fun and chatted about summer plans. So many of our members have condos or homes up north, or just vacation time to get some relief from the hot Florida summers, therefore, we just get together for breakfast.

**Nancy Kopp** plans to attend a June wedding in Denver. She bought a ticket to make sure she gets there. **John & Nancy Dainus** plan to visit their family in Michigan this month. They have been buying tickets on Spirit Airlines. **Joan Gilkison** is again renting a house on the Outer Banks of NC for her family for a week. She is planning on flying United. She had very good luck in May on her trip to Des Moines, Iowa to see her oldest granddaughter graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Our amazing **Sally Sciple** was also at breakfast. We heard of her exciting adventure on a Zip Line this spring in Costa Rica. Only Sally would try that! **Bee McCarthy** was there looking as pretty as ever. She has recently sold her sail boat that she sailed and also raced it with an all female crew.

**Angel Stokey**, a new face to the Pelican Drop-Ins, also had breakfast with us. She lived her childhood on Long Island. She retired after 12 years with United Airlines at SFO. She has lived in Fort Myers for two and a half years. Angel just lost her husband March 30<sup>th</sup>. They had been married forty seven years. Angel's email is [angelstokey@aol.com](mailto:angelstokey@aol.com) and her phone number is (239) 433-1680.

**Lolita Bauer** and her husband, **Fred**, were long time members of our group. They had recently moved to a retirement village in Hendersonville, NC. She called to let us know that Fred passed away on February 10, 2010. Lolita had worked for United at EXO in Elk Grove Village, IL. Lolita's email is [fandlbauer@gmail.com](mailto:fandlbauer@gmail.com) and her phone number is (828) 595-3816.

Our next breakfast meeting will be on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. If any United Airlines employees or retirees are in town please call and join us for breakfast.

### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> 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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President **Barbara Riecsc** called the meeting to order for 18 members on June 7, 2010 at Tiffany's Restaurant.

Anniversaries for June - **Wilkersons** and **Riecsc**

Birthday's for June - **Lillian Sawyer**

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

President Riecsc gave a report on the Convention and she thanked all of the volunteers who attended and worked the Convention. We had the largest group of attendees. Thank You, Tampa Bay Chapter!

*Travel* - **John Wilkenson** reported on a cruise. The **Riecsc** went to ABQ for grandchild's graduation. **Dick Newman** reported he had to buy a ticket to DCA from TPA.

*New Business* - **Bob Lindstrom** reported on IAM convention and health care changes. **John Wilkenson** reported on new services and also reported that Mech's must meet with oncoming crew before the flight is dispatched. Military personnel will receive priority boarding. John talked about other company topics. **Dick Newman** talked about the delays of flights to and from Europe because of the volcanic ash.

*Committee reports* - Membership: **Mary Martin** is accepting dues for Tampa Bay Chapter. Sunshine: Mary also gave the Sunshine Report - Get Well cards were sent to **Dick Newman, Peggy Manuel, Shirley Eppard**. We since learned that Shirley passed away on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Luncheon: December 6<sup>th</sup> - Spartan Manor - Keep date in mind, more details later. Historian: Pictures - The **Linehans** reported that pictures from the convention will be posted on <http://gallery.me.com/linered#gallery>.

**Dick Newman** talked about PBGC will take over Auto and other pensions, 1 trillion dollars more in debt.

Summer meetings: Will be held at Tiffany's. Discussion of a new location was held and will be brought up at future meetings.

Meeting was closed and then reopened - **Jean Linehan** motioned that name tags must be worn. \$.25 fine for no name tag. Monies to be put in our charity program for JDF. Meeting was closed again.

#### Calendar:

**July 5** - Tiffany's Restaurant 10:30 a.m.

**August 2** - Tiffany's Restaurant 10:30 a.m.

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Since most of our chapter members are either snow birds or out ill, we had a very small and intimate group for our June 1 meeting. Fortunately, this did not stop our small group from having an informative and joyful time. The food and service is always great and Chris, our waiter, was right on, as they say.

We had the extreme pleasure of having **Tom Goodyear**, his lovely wife **Nancy** and their cousin **Paula Weisman**, whom they were visiting, attended our meeting. Tom and Nancy hail from Denver, and had just attended the Orlando Convention.

Needless to say, we got the entire scoop on the convention topics along with brochures, etc. What nice people and Paula, who lives in Stuart, promised us she would come back again and have lunch with our crazy group. Tom, of course, is the head of the United Airlines Historical Foundation in Denver and was telling us that he receives items of interest daily and in large quantities. Unfortunately, we are not close enough to view these items but some of us sent items to him as well. They were initiated with Al's meat tenderizer and block of wood! What a hoot!

**Janice & Al Popek** told us all about their visit to Germany to see the Passion Play known as "Oberammergau".

It was unfortunate that **Bill Nehls** was in NY, **Diane & Ron Brodis** were in LAX, **Diane & Paul Liebisch** and **Barbara Dodenhoff** were still in Germany, **Mary Kay Wetherington** was under the weather as well as **Wally & Elizabeth Armstrong** are not well these days. In addition, we found out that **Catherine Coate** was hospitalized. Get well wishes from us all to all of you! We are not sure how **Celina Xifaras** is feeling but good wishes to her also.

**Mari Hirjak** was sporting a beauty of a black eye from a fall she had taken on May 30 and received stitches over the eyebrow. Ouch!

**Janice Popek** celebrated her birthday on June 1, our meeting day, and yours truly baked a pound cake and asked Chris, our waiter, to bring it in with the candles lit after we finished lunch. Well, a group of waiters and waitresses came in clapping and singing Happy Birthday with the cake brightly lit and swept Janice off her feet. She was truly surprised by it all. Happy Birthday Janice! Chris brought in a huge machete for her to cut the cake with so we all had laughs over that chore. The waiters, waitresses and Chris had the pleasure of having cake as well and not a crumb was left on the serving plate.

Tom was telling us about **Ron Adana** who is 81 years young and is still a steward on the DEN HNL flights and has number 1 on the seniority list starting his first flight in 1949. Way to go!

Our 50/50 was won by none other than **Tom Goodyear** and the Progressive was won by **Mari Hirjak**.

Some discussion revolved by the impending merge with Continental and everyone seems to be unanimous that it will be a good marriage for both, we just hope all the pilots and employees will work well together and make it successful.

With only eight members and three guests, we surely had a busy meeting and lots of laughter and news combined. We only wish more retirees would come forth and visit their respective groups and leave all their unhappiness behind them and join their fellow employees. Life is too short!

Other Birthdays for June: **Tom Kolibab** (June 5), **Sharon Kolibab** and **Ron Brodis** (June 12) and **Chris Taylor** (June 21), we already celebrated **Janice Popek**'s on June 1.

Happy Birthday to all! May you have many Healthy and Happy years! Also, we wish **Jane & Frank Wise** a Happy Anniversary on June 11.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy summer and until then, Adios! Since we didn't have a forum for voting, it will take place at the September Meeting, please do plan to attend. Thank you and don't forget dues are also payable in September.

*On the lighter side:*

☺ *Enjoy life NOW, it has an expiration date!*

☺ *Two kinds of people: Somebody said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Morning Lord" and there are those who wake up in the morning and say "Good Lord, it's morning".*

☺ *How to Clean the House:*

1. *Open a new folder on your PC*
2. *Name it "Housework"*
3. *Send it to the Recycle Bin*
4. *Empty the Recycle Bin*
5. *Your PC will ask you, "Are you sure you want to delete Housework permanently?"*
6. *Calmly answer, "Yes," and press the mouse button firmly.*
7. *Feel Better?*

Calendar:

**July & August** - On Vacation, Be Safe and Stay Well

**September 7** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting at Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

## GEORGIA



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Twenty one Flyers and one guest showed up for our lunch on June 2. Our guest, again, was **Tina Meyers**, who brought her parents **Lyle & Joanna Meyers**.

Our president, **Bill Elk**, was "under the weather", so the meeting was run by **Bruce Brodersen** and **Sandy Lis**. **Bill Elk** and **Sandy Lis** had brought back the materials that were handed out at the RUAEA convention in Orlando. Also, we had 5 tote bags made up with things given away by the Benefits Panel at the convention. Tickets left over from the 50/50 were used to draw for the tote bags.

Of course, the main topic was the proposed merger of UA/CO which **Bruce Brodersen**, our Regional Director, told the group that nothing has been "set in stone" at this time and more information will be forthcoming in the future. Also, Bruce tried to clarify the letter from the Benefits Desk regarding statements and billing procedures for BC/BS insurance. There seems to be much confusion on the statements being sent out, and people trying to get through on the phone to the Benefits Desk.

The 50/50 was run by **Bogie Wallace** and **Sam Mace** in place of our regular 50/50 manager **Fred Cron**. **Gary Tuttle** won \$14.00 which he donated to the Promise Place Shelter.



Nine Dixie Flyers were in attendance at the Orlando convention this year. Attending were **Elmer & Lois Koldoff, Frank & Barbara Russey, Bill & Judy Elk, Bruce & Mary Brodersen** and **Sandy Lis**. All gave good reports on the convention.

Calendar:

**July & August** - No meetings.

**September 1** - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

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Only seven members attended the breakfast meeting held at JB's in Meridian: **Marilyn Taylor, Denny Snyder, John & Carole Bell, Ned Yundt, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey**.

**John Bell** told us about a side trip he and **Carole** took to see all the flooding in the Payette, Idaho area. They took Highway 52 towards Emmett and 5 miles before the turnoff to New Plymouth, ID, they saw a farmer's field flooded. They pulled off the road to watch several people walking in the flooded field with flood boots on and carrying shot guns and bow and arrows. John & Carole were told the field was full of carp fish and those people were out hunting the carp. Only in Idaho could this happen!

**Joe & Joan Varady, Charles & Shirley Perkins, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey** are all headed to California once again.

**Marlene Croghan** has been in Tennessee to watch her grandson graduate from high school.

Our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will be on July 8 at 1:00 p.m. for a potluck lunch. **Marlene Croghan** is hosting this event in her home. Please RSVP to **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**.

The July breakfast at JB's has been cancelled.

Calendar:

**July 8** – Independence Day Potluck on July 8<sup>th</sup> at **Marlene Croghan's** home.

**August 2** – Breakfast at JB's

**September** – Annual Picnic hosted by **Dave & Carol Adams**, date & location TBD.

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A big Thank You to **Marlene Anderson** who walked the Northside aisles to collect the goings-on in May so Al and I could enjoy the company of the Loonies for the spring outing. The Skyliners who also made the trip were **Bob Jacobson, Marge Daily, Norm Wilkinson, Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo, MaryKay & Gil Wojtal, Carol & Bob Faust, Jan Gawenda, Ginny & Frank Vlach, Mary Szabo, and Norm Pearson**. Regulars **Mary & Carlyle Brandt** and **Jim & Jacque Sontheimer** had to cancel due to unexpected obligations. Hosts **Hope & Don Hayden** had tours planned that taught about plastics, a local jam and jelly kitchen, a candle shop, a glass blowing demonstration, a museum, and a tour of classic autos. While we had lovely meals at local grills and the casino, our so-long dinner was out of this world. Al & I selected a nine inch White fish which was served spiced and grilled on a wood platter surrounded by piped potatoes on either side, along with a tomato filled with melted cheese and artichokes. The **Haydens** sure know how to find terrific chefs.

While this group was away, **Ed Morris** joined the Northside group. He was hired in May 1962 in Computer and Application Services and retired in June 1997. I still have the big green candle he donated to me when he gave up his cigars. Remember?

**Helen Cauwels**, our newly elected Midwest Director, visited number one son Hank in Albuquerque. He retired from Ramp and Food Services. Number three son will get a visit also, but number two son is local.

**Renee Vanis** and **Paula Mangins** had a wonderful time visiting **Candy Stec's** ocean front condo in Indialantic just outside of Melbourne, FL. **Gulshan Noorani's** son Husein became engaged to Carlyn in February, and her parents celebrated with a big party in Philadelphia.

Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> marked the 50-year reunion party for **Rich Surma's** high school class from St. Phillips in Chicago. Rich flew in from Florida for the occasion, after spending several weeks in Tampa tending to family business. Sixty-five people turned out for the event, and Rich told his classmates it was great seeing old friends, reminiscing about old school days, and looking through year books. The annual Y-Me race for breast cancer was held on Mother's Day in Grant Park. As United is one of the main sponsors of the race, many employees and their families participated. **Angie Halama** and **Rich** arrived early to distribute tee shirts, bibs, and gift bags when Rich noticed someone walking off with a carton of the same. He confronted the man demanding the return of the carton to the distribution tent, saving the contents.

Looks like June had only one Skyliner anniversary with **Rosemarie & Ron Pryor** celebrating 50 years. Keep up the good work.

Southside had 19 for breakfast with **Carmen Javier** and **Barbara Kavouras** returning after a weather break. Our regulars **Carlyle Brandt** and **Ernie Codilis** are having setbacks after their surgeries. They could use some cheering up cards. Carlyle is at 9534 Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 and Ernie is at 6950 S. Hillsdale Rd., Countryside, IL 60525. The boys are keeping Mary and Lydia in their running shoes. The good news was the raffle winners for the day - **Marge Caliendo**, **Bob Pearson** and **Linda Gonzales**, a guest of **Barbara Kavouras**. **Mel Fischer** was in town visiting his Chicago properties and donated his usual handful of Lotto cards. Husband Al had a winner for 25 dollars. I made him pay for breakfast. **Rudi Maki** went to the convention, so he should have some news next month.

I have been advised that **Laverne Pugh**, wife of **Ernie**, died this May. Condolences may be sent to 2337 N. Olde Miller Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**June 29 & July 27**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**July 14**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday – each month.

**July 19** – Picnic, Chandlers Restaurant, 401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg.

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The May luncheon had 8 retirees attending on a beautiful spring day. Some members had already left for the Convention as they were driving.

There were approximately 400 retirees attending the RUAEA Convention in Orlando. We had a very good representation from our group with the following members attending, as well as yours truly: **Marge Daily**, **Bob Jacobson**, **Carol & Bob Faust**, **Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson**. **Helen & Tony Stefanos** had made reservations to attend but had to cancel due to Tony's sudden illness which prevented him from traveling. They were very disappointed as they had already shipped their luggage to their children's home in Orlando where they would be staying. In addition, Helen & Tony were also planning to celebrate their special 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 11<sup>th</sup> with their family. You can write to Tony at 760 Marshall Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

The Orlando weather was lovely except for a few rain showers. The hotel was very comfortable and well located with excellent banquet and meeting facilities. Tours and visits to the Disney Complex and shopping malls kept members busy, with the trip to the Kennedy Space Center being a highlight.

The Hospitality room was very active with a big selection of Arts and Crafts for raffle. The Clipped Wings had a desk with jewelry, scarves, ties and note cards for sale.

There were two Hospitality Get Together evenings where there was entertainment as well as door prizes. There was complimentary assorted pizzas plus snacks of veggies, fruit, nuts, chips with dips.

The two dinners were outstanding with delicious meals and entertainment. The banquet room was very attractive with lovely table center pieces. There were two giant video screens showing photos and convention scenes all made possible by technology expert, **Rich Surma**.

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

The big news was the next Convention being held in Portland, Oregon in 2011 at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront, a great location in a great hotel. The last RUAEA Convention held in Portland was in 1996 at the Red Lion Inn, which I attended.

While many members drove, I did not hear of anyone having problems getting space on flights to Orlando.

There will be an open Classical Concert Rehearsal in Millennium Park at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion planned for Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. I will give the complete concert program scheduled in the August Newsletter. The music will be by composers Saint-Saens, Bizet and Brahms.

#### Calendar:

**July 21** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.). (Please email or call me before noon of July 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.)

**August** – No luncheon scheduled.

**August 18** – Concert Rehearsal in Millennium Park at Jay Pritzker Pavilion, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**September 15** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel.

### INDIANA



#### INDY RACERS

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Summer, what a wonderful time of the year. A time for travel around this marvelous country we live in as well as far off lands; enjoy picnics and gatherings with family and friends; get those long promised outdoor gardens and projects finally accomplished; or just “laze” around the house. That’s what retirement is, so enjoy it; we’ve earned it!

Indy Racers sponsored an event at Rick’s Boatyard Café on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Invitations were sent to many retirees who are not aware of our meetings. We included a survey to provide feedback to see if different days, time or location would work for a greater majority. On Saturday, June 26 we will be holding our annual picnic at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN. The chapter provides the meat entrée, pop, coffee and tea while members bring side dishes and yummy deserts. A great time is had by all.

A note of thanks to **Jim Simon**, our past Midwest director, for his support and assistance during his tenure. Hopefully, his idea of holding one of the annual conventions on a cruise will still occur. Congratulations to **Helen Cauwells** as our newest director, and our group looks forward to her visits in the future.

As mentioned, travel at this time of the year is high on the list of things to do. **Jack & Carol Conway** have been traveling in the southern states and just recently returned from Chicago. Previously noted **Elly & Ralph (Bud) Barnett** are packing for travel out west to visit family, then board a ship for a second trip to Alaska. Grandparents **Cheri & Ron Innis** are bound for a family reunion and will then return with their grandchildren for a summer time of sharing. Indianapolis always has wonderful places to visit with children: IMAX, the zoo, aquarium, The Children’s Museum, parks galore and lakes just down the road. **Dimple Rihel** is also heading

toward Chicago. **Warren & Gail Allen** spend a great deal of time enjoying golf and their own “19<sup>th</sup> hole”. Golfing is a favorite with some of the best golf courses right here in Indiana.

Happy “July” birthday to: **Ray Bravo** and yours truly.

#### Calendar:

**July 12** - Regular meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. The room is available from 2 P.M. with the meeting beginning at 3:00 P.M.

**August 9** - Regular meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. The room is available from 2 P.M. with the meeting beginning at 3:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome!

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a May meeting, so little news. I sent out RUAEA membership application forms to all Nor'Easter members who are currently not RUAEA members. If you members know of any possible new candidates, please advise me.

I got to talk with **Eileen Seibold** on May 8, which happened to be her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is doing well and now boasting of nine grandchildren. **Bob** has been under the weather though, which is why we haven't seen them at meetings. He's been feeling a lack of strength. Bob has been in and out of rehab, is home now and feeling better.

**Helmet Humbley** attended the USS Hancock, CVA 19 reunion in Washington DC, on Memorial Day weekend, with sailors from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. It was Helmet's first time in DC since a high school trip, fifty years ago. He especially enjoyed the Marine Band & Drill team. Helmet estimated the Rolling Thunder Parade contained 200,000 motorcyclists. I would love to have seen that!

**Dick Mangino**, a double hand amputee, has helped other handicapped groups express themselves in the arts. His logo design for the 2010 Boston "Special Olympics" has been accepted by that Olympic Committee. Also, T-shirts will be made sporting his logo. Way to go Dick!

In mid May, **Mark Dormurat**, a friend of his, **Don Latter** and I met up in Ipswich, MA for a seafood lunch, an unofficial luncheon. Next time, a cherrystone/oyster raw bar may be the venue. I'm thinking of a place along the Merrimack River in Newburyport, MA. May send out some emails on this one.

Got e-mails from **Joe Coco & Steve Bilodeau**, both in FL, and **Ted Capellos** in CA, all prior BOS employees. They all asked to say "Hello" to their northern friends.

**Jack Regan** had rotator cuff surgery, the third one over 40 years. This one seems to have done the trick as he has full use of his arm without pain. At last, Jack can put on his own socks. I'm sure it's a good feeling!

**Mercedes Hersom** had cataract surgery on one eye at the end of May. She said the world looks brighter and she no longer needs glasses, after wearing them for 69 years. By the time this reaches print, she will have had the second eye done also. Merc is one very excited happy camper!

The chapter officers continually ask members to suggest different meeting venues for variety and varied locations, unfortunately, with little response. One of our newest members, **Anthony Postale** has made several suggestions. I went online and obtained info about each. They seem like great places, reasonably priced, will accommodate our group and are in beautiful settings. They are located in the Sturbridge & Worcester area, just off the Mass Pike. My question to you fellow Nor'Easters is: Will you participate in this area? PLEASE e-mail or call me, as we really want response to pursue this.

July birthdays: **Edward Aldoriso** and **Elizabeth Palmer**.

July anniversaries: **Steve & Jeanne Cotter** - 35 years, **Ron & Joyce Heisler** - 52 years, **Don & Kathy Latter** - 15 years, **Elizabeth & Joe Palmer** - 43 years, **John & Ann Parks** - 53 years, **Michael & Paulette Provenzano** - 45 years and **William & Margaret Swift** - 61 years.

Make Love, not War! Get married and do both!

Calendar:

**July** - To be announced

**MICHIGAN**



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22 Escapees and 2 guests gathered at the Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, hosted by **Dollie Sellers**. We were happy to welcome **Lorry Cahill** and **Tom Venn** for the first time ever, plus **Audrey Beebe**, **Joe Dougherty**, **Bonnie Fleming**, **Suzi Hicks**, **Debbie LaFevbre**, **Helen McLaughlin** and **Dollie Sellers** for the first time this year and some even longer. We also welcomed our guests, Melinda who brought **Joan & Bobbie Rogers** plus **Kerri**, **Lorry's** niece. Sister, Joan did not come as she had a *some-heimers* problem and forgot that it was the first Thursday. I guess I will have to start reminding her the night before.

We have 3 new Escapees; **Mike Diehlman & Judith Pearson**, who just retired and **Judy Haag** who retired in 2008, I believe. I was not aware she had even retired but found out at Mike's retirement party. Welcome all and hope to see you at our meetings often.

Marie and sister Joan along with **Sharon Jacob**, **Bonnie Fleming** and **Nellie Brawner** had a great time once again in Bay View, MI with a bunch of Loonies. We stayed in an old historic hotel, built before elevators so we did the step exercise every day. Poor Sharon with her bad knees was on the third floor, but she was also stubborn, as she would not change rooms with us on the second floor. Other than this exercise, much thanks to our hosts, **Don & Hope Hayden** for another great time. These two have hosted the most Loonies meets ever. Actually 8 times; which is one less than 3 times as many as anyone else. What a team.

We sadly said our final good-byes at a local memorial services for **Joyce Gilmore** on May 30. Concerns to Joyce's sister, **Carolyn McKee** @ 5705 Georgetown Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Likewise, to **Fran Williams**, who passed on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fran was in hospice care after a bout with cancer. All our love and prayers to Fran's husband, **Odies** and daughter @ 29299 Prestwick St., Southfield, MI 48076-1708.

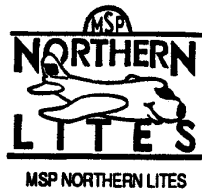
Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

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At the May meeting, your correspondent was off playing with the Northwoods Loonies in Petoskey, MI and environs, so **Mary Brennan**, chapter co-secretary, took the notes & passed them along to me. My thanks!

With some of the Northern Lites being away in Michigan, there were only 27 at the May meeting. **Janet Meyer** had her granddaughter, Anna, as her companion. Everyone welcomed back **Al & Mary Kilian** from their winter digs in Arizona.

There was much discussion about the upcoming UAL/Continental merger & how it would impact the local scene ~ routes, gates, personnel, etc. The blending of the schedules of both companies in the MSP market seems a good fit. Continental's flights here are to different hubs than are UA's, so there will be no overlap to speak of.



**Virginnia Swenson** & her sister, **Marge**, are continuing their work for Christian causes. On their New Richland, MN acreage, they harvest many different fruits & hand-make wonderful jams & jellies. The proceeds from the sale of those goodies are going to radio station KICY in Nome, AK.

The chapter received a thank-you note from Father Al Mascherino, who is the chaplain at the Flight 93 crash memorial. His health took a turn for the worse & we had sent a donation a month or two ago to help defray his medical costs.

**Bernie Hazekamp** told us about a scary incident involving his grandson, a jet-qualified pilot. He was flying a charter when it encountered unexpected violent turbulence & was suddenly flying straight down! He used all his skills & was able to pull out of the dive successfully without harm to passengers or plane.

In the health department, we're grateful & pleased to hear that **Cal Alderman** is doing better & sent his greetings to everyone. Also, **Al Gunderson's** daughter is home & recovering well from brain surgery. It seems that our prayer chains have worked!

**Dave & Janet Wiley** have generously offered to host the annual picnic at their home in Forest Lake, MN this year. It will be held on our regular meeting day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in August. A flyer with a map will be sent to those dues-paid members who don't get one at July's meeting. Anyone else who would like to attend, please contact me for one of the flyers. We'll collect your dues at the picnic!


And finally, a note of thanks to the hosts of the Northwoods Loonies spring meeting, **Don & Hope Hayden**, for another wonderful event in the beautiful region where they live in Michigan. We were housed in the wonderful old Terrace Inn at Bay View, adjacent to Petoskey, MI. Bay View is an enclave of lovely old Victorian summer homes near the waters of Lake Michigan. Our hosts arranged some great tours for us, most notably (to me, anyway!) a tour through the kitchens & operation of the American Spoon Foods Co. in Petoskey. As always, we enjoyed the company of those who drove & flew many miles to join the group for camaraderie, visiting, good food & fun things to do.

#### Calendar:

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

**August 11** - Annual picnic in Forest Lake.

### NEBRASKA

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There were 40 at Horseman's Park. Hosts were **Jim & Elaine Schreiber**. **Cary Manson** was kind enough to pass out a neat 2010 Tangier Pin which has the motto on it "Healing the Whole Child – Body-Mind-Spirit." Cary was installed as Potentate for the Tangier Shrine Omaha area in December. On the back of the pin is Cary's name and the year. I know the Shrine does much to help children. In fact, just last week, we had an accident here in Omaha wherein a 3 year old was run over by a riding mower and it involved amputation of his foot. With input from the Omaha Tangier Shrine, it was just announced the Shrine itself would see that this little boy gets prosthesis until the age of 18. Normally, with his growth, he will need approximately 3 prosthesis. The family is overwhelmed with the generosity of the Shrine.

**Harold Rowe** has had quite a time being in the hospital. This started April 19 when he spent a week in Immanuel. While in the hospital, he was given something that was hard on his kidneys. Now he is at home but visiting nurses come each day to monitor his kidneys and his weight. Harold was 94 in March.

**Frank Sesto** had emergency surgery for a bleeding ulcer the middle of April. He and a couple of his buddies had gone south on a fishing trip and Frank got really sick while there. He was driven back non-stop for the 12 hour trip. He was given 9 units of blood. **Gary Procopio** reports Frank is doing much better and getting stronger. Doctors say his recuperation period is 6-8 weeks.

**Dave Christensen** had colon cancer surgery at the end of April. His healing period from surgery is about a month so he will start chemo at the end of May. Our best to Dave for a 100% recovery.

In the Kentucky Derby, there was a jockey, Terry Thompson, who rode a horse named Dublin (who came in 7<sup>th</sup>). Terry is the son of **Martina Thompson** who works here in Omaha for UAL. Most of us remember Ak-Sar-Ben and the name Jack Van Berg, who was a nationally known horse trainer. Jack was instrumental in seeing that Terry had a chance to become a jockey. It was exciting watching and hoping that Terry might pull off the upset and win the Derby.

Calendar:

**July 6** - Jack & Mary's, **Evan & Eileen Holly**

**August 3** - Fish & Game, **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

**September 7** - Prairie Crossing Wine Vineyard, **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

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14 members attended our May meeting. We also had one guest in attendance, **Herb Ken, Jr.**, who is a UAL member in Omaha.

The **Perkins** were unable to attend – they are on the road again. **John Zoboli** was also traveling, as were the **Leusings**. **Joe Robinson** is feeling under the weather but is now at home after a week in the hospital. **Dean Nettles** is also doing well in his recuperation. **Bob & Maxine Dringenberg** are living solely in Fremont now. **Mary Withers** kindly volunteered and chaired the meeting.

The August picnic group met and discussed supplies and cost issues. The flyer for the picnic will be sent with the June newsletter. In addition, we will be inviting the San Joaquiners, the Hangtown Miners (Placerville), the Sacramento Gold Diggers and the North Staters (Chico/Redding/Red Bluff) to the picnic.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Lynda Klemm**. May birthdays were celebrated by: **Bonnie Royle**, **Dean Nettles**, **Millie McGuire**, **Jean Fahl**, **Louise Helmer**, **Dorothy Burrell**, **Nancy Hilz** and **Geri Boutz**.

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The Gardenstaters gathered to hold their regular meeting on May 26. **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute. **Stanley Kot** reported that **Johnny Burton** was hospitalized for a hole in his heart at Beth Israel Hospital. He was a mechanic in the Auto Shop. New members that attended the meeting were **Barbara Cook** – former flight attendant, and **John Siesta, III**. There was much talk about the United and Continental merger. They will be using the Chicago as its Headquarters. They will be using United colors and both Continental and United logos. In Newark, United will be transferring to Terminal C. There was concern about boarding the flights, Continental boards active before retirees and United boards retirees first.

**Violet Etler** read the minutes of the previous meeting and **John Murphy** gave a treasurer's report. He also reminded everyone about the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is coming up on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be making final arrangements at the next meeting in June. Cost is \$55.00 per person.

**Gordon Keister** has a collection of all the United pins and other memorabilia. He has quite a collection. **John Deily** has one of the rings he sent for; he still has forms for those who are interested in obtaining the anniversary pins, necklaces or rings. Reminder that our August meeting will be the 25<sup>th</sup> and it is our annual picnic at Merrill Park. The picnic will be \$10.00 per person.

Clipped Wings New Jersey - The March meeting really put FUN in FUNdraising with a night of psychic readings and predictions. A great time was had by all ... and \$190.00 was raised. Thank you to **Kathy Denker** for being our hostess. In May, we participated in the Pine Beach, NJ town wide garage sale, raising \$438.50. Many thanks to **Pat Kane** and to all those who contributed their time, effort and merchandise. Great Job!  
~**Diane Johnson**

Calendar:

**June 30** - Meeting

## NEW YORK

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On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 18 people braved the teeming heat and tourists to find their way to our luncheon. The date also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of retirement for our president, **Marge Segal** and former correspondent, **Jeanne Leo**. The owner of the restaurant was kind enough to provide us with a delicious cake to celebrate the occasion. Marge also recalled that 18 years ago, she and Jeanne were two of the founding members of "Guys and Dolls".

Two of our members, **Audrey Smolik** and **Ernestine Manzo** spent much of April in Italy. Audrey was in Santa Margarita for six weeks where she passed the time taking Italian classes 3 times a week, and got to know 3 British women who married Italian men and stayed - that's amore!

Ernestine was on a nine day tour and covered an incredible amount of territory - Rome, Venice, Milan, Florence, Padua, Assisi - good food all along the way. Both ladies flew Al Italia and reported full flights and slight delays due to that pesky volcano.

We welcomed a guest, **Lois Svat**, retired from US Airways and the sister of our dear friend, **Mary Svat**, who is a UAL retiree, and worked at the ticket counter at 2 World Trade Center. Lois was the beneficiary of the 50/50 drawing. Two gentlemen graced our proceedings, **Ratimer Sunderic** and **Steve Fontakis**, both retired from JFKSW.

Jeanne reported that **Liz Armstrong**, another JFKSW retiree, is ill and being cared for at Monarch Country Club, 2408 SW Brookwood Lane, Palm City, FL 34990-6177. I'm sure she'd appreciate any good thoughts and greetings sent her way.

Calendar:

**August 3** - Luncheon 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061.

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President **Jimmy Richardson** went over the minutes from the May meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and we remained standing in silent prayer for the deceased and those who were ill.

Weather wise, today was the perfect day. But our group was so small, 28 in all. Sixteen of our United retirees were at the convention and some were still on their way home. The **Ellis**, **Curtins** and **Weiners** were

the only ones who made it back in time. **Jason Weiner** got up and gave our group a quick summary of the RUAEA Convention and a list of all the retirees he met there.

Our birthdays for June were **Lee Ricci, Stephanie Teufel, Ron Weick, Lillian Cohen, Milton Sank** and **Harold Koch**. Congratulations to all. We have 10 Anniversaries for June ... **Gloria & John Manza, Allice & Desmond Brennan, Carol & Alex Nepagoda, Marylou & Ed Ellis, Maureen & Len Pascale** and **Velma & Fred Jones** ... BUT ... we have three couples in that group celebrating 53 years, **Diane & Leo Talochino, Julie & Vic Carnevale** and **Carol & Bob Piechnik**. Way to Go. Congratulations to all.

We received a thank you note from the **Blanda** family, thanking us for the sympathy card we sent to **Iggy Blanda** for the passing of his wife, **Ann**. Our picnic at Belmont is still on, provided they don't close for lack of funds.

We missed **Charlie Kaczinski** and his great commentaries, because he was at his annual Marine reunion. Again, thank you **Susan D'Agostino** for being an escort.

#### Calendar:

**July 7** – 11AM - Picnic at Bellmont Raceway

**August 4** – 10AM - Picnic at Wantagh Park

**September 1** - 1200 Noon - Milleridge Inn

### NORTHWOODS

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The May meeting of the Loonies was a **huge** success. Forty four members were in attendance. This included new members **Don & Carol Potter**, now of GRR and formerly of EXO Payroll. Also joining us for a short period was Mrs. **Tom (Laurie) Rowe**, former ORD Flight Attendant and now of Harbor Springs, MI. **Bonnie Fleming** of Gilbert, AZ won the award for traveling the longest distance to attend the meeting. Remember that attendance at one meeting makes you a member for life with all the rules. Rule N° 1 - No other rules. No dues, No officers.

The meeting was held at the Victorian Terrace Inn in historic Bay View, MI. We had almost exclusive use of the hotel and free run of the facilities.

Regional Director **Jim Simon** started off our Wednesday meeting by reading one of his infamous poems that he had just composed. **Don Hayden** then went over the itinerary for the next two days.

First, we would be touring an American Spoons facility in Petoskey. They process, bottle, and ship fine jams, jellies, and preserves all over the country and we of course, had to sample their products. **Hope Hayden** tried to convince the owner that the concern should be called United Spoons, not that other concern.

After a buffet lunch at the local casino, we then toured a Plastic Plant. This company makes sheets of plastic then processes them into trash bags, seat covers, and various other products. Very interesting! The auto companies use the seat covers to cover their own seat covers, when they ship the seats to auto assembly plants.

On Thursday, we toured a candle retail shop, a glass blowing facility with a live demonstration of glass blowing, and a classic car museum. Thursday evening, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at our hotel. Many compliments to the chef!

A short business meeting was held to determine our next meeting location. **Norm Wilkinson** volunteered to host the October meeting at Door County, WI.

**2<sup>nd</sup> report by Norm Wilkinson, 2114 Country Knoll Lane, Elgin, IL 60123, (847) 697-3775.**

Many thanks to **Don & Hope Hayden** for hosting a great meeting in Bay View/Petoskey, MI in May. At the business session, **Bob Brainerd** and **Norm Wilkinson** volunteered to host the next Loonies get-together in Door County, WI, October 5-8.

Door County is an 80 mile peninsula which extends northeastward into Lake Michigan from about 15 miles north of Green Bay, WI. It has beautiful scenery (October will be the peak fall foliage season), many lighthouses, state parks, antique shops, and art galleries - almost endless things to enjoy.

Because there is such great demand for rooms during this period, all members will have received a mailing during June with information about the space we have reserved. As soon as you receive the information, please contact the hotel to make your reservation because they can only hold the room for us until July 15.

We look forward to being with you in Door County. Please write or call if you have any questions.

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The meeting on June 2 was held at J-Bellas in Strongsville for the third year and 73 of our members were able to attend. A "Thank You" to **Jack & Kay Preston** for hosting our luncheon. It was a great afternoon; the rain came while we were enjoying our meal, and cleared out before we left!

Please remember that July 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual picnic that is always great, with so many different desserts and side dishes contributed by everyone. There is no way that anyone can go away hungry. (W. J. Green Lodge, south of Wallace Lake, Berea Metroparks), **John & Dolly Taucher** will be hosting the event. Make sure to E-mail or call Dolly to let them know if you are coming ... it is a big help when ordering food.

Our prayers go out to members who we have not seen recently due to health reasons.

We missed having **Ray & Carol Hacker** this week. Included in our thoughts are, **Ruth Squire, Ann Fiedler, John Mullen, Harrison Guenther**, and all those we are unaware who may be having health issues.

Sadly, our group has lost another member, **Ruth Fraunfelder (George)** this past month. Our sympathy goes out to her family and friends from all of us.

We were happy to see **Lou & Joan Gaydos** who were here from Florida to attend a wedding in PA. They decided to pay us a visit and made arrangements to be here for our luncheon. Have a safe trip driving back to Florida, and we hope to see you soon.

Our membership is growing! This year, we have added 16 new members and we all welcomed **Sue Tischke. Jack & Pam Waugh** were unable to be here this month. Great to have you join us!

Birthdays! **Bill Althouse, Stan Novak, Dave Simpson, Sue Tischke, and Judy Spooner.** A very Happy and Blessed Birthday to each of you.

June certainly is the month of wedding anniversaries and we have a bunch! It is really great to celebrate with the following: **Vic & Betty Taylor (63), Dick & Jean Foster (53), Ed & Shirley McCarthy (52), Don & Pearl Park (50), Dave & Nancy Cleary (50), Tom & Marty Hassel (34), and Tom & Helen Hockett (18).** Congratulations to all of you and wish nothing but the best to all of you.

Dolly informed us that our Midwest Director has changed. **Jim Simon** lost this election and we wish him well. We enjoyed the visits he made to our chapter. Congratulations to **Helen Caulwels** on her election and we look forward to meeting her.

We are all wondering about this United-Continental merger and what it will hold for us. Dolly again stated that there is really nothing out there that we know to be true, so again, we will pass on guessing what might or might not be and bring it up when we have factual information.

A big "Thank you" goes to **Dave & Marie Placko** for continuing to be responsible for Fifty-Fifty. We know it is more time and work than it looks like and it is appreciated, and a lot of fun.

We have not forgotten about the bus trip to Dayton and are looking into a date in the fall. It would be fun if we are able to get a full bus and it could double as a foliage ride!

Thought for the month: "*When I'm right, nobody remembers; when I'm wrong, nobody forgets*".

### Calendar:

**July 7 - Annual Picnic** – W.J. Green Lodge – Metro Parks (Berea), Gather at 11:00 am – Luncheon at 12:30pm.



**August 4** – Williams on the Lake – Medina, gathering 11:00 a.m. Luncheon 12:00 noon. Prepaid.

## OREGON

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The chapter did its best to keep the secret but the word is out: The 2011 RUAEA convention will be held in Portland, OR next May. The planning is already underway. The publicity chair will be writing articles each month to tell you what to expect to find in the Pacific Northwest.

Our May meeting was a social affair. **Dee & Bob Boelter** provided table decorations of viola plants to add color to the tables. The monthly winners of the drawings were: Door Prize - **Jack Harper**, Birthday - **Jack Starks**, Anniversary - **Don & Carol Mitchell**, 50/50 - **Anna Miller**. **Bruce DeFord** won a flight book.

**Merle Pitman** was briefly hospitalized in early June with chest pains. He is home and **Lois** tells me the doctors are checking to see if the problem could be other than his heart.

**Bob Bauer** sent me an e-mail to inform that **Connie** is still undergoing tests.

In May, the chapter lost three members. **Pat Payne** (wife of **Charlie** - PDXCS deceased) died on May 18 of cancer. She came to the meetings for many years and many of you will remember her when she came to conventions with **Tom Harvey**. She leaves a daughter Debra, son Jeff and two grandchildren.

One of our oldest members, **Lionel (Leo) Correia**, died on May 20. Leo started with UAL in Seattle, was briefly in Pittsburgh but spent most of career in PDXCS. He loved flying, having been a B-17 pilot in WWII and spent months in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. Fortunately, his adventures have been preserved on tape. He was a dear friend to my family and we spent many happy times together. He is survived by his three daughters Virginia, Linda, Monica and five grandchildren.

**Rance Ishibashi** died on May 24. He fought the cancer as only Rance could do. He would rally, return home from the hospital to visit Hawaii, come to meetings but he lost the battle. Rance worked for Pan Am for 24 years and came to Portland when the two airlines merged. He loved golf, shopping with coupons, working on PDX's Fantasy Flights, but mostly, he loved his wife Martha, son Marc and four grandchildren.

We have lost three wonderful human beings who will be sorely missed. Our hearts go out to their loved ones with all of our condolences.

The picnic will be on July 14 and for those who still would like to attend, please send your check by **July 5** to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97220. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a delicious barbecue of ribs and chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and delicious desserts brought by members. The picnic will be held again this year at the Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Sunset Dr., Gresham, OR 97030. Please contact **Bruce DeFord** (360) 695-3070 or **Charlie Stemper** (360) 823-9202 if you need directions to the park.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Wed and Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area until October 1 when it will resume taking calls on Mon. 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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

**July 14** - Annual Picnic

**August 11** – Social

**September 8** - Social



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It was great that 18 OUR Club members could come for the May 7 monthly luncheon, since the summer travel season seemed to begin a few days later with quite a few members simultaneously flying the coop for the travel byways. **Laurie Jordan** did a beautiful job of hosting the luncheon at 115 Broiler Steakhouse in Grants Pass, where the food was almost as good as the company. The weather? Still not so great.

On June 4, OUR Club held its June luncheon and quarterly business meeting at Shari's in Central Point. **Wayne Widrig** was the gracious host. Secretary **Jane Frincke** conducted the business meeting in the absence of President **Neal Appleton** and wife **Sonnica**, who were returning from the RUAEA convention in Orlando. We were elated to welcome back **Jackie Mark** who has been in the hospital and a respiratory rehabilitation facility in California since January. It was a delight to see Jackie looking so well. **Bob Rogers** gave us a welcome thumbs up on wife **Ida Roger**'s continuing recovery from meningitis.

**Harry & Barbara Horne** brought their son and daughter-in-law who were visiting from the San Francisco Bay Area, where their son is a United employee at the Maintenance Base. It was fun to have active among all the retired. The 50/50 fairy must have been thanking Harry and Barbara for bringing guests because they held the winning ticket.

And the weather? Better, but still not so great.

#### Calendar:

**July 9 - Doe Pope, TBA**

**August 6 - Bob & Miriam Lindberg, TBA**

**September 10 - Steve & Cyndi Austin, annual picnic**

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Well, it's on to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July - another year and another great RUAEA convention. Sorry to say, **Bernie** and I missed another one. Some 380 retirees enjoyed a good time with good people.

Our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** said a good time was had by all. Congratulations to the committee on a job well done.

This is another short column for this month as we are on our way to Denver to celebrate our grandson's marriage.

Congratulations to all the newly elected RUAEA officers. Good luck and keep up the good work.

**Mitch Abbas** tells us **Doris** has a couple more weeks of inactivity before she starts therapy. Mitch is ready to turn in his apron. I hear he is a pretty good cook too.

Sorry to report the passing of **Betty McQuiston**, wife of former PITMM **Ken McQuiston**. Betty has been in poor health for some time now. Also condolences to the family of **Phillip Carnvale**, Phil was 92 and will be remembered for his jokes and quick wit.

Don't forget to fill out the Convention survey which appeared in the May newsletter.

#### Calendar:

**July 16 - Pit-Stoppers Picnic**



## **THE INDEPENDENTS**

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We had 21 retirees turn out for our May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. President **Joe Brad** appeared in his United Airline's uniform (it still fits him perfectly!) and when he removed the jacket, he donned a vest that contained every pin and insignia that he ever received while working for United. The vest was FULL. Amazing! **Frank Egges** brought some of his memorabilia which included a model DC-3. Our original plan was to remember our time spent with United with stories and souvenirs. Unfortunately, we ran out of time.

Our speaker was Kathleen Lehman, a Registered Nurse, who worked in the Trauma Center at Crosier Chester Medical Center. She now is the director of ER-3 (Emergency Room 3) which is an Emergency and Trauma Outreach Program for Crosier. Part of her job is to educate seniors on fall prevention. All of her information was very valuable, some of it was chilling. Most falls, which result in death, occur among older residents - more than half are 80 or older. Kathleen detailed how falls occur, what causes them and how to prevent them. Surprisingly, many are caused by our medications! Her recommendations included that we begin a regular exercise program, review our medicines with a health care provider, having our vision checked and making our homes safer. The latter included a long list of suggestions. Her speech was very informative and valuable for all of us.

**Lew Meyer** provided an update on our former PHL employee, **Hal Zerbock**. When he went to Olympia, in spite of his failing vision, Hal provided a tour of the area and a delicious meal for Lew.

**Bob Moyer** won both the 50/50 and the free lunch. Lucky day for Bob!

A report and request from our Chairman, **Frank Egges**: Flight 93 Memorial Chapel is maintained by donations mainly from United Airlines Retirees and The Philadelphia Independents. United Airlines Retirees and the Independents to date have contributed over \$9,000.00. We expect to reach the \$10,000.00 mark before long. Over 50,000 visitors, 100 busses visit the Chapel annually. More than 100 churches and 100 schools have visited the Chapel since 2002. 60,000 map brochures are distributed annually, half of them at the Chapel. We are proud to be part of this great Memorial. Thanks to the United Retirees and the Independents for their contributions and thank you for your support over the years.

Make checks to: Chapel 93 Memorial. Please mail to **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please remember to include your name, address and file number.

### Calendar:

**June 14** - General meeting-picnic, 12:30 PM at the Ramada Inn

**June 21** - Committee meeting, 12:30 PM at the **Edwards'**

## **UTAH**

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On June 1, 20 SLC chapter members met over lunch at Bountiful's *Joy Luck* Chinese restaurant. As already once in the past, this correspondent was somewhat delayed in her arrival at this charming & quite tucked-away meeting place. However, **Judy Anderson**, being ever alert, had already collected attendees' names and all pertinent data. Thanks, **Judy**! The remaining hour was pleasantly spent in conversation and in the enjoyment of good food served by attentive waiters.

We missed a few of our regulars: **Lorraine Olson; Kaye Nelson; Tony Brown; Lila Maughan; Betty Davis**, all of whom were otherwise engaged. We welcomed Chapter Treas. **Frank Christenson; Shirley Scown** & son **Mike; Bob & Judy Turgeon; Grant Beutler**; Chapter VP **Kip Lufkin** & husband **George**. Also

present were AZ Snowbirds **Pat & Don Graves**, as well as **Bill Berg** and **George Dalton**, to name but a few. It was good to visit with all of them.

On a sad note: On Sat., May 29, 2010, our longtime faithful visitor to the meetings, **Aletha Cannon** joined her husband **Hugh** in death. Our condolences to the **Cannon** family, especially to their daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein** who, over the past few years, accompanied **Aletha** to the SLC get-togethers, along with son **Ken** who is one of our Utah Finest - a policeman.

Chapter President **Clair Anderson** announced **Aletha's** passing and also spoke of the United-Continental merger, now in progress - and we all wondered how our company's future will unfold. Before the merger news was given to the public, retirees recently posed the ever new question - namely, if we still remembered the **Five Rules of Service**, as formulated by former UAL President, **W. A. Patterson**: (1) **Safety**; (2) **Dependability**; (3) **Comfortability**; (4) **Honesty**; (5) **Sincerity**.

#### Calendar:

**July 6** - Brunch 10AM, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

**August 3** - Catered Picnic 5pm - Sugar House Pk. - Terrace TBA, 21 S. & 15 E., SLC.

**September 7** - Coffee Time 10AM - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

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Our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel/Southcenter and was attended by 59 members and guests. **Collette Cox** attended as a guest of **Dolores Steger** and **Kathy Abascal** was our guest speaker.

The United/Continental merger was discussed by President **John Haferbecker** and by newly elected Executive VP of RUAEA, **Hank Gosselin**. We learned that if all goes well in obtaining approvals along the way, the two airlines may be flying as one starting in the first half of 2012 (not 2011). **Ron Robertson**, our outgoing RUAEA president, wasted no time in contacting two vice presidents of United to outline the concerns of retirees concerning medical and pass benefits. He was assured that United would work with RUAEA in protecting retirees' interests during the merger process.

**Bob Brumfield** talked about the Employee 20 discount and how it can be purchased through Skynet, and how United is waiving checked baggage fees for employees and retirees traveling on Employee 20 tickets. Another change is that the age requirement for flying in international first class has been dropped to age 12 from age 18. Bob also advised that he can help members with good deals on cruises, including ratings, through an online service he uses.

**Kathy Abascal** was introduced by **Rita Reynolds** and spoke about her special diet program that features anti-inflammatory food that decreases pain in our joints, such as in our ankles, knees, shoulders, hips and even relieves plantar fasciitis pain in our feet. Kathy indicated that her diet does not count calories or involve portion control or even involve exercise. Instead the emphasis is on what we eat and when we eat it. A side effect of this program is that there will be some weight loss. **Jan Kintner**, retired from SEACS and a Travel Desk volunteer was present and mentioned how much she benefited from the program. Kathy can be reached at [info@toquietinflammation.com](mailto:info@toquietinflammation.com).

The nice article about member **Ed Clay** that appeared in the May RUAEA newsletter was read in part to our group and it gave a good review of Ed's many accomplishments during his fine career with United and in the military service, as well as in his retirement. Ed has been one busy person, and we're proud of him.

The door prize winners were **Phil Andersen**, **Ray & Jackie Dapp**, **Lyle & Phyllis Lindblad**, **Gay Liesse**, **Ruth Strange**, **Fern Lockhart**, **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl**, **Jim Small**, **Betty Paul**, **Kathy Abascal**, **Carol Christensen**, **Ken Wagner**, **Bud Dice**, **Collette Cox**, **Edna Paulson** and **Kay Johnson**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Vivian Anderson**.

The members with birthdays in July are **Jim Bernovich, Richard Clement, Evalena Hatcher, Lyle Lindblad, Bob Whitworth, John Paulson** and **Ken Wagner**. **James & Marion Hafterson** celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July.

Those who worked in SEARR had a reunion May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kona Kitchen restaurant in Seattle. **Cris Legassey** and **Sue Crane** organized it once again and it proved to be a good time to catch up on things.

**Bennie Daniels**, retired from SEARR, moved into his new apartment in South Seattle, according to his daughter, **Tamara Lamb**. Bennie has undergone amputation of his one foot, due to complications from diabetes, and now has a prosthetic and walks with a cane. His apartment is part of a senior housing program and features activities and outings that he can participate in. Bennie would like to keep in touch with his friends and former co-workers. His address is: Esparanza Apartments, Unit E101, 6940 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98118.

#### Calendar:

**July** - No Meeting

**August 10** – Annual Picnic at the home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**

**September 14** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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We had a great turnout at The Harvester in Spangle with over 30 people in attendance; we all had good food and a good time.

Laquita is doing the June get together at the Chinese Dragon in the Spokane Valley. I was missing at the luncheon because I was told it was the 30<sup>th</sup> and they had it on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We don't have anyone to host for July but we are considering a picnic.

Most of us in Spokane have webbed feet by now as it has been raining most of the month of May and the beginning of June, and it is on the cool side of the thermometer.

Lance's Memorial and Celebration of Life was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There was over 150 people in attendance, many of them being United Retirees. I got a message from **Ken & Myrtle Stoop** on my cell phone; however, the day of the Memorial my phone was dead! I understand they couldn't find the place where it was being held. I can understand that, as family members had a difficult time and we had put out signs but apparently it didn't help the Stoops

**Warren Smith** has been under the weather with a mild heart attack. Get well soon Warren! We know **Fran** is taking good care of you.

Hopefully our weather will begin to warm up and a lot of us will plant our flowers and our gardens.  
Take care and God Bless until next time!

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Greetings from the Nations Capital! Convention 2010 is over and we bade farewell to Orlando. The Rosen Centre was a huge complex with two huge convention halls and hundreds of rooms for the guests. We dined very well in several restaurants and cafés and especially enjoyed the formal banqueting menu. The pool was



beautiful and there were several nice short walks to enjoy, while we walked off a meal. The best part was a bus that took us to the Outlet Mall and brought us back for 25¢ each way! What a sales incentive that was!

The weather was typical hot & steamy Florida days so we just dashed in and out and managed to stay reasonably cool. This correspondent joined a day tour to St. Augustine and it was very pleasant to hear the step-on tour guide tell us about the many historic aspects of St. Augustine and then take us to see them. We enjoyed a really nice lunch in St. Augustine, sitting in a courtyard shaded by beautiful old trees and enjoying the breezes.

The Dulles Loungers were very well represented. In attendance was President **Linda Scriven**, **Rose Nigro** (DCA/IADFF), **Tom Melgaard** (IADCS), **Donna Simpson** (IADCS), **Jocelyn & Corky Vena** (IADCS), **Tom Marcy** (IADRR), **Marilyn Marcy** (our newly elected Vice President of Conventions) and your correspondent **Lucy Chatelain**.

The annual business meeting was well attended and many questions concerning the merger with Continental Airlines were answered and some were left pending. The panel of representatives from all the groups that work with us was cheerful and helpful and in many cases had the answer to our many enquiries.

In 2011, our RUAEA Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon at the elegant Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. Start making your plans for the last week of May 2011!

We hope to see many of you there!

#### Calendar:

**July 14** – 12 Noon, Red Lobster Restaurant 7505 Broken Branch Lane, Manassas VA 20109. Corner of Sudley Rd. and Broken Branch Lane. (703) 335 2553

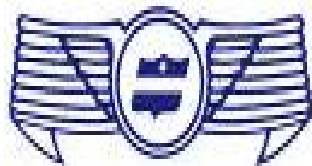
**August 11** - 12 Noon, Red Lobster, location as above

Please, Please, May I have your RSVP at (703) 893 9030. This is to alert the Red Lobster so that they have enough servers on duty.

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Summer is really here!

The members of Clipped Wings® are finalizing plans to attend the 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games July 16 – 24, 2010. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes on July 20<sup>th</sup>, we will also assist with the Cessna Airlift. We look forward to this opportunity to help. We would like to thank our committee for doing a remarkable job making this possible for us to participate: **Barbara Allenby Sinnott** (OAK), **Sue Schneider Dannert** (PHX), **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX), and **Pamela Pease Berding**.

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.

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We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Please check us out at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com).

I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com)

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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### **March 2010 SkyNet Listing**

**Bahr, Fredric Albert**, SFOFO 03/03/10  
**Baran, Sandra R.**, ORDCS 03/18/10  
**Barawis Sr., Herman**, SFOMK 03/03/10  
**Bartlett, Barbara A.**, DENTL 03/29/10  
**Boehm, William J.**, ORDGQ 03/20/10  
**Boone, Louis**, ORDCS 03/13/10  
**Braswell, Patricia O.**, DCASW 03/20/10  
**Budnick, Joseph L.**, DENCN 03/27/10  
**Carroll, Peter J.**, ATLRR 03/14/10  
**Copp, Ruth M.**, OMAHH 03/11/10  
**Dawson, John H.**, SFOSS 03/07/10  
**Dillaman, James E.**, SFOEG 03/04/10  
**Dowd, Edward C.**, SFOAU 03/16/10  
**Dubacher, William J.**, JFKHH 01/17/10  
**Fahrni, Donald R.**, LAXMM 03/24/10  
**Falk, Craig Bernard**, DENSW 03/16/10  
**Fenski, Helmut E.**, SFOPK 03/14/10  
**Ferguson Jr., Austin K.**, JFKFO 03/29/10  
**Fernandez, Joseph T.**, LAXMM 03/01/10  
**Fisher, Philip W.**, ORDFO 03/04/10  
**Flintrop, Alfons H.**, JFKGQ 03/13/10  
**Gallant, Peter E.**, SFOFO 03/22/10  
**Glaiser, John S.**, SFOSO 03/01/10  
**Gloor Jr., Emil**, DSMOZ 03/25/10  
**Green, Lillie D.**, EWRHH 03/28/10  
**Haugen, Oscar E.**, SEACG 03/28/10  
**Heimerl, Merle D.**, DENFF 03/16/10  
**Hennig, Michael**, SFOPK 03/27/10  
**Hernandez, Alfonso**, SFOOV 03/07/10  
**Holden, Marilyn A.**, WHQSS 03/16/10  
**Howell, Richard D.**, SFOBL 03/19/10  
**Howick, Howard L.**, SEAFF 03/12/10  
**Johnston, Howard T.**, CLEOO 03/16/10  
**Kennebeck, John E.**, LAXCG 03/02/10  
**Lewandowsky, Kenneth E.**, DTWCG 03/17/10  
**Maruyama, Thomas T.**, HNLMM 03/12/10

Mc Gee, Charles F., WHQSK 03/02/10  
Mc Kinley, Jeanne W., HNLTL 03/11/10  
Mitchell, Richard C., SFOFO 03/14/10  
Morgan, Harris W., IADCS 03/17/10  
Nicholson, Isabel M., WHQPE 03/23/10  
Penner, Richard H., DENTR 03/07/10  
Pergande, Leslie H., DENCS 03/06/10  
Phifer Jr., Everette L., CLTOZ 03/30/10  
Pieper, Joseph R., OPBVV 03/15/10  
Pladsen, Norton D., SFOFO 03/05/10  
Raymond, George G., LAXFO 03/05/10  
Rick, Joseph L., SFOKM 03/01/10  
Robinson, Prince C., SFOCG 03/10/10  
Rodriguez, Richard, SEACG 03/28/10  
Sather, Dean R., DENFO 03/03/10  
Schaefer, Robert E., ORDCG 03/30/10  
Tanzella, Frank W., JFKMM 03/07/10  
Thomas, Donald J., DENC03/26/10  
Topic, Benjamin R., HNLMM 02/03/10  
Wanink, Janet H., HNLRR 03/27/10  
Washow, Lawrence E., WHQVA 03/31/10  
West, Robert E., SFOJJ 03/08/10  
Wilson, Charles V., SFOFO 03/25/10  
Withey, Robert D., OPBWX 03/01/10  
Younger, Lucy, DENHH 03/02/10

## LETTERS

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

Bernice Aaron, Rosemary Benedetto, Bernard T. Bernard, Richard Bresett, Ralph Brooks, Brigit Cuda, Vonnie Errichson, Charlotte Flagg, Patti Flanagan Mix, Sean Foley, Marilyn Harmon, Dorothy Krauss, Lorraine Karpen, Vincent Maher, Eugene O'Neill, Bud Peters, Christine Rang, Judy Roberts, Theresa Roman, Bernard Sanford, Boris Spitz, Mary Stevenson, William Wimmer, Lily Woehlck, Hiroko Wright.

### **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.)*

#### **Evelyn Clark, 459 Willow Wood Dr., Palatine IL 60074-3831**

It has been over two years since having my right leg amputated in 3/08 and I am doing well getting around with a walker.

I have "outgrown" my prosthesis and presently, I am being refitted for a rock. It is tedious and time consuming to get the rock to fit properly.

Last September, I had another angioplasty on my left leg and 3 stints inserted to prevent blockage of the arteries.

Maggie, our miniature Schnauzer, is a little trooper. Last October, she had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in her bladder. Now she has a back problem and is being treated with Rimadayl. We will be celebrating her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday this month.

George is making more progress in restoring his car at the Illinois Railway Museum.

Since I am a Life member, I am making a contribution to the postage fund.

Thanks to the staff that are involved in publishing the newsletter and keeping us in touch with United and the many retiree happenings.

#### **Joan Gilkison, 2521 W Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

I am the widow of Terry Gilkison, who passed away November 19, 2008. We have always enjoyed our association with RUAEA and the newsletter. We attended many conventions when Terry was able to travel.

I still have many wonderful friends from our chapter, the Pelican Drop Ins. Our May meeting was a fabulous steak fry. Mel Volz cooked all of the delicious steaks on the charcoal grill. Everyone brought a dish to share. What a great time we all had!

Thanks for the terrific newsletters. Your staff does a marvelous job of putting it together. I recently enjoyed the "Ed Clay Story". My husband, Terry, was a friend of Ed's.

**Melia Harrison, 2130 Upper Pack River Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864**

Aloha! Once again it is time to express my sincerest and biggest Mahalo, for all your work in putting out the newsletter.

I am computer-less, so it is a great gift via snail mail for me.

I finished the 26<sup>th</sup> "Great Aloha Run/walk" on Presidents Day. It was my 23<sup>rd</sup> time or so. I turned 70 in April and I plan to keep walking it as long as my acupuncturist keeps me upright.

We "survived" the tsunami warning in February at my fellow UAL Retiree, Phyllis Odawa's hospitable Pearl City home. It was a good "practice exercise" for all the islands.

**William Hoygaard, 12182 East Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014-3302**

The information in this newsletter including the Important Phone Numbers and articles related to issues of interest to retirees about UAL are very much appreciated. The format of the listing of phone numbers is easy to clip out and use as needed. Thanks for keeping the UAL retiree population up to date!

We are not flying much these days as it seems that most flights we are interested in taking are very full. We have been taking more driving trips but will probably give the flight options another try later this year. Our summer trips tend to be for camping in our pickup/camper in National Forest campgrounds, etc. and this then includes hiking (or at least walking a lot!) in some beautiful areas. I still do just fine on the 10,000 foot elevation trails. I control my Type 2 diabetes with diet and exercise alone. I enjoy some target shooting year round.

I have been retired for 17 years this August after 46 years with United.

**John Kensinger, 925 Sunnybrae Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402-1966**

I thought that I'd be ready this time. Wrong, yesterday I received a nice letter from Roger Casterline reminding me that I had not paid my dues for this year yet. Today, I received my monthly newsletter with the familiar red stamp, stating that it was time to pay my dues again.

I guess that it is part of the aging thing that makes us forget or put off these things. I doubt that I am the only one this happens to though.

I do enjoy receiving the newsletter because it keeps me informed with what is going on at United Airlines these days. I also keep in touch with some of the active employees at United.

Everything that I hear makes me glad that I retired when I did. It seems like it is not a happy place to work anymore. I have been gone for 13 years now; no more alarm clocks for me!

I do miss some of my old co-workers but not the drag of working at United. MBA's in place of qualified managers is not the way to do business.

I hope that the pending merger doesn't result in the lay off of more employees and Golden parachutes for upper management.

Good luck to all of the guys and gals who still have to work there and hello to all of my friends from SFOPD.

**Virginia Kildoye, 5854 New England Woods, Burke, VA 22015**

I am sorry that I missed my renewal date. But I had a good excuse though! We were in Aruba for three weeks celebrating my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and our 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It is our favorite place to go and relax. We have been visiting Aruba since 1995 and still love going there.

I love the work all of you do for the newsletter. I hope the retirees are protected with the up coming merger.

Hello to all of my fellow retirees from NYCRR and IADRR.

**Agnes Kubicz, PO Box 86, Baileys Harbor, WI 54202**

I enjoy reading the newsletter. The staff does a great job of keeping us informed about happenings at United.



The latest news is overwhelming. I never dreamed United would merge with another carrier and become the world's largest airline.

**Ken Lee 107 Sand Trap Ln., Greenwood, SC 29649-8507**

Thank you again for the excellent news and information.

Now for all my inquiring friends, I am in good health and getting older. I finally joined "The Club", I had a knee replacement. It was a 3 day/2 night stay in the hospital and 6 to 8 weeks of rehab therapy. There were times I wished that I could have outsourced some of the rehab program. But I am feeling fine now.

I as well as many others, am awaiting more details of the UA/CO merger, maybe more new destinations to visit.

**Robert Myers, 7 Pond Dr., Rocky River, OH 44116-1061**

Wow, where did the year go? I want to thank you all for the tremendous job you are doing in issuing the newsletter.

I have been retired now for many years. Since CLERR was dissolved, personnel became scattered all over the country and I do look forward to reading familiar names in the newsletter.

My wife and I consider ourselves fortunate that in spite of some physical problems, we were able to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last October. We have both entered our 80's.

We do not travel as much as we used to but we have very fond memories of our United travels in the past.

Thanks again for a job well done.

**Elaine Ptak, 9674 Moonlit Sky Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89147**

Great job RUAEA!

We are enjoying our "Golden Years". We have gone on cruises, flown to Hawaii, and taken driving trips to visit family in Illinois, Canada and Florida.

We are off on a cruise to Alaska from Seattle next.

Ron and I go golfing at least once a week. And get in some hiking.

Hi to all my friends and fellow retirees. Stay well and enjoy life is my motto.

**Pat Stompanato, 2020 Harrow Gate Dr., Woodstock, IL 60098-7407**

Frank and I enjoyed our 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Maui in March. What a wonderful trip. We went all the way to Maui from ORD, with no problems. The crew was great.

We keep busy with our 10 grandchildren. We have 2 graduations coming up, one from high school and one from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We hope their futures will be safe and secure.

Thank you for the great information and articles in the RUAEA newsletter.

Hello to all my United friends.

**Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd. # B, Clemont, FL 34711, (352) 394-6692, [vectis24@aol.com](mailto:vectis24@aol.com)**

Just made another trip to NYC and Yonkers to see my oldest son's family. It was hard to believe that in May, I had to wear "Long Johns" for comfort ... but it didn't freeze or snow. I was last up there a few months ago, and for one lady I met, it wasn't a Merry Christmas. She was at a Christmas hen party and her husband (a prize winning writer), called to say he wasn't feeling well and could she come home? No big deal they all thought. She drove home and found husband dead on the floor.

I was invited to a party given by a lady from a European embassy and her Icelandic husband. Almost all the guests were Europeans from the U N and various embassies. Among the few exceptions were a Dutch doctor and me. We had WW2 in common to discuss, and we heard wacko stories at the party about diplomatic "screw-ups" around the planet.

At a dinner given by my daughter in law, I met a NY lady. We had a pleasant chat and I was later told that she was divorced, lives alone, is pretty smart and worth fifteen million bucks, yippee. She also lives next door to a bee farm I'd previously visited. I'd been taken to the apiary by her son who took photos of how bees spend their time in the off season, they're still busy. I met the lady that runs the apiary and I've never seen so many five gallon buckets of honey. It was in every room in her house (except the bath rooms). Some of the honey pails in the dining room leaked and she complained, "*All day long I'm licking my fingers.*" Unwisely I said, "*You need a change. Get your husband to lick your fingers.*" OOPS! She frowned and didn't reply. She, too, is divorced.

If you haven't been through IAD since January, you are in for a surprise. The quick 5 minute Ramp crossing from main terminals to Terminal A (UAXpress) by coach is no more. Now one MUST follow the signs down deep under the Ramp, take one of two trains, (like DEN), and some five minutes later and a lot of walking, take the elevator stairs up to say Terminal C or whatever one you want. The new multi million dollar excavation looks like an empty museum in my opinion. I noticed in a Yonkers store that all the help was semi-disabled in some way. The owner only hires former cops injured on the job. Right across one main road was a black and white banner seeking new cops at \$57,000 per year.

My youngest son, formerly a TV cameraman, after eighteen years of illness, entered the long, dark night and died at age 53 of Multiple Sclerosis.

Today is May 31<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Day and a good time to remember **Tom Baba** who worked in the Turbine Shop and before that on Dock 5, SFOOV. That's where we met in December 1956, and in my estimation Tom was an unknown WW2 hero from the Theater of Ops known as CBI-China-Burma-India. When I told him I too, had been in Burma he told me his story. Early in 1942, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army from his home in Kauai. At home, the language spoken most often was Japanese and he could read and write English better than he spoke it.

Tom's name apparently came to the attention of a Col. Dulles and instead of being placed in Hawaii's own infantry regiment, he was placed in Detachment 101, Office of Strategic Services. Col. Dulles was the brother of John Foster Dulles, Pres. Roosevelt's Secretary of State in 1941 and throughout WW2. The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was Established by Dulles to fight "behind the lines" in France and likewise in Burma. After WW2. the OSS was renamed the CIA, (Central Intelligence Agency). Tom was sent to India as a Japanese interpreter where he was assigned to a small British trained group of Hill men in Assam (North East India) on the border with Burma. The Japanese Imperial Army had taken Burma and crossed into Assam, hoping to eventually take Calcutta (in the Province of Bengal). Tom's unit was to get behind the Japanese, find and tap into their telegraph lines. Tom's job was to translate what he heard and radio it back to Detach 101 in New Delhi, India. The C.O. of Tom's group was a British Army Major who had managed Assamese Tea plantations and could speak the dialects of the Hill men. He took Tom aside and told him that should they be surrounded and near capture, Tom would be wise to take his own life immediately. The Japanese Imperial Army treated all Nisei and those of Japanese descent, as traitors to the Emperor. Nisei were executed slowly over a period of two or three days by strangulation with wire. Among the Hill men, Tom's unit had to deal with were the Naga's, a tribe of head hunters, whom the missionaries had spent years convincing them of their evil ways. With the arrival of the Japanese, the British Government told the Naga's to forget the missionaries and bring in all the Japanese heads possible. They also rewarded them with heroin and strong Indian "pot" called "ganji".

One of the Hill men threw away an American candy wrapper instead of burying it and it was found by a Japanese patrol. Tom's unit barely avoided capture and for twenty one days, they fled back through Japanese lines and the Khasi hills towards India. They discarded everything including their radios. No more air drops of food, and motivated by hunger, fear and exhaustion, they ate leaves, bamboo shoots, and drank water from the bamboo. They were too sick to stop which meant capture. Tom said, "Unless we soon had food we couldn't keep going and it was the Major that saved us". He showed us how to catch bamboo rats, skin and eat them raw. We couldn't light fires for the enemy was always near by. Tom said, "I vomited up the rat meat at first. I'm surprised we survived but we got back through the jungle to India."

Tom Baba was returned Stateside in 1943. On his last day at SFOMB, I gave TOM a book by a Lieut. Charlton (I think) that named Tom on the Detachment 101 roster. Later, I tried to find him in Kauai but learned that he had likely moved to Oregon.

Tom Baba was a quiet hero who wasn't given the glory in Hawaii accorded to One Puka Puka. Despite having to eat raw rats simply to stay alive, (Tom described it as worse than fearing the death that stared at him day and night in Assam), he lived a long life. He died in February, 2010.

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**ARTS & CRAFTS WINNERS**

1. Glass pendant w/ 2 cords (L)	Barb Bertacini
2. Glass pendant w/ 2 cords (M)	Elaine Mannella
3. Glass cheese server w/ knife	Shirley Robertson
4. Glass cheese server w/ knife	Pat Hottel
5. Silver earrings	Patti Clark
6. Silver earrings	Jane Houston
7. Silver earrings	Melba Gustke
8. Silver earrings	Sybil Voss
9. Silver pendant	Hank Gosselin
10. Silver pendant	Ed Terada
11. Woodcraft decoration	Julia Montalvo
12. Wood trivet	Dave Saso
13. Wood trivet	Jerome Underhill
14. Wood trivet	Lyn Callihan
15. Ceramic lighthouse night light	Jean Linehan
16. Ceramic turtle light	Shirley Robertson
17. Ceramic lighthouse night light	Carl Wood
18. Ceramic frog light	Elliott Olenick
19. Red croch. plumeria lug. tag	Liliana Arminio
20. Red croch. plumeria lug. tag	Ken Michels
21. Blue croch. plumeria lug. tag	Elaine Mannella
22. Blue croch. plumeria lug. Tag	Darryll Stroud
23. White croch. plumeria lug. tag	Bonnie Meyer
24. White croch. plumeria lug. tag	Julia Montalvo
25. Wood airplane	Bill Mansur
26. Crocheted baptismal set	Treatie Katwoski
27. Extra large knitted sweater	Linda Tracy
28. Wooden truck	Bob Fulkerson
29. Small jewelry box	V. Killkenny
30. Small jewelry box	Norm Jukes
31. Small jewelry box	Bonnie Meyer
32. Small jewelry box	Arnie Lakso
33. Medium jewelry box	Barbara Riecsc
34. Metal & wood decorative tree	Mary Lou Ellis
35. Decorative bird house	Cathy Llewellyn
36. Needle point picture and frame	Francis Domaratius
37. Cup, saucer & bowl set	Laura Coats
38. Candle holder, pottery	Dee Lakso
39. Set of 3 wooden boats	Jack Raynor
40. Airplane Drawing, fighter	Robert Lindstrom
41. Airplane Drawing, United	Janis Lindstrom
42. Airplane Drawing, NW	Christel Ilg
43. Water color painting	Char Williams
44. Limited edition prints	Jim Multeri
45. Limited edition prints	Bill Mansur
46. Limited edition prints	Henry Jazwinski
47. Limited edition prints	Chuck Cole
48. Framed water color painting	V. Killkenny
49. Framed oil painting	Jon Somplack
50. UA aircraft pictures	Dave Saso
51. UA aircraft pictures	Julia Montalvo
52. UA aircraft pictures	Jack Donahue
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54. UA aircraft pictures	Cathy Llewellyn
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61. UA aircraft pictures	John Verambeck
62. UA aircraft pictures	Christel Ilg
63. UA aircraft pictures	Jack Donahue
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65. UAL Airplane Drawing	Dorothy Lakso
66. UAL Airplane Picture	Carl Wood
67. Apron and pot holder set	Janis Kratofil
68. Crocheted blanket, small	Karl Gustke
69. Crocheted blanket, large	Julius Schneider
70. Gemstone & pearl bracelet	Hank Gosselin
71. Gemstone & pearl bracelet	Barbara Riecsc
72. Fleece blanket	Dolly Ito
73. Blue Angels at MCO 2009	Herb Wilbanks
74. Patchwork throw blanket	June Linhart
75. Framed Picture	Cathy Llewellyn
76. Casserole Carrier	Pat Townsend
77. Casserole Carrier	Mandy Ocampo
78. Painting	Sybil Voss
79. Painting	Ken Michels
80. Wall Hanging	Dee Lakso
81. Hand painted Denim Jacket	Julia Montalvo
82. Blue Angels at MCO 2009	Rich Llewellyn
83. Blue Angels at MCO 2009	Carl Wood
84. Man Riding Bicycle in Cork	Sherry Jazwinski



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Consolidated C-87s - the transport/cargo version of the B-24 Liberator bomber.

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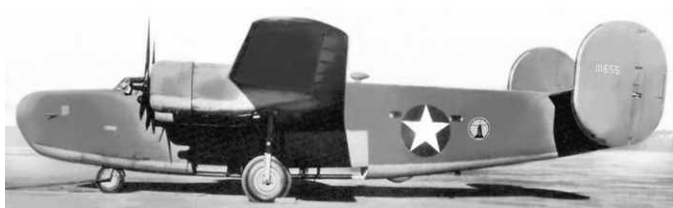
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The route was to be from San Francisco to Hickam Field, Honolulu - 2446 mi.; Hickam to Canton Island - 1908 mi.; Canton to Nandi, Fiji - 1250 mi.; Nandi to New Caledonia - 865 mi. - New Caledonia to Amberly Field, Brisbane, Australia - 1800 mi.

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The first C-87 was delivered Sept. 5, 1942 and all 25 crews were "checked-out" in it. Five more C-87s were delivered to the San Francisco Airport on Sept. 23, 1942. That same day Captain Jack O'Brien, a veteran of "Alaska Ops", and his crew took off for Australia. Three hours out of SFO the fuel gauges showed "no pressure". O'Brien returned to San Francisco where he was told "the C-87 fuel gauges sometimes worked and sometimes didn't work"!

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