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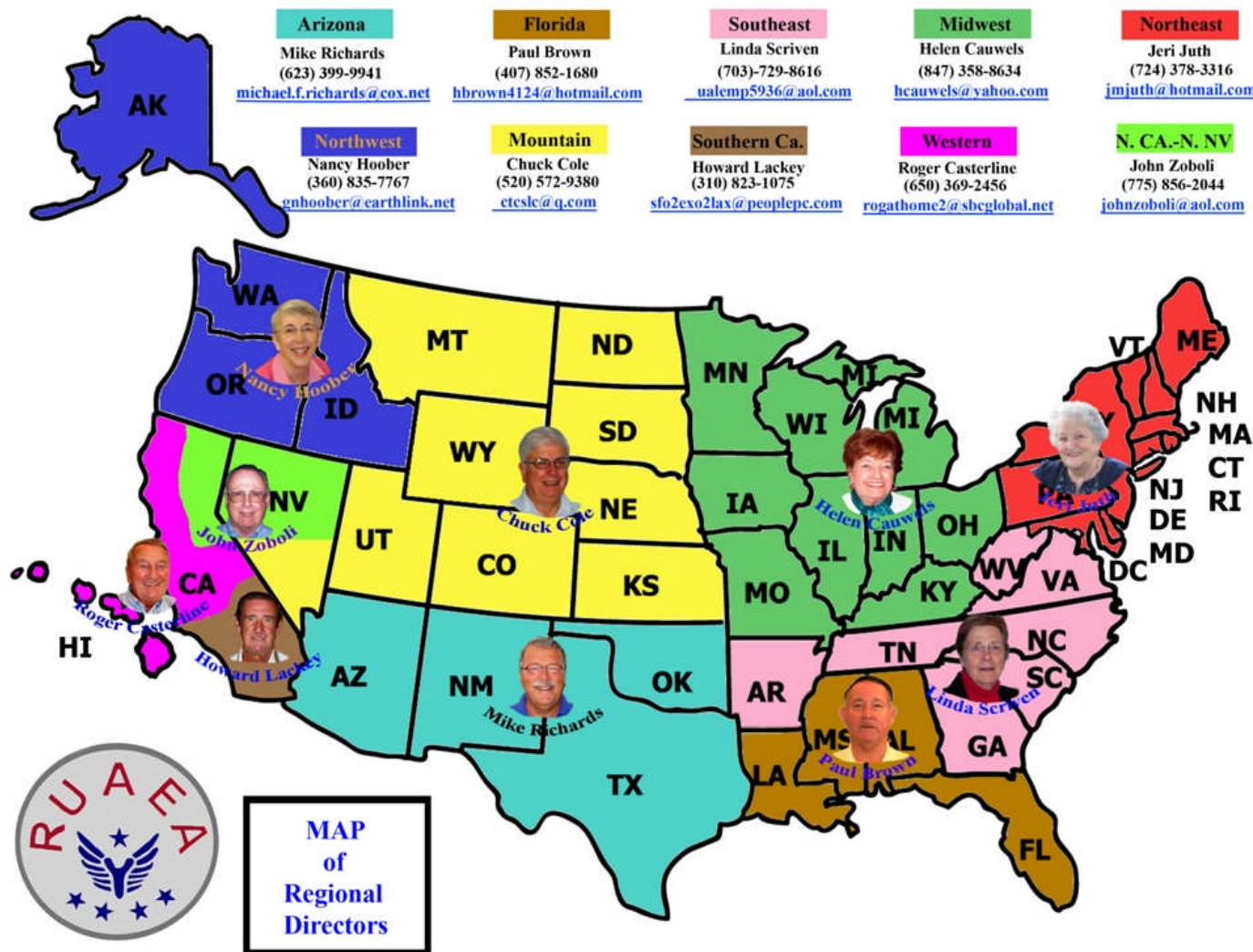


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A nighttime photograph of the Washington Monument and the US Capitol building, illuminated against a dark sky with a full moon. The Lincoln Memorial is visible in the foreground on the left. The entire image is framed by a double-line border.

Mark your calendar for  
October 3-7, 2012!  
*RUEA Convention*  
**Washington, DC**

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

The RUAEA 2011 Convention is now history. Over 400 folks gathered in Portland to enjoy each other's company, do sight-seeing tours and to make new acquaintances. Co-Chairpersons **Nancy & Jack Hooper** along with their very friendly committee hosted another very good convention. This year, the convention was open to anyone who had retired or worked for United along with those that had retired from Continental. Although we had hoped for more, there were three individuals from the Continental ranks. RUPA, RAFA and Clipped Wings were very well represented.

The Arts & Crafts display and raffle had many lovely and interesting items. Many got to take home special items along with their memories of a good time. There also was a special raffle which included round trip positive space passes for two to any domestic destination on United. In addition to the passes, there were Marriott points good for a few nights stay at any Marriott along with airplane models, 737-800 and a 787-8. And last but not least, a beautiful handmade wooden bridge to commemorate the merging of United and Continental.

At the RUAEA Annual Business Meeting, we reviewed our position with regard to the announced Pass Travel Program to start next year. As stated last month, there are many issues but we at this time, focused on additional vacation passes, an option for retirees to choose either the Enrolled Friends or Buddy Passes, Date of Hire (seniority) for boarding, combining employees and retirees in group B and continued pass benefits to surviving spouses. We have been joined in this message to the company by RUPA, RAFA, ARECA and the Golden Eagles. To date, there has not been any response from the company. These issues were further addressed at the Benefits Panel session after our business meeting.

Two proposals to amend our By-laws were explained and voted on. The first being to expand our membership to include anyone who has retired from Continental Airlines and the second, to essentially end term limits for officers and directors. Both items were approved. The term limits issue came about because over the last few years, we have had difficulty getting candidates. We would ask that you consider taking a more active role not only in your local chapter but also for national RUAEA. Anyone interested in any of the officer or director positions should contact **Ron Robertson**.

The Benefit Panel Presentation, always a part of our annual conventions, was well attended. We had representatives from Alliant, United, ADP, AON Hewitt, Fidelity Investments, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medco and VSP. All gave an overview of what and how they provide services to the retirees. ADP currently handles benefit matters for United, beginning in 2012, this activity will be taken over by AON Hewitt. Mia Glass was the head person from United. She is the Senior Manager Health and Welfare Benefits. Patrick Ried from United and Erika Hunter-McLaurin from Continental handled the pass travel presentation and questions. Many questions ... few answers. Patrick gave an overview of the new program and said that many of the details are still being worked on. He also summarized that in the past, United would refine all the details before announcing a new program and that the Continental way is to give a broad overview and then work out the details.

I know most everyone is waiting and hoping for some positive change to the new program. The fact that the company has said very little is only adding to the frustration and in many cases more rumors. In spite of what has been said, the company is getting lots of response to the new program. Many folks are expecting an immediate response and even changes to the announced program. Remember there are still at least five to six months before the new program becomes effective. Even the date for the new airline to actually become one is being pushed back from the end of 2011 to possible the middle of 2012. RUAEA will continue to strive for improvements to make the new program as fair as possible for all.

Finally, the 2012 RUAEA Convention will be in Washington DC beginning October 3, 2012. We have heard from many that we should move our date to the fall. As planning progresses, you will be hearing more, so stay tuned and be ready for another great gathering!!

**Ron Bertacini**  
**President – RUAEA**

**From The Vice President of Conventions -**  
**Convention 2011 and Beyond**



**Marilyn Marcy**

Thanks again to all who traveled to Portland to participate in our 2011 Convention. A good time was had by all, even as we were dodging occasional raindrops. Everyone enjoyed the Marriott Hotel, hospitality nights and the tours. What a joy to have experienced the treasures of our Pacific Northwest; beautiful Mt. Hood, scenic river cruises and the nectar of the Willamette Valley vineyards – Pinot Noir. **Jack & Nancy Hooper** along with the Portland Committee were hands on to make sure this Convention was successful. The Marriott did a wonderful job of looking after us and thanks to Donna Towle – VP Employee Relations for her support and contributions. We also would like to thank all the participants on the Benefit Panel for their time, especially over a Holiday weekend.

Now onwards to 2012 ~ The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have agreed that the site of our 2012 Convention will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA. Check it out at [www.crystalcity.hyatt.com](http://www.crystalcity.hyatt.com). **Linda Scriven**, President of the Dulles Loungers will chair this Convention, ably assisted by a Committee of local retirees. The hotel is conveniently located to the Crystal City Metro, which allows us to explore and discover our Nation's Capital. The room rate is \$99.00 plus tax, which will also be available three days pre and post Convention, based on availability. Valet parking will be discounted to \$15.00 and we will receive 10% discount on food through the hotel restaurants. Since the Convention has been shortened to five days, we will have only the Saturday evening Banquet. This cost will still be an amazing \$40.00. This hotel is served by the three major airports in the DC Metro area - BWI, DCA and IAD. I am personally very excited about this location, as I love living in Northern Virginia and sharing the many wonders of our Nation's Capital with visitors from every state in our great country. It's never too early to start planning, so come one and come all to Washington in 2012.

**Marilyn Marcy**  
**RUAEA Vice President - Conventions**

**PDX RUAEA Convention Wrap-up**

The 2011 convention is over. Thank you to all who came. We loved having you here. All of us who attended had a good time. We saw many longtime friends and made new ones. I enjoyed meeting people whose writings I had read in this newsletter. It was so nice to put faces with names that I knew.

We missed you, if you didn't make it. Not only did you miss a great convention, you missed out on seeing **Nancy Hooper** (Convention Co-chair) playing the washboard with the entertainment at the Friendship dinner. With all that she had to do for this convention, she still managed to learn how to play well enough to join the Rose City Banjoliers for a couple of numbers. Way to go, Nancy!

I heard many positive comments about the tours and the scenery, and about the food that was offered. I especially liked the citrus cake that was served on Friday night. It was delicious! The steaks on Saturday were great, generously sized and well prepared. Good choices, food tasters!

The weather could have been better, but at least there was some sunshine and not too much rain for most of the week. Many people took walking tours or just walked on their own. They said it was quite pleasant to walk here. The trees were leafing out and flowers were blooming, so it was pretty to look at. People told me of wondrous things they saw and interesting things that they learned on the scheduled tours. All in all, it sounded to me like folks had a good time.



Those of us who worked on the convention committee are happy that our jobs are mostly done. We still are debriefing and hoping to learn from our efforts. We really appreciate all the help we received from **Marilyn Marcy**. She is a genuine asset to RUAEA.

I have enjoyed writing for you, this past year. I know you will enjoy reading what **Lucy Chatelain** writes for you about the next convention. We wish the folks in Washington, DC a great convention in October 2012. We hope to see you there.

**Kathy Russell, Publicity Chair**  
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**RUAEA Annual Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Portland, Oregon**

The meeting was called to order at 0807 by President Ron Bertacini.

**President – Ron Bertacini** ~ Ron welcomed all members to the annual business meeting with a special thanks to first time attendees and CO members. Ron recapped that he had extended invitations to attend the Convention to RUPA, Golden Eagles and Clipped Wings. It is hoped that we will enlarge our membership and that we will see a larger presence at our next Convention. Ron recapped the new Travel Policy. He addressed the UA For Action Petition which has circulated online and saying he was concerned by the lack of authorship. He has received many emails from active employees stating they did not sign, but their names appeared. He mentioned that Senior Management will not be represented this year at the Convention; however Staff members will be in attendance. Ron encouraged all to attend the Benefit Panel session which will follow the business meeting. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to **Jack Hooper** as the outgoing Regional Director. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the 2010 business minutes. The motion was carried.

**Corporate Relations – Ed Tolle** ~ Ed gave a recap of our position regarding the Travel Policy. He met with Donna Towle, Vice President Human Resources - Employee Relations at Headquarters and received a positive reaction. She was unable to attend the Convention as she is moving to IAH.

**Past President – Ron Robertson** ~ Ron congratulated the successful candidates for Regional Directors: **Jeri Juth**, Northeast Region – **Linda Scriven**, Southeast Region and **Nancy Hooper**, Northwest Region. **Mike Richards**, Arizona and **Chuck Cole**, Mountain Region were reelected. 949 votes were received, with 82% electronic.

**Executive Vice President – Hank Gosselin** ~ Hank gave accolades to the Newsletter and Website Staffs. He has received positive feedback on both.

**Membership/Support – Virgil Gooselaw** ~ Virgil recapped the following Bylaw changes which were presented to the membership in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to pass them. The first was to change the wording to indicate that “*all former UA and CO employees are extended membership*” and that “*the terms of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter until their successors are installed.*” The DEN office is working well with four secretaries working Monday thru Thursday. If you would like to leave a message, they will return your call. Please leave your phone number and/or email address. We currently have 8,000 members. **Martha Gooselaw** is in charge of the members’ letters. She receives some handwritten and would like to ask for legibility, please! Some are very difficult to read and she would like to publish as many as possible.

**Newsletter – Francis Domaratus** ~ Since taking over the Newsletter responsibilities, Francis and his wife, **Veronica** have come to the conclusion that MAC and IBM certainly have their differences! He likens it to the communication between men and women! It is like publishing a Newspaper, rather than Newsletter. In the Correspondents’ Breakfast meeting, many new ideas were discussed for input from the various chapters. **Elaine Tillman-Manella** will write the minutes of the Correspondents’ Breakfast which will be printed in the Newsletter.

**Website – Ed Majewski** ~ Ed says that it has been a busy past 6-7 months – inputting information on the CO/UA merger, Travel Pass Survey, Election Ballot information and the Convention information. All members are encouraged to use the site. The access has been simplified (i.e. User Name is current email address). You will still need a password. The busiest days of usage are Monday and Thursday. Saturday is the least busy. The most downloaded were: UA/CO Merger, Pass Travel Policy, Pass charges and pass chart.

**Treasurer – Tony Seidl** ~ We need to increase revenue. Our three sources of income are Dues, Contributions and Investments. Investments are paying very little in interest at this time. We are slowly going into the red. This convention will allow us to break even, which is good news as it means we will not have to go into our funds to subsidize.

**Vice President Conventions – Marilyn Marcy** ~ We were hoping to have CO employees attend the Convention. We put the convention on the website so they could more easily join, however we only had three attend. We had 400 registered this year and 300 per dinner. Marilyn encouraged everyone to attend the Benefit Panel discussion. Door prizes will be issued. She mentioned what a wonderful job **Jack & Nancy Hooper** did this year, as well as the entire PDX committee.

**Travel Desk – Jack Hooper** ~ The future of the Travel Desks is still unknown at this time. Effective January 2011, the CO computer system will take effect. Our current space for our Travel Desks has been reduced to 60%, but still functioning well.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 0900.

**Minutes submitted by: Diane Griego, Secretary**

**Approved by: Ron Bertacini, President**

**Benefit Panel Discussion**  
**Saturday, May 28, 2011 – Oregon Ballroom**

**Alliant Credit Union – Dave Mooney – CEO**

**Larry Page – Key Sponsor Relationship Manager** ~ The merger of Alliant and the Continental Federal Credit Union/US Airways Credit Union was completed in January 2011. This allows Alliant to serve employees, retirees and family members of UAL, CO and US. This added 24,000 new members and five additional Service Centers in Houston, Tempe and Newark.

The website for the credit union is [www.alliantcreditunion.org](http://www.alliantcreditunion.org). On the first page is an ATM locator for you – just type in the ZIP code and it will give you locations (there are 80,000 surcharge-free ATMs). Should you wish to call, their phone number is 1-800-328-1935, 24/7.

**United Airlines**

**Mia Glass – Senior Manager Health and Welfare Benefits** ~ In combining the UA/CO benefits, AON Hewitt will be the administrator replacing ADP in January. There will be expanded WEB access for forms, plans, beneficiary information and many more. Skynet has benefit information. The Annual Enrollment will begin in October of this year, so it is important that you keep your information up to date. This can be done either via Skynet or calling the Benefits Center.

**Patrick Reid – Program Manager Total Rewards**

**Erika Hunter-Mclaurin – Policy and Procedures Specialist, Employee Travel Center** ~ There was a decline in Retiree and eligible travel in 2010 (75,000 segments). March is the most popular travel month with Hawaii as the most popular destination. December is the least popular travel month. Just a clarification that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bags charges are waived for travel on the 20% discount tickets. Service charges will be waived for employees, retirees with more than 25 years of service. This also applies to their eligibles. There were many questions regarding the newly announced pass travel program to begin next year. The answer to most were that more details of the new program will be announced soon. The old United used to workout all the details before announcing a new program the new United announces a broad outline and then works on the details.

**ADP – Heather Ruff – Service Delivery Manager for United Airlines** ~ The website [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com) has quite a bit of useful information. You are able to change your personal information such as phone and/or address. Modify benefit elections due to changes in family status. Add, change or view your travel eligible information or find contact information for benefits program vendors and links to their websites. Benefits number is 1-888-825-0188. ADP will remain in place to the end of 2011.

**AON Hewitt – Steve Reynolds – Benefits Delivery Manager** ~ AON Hewitt will take over from ADP beginning in January of 2012. Both companies are working with United to make the transition as seamless as possible.

**Fidelity Investments, Jason Baldwin – Senior Investment Education Consultant** ~ There are many investment tools and sources of information on the [www.401k.com](http://www.401k.com) website. Check out the lower left side under “Questions about Income in Retirement”, “Income Strategy Evaluator” just to mention a few. They are also available at 1-800 245-9034. In early June they will rename the “Customer ID” and “PIN” labels to “Username” and “Password”. Don’t worry; the level of security will remain the same. They will just be calling them something different.

### **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois**

Jonah Thrasher – Strategic Acct Exec, National Accounts ~ No changes are planned at this time.

### **MEDCO**

Pamela Morrison – National Account Executive ~ Between 2011 and 2015, many drugs are going off patent. Some of them are among the most widely prescribed in the world. Prevacid, Flomax, Ambien CR and Lipitor. Remember to use the Medco Health Store for buying OTC medicines. This is linked to the Pharmacy Center and will alert you to any possible interactions. If Safety Caps are a problem, just advise them and when mailing the prescription, they will enclose a screw cap. They are mandated to ship with the Safety Cap, however. Pamela strongly recommends advising Medco if you cease taking a prescribed medication. They need to update their records. Another reminder is you may speak to a Pharmacist any time you have questions.

### **VSP**

Belinda Nissen - Representative ~ 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 to mid-November. You can view the coverage and costs at [www.vsp.com/go/unitedretirees](http://www.vsp.com/go/unitedretirees) or call 800 400-4569.

### **Changes at check-in kiosks for UA non-revenue fliers**



As part of UAL's customer integration work, the self-service kiosks will begin offering check-in for customers traveling on both UA- and CO-operated flights. The kiosk screens will feature a new look and feel. Some units with the new screens are being tested in several of United's hubs, and co-workers may come across them when checking in for flights.

One of the changes will alter how subsidiary UA non-revenue travelers check in. The button for "Employee/Companion Travel" won't be an option on the main screen. All non-revenue travelers should touch the "search for your reservation" button on the welcome screen, and then enter their confirmation or listing number on the entry screen displayed. Subsidiary UA co-workers can still use file numbers, but that won't be listed among the entry options, which ask for check-in by credit card, driver's license, passport and Mileage Plus or OnePass card.

UA employees should prepare their eligibles and companions for the new self-service check-in process:

Step 1 - Touch "search for your reservation" button.

Step 2 - Enter confirmation/listing number or file number.

Step 3 - Follow the on-screen prompts.

Co-workers continue to have the option to check in online and print their own boarding passes or download them to mobile devices.

Co-workers may download a [quick reference guide](#) to help with the transition. Visit SkyNet's Travel News & Bulletins section.

### **United selects Aon Hewitt as benefits administrator**



As UA continues its integration work, the company has selected Aon Hewitt to manage its benefits administration for the combined company beginning with the 2012 benefits enrollment. Aon Hewitt, which has served as the benefits administrator for the CO subsidiary, will administer annual benefits enrollment for co-workers and retirees this fall. ADP will provide ongoing support for UA until Dec. 31, and then Aon Hewitt will take this role on Jan. 1, 2012. United expects a smooth transition with no impact to the service provided to participants.

As United moves forward with this transition and approach annual enrollment in the fall, it will share additional details in United Daily and on Flying Together.

### **United honors fallen heroes**



United's Fallen Heroes program ensures that the company pays due respect and preserves the dignity of the United States' fallen service members as United transports them. Recently, a cross-divisional team combined the best practices from both UA and CO to coordinate how UA continues to afford proper honor and deference to them as they move through its system.

To transport these fallen heroes, the team has introduced specialized transportation vehicles to carry them to and from United's aircraft; UA has adorned the vehicles with both the U.S flag and flags for the appropriate branch of military service.

All employees involved in the Fallen Heroes program are volunteers and receive specific briefings on each event.

*"Flight Operations is proud to support and be an active participant in this extremely important program, which ensures our fallen heroes are delivered home with all possible care and the respect these soldiers have earned,"* said Flight Operations Sr. VP Fred Abbott.

### **United corrects flight number error**



As part of an ongoing process to align flight numbers for the two airlines, two retired UA flight numbers, UA 175 and UA 93, briefly appeared in UA's future schedule. These are the numbers of the two UA flights involved in the September 11 attacks. As soon as United discovered the error, it immediately removed those numbers from the system – and they will not appear in the system again.

*"We would never knowingly do anything to disrespect the memory of those who were lost on that day,"* Jeff said.

### **United proud to assist Warrior's Weekend 2011**



For the third year in a row, United had the honor of assisting Warrior's Weekend with its annual event that brings many wounded U.S. soldiers to an all-day fishing expedition in southeast Texas.

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a not-for-profit organization, created to assist U.S. military veterans, with an emphasis on those injured in the war on terror. This year's trip took place near Port O'Connor, Texas, about 180 miles southwest of IAH. More than 150 heroes from all over the country flew UA, CO and our express partners to IAH in advance of the festivities.

Many departments, including Reservations, Flights Ops and Inflight, and co-workers at EWR, IAH and many other stations joined together to make this event such a success for the veterans. The IAH Operations Control Center worked to ensure six arrivals — four regional jets and two bigger aircraft — were gated closely together. This allowed many of the heroes to proceed together to baggage claim to receive a Texas-sized welcome.

Warrior's Weekend President Ron Kocian praised co-workers for our efforts to handle the large groups. *"I know that it isn't easy to coordinate this many people from so many different places, but you always do an impeccable job,"* said Ron. *"We couldn't ask for anything more."*

The generosity of others makes this trip possible; the heroes pay nothing for the trip.

### **United offers bonus miles to fly between ORD and California**



United is giving customers twice as many reasons to fly between ORD and California this summer. Mileage Plus members who reside in Illinois or California and book nonstop UA and CO flights between ORD and SFO or ORD and LAX may earn double elite qualification miles and double award miles when traveling before Aug. 31 (terms and conditions on [united.com](http://united.com)).



Customers may choose from up to 17 nonstop flights between ORD and SFO, and as many as 12 nonstops between ORD and LAX. UA and CO together offer customers traveling from ORD more than 600 daily departures to more than 145 cities worldwide. In addition, United offers nearly 250 daily departures from SFO, and nearly 200 daily departures from LAX to points throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, Latin America and Australia.

*“Whether travelers choose an airline for convenience, flexible schedules, competitive fares or loyalty rewards, there is no better choice between Chicago and California than United Airlines,”* said Marketing Sr. VP Mark Bergsrud. *“And with the industry’s leading frequent flyer program, United offers travelers more ways than ever to use their miles.”*

In addition, elite-level members of Mileage Plus earn unlimited upgrades to first class on all domestic UA and CO flights. All UA-operated flights between ORD and SFO and ORD and LAX offer Economy Plus.

### **United proposes flight attendant cross-over hiring program**



The expected delivery of new Boeing 787s and 737-900s for the CO fleet in the first quarter of 2012 is creating a need for approximately 900 new CO flight attendant positions.

Rather than hire new flight attendants, the company would like to implement a cross-over hiring program that would enable UA and Continental Micronesia (CMI) flight attendants to transfer to CO to fill the staffing need. Inflight VP Sam Risoli explained the situation to all flight attendants in a letter sent May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The company is proposing the cross-over hiring program because UA will have 1,795 flight attendants returning from voluntary furlough at approximately the same time as it expects the new aircraft to be in the CO fleet. In addition, the Continental Micronesia (CMI) subsidiary will have excess staffing as a result of the changes in Pacific flying. Continental used a similar program in 1998 and 2008 when there were staffing imbalances between Continental and CMI.

*“We want to do everything we can to ensure that flight attendants at both subsidiaries who want to work have the opportunity to do so,”* Sam said.

The company has approached both the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) to start conversations on how to best implement the cross-over hiring program.

### **Hurricane experts predict another active season**



Hurricane season started June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the U.S. National Hurricane Center (NHC) predicts that at least 12 named storms will form this season, six to 10 of which will turn into hurricanes. Experts predict at least three of these storms will develop into major hurricanes, which are storms Category 3 or higher on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale.

As in any major storm season, preparing for the possibility of severe weather is essential, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recommends those in hurricane-prone regions begin their plans now.

United is distributing a letter from Airport Operations Sr. VP Scott Dolan and Corporate Safety VP Michael Quiello to co-workers with important points on planning for what to do if your work area is threatened by a natural disaster. It’s also important to be prepared at home. The NHC website - <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> is a great resource and has links to other storm-watch sites.

The North Atlantic hurricane season runs through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **United fleet strategy includes three-class cabins**

United intends to retain a combination of aircraft configurations as it merges the mainline fleet types of the UA and CO subsidiaries, including three-class and two-class aircraft.

*“We have made significant investments in the existing cabin configurations for each subsidiary’s fleet, including the installation of flat-bed seats on our international aircraft,”* said Marketing Sr. VP Mark Bergsrud. *“The capital expenditure required to standardize the international fleet to an all-two-class or all-three-class*



*configuration does not make sense in the current economic environment. In addition, retaining the first-class cabins on some international aircraft allows us to offer the right products in markets where first-class customers have shown us they are willing to purchase those seats.”*

### **UA technicians vote against new agreement**

In voting results announced June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a majority of United technicians and related employees, represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), voted down their tentative collective bargaining agreement with the company.

The company will assess the situation and determine the appropriate next steps.

### **Flight planning software saves fuel, time, money**



United has begun using new flight planning software that manages fuel, time and navigation costs and is saving \$717,000 a month on the Boeing 747 fleet alone. In use on the B747 fleet since December, it expects the software to save UA another \$1.4 million a month when United deploys it across the UA Boeing 777 fleet this summer.

On an average international long-haul flight, the Sabre AirCentre Flight Plan Manager saves about \$800 compared to the Unimatic-based systems it was using, says Network Operations Support Managing Director Joe Vickers. It calculates optimal flight paths in four dimensions (route, altitude, speed and time).

In addition to the automated, optimized flight planning logic, it enables United to manage exceptions and flight plan disruptions more effectively. All this helps us reduce the carbon footprint.

After UA completes installation for the B777s, it will roll the system out to UA B767s and B757s. United chose the order of fleet implementation by considering relative fuel consumption and fleet size to get the most immediate savings on the long-haul flights. United will complete work on the Airbuses last and will include CO fleets after the company achieves a single operating certificate.

### **May issue of United World features 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations**

The May issue of United World includes photos of United’s 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at hubs throughout the system as well as vintage photos submitted by co-workers. It also includes an article on the hundreds of employees working to combine operating manuals into a common set in preparation for acquiring a single operating certificate later this year. In addition, the newsletter spotlights SFO and UA’s new Eco-Skies initiative.

Go to the home page of Flying Together and click on the [United World](#) link under Helpful Links > News.

### **Visit Flying Together to download fleet photos featuring new livery**



Since United closed the merger in October 2010, it has updated hundreds of aircraft with the new United livery, including several from all mainline fleet types of each subsidiary. You may view pictures of each aircraft type and download select photos to save as your computer’s wallpaper on Flying Together.

From the Flying Together home page, choose “[The United Fleet](#)” under “Integration Information Center.”

### **First phase of IAH redevelopment project to begin**



Terminal B at United’s largest hub is getting a makeover. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the company announced jointly with Houston Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston Airport system that construction on the \$161 million first phase of the redevelopment project at IAH will begin by the end of the year. The first phase of the three-phase project will create a new Terminal B south concourse dedicated to U.S. domestic regional jet operations.

Built in 1969 as one of the airport’s original two terminals, Terminal B has

reached maximum capacity. The south concourse project will replace the existing south side flight stations with a 225,000 sq. ft. facility to accommodate regional aircraft, allowing for both operational flexibility and a better customer experience. Plans for construction of the entire redevelopment project call for completion of phase one in late 2013.

United also announced the company is extending its lease on Terminal C at IAH to 2027. For more information on Terminal B, read the press release on [unitedcontinentalholdings.com](http://unitedcontinentalholdings.com).

### **Aircraft damages increase in second quarter**



After getting off to a safe start by reducing injuries and aircraft damages in the first quarter of 2011, the number of aircraft damages increased dramatically in April and May.

*“One aircraft damaged is too many,”* said Safety VP Michael Quiello. *“When an aircraft is out of service, it places additional stress on the operation and our customers. We all lose.”*

In the first three months of 2011, there were 21 aircraft damages. While that was still too high, it did mark a 48-percent improvement (23 fewer damages) when compared to the same period in 2010. In April

alone, however, United had 14 damages. The company did recover and had a better month in May with only seven damages.

But in total, there have been 44 damages in 2011, costing the company more than \$3.5 million.

*“It’s essential we remain focused on safety and our work at hand,”* Airport Operations Sr. VP Scott Dolan said. *“We need to look out for one another, because distractions lead to errors, and errors lead to injuries and damages.”*

### **Lower MELs in UA fleet drive better reliability**



The addition of hub planning supervisors in the UA operation is improving fleet reliability by decreasing the number of Minimum Equipment List (MEL) items scheduled for repair on a given aircraft. For UA, the MELs include cabin items, such as lavatory, galley and entertainment units, as well as standard FAA-mandated parts and systems. So far in 2011, the average MEL count per UA aircraft has declined by 16 percent, and 22 percent since 2009. *“Lowering MELs directly improves our overall reliability by increasing aircraft workability for crews, which in*

*turn reduces delays and cancellations and increases customer satisfaction,”* said Maintenance Control Managing Director Mike Lorenzini. UA reliability in 2010 was the best since 2004, with an improvement trifecta - maintenance-related delays, cancels and out-of-service aircraft improved by 23 percent, 30 percent and 12 percent, respectively, over 2009.

UA added the hub planning supervisors in 2010 to focus specifically on MELs. These positions aid in planning and communication — the foundation of good MEL management. The planners work with line maintenance teams to forecast workload and inventory levels to prioritize those MEL items best suited to be tackled at the aircraft’s current location and those that are better handled at another station or facility. They then coordinate this information with the Network Operations Control Center.

CO has similar positions and processes, making it easier to integrate the Tech Ops organizations.

### **IAH conducts airport-wide FOD walk**



United teamed up with the Houston Airport System on May 25<sup>th</sup>, to conduct the first-ever IAH foreign object debris (FOD) “Roundup.” This was an airport-wide FOD prevention activity designed to get all the airport tenant representatives to focus on FOD prevention. FOD is any object that does not belong in or near airplanes. FOD causes significant and costly damage to airplanes and critical airplane components. In some cases, it can also cause injuries to co-workers.

Groups of co-workers from various departments and business partners

participated in the FOD walk on the ramp and in many other outdoor areas around the airport.

*“I would like to thank the entire IAH team and the Houston Airport System for making this a successful event,”* said IAH Hub VP Stephanie Buchanan. *“FOD can be a real hazard to our employees and equipment, and we appreciate the entire airport community coming together to focus on it.”*

Ground Safety Managing Director J.J. De Giovanni said FOD walks are a crucial part of our safety culture at all United airports.

*“We want everyone to be aware of FOD,”* said J.J. *“Our ramp employees know costly damage and repairs can be avoided by picking up any kind of FOD and putting it in the labeled containers that we have all around the airports.”*

### **Ask the Pharmacist: Migraine headaches**

**Q: What are migraine headaches and how can I treat them?**

**A:** A migraine headache is a special kind of headache that can last for hours to days. Migraines can cause intense pain as well as other symptoms, such as feeling sick to your stomach or having changes in your vision.

The exact cause of migraines is not known. Migraines may be related to a problem with the blood flow in your brain or they may happen when brain chemicals don't stay balanced. Migraine headaches tend to run in families and often are triggered by specific things. Common migraine triggers include:

- ☞ stress
- ☞ tiredness
- ☞ changes in the weather
- ☞ certain foods, such as red wine, cheese, or chocolate
- ☞ monosodium glutamate (MSG) or food preservatives, such as nitrates
- ☞ bright lights

Migraines affect women three times more often than men and often occur during, or right before, a woman's menstrual period. They may also happen when a woman is taking hormone pills.

Before a migraine starts, there is often a warning period when you don't feel well. Some people lose part of their vision or see bright spots or zigzag patterns in front of their eyes. These symptoms, which may precede and predict a migraine headache, are called migraine aura. The vision changes of the aura usually go away as the headache begins. Many people with migraines do not have these visual symptoms.

Migraine symptoms may also include:

- ☞ throbbing or pounding headache
- ☞ extreme sensitivity to light and noise
- ☞ nausea and vomiting

The pain is usually more severe on one side of the head but can affect the whole head.

Sometimes a migraine can cause symptoms such as numbness or even weakness. However, these can also be symptoms of a stroke. If you have these other symptoms along with problems with your vision, do not assume a migraine is the cause. Call your physician right away.

### **Treating migraines**

Your physician may prescribe medicine that you can take as soon as you start having symptoms of a migraine. This medicine will help keep headaches from becoming severe once they start. Medicines used for this purpose include:

- ✓ Pain relievers such as acetaminophen (for example, *Tylenol*®), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (naproxen, brand name *Aleve*®) and aspirin-acetaminophen-caffeine (brand name *Excedrin*® *Migraine*)
- ✓ Triptans such as eletriptan (*Relpax*®), rizatriptan (*Maxalt*®, *Maxalt-MLT*®), sumatriptan (*Imitrex*®) and others. Triptans are available as tablets, an injection, and a nasal spray. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a public health advisory about potential risks of taking triptans together with SSRI and SNRI antidepressants. If you're taking these antidepressants, talk to your doctor before taking triptans.
- ✓ Ergot medicines such as ergotamine (brand name *Ergomar*®), dihydroergotamine (brand name *D.H.E. 45*®), ergonovine (generic only, no brands), and methysergide (brand name *Sansert*®). Ergotamines should not be taken with triptans. If you are taking an ergot drug, make sure to follow your doctor's instructions on when and how often to take it. Overuse of ergot medicines can lead to rebound headaches, which are a type of chronic headache resulting from overuse of pain medications.





- ✓ Another type of migraine medication, known as “preventive medicines” are used to treat very frequent (more than two times a week) or very debilitating migraines. They include beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, antidepressants, and some seizure medicines. These medications are not used to treat headaches after they begin. For these medicines to work, you will need to take them daily, even when you don’t have a headache and you may have to take them daily for a few months.
- ✓ All of the above medications have side effects, so talk to your doctor about which treatment is best for you.

Here are some steps you can take to treat your migraine. When a migraine begins:

- ★ Take the medicine recommended or prescribed by your physician.
- ★ Rest in a quiet, dark room until the symptoms are gone. Putting a cool, moist washcloth on your forehead might help.
- ★ Avoid driving a car.

### **“EASY DOES IT” Recipe Column**



Helen Cain

Summer is gloriously here on June 21<sup>st</sup> ... finally! And you have better things to do than bake when the warm weather arrives and the Great Outdoors is calling you. Following is the easiest one-crust fruit pie you’ve ever made. For ease and speed, unless you have a favorite pie crust recipe of your own, I suggest you **purchase** a “regular” pie shell ... definitely **not** a graham cracker shell. (If you want to mess around (it’s a bit of work) with **my** best flaky pie crust recipe, email me and I’ll send it to you.)

#### ***Basic Quickie Fruit Pie***

##### **Ingredients:**

- ✓ 1 purchased 8”or 9” pie crust
- ✓ 1 cup boiling water
- ✓ 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry-flavored gelatin (Jell-o)
- ✓ 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen sliced strawberries (unthawed), (or, 4 cups fresh strawberries, thinly sliced)
- ✓ \*\*1 small container whip cream
- ✓ \*\*Drop of vanilla flavoring & couple spoons of confectioners (a.k.a. powdered) sugar.

(You can also use Rediwhip or another brand of pressurized cream in a spray can, no extra sugar or vanilla needed.)

##### **Preparation:**

1. Bake pie shell per directions on package.
2. Pour boiling water over gelatin in a medium-size bowl; stir to dissolve.
3. Add frozen strawberries; stir to break berries apart. (Or, if using fresh strawberries, add now.)
4. Pour into baked pie shell when gelatin-berry mixture is partially set.
5. Chill until fully set.
6. \*\*Your Choice: Beat whip cream with vanilla & sugar & add to top of finished pie.

**Note:** You can experiment with other fresh fruits: peaches, raspberries, blackberries, etc. Just remember to change the type of flavored gelatin you use each time.

Diabetic? Just use the sugarless type of gelatin. The fresh fruit will provide the sweetness. Just watch your portions. (Do not use the “unflavored” gelatin.) (My husband preferred the strawberry pie.)

### **Flight 93 National Memorial Events**



Flight 93 National Memorial Events will be open to the public; no tickets will be required to attend the events. New entrance signs will direct visitors to the location on US 30. Shuttle buses from the parking field will provide access to the events. Following is the schedule of events:

- ★ **September 10<sup>th</sup>** – The dedication of Phase 1 of the permanent memorial will begin midday, and last about 2 hours. Following the dedication, there will be music and activities continuing through the afternoon and evening. Updated details will be announced later.
- ★ **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Service will start at approximately 0900. The start time was chosen to commemorate the time

period during which the passengers and crew took action on the plane to thwart the terrorists.

★ **September 12<sup>th</sup>** - The Park will be closed until 1PM.

If you plan to visit, contact 814-893-6322 for more information. More than 35,000 tributes have been left at the Flight 93 National Memorial. These tributes will be part of the archival collection.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Schedules will be detailed next month. If you wish to make donations to the chapel: Make check to *93 Memorial Chapel* and mail to **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

### **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 each 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.** **Note: As of August 7, 2011, this exception will be eliminated, the deadline will be the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



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Our Gulf Coast Chapter did not meet during the month of May. Several members had conflicts the week of our meeting due to Memorial Day Weekend. We decided to cancel the May meeting and our June meeting will be a catered BBQ Lunch. It will be held at the home of **Park & Billie Learned** in Foley, AL. The get-together will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 11:30 AM. After our lunch of BBQ Ribs, Chicken and Pork accompanied by baked beans, coleslaw and dessert, we will pick blueberries from bushes that **Park & Billie** have. We are all looking forward to a very fun and enjoyable day.

In July we will return to our normal meeting date and place.

#### **Calendar:**

**June 21** - 11:30 AM (Note Date Change). Meet at the home of **Park & Billie Learned**, Foley, AL

**July 26** – 11:30 AM – Cubi Bar Café’s West Pac Room in the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum. We meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at this location.

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The May 2011 meeting of the “Sweet Home Alabama” chapter of RUAEA was held at Mt. Fuji Restaurant in Birmingham. This restaurant was recommended by our members **Hank & Gay Fowler**. The atmosphere and the food were great.

The members in attendance once again had a discussion about when and where we should hold our meetings. This subject will be discussed again at the next meeting. After a discussion of a few other items of interest or concern, money was collected for our general fund and charities. The drawing was won by **Herb Wilbanks**.

This summer, we will be concentrating on increasing our membership. Readers, if you know any retirees living in central or northern Alabama, ask them if they are a member of our group. If they are not, tell them to contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or by email at [judyslover@mindspring.com](mailto:judyslover@mindspring.com). We love new members and guests.

June anniversaries: **Joe & Marie Duncan** (6/11), **Travis & Zoe Glass** (6/23)

Calendar:

**July** - Meeting - TBA

### **ARIZONA**



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Hey ... fellow retirees ... I’m back writing the monthly newsletter after two years off (for good behavior). The Azures are taking a “luncheon” break for the summer ... our next meeting get-together will be the picnic in October at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. However, not all are staying in and keeping out of the heat (which really isn’t here yet). The “breakfast bunch” still meet at Coco’s at 0800 at 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Roads in Sun City every other Tuesday ... all retirees living in the area are welcome to come. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 by the Monday before so that he can advise Coco’s of the number of attendees.

The new Azures’ Board met on May 3 to discuss plans for the 2011/12 season. A couple of new restaurants have been planned for luncheons, a spring season ballgame, back to Turf Paradise (by popular demand) and maybe breakfasts in Goodyear or Buckeye at Verrado. Also, we are looking at ideas for our Christmas luncheon, plus a separate outing with a holiday theme. We’re always looking for new venues, we have lost so many members due to sickness, death, distance or just plain lack of interest in the chapter that we need to find new restaurants and luncheon places ... and activities. Hey, Azures ... any good ideas out there? I know that we “*can’t please everyone*” with our choices of luncheon sights, but we need to get “you guys” interested again. If it’s the distance, we need you to “call a friend” for a ride, carpooling is the way to go in this “high fuel prices” economy.

And now for our Azures’ member news: **Vivian Klick** just got back from a short trip to California to “shop” for accessories for her daughter, Vivian’s, bridal attire for the upcoming wedding on July 31. And, of course, our Vivian will be radiant in her turquoise/ocean blue floral empire-style dress. The bridesmaids (including Emily, Vivian’s granddaughter and new granddaughter-by-marriage, Sam) will be wearing Malibu blue dresses. The flower girls will be in white w/blue sashes. Grandson, Joel, (famous for his role in “Yes, Dear”) will be one of the groomsman. The wedding will take place on the beach at Redondo Beach with a



reception dinner at The Chart House for 70 people. The new couple will honeymoon in Greece. It's a very happy times in the Klick household.

Another trip for the Liltz's back to Illinois. I was babysitting the grandchildren May 4-11 while the parents had a little break to Maui ... then I stayed for **Connie & Mitch Russo's** son and daughter-in-law's twin-baby shower on May 15. It was fun seeing **Barb Robbins, Dee Kramer, Mary Lou Reinhart, Sandie Myers, Gayle Tripoli** and **Arlene Jurinek**, just to name a few. Not only are the twins coming in August but Connie announced Michelle is having another baby, and it's a girl! As you can imagine, Connie & Mitch are thrilled.

Vic joined me in Huntley, IL from May 18 to 23 and we attended my brother-in-law's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. We, also, had dinner with the **Neals** and **Hinners** at our house on that Friday night. Then, back to Goodyear, AZ to catch up with the neighbors. We were pleased to have **Gerry (Bernert)** and **Endel Vann** visit the end of May for a couple of days, always fun talking "ole" times. Gerry and I spent lots of good times together a few years back as "single ladies"!

Note: Vic had a "pacemaker check" on Friday, May 27. It's running well and so is Vic.

One of our founding Azures members, **Jim Bechtold**, went into the hospital for eye surgery on May 25, so keep him in your prayers. Also, **John Crowthers** was back in the hospital again to have his lungs tapped from COPD. We will keep him in our prayers also. **Olive Crowthers'** daughter, Cheryl, is expected to come to Arizona to help out.

We hear that **Marie Bobrick** took a trip to Poland for her son's wedding, haven't heard if she flew in the LOT cockpit again like she did a few years ago when the loads were so full.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all the July celebrants. I don't have most of the birthday and anniversary dates of our members, so, if you're interested, please e-mail me at: [vichcj1@aol.com](mailto:vichcj1@aol.com) with your "special date" and we will honor you that month. **I promise that I will not call and sing to you!**

*"Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things."* ~Samuel M. Shoemaker, Episcopal Priest and one of the founding principles of Alcoholics Anonymous.

#### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

#### **July 5**

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The **RUAEA** Convention in Portland, Oregon is over and now, we all can look forward to attending the next convention in 2012 in the fall instead of the normal last week in May, over the Memorial Day weekend. The Convention will be held from October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Washington, DC. There will be only one banquet at that time. This change was brought about through a survey which showed many of you prefer to travel in the fall as opposed to a holiday weekend. Hopefully, more people will be able to attend as it should be a bit easier with 3 airports serving DC. It's a wonderful time to renew friendships as well as make new acquaintances, so keep this in mind and mark your calendars, so you can plan ahead.

We attended the **RUAEA** Convention when it was in Washington DC previously and really enjoyed ourselves. There is so much to see there; many things were new to us, as we hadn't been there in years. Also, we were impressed how clean the city was and how easy it was to get around using the metro or other transportation.

We ended up having 15 of our members at the Portland Convention and several of us won some prizes. We saw **Ed Eson** there, who was a former member of ours, who moved to Colorado. There are currently about 8,000 members. Of that amount, about 6,000 members receive the paper version of the **RUAEA** Newsletter and 1300 members get it on the web. The newly completely designed **RUAEA** website is [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). This was implemented in April of this year. As noted in the June issue of the newsletter, *"the modernized website design make thing simpler in making all content except the online newsletter available to all RUAEA members, and visitors. The only choice you have to make when you start or renew your membership is whether you want the newsletter in the mail, online or both, which is done at that time. When accessing the online newsletter, you can*

use your e-mail address and a password. One of the new features of the website allows you to be notified by e-mail when new important items have been added and are available for your viewing. The Home page of the website is a **one stop shop** for most, if not all of your retiree needs. The navigation items on that page will take you wherever you want to go by a single click of your mouse. There are 16 main categories available to you from that page." Further information is available on page 2 and 3 of the June issue of the **RUAEA** Newsletter.

At our recent May Breakfast, there were 25 people in attendance, which was a good turnout for the summer. We were glad to see **Duri Arquisch** there, as we hadn't seen him in awhile. We also had a new member join us from Continental Airlines; his name is **Ron Fonlmeister** from ORD, MCI, OMA, TUS, & PHX. His wife's name is **Mary Beth**. We're very happy to have you join us.

We would love to have anyone who has worked for either United or Continental Airlines, and is of retirement age (55 or more), join us and bring a guest if you wish. We meet the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers for breakfast only during the summer. This is located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue), starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, who is taking reservations at (480)-396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). She'll be happy to include you.

Don't forget to continue collecting items for the Fantasy Flight, which is held in early December. The items needed are bears, Barbie dolls, small individual blankets, socks, gloves etc., used hardback or paperback books are also needed for the book sale in October. So, if you're cleaning out this summer, and want to get rid of these things, contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

The following have July Birthdays: **Veronica Kudit** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Donna Smiley** (7/13), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Don Eiken** (7/24), **Eldon Miller** (7/25- 86 years), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29 - 85 years). Happy Birthday to all! We have no known Wedding Anniversaries in our chapter in July.

#### Calendar:

**July 22** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Ave), starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by July 20, if you're planning on attending. Her number is (480)-396-3317, or e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**August 26** – Breakfast at Crackers

**September 23** – Breakfast at Crackers



#### **TALL PINES**

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter!

Since our last meeting, most of our traveling members have returned to the fold. **Earle & Jean Risdon** spent their anniversary in Palm Springs, one of their favorite haunts. They also traveled to Simi Valley, CA to visit the Reagan Library. On display is President Regan's Air Force One. Earle has many fond memories of this particular airplane. During the time that he was with the Washington, D.C. sales office, he worked with the White House travel office where he was instrumental in coordinating the operation of the UAL press charters that traveled with Air Force One. The press charters preceded Air Force One to its destination and Earle, also, made sure they arrived on time. Charters for the foreign press gave him the opportunity to deal with dignitaries such as President Li of China, Francois Mitterand of France, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

When President Reagan's airplane was decommissioned by President George W. Bush in 2001, it was flown to San Bernardino where it was disassembled. It was reassembled at the Presidential Library and is on display in its original pristine condition. Earle had the rare opportunity to visit the inside of the airplane when it was in active service.

**Nikki Kraus** had forsaken the friendly skies on her recent trip in favor of the friendly highways. She burned up the roads between AZ., CA and CO. All in all, she reports a great trip.

We welcome back our sunbirds from CA, **Tony & Suzanne Geraci** who make Prescott their summer home.

Our next official luncheon meeting will be on September 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted by **Chuck** and **Lynn McCoy** in their hangar at Love Field.

## TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There was no local get together for the month of May as the RUAEA Convention was being held and several members of our group attended the Portland, Oregon function. Those who were in attendance were **Shirley & Ron Robertson, Sharon & Chuck Cole, Marian & Jim Hafterson, John Bennatts** and **Lyn & Roger Callihan. Bonnie & Bill Royle** were to be there but got as far as Monterey, California when Bill started feeling ill. They went to the ER at a local hospital where after some testing; Bill was diagnosed with Viral Meningitis. After a stay at the hospital, Bonnie became the designated driver and they returned to their home in Oro Valley. Talking to Bill after we returned home, he said he is now doing much better.

**Shirley Robertson** is now getting around wonderfully after having foot surgery a month or so ago. Ron said she was getting pretty good with the skate board around the house.

**Hank Dykhuis** is now recovering from a fractured knee cap after a fall. He is getting around nicely with his new knee immobilizer. He jokingly said that donations would be nice so that he could hire a full time nurse to assist his wife Lu during the recovery process. I'm sure that Lu can handle what ever comes up.

The convention was attended by over 400 members and all seemed to be enjoying the time together with those we haven't seen in a while. The Friday night Friendship Dinner and the Saturday night Banquet were terrific. The food was excellent and the entertainment was wonderful. The Hotel had most everything that you needed. The restaurants were especially convenient as the weather was not conducive to being outside.

Our thanks go out to the Oregon Chapters that arranged this wonderful function.

### Calendar:

**June 16** - Thunder Canyon Brewery

**July 21** - Guiseppe's

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We did not meet this month so this will be rather short. By the time this is printed, the Convention will be over and we will be anxious to hear all the news.

I received an email from **Dana Noyes** that **Bill** had a 4 hour cancer surgery. He went in for some minor skin cancer removal from behind his ear and the doctor found Carcinoma on the side. This had spread to a saliva gland which was also removed. He is doing well but might need chemo later on. Bill & Dana are the original members of our chapter. We hope and pray that Bill recovers quickly with no after effects. We know that Dana will have her hands full trying to keep Bill from overdoing it.

Not to try and outdo **Bill Noyes**, I, too, was in the hospital for 12 days with Aspiration Pneumonia. I never heard of it, but it sure came on fast and kept me in the ICU for 7 days. I lost 7 days which I did not know about. When I went into the ER, my temperature was 105 and my pulse was 30. The doctor told me that if my pulse dropped any lower I would not be writing the newsletter. I was very fortunate to have good doctors and hospital care, so I am now back playing golf and couldn't feel any better.

**Bob Stanger's** mother, Isabelle, celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Her party was attended by all of her friends from the various groups she is a member of and also the neighbors. Food and drinks were provided by Bob & Marcia that everyone enjoyed and it was good to see Isabelle having such a great time.

I talked with a retired airline pilot, in our community, about tower controllers falling asleep during their shift. He told me that on long hauls, some 14 hours, he noticed his co-pilot nodding off and trying to stay



awake. He told him to nap for about 10 minutes and when he did, this was all he needed to be awake and alert. There were enough alarms in the cockpit to jar them awake if anything went wrong. That was assuring to know.

Our next meeting will be at **Bob & Marcia Stanger**'s home on June 15<sup>th</sup>. They both attended the convention along with **John Stilwell**. Bob was to go to the Correspondents' meeting for me since I was unable to attend. Between Bob and John, they will have all the information.

I just received the June copy of the Newsletter and after reading it, there were parts that disturbed me. Here's hoping that there is better news coming out of the Convention.

Calendar:

**June 15** - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

**August 17** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**October 19** - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

**December 14** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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**Dick Shryock** outstandingly hosted the Brazen Raisins' May 2011 meeting.

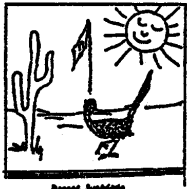
New Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** and husband **Dick** had visited two BR members who had been missing for some time because of illnesses: **Donna Nessling**, who is still unable to get out of bed and **Pat Gilbert** who is doing quite well; Hazel also reported that **Nile Jones** had had an operation in the Bay Area recently.

The new travel pass policy was discussed; after the first of the year, there will be no more companion passes, although UAL retirees can designate two people to fly on their passes; retirees will be getting four trip passes per year with a high priority and all others at a lower priority.

President **Dick Hayes** read an article about the new paint job on one of United's largest airplanes.

**Reuben & Elida Rivas** had taken a trip to Turkey; Reuben had a stroke on the airplane to Turkey, but waited until he was back in the USA to see a doctor; he is taking medicine and going to speech therapy, and, thankfully, seems to be doing quite well. Elida told about their trip to Turkey; they visited six cities, took a balloon ride and saw an 86-carat diamond in one of the museums they visited. They had a great tour guide who told them a lot of the history of Turkey.

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The Hog's Breath Inn in Old Town La Quinta was the location for the Desert Sunbirds' May Luncheon/Meeting. Hosted by **Carole Paquin**, 44 members and guests enjoyed selecting items from a host of choices - from Hog's Breath Chicken Salad to a "Dirty Harry" Burger.

The terrific turnout included our So. Calif. Regional Director, **Howard Lackey**, who unfortunately, is still putting up with a laryngitis problem. **Matt Gauss**, a long time member, was present for the first time in many years, and brought his wife **Marilyn**, who has just retired from United at the Palm Springs Airport. We hope we see more of them in the coming months. **Barb Harrison**'s guests were **Jo Engel** and **Alan Wayne** (LAXGR-Retired). **Siv Adams** brought her usual guest **Sheila O'Brien**, and lastly, **Barb Azbill** brought an old - make that ol' - friend **Leah Zepeda-Klopf**, one time LAXCS, (I believe LAXTR at that time), now retired and living in Green Valley, AZ.

Sick call - **Ron Aggson** is home again after another trip to the hospital with a liver problem. All tests were negative, however, and the doctor is changing Ron's medication to see if Ron can get some relief from the compression fracture. **Sandy Sereno**, after last month's Appendectomy, was back in the hospital - this time for bleeding ulcers. Sandy's a gamer though; she was at the luncheon, and said she's feeling fine.

**Merv Myers** won the birthday lunch, and **Brad Sydow** won the 50-50. Our Hostess, **Carole Paquin**, made up some “gift baskets” to be raffled off with the 50-50. Winners were **Jim Clapper**, **Matt Gauss**, **Marilyn Merrick**, **Shirley Spitler**, **Melinda Lerg**, **Gay Traber**, and **Brad Sydow**.

And now - a true story ... told to me by **Mary Frank**, widow of **Tom Frank**. Tom & Mary were both Charter Members of the Desert Sunbirds, 22 years ago.

Tom Frank, who died ten years ago at age 77, was a bazooka expert in WW II. Tom and four other G.I.'s were captured by the Germans at Mortain, France, in 1944. The townspeople, meanwhile, were hiding in a nearby mine. Among these were Yvonne 14, and Suzanne 10, who had been staying with their grandmother. After the 7-day battle passed, the girls returned to their grandmother's house, to find out most of the doors were missing. The American Soldiers had taken them for cover in their foxholes. While scavenging the area, they found 19 letters to Tommy Frank (one of the letters was dated June 6, 1944 - D-Day). An uncle of the girls translated them, and from this, they “knew” Tom, his parents, sisters, friends, and people with whom he worked.

Flash forward to April, 1994. Tom received a phone call from the V.A., to verify his serial number and his service in France in WW II. Then he was asked if it would be alright to give his phone number to someone in France. He said yes.

A few days later, he received a phone call from a Television Station in Paris. The caller told Tom that the letters (mentioned above) had been turned over to the program “Perdue de Vue”, loosely translated, “Looking for Lost Persons”. The end result was a TV filming of Tom's story from his home in Desert Hot Springs broadcast back to Paris. During the filming, through the monitor, Tom could see Yvonne, now 64, and Suzanne, 60 in the Paris studio.

The producer then told Tom that he would arrange for Tom and Mary to fly to Paris, appear on a TV Program there, and meet Yvonne and Suzanne, where they would return the letters (kept in cellophane for 50 years) in person.

Tom & Mary flew to Paris in June, met Yvonne and Suzanne, who then returned the letters, along with hugs, kisses, and a few tears. This was being filmed, as almost Tom's entire goings and comings were, to be used in the telecast of the “Perdue de Vue” show.

Tom was treated like visiting Royalty at every turn, with every day filled with parties, lunches, dinners, tours - including Mortain, where he was captured, Omaha Beach, and the Colleville Cemetery where 9800 Americans are buried. The telecast of the show was a Friday night, and Tom and Mary did some sightseeing on Saturday and Sunday. Tom was overwhelmed by the number of people who recognized him from the TV show.

A few days later, Tom and Mary were headed home, the aforementioned letters safely tucked away, and their hearts filled with the thanks of many of the citizens of France.

(This story told with the permission of Mary Frank, Tom's widow)

#### Calendar:

**July 13** – Meeting hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**.

#### **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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#### **SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 27, 2011 at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights. This was hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. We had 49 Gold Diggers and no guests. Chapter President **Charles Szekretar** welcomed those attending and thanked the Esolas for hosting.

#### Officer's Reports:

**V. P. Orville Harshbarger** – He said that we have a host for every month of this year now. There will be no luncheon in May due to RUAEA Convention.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** –She read the anniversaries for April. Those 50 years and over: **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** (61 years); **Dale & Dorothy Volker** (55 years); **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud** (55 years) and **Len & LaVerne Haubl** (53 years). **Harold Esola** led us in the celebration song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the Chapter's balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Dan Figueroa**. He has been released from the rehabilitation center and doing better.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** – Stephanie is not in attendance today.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** - The rosters are here and make sure you get yours. Let him know of any changes.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** – Ron talked again in regards to the new United Pass Travel Program for Retirees. He also talked about the upcoming convention in Portland.

We concluded with our raffle.

#### Calendar:

**June 29** – The Ridge Restaurant - Auburn

**July 27** - Lake of the Pines Clubhouse

**August 24** - Hosted by the **Sinclairs**



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Meeting was called to order by President **Jon Somplack**. Our June luncheon was again held at the ranch of **Ed Akin** and was hosted by **Suzie Quinell** and **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**. Food was provided by the Back Forty Barbeque. Music was again by the Buckboard Bunch. Thanks to Ed, Suzie, Rudy, Cindy and the Buckboard Bunch.

No old business.

New business ~ Jon gave a report on the RUAEA convention in Portland. He reported that it was a lot of fun. He met a lot of old friends and recommends attending next year. The 2012 convention will be held in Washington, DC in October. Start making your plans now.

Treasurers Report: Treasury stands at \$850 +/-.

No sunshine report.

June anniversaries weren't announced at the meeting but they were: **Kennys** (not Kenneys), **Parkinsons**, **Czapkays**, **Ouichis**, **Fitzpatricks** and **Bonettis**. In addition, today was **Jack Fitzpatrick's** 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy birthday Jack!

RUAEA: **Ron Bertacini** had nothing to add to Jon's report.

**Jack Raynor** has copies of the current roster. Jack also talked about the Maintenance "Get-Together" in Minden, NV in August. Jack has sent out emails with the information.

The Reno chapter is having their "Reno Roundup". No information on place or dates. The San Jose Chapter is having their picnic on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are about 39,000 UAL retirees but only a relative handful belong to RUAEA.

The August meeting was scheduled to be hosted by **JR & Rosemary Heier** but they are looking for someone to trade months with them. After the meeting, I was told that "someone" took over the hosting duties for them. The meeting ended and we were again serenaded by the Buckboard Bunch.

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Our May luncheon was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Nicasio. Rancho Nicasio is a busy building in Marin County. It serves as the post office, general store, bar, restaurant and social center for Nicasio. It was a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky.

Our President **Joanne Huhn** welcomed 45 members and guests. Joanne thanked our hosts, **Joan Sheahan**, **Ann Sullivan** and **Joan Olsson**. Good friends, good conversation and great food; a good time was had by all.



Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced our guests. **Bruce Goudie**, guest of **Corrine Geppertt**; **Nely & Coe Kemp**, guests of **Maria & Nick Van Kruining**; **Ed Von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; **Sherri & Ron Quock**, guests of **Diana Quinn**; **Lee Trevelyan** and **Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**.

Treasurer **Judy De Ford** gave us our money report. There wasn't much activity this month, so it's looking pretty good.

There were not any changes in our April minutes.

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was off visiting family, so I tried to stand in for her. Our birthdays for the month are **Barbara Biggs**, **Maria Van Kruining**, **Zepha O'Kelly** and **Joanne Huhn**. The winner of the birthday lunch was **Maria Van Kruining**.

We had two anniversaries in May, **Don & Norma Davis**, 30 years and **Ernie & Donna Stukey**, 60 years. It's quite a milestone for Ernie & Donna. Joanne presented them with a bottle of champagne and **Barney Hagen** snapped a great photo to mark the occasion.

It was good to see **Matt Stilman** at lunch after a visit to the hospital last month.

Joanne discussed a change in our by-laws. Annual membership will be from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be no pro-rate of the dues. Members whose dues were not paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the membership. This was voted on and approved and seconded. It will be easier for the new Treasurer in the beginning of the year. Also, the roster can be available much sooner.

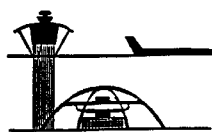
**Oscar Chambers** was the Redwood Empires representative at the Portland Convention.

We had a great raffle, chocolates, wine and posies. **Richard Southon** is doing some organizing at home and donated a great UAL poster and a model DC7 purchased at ORD mainliner store many years ago. I believe **Ron Huhn** ended up with the model.

#### Calendar:

**July 14** - Le Chalet Basque, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

**August 11** - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**



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Reports of those on the Sick List ~ **Jo Ann Briggs** is doing well after her surgery to remove lung cancer - out and about. She's having to put up with radiation and chemo and being tired a lot, but sounds like she's on the upward path. It's so great to hear that, Jo Ann, and I know lots of prayers are still coming your way.

I missed an item from the last flyer sent by Correspondent Donna - about **Eleanor Jones**. Eleanor and family, too, were all in the hospital over the holidays this winter, but no details were sent. By this time, I certainly hope all is well with all that family. She's not been able to join us for a meeting of late and who knows whether the new pass policy will make the trip from TX as easy as in the past. We miss you, Eleanor!

**Jerry Crees** has not been in attendance for a long time. His wife advised us he is now 91, having to put up with macular degeneration and arthritis, so getting out is not easy. They are able to live comfortably on their own at their home at 10940 Aletta Av., Culver City, CA 90232, and fortunately, have a loving daughter nearby in Venice who helps when needed.

And going on to relay notes from the "Resrat", Jim.

**Bill Hibbett** wrote of the very sudden illness and death of his mother. He reports she was fine, then within four days succumbed to kidney failure. Bill planned to scatter her ashes when he comes to CA from his home at 65 Velveten Ct., Ranson, WV 25438. Email: [byll@frontiernet.net](mailto:byll@frontiernet.net).

**Marie Nichols** passed away on May 15. **Marie Nichols'** daughter advised that Marie passed away at age 81. The only address I have - address it to the Family of Marie Nichols, 1631 W. Buena Vista Av., Anaheim, CA 92802.

**John Givens**, who worked in LAXMM, then was svc dir. in LAXRR and was the Pres. of IAM Lodge 1932 now retired, of course. John was diagnosed recently with pancreatic cancer. His tumor is in a very difficult position and is essentially inoperable. Most recent reports from his family are that he had surgery on 6/4 to

remove some blood clots, but overall they sadly report his prognosis is not too good. Call or write John at 128 S. Prospekt Av., Redondo Beach, CA 90277, (310) 540-5166.

**Joan Gerhardt**, retired from LAXRR, LAXSS career, sadly had to report the death of her brother, Bruce Gerhardt at the young age of 64. He had a brief illness from a rare form of cancer. Send you thoughts to Joan at 1629 W 221<sup>st</sup> St., Torrance, CA 90501, [JGerh5@aol.com](mailto:JGerh5@aol.com).

Briefly heard that **Tarina Murray** is still having neck problems – she’s really been through a lot - so sorry to hear the bad stuff is still bugging her!

**Jim Ferrance** had a painful setback early in May - he fell on a concrete sidewalk and banged up a knee. No breaks but severe back muscle/tissue damage. His biggest concern was that his therapy treatments would get him in shape for his annual family reunion trip to the east coast in early June. I didn’t hear any to the contrary so assume he made it. Welcome home, Jim.

As for my own saga of trying to get my crazy heart rhythm back to normal – it’s been steadying out a little fast, but much calmer and within acceptable range. I now have a 4.6# O2 pack I can tote around with some, but not a lot, of difficulty. But after having been at our very fine hospital four times since early Nov., I just can’t stay away from the place. (HAH!). So it’s back in tomorrow (6/8) for a lumpectomy. I discovered, very early, a small tumor with some cancer cells at the edge of my left breast. It’s so close under the skin that it’s visible and the “procedure” should be fairly quick and easy. (SURE!) You are admitted to “Same Day Surgery” for your “procedure” (used to be out-patient, and now it’s procedure - gotta be PC in my wording, right?) but advise you that maybe the Dr. will order you to stay overnight. Who knows? Anyway, I’m not concerned - just damned mad! - and plan to be able to attend a short part of an important meeting on Fri. though I’m very sorry to be missing ReLAXers on Thursday.

**Donna & Hal Klobe** were able to attend the PDX convention. As usual, they had a good time despite the non-ending rain. Donna sat in for me at the correspondents’ breakfast meeting and brought me the latest “How To” bulletin for sending the column. I sure hated to miss the whole affair, but the thought of trying to travel with an O2 tank stopped me cold - no way! I can’t wait to get beyond this nonsense and be able to hit the road again. As it was, they gave up on the idea of standby for the so full flights and drove up. In addition to the seasonal spring rain in OR, they encountered snow and sleet on the way.

Donna advises that next year is in WAS, with a great hotel rate! I’m already checking for service on Jet Blue out of that wonderful LGB airport. See ya there?

#### Calendar:

**August 4** - Famous, fabulous steak fry at El Segundo Park.

**September 24** - LAXRR Reunion. Flyers follow. Contact **Jim Ferrance** for details at [resrat@aol.com](mailto:resrat@aol.com)

**October 6** - Luncheon meeting at Proud Bird. 11am.

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Another month has gone by and another great lunch. **Rosalie Tripicchio** from the Mainliner Club joined us and brought new items for us to buy ~ T-shirts, hats, key chains, calculators, all with the new logo on them. If you missed out or want to place an order for yourself or someone else, let me know and I can order it from Rosalie for you.

The poem below was sent to me by **Al Soderberg** who composed this after the breakfast. Since it says it all, I will say no more. Please read and enjoy.

*Twenty two met together today SANS you  
Sad too because we missed you  
Not a few, just like you  
Are away in distant places  
Or stuck in one of life’s hectic races  
With gray maladies of health issues  
Or void of a means of transportation.  
Your names were mentioned and we thought about you*

*Warm recollections for all who were absent  
And individually for each one of you as we always do  
Recalling those pleasant times of our gathering together  
When life seemed light as a feather  
When hope gleamed bright like an evening star  
Now clutching those fond memories we smile and sigh  
As time like the rivers of life have flowed on by  
Yet we're glad for those fond recollections of days gone by  
Thankful to that we know you for you are very dear to our group  
We wish you well, the very best of all things, dear friends  
Vaya con Dios Amigos!*

Calendar:

**July 7** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 10:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.



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Despite the daily cold rain in Portland, Oregon, the convention was great with approximately 400 of us in attendance! The famed “City of Roses” was also a city of friendship and love, thanks to the hard work of RUAEA retiree members from both Oregon and Washington State. The buds in the popular rose gardens had not opened as yet due to the cold. However, RUAEA pleasantly surprised us with beautiful arrangements of red and yellow roses on our tables in the Hospitality Suite and dining room. We had hopes of learning a bit of favorable news about the travel pass situation, but none was available. Letters sent by our RUAEA heads to CEO Jeff Smisek remain unanswered. It is anticipated that next year’s RUAEA convention will be held in early October in Washington D.C.

Three of our members can always be counted on to generously donate hand-crafted items to the Arts & Crafts department at our RUAEA conventions. **Bob Taiclet** made an interestingly clever birdhouse from leftover (?) wine corks! **Walt Kina** lent his skillful hands to a number of absolutely beautiful wooden jewel boxes, trays and adorable birdhouses. **Helen Cain** donated a hand-painted butterfly-design ladies’ blouse, her 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive convention submission.

Our Golden Gaters chapter is very happy and proud of one of our newest members, South Bay chapter’s **Dave Saso**. We enjoyed your recent visit, Dave, and hope you are able to return as your busy schedule permits.

We are also appreciative of another charity raffle donation from **James & Helen Goodwine** of four tickets to two recent SF Giant’s baseball games. Thank you very much!

With all of our 90+ retiree members in fine shape, we sadly regret to announce that another of our members has gone to that home not built by man but where pain and suffering are no more: **Chuck Kunze**, SFOEG, spouse of our Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze**, left our earthly vision on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Thoughtful notes of encouragement and prayer may be sent to Harriet at 751 Vega Circle, Foster City, CA 94404. Caring donations in Chuck’s honor may be made to Mission Hospice, 1670 So. Amphlett Blvd., Suite #300, San Mateo, CA 94402.

Our extraordinarily hard-working Local/International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** still has several places left in two tours, as follows: (1) September 6 -22, 2011 “Norway Coastal Voyage” and (2) the cross-country September 30–October 13, 2011 “Route 66”. These are both spectacular trips but you must contact Ginger ASAP (that means “NOW”, folks). Telephone: (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Our Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> General meeting promises to be such fun, “Hawaiian Daze” is the theme, with our male members in Hawaiian shirts and our ladies in muumuus. (And wouldn’t we all love to really be there!) Our entertainment: A very gifted professional Hawaiian dance group. The menu: Teriyaki Burgers with all the appropriate fixings, and what else but a pineapple sundae for dessert! ALOHA, y’all. (Our tummies will be grateful to Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** for their imaginative lunch arrangements.)

Our May meeting after-lunch entertainment and one of our very favorites was “Beverly At The Piano”, a lady with a fabulous personality and possessed with such gifted fingers, playing all the songs you and I grew up with, totally understandable lyrics ... remember when?

### **Personally Speaking:**

(1) I’m sure you are all presently aware that annoying and unfair “email tracking” comes into play whenever you sign a petition or if you’re asked to “send this on or something terrible will happen to you”. That’s why we get so much Spam. “They” get your active email address that way and you get a lot of Spam (not the kind in a can)! But what’s actually a weird sort of fun and a chance to let loose your frustrations: Put all the unwanted “junk ads” and blank application forms that come to you from your bank or credit card company or anything with a postmarked envelope, seal it and send it back. Just make sure your name isn’t on anything. Let them know what it’s like to get lots of junk mail, and best of all, they’re paying for it!

(2) Notes from a local police department: To avoid Identity Theft, shred unused unwanted pre-approved credit card applications, receipts, bills and other financial information. (It never occurred to me to shred the unrequested credit card applications I receive so frequently.) Also, if you shop on the internet, use a **secure** browser: look for **https://** in the browser address. Do **not** place your order with personal information on it on anything that only says **http://**. And give this a try: Opt-out of pre-approved credit offers by contacting **www.the-dma.org** or call 1-888-567-8688, you can request to be removed from mailing and calling lists. A parting bit of information: If you are missing a credit card statement or it appears late, a thief may have filed a change of address request with the post office or the creditor. Call the creditor and check if there have also been additional cards requested. Call the post office to check on a change of address request. Be vigilant!

(3) With vacations approaching, you will probably be receiving requests from friends to **not** send any emails until after a certain date. Despite the fact that I sent out a plea to this effect, upon my return from Portland, I found 78 emails in my Inbox. Do you want your friends to love you? **Do** put a small note on the calendar you keep beside your computer, i.e. “Jack & Jill return” etc. They will bless you!

### **Calendar:**

Retirees General Meeting, promptly at 11:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (not in September or December or if a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on a holiday). We’ll see you at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. 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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**SOUTH BAY RETIREES**



Rain, rain, go away, United Retirees want to play. Thirty-one of our South Bay members enjoyed the RUAEA convention in Portland, Oregon. Even with all the rainy weather, we had a wonderful time. Thank you to the Portland committee for a job well-done.

**Tony & Sally Urso** hosted the June 14<sup>th</sup> annual barbecue and picnic at Lake Vasona in Los Gatos. The group enjoyed Bingo and celebrating Flag Day.

**Ella & George Sousa’s** granddaughter graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and will be serving in Afghanistan.

**Ruie Bradley** has moved to Grass Valley, California to be closer to family but promises to visit when she’s in the area.

One of our long time members, **Jack Frederickson** passed away. We will miss him at our meetings and send condolences to his wife **Jeanette**.

We meet every Friday morning at 8:00AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holders’ Country Inn in Cupertino, across from the Home-Depot on De Anza Blvd. Please come join us.



Calendar:

**July 15** - Hawaiian Theme Breakfast Meeting. No travel passes needed.



**SAN JOAQUINERS**

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The San Joaquiners Chapter met on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for our monthly luncheon meeting. The luncheon was held at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson and was hosted by **Bob & Joy Blair**. There were 33 people in attendance.

President **Don Nesja** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Don asked **Bob Blair** to introduce his good friend and our guest speaker, **Frank Tortorich**. Frank's wife, **MaryAnn** and **Cindy Green**, **Larry & Lavina's** daughter, also joined us.

Frank is a historian and a retired school teacher. Frank said he was born and raised in Jackson and Jackson was once known as "Little Reno". He said that Jackson has a "rich and colorful background" and the town had been a fun place in which to grow up. Frank filled us in on the history and background of Jackson and its "poor" (whore) houses and gambling. He was very interesting and entertaining, we all enjoyed listening to him.

We also had a raffle of beautiful birdhouses hand made by **Bob Blair**. Everyone was anxiously listening and hoping their number would be called. There were 12 lucky winners and unfortunately, I was not one of them.

A **big** thank you to **Bob & Joy Blair** for hosting the luncheon, for inviting Frank as our guest speaker, and for donating the beautiful birdhouses. Awesome!

Our Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of every month in various locations. Our next meeting will be held at Kelly's Restaurant in Manteca, hosted by **Hans & Regina Weber**. Please join us anytime you can. If you have any questions, please call our President, **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672.

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Our May meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> with 21 members in attendance. We met at our new location, the Sizzler Restaurant on Willow Pass Road in Concord and it was a resounding success. We will poll our members at the Picnic next month and decide on our August location. Don't forget to bring your books for our exchange and greeting cards for **Emma Lou Olson**.

**Ed Bingle** is out of the hospital and turned 95 on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Cards would be most welcome. **Carol Parks** won the 50/50.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all UA and CO retirees to attend.

Calendar:

**June 13** - Annual Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park - 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

**July** - No meeting

**August 8** - Location to be announced

**September 12**

**October 10**

**November 14**



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Due to continued rain in the North state, we had to move our picnic inside this month. At the last minute, our President **Merritt Odor** was able to make a reservation at a Chinese restaurant in Chico called Turnandot. Our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was shared by 26 Northstaters. Thank you Merritt for making the change so quickly! The lunch was great.

**Merritt** asked for any birthdays or anniversaries. **John Isbell** was the only birthday in May. There were no guests in attendance. **Merritt** spoke briefly about the convention. It looks like no representatives from the Northstaters were able to go to the convention. We are anxious to hear how it went.

There also was a brief discussion concerning the pass policy in 2012. There is a lot of discontent and we certainly hope positive changes will be made in the future.

**Jim Geiger** gave a great talk on his upcoming RV trip with his lovely wife **Caroline**. They will travel north through Oregon, the Glaciers and West Yellowstone. Other members had some interesting routes and stories to share about their adventures into these areas. Jim brought a map of the possible destinations he was thinking of taking. Merritt thanked Jim for the information and again asked for anyone else to talk about hobbies or vacation plans at our upcoming meetings.

Our member profile this month is **Vanessa Pratt**.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1978, when Vanessa was 24 years of age, she applied for a job at United Airlines. She found out about United while working for Bill Simonton's family as a babysitter/swim coach. She was hired into the San Francisco Airport's Utility Group (SFOMK). Vanessa was briefly laid off between 1981-1983 and then resumed working in cabin service. She had a great time running the supply room as a lead Cabin Serviceman. She also was a shop steward for two years with both the IAM and AMFA committees. At that time Vanessa was the only female representative.

In 2005, when Cabin Service was outsourced, Vanessa was bridged to retirement. However, she could not collect her pension until 2008.

Vanessa sold her house in the Bay Area and bought a small ranch in Cottonwood, California.

She is now raising goats, chickens, and geese. She enjoys hiking and her Pilates classes. Her partner, Leo, and her two dogs also love the ranch. In the future she would like to fence her property and be able to buy her own horse which has always been her dream.

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **John Delaney** and the winner of the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate was **Klaren Odor**. The next meeting/luncheon will be held Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Countryside Café in Red Bluff. We invite anyone who is visiting the North state to come and join us. Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon through E-Mail or phone so we can get a good head count for the restaurant.

Calendar:

**July 28** - Countryside Café, 638 Washington St., Red Bluff beginning at 11:30 A.M. See you there!

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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June 4 was a beautiful day in Denver. Forty Mile Highers had breakfast together at United's TK restaurant. We had several first timers: **Horst Rachke, Hubert Barton, Sam Masoudi, Stephanie Mc Call** and **Karen Lockemet**. We invite you to come back and join us again next month. We also had **Pete Fjugstad** from Seattle, **Katherine Anderson** from Texas and **Don LeFurge**, president of Continental's local retiree group, join us.

**Tom Goodyear** reported that **Carole Gentner** was admitted to an assisted living facility at 9160 South University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

Tom gave a short report on the Portland convention ~ The convention attendance was approximately 450 and was enjoyed by all the attendees. The entertainment for the Friday and Saturday banquets was very good, a banjo group and a male barber shop quartet. And, the food was great at both dinners.

For the Benefits Panel on Saturday, the company put together a hand out covering the basics of the new pass program. The details are still in the process of being worked out and finalization is expected during 2012. The exact date of implementation has not yet been announced. For information on the handout, check with your friends who attended the convention and if they attended the Retiree's Benefits Panel Meeting on Saturday for details, as they received the hand out and heard the company presentation. We all thought January 2012 was the date of implementation, but as we learned, that date is not etched in stone. **Mia Glass**, Senior Manager of Heath and Welfare Benefits reported there will be a one time reduction of insurance in July. **You will be receiving a letter from the company in June, please read it carefully!** There probably will be some action required on your part to assure the reduction is correctly received and your health coverage payments, if you use automatic withdrawal.

**Ron Bertacini**, RUAEA President, reported that the 2012 RUAEA convention will be in Washington, DC at the Crystal City Hyatt Regency. It will be starting October 3 and running for only five days. The membership that responded to the convention survey held after last year's convention requested these changes. This is something new that will begin in October of 2012. Keep in touch and up to date by visiting the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

We want to thank **O. J. Keip** for returning his 50/50 winning to the chapter.

The Denver Mile Highers inside summer picnic (no ants) will be August 10 at Blossoms, 2888 S, Heather Gardens Way in Aurora, CO 80014. Social Hour is 11:00 to 12:00 and the picnic will begin soon after 12:00. A cash bar, will be available should you want to purchase an alcoholic drink.

The food choices will be beef brisket, chicken with BBQ sauce on the side, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, buns, potato chips and all condiments. Complimentary drinks will be ice tea, coffee and lemonade, and dessert will be brownies. All of this will be available for \$13.00 per person, which includes tax and tip. Send your check to: **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone Number (303) 477-2918, made payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Deadline August 3.

### 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!



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We had a regular lunch meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>; it was a short meeting with a few people. Discussion was again about the new pass policy. A member attended today for the first time, **Don Moller**. We are growing! On the local scene, **Gary Harper** transferred from St. Louis to Billings, MT.

Our meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. **Please RSVP to Chuck.**

#### Calendar:

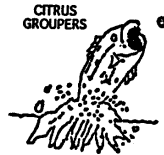
**June 27** – Regular lunch meeting

**July 25** – Regular lunch meeting

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Our May meeting was held at the Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages. There were 20 people in attendance.

President **Don Nellans** conducted the meeting and thanked our officers for their help. At the June meeting there will be a discussion of where everyone would like to meet every month since some members are located in outlying cities of the Villages. This meeting will form our future as to meetings where, what social events we would like, etc., so please try to attend.

Also at the June meeting, **Paul Brown**, Regional Director of RUAEA, will discuss his attendance at the RUAEA Convention recently. I'm sure he will have a lot to report regarding travel and other important items affecting retirees.

**Don Nellans** will again be sending out emails to remind people to come to the meeting. If you haven't listed your e-mail and would like to, please send to [Nellansdon@aol.com](mailto:Nellansdon@aol.com). The 50-50 was won by **Jo Beck**.

May Birthdays ~ **Jerry Bell, Dorene Eikoos, Isabel Buchanan, Mary Elcik.**

May Anniversaries ~ **Richard & Mary Elcik, Russell & Lois O'Hara.**

#### Calendar:

The last Thursday of every month (**June 30**), 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy. 42, on Buena Vista Blvd.



#### SAND"DABS"

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On this bright and beautiful day, there were 10 SandDABS who showed up at our June meeting, and one of them was our Pres. **Dick Coughlin**, who is recovering from a serious operation on his mouth and jaw. What a



joy it was to see how good he is doing. VP **Steve Moddle** gave Dick a break and took on the duties of running the meeting. He opened the meeting in our usual way with the Pledge to the flag and a short prayer.

**Frank Thomas** was our birthday celebrant today. **Frank & Nancy Thomas** are also our Anniversary celebrants for their 54<sup>th</sup> year of marriage. Frank is also celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> company anniversary. It was a big day for them, because it is their last meeting with us as they are moving to CA to be closer to their son. Nancy picked the ticket for **Larry Horton** to be the 50/50 winner.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** was away in Syracuse to be with her daughter and to celebrate her granddaughter's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Oh, the draw these grandkids have on our lives. She did, however, keep us informed of our financial situation which is good.

I had a call from **Sue Dowell**, a retired flight attendant who is interested in coming to our meetings when she & hubby get back to FL after the summer. We'll be looking forward to meeting them.

**Steve & Lillian Moddle** will be off on a cruise with their whole family to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Sounds like lots of fun. It's always great to be together with the whole family, especially for a celebration on a cruise.

Between the three of us, Dick, Steve & myself, we managed to have some funny jokes before lunch. After lunch, Dick proceeded to fill us in on his progress. All things are in place for him to begin the radiation treatments on June 14. He is still doing therapy exercises for his mouth. He showed us the device he uses to help him stretch the skin graft to get his mouth to open more and more. Keep him in prayer as his complete recovery will take more months of hard work. After that, our meeting ended until we meet again next month.

*THOUGHT FOR TODAY:~ Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are that wonderful.*

#### Calendar:

**July 7** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**August 4** - 1130 - Red Lobster

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

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Vice-President **Ken Michels** chaired the June meeting of the Real McCoys. There were 37 members and guests in attendance. **Ernie Vosges** brought his granddaughter, Amber, to our meeting - pretty young lady! Conversation centered around both the PDX Convention and the proposed new Pass Travel Policy.

The Convention in PDX was attended by Real McCoys' **Patti Clark, Ken Michels, Jane Houston, Paul & Helga Brown** and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, and we all had an awesome time. The tours were great, the Hospitality Suite was a nice gathering place, the hotel was soooo accommodating, and the entertainment at both dinners was super! If you weren't there, you missed seeing **Nancy Hooper** play a "washboard" with great gusto and a fair amount of talent too! Many thanks to the PDX Convention Committee for organizing a great convention week!

The new Pass Travel Policy was a big discussion item during the Benefits' Panel Presentation and those of us who were there tried to pass on as much of that info as we could to our chapter members. Bottom Line? In Our Opinion? Wait and See!

A Memorial Service was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> for **Mel Saathoff**, retired Lead MCOCG. Mel passed away at 73 after battling leukemia. Members who attended the service included **Bob & Sandy Duszynski, Chris & Donna Hess, Joe & Barb Fitak, Joette & Jim Feeney** and **Sid & Linda Edelman** ... those are the members I know of. Last known address for Mel was: 1133 Columbia Way, Cocoa, FL 32922.

June Birthdays include: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Jim Multeri**, 11<sup>th</sup> - **Peg Cannata**, 14<sup>th</sup> - **Ernie Vosges**, 19<sup>th</sup> - **Dick Benson**, 25<sup>th</sup> - **Cathy Benson**. June Anniversary Couples ~ Wow! Lots of Years! 5<sup>th</sup> - **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** (30), 12<sup>th</sup> - **Bob & Sandy Duszynski** (46), 18<sup>th</sup> - **Jim & Janet Mummah** (44), and 25<sup>th</sup> - **Barb & Joe Fitak** (50). What's your secret?

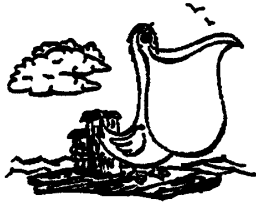
A belated Happy Anniversary to **Dick & Cathy Benson** - 44 years on May 20<sup>th</sup>!

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

**July 5**

**August 2**



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On Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, eight of the Pelican Drop-Ins had breakfast at Perkins in North Fort Myers. There is news from everyone, but **Rosemary Blake** seems to have the most news. She went to HNL twice to see her daughter, grandchild and son-in-law. Both times, she went on a paid ticket so she could enjoy her vacation and not worry about whether or not she would have a seat. In July, Rosemary leaves for Germany to visit her son. She is also buying a ticket to Germany. **Sally Sciple** is currently in Germany and contacted us by email.

**John & Nancy Dainus** were visiting family in Michigan. John came home because it was too cold, 47 degrees. Nancy is still there and will be there until the end of the month. **Nancy Kopp** is judging Hibiscus Shows around the state and June 16<sup>th</sup>, she will be attending the Hibiscus Convention in Houston, Texas.

**Bee McCarthy** and **Joan Gilkison** attended the Hibiscus Festival in Punta Gorda a couple of weeks ago. They are now looking at different cruises to Bermuda.

**Mel & Linda Volz** were also there. We were all still thanking Mel & Linda for the fabulous steak fry they had for us last month. Mel grilled all the steaks and all 24 members who were there brought the best potluck dishes. There was so much great food that no one went home hungry. All the members there had a super time, the weather was delightful and most brought food home.

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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The June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tampa Bay Chapter was called to order at 11:00 am by President **Barbara Riecss** at IHOP's in New Port Richey, FL. There were 17 members present. Last month's minutes were read by **Pat Hottel** and the treasurer's report was given by **Jean Linehan**.

There were 2 birthdays: **Jorge (CoCo) Griva** and **Lillian Sawyer**. There were 3 wedding anniversaries: **Jorge & Lisa Griva** (35 years), **Ron & Willie Wilkerson** (50 years) and **John & Barbara Riecss** (52 years).

Sunshine chairperson **Terri Breslin** said she had sent a sympathy card to **Lillian Sawyer** on the death of her twin brother.

Membership chairperson **Mary Martin** advised that yearly dues of \$5.00 per person can be paid at the August meeting, no later. If dues are not paid by then, the picnic will cost you \$6.00. Send dues to **Mary Martin**.

Several members reported on their trips. **Jorge & Lisa Griva** flew to California and **John & Barbara Riecss** flew to New Mexico. **Helena Kocovar** and a friend took an RV road trip to Hartford and then she flew back to Tampa. **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** took a road trip to Charleston and surrounding areas. They, especially, enjoyed their visits to a winery and a distillery.

**Bob Lindstrom** gave us some more information on the merger and **Dick Neuman** told us of a new travel site that he had used to book a cheap cruise ([perx.com](http://perx.com)).

There will be no meeting in July and the September meeting is changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month because of Labor Day, we also need to discuss the plans for the picnic in October.

#### Calendar:

**July** - No meeting

**August 1** – IHOP's, 10740 SR 54, New Port Richey, 11:00 am

**September 12** – IHOP's, 10740 SR 54, New Port Richey, 11:00 am

**October 3** - Picnic, Anderson Park, US 19, Tarpon Springs, 11:00 am



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We had 20 members along with 2 returning former guests who joined today and they were none other than **Ann Kenda** and **Jerry Zardar**, who reside in FLL and that is no short drive. We are so happy they returned and joined and they are as happy to be with us as we are to have them in our group. Ann worked in FLL and MIA and Jerry in FLL and CLE.

**Milli Rossi** advised us that she is an Ambassador at PBI airport on Saturdays, handing out pamphlets containing information on the area and also answers questions concerning the airport, etc. Milli will be sporting white pants and a teal jacket with a badge noting she is an Ambassador. So, next time you are at PBI on a Saturday, look her up.

**Diane Brodis** gave us an overview of all the changes from the Correspondents' meeting she attended representing me since I could not attend the convention in PDX. Diane's husband Ron went to the Presidents meeting since our President, **Al Popek**, was also unable to attend. Ron had his tonsils removed when he returned from the convention and is still on the mend. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

**Jim Moorehead** attempted to attend the convention but couldn't get any further than DEN with 105 standbys, so he returned to Florida instead. He was disappointed to say the least.

Needless to say, much conversation was devoted on none other than the merger and pass travel. On a lighter note, it was mentioned that when using a vacation pass, you are permitted up to 7 days to get to your final destination, using 1 vacation pass and whatever connections it takes to get there.

Happy June Birthday: **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Sharon Kolibab** (6/12), **Ron Brodis** (6/12) and **Chris Taylor** (6/21).

Happy Anniversary to **Jane & Frank Wise** (6/11), **Doris & Arnold Lakso** (6/20).

July Birthdays: **Bill Nehls** (7/10), **Glenda Boisseau** (7/18), **Ann Kenda** (7/27).

July Anniversaries: **Diane & Ron Brodis** (7/15).

Congratulations to everyone who is celebrating!

*On the lighter side:*

☺ *Life is like a hot bath, the longer you stay in it, the more wrinkled you get.*

☺ *Life is not a race, take it slower, hear the music before the song is over. When you worry and hurry through the day, it's like an unopened gift thrown away.*

☺ *Life is not waiting for the storms to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain.*

*Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.*

\*\*\*\*Please note, there are no meetings in July and August, we will see you in September.

Calendar:

**July** – On vacation, no meeting

**August** – On vacation, no meeting

**September 6** – Mulligan's Jensen Beach, 1230PM - (Dues will be collected)

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Twenty seven Flyers and two guests were in attendance on June 1 at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Tina Myers, Lyle & Joanna Myers'** daughter and **Jay Marshall, Judy & Bill Elk's** grandson. A lot of our regulars were back off the road this month from traveling on vacation.

**Don Shelley** led us in the blessing, and **Fred Cron** in the Pledge of Allegiance. The food at the Diner was very good and most seemed to enjoy the specials this month. No one went home hungry. Our normal server Niki was off to the beach this week on vacation, but **Fred Cron**, assisted by **Ron Heider** and Rosie, our server, conducted the 50/50. Rosie drew the winning number held by **Bruce Brodersen**, who then donated his prize to The Promise Place. **Andy & Mary Lou Ryabik, Sandy Lis, and Lyle & Joanna Myers** made a very considerable donation to the shelter as well. The Promise Place is very grateful for the support we give them.

**Bill Elk** held a business meeting and of course, the main topic of discussion is the change in pass travel rules. There appears to be a great many retirees who are upset to say the least, at the changes. Flyers voiced their opinions on this topic.

Thanks to **Bruce & Mary Brodersen**, we were able to hand out copies to all present of the new 2011 roster. Mary had to learn Excel on the fly but did a great job. Members who weren't there, we can either email or mail them a copy in the U.S. mail. We want to thank **Tina Myers** who surprised us with a delicious batch of spice sugar cookies that were home made, for a light desert enjoyed by the Flyers.

**Bill Bowling** had some good news to report. His wife **Irma (Wormie) Bowling** who recently had repeat surgery for acid reflux is home recuperating and doing much better this time around. She expects a full and timely recovery soon.

**Joanna Myers** announced that she will be going in for a hip replacement soon and hopes to have it done before we resume meeting in September. We all wish Joanna the best. On our Sick Call List is **Kathy Carringer**, wife of **Tony Carringer**. Kathy had a knee replacement and had some complications after surgery, but is expected to be out of the hospital and home recuperating soon. We wish her a speedy recovery.

On a sadder note, we must report that **Barbara (Darby) J. Yeska**, wife of **Kim Schmidt (ATLKQ)** for 17 years, passed away on May 26, 2011 at age 60. Cards can be sent to Kim at 1715 Pine Ridge Dr. Atlanta, GA 30324. Also, donations can be made In Memory of Darby, to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway Suite 250 Dallas TX. 75244. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the family and friends.

As voted on and approved, we will be suspending luncheons for two months, July and August, for summer vacation. We will resume meetings in September.

Calendar:

**September 7** – Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:30PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828.



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Ten members met at JB's Restaurant on Monday, June 6, for our luncheon meeting: **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, Denny Snyder, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Ned Yundt, Marlene Croghan, Betty Sherman, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey.**

Rick announced two members were on the sick list: **Marilyn Taylor** was diagnosed with kidney cancer and she would appreciate cards and phone calls. She does not want visitors. **Al Burkhardt** was moved to the Veterans Home, 320 N. Collins Rd., 2 West, Room 233, Boise, ID 83702-4519, his direct phone line is (208) 334-2105. Al would welcome cards and phone calls. Our prayers are with Marilyn and Al for a speedy recovery.

**Denny Snyder and Bob Sarnoff** attended the Warhawk Museum's veteran's celebration on Sunday, June 5. This is an annual event where approximately 700 motorcycles ride from Mountain Home, Idaho to the Warhawk Museum in Nampa, Idaho. The P47's and P51's were on display.

**Rick & Shirley Dempsey** enjoyed the convention in Portland.

A luncheon has been planned at Pad Thai Restaurant in Boise on Tuesday, June 28, Noon time. We need to have a count of those attending. Please call **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** to RSVP by June 23.

There will be no meetings in July and September.

### Calendar:

**August 1** - Meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian, 1:30PM

**September** - We will have our Memorial Picnic the first week in September. Date, time and location will be emailed to membership when plans are complete.

**October 3** - JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

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Correction to Skyliners chapter report in RUAEA Newsletter, Issue #442, June, 2011: **Jim Sommerfield's** son's name is **Jim**. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

I did not have any news from the Northside since I had neglected to ask someone to cover for me while at the Loonies trip to Dearborn, MI, along with my two faithful runners, **Ginny Vlach and Mary Szabo**. We were joined by **Frank Vlach, Norm Pearson, Jacque & Jim Sontheimer, Carol & Bob Faust, Helen Cauwels, Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo, Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal, Vivian & Ed Bukar and Al Broderson.**

The Hilton Double Tree Hotel was great with the breakfast (a luscious buffet) included with the room rate of \$89.00 plus taxes. The food at the hotel was so good and the price more than fair that except for the dinners at restaurants elsewhere, we all ate there a lot.

Being in Dearborn and near Detroit, the tours were Ford oriented. The Museum, the Factory and the Village were all terrific and affordable. Also, the two-hour cruise showing estates and also the non-estates were eye opening. Marie and sister Joan did a splendid job hosting and picking out the special dinner restaurants we feasted in.

There were 18 who breakfasted at the Southside with the addition of newcomer **Rich Baltzen** who joined us for the first time. He had worked at ORD ramp.

**Barbara Wesemann** recovered from a three car accident which totaled her car but fortunately, left no injuries. She is now driving a new 2011 Hyundai Sonata.

The only one from the Southside to enjoy the convention in Portland, OR was **Rudy Maki**. He told about the fresh snowfall which made the tour to Mt. Hood spectacular. Following a big buffet lunch, a Forest Ranger explained the manual work and construction of the Timberline Lodge. On the way back along the Columbia River, he also saw the Cascade Locks and the Multnomah Falls. There were also tours to the Portland Rose, Japanese and Chinese gardens.

During the Convention, one of the events that was orchestrated by **Rich Surma** was a tribute to the late **Marlin Lade**. His wife **Marilyn**, son and daughter were in attendance to witness the high regard for Marlin both during his career with United and his service with RUAEA. Truly, we will miss him.

The Rose City Bandoliers entertained at the Friendship dinner and the Social Insecurity Barber Shop Quartet at the Banquet. A great job by the Portland Committee!

The Southside raffle was won by **Carlyle Brandt** and **Leona Gasiorowski** who won not once but twice.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi’s Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**July 26 & August 30**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy’s Café & Backereia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**July 13 & August 10**)

**July 18** - Picnic - Chandler’s Country Club, 401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month



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There were 9 lively retirees at the May Luncheon on a cloudy, cold and dreary spring day in Chicago. However, lunch was very good with a new chef and a new menu featuring more sandwiches and salads. Service by Franco was outstanding plus he brought complimentary desserts from the buffet table for everyone.

**Helen Cauwels**, our Midwest Director, was visiting with our group again and attended the Convention in Portland. Briefly, the Convention was successful although attendance was smaller than usual. The next Convention will be held at the Hyatt in Washington, DC in October of 2012 for a 5 day period. There will be more details available about the Convention in later Newsletters by retirees who attended.

**Angie Malouhas** was one of the founders of the Loop Group but hasn't been able to attend any of the luncheons in the last year. She has many friends who ask about her so following information is about her new home. Angie has moved to a very nice retirement home with her sister, Ceil and her cat, Homer. You can reach Angie at The Breakers at Edgewater Beach – 5333 No. Sheridan Road – Chicago, IL 60640 – Phone: (773) 275-7707. She would enjoy hearing from her old friends.

Calendar:

**July 20** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call me before noon of July 19<sup>th</sup> so that I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect)

**August** – No luncheon scheduled

**September 21** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

## INDIANA

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I believe I am safe in saying, at least 50% correct, that summer has finally arrived in Indiana. We have gone from winter to summer and skipped right over spring. It rained daily for weeks and the temps were cold and now suddenly we are breaking heat records and suffering humidity that we normally do not have. After living in Houston for 18 years, I know all about humidity and I hate every bit of it. Can never take enough showers to feel dry and fresh.

By the time you read this letter, the Indy Racers will have already had their June 11<sup>th</sup> summer picnic. Our theme is a Hawaiian Luau and hula contests for both the men and women. That ought to be cute! We'll make certain to write all about it in the next newsletter. Our party committee got together over lunch and drinks and came up with some great ideas for entertainment. Mixing food and drinks is not such a good idea. The topic of conversation drifted to other thoughts such as American Idol. It hit me funny to think of 5 women with a 20 year spread in age having a truly serious discussion on which American Idol contestant should win and why. Our picks did not win ... but should have!

**Tom Lapke** will not be at our luau as he is going to Florida to a reunion while his wife **Dottie** is going to Hawaii to help her son and family make a move there. **Ralph (Bud) Barnett** and wife, **Elly**, left for California after stopping over in the Chicago area to visit Bud's ailing sister. **Wanda Bryce** is off to Pittsburgh the day after our picnic to visit with friends, then she's off to Cleveland to attend the 50 year reunion of the Capital/United merger. Ron and I had a great time in Surprise, AZ. We checked out homes and areas to eventually move to. We noticed that if we move to Arizona Traditions (55+), we'll have a RUAEA meeting just a couple miles away. Hang on Arizona ... we'll get there as quick as we can!

Happy Birthday wishes for July & August to **Carol Conway**, **Ray Brabo**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Mario Bregante** & **Warren Allen**. Happy Anniversary to **Jack & Carol Conway**.

#### Calendar:

**July 12** - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Hwy 36), Avon, IN. Room is available from 1:30 PM. The meeting begins at 3:00 PM. We welcome all United as well as Continental employees/retirees.

**August 9** - IHOP Restaurant

**September 13** - IHOP Restaurant

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters May 17 luncheon meeting was held at the Blue Hills Regional Technical School, for the second time this year, in their classroom restaurant, Chateau De Bleu. Forty members were in attendance. It was real good to see **Dolores Berardi** back with us again, along with rarely seen **Mercedes Hersom**, **Patti Mix** and **Oscar Bauerle** & son **Bruno**. Of course, all our regular attendees were present. This luncheon was provided by our once Nor'Easter VP and Chairman of the 1998 RUAEA Boston Convention, **George Mavreles**. George wanted to hold this meeting for two reasons: First, to thank all the members who worked the 98 convention, as well as his support for the culinary school and secondly, to offer a convention like atmosphere for those of us who couldn't attend this year's convention in PDX. Almost all the 98 convention workers were

present, with the exception of those who are now permanent members up in the Friendly Skies. From all of us, thank you George! Again, good food and good company!

Occasionally, I hear from **Joe Coco**, former BOSSS who asks all his friends to contact him via e-mail at [EJCoco@webtv.net](mailto:EJCoco@webtv.net).

**Ed Aldorisio** is home after his May 23 prostate operation. He is recuperating and asks all to say a prayer for him.

Our own **Raymond Forster** passed away peacefully on May 20 after a long illness. He was a soft spoken, easy going man and never had a bad word to say about anyone. Ray will be missed! Cards can be sent to Wanda, at 172 Haverhill Street #222, Amesbury, MA 01810.

I stopped at Continental Airlines at Logan airport to inquire about getting CO retirees to join our group. The shift supervisor was not aware if they have an organization. She advised that two people retired last year, but for security reasons, wouldn't give out their names. I gave her several of my cards, and asked to have them call or E me. So far nothing. If anyone can help me with CO's retirees, e-mail me!

July's Birthdays: **Edward Aldorisio, Elizabeth Palmer and Joan Twing.**

July's anniversaries: **Ron & Joyce Heisler** (53 years), **Don & Kathy Latter** (16 years), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (45 years) and **Elizabeth & Joseph Palmer** (44 years).

*If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport. You'll get a free X-ray and breast exam. If you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy!*

Calendar:

**July** – No meeting

**August** - To be announced

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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11 Escapees gathered at Master's Restaurant in Madison Height's, hosted by **Marie Kady**. Our host surprised us with a chocolate cake with chocolate frosting and chocolate roses, to celebrate the Escapees' 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Yummy! Yummy! We even had three charter members in attendance; **Marie Kady, Marie Cook** and **Suzi Hicks**. It is hard to believe we have been doing this for 16 years now and do not know of many companies that keep their retirees friendships like we do, Thanks to RUAEA.

I feel really bad as I missed **Pat Snelling's** retirement party on May 31. Pat is our newest retiree and I completely lost track of the date. June 1<sup>st</sup>, I was getting ready to attend and realized I was a day late. I am soooo sorry Pat. If anyone has a contact for Pat, let me know, so I can apologize personally and invite her to join our group. I guess my rememberer was broke again, but my forgetter is getting better all the time.

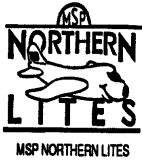
Our love and prayers this month to **Maxine Raymond** @ 6342 Buckingham Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101-2330 who has not been with us lately as she has some internal bleeding going on and they are having trouble finding the source. She has been undergoing several tests but no success as yet. She does have an appointment at U of M July 1, so let us pray that they will find the source and be able to treat it so she can get well and join us again.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail (except for May).



## MINNESOTA



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At the May meeting, your correspondent was off playing with the Northwoods Loonies in Dearborn, MI & 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 and not many of the snowbirds back yet, there were only 20 at the May meeting. Everyone welcomed back **Al Kilian** from his winter digs in Arizona but were disappointed that **Mary** wasn't feeling up to joining them for lunch.

Speaking of the Northwoods Loonies spring fling, a huge thanks goes to **Marie Cook**, intrepid Loonie & DTW Escapees' correspondent, for hosting & arranging wonderful lodgings, tours & meals. Her pal & sister, **Joan Petry**, was unable to help because she was dealing with some nasty health issues. We're just grateful that **Joan** was able to join us for some of our time together. These semi-annual events are always such a treat, because seeing old friends & meeting new ones is what it's all about. The great sights & things to do are just the icing on the cake.

One of those attending the Loonies' event was our Prez, **Lee Storlie**, so **Ethel Johnson**, our Vice-Prez, conducted the business meeting. **Ethel** has placed her home on the market & will sadly be leaving us when it sells. That means we'll need a Vice-President when we lose her, Gang. She will tell you it's not a demanding job, so all you folks clamoring for membership on the Board, let us know & we'll elect one of you.

The annual picnic will be held Wednesday, August 10 in Chetek, Wisconsin at **Jim Simon's** place. Roasted chicken and potato salad will be catered & the chapter treasury will pay, but everyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer, side-dish or dessert to share. Bring your own lawn chairs & beverages of choice. Directions, more info & an RSVP sheet will be available at the July meeting. If you haven't paid your 2011 dues, they will be collected at the picnic.

We were saddened to learn of **Mel Dotson's** death on March 30. Mel was with us at MSP from before the UAL/Capital merger to about 1970 or so & had transferred to TUS. Our condolences go out to his family.

**Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** are off on their bus trips & missed the meeting, so just to be sassy; **Fred & Rita Stang** sat in the places where the Gunderson's usually sit, in case some of **Sonja's** luck at the 50-50 raffle would rub off. Lo and behold, **Fred** was one of the lucky winners! There's probably going to be a battle for those chairs next month.

Thanks in advance to **Mary Brennan** for taking notes at the June meeting as well. The wily walleyes of Lake of the Woods will have the attention of **Nel Brawner** & the **Glattly's**. Sorry for being AWOL two months in a row, but ... what can I say? Fun comes first!

It was great to see that one of our own active MSP employees had something good happen lately. **Shane Iacono**, the son of MSPCS Service Director **Dave Iacono**, received one of the UA/CO scholarships for dependents of employees. The award he received is based on demonstrated personal & professional leadership. Congratulations!

We're sorry to hear from **Cal Alderman** that his bride, **Dorothy**, has had to spend some time in hospital because of a severe gall bladder attack. She has a heart condition which further complicates the problems of surgery. Cards would be greatly appreciated, I know; their address is 7000 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave., North, #226, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

Lunch at 11:15AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494.

### Calendar:

**August 10** - Annual picnic at **Jim Simon's** in Chetek, WI.

## NEBRASKA

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**Virginia Lang**, age 90, passed away May 5 after suffering a massive stroke. A celebration of her life was held May 9 at the Westlawn-Hillcrest Funeral Home. Our sincere sympathy to her two daughters, Joyanne and Suzanne, and many other family members.

We received a nice thank you letter from **Evonne & Bill Williams** who have started "Patriotic Productions" which is the organization **Judy Nekonchuk** made recipient of gifts from Nick's memorial. The Williams were also the couple who started the Heartland Honor Flights which a few of our people went on to Washington, D.C. They wrote, "*We hope Harry would be pleased to know he is helping to honor and remember The Fallen who have given their all in the War on Terror since 2001.*"

I talked to **Carroll Ballard** to see how he was getting along after **Rose's** death. He said three weeks after she died, his youngest son's wife passed away unexpectedly. She had recently been diagnosed with renal disease. She and Mike have two children ages 7 and 13. How very sad. Carroll also said he was having knee surgery on June 13 at Bergan Mercy and then will go to St. Joe for rehab.

**Helen Taylor** said she has her garden all planted and sounded so happy – said it was all in and growing. She said Stan was about the same. She does have a sitter available now so she can go to her church luncheons and other appointments she needs to get to.

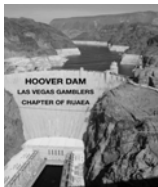
### Calendar:

**July 5** – Piccolo's, Hosted by **Tony Sortino**

**August 2** - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

**September 6** – Tentative – Macedonia, Hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

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From **Eleanor Vasko**: Our April meeting was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon with a sit down served lunch, after that we started with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag"; 31 members were present.

**Winnie Stone** was in the hospital April 7 to April 12 with heart problems, **Arlene Reed's** step daughter, Dianne, passed away on April 5 of cancer.

**Dora Coleman** sends her regards to all of us here in Vegas.

**Lois Fox** had another stroke, was in rehab but is home now.

**Michael & Eleanor Vasko's** son in law, Michael Dugas in California, passed away of a heart attack on February 20 this year.

**Dan Martinez** has asthmatic bronchitis for 5 weeks already.

**Marilyn Halt** called from Wisconsin and we had a long conversation.

**Koji Takeuchi** won the crazy hat contest, we were told to wear a funny hat to the April meeting and I forgot to mention this in the newsletter, but, he remembered and was the only one with the hat, he was awarded a free luncheon on a future meeting.

Tuacahn Summer Theater in St. George, UT is presenting The Little Mermaid and Grease, call **Michael Vasko** for info, (702) 898-0561.

From **Elaine Ptak** ~Ron & I just got back from Arizona. We went to the All Arizona luncheon in Casa Grande, AZ, we know many retirees out there from EXO and CHIRR, it was wonderful! The weather was 85 degrees and sunny. The Phoenix Azures hosted it this year, \$20 for a great buffet luncheon, cocktails on the outside patio partially covered by the pool, the bar was set up here and luncheon was inside just off the patio. RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** was the speaker. Many baskets with different items in them (made up by members) were raffled off as well as the 50/50.

We also visited with my husband's family, they live in Chandler.

New Members to the chapter were **Marty & Kathleen Braden** (SFO), (702) 222-9934.

Calendar:

**August 9** - 11:30 am.

**RENO SIERRA**

**ROUNDUP**

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Our May meeting was a bit small – only 14 members attended.

The flyer for our picnic will be sent in June from Picnic Chairman **Barbara Leusing**. 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.

We have been invited to once again attend the picnic hosted by the Hangtown Miners on June 7 at the Akin Ranch in Placerville. Flyers are available from John. Cost is \$15.50 per person.

We are saddened to report the passing of another former member of the Sierra Roundup – **Duncan Thompson**.

**John & Pat Zoboli** attended the RUAEA Convention in Portland.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Tom Diehl**. May birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royle, Millie McGuire, Dorothy Burrell, Nancy Hilz** and **Geri Boutz**.

Apologies to the membership from **John** – he has been late the last two meetings due to doctor appointments. Sometimes life happens when you already have plans.

Please don't fall prey to rumors. If you hear something, check it out on Skynet or the RUAEA website.

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President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting on May 25 with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held for **Ralph Cerbone**. Dick has several copies of the new Pass Policy for those of you who don't get the RUAEA newspaper.

**Marty Etler** read the minutes of the last meeting and **John Murphy** gave a treasurer's report. We are attending the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse which will be a Country Western show on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

We were talking about the additional meals at the last meeting, this month we are also having Linguini with Meat Balls. We will substitute a different one at each meeting.

President **Dick Confer** raised a question as to when Newark Airport was first opened. It was started in April of 1927 and partially finished in October, 1927. It had a 1,600 ft. asphalt runway. If you can imagine it takes about 7,000 ft. to lift a modern passenger jet today. The first operators at the airport, who signed leases with the city of Newark, were Colonial and American Air Lines and by September, 1930, United, TWA and

Eastern began operations. In October of 1928, the City of Newark leased to the N.J. National Guard (later the U.S. Army Air Corps), 2 acres for 50 years, at one dollar per year and they talk about the Dutch buying Manhattan for \$24.00!

The literature at that time was touting the speed with which you could get from downtown NY City to the airport. It said in part, “*you can get to the airport in 12 minutes from Canal St. or Broadway, via the newly completed extension of U. S. Rt. 1 and over the Pulaski Skyway*” and through the Holland Tunnel at the speed of 40 mph. Note - on some days, it takes 12 minutes to get out of my driveway! Does anything really change? Anyway, I thought you might be interested. To be continued.

Everyone should go to look at the original administration building at EWR. It was build of art deco and all of it is original. **Frank Worzocha** has set up a display here of the old North Terminal built in 1955. You can even see the oil spots.

**Charley Donnelly** told us that the Alliance People had lunch for some members in Jersey City. All those who went said it was difficult to get to.

Dick went to the Continental Retirees and invited them to attend our meetings.

Just to remind everyone that our August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting will be our annual picnic.

Calendar:

**June 29** – Next meeting

**NEW YORK**

**GUYS AND DOLLS**

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June is bustin' out all over, but just wide enough for 8 “dolls” to meet for lunch. Although a small group, we thoroughly enjoyed the meal and our time together.

None of our members attended the convention, but **Marge Segal** got a report from **Jeri Juth**. She said she and her husband never made it to Portland after spending hours in Chicago trying to get there. The good news is that apparently the 2012 meeting will be in October in DC.

Much of our luncheon conversation centered around the new pass policy and the effect it will have on retirees. We can only wait until the “muddle” is cleared to find out what our travelling future holds.

Travel Tidbits ~ **April King** flew to SMF via SFO (FC) to celebrate her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday along with her sister's 60<sup>th</sup>. They were born on the same day 10 years apart! She had a wonderful time at the Asparagus Festival (nature) and winning at an Indian casino (nurture).

**Jeanne Leo** reported that UA is now flying some United Express aircraft between LGA and ORD.

Happy news ~ **Anne Dean** returned after many months of health concerns. We were glad to see her.

On a sad note ~ A flight attendant colleague, **Cordelia (Cordie) Moore** passed away June 1<sup>st</sup>.

After a decision to cancel our August luncheon due to lack of attendance and the summer doldrums, we reversed our decision because we enjoy each others' company, no matter how small the group! So, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is. Please call **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061 to RSVP.

Calendar:

**August 2** – 12 noon - San Martin



## **NEW YORK METROS**

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It was a delightful day and many retirees arrived early and waited outside, the weather was so enjoyable and breezy. We all hated to have to go inside, 41 retirees came to this Luncheon.

In hopes that some would be arriving late, we postponed starting the meeting till after everyone was finished eating. After the lunch was over, President **Jim Richardson** started with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayers for those recently deceased and those who could not make it for some reason or another.

We especially remembered **Frank Thompson**, who suffered a stroke recently and is in rehab in Southshore Hospital in Bayshore. We also are keeping **Ron Weick** in our prayers; he is still battling his health issues, but seems to be getting better by the day.

We welcomed back **Dave Curtin**, who missed last month's meeting due to a health issue and we were also glad to see **Len Pascale** at the meeting.

**Yvonne Guella** was the recipient of a surprise birthday party given by her older sister, **Mabel Bittar**. The party was held at the nursing home where Mabel is living. Congratulations to Yvonne.

**Marge Hansen** and **Wener Buck** just returned from Chicago after attending a family reunion. **John & Madeline Klos** returned from Orlando after celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were there with their whole family. They got so much attention in Disneyworld; must have been the Celebrating Anniversary Buttons they wore all week. The trip was a gift from their sons and their wives.

We had 6 birthdays in June: **Lee Ricci**, **Stephanie Tufel**, **Ronald Weick**, **Lillian Cohen**, **Harold Koch**, and last but not least, **Milton Sank**, at a ripe young age of 93. There were 10 anniversaries this month with **Fred & Velma Jones** topping the list with 60 years. Congratulations to all and many more to all of them.

**Jim & Cathy Richardson** traveled to the convention along with **Paul & Lillian Cohen**. They traveled on different flights out of NYC and had different stories to tell regarding getting to Portland. Paul was supposed to go JFK/SFO/PDX. Wound up going JFK/LAX/PDX. Jimmy was going LGA/ORD/PDX. Wound up going LGA/ORD/SEA and driving to PDX. Appears flying standby isn't what it used to be. Even though traveling was a problem, they all said they had a good time at the convention.

It was reported that in the last election for RUAEA officers that 82% of the membership voted electronically. Apparently it was a win-win for the Association and members in ease of the voting. Some new changes coming in the bylaws of RUAEA for length of terms of the officers. Reported also was that RUAEA Treasurer reported that funds are running low. A drop off in membership, nationally and locally was mentioned. We need new members to join the organizations.

July is only 1 month away and it's time to start planning our annual trek to Belmont Raceway for a day of picnicking and watching the horses run. Plan to bring your own lunch, but the chapter will supply the beverages. If someone wishes to contribute a dessert, it will be appreciated. August picnic will be held at Wantagh County Park and starts at 10:00AM with coffee and donuts and pastries. Charge will be \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

### Calendar:

**July 6** – 1100AM- Belmont Raceway

**August 3** – 1000AM, picnic at Wantagh Park

**September 7** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

## NORTHWOODS

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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40 Loonies gathered at the Doubletree in Dearborn for their 30<sup>th</sup> get-to-gather since they were born in 1996. The charter members were **Clyde & Doris Johnson, Ron & Barbara Millard** plus **Bob & Pat Brainerd**. Sadly, Pat and Ron are with us in our hearts and memories only. We also missed **Marlin Lade** who left us last Christmas Eve to continue his life with Jesus along with **Bob Jacobson**, who also left us in December and **Ron Mattson** who left our world last November. Also missed were several faithful members, due to life's interfering events, such as our lifetime Pres. **Clyde Johnson** and **Doris**. Also missing, **Diana March, Jim Simon, Ed & Alice Allard**, who moved to AZ; **Jim & Mary Brennan, Mike & Carol Buechin, Martha & Virgil Gooselaw, Ted & Jan McCaffrey, Allan & Donna Olsen**, plus **John & Charlene Roberts** and **Nellie Brawner**. We hope all will be able to join us at our next Loonies event in October. The dates will be October 11 – 14 in Galena IL, @ the DeSota House Hotel, hosted by **Bob & Carol Faust**. Mark your calendars now ... and it's never too early to book your reservation @ 1 800 343 6562.

We were happy to welcome our Midwest Director of RUAEA, **Helen Cauwels**, whom I was so sorry to leave standing at the airport. I am so sorry Helen, "the Loonies made me do it". Thankfully, we were only about 30 min away and **Norm Pearson** who knew who I was looking for, saved the day. **Sam & Carol Geiger** got a standing ovation as they entered the Hospitality Room, also saving the day, as we were all looking for them. (They were bringing the wine.) I must apologize to all as Joan and I found a perfect ice cream parlor, just blocks from our hotel but forgot to tell anybody about it. However, I learned us Loonies can have a good time without ice cream, even when your hosts have broken rememberers and good forgetters. Thanks to all who joined us!

Our Doubletree stay impressed this host and all the Loonies with their friendly service and especially the free Continental Breakfast. We all expected the normal of coffee and donuts ... Wrong ... They had a full course buffet with choice of fruits, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausages even a special each day such as cheese blintzes one day, it was unbelievable and on our last day they arranged to seat us all together for our final so-longs, and we didn't even ask.

Wednesday, we toured the Henry Ford Rouge Plant for a couple hours and watched the assembly line in action. There was a video above each station that explained what was going on below. It was most informative. I have lived here all my life and have never been on this tour, which was most interesting. This was followed by either visiting the H. F. Museum or Village, until closing, then we joined other Escapees for our combined Escapee – Loonies meeting.

Thursday, we had a tour of the 60 room Edsel Ford home and gardens in St. Clair Shores, where we also had lunch in one of the Estate rooms. We then took a very relaxing Diamond Jack's Cruise down the Detroit River, the longest international seaway in the USA. We had outstanding views of downtown Detroit, Belle Isle and Canada, without even having to show a passport. The weatherman warned of possible storms that afternoon and we all felt a little anxious and worried, however just as we boarded the ship, the sun peeked out from behind the clouds, and decided to stick around for a beautiful relaxing cruise, which was much appreciated after a day and a half of walking and touring. We all thanked the weather gods for our perfect days during the entire time.



## OHIO



### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Another month has gone by and April showers brought May showers and May showers finally brought June sunshine! We are having mini heat waves, but after all the cool spring weather; I think we can find a way to enjoy it.

**Dave Placko** graciously led us in a prayer of thanks which we all appreciate. **Dave & Marie** (his wife) also handle our "Fifty-Fifty", and we wanted to thank them for taking the extra time, etc. that goes into taking care of this every month!

This month 77 of our members gathered for a really great buffet luncheon at Flair Rest., North Royalton. The buffet was enjoyed even more with servers who really made an effort to see that all tables were attended to, and our coffee cups were refilled often, even after desert had been served! For our very relaxing afternoon, we want to thank **John & Carrie Kercel** for handling all the details and setting up this months meeting. We do appreciate all the effort that goes into getting things organized for the chapter!

We are pleased to let you all know that **Andy Streigl** is doing better and hopes to join us one day in the future. Sadly, another of our UAL retirees has passed away. Although not a Buckeye, we send our deep sympathy to the family of **John Maxwell** (CLEJL) – died 5/23/2011.

"Happy Birthday" wishes go out to all you Buckeyes who were born in the month of June, whether you're lunching with us or home. We did have a few with us who just couldn't wait to stand up for us to serenade them. They were as follows: **Judy Spooner** and **Bill Althouse**.

Wedding Anniversaries are next on our celebration! We have a number who were present and they are as follows: **Ed & Shirley McCarthy** (53<sup>rd</sup>), **Dave & Nancy Cleary** (51<sup>st</sup>) **Tom & Helen Hocket** (19<sup>th</sup>) and **Dick & Jean Foster** (56<sup>th</sup>). Not in attendance were a few more that we are aware of: **Vic & Betty Taylor** (64<sup>th</sup>), **Don & Pearl Park** (51<sup>st</sup>). There sure are a lot of (high) numbers there! Congratulations to all of you and we pray you enjoy many, many more.

Fifty-Fifty Winners! Lucky! Lucky! Lucky! **Norma Malena** and **Doris Schueler**!

*It's not what I look like – it's how others see me!*

### Calendar:

**July 6** - Bianca's Restaurant, 44284 Beverly Hills 42212, hosted by **Sharon Gatesman**. Prepaid, gathering 11:30am / Serving 12:30pm

**August 3** - The Chalet in Metroparks - Mill Stream Run, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**. Gathering: Anytime after 10:00AM. Serving: Chicken will be delivered approx 12:00 noon. \* Don't forget your potluck dish and bring your table cover, plates, utensils, & napkins.

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Our May meeting was purely social with 82 members present. **Bill Keys** brought his son Craig and **Mary Schleining** was a visitor. Our prizes for May were as follows: Door Prize - **Dan Jones**, Men's Birthday - **John Donaldson**, Women's Birthday - **Margaret Borbely**, Anniversary - **John & Anita Donaldson** (52 years) and the 50/50 was won by **Bill Keys**.

The table decorations were flowered ceramic cups with a petunia plant inside provided by **Nadine Holten** and **Kathy Russell**. The winners of the cups were **Betty Alf, Jerri Blodgett, Frank Bullis, Jack Curtis, Carol DeFord, Mary Lou Falbo, Bill French, Jack Hooper, Harvey Larkin, Pat Smith, Helen Stinett** and **Shirley Walker**.

**Cliff Blare** kept us entertained with jokes during a part of the meeting. He can certainly come up with some good ones.

Here is some news from our retiree community who don't belong to the Dew-ers. President **Paul Russell** announced that **Harley Mulkson** who had worked in the auto shop at PDX is turning 90. He also mentioned **Harold Veale**, PDXOO, died on April 18, 2011. **Virginia Conquest** who retired from PDXCS, died on May 17, 2011. According to her obituary in the Oregonian, she had worked at UAL for 40 years. We offer our condolences to family members.

We said our good byes to **Naomi Heywood** as she is moving to be closer to her son and daughter and it will not be convenient for her to come to meetings. She is a lovely lady and we will miss her but she promises to come back and visit when she can.

Little accidents happened to members working at the convention. **Patti Cox Hollosy** fell at home, **Shirley Walker** took a tumble walking across the street to a restaurant injuring her hand and knee and **Linda Tracy** had an allergic reaction to a rose thorn while she was helping with the decorations for one of the dinners. I would also like to mention **Merle Pitman** is still undergoing treatment on his mouth and it will be sometime before he can expect to be healed.

The picnic on July 13<sup>th</sup> will be at Red Sunset Park, 2400 NE Red Sunset Dr., Gresham, OR. If you haven't already paid your \$16 per person and plan to attend, please send your check to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220 by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The food is basically the same as last year, barbecue ribs, chicken and all the fixings. Members are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

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

#### Calendar:

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

**July 13** - Annual Picnic

**August 10** - Social

**September 14** - Social

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Our fabulous Philly chapter met on May 9 at the Ramada Inn Essington for lunch. Thirty people were present. It was with joy that everyone greeted **Hal Zurbach**, visiting from Washington State. He stopped in on his way to the airport to go back home. What is the news we are hearing about you? I will not put it in print till it is a done deal!

RUAEA NE Director **Treatie Karwoski** gave us some information about the new pass policy. Thanks for visiting us, Treatie. You have done a great job as our director. Her term expires at the end of May.

Our inspirational speaker was Lt. Col. Marty Devine. He has been in active duty for 32 years and has had many, many overseas tours in all wars in his 32 years. He gave us practical ways to help the band of brothers and sisters while they are away from their families. We must support the spouses and children left alone also. He was given a well deserved round of applause and thanks.

**Donna Lynn** won the free lunch; **Rosemarie Frey** won the 50-50.

Cards were signed by those present for our members who are not feeling well. Those included were **Barbara Fanto, Bill Carmen, Paul Lynn, Leo Neelan** and **Marcia Ems**. It was also noted that **Al Edwards** is sick and a card will be sent to him post haste! Please let me know of any one who could use a card.

June 13 was our last meeting till September.

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Well, another convention has come and gone. I wish I were able to give you a first hand report; however, word has it that it was a great convention, good food, good times and as always, good friends. We tried but to no avail. Bernie and I left home at 4:15 am on Thursday and got on the 1<sup>st</sup> flight to ORD - well that's all she wrote. After standing by for 4 PDX flights and one SEA - we gave up and decided to get back to PIT. After standing by for 2 flights, we finally got on the last flight to PIT, whew, no crew and delayed for 1hour. Finally, we picked up our car at the parking garage and home at 2:15 am Fri. Hey, our bags made it safely to PDX and back to PIT on Sat. Our gal Treatie did make it on the second flight to SEA and along with 4 others, rented a car and drove to PDX. After several wheelchair rides and \$\$ to the different gates, we decided to come home. We did hear some good news about next year's convention in DC and in Oct. Thank you!

Sorry Helen and Carol and Rich, we were looking forward to seeing you all.

My co-worker Treatie decided she would "Allow" me to write the column for July. After a hectic week, she decided to have some R&R in Deep Creek, MD.

Sorry to report the passing of our good friend **Ray Mootsey**. Ray worked in PITMM and DENMM. **Ray & Marlene** attended many of the local events and so looked forward to the annual picnic along with **Mitch & Doris Abbas**. Condolences can be sent to Marlene at 3300 Harding Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001. Get well wishes to **Doris Abbas** who underwent surgery recently. Hubby Mitch says she is doing fine, and hope to make the picnic.

I'll soon be wearing my new "hat" replacing Treatie as NE Director and she will be the correspondent.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> to all.

### Calendar:

July 7 - Annual picnic, hope to see you all there.

## **UTAH**



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On **June 7**, 14 chapter members enjoyed a pleasant lunch at the Chinese restaurant "*Joy Luck*" in Bountiful. The day was bright, sunny, and warm - it seemed like just about the first day of spring around here!

As the regular correspondent was unable to attend this monthly get-together, Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** was kind enough to collect the pertinent information for this RUAEA report. Thank you, Clair!

Present were: Chapter Treasurer **Frank & Susan Christenson**, **Pete & Jackie Loyola**, **Grant & Nina Beutler**, **Keith & Nancy Tronier**, **Hank & Mary Bons**, and our long-time regular **George Dalton**.

All were glad to welcome snowbirds **Patricia & Don Graves** who might turn right around to get back into the warmer climes of Yuma, AZ!

**Art Scott** had called earlier to announce that he and friend **Carol** would be out-of-town for a spell; thus, they would miss our meeting. But he promised to be back for the July good times.

### Calendar:

**July 5** - Brunch - 10 A.M., Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

**August 2** - Picnic (catered) - 5pm (\$ TBA), Sugarhouse Park, 2100 S. 1500 E., SLC.

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It seems like a long time since our May luncheon meeting at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington! Sixty retirees attended the last meeting before our summer hiatus. **Frank McAnulty**, president, noted that Past President **John Haferbecker**'s improved health has put further treatment on hold. He also introduced **Ken Liesse**, guest of his parents and a 25-year UAL veteran at SEACG, currently on injured leave. **Ken** doesn't yet qualify for retirement. Treasurer **Helen Stanger** traded places with her assistant, **Noreen Krawczyk**, for this meeting, as carpal tunnel surgery had left her with only one currently-functioning hand.

Discussed at the meeting, among other things, were the new procedures for kiosk check-in, warnings about travel to certain foreign countries, and company travel embargoes on international travel, which play havoc with companion passes. A show of hands indicated that members prefer to continue luncheon meetings at Fairwood, where food and service have proved tasty and efficient.

Summer birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. **James & Marion Hafterson** had known each other for three months before they eloped to Nevada with predictions that their marriage would never last. They celebrate their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July! A few months ago, when listing a larger-than-usual number of birthdays in March, mention was made that long Johns came off in June. With these natal events in July, it might be assumed that the red flannels went back on in October! Happy Birthday to **Jim Bernovich**, **Casey Casanova**, **Richard Clement**, **Evalena Hatcher**, **John Paulson**, and **Ken Wagner**. Did you know that your birthstone is the ruby and the July flower the water lily?

As always, **Frank** told an amusing story to close the meeting. He also asked members to share entertaining (or embarrassing) memories of their days with the company. Secretary **Rita Reynolds** later confessed that she had fallen asleep while taking dictation from her boss, then **Bob Stark**, following his 25<sup>th</sup> UAL anniversary luncheon at a local Italian restaurant with more Italian beverage than might have been wise.

We regret to announce the death of **Nancy Hauser** (SEASW), who passed away in May. **Nancy** had been a member of the Emerald City Slickers and was in her late 80s.

Seen in Portland! Several Emerald City Slickers attended the national RUAEA convention in Portland, Oregon, to renew old friendships, to make new friends, and to learn the latest about the United Continental merger - especially travel benefits. Alliant Credit Union, Medco, BlueCross BlueShield and other representatives provided information, advice and souvenirs.

According to the RUAEA Convention Directory, Emerald City Slickers on the scene were **Phil** (SEACG) & **Mary Ann Anderson**, **Jim** (SEAGQ) & **Jo Ann Bernovich**, **Chuck Delsing** (SEAQA), **Bud** (SEARS) & **Virginia Dice**, **Jim** (SEAMM) & **Bonnie Fauber**, **Jim** (SEAGQ) & **Marion Hafterson**, **Ted & Judy** (SEATO) **Higley**, **Ed** (SFOED) & **Gay Liesse**, **Hubert** (SEAHH) & **Anita Malco**, **Betty Paul**, **Syd** (SEAOZ) & **Rita** (SEACS) **Reynolds**, **Ken** (SEAGQ) & **Judy Storey**, and **Ken Wagner** (SEARR). (The stations from which each retired are as listed in the program and may be either missing or incorrect. Known changes have been made.) Names in this paragraph were members of the Emerald City Slickers as of November 2010.

In addition, RUAEA Past President **Ron & Shirley Robertson**, looking fit and tan, were returning to their home in Maple Valley after wintering in Arizona. It was fun to meet other Tucson residents, **Roger & Lyn** (SEACS) **Callihan**. Also listed as attendees you might remember from Seattle were **John Bennatts** (SEAFF), **Sam & Martha** (SEASW) **Casne**, **Shirley Claggett** (SEACS), **Howard Clark** (SEARR), **Chuck** (SEAMM) & **Sharon Cole**, **Patty McConnehey** (SEARR), **Ron Paluch** (SEAFF), **Frank** (SEAMM) & **Denise Raught**, **Larry** (SEAMM) & **Pat Schmick**, and **Ken** (SEARR) & **Marcia Tank**.

Kudos to the convention committee, chaired by **Jack & Nancy Hooper**, who have visited our Seattle chapter. Well done! RUAEA Vice President **Hank Gosselin** (SEAMM) played a big role in the convention's success. **Nancy** offered her extensive collection of United Airlines playing cards as door prizes until almost everyone in the Saturday meeting room had a deck to take home.

On their way home from Portland (a circuitous route!), **Ed & Gay Liesse** had a pleasant visit with **Marty** (SFOED) & **Denise Farian** at their beautiful retirement home in Eagle Point, Oregon. In between, they stayed with a 90-year-old friend and met their twin 10-week-old great granddaughters in Eugene. Then came a stop in Medford to check on facilities for a model railroad convention to be held in the spring of 2012. Retiree conventions are a great opportunity for extended travel!

Plan to be a conventioner next time in Washington, DC, with a few changes in convention format. The dates are October 3-7 at a Hyatt Hotel with a \$99-a-night room rate and just one banquet.

Calendar:

No meetings in July or August. August picnic has been canceled.

**September 13** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

The Dulles Loungers met on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. A large crowd attended, as this was our last meeting until September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

I was not able to learn if the members were planning major trips, as it seemed a little early for advance planning. We enjoyed a 50/50 and many door prizes and good conversation.

This correspondent joined our Chapter President **Linda Scriven** and member **Tom Melgaard** at RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon. Over 400 members joined us for sightseeing and tours of the area. It was unfortunate that an extended wet period descended on the Pacific Northwest, with frequent rainstorms and cooler than normal temperatures. The Portland Marriott Downtown Riverfront Hotel was our home away from home and the hotel staffs made us feel very welcome indeed. The important business meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> drew a large crowd. Sadly, many questions could not be answered at that time, generally pertaining to our travel benefits. More details will follow in a later report, as they become available.

Calendar:

**July & August** - No events scheduled.

**September 14** – 12 Noon, Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA 20109

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Since this is not a Convention year for Clipped Wings® and this is also not a year where there will be a National Special Olympics, this should be a quiet summer for us. The Clipped Wing Convention will be in Seattle in 2012, and the next National Special Olympic Games are scheduled for 2014 in New Jersey.

The next event that Clipped Wings® will attend is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash of UAL Flight 93 on September 11, 2011. Many of our 31 chapters in Clipped Wings® will have members attending this solemn event at the Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA. We hope we will see and meet some of you there as well.

We welcome all former or current United Airline or Capital Airline Stewardesses and Flight Attendants to join Clipped Wings®. Please check out our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com).

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- 5) Address



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Retiree – **Jackson, George W.**, on 3/20/11, CRW, husband of Geraldine Jackson, 12 Augusta Place, Charleston, WV 25309

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**Boehnert, William F.**, ORDMK 03/13/11

**Bresnahan, Charlotte G.**, SFOGS 03/18/11

**Byrns, Charles H.**, SFOEG 03/03/11

**Colman, Richard R.**, SFOFO 03/31/11

**Consigli, Vincent L.**, MIAFO 12/14/10

**Cooley, Robert V.**, DENFO 03/31/11

**Cotcamp, Leonard M.**, MSPTR 03/23/11

**Demke, William F.**, WHQGO 03/07/11

**Dotson, Melvin K.**, TUSOZ 03/30/11

**Ely, Richard G.**, SFOFO 03/07/11

**Fabiny, Joseph D.**, SFOMM 03/01/11

**Ferguson, Willie M.**, IADRR 03/09/11

**Forte, Moses**, ORDMK 03/24/11

**Gonzalez, Jose M.**, SFOGH 03/06/11

**Goolsby, Harvey L.**, DENTK 03/02/11

**Grider, Jimmy W.**, MIAFO 03/09/11

**Harguth, Marilyn J.**, SFORR 03/06/11

**Heller, James W.**, MCOCG 03/20/11

**Hopkins, Kay T.**, LAXSW 03/15/11

**Houston, Charles G.**, SEARR 03/04/11

**Hunt, V. Ronald R.**, SFOEG 03/15/11

**Isbister, John A.**, ORDIO 03/05/11

**Jackson, George W.**, PITSS 03/20/11

**Jervis, Joan D.**, SFOSW 03/28/11

**Jones, Howard**, SFOSH 03/22/11

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**Lee, Robert E.**, ORDMK 03/19/11

**Lott, Ray L.**, SFOJS 03/25/11

**Loughran III, John X.**, SFOFO 03/28/11  
**Lubin, Benjamin F.**, ORDCS 03/01/11  
**Maddi, Michael L.**, JFKMM 03/13/11  
**Marcisak, Ronald J.**, JFKPV 03/01/11  
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**Mc Keown, John H.**, INDLX 03/07/11  
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**Poggi, Lilyan Cecilia**, DCASW 03/13/11  
**Puryear, Robert M.**, SFOFO 03/31/11  
**Quinn, John G.**, JFKMM, 03/09/11  
**Rogers, Billy J.**, DENMM 03/11/11  
**Ruthruff, Cori F.**, SFOKF 03/09/11  
**Sanderson, Richard G.**, BWICG 03/12/11  
**Seitz, Patricia A.**, ORDSW 03/17/11  
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**Thomsen, James A.**, ORDFO 11/20/10  
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## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

Hi members,  
 I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw  
 Letters Editor

**WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

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#### **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.)*

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God was the copilot in charge of the aircraft that landed in the Hudson Bay safely, after engine power was lost. Pilot responsibility is if any vibration shows up on the instrument panel from an engine, the next move is to shut down that engine. Vibration from an engine will not heal itself or get better; a disaster is next. In this instance, power was not shut off to the engine immediately, and the engine fell off of the aircraft.

Now the pilot is on a prayer with God as his copilot. The airplane is now completely helpless. There was no engine power to produce electricity needed or hydraulic power. The pilot has absolutely no control. The plane was powerless. All that is left for the pilot to do is to ride the doomed plane out.

But God was his copilot. The plane touched down in the water of a bay, the Hudson Bay. All aboard were saved including a woman holding a baby in her arms. Cabin crews are trained to handle all kinds of emergencies. This crew did a very good job getting every passenger out of the plane safely.

On another subject ~ In 1962-63, there was one UAL mechanic in San Francisco's jet engine shop who had been one of the Dodo Bird Pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen of Chicago. The Tuskegee Airmen of Chicago, young men who had received their legendary fame as America's aviators of intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism. They were trained as military aviators in the Alabama Tuskegee Institute as a fighting squadron supporting bombers in World War II. They never lost a bomber on their many missions.

United Airlines gave this pilot from the Tuskegee Airmen troop, who was a trained jet engine mechanic, an engine mechanic repair job. As of today, his whereabouts are unknown.

This could probably be traced through Dodo Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen. [www.taichiz80.org](http://www.taichiz80.org). All were trained at Chanute Field in Rantoul, IL, known at that time as the US Army Air Corp.

Spirit of Flight Award – Tuskegee Airmen of Chicago ~ This year's recipient of the Spirit of Flight award goes to the Chicago "DODO" Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. In December, 1941, the United States entered World War II's European Theatre to join the Allied forces of Freedom and Democracy against the Nazi ideals of ethnic and racial purity. One of the Allies' strongest weapons was the 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group; 450 fighter pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen. The legendary Tuskegee Airmen of WWII were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military aviators. This was at a time when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage, and patriotism. Training of the 99<sup>th</sup> Black military aviators was concentrated at an isolated, specially constructed Army airfield near Tuskegee, Alabama and at the Tuskegee Institute. The first contingent of the 99<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron, later designated as Fighter Squadron, was a group of enlisted technical and administrative specialists and five aviation cadets, all of whom were trained at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois; known as the U.S. Army Air Corps Technical Training School. The Tuskegee fliers were distinguished more by the color of their planes than by the color of their skin. The red paint on the tail of their aircraft earned them the nicknames, "Redtails" or "Red Angels" from fellow Allied pilots.

The Chicago "DODO" Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. had its origin in 1945 at the end of World War II. The originating members were Chicagoans of the 477<sup>th</sup> Bomber group. Prior to being separated from the Air Corps, they formed an organization with about 20 members to perpetuate the friendships and camaraderie which had sustained them through the war years. The name, "DODO", was symbolically adopted by the founders of this Chapter to publicly, whimsically and regretfully denote their status as henceforth no-longer-flying ex-Air-Corps-Flyers. The Dodo bird, now extinct, was a flightless creature.

The Chicago "DODO" Chapter is a not-for-profit organization that makes public information appearances, offers scholarships to deserving seniors, and free introductory flights in conjunction with the EAA Young Eagles Program. The program began in 1994, and they have given over 10,000 Young Eagles flights.

Additional information on the Tuskegee Airmen is available on their website, [www.tuskegeearmen.org](http://www.tuskegeearmen.org). Information on the Chicago "DODO" Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen is available on their website, [www.taichicagc.org](http://www.taichicagc.org).

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I do not keep in touch very often. I will be celebrating a big one this year. I will be 90 years old.

I enjoy reading the newsletter about what is going on at United.

Adam has been gone eight years and being a widow of the employee, I do not know his co-workers that well. I do recognize a few names now and then.

Thank you for your great work on the newsletter.

**Mary J. Benanti Semon, 450 D Ave, Coronado, CA mijsemon@sbcglobal.net**

After many years of being in other countries, we're coming home after a brief hitch in the DC area. Louis will retire with DHS in August and we'll be moving back to California soon. My membership lapsed while away but has now been renewed. Thanks to other retirees and active employees; I've been able to stay in the loop. Our time living in other countries was an experience which I'll never forget or regret. We were able to do a lot of travel by car and see much of Europe. While in Italy, I was able to keep in close touch with relatives. We struggled with the language but managed. Most spoke English. We are both well and look forward to coming home.

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The Chicago's Mother's Day Breast Cancer walk/run was held on Sunday, May 8. It was a beautiful day, warm with just enough lake breeze to make the day pleasant with over 2000 team members participating in the event. This is the sixth year that United has sponsored the Y-Me Race, collectively raising over 1.6 million dollars for cancer research.

**Angie Halama** and **Rich Surma** helped at the event by handing out T- shirts to United employees and their family and friends. It's always nice to see so many of our United people participating in a worthwhile cause. Even Governor Quinn was on hand to cheer the runners and walkers and later joined in for a group photo.

Many retirees from the Chicago area attended the RUAEA convention in Portland, Oregon. **Rich Surma** represented the Skyliners at the Correspondents' and Presidents' Breakfast meetings which included the unveiling of the new Website for the Chicago Skyliners. In addition, he spent the week photographing our retirees and their friends in preparation of the Convention recap of photos for the August newsletter.

The convention was hosted by the Portland Dew-er's Chapter. There was an array of many beautiful Arts and Crafts donations on display this year. Some items included wood carvings, paintings, and home sewn and knitted items to name a few. The attendees participated in a multitude of tours including one to Mt. Hood. The two convention dinners, Friendship and RUAEA Banquet held on Friday and Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, were filled with many happy people with several that came from Hawaii. A memorial presentation was shown on Saturday honoring **Marlin Lade**, past president of RUAEA, who passed away in late 2010. His widow, **Marilyn**, and their two children were honored guests. Marilyn was given a Military flag and a bouquet of roses from RUAEA. Both evenings had entertainment for all to enjoy.

Announcement was made Saturday evening that the next RUAEA convention will be held in Washington D.C. beginning the week of October 3, 2012. Everyone will be looking forward to our next convention.

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

It took a long time to break out of winter. Now the break in could cause a break down, like with the rototiller.

This year the proceeds from VISTA SISTERS' jams and jellies will go to the Smile Train. People seem to be excited about the project; so we hope to have another rewarding year.

When it is warm enough, it is great to sit outside, sip coffee and watch God's display.

**Colin A. Cooke, Clermont, FL, vectis24@aol.com)**

Recently, I took my first trip in five months to NYC. Winter or summer, something can disrupt travel and it's usually ice, snow, heat, storms, or raining like a teetotaler's convention. The quickest way from FL to New England is through IAD, DC and for me it was overbooked so I went the long way around through ORD, Chicago.

My opinion is that your chances of being bumped are greater through ORD. At 2PM, I was told I was #1 standby for the 3PM flight, and to "stick around". Alas, at 3PM, I was suddenly #58 as revenues showed up for the next flight. All flights to LGA were by then delayed two hours and then were cancelled ... and so it goes. The 3PM flight was now set for 4.15PM so I rushed off to the other end of the concourse, a good hike and got the **last** seat on a UAX to White Plains, NY. A word about White Plains (HPN), it's a wealthy area and attracts

chauffeur driven Wall St. types from Greenwich, CT, but while it has female toilets on the public side of the ground floor, the men's is up on the third floor ... and hurry, HPN used to have a public phone on the ground floor but it never worked, so they moved that up to the third floor - and it still doesn't work.

If you listen carefully, without effort, you can hear some strange conversations while traveling. Overheard, *"I belong to the First Church of the Last Laugh and we serve beer, whiskey and nosh."* I wonder where it is. Also, *"I was in a car accident. The other driver was a psychopath."* Aren't they all! NYC suburbs in the Spring (very short this year) is where my eyes itch and I sneeze half hourly. The trees in late bloom were Hickory and Locust; and the flies are as big as bumble bees.

For former New York city retirees reading this (I hope) it now costs \$8 cash one way on the G.W. Bridge on the Verrazano bridge going West - \$13. The Whitestone Bridge is \$11 r/t. I don't know about the Spuyten Duyvil bridge, named when NYC was Dutch territory it means "Fight The Devil". The fight still goes on.

Does anyone remember an early days TV entertainment show in the 1960's where the M.C. had a tall sidekick known for his dry humor. Was it the Arthur Godfrey show? The sidekick's name was Arthur Treacher and he founded a chain of Fish and Chip shops, Surprise. One is still going in Yonkers, a NYC suburb. I met a family from Texas who bring their two youngest to NYC to practice and compete in Irish Dancing. Not much of that in Texas. Irish dancing calls for great discipline as you may well know from watching the leader of Irish dancing world wide - Chicagoan Michael Flatley. Anyway, the Texan's house is on 750 acres (of course) and they were bothered by Coyotes and Bobcats. He solved that problem, not with a gun, but hard to believe, a few free roaming Donkeys. Mild mannered, they have a natural hatred and fear of wild animals. They confront and bite and kick to death the Coyotes and Bobcats. Also good at killing Mountain Lions if confronted are Mules.

According to the NY Times, there are now eight hundred languages spoken in NYC and 1.8 million who don't speak English. Which perhaps is why New Yorkers do a lot of mumbling and that includes my two grandsons. Press On Regardless.

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