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## *RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2014*

RUAEA is an organization of previous employees of United Airlines, Continental Airlines and their subsidiaries who have reached the age of retirement. It is also made up of spouses of members, widows/widowers of deceased members and active employees who have reached retirement age.

The management of RUAEA consists of six elected Officers and ten Regional Directors. One Officer, Past President – serves in this capacity by virtue of formerly being elected President. This year, all officers and five of the Regional Directors positions are to be filled for a two-year term. These fellow retirees, elected by RUAEA members, have the duties and responsibility of running the business of RUAEA – nationally and regionally. The business to further RUAEA as an organization of former United Airlines/Continental Airlines employees is:

- ❖ Proactive in its relations with United Airlines management;
- ❖ Effective and efficient in communicating happenings at United Airlines with members;
- ❖ Involved in and supporting local chapters;
- ❖ Developing features and benefits that are of value to retirees;
- ❖ Effective in marketing membership in RUAEA to all United Airlines, Continental Airlines and their subsidiaries.

We are very pleased with the quality of candidates who have agreed to run for office, for their interest, support and commitment. With the challenges ahead for United, there are likely to be changes to come which will affect retirees. RUAEA must be in a position to meet these challenges and be an effective organization in its relations with the company as well as in its relations with retirees. Each of the candidates on the ballot can and will meet this obligation. Many times we have un-contested candidates but this year we have some folks vying for the same office. Your involvement is to VOTE ... it will make a difference. It is needed as a commitment of your support for these candidates and for RUAEA. The voting period will be from June 15, 2014 through August 23, 2014. You may vote by paper ballot and mail it in to the Audit Committee or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website.

Your Nominating Committee ~ Ron Bertacini, Chairman, Ron Robertson, Mort Wax, Len Haubl.



*Hank Gosselin*



*Mike Richards*



*Virgil Gooselow*



*Ron Bertacini*



*Pam Ziebarth*



*Diane Webb*



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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

As summer is upon us, and you are busy with summer fun, don't forget to register for RUAEA's 2014 San Diego Convention. Along with the planned tours and the Saturday Banquet, there are many things you can do on your own in San Diego, America's Finest City. My favorite is the San Diego Zoo, where you can ride a tram and see the Zoo which leads to very little walking. A Fiesta Night is planned for Friday night during your stay. There will be a taste of the Southwest and 1 margarita per person. This event is being subsidized by our friends, the Alliant Credit Union. Again, I hope to see many of you there.

Remember if you plan to drive, parking is only \$2.00 a day with in and out privileges. I think you all will love this venue, San Diego and the Town & Country Resort in the Hotel Circle area. Take a look online, to view the beautiful grounds and accommodations. Enjoy your summer. See you in October!

**Hank Gosselin**  
**President – RUAEA**

## Pass Travel Update - From the United Daily May 23, 2014

Thanks to Kirk Moore for this article

### **1) Summer Travel Tips**

Summer is a busy travel season not only for our customers but also for our employees and retirees and their pass riders. In fact, nearly a third of the segments flown by pass riders last year were during the months of June, July and August.

To help you and your pass riders get the most out of your pass travel privileges this summer, follow these tips:

- ❖ Take advantage of our travel-related Employee discounts. We have discounts on hotels, car rentals, travel services and even cruises and attractions.
- ❖ International SOS provides employees and retirees with security and medical assistance in emergency and non-emergency situations while traveling. Carry the International SOS membership card with you at all times. You can print it from Flying Together or download the free app. You will need to know our membership number: 11BYCA000027.
- ❖ Use your myUAdiscount. Through this program, you can buy revenue-confirmed tickets with a 20 percent discount for system-wide travel in any cabin on United and United Express. These tickets must be purchased by clicking the link on the Travel tab on Flying Together; they cannot be purchased via mobile Flying Together.
- ❖ If you plan to travel to international locations, make back-up travel arrangements in advance through our Other Airline/Interline Travel program because high load factors may limit the number of pass riders who are cleared for our flights.
- ❖ When you need to access employeeRES or other Travel info on the go, use the mobile version of Flying Together available at <https://flyingtogether.ual.com> on your phone.
- ❖ Avoid violating our Pass Travel Guidelines and review these reminders for pass travel:
  - **Be Friendly.** As representatives of United, employees and retirees and their pass riders should always treat one another with mutual respect in every interaction, whether in person, on the phone or via email.
  - **Leave your flip-flops in your bag.** Travel attire when pass riding should allow you to feel comfortable yet should look neat and professional.
  - **Don't double book.** Pass riders may not hold a confirmed reservation and a positive-space or space-available booking for the same routing for the same trip.

- **Bring your documents.** Make sure you and your pass riders have the Documents Required for Pass Travel for international locations to avoid detention and removal from the country along with costs and penalties for United.
- **Pick your cabin.** List for a flight based on how you or your pass riders want to fly, since stand-by pass riders will be cleared in boarding priority order for the cabin in which they listed. If you list for a first or business class seat and your first choice is not available, our system will automatically assign you to the best-available economy seat. Remember, if you list for economy but accept a seat in a premium cabin, you will be charged for the premium seat.
- **Pick your priority.** Once you check-in, you may not change your boarding priority within one hour prior to domestic flights and within two hours prior to international flights.
- **Change of plans.** Cancel bookings in employeeRES or mobileRES if your plans change. Listings are counted six to 12 hours in advance of departure time to determine how many premium cabin meals we will need to prepare for a flight. If you do not show up, we will needlessly board a surplus of meals that may be wasted. Also, if plans change and the accompanied pass rider is not traveling with their eligible, cancel the booking and rebook it properly.
- **Not for sale.** All travel passes and reduced-rate tickets are for leisure travel only and are not to be sold, bartered or used for personal gain or business purposes.
- **Know your costs.** You can view your pass travel service charges, fees and taxes in the Pass Travel Report in My Info/All About Me. The reports include all associated costs, so you will no longer need to estimate the pass tax withholdings.

**Notes from RAFA on the above article:** Depending on how you are viewing this Update, the links above may not work. Just in case, here are the “paths” to reach the information plus comments:

- Employee Discounts are here: FlyingTogether>Travel>Travel Discounts (in the center panel). Not all discounts apply to retirees; read each one carefully.
- International SOS is here: FlyingTogether>Travel>Travel Programs (in left panel). Retirees have limited coverage.
- My UA Discount is here: FlyingTogether>Travel>Travel Programs. Use the “Book travel” link to access United reservations; discount fares have a blue star symbol in the far right box that say “promotional offer applied”.
- Other Airline Travel is here: FlyingTogether>Travel>Travel Programs. We recommend RAFA’s guide Other Airline Travel on our website ([www.rafa-cwa.org](http://www.rafa-cwa.org)).
- Pass Travel Guidelines are here: FlyingTogether>Travel>Travel Policies
- “Bring your documents”: see #2 below.
- “Pick your cabin”: United’s computer will downgrade pass riders from FC to Y; if downgraded on a three-class aircraft, ask gate agent for available BC seating.
- “Pick your Priority” means choose either a Vacation Pass or Personal Pass.
- “Know your costs”: The Pass Travel Report is still not working for most retirees. If it doesn’t generate for you: Go to employeeRES>Quick Links> Feedback. The form will already have your file number and email address populated. For the Subject field, choose “Question”. In the comments box state you would like a Pass Travel Report and give a date range. Then click on the “Submit feedback” button. Your report will be emailed in pdf format.

## 2) Submit Documents vs. Bring Documents!

Don’t get confused; these are different types of documents.

- **Submit:** Before your pass riders can fly, copies of certain documents must be submitted to United Airlines to register them in “All About Me” (for example: proving domestic partnership status, birth certificates for new children, a marriage certificate for your new spouse). Note: No special documents are required to register Enrolled Friends. For more info, the “Document Options” pdf can be found in the “View More Policies” link under Travel Policies (in the middle of the page) on FlyingTogether>Travel.
- **Bring:** Pass riders flying to international destinations must bring the same docs required of regular passengers (a valid passport and, if needed, valid visas). Additionally, there may special situations when space available passengers must have a Transit Visa when transiting certain countries. Pass riders have been detained when they don’t have a transit visa and sometimes United gets fined. Pass riders do not have to submit copies of those special documents to United before travel, but they must bring them on their trip to not get “stuck” somewhere! Find the “Documents Required for Pass Travel” pdf under Travel Policies (left panel) on the Flying Together>Travel page.

### 3) Flying Together vs. United app

Some retirees are confusing these; let's review:

- Flying Together is United's intranet website for employees/retirees; you must log in with your file number and password to get information about healthcare benefits, pass travel and to list for flights on employeeRES. Flying Together can be accessed on a home computer, laptop, smartphone or tablet by typing the following address into your internet browser: <https://flyingtogether.ual.com>. For quicker access next time, save it as a favorite bookmark or as an icon on your home screen.
- The United app is for the general public and can be downloaded to your smartphone and tablet. Retirees can check-in, view flight status, standby lists and seat maps without signing in. The information is updated in real time; an invaluable tool for standbys at the gate when passengers are being boarded. Go [here](#): [united.com](https://www.united.com)>Travel Information>Mobile Tools. Note: There's no reason to sign into the United app unless you are a Mileage Plus member with a password to check your miles/rewards. Employees/retirees cannot list for standby flights using the United app.

### Will Recipe Column Be Revived?



**Helen Cain's** recipe column, "Easy Does It" was very popular with our members. Since Helen's death, and, of course, the end of her column, we have been asked if there will be another food column. That depends on you. As our readers know, Helen was a consistent supporter of RUAEA and always stressing the need for volunteers to step up, accept responsibility and do some work. So, is there anyone reading this willing to accept the challenge to restart the recipe column? You can make it your own, by changing the name, writing every other month, once a quarter, whatever works for you. If you have any questions, please email us at [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@surewest.net) or call (916) 789-0422. We look

forward to hearing from you.

### Torgy's Travel Tips



New procedures are now in place for purchasing ZED fare tickets on the following carriers: Delta, Jet Blue, Lufthansa, Southwest and TAP Portugal. These 5 carriers' tickets were previously issued as paper tickets which had to be ordered in advance and picked up at a United ticket counter. Effective June 4, 2014 these tickets are now issued electronically by a third party website. In addition, you are automatically listed on your desired flight at the time you purchase your ZED ticket. So, how does it work?

**Purchasing:** The process is similar to the ID90T procedures used for the majority of the other airlines offering us ZED etkts, but this time the tickets are purchased through a link called "**myIDTravel**" which is found at: [Flyingtogether.ual.com](https://Flyingtogether.ual.com)>Travel>Other [Airline/Interline Travel>myIDTravelPurchase](#)

**Signing on:** No user name or password is required – just click on the link and it takes you directly into the myIDTravel website. A privacy statement appears requiring you to click "confirm". You will then be directed to choose a drop down menu to proceed. Click on **Booking/Listing** and choose which name(s) from your eligible list will be traveling

**Flight Schedule Query:** Watch out here! After typing the origin and destination cities, you must input the travel date with the DAY first, then the MONTH. (This website is owned by Lufthansa so their rules are the ones we follow.) In the carrier box JET BLUE is the default, but click on the arrow to see 28 other carriers. At the present time only DL, B6, LH WN and TP mentioned above are available to us for ticketing:

**Flight Schedule Display:** Flights are displayed with their flight number and times. There is a radio button at the left to "select", and a green, yellow or red smiley face on the right indicating good, marginal, or poor availability. You will also see \$, \$\$, \$\$\$ next to each flight indicating that the fare is either a ZED low, medium or high level.

**Shopping Basket:** Once you have selected your desired flight, a synopsis appears on this screen. Click "next" to continue or "back" to revise.



**Fare:** The breakdown of the fare plus the service fee (a per segment charge) is reflected on this screen. Please note: The fare will be reflected in the issuing carrier's currency (i.e. Euro's for Lufthansa) as well as USD.

The next 3 screens collect your contact information, credit card number and issue a confirmation.

**Cost:** There is a \$2 per segment charge in addition to the fare. The segment charge and fare are collected on your credit card at the end of the booking process. All major credit cards are accepted, as well as debit cards with a Visa or Mastercard logo.

**Listing:** You will be listed on your desired flight during the booking process. Your etkt will reflect the date and flight numbers.

**Changes:** All changes must be made through the myIDTravel website, not at a ticket counter. Changes to the date or times of a flight are allowed for free. If you change your routing, you will have to purchase a new tkt and request a refund for the original tkt.

**Full flights:** If you do not get a seat on your desired flight you will be rolled over as needed, according to the operating carrier's policy for the same origin/destination.

**Refunds:** Refunds may be processed through **myIDTravel** within 90 days from the original issue date. Ticketing fees will be refunded if the ticket is totally unused. If you purchase a round trip and only use one way, you will receive a refund for the unused fare but NOT for the \$2 ticketing fee. It may be wise to purchase separate tickets for each direction to avoid this. Also, no refund is given for First/Business class tickets if a lower class of service was used. Again, buy two tickets if you want to try for first class—one for first and another for economy.

In summation, there are now THREE methods for buying standby tickets on Other Airlines. The carrier you fly on determines what method is used.

- 1) MyIDTravel for Lufthansa, Delta, JetBlue, Southwest & TAP
- 2) ID90T for all other Etkts
- 3) Paper tickets still exist for the following 12 airlines, including Egypt Air, Garuda, Gulf Air, Icelandic, LIAT, LOT Polish, as well as Air Europa, Air Malta, Air Mauritius, Air Niugini and Bahamasair. For these carriers, you must first request an online from United and pick up the paper ticket at a UA ticket counter.

Happy Travels!

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles**



Many times I have been asked for information on the tax exempt status of the chapel. Here is the information: The Chapel is an incorporated 501C3 Tax Exempt Foundation whose mission is to preserve and to protect the Chapel for the purpose for which it was created and preserve the legacy of the Heroes of Flight 93.

To donate to the Chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252. Thank you.

### **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.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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## LOCAL NEWS

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Everyone in attendance on Monday, May 12 at our Alabama/Florida Chapter meeting were thrilled to once again be at the Cubi Bar Café located in the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS, Pensacola, FL. Those attending were: **Bill & Ann Delavan, Bob Dorsey, John & Myrl Eisinger, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Monica Leonard, Ray & My Owens, Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**, plus our newest members, **Charley & Sheila Pritchett**. We continue to miss **Park & Billie Learned** each month as **Park** continues to struggle with his stroke recovery. We also missed **Jim & Penny Alston** who had contractors at their home, **Denny Atteberry** was in IN assisting their daughter while her husband, **George**, also had babysitting duties at home but with two 14 week old Border Collies that he didn't dare leave alone. **Bob Dorsey** was able to attend but **Carol** was not able to attend, **George & Edna Horne** and **Tommy & Sande Zander** were unable to attend. We hope they will all be back next month.

Everyone agreed that no one was happier to be back at the Cubi Bar Café than our President, **Bob Schwartz**, who can now have his beloved Cubi Dog once again. He did have a really **big** smile on his face during lunch! **Barbara Serra** and **Bill Hayden** sold the raffle tickets after lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President, **Bob Schwartz**. Our new member, **Sheila Pritchett**, was asked to draw the winning raffle ticket. **Bev Heinrich** was the lucky winner! Being back at the Cubi Bar also meant that we received one of their delicious cookies with our meal. Our favorite waitress, **Christine**, also made sure we had a few extra cookies so 6 members won an extra cookie. They were **Charley Pritchett, Bill Hayden, Rick Herrick, Bill Delavan, John Eisinger**, and **Conrad Hamilton**. They all seemed to enjoy them!

The Agenda, Treasurer's Report and Minutes were emailed to everyone and there were no corrections.

**Bob** introduced our newest members, **Charley & Sheila Pritchett**, who found out about us through an article in the Pensacola newspaper. **Charley** told us he was hired by United in August, 1946, after United had gotten a contract to fly to Tokyo and needed a long distance international radio Morse code operator and air traffic controller on the island of Kwajalein. He said a very memorable event was when a typhoon was about to hit and they had 11 planes circling their airport unable to land and the only way to communicate with them was with Morse code. All of a sudden the storm cleared and they directed all the planes down and immediately the storm started again. He said they know now that they were able to land as the eye of the typhoon went directly over them! Pensacola is the 25<sup>th</sup> town they have lived in and they will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Sept. He also told us he is 12 years from being 100 years old! They are such a great couple and we are thrilled to have them as members.

June birthdays are **Charley Pritchett** (24), **Steve Wilkey** (30). July birthdays are **John Eisinger** (02), **Richard Hurst** (03). Happy Birthday!

**Conrad Hamilton** told us that during the recent heavy rains and floods that hit the Gulf Coast, Manna Food Bank lost almost all of their food as their facility was badly damaged. By unanimous vote, it was decided to give \$300 to Manna to help them get back on their feet.

**Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** brought out her computer and did an explanation on several of the changes with United. She gave directions on how to access info plus so much more. We are truly blessed to have our own computer expert with the knowledge of all the changes United is making. We appreciate her so very much.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Naval Aviation Museum in the Cubi Bar Cafe. Our meeting day will now be the second Monday of each month. Please call if you are in our area and would like to join us. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), we welcome you to come and experience our group!

Calendar:

**July 14 - 11:30 AM**

### **SWEET HOME ALABAMA**

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Our May meeting was at the beautiful home of **Ken & Beverly Yeager** in Cullman. Beverly served a wonderful lunch of barbecued pork, side dishes, and for dessert, chocolate pie, pound cake, and her famous apple-nut cake. Those enjoying the lunch and fellowship with **Ken & Beverly** were **Bobby & Jean Cox, Joe & Jane Jones, Bill Preston, Joe Duncan, Donna Gooch, and Gay Fowler**.

Happy Anniversary this month to **Bobby & Jean Cox** on the 17<sup>th</sup>, **Hank & Lynda Thompson** on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Happy Birthday to **Judy Slover** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Joe Jones** on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Gay Fowler**. We meet every second Monday of the month and welcome all retired United Airlines employees and their family. For information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

### **ARIZONA**



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Oh my, we're heating up in the Valley of the Sun! Temperatures now ranging in the low 100's leave a number of members and friends indoors for about 3 months or so. We just hope that everyone's air conditioning holds out.

Our best wishes and get-well prayers go to **Carole Brei** after her leg operation on May 23. And, hope, by this time, she's on the road to a good recovery.

Most of the "snowbirds" have returned to their summer haunts and will be able to sit on their patios and enjoy a little cooler (?) weather. Vic and I will be leaving June 3 for Huntley, IL to see our granddaughter Emily graduate from Jr. High school on June 5. Our grandsons, Ben and Brandon, will be spending the summer in basketball camp, playing baseball and, in August, starting football. Busy, busy, I hope they'll fit me in their schedule. Just kidding, this is Grandma!

**Vivian Klick** will be travelling to California to see her step-granddaughter get married in June. It should be a happy time for all. Ahhh, young love!

**Joe Hopkins** shared the results of the survey we sent out to our members regarding venues, dates, and pricing for our luncheons with myself and **Don Brei**. Only 14 of our members responded but we were able to get an idea on any changes or additions that our members would like to see for the upcoming season. Joe and I met briefly on May 30 to discuss dates and venues so that we can make plans, at least, for our November and

December luncheons. And, we will send via email or, in some cases, “snail mail”, our completed 2014/15 season schedule to our members in September.

Our survey “said” for us to return to Turf Paradise this year, probably in February or March for a “day at the races”, so that’s what we’ll do. Also, we will try a couple of new restaurants so that members can order off the menus. That way, they can decide how much they want to spend.

One outing will be to Lou’s Tivoli Gardens which was a survey favorite. We will keep a couple of country club venues, i.e. Arrowhead C.C. (in November) and Briarwood C.C. (in December) since they offer private rooms and yummy menu choices. Briarwood C.C. has been especially accommodating to us and the food was delicious. The Azures Treasury will try, when it can, to subsidize a refreshment or part of the gratuity or tax to help with the per-person price.

To start our season, we will picnic again at Beardsley Park in Sun City, AZ but, this year, we will have some surprises for our members, maybe pizza (as in the past) and a weekday. And, per survey results, the “breakfast club” members will continue to meet at 0800 at Coco’s, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Rd. every other Tuesday. The members, who are interested, will enjoy breakfast impromptu in the Goodyear area at a later time of day, plans being finalized after the summer heat.

And, if **Sherry Muoio** is willing, we will have her make arrangements for another outing to the Arizona Broadway Theatre for a special “White Christmas” presentation. The plays at ABT are always wonderfully produced with beautiful costumes, familiar songs and tremendous talent of the performers. It’s always a good start of the holiday season.

Congratulations to our July Birthdays: **Norma Lutzinger** (7/7); **Ed Bobrik** (7/9); **Jean Wood** (7/18); **Joan Aaronson** (7/21); **Sonny Carns** (7/25); **Bruce Rosch** (7/28). Happy Birthday to all!

Have a wonderfully “cool” summer!

#### Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco’s, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Rd., Sun City, AZ at 0800: **July 1, July 15 and July 29**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

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Happy Fourth of July! Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and enjoy themselves with family and friends. It’s a special time to celebrate our great country!

Our Re-United’s Chapter continues to meet for breakfast all year long. It’s always a special time to get together and enjoy visiting with each other. We have a great group, and much to be proud of. If you’re new in the area, or just haven’t been able to come to any of our get-togethers, mark your calendars and join your fellow retirees on the fourth Friday of every month for breakfast. We hope to see you at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Our July breakfast is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, to let her know you plan on coming, so she has a pretty accurate count for the kitchen staff of the Black Bear Diner. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). Let her know by the Wednesday before the breakfast. We always have a good time.

We had 22 people at our May 23<sup>rd</sup> breakfast, which was a very good count since it was the Memorial Day Weekend. Since our President, **Shirley Claggett**, is gone for the summer, **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President takes over and does a good job. **Peg** mentioned about our member, **Pinky Kubiak**, who had surgery for an aneurysm recently, but we now have heard the wonderful news that she came through the surgery fine, she recently had her staples removed, and the surgeon gave her a wonderful report. She’s looking forward to golfing again in the near future. We also heard another one of our members, **Sheila Ficek**, is still having some health problems. We hope she feels better soon.

Our future luncheons were discussed, and we’re happy to report we have hosts signed up, and have many good plans to look forward to. We all like to eat and enjoy going to different restaurants.

**Peg** brought up the upcoming Fantasy Flight in December, which we contribute items for the children who are in Kindergarten and up to second grade, but also needed is comfortable walking shoes for the elderly women on the Navajo Reservations. They need all sizes and the shoes can be new or gently used. So, keep that in mind



when you're looking in your closets or out shopping. If you have any items to donate or have any questions about any items for the Fantasy Flight, give **Peg Snowdall** a call. Her number is (480) 396-3317. Your help is very much appreciated.

The RUAEA Convention is not far off, so start making your plans, so you don't miss out. Activities start October 1 - 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town and Country Resort Hotel in San Diego, CA. San Diego is a beautiful city, with lots to see and do. Information and reservations can be found in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. We hope to have a very good turn-out. Some of our Re-United members are already planning on having a car pool. It's a nice drive from Phoenix to San Diego, so make plans now!

**Bill Norwood** was at the May breakfast and told the group more about his book, "Cleared for Takeoff". Many of us really enjoyed reading about his life. We're proud to have him as a member of our Re-United's Chapter.

We have quite a few birthdays in July. They are: **Veronica Kundit** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Fred Rockenhauser**, (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Don Eiken** (7/24), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), **Steve Cooper** (7/28), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29). Happy Birthday to all of you! We aren't aware of any Wedding Anniversaries from our group during July. Guess they figured it would be too hot at that time.

#### Calendar:

**July 25** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, July 23 at (480-396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**August 22** – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner

**September 26** – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner



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May's luncheon was held at Teresa's Mosaic Cafe with 22 in attendance. Thanks to **Loretta & Wayne Norman** for hosting. The 50/25/25 was won by **Shirley Robertson** and **Pat Dilallo**. **Ed Kokot** was unable to attend as he had just received a knee replacement.

July Birthdays: **Eileen Loshbough** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Gisela Mead** (28<sup>th</sup>).

June's luncheon was scheduled to be held at Gold and hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson**. Since this luncheon is held after the July Newsletter deadline, more information will follow.

#### Calendar:

**July 17** - Luncheon to be held at Romano's Macaroni Grill 2265 W. Ina Rd. (cross street La Cholla Blvd) south side, hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**, details to follow.

Start making plans for the Convention in San Diego.

### CALIFORNIA

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There was no meeting in May. As I was about to send our Chapter news out, I received an email from **Bob Bartlett**. He said that his wife **Esther**, our Chapter's Vice President, had surgery on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was quite a serious operation, but she returned home on Sunday and according to Bob, it will take quite awhile

before she returns to normal. Our prayers go out to them both and we hope Esther will be able to attend our meetings soon.

Our next meeting will be on June 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. The place will be determined later.

I did not know this: The normal ratio of lavatories to passengers is approximately 1 lavatory for each 50 passengers. How is the 787 going to handle this? They might have to go to a lottery or numbered tickets.



### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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**Jerry & Sheryll Waiss** were our gracious hosts in May, as thirty six Desert Sunbirds and guests dined at Bistro 60 in La Quinta. Our lunch, chosen from their menu, was topped off by a tasty Crème Brule.

Guests this month ~ the **Kellerhals** again brought their daughter, **Teri**; and **Merv Myers** (more about him later) brought **Chris Noel**, an active UAL Flight Attendant.

Missing the May meeting was **Dee Whately**, who was in Sacramento, awaiting the birth of her first grandchild. She expects to be there until August.

**Ron & Barb Napier** have sold their La Quinta home, and have moved to Huntington Beach to be near family, including grandchildren. We'll miss you, Ron & Barb. We wish you all the best.

It was nice to see **Jim & Liz Clapper**. They had missed the last several meetings. Liz has had health problems for quite a while; some good days, some not so good. We hope there are better days ahead, Liz.

Now, back to **Merv Myers**, Merv cannot attend most meetings as he works at a local golf course. But he does manage to be at the luncheon in May, his Birthday month. And, for the third year in a row, won the Birthday Lunch. No comment necessary here, but next year, Merv will have one more competitor, as Marji, now a member, has a May birthday.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by **Patti Sica** (\$50.00); and two bottles of wine (courtesy of our Hosts) were won by **Brad Zittel** and ... me! No, my birthday is not in May.

### **Calendar:**

**July 9 - Sandy Sereno**

**August 13 - Marge Lenz & Ken Hawley**

### **GOLD DIGGERS**

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### **SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on May 28 at the Sizzler in Auburn. This was hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. We had 34 Gold Diggers and 3 guests attending. The guests were the **Esolas'** grandchildren, Scott, 13, Connor, 11 and Piper 7. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Harshbargers** for hosting.

### **Officers Reports:**

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** welcomed those attending.

*Vice President* ~ **Phil Frank** stated that we still need a volunteer to host our June luncheon. The **Fulkersons** said they would host June's luncheon.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for May: **Terry & Penny Greenacre** (52 years); **Jon & Alice Somplack** (34 years); and **Harold & Colleen Esola** (24 years.). Since the **Esolas** were the only ones here, Harold didn't want to sing the anniversary song to himself. Everyone wished us a Happy Anniversary.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** was not with us today. **Stephanie** gave the report.

*Sunshine* ~ **Alice McPeak** said **Orville** hurt his foot.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** brought her camera today. She also brought the albums but there was no place to put them. She will bring the albums to our next meeting.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** has our new 2014 rosters if someone didn't get one.

*RUAEA Past President* ~ **Ron Bertacini** mentioned that retirees do get a Federal Express discount. You need ID. Go to Employee Relations to say you are a United Airlines retiree. The RUAEA convention is running October 1 thru 4<sup>th</sup> at Town & Country Resort in San Diego. Convention package is on line now. It is 12 pages. If you are going, please request to stay at the Royal Palm Tower. Also you can ask for a premium room which will get you in the tower. This is a very nice complex. Tours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The banquet will be on Saturday evening outside, if weather allows. There will be no assigned seating for dinner. The hotel is sponsoring a one hour reception one evening, beer and wine will be served. In the July issue of the newsletter, you are encouraged to vote for new RUAEA officers.

Orville asked how many will be attending the Minden event. Several raised their hands.

Following that we had our raffle.

#### Calendar:

**June 25** - Dingus McGees in Auburn hosted by **Bob & Margie Fulkerson**



#### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Well, **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** really scored one for the Hangtown Miners! They made arrangements (on a day that this restaurant is normally closed) for 32 Hangtown Miners to dine at Camp Virner in Georgetown. What an enchanting place. If you have never been there, it's worth the drive. We had Chicken Marsala, Pork Chop or Bratwurst to choose from - I had the chicken and it was very good. So, a great big "Thank You" to Irv & Sherrie!

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** was back from his golfing trip - for some reason, he declined "bragging" about it. Rudy welcomed guest, **Jackie Mortensen**, who came with **Suzie Quinnell**. **Jon & Alice Somplack** celebrate their 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. **Thom Biro** is the only member who owned up to having a birthday in May. Our membership has 39 members. Now, this actually means that we have 66 members when all spouses are included. Not bad at all.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** always seems to have a little tidbit of information to share for us. Sometimes he learns things the "hard way" by experience, but this time he didn't have to go thru the problem. It seems that with this Affordable Care Act, should you need to be admitted to a hospital under the admittance reason "observation", Medicare will **NOT** cover you! So, check this out should it come up, but have your doctor sign you in for another reason.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that our checking account has \$1,445.79. Now, you all know how concise Tom is, so, when he noticed that the bank has been charging us a monthly fee - \$15.00 per month - because we do not reach their required minimum balance, he decided that the bank manager needed a visit. After a two hour discussion with said manager and explaining what our group is and that we do have the non-profit status, the manager decided that our account qualified to be Fee Free. Thanks for looking out for us, Tom. He also learned that the California Tax form needs to be filed whether or not we have a paid staff.

*Sunshine* ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** was not with us today. **Rosemary Heier** did contribute though ~ Seems one of our favorite members, **Tom Stuchell**, is having some serious health issues lately. We are so sorry to hear of this, Tom, and we all hope that you will recover so you and Andi can join us at our luncheons again. She also suggested that, if you have the time, you might contact him and/or send a card letting him/them know they're thought of.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** brought our current Memory Book. I was thumbing thru it and it is a really great record of our group.

*Old Business* ~ Rudy wanted to touch on the vote we took last month regarding the representative for RUAEA. **John Zoboli** is the area representative, but we're talking about a large geographical area. Our

monthly meeting day is the same as Reno's - where he lives near. We voted to include John on our roster as an honorary member which does not require annual dues and he and his wife will be guests of the chapter when they are able to join us. Now, should John not be able to come but sends another rep in his place, that person will not need to pay for their lunch. Rudy is going to compose a letter to send to John letting him know what we have done. Of course, we would like to see John, but do understand he is busy and we're quite a drive away. But, maybe we could be on his schedule once in awhile - John, let our secretary know when you may be able to visit us.

Please, we need someone to handle the September Luncheon. The Heiers will be gone when the luncheon is scheduled and they need help! Please call (530) 676-1811 or email [rosemaryheier@me.com](mailto:rosemaryheier@me.com) to let Rosemary know you can cover this month.

Our meeting was adjourned and our Drawing Of Opportunity got underway. **Joe Lima** claimed the prize for donators. A big "Thank You" to these people for their donations: **Dinette** - wine; **Blazius** - window prism; **Lima** - basket; **Buschman** - wine; **Heiers** - apron; **Dellinger** - candle; **Akins** - eggs; **Kenney** - set (4) glasses; **Wagner** - cutting board set; **Kenny** - wine wear with wine; **Kozelka** - butterfly watering can; **Ouchi** - wine; **Gibson** - wine accessories and cup.

Our June meeting will be at **Ed & Lindalee Akin's** ranch. This luncheon is an annual event that is enjoyed by everyone. If you have never been there, you really must make this meeting and even if you have been, it's always so nice.

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

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On this 5<sup>th</sup> month of our UAL retiree luncheons, we traveled to the Rancho Nicasio Tavern in Novato, CA for a fun time and a tasty lunch together. President **Brandon Maus** thanked **Jean Sheahan** and **Ann Sullivan** for hosting the luncheon. They had decorated the tables with a nice fern-like plant in pretty clay pots, which were raffled off later. **Brandon** also announced the recent passing of **Donna Stukekey**, wife of **Ernie Stukekey**, who died on April 9<sup>th</sup>. A letter of condolence was sent to Ernie, and he sent a thank you note to the group, acknowledging all the sentiments sent to him, which was read aloud. A moment of silence, led by our President, was observed for **Donna Stukekey**. Additionally, **Brandon** announced that there will be a guest speaker at our next luncheon, Ms. Christina Ness-Hawks, Acupuncturist, who will address us on the issue of "Senior Wellness", which we all could benefit from!

Vice President **Larry Wilson** announced that there were 32 members and 6 guests present, which included **Lee & Gigi Trevelyn**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, **Jan Baty**, guest of **Helen Furber**, **Jo Milligan**, guest of **Pat Ortega**, **Tony Stillman**, guest of **Norma Stillman**, and **Marlene Von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; this was Marlene's last visit with us as she is moving to Alaska. We will miss her.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** revealed that we are in a healthy place in our General Fund, with \$491.86, and the Charity Fund has a generous \$399.11. We are doing well and growing; very encouraging! **Oscar** also reports that **Pat Cadden** is receiving visitors now at Brookdale Place at Chanate on Chanate Ave., near Sutter Hospital. I spoke to him today, to say that Larry and I would try to come by soon; he says that he has been there for 1 year now, and he turned 90 on March 1<sup>st</sup>. You could send him a note at Brookdale Place at Chanate, 3250 Chanate Ave., Santa Rosa, CA, 95404, or he would love a visit. He says his mind is very good at this time, which is nice to hear.

**Barney Hagen** tells us there are no new changes on Pass Travel; the ID90 tickets can now be purchased electronically. The TSA pre check cards for retirees' approval are being researched to be available to all retirees in order to speed us through the screening process faster!

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the May birthdays: **Barbara Briggs**, **Jerome Underhill**, **Joanne Kuhn**, and **Maria Van Kruining**... **Jerome** won the complimentary lunch! The special Wedding Anniversary for May was for **Ernie & Donna Stukekey**, who would have celebrated 63 years together this month; our hearts and prayers go out to Ernie, who must be missing his dear Donna. **Verda** also brought us a couple of great jokes to lighten the mood, and repeated the funny one of last month, that got us all laughing so hard. She has such great delivery!

The raffle of brightly wrapped fine wines, picked out by **Larry Wilson**, the See's chocolates, and the pretty plants were all awarded to the grateful winners, even I won a plant!

Everyone had a great time at the Rancho Nicasio, and we all look forward to the next luncheon to be held at the Quail Inn in Oakmont on June 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Kuhn**; the weather should be even nicer than this month, and we hope to see you all there.

Don't forget to bring a gift to the Charity Box when you come. We look forward to having a nice guest speaker as a special treat. See you there!



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Everyone must be out having a good summer as we had a small group of nineteen this month. **Helen Soderberg** won the 50/50 raffle. There were no June birthdays this month.

**Iris Hastie** joined us after a long absence and she is doing well considering some illness and her condo flood.

**Donna Capps** was back with us after a vacation in France. She had good luck on her flights over, first class and sleeper seats and good service on the way over. Donna visited friends in Bordeaux and then went to Paris where she says it isn't the Paris we all remember from visits of the past. Very crowded and didn't seem to have its usual charm. Had a full flight on the way home and there was no Customer Service available. She was told relisting needed to be done on her laptop or iPad. That makes it difficult for many retirees.

**Debbie Richardson** is out travelling in Switzerland. Beginning in Zurich, she continued on to Bern, Interlaken, Lausanne and Zarmatt where she writes me from a room overlooking the Matterhorn. All of this on a Swiss Rail Pass. After all of this, she is off on a cruise to Norway and Sweden for two weeks. There will be some stories to tell when everyone returns home.

We hope for a good turnout in July, and we will have an update from **Betty Tomaino** on how our convention is proceeding.

#### **Calendar:**

**July 3** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226 0255.

**October 1 – 4** – RUAEA Convention

#### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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President **Jerome Underhill** called the meeting to order at 11:35am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Ginger Dahlberg**, sitting in for **Donna Taiclet** (Recording Secretary) read the minutes for our April meeting – they were approved as read. **Kathy Hutt**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, announced that **Mary Spaulding** would be playing the steel drums. Mary has researched the usage of the drums and Caribbean music. **Art Barrett**, Treasurer, reported that our money is safe. The checkbook balance is \$5,461.86, minus designated funds of \$627.00, leaves a net operating balance of \$4,812.75. A detailed report is posted on the wall. Auditors **Judy Curran**, **Dorothy Reuszer** and **Ben Vietz** and members of the Board want to advise the increase of the Picnic Luncheon. Because food prices have gone up appreciably, the price for members will now be \$15.00 and \$20.00 for guests. Sign up lists are available at the Auditors desk for our free Pizza/Salad August meeting – we need to know how much to order.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported 5 birthdays, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – **Gene & Carol Walter**, and 1 guest **Willy Dorsha**. **Marie Cavalli** is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this month! Wow – she joins an elite club! Dues must be in by June 18 in order for your name, address and phone number to appear on the Roster.



Memorials & Charities Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** needs “gifts” for the raffle. Please bring a can (or more) of food to our annual September Picnic – to be given to one of our charities. No reports from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Bob Taiclet**, Sunshine Lady **Jacque Ahern**, Organization Standards **Gene Walter**, Historian **Jim Goodwine**, or Western Division Representative **Roger Casterline**.

Mainliner Liaison **Jerome Underhill** advised that the Mainliner Club is having a Reno trip in August. Interim Newsletter Editor **Ginger Dahlberg** mailed out a newsletter listing the need for volunteers for the Newsletter Editor, Charity Coordinator and Food Coordinator. The plea went out – nobody responded. Apologies for the goof in the newsletter – the times for meetings were verbally corrected and a “sorry” to **Patricia Niland** for dropping the “nd” from her last name.

Special thanks to Food Coordinators **Paul Larsen** for providing our Free Chinese luncheon today. **Vera & Walter Kina** did another outstanding job of getting the food, serving and cleaning up along with **Linda Barrett** helping with the coffee. The meeting was adjourned as 12:00pm – the raffle, luncheon and entertainment followed.

#### Calendar:

**June 23** – 2PM Free Hot Dog Luncheon; entertainment by *Keolaulani Halau*, Hawaiian dance troupe.

**July 28** – Meeting

**August 25** – Free Pizza and Salad lunch

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we’d love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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**Bill Reichard** did a great job filling in for **Dave Walb** who was on his annual fishing trip with his son to Bridgeport in the Sierras. **Dave** came back with some great “fish stories”, (they caught their limit of fish each day), but more interesting were his “bear stories”! Their camp was raided several times by a “resident” bear that ate many of their supplies such as their pancake syrup and drank their beer!

Three of our members celebrated anniversary milestones. In May, **Lou & Jean Marcolina** – 57 years, in June, **Lloyd & Claire Eber** 64 years, and in July, **George & Ella Sousa** are celebrating 44 years. Congratulations to all three couples!



**Mark O'Neill**, our 16 year old webmaster (**Joanne Saso**’s grandson) has updated our website. Besides all the time, energy and expertise donated by **Mark**, he and **Joanne** have also donated the Hosting Fees and Security Registration required - making this no cost to our chapter. **Thank you Mark and Joanne!** In addition, **Mark** registered the chapter for an email address which **Mark** will use for website information, as well as sending out mass-messages (such as the

June Picnic Flyer). That address is [southbayruaea@gmail.com](mailto:southbayruaea@gmail.com). **Mark** is requesting “Testimonials” from people who will talk about their experiences in the chapter. He would like to add more photos to the Photo Gallery, such as banquets/picnic photo as they come up. For example, he is going to post information regarding our Spring Luncheon that was hosted by Retired Flight Attendants, and as well as their photo. In the photo the Flight Attendant Retirees “donned long, flowing kimu uniforms from yesteryear in turquoise color with Hawaiian island flower patterns”. These uniforms still include the Stan Herman designer label. Check out the new look at [www.southbayruaea.org](http://www.southbayruaea.org). Our chapter is certainly moving into the Digital Age!

We want to wish everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I know there will be a lot of Picnics, Cook-outs and Parades. Our South Bay group celebrated a bit early with our Annual Picnic on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. Since the event has not occurred at the Newsletter Deadline more information will be in August’s Newsletter.

Another activity is being planned by **Chuck Thuener** in June. It is a trip to Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. An update on this activity will also appear in the August Newsletter.

Discussions have begun about plans for the San Diego Conference. **Georgia Nielsen** reported that she, **Kathy Adams** and **Sharon Ramsey** have been mailing over 2000 flyers to encourage RAFA members to attend. Our members are looking at some of the sightseeing activities and beginning to make their choices. It should be a fun convention, as well as informative.

Our Featured Member this month is **Laurance Jorgensen**. **Larry** was born October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1923 in Gervais, Oregon. Where? You might ask, is Gervais? MapQuest shows Gervais about 200 miles south of Seattle. Then it is no surprise that after graduation **Larry** went to work for Boeing in October, 1941. It was in December of that year when Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States found itself in World War II. In 1942, **Larry** enlisted in the Navy as an Aviation Cadet, and spent a year in Officer Training. After one year he moved into Aviation Sheet Metal. **Larry** was discharged to the Naval Reserve in 1947 at which time he returned to work at Boeing. At Boeing **Larry** worked on the North End of Boeing Field in Experimental Flight Testing. According to The Boeing Logbook, these were exciting Post-War Development years for aviation, where workers were building passenger planes, helicopters, war birds, missiles, satellites, and space crafts. Jets were breaking the sound barrier for the first time, future aerial tankers were being built, missiles were establishing new speed and altitude records. **Larry** recalls sitting on a hillside, watching the B-52 take off for test flights. It wasn't long before the first Boeing B-52 bomber was secretly rolled out in darkness at the Seattle plant, headed for the war in Korea.

Great strides were also being made in aviation in the public sector as well as the military sector. In March, 1947 the first two Douglas DC-6 commercial airliners were delivered to American Airlines and United Air Lines. This, too, was the year the Flying Boat, also known as the "Spruce Goose" made its first and only flight. In the early 1950s, Larry was recalled from the Naval Reserve for Active Duty and serving as a Flight Engineer. He related how he sat "on a board" between the 2 pilots, flying over the Pacific up to 14 hours at a time. This was before computers so **Larry** had to perform a variety of tasks visually and manually. Another of **Larry's** recollections are of the many times at Moffett Field in Mountain View ~ he, among other things, observed Blimps being maintained and fueled at that now historic Hanger One. Overall, Larry's Active/Reserve Navy career totaled 38 years of service. In October, 1952 **Larry** accepted employment at United Air Lines (UAL) San Francisco Maintenance Base (SFOMB). **Larry** worked as a Mechanic in Plane Overhaul, Dock 0 to Dock 7. In 1959, he bid an Inspector opening in the Service Center (UA's Maintenance Hanger near the Terminal). After 3 years **Larry** became a Ramp Planner. Three years later he transferred to the Terminal as a Gate Mechanic with Receive and Dispatch and Maintenance Release responsibilities. **Larry** retired from the Frontal Gates December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988 after 36 years of employment.

**Larry** has 2 sons. Steve lives in Bend, Oregon, and is an outdoor enthusiast. His oldest son, Robert, is carrying on the tradition of working as a Mechanic for UAL at SFOMB. **Larry** and his son each own Classic Mustangs. **Larry's** Mustang is a '65 and his son's Mustang is a '64½! In retirement, **Larry** has enjoyed traveling and camping in the Western States (in addition to coming to our retirement breakfasts each week). He is the proud grandfather of 5 grandchildren – all in college.

**On-going events:** The SFO/SJC South Bay RUAEA Group meets **each Friday** morning at 8:00 am for breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino, followed at 9:00 by a meeting. This is a social group where we can talk with friends about our families, activities and trips. Join us if you are in the area! **Alice Rostirolla** has taken the lead in organizing a Book Exchange at our meetings. **Harry Willever** collects various items, such as toiletries, paperback books, and recent magazines to be donated to the Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto. **Maureen Snyder** sells tote bags to benefit The Shriners Children Hospital in Sacramento.

#### Calendar:

**October 1 – 4** - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

Fall Luncheon date and place to be announced, hosted by **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and **Bob & Karen Devlin**

**December 9** - Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara

## SAN JOAQUINERS

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We started gathering about 11AM at Thomi's in Jackson. The "social hour" allowed all to talk to friends without interfering with the actual meeting or lunch. We welcomed back **Larry & Lavina Brinsfield** (who made the trek all the way from San Jose) and offered our condolences to **George Gemberling** on the death of his wife, **Gloria**. As we took our seats, **Don Nesja** began our "funny hour". Don was joined by **Larry Brinsfield, Guy Hoffman, Nancy Buddington** and various other members.

President **Bob Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance using a lovely large flag supplied by Thomi's.

**Bob Blair** said he had spoken to **Bobby Woods** who was unable to attend as he was having surgery. **Max Fountain** told us former member **Ernie Sawyer** had passed away and his memorial service was held on Saturday, May 10. We took time to eat the great luncheon spread, companionship and food. Who could ask for anything better?

We reopened the meeting following lunch with President **Brooks** thanking our hosts, **Bob & Joy Blair** as we all admired the twelve bird houses Bob had made for door prizes.

Attending was **Nancy Powell**, a guest of **Keith Hudson**.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** gave his report, indicating all bills had been paid and all income recorded to date, leaving us with a balance of over \$500.00. (Treasurer's report is always available for inspection at any meeting).

**Rosie Walls** reported she had spoken to **Joyce Temple** who is settled in her new home in an assisted living unit in Evansville, IL.

**Don Nesja** proposed that prospective member's lunches be covered by the chapter. The group felt this would be a nice gesture to get some other retired UAL people they knew of to a meeting to try to add to our membership.

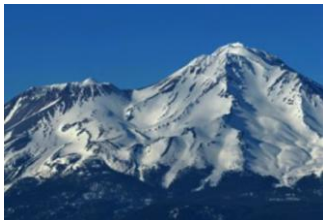
There were no birthdays or anniversaries among the attending members.

Some of the door prize winners of the bird houses were **Rosie Walls, Nancy Buddington, George Gemberling, Chris Fountain, Nancy Powell, JoAnn Nesja** and **Barbara Edkin**. Thank you, Bob, for your work. We really appreciate being able to add to our collections.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814 for meeting information.

## Calendar:

**June 12** - Meeting hosted by **Max & Chris Fountain**, location TBD.



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Hot! Hot! Hot! How many times can I say hot weather has come to Northern California. Please continue to think positive about NO fires for the northern California area.

**Merritt Odor**, our President, greeted everyone and welcomed our visitor **Vincent Herrera**, a Chico VIP that was introduced by **Carl Franke**. The VIP program in Chico involves people who are volunteers and help the Chico Police Department. We had 23 retirees and spouses for our luncheon/meeting. Several people could not make it due to illness. Everyone thanked Merritt for setting up the room at the Casa Roma in Chico.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Jim & Bonnie Stuart** celebrated their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in May and **Vanessa Pratt** will be celebrating her birthday in June.

Merritt talked about a great car show that will be held at Rolling Hills Casino in Corning on June 14<sup>th</sup>. He invited everyone to come out and have a great time seeing cars, great BBQ and just a fun time.

**Mike Johnson** spoke about the SIRS group (Sons in Retirement) and invited anyone interest to contact him about joining. Again, Merritt mentioned that our group really enjoys any ideas or hobbies that some of our members have and would like to invite anyone to speak about their experiences.

**Grace Franke**, the wife of **Carl Franke**, retiree, was our speaker today. She brought in some quilts that she made for the Chico Women's Club. They generously donate the money for scholarships. Grace gave handouts of the various quilts that she has made over the years. She explained about sewing the material and what time it takes to make a quilt. It was very interesting and the quilts were beautiful!

**John & Linda Delaney** volunteered to write about their many adventures this past year. They certainly had a busy 12 months that included four substantial trips; each three or more weeks long. Unbeknownst to them at the beginning of the year when they planned a trip to Japan for October, there would be three family weddings to attend overseas as well.

The first trip was for a niece's wedding in Ireland in March. Most of John's family live in Ireland and the Delaneys had traveled there many times over the years. They spent a wonderful three weeks visiting family and friends as well as attending the wedding.

On the long planned Japan trip they spent one month truly getting to know Japan. They stayed two weeks in Tokyo, two more weeks in Kyoto and toured many Temples and Shrines. They primarily traveled by high speed train using a Japan Rail pass, and they stayed in hotels, condos and traditional Japanese ryokans. They had a tour of Hiroshima by a survivor of the atomic bomb. They went to Shibuya Junction, the busiest pedestrian crossing in the world, and also the famous Harajuku fashion district. They attended sumo wrestling, a Taiko Drumming performance, and Kabuki Theater. It was a hodgepodge of beauty, serenity and excitement.

John's nephew had spent eight years in Asia as a manager of a racing team where he had met his Philippine wife to be. Family from Ireland gathered at or near the condo the Delaneys booked in Bonifacio Global city, which was where the bridal couple live. From there the whole family toured the Greater Manila area including the Walled city of Intramuros, the original city of Manila, and ferried to Corrigador Island, the largest fortified island protecting the mouth of Manila Bay from attack in WW2. The wedding was held on the romantic island of Borocay, 200 miles south of Manila, with its gorgeous white sandy beaches and clear warm water, a great nightlife and loads of tourists.

The final wedding was back in Ireland in March and since the Delaneys had been to Ireland in May, they added a new destination, Munich, Germany and a little place called Bad Gams in Syria, Austria where they had friends to stay with. The home sat atop sixty wooded acres with views of the most beautiful countryside in the world. The Alps to the west, Slovenia to the south, Dutchlandsberg below; it reminded them of the movie The Sound of Music. After touring Graz, their friends drove them through the Alps back to Munich for a colossal tour of the city. Then off to Ireland to attend another nephew's wedding held in a village near where John was born and raised. I am sure most of you recognize the places that John and Linda traveled. What a wonderful experience for them as United retirees. Way to go!

**Bonnie Stuart** won the 50/50 raffle (again) and **Sharon Simonton** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate. Sharon brought four bags of candy from the candy shop in Paradise called Joy Lyns. The store is closing for the summer. The candy was raffled off and the winners were: **Katie Innocenti** won two bags, **Bill Brooke** won one bag and **Carl Franke** won one bag.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Redding. Sharon volunteered to contact our Vice President, **Richard Skelly**, to set up the arrangements.

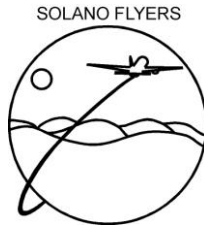
#### Calendar:

**July 31** - 11:30 AM at the Holiday Inn in Redding.

If you are visiting Northern California, come and join us for a great lunch!

## SOLANO FLYERS

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### *Submitted by Harold Mitchell, Secretary Notes for Solano Flyers*

We had 20 members, including two new members, attend this month's meeting. The meeting was kicked off by President **Allan Pochop** who talked about our treasury and asked about birthdays and anniversaries. He then opened up the meeting for comments of which there weren't any. We're a shy bunch! He briefly discussed name tags with our two new members **Martha & Charles Szekretar**.

Plans for a July 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Travis AFB Museum were discussed and members made selections on what they were going to have for the event. Our meeting in June will be the last chance for members to sign up for the luncheon.

Also discussed were plans to possibly donate a portion of our treasury each year to a charity that serves our community. Several charitable organizations were mentioned and we'll continue to discuss this at our meetings until it's finalized.

**Lewis Pell** donated 3 bottles of wine for our fund raiser. **Pad "Lucky" Gardner** won two bottles and will have a good time tonight. **Stewart McCale** won the other. **Rudolph Arsaga** won the 50/50 drawing for the third time. I'll have him buy my tickets the next time.

## COLORADO



### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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We met at the training center on June 7<sup>th</sup>, with 48 members present. **Mickey Manfre** who is also with the CO Retiree Group was with us. We are planning our annual CO/UAL summer gathering at Wings Over The Rockies museum on August 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be catered by Bennett's Barbeque. The cost is \$19 p/p, which also includes the entrance to the spectacular aircraft displays. Last year's event was attended by over 100 retirees. Everyone is invited. Deadline for reservations is August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your payment for yourself and guest, if desired, to **UAHF** and include your name, guest. Mail to: **Sheryl Schubert**, 3541 Bean Canyon Circle, Sedalia, CO 80135.

**Tom Goodyear** brought our meeting to order. He relayed that some of our members are recovering from health issues. **Dolores Cooreman** is recovering from a stroke, **Laura Coates** had partial knee replacement, **Ray Colavita** had surgery. We lost **Mary Amend** who passed away May 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are fortunate to have **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** collect aluminum for recycling. The effort earned \$40 for the chapter's treasury. We have not required dues because of everyone's generosity of recyclable items and donations of their winnings in the 50/50 drawings.

This month's winners were **Charlie Hassler** (twice), **Jack Green**, **Paul Miller**, **Don Burbank** and one anonymous donor. Thank you everyone!

The "Memphis Belle" and another B-17, "Aluminum Overcast" will be making stops in the Denver area in June. Many of us remember the years of World War II and this is an opportunity to see the aircraft that was part of that era. Thinking of aircraft, Boeing has made over 8000 737s and United recently took delivery of #8000. If you are planning on traveling, we are now able to use more electronic ZED tickets. Make sure you check the travel links on Flying Together to familiarize yourselves if you are traveling on other airlines.

We have several members who have been traveling. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** drove on their journey to the Loonies get-together in WI, and continuing to Ft. Bragg, NC for Virgil's paratrooper reunion. The museum at Ft. Bragg is full of World War II, D-Day memorabilia. **Cas Spokas**, drove throughout the Midwest, visiting family and doing a lot of fishing in MN. **Bill Brehmer**, just returned from his South Pacific trip, visiting Bali and Australia. He said the S/A travel worked well for him. His next journey is Israel this month. **Glenn Cannon** just returned from Japan, and taking a non airline friend to visit his son (a new experience for the friend). Glenn will be going to Scandinavia to visit friends in July.



Calendar:

**July 5** - Our next breakfast at DENTK at 8:30. See you there.

**August 13** – UA/CO Picnic at Wings Over the Rockies Museum, 11AM-3PM

**FLORIDA**

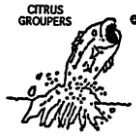
**CITRUS GROUPERS**

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The Citrus Groupers met on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages. There were 12 members present. After another great lunch, the meeting was called to order by our president **Ralph Brick**.

**Don Nellans** passed around a packet of information for the RUAEA Convention which will be held in San Diego the first week of October.

In September, we will take a vote to see if we are going to do Captain Mike's Lazy River Boat Tour and Stumpknockers Restaurant for our Christmas party. Current rate for the boat tour is \$13 for one hour and \$18 for two hours. For more information, you can search online "Stumpknockers on the River" and "Captain Mike's Lazy River Boat Tour Cruise."

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Eileen Cochran**.

Our next meeting will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>; **Ralph Brick** will be sending out a reminder and asking everyone to RSVP as the restaurant needs a count to determine what room to put us in.

There will not be any meetings in July or August. If you have any questions please contact **Ralph Brick** at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net).



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Another great turnout for our June meeting! We were missing some of our regulars however; some were under the weather, some traveling, and one was having a new air conditioner installed.

We were surprised and happy to see our President **Dick Coughlin** with us, only a few weeks past some head surgery. His scar was healing beautifully and we loved the "buzz" cut he had to get in preparation for his surgery. He really looked great and his prognosis is very good. Thanks to **Steve Moddle** for letting Dick rest and leading the meeting for him. He did a fine job and even told a joke or two to fill Dick's shoes. Steve also discussed the 737-900 ER aircraft we are getting to replace the 757-200's and ALPA's concerns about the Company's poor performance. Since we're into the busy summer travel season and pass travel is more challenging than normal, Steve suggested we take a look at the Travel Tips under Skynet, Flying Together, Travel. They're on the right side of the page.

In spite of Dick's surgery, **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** managed a trip to Las Vegas for their daughter's wedding. They found good stand-by connections through Houston so the flights turned out pretty well. There was a hitch in the wedding plans, however, so they want to give a shout out to the Monte Carlo concierge for planning a wedding in record time – everything from the tux's to the limo, to the chapel! It's always nice to hear a happy ending for such an important event.

**Bud & Karen Gammill** celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this month and **Bud** also celebrated his company anniversary. We were sorry they weren't with us in person, but we honored their events without them. Congratulations to you!

**Al Warner** also celebrated a Company anniversary in June as did **Gloria Marcantoni**. She also won the 50/50 raffle and our Father's Day raffles were won by **Herb Gardner** and **Steve Moddle**. Happy Father's Day to our Dads!

**Penny Logan** gave a treasurer's report and we discussed our next meeting which would normally be scheduled for July 3. Since many families will be enjoying a long holiday weekend, it was decided not to have a

July meeting. Therefore our next get together will be Thursday, August 7. Hope to see you all then! Have a safe and a happy 4<sup>th</sup>!

Calendar:

**August 7** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

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Our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and 34 members were welcomed by President Rich. The “folks we hadn’t seen in awhile” list included **Jim Weeks**, **Mary & Bob McNeill**, and **Carol Woods**! **Al & Lois Fields** were surprised by guests **Michael & Evelyn Bowles**, retired folks that Al had worked with in ORD, who were just passing thru heading for Michigan and stopped to have lunch with us!

We have a Big Bunch of June Birthday Balloons! **Rich Llewellyn** and **Peg Cannata** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Ernie Vosges** (14<sup>th</sup>), **Linda Agnello** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Jim Weeks** and **Bob Olsen** (26<sup>th</sup>), and former MCO and now retired CLT gal **Nancy Ray** (28<sup>th</sup>). You can run but you cannot hide! HO!

Our June Brides included **Cheryl (Ernie) Vosges**, celebrating 33years (5<sup>th</sup>), **Mary (John) Starzynski**, celebrating 46 years (8<sup>th</sup>), and **Janet (Jim) Mummah**, celebrating 47 years (18<sup>th</sup>)! Congrats to all our Loving Couples!

And, as always, prayers of healing and strength for all our members and their families.

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

**July 1**

**August 5**

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Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month (October – April) at Fletcher’s Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral, and 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers (June – September).

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Although our members had already started migrating North, we had 16 Sand Dollars in attendance at our May luncheon, held on Thursday, May 8. This was our last gathering of the “season” and our monthly lunches will resume again in the Fall. We welcomed for the first time **Mary Margaret Wittlin**, a retiree from Tampa.

Our attendance drawing winner was **Kathy Frait**, but alas she was not there; so the money rolls over to our new meeting.

Our 50/50 winners were: **Gretchen Bulin** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Ken Bauman** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Inge Phillips** (3<sup>rd</sup>).

We had a discussion on locating potential new members, and **Ginger Hyde** plans a Summer mailing to a list of retirees in our area, inviting them to join us at a luncheon. There are a total of 175 retiree addresses on her list, as well as email addresses of 22 retired Flight Officers.

Several members noted how pleased they were with the company information **Don Nellans** is sharing in email form with Ginger, who is passing it on to members.

**Inge Phillips** celebrated her birthday at the luncheon (5/8) and enjoyed her celebratory ice cream sundae!

Other May birthdays: **Harvey Rucker** (5/15), **Joanne Wasser** (5/27) and our Summer birthdays: **Lesley Brynjolfsson** (6/29), **Dick Bulin** (6/25), **Patricia Kelly** (6/20), **Liz Mavis** (6/20), **Ed Wiehe** (6/4), **Barry Brynjolfsson** (7/7), **Kathy Frait** (7/21), **Frank Kelly** (7/1), **Ginger Hyde** (8/20) and **Pat Trice** (9/21)

Our May wedding anniversaries are “**Skip**” & **Cindy Irwin** (5/20) and **Russ & Joanne Wasser** (5/26). Our Summer anniversaries are: **Dick & Gretchen Bulin** (6/23), **Jim & Suzan Goodson** (6/2), **Frank & Patricia Kelly** (7/4), **Ted & Liz Mavis** (7/31), **Bob & Alice Parker** (8/28), **Ken & Joanne Bauman** (9/22) and **Mike & Ginger Hyde** (9/20). Congratulations and tip a glass of iced tea (spiking is optional) to all of our celebrants!

We are eager for new members who have retired from United or Continental; if you would like to be on our email list to receive notice of our monthly luncheons, please contact us. We wish everyone an exciting and safe Summer and will be sharing with everyone again in the Fall.

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Our picnic on May 13 was attended by 18 members and it was an overwhelming success, food and weather wise. We had balloons and streamers attached to the columns that were the United colors and our grill chefs **Al Popek** and **Frank Wise** did an outstanding job with hamburgers and hot dogs. Of course, we had enough salads, fruits and side dishes to feed an army, which is par for the course.

Some members took a stroll on the beach at the edge of the water while others talked and talked and talked. **Dinos Xifaras** brought his usual fruit layer cake which had strawberries the size of golf balls lining the bottom of the outside of the cake and the whipped cream topping over the yellow layer cake was strewn with fruit. It was ever delicious; you had to taste it to believe how outstanding it is to eat.

As we were getting ready to depart, the thunder, lightning and heavy downpour came, what luck. Everyone had a delicious time and look forward to next year. **Al & Janice Popek** brought gifts of candy, wine, cookies and orchids (the type you don’t have to water) to be selected from the tickets in the 50/50 pot. The 50/50 was won by **Diane Brodis** and the Progressive was won by **Ron Brodis**, what do you make of that? A grand time was had by all. We had a visiting raccoon that was always looking for food from us and he didn’t get any, poor thing.

Our regular meeting at Wahoo’s on June 3 was attended by 19 members, one repeat guest was Patrick who came with **Maureen & Michael Carragher**; we also had a new member **Keith Quintavalle** who originally hailed from the Chicago area and now lives here in Florida. His deceased wife worked for United in Chicago

reservations for 36 years and unfortunately after her passing, he lost the vacation passes and was looking forward to our meeting in hopes he would be given some pointers on travelling with his United passes. He had a long discussion with **Diane Brodis** who gave him some help and information and with my suggestion; he hooked up with **David & Carolyn Lindgren** who also hailed from the Chicago area. Welcome Keith to our chapter and we look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Al read an email we received from **Soni Bodner** who fell and broke her leg badly, she was hospitalized for 10 days and just was released from the hospital to go home and the only reason why they allowed her to go home was that her sister was going to care for her. Soni appreciated all the cards and notes she received but would appreciate that no more are sent for she ran out of room for them, send an email or give her a call or visit instead. Unfortunately, her recovery is going to be about 3 months and she is now able to use a walker. Our wishes are with her.

When Al brought down the meat tenderizer to get the meeting to order, laughter started as always. Discussion was given to our raising the yearly dues from \$6.00 a year to \$10.00 a year and the opinion was well received and will take place with 2015 dues. **Diane Liebisch** gave a wonderful financial report which prompted the idea of changing our dues amount. What a gal! A discussion was given to change the picnic to March or April next year so as to allow the snowbirds the ability to attend.

The 50/50 was won by **Jerry Zadar** and the Progressive was won by **Barbara Blauschild**. We discussed topics relating to Aetna, travelling on passes, listing of flights and how great Wahoo's is for having our meetings. July and August meetings are going to be moved from Tuesday to Wednesday since for those two months, Wahoo's will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Pay attention to the calendar folks so you don't make a mistake and come on Tuesdays those two months.

Birthdays are **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Ron Brodis** and **Sharon Kolibab** (6/12), and **Chris Taylor** (6/21). Happy Birthday to all! The Anniversaries for the month are **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** (6/11) and **Arnold & Doris Lakso** (6/20). Happy Anniversary!

Happy Fourth of July to all. Be safe.

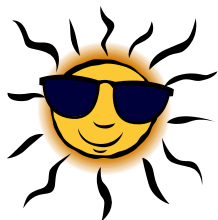
Remember to Live, Laugh and Love the clock is ticking.

#### Calendar:

**July 2** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL (Wednesday)

**August 6** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL (Wednesday)

**September 2** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL (Tuesday). Nominations for 2015-2016.



#### FIRST COAST SUNSHINERS

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This is the second meeting of our newly formed group and already we added a new member! Joining us from St. Augustine was **Carol Hill**. We hope to see her again in the fall. Returning from our first meeting were **Edith Morse** and **Bill Hughes**. They both brought guests so we had a nice sized group. **Edith Morse** brought some airline memorabilia including an unused Air France first class ticket to anywhere! She just never had time to use it. Also she brought a poem she was given by someone at Capital Airlines. It was Christmas Eve in 1953 and of course, she had to work. But between customers, there was time to have a little party. Someone told this poem and I think we can all appreciate it:

*The old man stood at the pearly gates  
His face was scarred and old.  
He stood before the man of fate  
To gain admittance to the fold  
"What have you done" St. Peter said  
"To gain admittance here?"  
"I've been an airline employee  
For many and many a year."  
The pearly gates swung open wide,*

*St. Peter rang the bell.  
"Come in," he said, "and choose your harp.  
You've had your share of hell."  
(Author unknown)*

**Bill & Eleanor Hughes** told us of a game they have played over the years called: "I almost met." Throughout their years of travels they have a list of celebrities they "almost met." What a fun way to remember the rich and famous we've seen on our airplanes or while waiting in gate rooms.

We had no birthdays or Company anniversaries for May, but **Gloria & Dennis Marcantoni** celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our next get-together will be in September which gives us time to find and recruit more retirees. We know you are out there, but help us find you! We would like to grow this chapter and leave a legacy to future generations of retirees from the area. Please contact me with any names and contact information. Thanks!

Calendar:

**September 11** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 416 Commerce Center Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225, (904) 727-7460

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Dixie Flyers met on June 4 at 2 PM at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA. Blessing of the meal was given by **Don Shelley**, **Andy Ryabik** brought the flag as we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Twenty nine people attended including **Nancy**, daughter of **Russy** and granddaughters **Skyler** and **Casey**. **Melba** was a guest of **Fred Cron**. Absent were two **Margies**, **Cebula**, and **Heider** who were not up to par today.

**Mary Broderson** discussed her trip to the West Coast as she had difficulty returning home. She got as far as Dallas, TX and took the Greyhound Bus to Atlanta for 19 hrs! She complimented Southwest for having professional and friendly Flight Attendants. **Sybil Voss** flew to Rapid City, SD to view Mt. Rushmore with the faces carved in stone. **Gary Tuttle** conducted our meeting in **Bill Elk's** absence. Our airline was noted as having lost 604 million dollars in its 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. while other major airlines were in the black.

**Marge Shelley** had right knee replacement surgery on June 13. **Andy Ryabik** won the 50/50 and donated his \$16.00 to the Promise Place, our local Women in Distress Chapter. June's birthdays ~ **Jay Chambers** (6/26), **Gail Chamber** (6/29), **Curtis Sawyer** (6/1), and **Bogie Wallace** (6/24).

June Retirements ~ **Sam Mace** (1987), **Garry Tuttle** (2002).

Calendar:

**July 2** - 2PM Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628

**HAWAII**



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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to [HNLRLUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRLUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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You may be relieved that this month's article is much shorter than the previous one! **Ileen Bunce** said she would surely be at our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, anticipating the ice cream sundae for her birthday month! Others joining us for lunch were **Bud & Pat Peters, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Susan Shaw, Denny Snyder, Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan** with daughter-in-law **Linda Croghan**, and **David & Carol Adams**.

**Marlene** says of her new living arrangement: "*Beautiful place, beautiful scenery ~ Come see me.*" She has sold a lot of her furniture. Her daughter and a niece will be coming to select a few pieces. New address: 4115 E Clocktower Lane, Apartment 392, Meridian, ID 83642. New phone number: (208) 319-5228. Also on the "like list" is the good food, including a big breakfast and 8 entrees. More good news: **Jerry, Marlene's** younger son, has retired from the army and returned home to Tennessee May 18<sup>th</sup>, having served in Afghanistan.

I'm sure my face lit up when **Bud** handed me the following news as we entered the restaurant! **Bud & Pat** spent four days exploring the Columbia River Gorge in mid April ~ "*We were informed by a good friend of W.A.A.M. and he suggested a visit the next time we were in Hood River. So we spent a number of interesting hours browsing through the Western Antique Airplane & Automobile Museum. The museum is located at the local Hood River airport. It consists of two huge buildings plus annexes, a total of 17,000 square feet of display area, so wear comfortable shoes. They have about 100 automobiles and 70 aircraft on display, plus a number of motorcycles, jeeps and tractors. Antique is the word ~ no jet aircraft and no modern autos. It's well worth a visit if you are in the Hood River area. Another interesting place, on the Washington side of the river, is the Maryhill Museum. There is also a very nice winery in Maryhill, built on a bluff overlooking the river with a fantastic view.*"

#### **Calendar:**

**July 8** - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview, Boise

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July! Half the year is over. How did that happen? Six months till Christmas? What happened to March, I don't remember March! It Marched right out of my life! Well, ladies and gentlemen, hope you are all doing well and enjoying the warm weather. Finally! Another obvious question, how did I get this old? I'm living in the wonder years; wonder where my car is parked? Wonder where I left my phone? Wonder where my glasses are? Wonder what day it is?

Our Northside Breakfast attracted about 40 retirees. Newbies included **Tom Engelhardt**, from CHIDD, **Jim Ostermeyer**, and **Esha Roy**, both from EXOWS. The hit of the day was **Terry Gilling**, a longtime resident of the Unimatic system in EXOKX. Terry wore an armband, reminiscent of the 20's when someone passed away in the family. It had a white background, with big black letters, UAL. We all had a chuckle from it, but unfortunately, it had more meaning to us old timers than just a clever reminder of the Good Ole Days. Still can't decide if Pat Patterson is rolling around in his grave, or holding his head, crying on his DC6B cloud, wondering, what the heck happened? Was I supposed to work until I was 150?

An accident to report from Arizona involved our **Gil & Mary Kay Wojtal**. They spent the winter in AZ, escaping our terrible winter. But they had a car accident, rolling the car over. **Mary Kay** had a few broken ribs. **Gil** had injuries to his C2 area in his neck. Luckily, they are back home now and moving around, but a horrendous misfortune to be sure. One of our favorite Skyliners, **Al LaRoche**, EXORA, is moving from our area to Florida, to be close to his son and family. **Al's** new address is 2474 NW 77<sup>th</sup> Blvd., CY4010, Gainesville, FL 32606. His phone is (352) 379-4623. I've known Al since 1962, and he has not aged at all, well, except maybe for the gray hair. He's quite a guy. I'm going to miss you, Al. We all will. Come on up and see us sometime! Don't tell Gov. Quinn he's losing MORE Illinois residents!

Our Southside Breakfast enticed 18 fabulous people. Some folks we haven't seen in a while were there, **Rudi Maki**, EXOCT, **Sylvester Gant**, ORDCG, and **Bob Irwin**, ORDFF, among other departments. Bob hides out in AZ during the winter. He was also at the Northside breakfast. Our raffle was won by **Gwen Brookins**, **Perry Pahl**, **Rudi Maki**, and **Al Broderson**. Good thing you came in, Rudi, you won breakfast money!

Our Summer Picnic at Chandler's was a big success; about 200 people were there hula-ing their grass skirts off. **Marj Nelson**, **Phyllis Kordecki**, and **John Koehl**, who were the planning committee, had a ukulele player singing songs, telling stories, and keeping smiles on all the retirees' faces. Chandler's has done some renovating, they added a gazebo, beautified the grounds and remodeled the lounge/dining area. They like us and make sure we're happy. We even got an extra cookie this year!! Great Party!

I try to save the bad news for last. We had a few family members that passed away this May. **Edward Kocjancich**, father of ORDCG employees, **Peter** and **Edward**. Also, **Claudette O'leksy**, wife of ORDMM mechanic, **Joe O'leksy**, died in Indiana. **Ann Petercelli**, wife of ORDSW, **John Petercelli**, died of cancer, April 26. **Bill Carpenter**, husband of **Laura (Penny)**, of CHIRR. **William Goldwater**, who worked in EXOAD. Our Skyliner's Board member, **Virginia Monaco**, ORDCS, lost her husband, **Carl**, after double bypass surgery. His death was quite unexpected; **Virginia** can use all the good words and prayers you can give her at, 519 Camdon Circle, Barlett, IL 60103. She was in the First Class Lounge for years and is now the committee chairman of our annual Christmas Party. Retiree, **David Lambert**, ORDCG and ORDFF, passed away in June, cards can be sent to his wife, **Judi**, at 13418 S. LeClaire Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445. **John Riecse**, from EXOKV, passed away. His wife, **Barbara**, is at 11452 Merganser Way, New Port Richey, FL 34654. Other notable national departures from our past, are, Ann B. Davis, Maya Angelou, Ephram Zimbalist, Jr. and ever colorful, Cubs Manager, Don Zimmer. Thanks for the memories.

Also of interest, **Dick Coughlin**, Foreman in the ORDMM container shop, now living in Florida, had surgery for Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus, a very snazzy name for, water on the brain. The symptoms are similar to dementia. He had a procedure in May, and had to have that thick head of hair shaved off. But the shears broke before the doctor could finish his trim. It will take about another month before Dick is back to

normal, but he said his thought process is better and he feels confident all will turn out well. **Norm Peterson**, just might be seeing a light at the end of the tunnel from his pneumonia and lung infection. Doctors said with continued improvement, he'll come home after months in hospitals and rehab. **Bob Smuzkiewicz**, ORDMM, received his prosthetic leg in May and is so happy to walk again. Joining the Octogenarian Club in June was **Neal Hopkins**, OPBOP. Many of you will remember him as the Tax Man, and a very funny, down to earth friend. His party was in the Elgin Forest Preserve.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**July 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**June 24**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**September 23** - Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, Devon Avenue, Elk Grove, IL 11:00 A.M.

### INDIANA



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**Correction** ~ In the June, 2014 newsletter, the Indy Racers chapter report was credited to **Wanda Bryce**. Wanda has notified us that although she does fill in for **Shary Johnston**, Shary was the author of the June report. We apologize to Shary for the mistake and for any inconvenience it may have caused Shary or Wanda.

During the May Indy Racers meeting, 21 members discussed plans for our "Casino Party" picnic on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at The Lodge in Hendricks County. Games of "Texas Hold'em," Craps, Black Jack and a roulette wheel will be open beginning at 12:30PM and a pitch-in lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m. The organization will provide meats, soft drinks and desserts plus plates and flatware. Members are encouraged to bring a covered vegetable or salad. For directions to "The Lodge" or more information about the event, call **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4406.

Attending the May meeting were: **Ken & Deanna Boeke, Ray & Hannelore Brabo, Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Ed Duffey, Jim Gibson, Chris & Shary Johnston, Ed Loftus, Frank & Rita Prins, and Charles Theiss.**



**Phil & Joan Romano**, who both worked for United Airlines in San Francisco and Indianapolis, were visitors at the May meeting (see picture). After Phil won the 50/50 raffle, they paid their local dues and became members of the Indy Racers. We look forward to their participation and leadership in the group's upcoming activities.

A day trip to Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Museum is planned for Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. We have also reserved a few tables for the matinee performance of "Oklahoma" at the Beef & Boards Dinner Theater on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. On Veteran's Day, we will be presenting donated toys to local Marine representatives for their annual Toys for Tots campaign. The presentation will be held at The Mediterranean Grill. For more information about any of these special activities, call **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4406 or email [CAJINDY@aol.com](mailto:CAJINDY@aol.com).

Several of our members have been travelling and celebrating family events this summer. **Bob, Ruth and Ed Duffey** travelled to West Virginia over the Memorial Day Weekend to attend a family reunion and explore Doddridge County where **Ed Duffey**'s mother was born. **Jack & Carol Conway** enjoyed some time in Florida, then travelled to Michigan to celebrate their granddaughter's graduation as a veterinary technician. Later this summer, she will be getting married, so **Jack & Carol** will be travelling again to celebrate a memorable family event. **Shary & Chris Johnston** joined **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** in June for a fun lunch and afternoon trip down the Ohio River aboard the Belle of Louisville Riverboat.

Indy Racers with July birthdays include: **Carol Conway** and **Rita Prins** (7/6); **Ray Brabo** (7/16); and **Wanda Bryce** (7/30). Celebrating anniversaries in July are: **Jack & Carol Conway** (7/9); and **Ken & Deanna Boeke** (7/17).

Calendar:

**July 19** - Annual Picnic at The Lodge in Hendricks County beginning at 12:30 p.m. (No monthly meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>)

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The Nor'Easters June 3 meeting at Jimmy's Steer House, Saugus, MA, gathered 30 members. Any venue along the Route 1 corridor location, always garners the biggest crowd. With our declining numbers and few future prospects, the days of 70's in attendance are gone. None the less, good food, good location, a welcoming establishment, reasonable prices and good friends, a recipe for a wonderful outing! I feel the members who never or rarely attend are missing out, as none of us are getting any younger. All our regulars were attending, plus **John Zoboli**, Director N. CA/NV region. John gave us info and flyers for the SAN Convention. Plus fielding all members' questions. He was an interesting man to talk to and knows UAL's history.

Our 50/50s were won by **John Zoboli** and **Don Lewis**. Free lunches were won by **Don Latter** and **Lew Shakley**. A \$25 gift certificate donated by Jimmy's Steer House was won by yours truly, Vee. Nice to win once and a while! The Progressive would have been won by **Roy Templeton**, not present. The next meeting's Progressive will be \$40, be there to win!

This is the first time in many moons **Bill Shailor** wasn't with us. He has been in a weakened state and moved into a healthcare facility. **Helmut Umbley** visits him several times weekly. Moose said he's sometimes feisty, a good sign. Bill is our oldest member and we'd sure like to see him back. **Peter Fusco**, just a few months younger than Bill, both 92 years young, continues as a regular.

**Don & Kathy Latter** sold their beautiful large home in the country and are now city dwellers. Their condo is on the top floor of one of the residential buildings that was once the Charlestown Navy Yard and home of the USS Constitution (Old Iron Sides), famous for navel battles against Britain during our Revolutionary War. During WWII, the yard had four large dry docks for ships and one for submarines across the harbor in Chelsea. Don said he can look out on the Constitution, and its museum. No more grass mowing for Don or work commuting for Kathy!

**Joan Simard** has another new great grand son, Zachary Michele Simard, born in March. Congratulations Joan! **Andy & Carol Montalto's** daughter, Leslie graduated nursing school and is currently working at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She will be taking the state board for RN status. Boy, I remember when Leslie was born!

**Susan DePippo** has set up an overnight package (1 or 2 nights) at the White Mountains Hotel & Resort in N. Conway, NH. This was done last year with nine couples and all had a good time. Although not offered as a Nor'Easter venue, this year it will be, in addition to the 5 meetings planned this year. Like other meetings set on the first Tuesday of the month, we've set the date on Tues, September 2, planned between the summer crowd and the fall leaf peepers. Best time of the year! The hotel meals included are excellent, a good area for shopping and just across from the 1800s train station offering long and short scenic train rides, plus the beautiful scenery of northern NH. Can't beat it! I will mail flyers a little earlier than normal for members' consideration.

Last month, I reported the passing of **Anthony Bosco**. Less than three weeks later, his sister **Ann** passed. Brothers, **Anthony** and **John** both worked at Logan.

July's birthdays ~ **Elizabeth Palmer** and **Joan Twing**.

July's anniversaries ~ **Ron & Joyce Heisler** (56 years), **Don & Kathy Latter** (19 years), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (48 years) and **Elizabeth & Joseph Palmer** (47 years).

Calendar:

**August 5** - Picnic, Salisbury State Beach Park, Salisbury MA

**September 2** - White Mountains Hotel & Resort, North Conway NH

**October 7** - Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA

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11 Escapees gathered at Captain Jack's in St. Clair Shores June 5<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Dollie Sellers**. First timers this year were **Barbara Harry**, **Sharon Jacobs** and our host **Dollie**. Everyone seemed to have trouble finding the place even with an address, including those living in the area. I know **Joanna O'Brien**, **Helen** and I circled around for at least 20 minutes before we finally found it. Even **Suzie Hicks** got lost and she only lives a few minutes away, but gave up and returned home. Despite all we had a great meeting. It was the Escapees' 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, born June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1995, my, how the years fly by.

We were sad to hear that **Debbie LeFebvre** had left us for her eternal rewards on Palm Sunday. A memorial mass for Debbie was held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Assumption Catholic Church in Windsor.

Also, **Shirley Furdak's** husband; Joe, left our world for his eternal rewards on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He had been suffering from Leukemia for about a year. There was a beautiful Mass on May 22 at Sacred Heart Church, in Dearborn and he was laid to rest at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Our Love and Prayers to Shirley and family, 22721 Law St., Dearborn. MI 48124-1088.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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Some of the snowbirds who are back in town came to the May meeting to catch up. **Al & Mary Kilian**, **Lenny & Ginny Tousignant** and **Randy & Georgia Cirksema** stopped by for lunch and probably some harassment from those of the hard core Lites who stayed in MN/WI for the infamous winter of 2014. **Dave & Janet Wiley**, part of the hard core, were there as well. Nice to see **Janet** again, as **Dave** usually makes her stay home.

Speaking of this past winter, Pres. **Lee Storlie** related a news item about how it affected the airline industry and not just in the upper Midwest. Flight cancellations caused by bad weather totaled 64,418 nationwide. Aren't we glad we weren't at work and having to put up with the ramifications of those?

One unique thing about upper Midwest winters is the occasional solid freeze-up of Lake Superior which allows folks to safely cross the ice to view and photograph the amazing Ice Caves of the south shore. The ice builds up on wave-caused caves in sandstone cliffs every year, causing ice stalactites and stalagmites and wonderful hoarfrost formations. This year, there were over 100K visitors, among them being **Rich & Connie Glattly**. **Rich** brought his computer to the meeting and presented a slideshow of photos of the phenomenon.

The Airport Commission is looking for an airline to offer direct service from MSP to the Hawaiian Islands. They have determined that, on average, 183 passengers per day would *love* to get on one plane and several hours



later, land in Hawaii without changing planes along the way. A grand opportunity for UAL, but the frequency of service and the size of the planes here at MSP seem to be getting fewer and smaller.

We learned recently of the passing of **Cindy Spoerner**, widow of MSP ramp serviceman **Mark Spoerner** at the young age of 61. I'm sorry to say that I don't have an address for the family. Also, **Gerry Weiss'** obituary was spotted in the newspaper. His wife, **Carolyn**, worked with us for many years before her death. Again, we've lost contact with the family, so have no address for condolences. Thanks to **Jan Hannah** for letting us know about these passings.

**Nel Brawner** related the events and happenings of the recent Northwoods Loonies spring gathering at Baraboo, WI attended by several of our group. Tours of the Ringling Bros. Circus Museum & Theater, the Al Ringling mansion, a big-cat rescue preserve & the Int'l Crane Foundation preserve were highlights of the 3-day event. Seeing all of us Oldsters acting like little kids on the carousel must have been a sight. The best part, of course, is seeing old friends & making new ones. Our thanks to our hosts, **Carol & Bob Faust**.

**Jim & Mary Brennan** related their saga of a driving trip to Florida for a family graduation (couldn't get outta MSP on a pass). While they were in the area, they stopped in to see **Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker** near Jensen Beach. Sad to say, our scrappy **JoJo** isn't progressing as well as we'd hoped. A phone call or note would perk her up ~ 10751 So. Ocean Blvd., B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957, phone (772) 229-1808.

After their return from AZ, **Al Killian** went to his MN doc for a visit. Imagine his surprise when one of the worker-bees in the doctor's office was our friend **Bonnie Rose**! **Bonnie** had worked with us at MSP for many years after the demise of Eastern Airlines. She sent greetings to all her friends.

Two of our group has a family member who purchased full fare tickets on UAL MSP-ORD-London because pass-riding is too uncertain for their schedule. On checking in for their seat assignment, they were perplexed when told they'd not be able to get their seat selection for the transatlantic portion until they arrived at ORD. By that time, they might not be able to be seated together, they were told. However, *if they wanted to pay an additional fee*, they could probably be checked in here. The agent didn't realize they were kids of a wily old airline agent who, after learning about that outrageous scam, made a couple of calls and got them boarding passes before they left MSP. What's up with that? Is that what the New UAL is doing to maximize revenue?

**Jo & Bud Ayres** are hosting the annual picnic at a park pavilion in River Falls, WI on Wed., August 13. The group decided to have the meal catered, so those attending will pay \$10 per person, bring your own beverages and a lawn chair each. Any costs exceeding what is paid by the attendees will be paid out of the chapter treasury. Directions and details will have been available at the June meeting, but if you weren't able to attend, contact the **Ayres** at (715) 425-2755 for the scoop.

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:00AM at the Grand Buffet, 2015 So. Robert Street, about three blocks north of Hwy. 110 in West St. Paul. **Note the new location!**

Annual picnic on Wednesday, August 13, in River Falls, WI.

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There were 40 in attendance at Chili's. Thanks to **Lorraine Stanfield** and **Ralph Bichel** for hosting. **Stan Longmeyer** and **Russ Meyers** were the lucky winners of the 25/25/50, each receiving \$20.00. There were 28 who took the tour at Rotella's Italian Bakery.

With sadness, **Jim Neumann**, age 85, passed away April 23. **Jim** retired from being an aircraft/ground equipment mechanic here in Omaha. I attended the visitation for **Jim** and his family told me he had been in Bergan Mercy Hospital for 20 days with the flu. On Easter Sunday, he was moved to ICU and passed away 3 days later. Services were held at John A. Gentleman Mortuary on April 26. Our sincere sympathy to **Jim's** family. They all said how much he really looked forward to attending the Retiree luncheons.

Word has been received of the death of **Jim Riddelle**, age 85, of Vancouver, Washington. **Jim** was originally with Capital Airlines and, when United and Capital merged, he came to Omaha as a Supervisor of Passenger Service. I remember **Jim** very well and, yes, he was a prankster. **Jim** served as a volunteer of one of the help desks when we had that luxury. His wife, **Sharon**, preceded him in death.

Birthdays for the month June ~ **Jim Sophir** (14); **Rita Purkapile** (16); and **Jim Braden** (29).

On April 25, **Andy Vassios** went to Methodist Hospital where he was diagnosed with a small bowel obstruction. They were afraid to do any type of surgery since it was possible he could have scar tissue from a previous surgery, so they put him on a liquid diet for 3 days hoping that would take care of the problem. He is happy to report it worked and he feels fine.

Great report on **Tony Sortino** - he is doing very well, lots of rehab but he does get out now and then other than rehab and plans to be at Cooper Farm. We look forward to seeing both he and **Jackie**.

**Teddy Letts**, age 87, passed away May 12 in Hastings, NE. After **Dave** passed away in October of 2012, their daughter, **Terry**, moved Teddy to Hastings so she could see that her mother was taken care of. **Teddy** had Alzheimer's and was at the Mary Lanning Healthcare facility in Hastings. She is survived by daughter, **Terry**, and Son, **John**, and their families. There was no service.

Calendar:

**July 1** - Fernando's in Blair, Hosted by **Patty Shook & Sid Schneider**

**August 5** - Piccolo's, Hosted by **Dick & Marilyn Weak**

**September 2** - Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Sharon & Larry Farrell**

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How wonderful to receive the June newsletter with the information on the RUAEA Convention in SAN. I hope everyone is making plans to attend; I know I am!

June 7<sup>th</sup> brings congratulations to **Woody & Christine Earl** (LASCS) on their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They are departing for Budapest on a Viking cruise. **Bob & Zenta Berghofer** (LASHH) are back from their month long vacation cruise to Europe; we're looking forward to hear all about it. **Winnie Stone** and **Lamar Shreeve** are spending a few days in cool Big Bear, CA; a nice retreat from our (already) hot days.

**Mike Vasko** is recuperating from knee surgery, and will be undergoing cataract surgery this month; **Eleanor Vasko**, our sunshine lady, has her hands full (good thing she is filled with sunshine!) **John Albert** (SFOPD) and **Felix Cicco** (LAXGQ) are recuperating at home after separate hospital stays. They would probably enjoy hearing from you: **John Albert**, 300 Promenade #1101, Las Vegas, NV 89107; **Felix Cicco**, 4997 Mascaro Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122.

As always, big thanks to the dedicated retirees who do so much to keep our RUAEA chapters going, and the newsletter!

Calendar:

Lunch and meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month at Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd., 1130 to meet and greet; lunch served at 1200

**August 12**

**October 14**

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There were 23 members at our May meeting. Those members not showing as paid will not receive a May newsletter. If someone contacts you, ask them to check with Kathy on their dues status.

May birthdays were celebrated by **Pam Wight**, **Ruthy Schenk** and **Lloyd Stephens**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Pat Nettles**, nice to see you back. The surprise gift was won by **John Brown** and repeat lucky winner **Linda Klemm**.

Once again our star pastry chef **Bill Perkins** brought some delicious goodies to share. Thank you.

### Calendar:

**August 19** – Summer picnic. The cost this year is \$400.00 for the Nevada State Park reservation..

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Our meeting was opened with a flag salute by **Frank Worzocha**. After our luncheon, we had some of our members give a recitation about their hobbies.

**John Deily** talked about and showed his collection of can and bottle openers. I think we used to call them "church keys". In a few years, I suppose even they will be extinct. **Frank Worzocha** showed his collection of United airlines models "from way back". **Jesse Knight** showed photos of his home built experimental plane, we know that it can fly, but can it get past the speed of sound? **Tina Sculerati** has been working on her ancestry. She has discovered some of her relatives coming from Norway in the year 740 AD, I wonder how those Vikings got passed immigration? **George Whitman** talked about home construction that he takes part in. **Kathy Deily** showed some beautiful homemade dolls that she had been working on. Lastly, **Marty Etler** gave an essay on his memories of going to the 1939 New York World's Fair in Flushing, New York, when he was 10 years old. And yes all of it was very interesting.

**John Murphy** said that our finances are still okay. **Tina Sculerati** won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains on June 25.

*\*Whenever confronted by making a choice of two evil options, make sure you take both of them!*

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"Start spreading the news", the Dolls actually had their June luncheon at the appointed date and time!

**Audrey Smolick** returned from six weeks of beautiful weather in Santa Margherita, Italy. She enjoyed her time there with four English lady friends who married Italian men and never left! Her fashion alert, direct from Portofino - the color this season is indigo. An interesting financial tidbit - she tried, unsuccessfully, to exchange

a \$100 bill at a local bank due to lack of currency because of thievery - so come prepared. She paid full fare round trip JFK-Milan, and the service was "okay".

**Betty Williams** flew EWR-SHA r/t on UA, bulkhead economy outbound, and first class return. Her husband, **Taylor**, would have also been upfront, except that 2 Air Marshalls arrived and displaced him. Since he's a retired AA captain, he gave it up willingly. While in Ireland, they stayed at Ashford Castle in County Mayo, a medieval structure built in 1258 and renovated and expanded to 26,000 acres in the 1800s. It's now a 5 star luxury hotel which Betty said is absolutely beautiful. On their trip to Utah for a family wedding, they got the last 2 seats in economy EWR-DEN-SLC and return on vacation passes.

**April King** returned from her California trip, where she was fortunate to get FC outbound (full breakfast, lunch "snacks"). Shortly after her return, she hit the road again, driving from BAL to the outer banks of North Carolina. She was especially impressed with Ocracoke Island and its 16 miles of beaches. She visited Biltmore Estates, the former home of the Vanderbilts in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Upon her return from BAL-EWR and the new zone boarding procedures in place, April heard an interesting comment from a fellow passenger "Is UA now the poor man's SW?" Oh-oh!

**Jeanne Leo** reported that she just hit the 24 year mark of volunteering at Sloan-Kettering Cancer hospital. Bravo, Jeanne! She and her husband, **Phil**, had a wonderful time in Washington, DC at the WWII Veterans tribute. They flew on a US Airways charter and each vet had a military escort assigned to him (or her). It was a wonderfully moving, memorable event.

**Marge Segal**, who is the admission's chairwoman of her co-op board, said that apartment sales have been very active in the last six months. Two one-bedroom units in her building sold for 780K and 827.5K. The buyers are young professionals in the financial or medical fields. Marge's sage advice to retirees - "*Get your real estate license!*"

And that, my friends, is all from the Big Apple.

Calendar:

**August 5** - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill**, (212) 799-8061.

## NEW YORK METROS

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Our June 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon was attended by 34. A kitchen fire at the Milleridge Inn resulted in our reroute to the Milleridge Cottage, usually reserved for weddings, etc. We were in a beautiful room, one of many, but no bar! I was deprived of my monthly Margarita.

**Dale Deuber** fell and broke her arm. She needs further attention when the swelling goes down to decide on a course of treatment. So we add you to our prayers and get well wishes, Dale, as you recuperate along with **Ursula Koch**, **Leo Talachino** and **Roy Portelli**. Cards and calls would be appreciated, I'm sure. We're hoping to see you all at the picnic next month. We received a thank you for the fruit basket to Leo.

I couldn't dig up any juicy gossip on the group. **Jim & Kathy Richardson** enjoyed a cruise to Bermuda. **Carol Maley-Davis** and **Ron Veick** are off to a time-share in Stowe, Vermont, at the Von Trapp Lodge. Maybe they're filming a sequel to "The Sound of Music", I swear I hear them yodeling in the night, if the wind is blowing right.

We have a legitimate singer in our group, **Carson Baiter**, who is on vacation in Brazil. More on him later, as well as **Adam Ferrara**, stay tuned.

**Paul Cohen** showed us a copy of a tribute, which will be enlarged to a plaque, to honor **Charlie Kaczinski**. It will be hung at the Mainliner Store in Kennedy.

Our 50/50 winners ~ 1<sup>st</sup> prize - **Ed Ellis**, 2<sup>nd</sup> - our guest, **Mario Lagaso**, grandson of **Ed Pozzi**, 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Joe Lilly** and 4<sup>th</sup> - **Nick Manfredo**. He is so lucky, wins a lot.

Seven birthdays were observed this month and numerous anniversaries. Best wishes to all and many more.

Next meeting will be by our picnic, Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Wantagh State Park. In August, we will gather there as well, but it will be the second Wednesday of the month, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's hope for good weather, good health and a big crowd. Hope your flags were flying D-Day, 6/6.

Calendar:

**NORTHWOODS**



Just to clarify the mission of the Loonies. We are separate from the RUAEA organization. No special membership or dues are needed. We are just a nice group of UAL retirees that meet twice a year, at a different city and state. We're from all different departments and cities. We just want to have fun, see new things, different companies, and different scenery. At 20, we look at a Rubik's cube, and say, oh, how cute, how can I put this together. At 70, we look at it and say, wonder how they make this. Well, we go to different companies and see how they make things; plastic bags, circus wagons, cheese, chocolate milk, chocolate candy, etc. We're never too old to learn, are we? Most importantly, once a Loonie, always a Loonie.

Hello Loonies and Loonettes,

Plans are underway for our September Meeting, September 16-19, 2014. We'll be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Oshkosh, WI. They are just across the runway from the Wittman Regional Airport on Route 41. We'll be able to see the planes land and take off from the dining room and our rooms, if we face that way. Our room rate is \$99.00 a night. That includes a full service/sit down breakfast. All rooms include a fridge, microwave, and coffee machine. We will have a hospitality room to sit and talk over the day's activities.

The number to call for reservations is (920) 966-1300. Ask for a room under Northwood Loonies, anytime starting now, until August 16. Reservations made after that time are subject to availability and possible room rate changes. The first day of arrival, the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have dinner in the hotel. After hours of driving, we thought it would be best to stay put. However, there are restaurants, malls and all kinds of activity within two miles. You won't run out of things to do, or places to go.

The next day, the 17<sup>th</sup> will be spent at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Museum, just a short drive from the hotel. We will have a guided tour, and then the freedom to walk around the vast museum. There are films that run all day long, also a history talk on various subjects from a guide. We'll have the privilege of having with us, First Officer, Jeff Skiles, the co-pilot from the USAir flight 1529, which went into the Hudson, in 2009. He will help us get into some World War 2 aircraft, i.e. B25 or others. We are so excited about this, September can't come soon enough. If you'd like to come back to the Museum later in the day, after our other tour, you can. It's included in the \$8.50 admission. They are open until 6 PM. After lunch, we will visit an aircraft company and watch them building an airplane. If you'd like to buy a kit, you can build an airplane of your own. No, not a model airplane, a real live two ton aircraft. You'd have to stay a few days, and I guess you'd have to fly it home! Fun abounds! The site of dinner will be decided later.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, plans are still being made, but they could include a Museum, with the Sawyer Mansion, and possibly the Paine Art Museum. There is also an Opera House that is said to be haunted. We will tour a manufacturing company that packages everything from ketchup packets to dog food bags. Lunch and dinner will be downtown, still working out the details. There could also be a wine tasting party thrown in there, too. Across the highway from the hotel, is the Oshkosh Outlet Mall, where there are many stores to choose from. The Visitor's Office will give us a coupon book to use at the stores there. We were hoping to visit The Osh Kosh B'Gosh factory and get some dungarees. Unfortunately, the jeans are now made in China. But you can get a good discount at their outlet store.

When we leave on Friday, there are still other things to see, can't get them all in two days. You can visit any of the places on the way home. We'll have a list available at the hotel.

Piqued your interest? Sure hope you can make it. We're going to have a fun time and want you to be part of it. During the Osh Kosh Fly In, during July, you usually can't get into these places because there are thousands of people attending. This is a perfect time, and it will still be warm out, hope so.

Tell your friends, bring them along. We are going to have a blast! If you come alone, you won't be alone for long. There are no 5<sup>th</sup> wheels at a Loonie's trip! You will have 40 life time friends within an hour!

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### Calendar:

**June 4** – Rose Hill/Medina , hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

**July 10** - Diamond Event Center, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

**August 6** – Annual Picnic at the “Chalet”, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

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It was sad to leave the wonderful room at the Colwood Golf Course. For all of you who were able to come to the meetings, you will always be able to remember looking out the large windows onto the golf course. We gave the manager Sue and servers Nina and Jeff gift certificates in appreciation of their service to us as they had been delightful people to work with.

I officiated at the meeting as **Nancy Hooper**, our president was taking **Jack** to therapy for his recent knee replacement surgery. There were 61 members present. **Louise Robillard** decorated the tables this month with vases of rhododendrons and as usual small Hershey bars were scattered around each table. **Bill & Sam French** brought **Linda & Tom Chapman** as guests and **Gene & Lorie King** brought **Cliff & Donna Stark**. Cliff retired from PDXCS and they live in Pomeroy, WA.

**Rosalie Betschart** had her second cataract surgery on June 4<sup>th</sup>. I know **Bill Shaw** would enjoy hearing from his friends, he is in hospice care at home and would love to have a phone call. Please call him at (503) 257-0880. I haven't heard of anyone with serious health problems. We must be a very healthy bunch!

The Oregonian newspaper in PDX ran an article on **Bill Keys**, PDXMM and his service to our country in World War II. He was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in Prato, Italy and suffered severe wounds. He and his son visited Italy several years ago and were honored by the Italians. There is even a “Bill Keys Fox Hole” sign at the place of the battle.

Anniversaries in May were **Lois & Carl Gruenberg** (57 years), **Sue & Ed Rommel** (54 years) and **Kenneth & Marcy vonHusen** (53years). Congratulations!

May birthdays were as follows: **Margaret Borbely** (73), **John Carter** (86), **Anna Miller** (79), **Dennis Scheuerell** (73) and **Jack Stark** (86). Happy, Happy!

Winners of a free lunch were as follows: Door Prize ~ **Sara Blare**, Women's birthday ~ **Anna Miller**, Men's birthday ~ **Dennis Scheuerell** and 50/50 ~ **Linda Chapman**, guest of **Bill French**.

Picnic plans are underway and everyone should have received an invitation by e-mail. The venue is at Red Sunset Park, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Rib City will be catering the event again this year. There will be barbecued ribs, pulled pork and chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and butter, bottled water and lemonade. Members are asked to bring a favorite dessert. The cost of the lunch is \$16.00 per person. Please send your checks (made out to RUAEA) to **Rosalie Betschart** at 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97220. Your reservations should be in by July 5<sup>th</sup>.



Calendar:

Meetings at Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82<sup>nd</sup>, Social Hour 11:00 AM. Lunch served at Noon

**July 9** - Annual Picnic, Red Sunset Park, Gresham, OR

**August 13** - Social

**September 10** - Social

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We enjoyed our May 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Clarion in Essington. Twenty-two members and friends learned a lot about our passes and how to navigate the system. **Keith Campbell** was very informative and knowledgeable. All were pleasantly surprised by the free lunch this month. We have a healthy treasury due to our generous members.

**Tom Lyons** did a great job as treasurer. **Dee Burrs** has agreed to take over the office till Tom can rejoin us. Continue to send Tom cards as he fights this major battle in his life. We all wish him the best.

**Walt Sonderman** won the 50-50.

Our last meeting till fall will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. A Christmas show trip to Lancaster AMT is being planned for November. The date will be announced at our June meeting.

Calendar:

We take a hiatus in the summer. See you in September, as the song goes.

All meetings are held at the Clarion Hotel in Essington.

**PITTSBURGH**

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Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to one and all! After the terrible winter we suffered, we finally had sunshine for 3 terrific days to celebrate Memorial Day. I think **Phyliss Smith** had her hand in that, she had her brother Joe and his family in from California and there was no way they wouldn't have a great weekend for their guests. Thanks, Phyliss, we hope you can pull some strings for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Now all we need is for our Buccos to go on a long winning streak.

I spoke to **Jim Weber** and he is still receiving chemo but he was relieved of some back pain after the doctors prescribed some new meds. Jim says he is getting some sleep now. He has a good nurse in **Diane**.


**Ken Wolfe** is recuperating at home but he is still not able to drive. I know he would appreciate hearing from all of his friends, c/o 1461 Dormont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216. It is great to hear from you via e-mail, Ken.

The Pit-Stoppers board met and Treatie is hosting the next luncheon on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Clarks Restaurant, hope to see you all there.

Once again we are reminded how short life is, June 18<sup>th</sup> would have been my dear friend **Lois Varrenti's** 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. The shock of her sudden passing is still so very fresh. Lois had a very versatile career with United – she started out in PIT Res at the Mainliner desk then to the airport where she worked at the Red Carpet room and rounded out her 38 years at the ticket counter. I was blessed to have Lois as a friend for over 50 years, even becoming godmother to her daughter Nicole. Lois had many friends at United as was witnessed at her funeral. Nicole gave a beautiful eulogy at her service. Rest in Peace my friend.

Birthdays for July ~ **Paul Musko** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Bill Redfern** (25<sup>th</sup>), **Mac Crampton** (28<sup>th</sup>), **Gwen Detwiller** (13<sup>th</sup>).  
Anniversaries for July ~ **Paul & Betty Musko** (4<sup>th</sup>).

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The Emerald City Slickers enjoyed their last luncheon meeting before the summer hiatus in May (no regular meetings June through August) and their last – at least for now - at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila.

Our September 9 meeting will be at the Elks Club in Burien for a trial run, courtesy of **Doris Spence**. Details will be available in the next issue of *Contrails*, our chapter newsletter that will be distributed via e- and snail-mail before the first of September. **Tom Holford** has volunteered to serve as interim editor.

Long-time Treasurer **Helen Stanger** has announced her retirement from that office at the end of the year and asked that members consider her replacement during the ensuing months. At 91, **Helen** still drives from Mercer Island for chapter meetings and travels the country, including an annual trip back to Iowa.

May was a great month for welcoming guests and members who had been missing in action for several months. We were pleased to see **Vicki & Dave Shumaker**, guests of Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**. **Vicki** had been our hard-working, volunteer *Contrails* editor for several years, and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude. A card signed by those present and an Amazon gift card were presented as a thank you.

Past President **John Haferbecker** looked fit-as-a-fiddle after a long recovery following major surgery. We're glad to have him back! (Point to ponder – just how fit is a fiddle?)

Last, but certainly not least, Slicker and RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** and **Carole Lucarelli** had returned from the winter warmth of Arizona. In his remarks, **Hank** reminded us that it has been 10 years since the national RUAEA convention was held in Seattle.

**Hank** urged chapter members to register for the 2014 convention in San Diego October 1-4. All groups of United and Continental retirees have been invited to attend. RUAEA membership is NOT required. Members and non-members may check out convention information at [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org).

President **Dave Jones** announced that a Northwest mini-meet, involving chapters from Boise, Portland and Seattle is being planned for October 14-15 in the Seattle area. This event had previously been announced for June, but lead time was insufficient for out-of-towners. We hope members of these groups will join us to share their experiences from the national convention that will be held earlier that month. Officers of the chapters involved will provide information to their local members, though everyone is welcome. Activities are being planned for both days.

By the time you read this, the annual retirees' golf tournament, organized by **Bob Howard** and held this year at Foster Golf Course on June 25, will be history. Winners will be announced in a future column.

When s/he stops by the registration table before a meeting, each attendee at an Emerald City Slickers luncheon meeting is given a ticket for the drawing for door prizes that are donated by members. **Richard Devereux** handles the sale of tickets of a different color for drawing the lucky winner of the 50/50 prize. Ever-hopeful purchasers of said tickets provide a big portion of the chapter's operating budget!

May winners were **Paul Burton**, **Dick Clement**, **Bud Dice**, **Richard Devereux**, **Bill Gordius**, **Randy Greseth**, **John Haferbecker**, **Betty Paul**, **Ed Rousseau**, **Arno Schaetzke**, **Carol Soffel**, **Helen Stanger**, and **Chuck Westphal**. **Syd Reynolds** was a double winner with both a door prize and the 50/50 winnings.

At our last meeting (May) Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** congratulated couples observing summer anniversaries and individuals with birthdays during the months we don't meet. Those enjoying July birthday parties include **Jim Bernovich, Vern Bozarth, Richard Clement, Tom Holford, Lyle Lindblad, Frank McAnulty, John Paulson, Ken Wagner, and Dolores Woods**. Special anniversary congratulations to **James & Marion Hafterson**, who celebrate their special Golden 50! **Tom & Sally Holford** (32 years) and **Gordon & Kathy McKinzie** (48 years) share the spotlight.

Calendar:

No meetings **July** or **August**

**September 9** - Elks Club, Burién

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

On May 14, the Dulles Loungers met for the monthly luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA. A large crowd gathered, perhaps it was the beautiful weather that brought them out, or maybe a chance to win the 50/50 and see old friends.

Dulles Loungers President **Linda Scriven** (IADCS) was away on a North American cruise, so **Mari McColl** (DCASW) handled the announcements with distinction! Again!

The winner of the main door prize was **Paul Velde** and the 50/50 was won by **Marie Libby**.

**Mari McColl** recently traveled to London with her sister Fran, who had never been to Europe before. Mari has a flight attendant friend **Helen Dodd Dyson** (LHRSW) living in the London area, she met Mari and Fran and took them to her home. A full day of sightseeing was planned and the ladies saw The Tower of London, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Buckingham Palace and so much more! The ladies travelled on the trains, the Tube (underground) and on double decker buses. No visit to London is complete without a visit to Harrods Department Store and the ladies did their best to see all 200 departments! Lots of looking but not much buying!

One day their hostess Helen took the ladies to the village of Shere in Surrey, where part of the movie "The Holiday" was filmed. This is a 16<sup>th</sup> Century village and it is well known for its charm and beauty. Mari and Fran were taken to visit family and friends and to experience some delicious British cooking and hospitality. The ladies travelled to London in Business class and home in First Class. They luxuriated in the sleeper seats and enjoyed delicious meals on both flights.

We have good service to London from many cities and there is no language problem! Plan your trip soon!

The Dulles Loungers have many birthdays in July, so we wish the following members "Happy Birthday" ~ **E. K. Williams** (7/7), **Susie Stanley** (7/18), **Lucy Chatelain** (7/20), **Paul Verde** (7/22), **Don Dean** (7/23), **Patricia Shimp** (7/23), **Ray Knazik** (7/24) and **Mary Palmer** (7/27).

We have no meetings planned for July/August. We wish everyone a wonderful summer.

Calendar :

**September 10** - Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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Springtime has finally arrived in Southwest Colorado.

We invite you to join us. Former Capital and Continental Flight Attendants are welcome as well as former and present United Airlines Flight Attendants.

The website: [www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org) has a Membership Contact Form that is easy to complete. Our "First Time" membership has grown and our total membership is now 2012 for 2014. The last day for membership is July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Most of the Clipped Wings activities in summer consist of Chapter get-togethers at the beach, travelling, or just having fun with family and friends.

We have the airline scarves for sale. Do you have yours? Contact Cheryl Jensen, [RJensen148@aol.com](mailto:RJensen148@aol.com).  
Have fun and be safe!

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

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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Retiree – **Riddelle, James P.**, on 4/19/2014, PDXCS, husband of Sharron Riddelle (Deceased), father of sons Jeff and Mike Riddelle and daughter Kathy Spencer, 13816-B NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ct., Vancouver, WA 98685

Retiree – **Riecsc, John A.**, on 6/2/2014, WHQKV, husband of Barbara Riecsc, 11452 Merganser Way, New Port Richey, FL 34654

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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:**

Bernice Aaron, Jan and Joann Butler, Joyce Calderone, Jean Cali, Marilyn Chaplin, John Coleman, Gloria Cruz, Stephanie De Broux, Lynn Dever, Sharon Elrod, Robert England, Sean Foley, Paul Gajdosik, Jody Hawzipta, Joe Hegner, Evan Holly, Nancy Johnson, Lorraine Karpen, Raymond Kiapatauskas, Louis C Kelly Jr., Dorothy Krauss, Joan Krolak, Kenneth Lee, Joel Matteson, John Organtini, Bud Peters, Gerogia Phillips, Joyce Richter, Ursula Sadlowski, Barbara Seaholm, Bill and Sharon Simonton, Carol Soffel, William Speicher, Eleanor Walsh, Mary Winkler.

**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.)*

**Robert Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002**

Please add my name to the list of Retirees that have reached the 90 year mark. When I received my first pay check in 1946 from United Air Lines, the passengers walked from the terminal to the airplane uncovered, rain or shine. Some times on a path was shoveled clear of snow. Today, the passengers go from satellites, covered jet-ways or mobile units that seem to be a mile from the main terminal.

In those days, the farmer walked behind a team of horses to work his ground. Today a farmer has monstrous tractors, with enclosed cabs, air conditioning, automatic controls, and cell or mobile phones. What will be in the future ahead? Will there be airplanes without pilots, or automobiles with out drivers? Maybe the evening meal will be just a pill; I hope it will still be served with a glass of wine.

**Judy Bird, 480 SW Victoria Ct., Gresham, OR 97080**

It has been nearly 19 years since I retired, definitely not my choice.

I was hired in the 1960's at PDXHH and was there until Dobbs took over. I transferred to SEAAH till they shut down, then on SFOMK.

My dear friend Juanita went on to MIAHH (not me!). Cabin service was not the same as preparing meals for our passengers.

Once I made a special fruit plate for Yul Brynner, who appeared in Portland OR for the production of the "King and I". What a thrill! Another time, I prepared a vegetarian plate for Bill Walton!

A lot of us were hired at PDXHH in the 60's and we became family seeing our children grow up and then become grandparents. It definitely was a journey; not a destination.

There have been a lot of changes in good "Ole" United and how we loved our jobs.

One thing that United can not undo is our lasting friendships, still going strong, to this day.

I have wondered where in the world is Len Rein or Frank Kelly. They were our first managers at PDXHH in the 70's and 80's.

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

Enclosed is a check covering my Dues plus a bump for the Postal Fund. Thanks to the RUAEA officers and staff for their commitment and excellent job in representing and informing all of us retirees.

These first 12 years of my retirement have sort of flown by. We have had lots of projects, a little travel, grandkids and, by late 2012, I finally finished the restoration of my long derelict 1952 Jaguar XK120 Roadster. Since then my wife and I have been having lots of fun showing it and touring around in it.

**Colin Cooke Sr., 23 Edgecliff Ter., Yonkers, NY 10705**

I read the E mail quoting the pilots of NY and NJ, asking the Board of Directors to release the United-CON CEO, and get another, suggesting his replacement. Let's see what happens. While our old airline has been losing \$ again, other so called "legacy" airlines are prospering. I've found that New York is full of surprises, good and bad. Living in NY according to the Times are 389,000 Millionaires, 66 Billionaires, and one-fifth of NY residents are living below the poverty line. One conclusion I've drawn is that the financial "envy" of the planet-Wall St. has the collective mind of an empty bucket. Wall St. does not create employment but transfers money (for a profit) from one pocket to someone else's.

The subject arose recently about a rattlesnake awakened from hibernation in April by strangely warmer days. We're lucky in much of the USA not to be overwhelmed by poisonous snakes. For example, India where



4,000 people a year die from snake bites. While serving in India/Burma fortunately, I never did see a Cobra. But I did see one at a jungle village show put on by a Burmese woman. I'm sure the Cobra was doped or the woman would have been dead. She kissed its head to the appropriate waving of arms and a villager blowing "snake music" on a whistle pipe. It was a good show. There is a small deadly snake in Burma called a Green Krait that came slithering into our four man tent one afternoon. I saw it flash by my "charp" (rope bed) and stop by the "charp" occupied by another mechanic named Bert. He grabbed a hammer from his toolbox just as the Krait rose to strike, and whacked its head. Goodbye snake and lucky Bert. Worldwide about 94,000 persons die from snake bites and anti-venom is seldom available. That led me to enquire who makes it and where. HQ for venom research seems to be SFO and I learned from the NY Times that it's made by injecting snake venom into Horses and Sheep. Blood is then withdrawn with the new anti-venom and freeze dried for later use.

On the other hand Deer Tick fever is common in North America and is almost as dangerous if not treated with antibiotics. My son had to be treated twice with injections.

I'm pleased to have heard by mail from **Doug Ledingham** whom I knew in SFOOV, **Bud Simon** in SFORQ and **Bob & Helene England** now in Eugene, OR. Bob was a Lead in sheet metal control surfaces. I also heard by E mail from **Ken Thiede** (ORD), **Trevor Hewes** (SFOIQ), **Bob Gydesen** (OV), and from two former F/A's.

I'm glad we're all still above the sod. Cheers and thanks to RUAEA for its hand on the tiller.

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

The following is about a time during UAL's glory years.

I joined United in mid-1944 at age 17, tending to our western fleet of DC3's. This was prior to my service in Germany with the U.S. Army Air Corps. I returned to what Pat Patterson had envisioned as "the Finest Airline in the World". Indeed, we did rise to that.

There were no two days alike. Thus, work was very exciting and rewarding. I would like to cite one brief period as an example.

A Japan Airline DC-8, named "Shiga" approached San Francisco on a very dark, and of course, foggy Bay Area night. The Captain had been waved off. He circled and made a second approach. He was provided elevation information by his crew that was actually 200 feet higher than fact. Thus he landed in San Francisco Bay, well short of the runway. There were no injuries and the DC-8 did not break up, as it was built like a 'Sherman tank'. The Captain was asked when he first realized he was in trouble, and his response was, "when my feet got wet." Not a bad landing as the saying goes.

As a contractor for JAL, we were assigned the task of restoring 'Shiga'. To say that this was routine would be a vast understatement. The restoring would be the first and (many said) the last time such a task would be pursued. We brought Shiga in out of the salt water and mud. We took her apart piece by piece, cleaned, treated for corrosion, repaired all damage and made her whole again. During this process, the pilot was on site every day. Over the two month period, my crew and I came to know him and realize what a fine dedicated man he was.

With the Shiga restored and certified by the FAA; he flew her back to Tokyo.

I later learned to my continuing sorrow that he had committed Hari Kari, a tradition in Japan to atone for any failure on his part and to restore his honor.

Tony Seidl, RUAEA's late treasurer, was the Engineering Coordinator for the Shiga project.

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

Aloha from N. Idaho.

I worked for UAL (kitchen and cleaning crew, when we did that) in HNL and retired after 23 years and 10 months, because I survived cancer in 1988 at 48 years old. I was also influenced by two of my Hawaiian (hanai) brothers, 2 of my Hawaiian sisters and 2 of my best friends who died between the ages of 47 and 52 (from varying causes, not just cancer). I decided to "play" but I had to work 6 more years until I was 55.

I bought a great little home (with high ceilings, so it feels bigger) in 1989 with over 5 acres of forest land. I later bought 6 more acres, just for the deer, moose squirrels and birds to roam.

I lived in Hawaii for 38 years, mostly Oahu. I return every February for the Presidents Day "Great Aloha Run/Walk". 2014 was the 30<sup>th</sup> year and I have done 26 of them. I told my acupuncturist as long as she keeps me "upright", I plan to keep doing them!

Thank you for our wonderful RUAEA news line. (I don't do computers yet!)

Keep on keepin' on, my airline Pals.

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

The long cold winter was a perfect time for Marge and me to write a book. Our market customers have been asking us to do a book, so now we will see how they respond. It is titled "Jams Jellies and Jesus", since that is what it is about. We have had several book signings, with more to come. If interested, contact us. The proceeds will go to Alaska Christian College.

Are we optimistic or what? We planted 9 grape vines and then read it will take 3 years for them to produce. Let's see, that means 81-82-83 years of age. What ever, we enjoy life. Keep looking up!

**Vikki Young, 15401 W Echo Canyon Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374**

A big thank you all for keeping us updated on the latest happenings with United.

I've been retired for 12 years and I find it so frustrating with flying SA. I guess my main gripe is that we cannot use our hire date for traveling and loose seniority *every year*. I started out with 1967 seniority and now I traveled a few days ago with 1979 seniority. Doesn't seem fair that people with less seniority are boarded before us does it?

I will say that I am thankful for all the years we were able to use our seniority and even fly first class (unheard of today).

Again, thank you for all you do. It is so appreciated.

**Judith Wright, PO Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115**

Thanks for the reminder!

I always enjoy getting my Newsletter.

I still can't figure out how to get into "Flying Together", but some day my niece, a F/A is going to show me how. I fly South West most of the time, anyway as it is easier.

My niece says she is embarrassed to work these days. She flies a lot of German flights because she can speak German. She thinks the "Continental Way" is cheap, low class, late on a regular basis, treat passengers like they own the airline, not the other way around. The planes are dirty and seniority is a mess. She says it is run like the government, awful. And I was sorry that I retired!

Hope everyone has a great summer.



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# Important Phone Numbers



## **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-242-0075

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

## **United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

For flight information and to list or change listing  
Password for ePass Line –your birthday, mmddyy  
\$25 fee to create new booking  
1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

## **Employee Travel Center**

1-877-324-5555

[ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com) (email)

## **Flying Together Help Desk**

1-800-255-5801

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

## **Aetna** 1-(800)-334-0110

## **PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

## **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-  
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1-800-633-4227

# RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2014

## President



**Hank Gosselin** ~ Hank worked his whole career in SEAMM. He was hired as an Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic in 1960 and later was promoted to Aircraft Maintenance Foreman. He retired 40 years later as a Team Leader – SEAMM. During his working years, Hank received Awards of Merit for the B-767 Program, the Hong Kong start-up and as Shuttle Coordinator. Hank has been a member of the Emerald City Slickers in Seattle since he retired and served as their Vice President. Hank has a long history of service to RUAEA, General Chairman of the Seattle Convention, Co-General Chairman of the Washington, DC Convention. He also served as RUAEA's Director – Northwest Region, Vice President of Conventions, 2006 – 2010, Executive Vice President and President for the past 2 years. In his convention work, he infused new life into the hospitality nights, and bringing attendees together for Prop Wash at the Seattle Convention, Western and Hawaii Nights in Sacramento, Sports Night and 50's Night in Pittsburgh, where he dressed and danced as Elvis. Most recently, he was responsible for the Beer and Brats night in Denver. Through the Newsletter, Hank used a survey to improve Conventions with input from the members of RUAEA. Hank is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles serving as a Trustee, fundraiser and yearly, as Santa to over 100 children in need supplying the majority of gifts himself. Bringing presents, he is Santa at the Tacoma Children's hospital. In his leisure he enjoys traveling, visiting friends, relatives, and attending various RUAEA functions.

Hank makes the following statement; *"I am committed to continuing the RUAEA Newsletter, website, annual Conventions, along with close relations with the Company. I feel that as leaders in RUAEA, we must continue to provide value for all our members and increase membership. RUAEA must be an advocate for all retirees, which in turn benefits our members and increases our membership. The reason I am running for President again is that I love the RUAEA Organization. Most important are the friends I have made and remade while active in RUAEA as well as the elected officers I have encountered over the years and I appreciate their dedication. I believe the contributions I have made while serving my positions in RUAEA have been a benefit to RUAEA and its members. I wish to continue actively in RUAEA to benefit all members, keep RUAEA alive, increase membership, work with the other retiree groups, and with the company to recognize the value of retirees. We need a close relationship with the company to better inform our members, continue the Liaison we have to help protect our members, and handle individual member questions as we receive them. With your vote I will be dedicated to all RUAEA members and carry out the ideals I have stated"*.



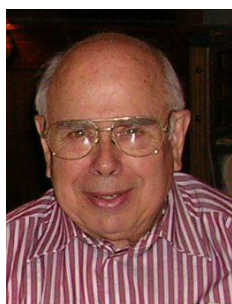
**Mike Richards** ~ Mike became a RUAEA member in 1998 after over 37 years as a United Airlines employee and for the past five years has been honored to serve as Director of the Arizona Region and currently as Executive Vice President. It saddened Mike to watch our relationship with the company become weakened, first by the bankruptcy and more recently by new senior management who apparently believes once you retire you are no longer of much value. Mike indicates that this is unfortunate and RUAEA and the other retiree organizations must develop ways to rekindle and strengthen the relationship with company management in order to remain a vibrant retiree advocate.

The RUAEA BY-LAWS state: *"The purpose of this organization is to maintain the friendships and associations of its Members, and be a proactive voice of United Airlines Retirees' interests, issues and causes."*

Mike makes the following statement; *"The need for change is apparent. RUAEA must find ways to more quickly and effectively communicate all things relating to United if it is to remain a viable organization for the benefit of all retirees. I am running for RUAEA President because of my past experience working with UAL senior*

*management as a labor relations representative and my selection by the bankruptcy court to represent salaried and management retirees during the bankruptcy proceedings provides me with the credentials necessary to lead the drive toward making necessary changes. Pass travel and health Insurance are just two of many issues that raise retiree concerns and RUAEA must become better at communicating information to the membership quickly and by whatever means necessary. We must also focus on the positive things that are available to the membership and quite frankly I feel that we have not done a very good job of that in the past. We can make internal changes that will benefit the membership and continue to work toward making current management awaken to the realization of the value of the retiree population. However we will need increased membership participation to do so. Not many of us can claim we worked for Varney Airlines, Pacific Air Transport, National Air Transport or Boeing Air Transport; many of us started our careers with Capital, Pan American and Continental Airlines and regardless of our original company name or what our job classification, we were all working toward the same goal, a secure retirement with certain benefits afterward. Now as retirees and former co-workers we can and should become: UNITED AGAIN. There is strength in numbers and the greater our membership the greater our voice”.*

### **Executive Vice President**



**Virgil Gooselaw** ~ Virgil retired from United Airlines in 1995 after 33 years of service, practically all served in Aircraft Maintenance. Virgil worked in all phases of the Maintenance Department and in the Station Control Center. The last three years were spent coordinating Aircraft Maintenance requirements for the New Airport (DIA), which opened on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1995. Virgil completed his part of the New Airport project in October of 1995 and retired. Virgil makes the following statement: *“My career was extremely satisfying and the people I worked with and for were great! After retirement, I joined RUAEA in 1995 and became deeply involved in 2003. I have worked in the Denver Office and in the production of the Newsletter and maintaining the Membership database. I have overseen many changes that have enhanced our ability to produce a great Newsletter and distribution system. There are five volunteer secretaries, a letters editor and a great computer tech that work with me; we operate as a team.*

*I believe that with my company and RUAEA experience, I will be a great fit for the Executive VP position and I sincerely solicit your support and vote”.*

### **Vice President Conventions**



**Ron Bertacini** ~ Ron started in 1957 at ORDCG as a Ramp Serviceman. He retired after 39 years from SFOCS, Customer Service Agent in 1996. He spent a stint in SAC as a Station Agent and Ramp Serviceman. However, he spent most of his career in Food Services. Ron was a SFO Food Service Instructor, Catering Rep., Supervisor, Business Manager and Buyer in SFOHN and in SFOHK. He also was the Business Manager in the OMA Flight Kitchen. He also served his time in EXO as an Instructor, Information System Analyst Food Services for three years. He was recognized for his work in Food Services with an Award of Merit and the Frank Krasovec Award Food Service Division (business management), perfect attendance 1982-1993, and Special Recognition Award Catering. In retirement, he continues to be involved in United retiree activities. He served as Vice President and President of the Sacramento Gold Diggers, was our General Chairman of RUAEA National Convention SMF in 2007. He has also served as RUAEA

Director – Northern California/Nevada region 2006-2008, Executive VP 2008-10 and President 2010-12. He is a Volunteer Ambassador at the SMF airport. His wife, Barbara, is also a United Airlines retiree and served as National President of Clipped Wings. Ron participated with Barbara and Clipped Wings as a volunteer in the International Special Olympics from 1993-2005. He also helped in the Special Olympics in Northern California 2002- present. In his spare time, Ron likes to golf, bowl, travel, is a sports fan and is involved in genealogy. He would like to see RUAEA establish more local chapters in order for Directors to personally interact with retirees



in smaller groups. He wants to see RUAEA continue its liaison with United, increase its membership and have more participants at its annual conventions.

### **Treasurer**



**Pam Troutman Ziebarth** – Pam was a stewardess for United Airlines from 1967 to 1969 based at O’Hare. Pam resides in Papillion, NE a suburb of Omaha. She is a 40 year member of the Omaha Chapter of Clipped Wings and has been a RUAEA member since 2009. In the Omaha Chapter of Clipped Wings Pam has served on many occasions as President, Treasurer and Chapter Reporter. Pam was a high school business education teacher for over 30 years teaching computer applications. Pam has served as the Budget & Finance Chairman, National Treasurer, National Newsletter Editor and National President for Clipped Wings. She is also a lifetime member of the United Airlines Historical Foundation and has attended every RUAEA Convention since 2009. Pam has also been an active volunteer for the Nebraska Special Olympics as well as many International Special

Olympics events since 1987. In her spare time she enjoys photography, computer activities, scrapbooking, reading and travel. Pam is also a collector of memorabilia including a large United Airlines collection.

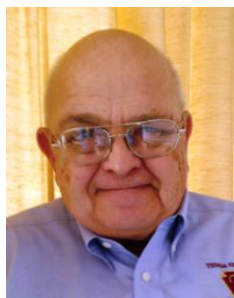
### **Secretary**



**Diane Webb** – Diane began her career with United in January of 1995 as a secretary in Corporate Training at WHQTD. Later she transferred to O’Hare Customer Service where she worked at the gates boarding and dispatching flights. She received recognition as part of C-side team of gate agents having the longest streak of on-time departures. In addition she received many “orchid” letters while at ORDCS. Diane retired from that department in 2006. Prior to her career with United, Diane spent 12 years assisting in the development of a small accounting practice in Illinois. She has also worked as a social worker in Illinois and Utah administering welfare and investigating child abuse and neglect. Diane has served as a board member of the Chicago Skyliners and has been a member of RUAEA since retirement. Diane volunteers in her church and also at a local family history center. She has compiled

several family histories. In her spare time she enjoys attending musicals, concerts and sporting events. Diane also enjoys participating in water aerobics.

### **Director – Florida Region**



**Don Nellans** – In 1967 Don began his career with United in the O’Hare Flight Kitchen. Don worked in other areas during his career retiring as a Ramp Service Supervisor from HNL. Don received the Western Region Air Freight Agent of the Year award. He was chosen for the Aircraft Provisioning Implementation Team in 1995 at EXO. He is now retired in Florida and is the Past President of the Citrus Groupers and currently the RUAEA Director for the Florida Region. Don’s other volunteer activities include Vice President Ocala Model Railroad Historic Preservation Society and Director of Kingsland Ocala Waterways Owners Association. Don and his wife, Mary, have a son and daughter-in-law that have blessed them with two grandchildren. They live in Hawaii so with little spare time

that they have, Don and Mary like to spend with them. Don and Mary are involved in their local community and enjoy meeting new people and visiting friends. They also enjoy their visits to the local chapters and would like to continue in this Director’s position.

### **Director – Midwest Region**





***Helen Cauwels*** - In 1962, Helen was employed by United and served in Treasury, Statistics and management in Airplane Scheduling. In 1987, after twenty-five years of service, she took early retirement. Helen has served RUAEA in many various positions. She was appointed as RUAEA National Secretary in 2000 and elected two subsequent terms for a total of six years. Also, Helen co-chaired the 2003 CHI Convention Tour Committee, served on the RUAEA Site Selection Committee for four years and is currently the Director- Midwest Region. Helen is Vice President of the Skyliners Board (the Chicago chapter of RUAEA.) In addition, she is also President of both her condo building Board and the Master Board of her condominium complex. Helen is active in the Rolling Meadows Senior Center, serving on the Board of Directors, volunteering as Secretary one morning a week and serving as an Escort on day trips from the Center. On a personal note, Helen was widowed since 1984, she is the proud Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother of 3 Sons, 1 Daughter, 7 Grandchildren, and to date 12 Great Grandchildren. The merger presents RUAEA's greatest challenge to increase membership. Helen will continue to keep the Midwest Region Chapters apprised of "changes".

#### **Director – Southern California Region**



***Hal Klobe*** - Hal began his airline career with Capital Airlines 2/4/57 as a Reservations Agent. During his career he held numerous positions ranging from Reservations Agent, Training Instructor, Supervisor in several departments and retired from UAL as a Supervisor in Apollo Travel Services. During Hal's 35 year career with United he received many outstanding sales awards and had perfect attendance. After retirement he worked for UAL Employment on a contract basis. He remains in constant contact with UAL for their special functions i.e. Fantasy Flights. He has been President of the Re-LAX-ers Chapter in LAX for the past 21 years. Hal has served 2 terms as RUAEA Director for Southern California, Executive Vice President, on the site selection committee and also as General Chairman for the very successful convention – "Hooray For Hollywood" in 2005. Hal is presently serving as Director of Southern California and Co-Chairman of the San Diego Convention 2014. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, travel, puzzles and working out at the gym. Also – he is the neighborhood "Nice Guy" (as he is called) assisting people with chores & minor "fix-ups". He and wife, Donna, have 2 sons & several grandchildren.

#### **Director – Northern California/Nevada Region**



***John Zoboli*** - John was hired 1967 as an Engine Maintenance Mechanic in SFOPQ and retired in 1999 from SFOWR as a Foreman – Engine Maintenance, all at the Maintenance Base. During that time, John received many awards of recognition including a 10,000 Suggestion Award from Eddie Carlson, MOC Open House Award for Shop Displays, formal Awards of Appreciation, Employment West – Contributions to the School Program, Safety Department Certificate of Appreciation and Safety Gold Award in the Engine Maintenance Department. For the past six years, John has been RUAEA Regional Director – Northern California/Nevada. Also, John is the President of the Sierra Roundup chapter in RNO. John's wife, Patricia, is also a UAL retiree. In retirement, they continue to be involved with their community volunteering at the local food bank. John and Patricia like to travel, read and explore Nevada. John sees the need for RUAEA to grow with new members and increase the number of local chapters as we recently have seen in Northern California. Increasing membership continues to be his primary focus as a RUAEA Director.

#### **Director – Western Region**



***Roger Casterline*** - In 1965, Roger was hired into SFOEG as an Aircraft Engineer. From 1980-1991, Roger was Director of Aircraft Technical services and retired as Manager of Engineering Systems in 1994. Roger is a member of the Redwood Empire Chapter in Santa Rosa and the South Bay Chapter in San Jose. In his leisure time, he enjoys golf, travel and riding his motorcycle. For the past six years Roger has been RUAEA Western Region Director. Roger would like to get younger retirees to join and participate in RUAEA and local chapter activities since the existing chapter membership is aging and is not easily replaced.



***Tom Cunningham*** – Tom started with United in 1963 as a clerk in the Maintenance Center in San Francisco. Transferred to RNOCS where he did ticketing, Air Freight and Ground Services. Transferred back to SFOTR where Tom worked the gates, ticketing and lost and found. Then moved on to SFOTO and worked several locations in San Francisco and the East Bay. Tom was later involved in Sales and Ticketing, receiving an award of Sales Agent of the Year. Tom worked with Tour Sales Group rating hotels and condos in Hawaii for Tour Sales. Tom's retirement began in 2003 from Walnut Creek Ticket Office. In retirement he has been involved with East Bay Diablos most recently as their Cashier. Tom's volunteer activities have been with the United Way, Past President of IAM Local 1781 for Customer Service Agents. In his leisure time Tom enjoys gardening.

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\$1,500,000 was budgeted for installation costs. The United C-Band equipped fleet entered service in the Fall of 1955. C-Band (5.5 cm) was the first radar developed expressly for airline operations. It "displayed" weather conditions as far as 150 miles ahead, enabling United pilots to choose corridors for smooth flights, avoiding turbulence.



In early 1955, C-Band Airborne Radar was installed in the "Mainliner O'Connor". This was the World's first airliner with C-Band weather radar installed as standard equipment. SFOMM installed C-Band radar in all of United's fleet except the DC-6Bs. The DC-6Bs were modified at a temporary Denver Maintenance Facility. A \$2,500,000 order for 200 units was placed with Radio Corporation of America and an additional

Installation included a "nose-job" in which the airplane nose was extended 28-1/2 inches. This "radome" housed the antenna and its gear mechanism. A "tilt-control panel" and "radar scope" were installed in the cockpit. The antenna could rotate 360 degrees, but in operation it scanned only 240 degrees forward and to the sides.

United began research in 1953, using a DC-3 test plane with experimental RCA C-Band Radar equipment.

*Marvin Berryman DENTK A/V Retired - Excerpted from the July 1955 issue of "United Air Lines News".*

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Seaport Village is a picturesque locale for shopping and dining at one of the several restaurants located on the water front. You can enjoy the local seafood and get a breathtaking view of the Coronado Bridge as you enjoy your meal and the view.

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Looking forward to seeing you in October.



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