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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 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 information from United Airlines;
- ❖ Involved in and supporting local chapters;
- ❖ Developing features and benefits that are of value to retirees;
- ❖ Recruit membership in RUAEA to all those eligible for membership.

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 so in order to solicit more interest we have provided a Write-In option for each office. This will give members the opportunity to self-nominate. **Please, please do not write-in someone without their consent! 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, 2015 through August 23, 2015.** 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, Marilyn Marcy and Diane Griego



Treatie Karwoski



Linda Scriven



Sharon Burbank



Charles "Chuck" Cole



Tom Cunningham

GENERAL NEWS

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Attention! Attention! Tour Change!



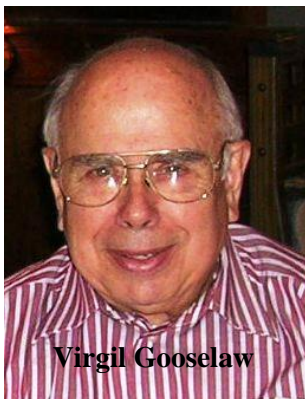
There is a change to tour number 6 in the Convention Package. The Pittsburgh CLO has discontinued their Thursday matinee lunch show and replaced it with an evening performance. We are now offering this show with transportation included. Attendees will be able to purchase light meal items at reasonable prices, such as pizza, salads, quesadillas, Panini, sliders as well as snacks and drinks prior to the performance. *The show will be **Altar Boyz**, a foot-stomping, rafter-raising, musical comedy about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national "Raise the Praise" tour. The Boyz are five all-singing, all-dancing heartthrobs from Ohio: Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham. With their tight harmonies and spectacular choreography, the **Altar Boyz** will delight your audiences. As they perform their signature hits such as "Rhythm In Me", "The Calling", and "I Believe", the Boyz question their loyalty to each other and ask whether or not faith is really holding them together. They finally deliver a message of unity, that "there is no star as bright as its constellation, no harmony in a single voice."*

The cost of this tour, number 6 will be \$45.00 that includes transportation and the show with reserved seating. The bus will leave the hotel at 5:30 PM and return about 10:00 PM.

There is one other change – tours 7,8,10 and 11 will return to the hotel about two hours later giving you a little more time in the city.

Please refer to the Convention Package on the RUAEA website www.ruaea.org for the updated schedule, description and registration form.

Some items from the Denver Office



Virgil Gooselaw

Occasionally there are suggestions that come our way that will enhance our ability to serve you, the membership.

The following are ways we can help:

1. We recognize the desire to be informed of upcoming events or policy changes that are enacted by UAL that affect all of us. When we do get information of interest, to the general membership, we are limited in our ability to inform everyone. We have started an "e-blast" (Email notification) to the membership and if you want to be included you will have to send us your email address. The "e-blast" will come from our President **Hank Gosselin**. It is not intended nor will it be used for trivial messages. You can send your email address to the Denver office at ruaea@qwestoffice.net
2. If you feel the phone message you left on the office recorder has not been received, it most likely has but we may lack the ability to respond. Please understand that we do not have caller ID in the office. Our phone system is controlled by UAL management and we do not have an account with them, nor can we get one. We can only receive incoming calls and make outgoing local calls. For our long distant calls we use a calling card. To help us communicate with you in a timely manner please leave your phone number. Also please speak the number slowly. Repeating it will help.
3. When you pay your dues by check please include your file number, phone number and email address, if you have one. It will make it much easier for the secretaries to process.
4. When you have missed a newsletter, please let us know as soon as possible and remember that besides a change of address to the Post Office, we at RUAEA also need to know of the change. Send a notice to RUAEA 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 or a phone call on (303) 780-5022 or email ruaea@qwestoffice.net is also requested. If you go south for the winter or go north for the summer you need to advise the Denver Office of the address change and the dates to change it. If your north/south migration is a consistent seasonal happening, you can send a letter to the Denver Office specifying the

dates you need the address changed and the secretaries will accommodate you. Be sure and give a valid phone number on your request and email address if you have one.

5. All circulation issues should be reported to the Membership Secretaries either by phone (303) 780-5022, fax (303) 780-5667 or email ruaea@qwestoffice.net.
6. If you want to submit a letter for publication in the letters section please send it to **Martha Gooselaw**, Letters Editor, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 or email marthagoose@comcast.net. Also please include a phone number and an email address, if you have one, so Martha can get back to you if there are questions.
7. Have you noticed that the letters have slacked off? They have, and probably the reason is that many of us are now paying by credit card. Members like to hear from fellow retirees, so get your letter writing skills polished off and send in a letter.

Thanks for helping us help you,

Virgil Gooselaw

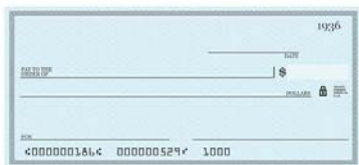
Executive Vice President, RUAEA

You Are Invited



- ❖ *Sierra Roundup Reno Summer Picnic ~ Thursday, August 20, starting about 11:00 am at Bartley Regional Park, Plaza Pavilion, 6000 Bartley Ranch Road, Reno, not far from the heart of downtown Reno. Contact **Pat** or **John Zoboli** at (775) 856-2044 or johnzoboli@aol.com to RSVP and for more details. Lots of places to stay including casino hotels, as well as non-gaming chains such as Hilton, Marriott and others. Bring a side dish to share with about 10 others. Main course and dessert to be provided. Bring your own beverage. Cost is \$5.00/person and retirees and their families and friends are invited. Responses required no later than August 13. Weather should be warm but not scorching hot.*
- ❖ *United Airlines Maintenance, Friends and Family Get Together ~ Everyone is welcome. It will be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada, August 18-21. A block of rooms, RV sites and motor lodge rooms have been reserved at a special rate. The Group number is 504280, and the phone number is (775) 783-6629 or 800-321-6983. They will hold these until July 28. There will be a barbecue on August 19. Guests are asked to bring a side dish to share. For further information, please contact Darlene at (530) 692-0505 or email, imthemama57@msn.com.*

Receive An Unexpected ERRP Check From United?



Some retirees received a check from United due to the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) provided \$5 billion to establish the early retiree reinsurance program to encourage plan sponsors to continue providing health insurance to early retirees who are age 55 and older but are not yet eligible for Medicare (as well as the early retirees' spouse, surviving spouse

and dependents). The program was established June 1, 2010 and ends the earlier of January 1, 2014 or when appropriated funds are exhausted.

The program ceased accepting new program applications on May 6, 2011 and on December 9, 2011, CMS and HHS announced that the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) will not reimburse any claims incurred after December 31, 2011.

HHS has information for employers and unions interested in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program – a website (www.ERRP.gov). The latest procedures and program requirements can be found on this site.

Even more data here: <http://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/Insurance-Programs/Early-Retiree-Reinsurance-Program.html>.

Traveling this summer?



Space-available standby lists: As more and more pass riders use their personal devices to access employeeRES/mobileRES and united.com to check standby lists during travel, domestic stations that do not have gate information display screens (GIDS) will discontinue printing standby lists and encourage pass travelers to check the mobile apps. International locations without GIDS will continue to print and post a current pass-rider standby list 60 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time to help ensure our employees' travel experience is the best it can be.

Pass travel tips: For more information as you prepare for summer pass travel, check out the [10 pass travel dos and don'ts](#) on the Travel tab.

Industry-first 'bug bounty' program now live

Recently, United launched a [bug bounty](#) program that rewards customers who discover security issues with United's website. This started in the tech world, Microsoft, Google and Facebook have similar programs but United is the first airline to start one.

United takes security seriously, and the company welcomes input from experts who raise concerns in a constructive way. That's why United is inviting independent researchers to discover and report bugs that affect the confidentiality, integrity or availability of customer information. United will check out each report, and if the issue is valid, the first person to report it can receive 50,000, 250,000 or even 1 million MileagePlus miles.

The bug bounty program applies only to United's websites, apps and online portals. Tampering with inflight entertainment or other onboard systems is a federal crime, in addition to violating United policy. The FBI is investigating the individual who claimed he was able to manipulate aircraft systems while in flight. United's internal review with its aircraft manufacturer partners makes United confident that these claims are unfounded, and the company is cooperating with the FBI's investigation.

[Tripwire](#), [TechCrunch](#) and [ZDNet](#) were among the media outlets who praised United's new bug bounty program, which was planned in January.

What's new with the United app?



United released an update to the iOS version of its United app on May 18, including several new features that mirror the changes United is making to the new united.com site. This United app update is another step in United's overall investment in digital channels to drive choice, control and convenience for its customers.

The new improvements include:

- ❖ Redesigned flight shopping and booking: Whether it's Wi-Fi availability, preferred connection cities, aircraft type, in-seat power or the inclusion of nearby cities, customers can sort, filter, include and exclude a variety of preferences to narrow or expand search results. United used the same infrastructure it built for united.com in the new app, creating a seamless experience for the customer.
- ❖ Features from united.com: United has brought to the app several popular features available on united.com such as FareLockSM to hold a customer's fare and complete the purchase of an itinerary at a later time and the ability to perform advanced flight searches by specific fare classes.
- ❖ Leading capabilities: United is the first airline to offer its loyalty program members [Touch ID](#), which is the ability to sign into their account using their fingerprint. United also has one of the first apps to be part of the new [Apple Watch](#), giving wearers their boarding gate, flight status and a summary of upcoming reservations. In addition, customers will be able to use the mobile boarding pass barcode in the Apple Watch to transit security.
- ❖ Additional Wi-Fi options: The app now supports all three of United's Wi-Fi vendors, Panasonic Wi-Fi, DIRECTV and Gogo's ATG Wi-Fi.

United will update the app for Android devices later this summer.

Torgy's Travel Tips



Last month I took you on a journey near Orlando where you could imagine a trip to outer space. This month I'm returning you to planet Earth, but still to another "out of this world" reality: "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" at Universal Studios Florida. Now I am NOT a fan of these mega-amusement parks with astronomical ticket prices and interminably long waiting lines for neck-wrenching, ear shattering rides and overactive, over-tired kids dragging their exhausted parents to every gift shop in sight. That said, I still count the Harry Potter attractions as a must-see. In my opinion, no other portrayal of any fictional work comes close to matching reality as described in the books or manifested in the movies, as does this one about Harry Potter. The attention to detail is phenomenal and you cannot help believing it is all real!

Universal Studios Florida is located about a half-hour west of the Orlando Airport. The park has 2 halves: Islands of Adventure and the working Universal Studios. There is a Harry Potter world located in each side: Hogsmeade Village and Hogwarts Castle is found in Islands of Adventure and Diagon Alley is located in the Studios section. In order to see both, you must purchase a "Park-to-Park" ticket. It's worth it. The Hogwarts Express train, complete with Track 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at Kings Cross station transports you between the 2 worlds. Tip: Start your visit at Diagon Alley early in the day and be sure to ride the train in both directions as the scenery and the experience is quite different and delightful.



You may have difficulty finding Diagon Alley once you enter the Studios side of the park, even if you're equipped with a park map. This is intentional and part of the magic! You'll easily find Kings Cross station and even the triple-decker Knight Bus complete with beds, chandelier, the conductor and the talkative shrunken head. But you'll have to search for the opening in the brick wall in order to wend your way out of the Muggle world and into the Wizarding world. Once there, be prepared for magic at every step. Ollivanders wand shop, Flourish and Blott's book store, the Leaky Cauldron and Weasley's Wizard Wheezes are just a few of the many places to step inside as you meander up and down the Alley's streets. Tip: Inquire about being "fitted" for a wand at Ollivanders. There is a marvelous experience awaiting you as small groups are ushered into the chamber behind the right side of the counter. I happened upon this by accident, as it is not published.

Then there is Gringott's Bank. The fire-breathing dragon perched atop the tall, wobbly-looking bank is worth more than a look, but the crowning gem is the walk inside. Everything in Diagon Alley feels real, but walking into the bank is like walking into the movie itself. The line of ornate, high counters beneath arched windows along both walls is "staffed" by animatronic Goblins, formed from the same molds as used in the movies. This is not the old technology of Disneyland's Abraham Lincoln, this is 21st century near-to-lifelike technology, complete with moving hands guiding quills across their ledger books while eyebrows furrow and heads move and gestures made as they look over the line of you, the customers. They even talk to you as you near the entrance to the underground bank vaults where the roller-coaster type ride "Escape from Gringott's" awaits you in darkness. The ride is fast, loud and fun, but I would not have been disappointed at all, if there weren't even a ride. You have a second opportunity to interact with a very serious Gringott's Goblin down the street at the money exchange. Go ahead, ask him anything you want—he'll answer!

Of course, there is the opportunity to cast a spell and make magic happen, and Universal makes a ton of money by selling interactive magic wands. The wands work at any location where there is a medallion in the pavement. Swish the wand, correctly say enchanting words and presto a fountain shoots out water or a spoon stirs in a bowl by itself! The wands work in both parts of the park and they are extremely popular, as are the

Hogwarts school robes for purchase. Beware: the interactive wands are not cheap and neither are the robes. Still, I saw many families with more than one child, decked out with robes and wands.



Hogsmeade Village contains the Hogwarts Castle, a faithful reproduction of the School of Wizardry as well as the surrounding town. Exceptionally well done, again complete with a less rambunctious ride called the “Flight of the Hippogriff”. For the very able-bodied thrill seeker there is the “Dragon Challenge” ride, a twist and loop, high-speed roller coaster which is marketed to riders who’ll need the courage of a Triwizard Tournament champion. My neck hurt for 2 days after riding this one!

Amid the snow-topped roof houses in the village, you’ll find the Three Broomsticks café and Honeyduke’s Sweet Shop. Of course, no visit to either side would be complete without drinking some Butterbeer. It’s available in liquid, frozen or slushy form and tastes a bit like a butterscotch/caramel soda. If it’s hot when you visit, definitely order the slushy one with white marshmallow foam on top. Yum! A souvenir mug entitles you to discounted refills.

There are many, many more rides and attractions aside from the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and like all theme parks it can and does get extraordinarily crowded. Visiting in early November, when kids are still in school, was perfect as the lines were minimal, but there were still an appreciable number of families from the southern hemisphere since it was their summer vacation time.

When choosing a hotel near Universal Studios Florida, be aware that several hotels state they are located “across the street” from the main entrance. What they don’t tell you is that the actual ticket gate is at least three quarters of a mile beyond the street entrance. Although the hotels often offer a shuttle service, it is a shared bus that stops at several hotels and requires advance reservations. The shuttle bus usually has only 4 departure times and if you board at the first hotel, it can take 45 minutes before you are at the ticket gate. Limited return times apply for the shuttle at the end of the day as well. Solution: Take the public bus, LYNX, number 21, 37 or 40 which serves the streets where most of the hotels/motels are located. Cost is only \$2 each way and the buses run frequently.

So get out there and use your flight benefits – a whole world awaits!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



The Memorial Torch of Liberty, a tribute to the new light of freedom won by the sacrifice of the Heroes of Flight 93, is the gift of families of Flight 93. Symbolically, it is united with the torch held by the Statue of Liberty. The base and torch are made of stainless steel. It raises fourteen feet and weighs in excess of 1,400 pounds. Four ribbons form the Torch and represent each of the Four Flights of honor of September Eleventh.

The 200 million candlepower torch will project ten miles unto the sky and will be seen in all directions for ten miles from the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th 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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.



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

LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST CHAPTER

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“The Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA was United because of You”. That was the engraving on **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz**’s recognition gift and the sentiment of their farewell party.

On Monday, May 11, twenty-two members met in our usual spot to celebrate and bid adieu to the couple who founded our Chapter in 2010 and made it what it is today (Recognized in the last issue with all our officers for being re-elected unanimously and without opposition each year).

With mixed emotions, we cheered them on to the new adventure which awaits them – Managing Bama Bed & Breakfast in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with their family: <http://www.bamabedandbreakfast.com/>. We expressed our gratitude with an official Alabama/Roll Tide silver tray engraved with our opening sentiment, along with Alabama Tervis Tumblers. Treasurer **Barbara Serra** arranged for Publix to do a cupcake cake made in the image of their new B and B. The Wilkey twins made them an Alabama pillow, Gayle gave them a Nina Fritz (one of our most famous local artists) Blue Angels ornament and **Carol Hayden** knitted personal gifts.

No one cried except our incoming President, **Conrad Hamilton**, but that was only because we won’t salute him and play Hail to the Chief - he settled down when we agreed to call him “Carnac the Magnificent”. All kidding aside (which is difficult because Conrad is a kiddler), we appreciate his willingness to serve as our Leader.

Yvonne’s secretary shoes were so hard to fill, we had to divide them up into many little shoes, and in some cases, lose the socks! Even with division and elimination of duties, our biggest debt of gratitude goes to **Myrl & John Eisinger**, as Myrl becomes our new Secretary with John as her typist.

I hope a picture is worth a thousand words. Until next month, same time; same place.

Calendar:

July 13 - 11:30AM Meeting at Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We met on Monday, May 11th at the Olive Garden on Crestwood Boulevard for a very pleasant lunch. Attending were **Herb Wilbanks, Joe & Jane Jones, Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Gay Fowler, Travis & Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terissa Mendum**.

Birthdays for May are **Judy Slover** on the 22nd and **Joe Jones** on the 29th. Anniversaries for May are **Bobby & Jean Cox** on the 17th and **Hank & Lynda Thompson** on the 23rd.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bobby Cox**. We meet every second Monday at 11:30 for lunch at various Birmingham area restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines and their family to join us for fellowship and a discussion of the latest news at our airline. Please join us if you are in the Birmingham area. For more information call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Well, it's heating up in the valleys of Arizona. We had a beautiful Spring with mild temps and good patio-sitting weather. Now, the temperatures are getting into the high 90's and upward. But, that's typical June through September weather. My vincas love the sun and heat.

We're looking forward to next season's luncheon/meeting sites. The Board has some new venues that we think will spur your interest in attending Azures gatherings. After the Board's meeting on April 28, **Don Brie** stopped at a couple of new restaurants to get ideas for luncheon sites and, also, catering for our picnic in October. Joe, Lisa, Vic and Carol stopped in at Gordon Biersch in Glendale on May 25 to check out their menu and celebrate Memorial Day. There is a side room that could accommodate the Azures, so that might be a possibility.

Happy belated birthdays for May and June: **Al Ruetten** (5/3); **Susan Hughes** (5/6); **Elsie Dikeman** (5/11); **Shirley Fraser** (6/2); **Barbara Carnes** (6/2); **Marge Mullman** (6/17). Belated Anniversaries: **Ann & Don Bergstrom** (5/16); **Claudia & Mike Richards** (6/14); **Lowell & Pat Neal** (6/15); **Mel & Millie Hofer** (6/22); **Curt & Linette Stenberg** (6/29).

Happy birthdays for July: **Norma Lutzinger** (7/7); **Ed Bobrik** (7/12); **Jean Wood** (7/18); **Claudia Richards** (7/19); **Joan Aaronson** (7/21); **Sonny Carnes** (7/25); **Jim Bechtold** (7/27); **Bruce Rosch** (7/28). No July Anniversaries.

Lowell & Pat Neal attended their granddaughter's wedding in Las Vegas (last month I reported their grandson's wedding in error) and another granddaughter's graduation from high school (busy month) and now are on their way back from sunshine paradise Arizona to rainy Illinois. But, the grass is real and Parkside in Huntley for \$5.00 burgers and fries.

Our belated condolences to **Marge Mullman** on the loss of her canine companion, Tiger. He will be so missed.

Calendar:

July 14 & 28 - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830. Call **Sherry Muoio** at 572-4828 for reservations.

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Happy Fourth Of July To Everyone! This is always a festive time with parades, community events, fireworks, and picnics with family and friends. We all like to celebrate this Independence Holiday.

Our Re-United's members continue to meet once a month during the summer for breakfast. If you haven't been coming, make it a point to join your fellow United friends, and if you have any guests, bring them along. It's a casual event, where everyone enjoys being together each month. We meet the fourth Friday of every month at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. The July breakfast will be on Friday, July 24. Please contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall**, and let her know you are coming by Wednesday, July 22nd. Her telephone number is (480) 396-3317, and her email address is phomfeldt@cox.net. Plan to attend.

We had 15 people join us at our May breakfast. It was nice to see **Dot Kuspis** there; as well as **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen**, and their daughter, Susan. We also had two new guests; who enjoyed our group and decided to join. **Ame Esan** brought **Brenda Ruffins** with her. She is a UA retiree who recently moved to Mesa, AZ. The other visitor was **Herb Sanders**; who recently moved here and lives in Phoenix. He worked at ORD, and knows some of our members. We're very happy they became members and look forward to seeing them at our meetings.

We were updated on some of our members. **Judy Burtner** is recovering well from a total hip replacement, **JoAnn Fearing** is recovering from her recent hip surgery. Both of these gals are having in-home rehabilitation.

Ginny Rockenhauser had ankle surgery too. What's happening to all our women? Our member, **Bill Norwood**, recently received a Doctorate in Aviation Science, and also became the President of the local chapter of the Tuskegee Airman Group. Congratulations, Bill, what an accomplishment! We're very proud to have you as a member of our Re-United Chapter.

We heard **Bud Hubbard** was released from the rehab facility in early May and is now at home receiving home health care. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him and **Lynn** again soon. **Shirley Claggett** recently visited **Jim & Bonnie Fauber** at their new place in Federal Way, Washington and had a nice visit with them.

A reminder to continue picking up items for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight; such as stadium-size fleece blankets, socks, gloves, hats, stuffed animals, trucks, and Barbie dolls, plus any small shampoo or lotions. **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, is accumulating these items for us. You can give them to her at any of our meetings.

The RUAEA Convention application can be found in the June issue of the newsletter. Be sure and make plans to attend the Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 23 – 26 at the Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh Greentree. The Convention room rate is \$112 plus tax, with the rate available three days pre or post convention. You'll definitely enjoy yourself. We hope we have another good turn-out from our chapter members, as we did in San Diego. It's coming up pretty quickly, so don't delay in making your plans to attend.

We have the following birthdays in July: **Veronica Kudit** (7/7), **Paul Paymaster**, (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Pam Betz** (7/12), **Donna Smiley** (7/13), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Gayle Stanley** (7/16), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), **Steve Cooper** (7/28), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29). Happy Birthday to each one of our July birthdays. We have no known July Wedding Anniversaries.

Calendar:

July 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservation by Wed., July 21, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

August 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.

September 23 – 26 – RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

September 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Tucson Roadrunners held their May luncheon at Cayton's Burger Bistro on the Ritz Carlton property on Dove Mountain. The views to the site and dining overlooking the golf course made the drive worth while.

Twenty-seven attendees enjoyed the meal and thank **Doris & Larry Clark** for hosting the event. Raffle tickets were sold by our team of **Alice & Pete Lopez**. The winners of the raffle were **Pat Carera** and **Merit Nerland**.

It was great to see a mobile **Ed Kokot**, back after surgery. It was also learned that **Rich Dilallo** was on the mend after suffering from a bout of E-coli. He must be doing better because Pat said he was starting to enjoy his spicy food again. Our June luncheon, hosted by **Pat Carera**, was to be held on June 18, which is after this newsletter is sent to press. A glowing report will be in the August RUAEA newsletter and the July Roadrunners newsletter authored by our own **Doris Clark**.

The July 16 Roadrunners' luncheon will be hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** at the Thunder Canyon Brewery 1701 N. La Cholla Blvd. Doors open at 11:00, food ordering 11:30. Our seating will be in our usual place-back left corner elevated area.

Milestones:

Anniversaries ~**Marion & Jim Hafterson**, **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer**, **Henny & Clyde Satterfield**, **Leland & Jackie Benner**.

Birthdays ~ **Jackie Benner** (7/3), **Gisela Mead** (7/28).

Calendar:

June 18 - Luncheon at Guiseppes, 6060 North Oracle, Casa Blanca Plaza. 11:30 Hosted by **Pat Carera**. Contact Pat on her phone, do not use email address, (520) 797-0243. No mañana, give her a weeks notice for seating location (inside or outside).

July 16 - Hosted by **Merrit & Carolyn McGlothlin**, location disclosed in July newsletter.

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This month, May, we did not have a meeting. It has been a quiet one, news wise, from our members. I did get an email and phone call from our President **Mike Zoldak** regarding the health of **Bob Wagner**. For the past year, Bob has been in and out of the hospital for fluid around his heart. This involved getting him to the hospital and having the fluid drained. This past week, Bob has gotten weaker and he refuses to go through this procedure any more. Mike visited him in the hospital along with some of Bob's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and his family.

Our meeting, on June 17th, will be sponsored by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

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Glen & Jan Voirol hosted the Desert Sunbirds' May Luncheon at the Golden Yolk in La Quinta. A good crowd of forty nine Sunbirds and guests were in attendance at one of the newer Restaurants in our Desert.

Doreen Roberts brought her brother-in-law, **Charles Hallstead**, and a friend, **Tom Sabo**. The **Klobes** again brought **Peter & Barbara Schuster**. **Sima Gates** made an appearance, as did **Judy Ford**, both of whom we haven't seen for a while.

Our 2015 Rosters were handed out. Our Membership numbers remain about the same - 76 members.

We understand **Louie Horvath** had hip replacement surgery. We hope it goes well, Louie. Join us for a Luncheon when you're able.

Hal Klobe, President of the Re-LAX-ers, Southern California Regional Director, and a member of the Desert Sunbirds (where does he find the time?), spoke briefly to the attendees about the RUAEA Convention - in Pittsburgh. He encouraged everyone that could to attend. It's happening the last week in September, and the Pittsburgh Chapter promises an exciting time. Hal & Donna make the trip to the Desert Sunbirds' Luncheon about four times a year despite the fact that it's about a five hour round-trip drive from their home in Los Angeles.

Our 50/50 Raffle had two winners at \$50.00 each: **Gay Traber** and **Peter Schuster** (the Klobes' guest). Peter promptly gave \$25.00 back to the chapter, for our General Fund, a nice gesture. Thanks, Peter! Two \$10.00 gift cards @ Starbucks were added to the drawing, won by **Vern Behnke** and **Al Beuchel**.

I saved the Birthday Lunch Winner for last, purposely! **Merv Myers** won again, as he did last year. Last year, he said he thought it was three years in a row, so this year would make it, well, you know! Merv can attend only a couple meetings a year, as he works at a local Golf Course. One of those meetings is always May, his birthday month. So, I did some checking. Merv actually won in 2011, '14, and '15. So, you're off the hook, Merv. But if you win again next year.

Calendar:

July 8 – Hosted by **John & Maureen Schultz**

August 12 – Hosted by **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss**



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Thank you **Angie Dellinger** for filling in for me that day. Please note new address and phone number.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on May 27 at the Buckhorn Steakhouse Restaurant, Winters, CA along with the Solano Flyers. This was hosted by **Charles & Martha Szkretar**. We had 47 present; 31 Gold Diggers, 16 Solano Flyers and one guest. Guest was **Lional Rainman**, guest of **Ray Andrejewski**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Szkretars** for hosting.

Officers' Reports:

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** has nothing to report.

Vice President ~ **Len Haubl** said we are still looking for hosts for October and December. We are working on details to combine one of our luncheons with the Hangtown Miners.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** was not with us today. **Angie Dellinger** filled in for her. Two anniversaries for May: **Colleen & Harold Esola** (25 years); **Terry & Penny Greenacre** (53 years).

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** was not with us but sent her report giving our Chapter's balance.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** was not with us today

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger** sent get well cards to **Margie Fulkerson** who now is in Golden Empire Nursing Rehab facility and also to **Stephanie Norton** recovering from knee surgery.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** was not with us today.

Director of Northern California & Nevada ~ **John Zoboli** kept us up to date on the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh, PA. The schedule and tours are available in the June issue of the RUAEA newsletter. Tours will include the Flight 93 memorial, Quecreek mine, Heinz history center, Mt. Washington dinner tour, Fallingwater house tour, various bus tours into parts of Pittsburgh and others. Contrary to rumor, a retiree does not have to be a member of RUAEA to attend the convention but it would be nice to join. RUAEA membership dues did increase by \$2.00 per year starting January 1, 2015. The picnic normally held at Lake Tahoe by the Reno Chapter will be held at Bartley Ranch County Park in Reno this year. The date is August 20th, information will be available closer to the picnic date. A very good article written by a CSA on the use of travel passes is available. I can forward it to anyone with email. It is 11 pages. In the latest review of customer satisfaction for airlines, United was rated 4th worst. If you ever have to fly Silver Airlines - Don't. They fly mostly in Florida but also into some southern states.

RUAEA VP Of Conventions ~ **Ron Bertacini** also told us about the upcoming convention and events. One change in tours is that the City tour, luncheon and show has been changed to the show only. Price will include transportation and show.

Calendar:

June 24 - Luncheon at Ginger's in Roseville hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl**.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Delicious is a great description for the meals all 31 of us enjoyed at Casa Ramos in Placerville. Since we chose from their regular menu, a variety of dishes showed up on the tables – burritos, tacos, flautas, salads – wonderful Mexican fare. President **Rudy Blazius** extended our thanks to **JR & Rosemary Heier** for arranging this luncheon. He also expressed our gratitude to **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** for making plans at Camp Virner for the April luncheon. Even though we wound up having to cancel due to not meeting their minimum, we still know the work they put into organizing it. A gentle reminder to our members to be sure you pay attention to the deadline for sending in your intent and money by the date given. If you are late and the host won't be receiving your check by that deadline, call so they will be able to include you in the count that the restaurant will need. Irv introduced two guests who came a long way to attend – Newark and Palo Alto! **Joe Noto** and **Shirley Keister** seemed to have a good time visiting with long time friends. Shirley brought pictures from SFO for us to enjoy cruising thru. Rudy asked if anyone was having a birthday in May and we learned that **Thom Biro** and **Lindalee Akin** have birthdays. No one present had an anniversary in May, but my records show that **Jon & Alice Somplack** got married in this lovely spring month.

President ~ Rudy informed us that **Vic Drumheller** passed away. **Thom Biro** attended the memorial for him.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** was not present today.

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

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to get away from his work to join us today. Tom reported that our tax reports were filed and accepted by the IRS.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** did not have any new news. **Jane Gibson** did ask if anyone knows how **Dick Czapkay** is doing. She tried calling him but the phone number we have has been disconnected. We will ask **Jon & Alice Somplack** if they know how he is doing.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was at the luncheon, but she and **Joe** needed to leave before the meeting. She does a wonderful job with our chapter's history keeping. Lynda, I (Jane) have the book!

Old Business ~ Our Hangtown Miners sign is getting a bit tattered. **Thom Biro** has been in touch with a company who will make a new, metal sign for \$125.00. **Judy Fitzpatrick** motioned to have Thom order a new sign. **Cindy Blazius** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Thom has been a busy fellow! He also found a lady who will embroider our snazzy logo onto a couple styles of shirts. He brought the shirts that had been ordered in April. The polo shirts – in various colors – and the chambre shirts – also you can pick your color choice – are \$22.00 each and come in ladies' or men's. He can also get nice, lightweight, lined jackets. The ones he delivered today are really nice. You can contact Thom at t.biro@comcast.net to order one for yourself.

New Business ~ **Angie Dellinger** emailed us and suggested that maybe we could have a joint luncheon with the Gold Diggers. Many of our members started out with the Gold Diggers, and some still participate with both chapters. Apparently the June luncheon which is held at the Akin's Ranch each year, was a time for both groups to enjoy time together. I don't know what happened to stop the tradition, but Rudy was concerned with trying to implement for June this year – especially since June's luncheon is just a few weeks away! However, there was mention that maybe, just maybe, we could set up our December luncheon to include the Gold Diggers. We're looking into renting a hall (again) and having the lunch catered. Give it some thought and bring your suggestions to our June meeting.

Miscellaneous ~ **Thom Biro** shared that Hawaiian Air will honor our passes when we have a companion with us. **Rosemary Heier** let us know that the recipe attached to the jars filled with ingredients will give those who won one of these table decorations the cookies that she had for each member. They were very good! **Joe Noto** reminded us that we retirees are persona non gratis at the SFO base. If you need to go to the credit union, you have 15 minutes to do your business with them and be back to the desk.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close. The Drawing Of Opportunity began with **Thom Biro** winning the donors' prize. A huge Thank You to all who brought items to be raffled: **Blazius** – ceramic watering can; **Dinette** – tape measure; **Gibson** – note tablets; **Fitzpatrick** – Ghirardelli Chocolate; **D'Amico** – candy cookies; **Buschman** – wine; **Biro** – wine; **Kenney** – Misc. basket; **Lima** – basket; **Heier** – hand soap; **Ouchi** – wine; **Kozelka/Barton** – wine; **Akin** – eggs; **Kenny** – Jose Cuervo; **Wagner** – mandolin slicer.

Our June luncheon has become a wonderful tradition for the Hangtown Miners. June is the month when we get together at **Ed & Lindalee Akin's** beautiful ranch. This year the meal will be catered by Cork & Fork. Get your check in early!



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Dear RER Members:

Hope you are all enjoying the springtime season so far! It will be summer soon, and maybe the weather will catch up to the normal temps soon!

Our May luncheon meeting was held at the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa on May 14, hosted by **Pat Ortega** and me (**Mary Wilson**). We had an early morning rain which made for cool temps (mid 60's). It was overcast with a light wind as we arrived. Some of the members coming from the Bay Area and East Bay had a slight delay getting there due to the light rain and the slower traffic. It soon cleared mostly and the rain cleared up; so we had increasing temps and conditions as the day went on. The amazing sight of the Bennett Valley hills from the large picture windows in the dining room was beautiful, green with a view of some large mature trees in the area; a great setting for our Retirees group to gather. The Villa staff had set a large U-shaped table for our 38 members and guests, decorated by **Pat Ortega** with spring flowers held up in colorful wine bags. The table shape made visiting with everyone convenient and easy to hear all the conversations.

After a nice social hour, our lunch began with the serving of a tasty and beautiful spring salad. The four entrées were all delivered in a timely manner, which included choices of Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Cacciatore, Salmon Piccata, and Lasagna, followed up with a nice cheesecake dessert and coffee or tea!

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting by thanking **Pat Ortega** and me for hosting the luncheon, and leading us in a round of applause for the Villa Restaurant staff for the nice presentation and menu prepared for us! He called up new member **Herb Johnson** to share a funny story, assisted by our unsuspecting Vice President, **Jerry Underhill**. His practical joke got a lot of laughs!

Vice President **Jerry Underhill** welcomed all 32 members and 6 guests, which included **Jill Scharatz**, daughter and guest of **Oscar Chambers**; **Sue & Barney Ciarls**, guests of **Norma Stillman**; and **Marilyn Schular**, **Carolyn Adams** and **Pam Timmin**, guests of our returning traveler **Verda Burr**.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** gave us his monthly status report on our chapter's General and Charity accounts; he tells us there is \$311.72 in the General account and \$437.36 in the Charity account, for a total of \$749.08. He reminded that buying raffle tickets helps us grow our balance!

Our historian and photographer **Barney Hagen** reported to us that he had recently attended a Pilot's meeting at a Petaluma restaurant, and reminded us to sign into the UAL Flying Together site at least every 90 days, or you will have to go through resetting your password, which can be a long process!

Brandon Maus, former President of the RER chapter, and his wife **Pat** recently flew to Tampa Florida, which was a full load due to the very busy Springtime travel season; he suggested to us to pack valuables, medications, and changes of underwear, etc. into smaller carry-on bags that fit under the seat, rather than in checked bags, or a bag that the airline will insist must be checked, so that if there is a delay in receiving your bags at the destination you will have your essentials with you. He also mentioned it is best to make reservations at a hotel that will let you have a few hours leeway to cancel instead of a 48 hr. notice policy in case you can't get on your desired flight.

RUAEA Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** talked about the decision by UAL to buy older planes to refurbish instead of investing in the newer more expensive planes like the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, that don't necessarily have better fuel efficiency. They have cancelled some orders for the 787 planes and are ordering 14 of the Boeing 777-200's to restore them with updated equipment to serve the airline better for their future goals.

Finally, we had the birthday and anniversary list read by **Verda Burr**, our Sunshine lady, who recently returned from visiting her family in both Oregon and Atlanta Georgia during the months of March and April. She raved about the great food they have available in the South East, especially in the great buffets.

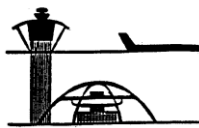
The May birthdays were **Maria Von Kruining**, **Barb Briggs**, **Jerry Underhill** and **Joanne Huhn**. The free birthday lunch was awarded to **Joanne Huhn**. The one wedding anniversary was for **Don & Norma Davis** who celebrate 34 years of marriage. Congratulations was sung to them all!

Verda also mentioned that we should remember two people who are not in great health right now, who are **Sheila Legnitto** and **Maria Von Kruining**; a card has previously been sent out to **Sheila Legnitto** by **Joanne Huhn**. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Verda then brought us a couple of jokes which keep us in a lighter mood.

We finished up our time together with the raffle of the wines, See's chocolates and the centerpieces. We were reminded not to forget the Charity box on our way out!

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We are so lucky to live in Southern California. Even though we're now facing severe water shortages; drying grass in our yards and empty pools; we feel grateful that our houses are not destroyed by tornadoes or floating down the river to God knows where.

We're happy to report good news from the **Kopps**. **Betty** left a wonderful message that **Herb** is finally making progress slowly and they hope to see us soon.

Some members have been traveling to visit family or taking spring vacations. **Peter & Barbara Schuster** have made several trips. They visited the Normandy Coast, enjoyed an Operetta tour and have joined friends in Germany for a "Spring Fling".

Roger & Judi Dunworth managed to travel to favorite camping areas even though Roger is dealing with kidney stones again. He said the pain is not too bad.

Hal & I coaxed **Peter & Barbara Schuster** into driving to the Palm Springs area to attend a Desert Sunbirds luncheon and enjoyed the lovely warm day. It's very enjoyable to visit with friends from the past. We saw **Ron** and **Melinda Lerg**, **Betty Rodgers**, **Doreen Roberts**, **Carol Pacquin**, **Chuck Lamas** and his new wife, **Marji**. **Tom Sabo** came and joined the Sunbirds. He's now retired and has moved to the desert.

Once again, **Sylvia Allen**'s annual party was a huge success. Her yearly get together requires guests to either show receipts of donations to local charities or gives the opportunity to donate at the registration desk. She presents fabulous entertainment and tasty food to entice you to attend. What a loving heart she has to assist those in need. God Bless you, Sylvia.

Calendar:

August 7 - Proud Bird restaurant



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Summer is here and time for travel and visits with family. There were twenty attending breakfast this morning and there was much to talk about.

The Employee Travel Center now has a Spring Pass travel newsletter and there is a summer edition to be out in the near future. This is located on the Travel Tab on Flying Together. You may find useful information for your summer travel.

This month **Bob Grissom** won the 50/50 raffle.

Robert & Debbie Taylor stopped by for a visit with **Al & Helen Soderberg** after the breakfast. They are doing well but Helen has very low energy, and feeling weak. They enjoyed hearing all the news from breakfast.

Louis Semon is leaving shortly for a two week trip to Rome and the Holy Land with a group from his church. **Rosario Zepeda** is flying to New York for her granddaughter's High School graduation.

Debbie & Robert Taylor just returned from Daytona Beach visiting with friends and stopped in for lunch with the SandDabs retirees in Daytona Beach. They are leaving again shortly for Houston for their nephew's wedding.

Linda Smith and her husband have recently returned from their 25th anniversary trip to Paris. It was their first trip to Paris and they said they tried all the food and French pastries!

Anna and **Maria Pollack** are back from a trip to Spain, Germany and Gibraltar.

We welcome new member **Angie Derrick**. She is a recent retiree and we are so happy to have her join us.

Barbara Drews is off to visit friends in Aspen, Colorado. It's hard to imagine Aspen without snow; I expect it to be beautiful with spring flowers blooming.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to have more good trips to report on next month.

Calendar:

July 2 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.



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No! The Golden Gaters haven't fallen off the face of the earth - we have been busy celebrating our 53rd year of existence, April 30, 1962. Historian **Jim Goodwine** brought us up to date, noting that as the years go by, our attendance has fallen somewhat.

Jerome Underhill presides over our group - conducts the Pledge of Allegiance, meetings and social hour. Because of personal commitments, several of our Board Members have had to re-retire. Our thanks to **Judy Curran** for her help on the auditors team, **Gene Walter** (he graciously was commandeered) filled her spot, he

keeps company with **Dorothy Reuszer** and **Ben Vietz**. Thanks also to **Patricia Niland** as our Corresponding Secretary/RUAEA newsletter lady. Kudos to **Walter & Vera Kina**, our long-time kitchen coordinators.

We have changed our kitchen helpers job to that of monthly volunteers. Just so you haven't forgotten: July - we need someone to help; August - **Dee Henning**; September - we need someone to help; October - **Pat Ortega** and her crew; November - **Jerry & Pat Marsala**; no December meeting. We have changed, or combined several Board/Coordinators positions over the months as we still need help. So many of our officers and coordinators have been on the job for years! We need volunteers - where are you hiding?

These past several months have been sad ones for us as several long time members have passed away: **Cary Fong**, **Gerald Burger**, **Ellen Pearce**, **Phyllis Maloney** (she had just celebrated her 99th birthday), **Angelo Giannarini** and, most recently, **Milt Cavalli**.

Milt Cavalli was a local boy, born in San Mateo County, he passed away when he was 102 years old. At his 100th birthday bash, he bragged that he had just had his driver's license renewed for another 5 years! We would often see him, with his sweetie **Marie** (now 101 years young!) tooling around town in his Model T - she in her oversized hat with lacy bow tied under her chin, he in his scarf and goggles! They had been married 77 years and had known one another since high school. **Milt** worked at SFOMM as a Line Maintenance foreman and retired in 1971. We will miss our friends and we send our love and condolences to all of the families.

On a happier note - **Gene & Carol Walter** celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. **Butch & Cookie (Joan) Brochu** are feeling better these days. Our Treasurer, **Art Barrett**, says we are solvent!

Vice President **Kathy Hutt** says entertainment will be on our meetings where members bring their own lunch (BYOBB - bring your own brown bag) this will be for the month of September. Special thanks to **Kathy** for previously setting up monthly entertainment for us to enjoy - she has done a sterling job. In May, Bev McSween, a pianist who has been tickling the ivories since she was 6 years old, had us singing along to all those oldies and goodies from way back when. She is a local SFO native whose parents made sure she attended all the performances of famous entertainers. She had heard about Sophie Tucker since she was 9 years old and kept asking her father to take her to one of her performances. He said, "*No*" - she asked why not? He said, "*Ask your mother.*" After years of hearing, "No - ask your father/mother," her parents finally decided that at age 13, they should tell her that Sophie was a "very risque" singer and not appropriate for young ladies to hear. Sophie would be considered quite "tame" these days! Ah, times they have a-changed!

Please Note our Monthly Calendar: Our luncheon meetings have changed so mark your calendars for the following:

July 27 - The Colonel is sending his special KFC. Please call **Dorothy Reuszer**, (650) 341-5765, if you did not get and pay for a ticket at the June meeting, we will need to know how much to order; your name will be on her list and you will pay at the door. Price is \$6.00 member / \$7.00 for guests.

August 24 – Big Change! Because the RUAEA convention ends right before our meeting in September, we have moved our **Annual Steak BBQ** meeting to August. This will let our conventioners have some time to get home. Price: \$15.00 members / \$20.00 guests.

September 28 - Bring your own Brown Bag (BYOBB.)

October 26 - Pizza, Salad and fixins'

November 27 - Pot Luck (single people bring enough food for 4 people, couples bring enough food for 8 people.)

December - no meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

We enjoy our monthly meetings, catching up with old friends and making new ones. We especially like to thank **Jim & Helen Goodwine** for their generous baseball game tickets; when they are away, they donate the tickets to the group which are then raffled off. Our raffle proceeds are distributed to local charities at the end of the year by **Harriet Kunze**, our Memorial/Charity Coordinator.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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By the month of July, the Jacaranda and Dogwood trees have already bloomed and we are well into summer. We had our annual June Picnic at Vasona Park, and decorations were planned by **Julie Midwin** and **Cheri Scales**. This year they departed from the red, white and blue, stars and stripes theme to a Polynesian theme. A lot of people wore Hawaiian Shirts and leis to make the affair very festive. It is always nice to have time to socialize with friends who we don't see very often. We were delighted to have **Margie & Alex Klaus** present for the event. Las Vegas seems to suit them just fine.

Summer picnics are on most of our lists of summer activities, especially for those of us who are fortunate enough to celebrate birthdays. **Roger Casterline**, in particular, is a *Real Firecracker*, since he was "Born on the 4th of July!" Others who share this birthday month are **Carol Copley**, **Dave Garland**, **Gary Ikeya**, **Charles Lootens**, **Lou Marcolina**, and **Merle Sweet**. Happy Birthday to all! I know I am looking forward to that slice of chocolate cake we will receive at one of our RUAEA breakfast meetings.

We are "anniversary lite" this month with only **Ella & George Sousa**, and **Jacqueline & Larry Tulee** celebrating their nuptials.

Robin & Dave Garland have had a busy schedule as we go into our summer routines. Besides a rather chilly camping trip at a beach in the Santa Cruz area, he and Robin attended the County Fair in Sacramento. They watched as their 4H grandchildren showed goats and lambs. Each of their grandchildren walked away with a ribbon, even their 9 year old granddaughter. Nice to know this tradition is still alive. Dave also flew to Denver, and drove on to Farmington, Minnesota in a friend's '69 Plymouth Road Runner to the largest Midwest Mopar Car Show. Back in the '60s the Plymouth Division of the Chrysler Corporation paid \$50,000 to Warner Brothers-Seven Arts to use the name "Road Runner" and likeness of their Road Runner Cartoon character, as well as a "beep, beep" horn which Plymouth paid \$10,000 to develop. What a great trip, Dave.

However, Dave isn't the only one of our members enjoying trips. **Merle & Boyd Sweet** took a trip to Chicago, as well as some getaways to Wine Country, Gold Country and Lake Tahoe. **Elfrieda & Albert Grossmann** also spent a few days in the Tahoe area. (We looked for you two in Tahoe!) **Maureen & Vern Snyder** tried their luck in Reno. Hope you came home Big Winners! We are looking forward to hearing about **Al & Mary Lou Rogers** road trip to Utah, Wyoming, and South Dakota. **Zelma Kibler** and **Roger Casterline** went to Honolulu.

Alice Rostirolla went further than all of us put together. She flew into Venice where her family hosted a party for her with about 40 relatives in attendance where she met many Italian Cousins. Alice was able to tour her family's home of origin which dates back to the 1600s. She took pleasure in the beautiful countryside which is characterized by historic hill towns, landscapes, and the traditional artistic legacy as she toured Umbria and Tuscany. Milan was her final stop before returning home in first class on UAL. What a treat these days.

With **Dave Garland**, our president, off on all of his trips our Vice President, **George Midwin** has done an excellent job with this rowdy group at our morning meetings. One of the mornings a few of **Geneva Schaller**'s family joined us. (... not that they were the rowdy ones ...) This included Geneva's daughter, **Susan**, who lives in the Virgin Islands, her son, **Jim**, who is from Portland, and **Cassie** and **Lexie**, two of her granddaughters. **Julie Midwin**'s mother, **Francis**, who is from Stockton, also joined us. It was a treat to have members who we don't see very often; **Dorothy & Don Boyer**, **Barbara & Charley Brown**, and **Darlene & Gary Ikeya**, as well as newer member, **Hiroko Caster** and **Chuck Clayborn** at one of our breakfasts.

Maureen Snyder, our Sunshine Chairman, reports that *few* of our members have been having a "wee bit of trouble". We have been happy to have **Ella & George Sousa** back with us, and we send **Carol Copley** positive thoughts.

Happy Summer!



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We met Thursday, May 14 at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson for a Cinco de Mayo celebration lunch. Our hosts were **Bob & Joy Blair**. President **Bobby Wood** opened the meeting and surrendered the floor to **Don Nesja** for some "he said, she said" jokes, followed by **Bob Blair** with additional humor.

When all had arrived, President Wood offered a prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, following which we enjoyed a great Mexican themed luncheon.

Following our meal, President Wood told us he and Eleanor would be traveling for the next three months, and **Bob Brooks** would be standing in. We still are in search of an official Vice President.

We welcomed our favorite guest, **Eleanor Wood's** youngest addition, **Kennedy Kiss** (who is now walking a bit). What a joy it is to hear the laughter of a little one!

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** reported all bills paid and all monies deposited through yesterday. Our current bank balance is over \$400.00. Details are always available to members from Rudy or in the Secretary's minutes. Since a tip for our server was not included in the price for the luncheon, a basket was passed so we could show her our appreciation.

Joy Blair, our Sunshine Lady, said she had talked to **Larry Brinsfield** who was home after having surgery recently and says he is "doing well". She also spoke to **Pat Magee** who is still recuperating. **Hans Weber** is suffering with a bout of shingles, and **Cathy Rentzel** is in poor health. **Bobby & Sandy Brooks** visited **Guy & Nancy Hoffman** and said Guy is having a visiting nurse relieve him as Nancy is dropping further into Alzheimer's.

President Wood remembered **Hans Weber's** birthday, and there were no anniversaries in May.

President Wood mentioned that **Bob Scoble** notified him of the death of **Sandy Singer** (HR rep for years), **Don Bacon** (jet shop), **Bob Coverich** and **Dennis Hall**, all of whom died recently.

Bob Blair indicated that he had a very, very difficult time trying to get travel info online, but it appears to be OK now. Bob also is looking for the large red bag that he left with our RUAEA signs to make easier transport. If you know what has happened to the bag (like a shopping bag), or have it, please let Bob know and/or bring it to the next meeting.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is June 11, 2015 in Manteca) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our temporary president, **Bobby Brooks** (209) 772-9814 or brooks8281@sbcglobal.net, for meeting information and reservations.

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Our May meeting was a repeat at the Old Spaghetti Factory by popular demand! The service was great and the food was wonderful. 30 attendees! It was great to see **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler** back. The **Bouskas** returned after a long absence. They were traveling on a wonderful Panama Canal Cruise and a visit to a convention in Las Vegas. Good to have them back.

We had a new guest, **Frank Uhl** – SFOBL. Hope to see him next month at the picnic.

Once again, thanks to **Carol Parks** who brought our candy and donated wine for the 50/50. What would we do without her?

Tom Johnson again reminded us of the great deals for seniors with Amtrak on the Auburn to San Jose route. Also on Saturday and Sunday, one payment of full fare gives 5 more at \$10.00 each. Sounds like fun.

Nancy Boyle reported on a trip taken by a friend and her husband who attended the 70th Anniversary of Iwo Jima. They were treated like royalty in SFO by a Marine Color Guard and many UA employees. They were introduced by the Captain on the flight and were escorted off first as well as through the airport. The same respect was shown them in Iwo Jima. They were so impressed by United.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- ❖ July – No meeting
- ❖ August 10 – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo St., Concord
- ❖ September 14 – TBA
- ❖ October 12 – TBA
- ❖ November 9 – TBA
- ❖ December 14 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots with the Marine Corps – Zio Fredo's.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.



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We have had the best weather ever in the North state. Not too hot and not too cold but no rain! We do feel for our Midwest friends and they sure have been putting up with some awful weather and a true disaster.

Merritt Odor greeted everyone and thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for making the reservations at the Mill Creek Café, in Los Molinos. Visiting today was **Melissa Metcalf**, a friend of **Vanessa Pratt** and **John Zoboli**, our Regional Director, was able to attend. This is our second time at this restaurant for the group and again everyone enjoyed it. We had 31 retirees, spouses and guests in attendance.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Vanessa Pratt** will be celebrating her birthday in June.

A question was asked to find out who in our group had the earliest retirement date. Congratulation goes to **Charlotte Puryear** who retired in 1983.

John Isbell gave a report on radial engine information. A short discussion took place and everyone thanked John for the information.

John Zoboli gave a talk on the 2015 convention that will be held Sept. 23-26 in Pittsburgh at the Doubletree Greentree owned by Hyatt. Rooms will be \$112.00 per night. The room rate will be available for 3 days prior and post-convention. The schedule and tours was available in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. Some of the tours will include the Flight 93 Memorial, Heinz history Center and various other tours. John also spoke about the RUAEA organization and membership in the group.

The yearly picnic normally held at Lake Tahoe by the Reno chapter will be held at Bartley Ranch County Park in Reno this year. The date is August 20th, information will be available closer to the picnic date. There was a short discussion about the historical society that United operates in Denver. Merritt thanked John for sharing current information.

Merritt brought up an item about a Corvette show. On June 13, the American Corvette Club will be having their annual Corvette Car Show at Rolling Hills Casino. He invited all to attend.

Our July meeting will be held at **Kent & Billie Jorgensen's** summer home at Lake Almanor. The date will be July 30th. Lunch will be held at 1:30 P.M. Kent and **Bill Simonton** will both plan to have their boats available so if people want to come early and take a tour on the lake, they can do so. Kent brought up the fact that it does get windy on the lake in the afternoon.

Sharon handed out information packets concerning motels, cabins and RV Parks located around Chester and Lake Almanor in case anyone wants to stay over.

The membership voted on providing the meat and everyone will bring a side dish. Everyone will bring their own wine and beer if they would like and Kent & Billie will provide the soft drinks. Sharon will be sending out a flyer and it should be a fun day.

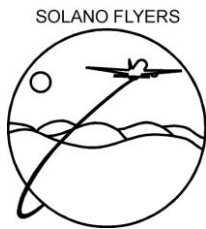
Vincent Neidlinger spoke about the Calif. Vet Home in Redding. He is a volunteer there and anyone can take a tour of the property. Please let Vincent know ahead of time.

John Zoboli won the 50/50 raffle and **John Isbell** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

The next meeting will be held July 30th at Lake Almanor. We spoke about the September meeting. The date will be Thursday, September 24, at 11:30 A.M. and the place will be Vittles in Anderson. **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** volunteered to set up the meeting.

Calendar:

July 30 - Lake Almanor at **Kent & Billie Jorgensen's** summer home. Come and join us!



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Secretary Notes for Solano Flyers Meeting May 27 ~ We had 22 Solano Flyers attend this month's meeting at The Buckhorn Restaurant in Winters, CA. In attendance were **Bob & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Louis Pell, Rudolph Arsaga, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Robert & Ellie Ewald, Ed Meadows, Constantino Poolos, Charles & Martha Szekretar, Jamie Schwafel, Frank Uhl, Richard & Mary Dabbert, James Elison, Lucy & Diosnel Perz, Bob Zweighardt** and first time attendee **Jack Hornfisher**. President **Al Pochop** was absent because of personal reasons.

This month's meeting was combined with the Sacramento Gold Diggers. Along with our 22 members, we had 24 Gold Diggers. Seven of our members also belong to both organizations. This is the second year we've combined our luncheons and it was suggested that we make it a yearly event. Combining meetings allows members to see one another which they wouldn't normally be able to do. Since the luncheon was hosted by the Gold Diggers, they had their normal meeting and we skipped ours. Both organizations sold tickets for their perspective drawings so it was a win win situation for both organizations.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **Bob Allen**. Next month's meeting will be held at Denny's in Vacaville.

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We had our monthly breakfast meeting at DENTK cafeteria on June 6 with 31 in attendance, pretty good for a prior week of rain, thunderstorm activity in the Denver area. The DENMM breakfast group met on May 16th, they usually have a good turnout at Gala Gardens. I understand that there were some difficulties that morning and several retirees waited for up to two hours for their meals. I assume that group will be looking at different venues for their meeting. But then, as retirees, we do have additional time, right?

President **Tom Goodyear** began the meeting. We had one reported illness, **Nancy Goodyear**, she had gall bladder surgery with additional complications on May 14th. She said "I *didn't* realize I felt that bad". Now she feels young again. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** were traveling to Washington State for a graduation, they were missed. With sad new we heard of the passing of **Harriet Ahr**, she was 90 years young. For the past 30 years, **Harriet** had fulfilled many volunteer responsibilities with RUAEA and the Denver Mainliner. I was told she

was an avid golfer also. She was our local treasurer and her duties will now be filled by **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** and **Laura Coats**. Thanks for stepping up.

One of our members moved to Williamsburg, VA. **Irma Atanasio**, DENCs, thanks for sharing your time with us. We will miss you.

The Denver chapters of ARECA and RUAEA will be having their third annual combined summer activity at the "Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum" on Wednesday, August 19 at 11:00 -3:00. Lunch will be catered by Bennett's BBQ and served at noon. There are self guided tours of the museum and several aircraft, airline displays that are very interesting. The deadline for reservations is August 17. The cost is adults \$21/per person, child 5-10 years \$10/per person. Walkup price is \$25 per person. Submit your checks to Denver ARECA, c/o **Carol Danielson**, 12598 E. Kentucky Ave., Aurora, CO 80012-3323. Please include the check, member's name, and spouse or guest name, including children. The meal will be beef brisket, chicken, pork, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, brownie for dessert, and iced tea or lemonade. All are welcome and it is an opportunity to relive the "good old days".

We were reminded that the Convention registration packet is in the RUAEA June newsletter. It sounds like it may be an interesting one. Remember the dates, September 23-26 in Pittsburgh. See you there!

We had our 50/50 drawings and the winners were: **Yumi Trujillo**, SCO flight crew desk, **Paul Miller**, DENMM, **Charlie Hassler**, DENMM, and **Don Burbank**, DENMM. Don won twice, but it was ok because he was celebrating his 70th birthday. All returned their winnings to the chapter's treasury.

We love to have guests at all of our functions. Perhaps you could bring a retired co worker who isn't aware of our "fun".

Calendar:

July 4 - 9am breakfast at DENTK

July 18 - DENMM breakfast group

August 19 - 11am BBQ at "Wings Over the Rockies"

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPEERS



The Villages, FL

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Our monthly meeting and luncheon was held on May 28th at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages. After a very good lunch attended by 13 members, President **Ralph Brick** started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised that the membership directory is almost ready, everyone was asked to get their data in if they haven't already done so.

Treasurer **Joan Brandonisio** said we have \$341.99 in the bank from 50/50 and 33 paid members. We had one new face at the table, **Sharlene Arnold**. She started with United in 1983 in San Francisco working the ticket counter and gate, transferred to Miami in 1991, worked there for 6 years doing just about everything ticketing counter, ramp and customs, never a dull moment. She then transferred to Orlando, we welcome you with open arms.

Terri Davis won the 50/50, congratulations.

RUAEA Regional Director **Don Nellans** and his wife **Mary** joined us and reminded everyone that RUAEA convention is coming up the last week of September in Pittsburgh. They have been there several times and said it is a good time for all. Bound to see people you know or want to meet.

We will have one more meeting and luncheon on Thursday, June 25th, then two months off during July and August.

Ralph asked everyone to put their thinking caps on and come up with a Christmas plan. Last year, we took a Captain Mike's river cruise and dinner at Stumpknockers on the river. Everyone enjoyed that and wouldn't mind doing it again. Lots of good ideas were forthcoming. Casino cruise or Hard Rock in Tampa, Ocala breeder's sale, cruise on the St John river and Tarpon Springs boat trip and lunch. I'm sure there will be more. We may be able to decide on one at our next meeting. Until then keep safe.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Ralph Brick** at brickralph@cox.net.

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Summer vacation has begun so some of our members are off vacationing in exotic places or fleeing to the north to escape the heat! We only had 14 for our meeting today but the smaller number made the conversations more intimate. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by **Bobbie Rieck** which included a prayer for the safety of our police officers.

Even our President **Dick Coughlin** is off on a travel adventure (with wife **Frieda**). Vice President **Steve Moddle** did a fine job filling the role including sharing some funny stories.

Bud & Karen Gammill are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary this month and **Bud** also is celebrating 23 years of retirement. Congratulations! We had no birthdays so didn't get to bring out the candle and cake. Maybe next month!

Treasurer **Penny Logan** was among the missing, having to take her husband to an appointment. But we still had the 50/50 raffle and the lucky winner was **Rick Johnson**. The cash was given directly to his wife **Marion**. I guess we know who is in charge!

Vice President **Steve Moddle** gave a UAL briefing and we had a conversation about pass riding. The meeting adjourned so everyone could enjoy the absolutely beautiful Florida weather.

Calendar:

July 2 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

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Our regular meeting was not held in lieu of the fact that we had our annual picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter, FL on May 13. It was a beautiful day but very warm with 21 members in attendance, and all kinds of good food, many thanks to the various committees that made our picnic a great success. We will be taking a vote in the future to move the picnic to March from May to make it easier for our snowbirds to attend and perhaps the weather will be somewhat cooler.

We were dealt quite a shocker to find out that Wahoo's suddenly closed their doors without notice and we have been unable to contact them since their phone has been shut down.

Our 1st VP **Bob Langevin** was to take over the meeting for June since our Pres. **Al Popek** and his wife **Janice** were taking a cruise to Alaska. On Saturday before our meeting, Bob heard a rumor from one of his friends that Wahoo's was closing, so he decided to try to call them to get info but found out the phone was disconnected. With that in mind, he decided to drive up to their location and what a surprise he found when he arrived! A large sign on the door read "UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES WAHOO'S HAS HAD TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY. WE APPRECIATE YOU PAST PATRONAGE." How is that for bad business practice that no one had the decency to call us and let us know after all the years we gave them monthly business and our Holiday/Christmas party to boot! Very sad indeed.

Well when Bob read the sign he was in shock; and realizing that our meeting was on Wednesday, he started to drive down US Highway 1 to find a suitable place that would be available for us. He drove past Duffy's near Cove Road and they have a small room that was available, he told them we would be there and he would advise them how many would be attending the meeting. He went home and sent emails out to everyone and was even able to get in a minute phone call to advise **Al Popek** just before the ship was sailing.

We had 17 members in attendance, Bob's good thinking and quick action saved the day indeed. Bob discussed the vote to take place to change the picnic month and for the present to attend the July meeting and

wait for further news when Al and the board are able to discuss the future plan. We of course will have to find a new location for our Holiday/Christmas Party as well.

Everything worked out well with the food and service. The room was much smaller and it probably would only be able to fit 2 to 4 more members in that room but Duffy's has another room so time will tell.

We all had questions about the checks we received from United without any explanation.

Bob Langevin won the 50/50 and **Paul Leibisch** won the Progressive again this month, way to go Paul.

Birthdays for June are **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Thomas Kolibab** (6/5), **Ron Brodis** and **Sharon Kolibab** (6/12). Happy Birthday to all! Anniversaries are **Frank & Mary Jane** (6/11), **Arnold & Doris Lakso** (6/20). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Mary Jane Wise just had surgery on her hip so we all send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Birthdays for July are **Truman Barker** (7/15), **Glenda Boisseau** (7/18), **Anne Kenda** (7/27). Happy Birthday to all! Anniversaries are **Rob & Diane Brodis** (7/15), **Eugene & Fran Student** (7/20). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

July 1 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's US1, Stuart, FL.

August 5 - Meeting location will be given at July 1 meeting, also via email

September 2 - Meeting location will be given at July 1 meeting, also via email

HAWAII



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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's 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 and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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July—we have fireworks to celebrate the 239th birthday of our great nation. Hope you can find somewhere to enjoy the colorful displays, loved by kids of all ages. The history of fireworks goes back to about 200 BC in China, when somebody accidentally threw bamboo onto a fire. It exploded and frightened everyone. They used it to scare away the evil spirits, but then began using it for special occasions. About 600 AD somebody discovered gunpowder, and then the real fun began. So, thank you, China for making our birthday so spectacular. Let's not forget the French on Bastille Day. The citizens stormed the Bastille Prison, and many of the monarchy lost their heads in the melee. Madame Lafarge is bringing the wine. Viva La France! July is also National Blueberry, Hot Dog and Ice Cream month. Now I can sink my teeth into those things.

Now back to America and UAL's retirees. Our Northside breakfast had two new guests. **Marge Johnson**, EXOIN, an old friend of **Helen Cauwels** and **Mary Szabo**. Also a newbie is **Rich Maionchi**, from EXOKF and EXOKX. It's wonderful to see new people joining our little group. **Pat & Bob Kalicki** went to DAY to celebrate their great granddaughter, **Clara's** second birthday. They also visited with Clara's parents. It's great to see your generations continue, isn't it? Speaking of festivities, **Bonnie & Ed Meyer** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12th. Colossal congratulations to the lovely couple. They just look like they were matched in heaven, don't they? **Charlie Lewis** just wrote and said he and **Carol** celebrated 53 years together on June 9. Two of our regulars that migrated to Colorado are alive and well. **Bob & Carol Faust** were sitting on the deck of the Tiki Bar, enjoying what you enjoy in a bar, along with the 55-degree sunshine, when it started to snow. Lovely Colorado, their weather changes more than ours does, if that's possible. **Joan Teister**, ORDHN, and her family went to LAX, and her son, **Keith**, was on The Price is Right. He did win some prizes, not the Big One, but some household items. **Joan** was still floating from the excitement. Our Elly's group looks a little sparse the last few months. We would love to see some new faces, and some we haven't seen in a while. Perhaps with the better weather, the ice-allergy group will return. We miss you, and we are so lonely without you.

Our Southside breakfast had just over a dozen enjoying the wild repartee. **Bob Irwin** returned to the fold. He visits the Southern Climbs of Arizona during our winter, lucky Bob. **Agnes Pearson** had a pacemaker implanted last month. She said she doesn't feel any different. Everything is status quo. **Agnes** looks fabulous, she keeps our little group together, checks up on us, and sends cards when we're sick or someone passes away. She and **Bob** are such an important part of our group. Another couple matched in heaven. In addition, she is sure to collect money if we don't have our nametags, right **Scotty Ward**? Scotty keeps our Petty Cash fund rich with quarters. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** had an unbelievable month. On Mother's Day, their daughter took them to Midway for a surprise flight to Atlantic City. You might have noticed they do enjoy their gaming. When they returned home, they realized they won one of the Illinois Lotteries. Wow! Then to rub salt in our wounds, they won our raffles. Gwen won once and Bill won twice! But they are a very deserving pair, loving and kind, another perfect couple. Their daughter is getting married this year. That should be one heck of a wedding!

By now, everyone should know why we got those ERRP checks. It would have been nice if UA sent a clearer explanation with the check. Nobody understood it was to do with early retirees and the Affordable Care Act. Many calls and emails went across the country. Most of us read the explanation they gave us *after* we got the checks, and still didn't understand it. Just go cash it, now!

Chicago is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. If you haven't been downtown lately, or have never been, check with your library or a Senior Center in your community that has a tour going to town. The Art Institute, Museums, the Lyric Opera, the theatres with fabulous plays and musicals, the Bean, Navy Pier, lunch at the 95th, shops on the Miracle Mile. Where do I start or rather, where do I stop? In the suburbs, there is the Cantigny Museum, in Wheaton, more museums, Ravinia, we get discounts at almost all of these places. Just mention you worked for UAL, the world is yours. If you're a little more ambitious, Lake Geneva is a beautiful

escape from your living room. Flying is getting tedious and difficult for us. Can't watch game shows, soaps and golf all the time! Get out of the house!

Our United family is shrinking, unfortunately. Last month we lost **Cathy Vita**, EXOFO, from leukemia, **Bill Lorch**, EXOAQ, **Bob Roeder**, EXODD, **Theresa Anne Van Wazer**, EXO-ISD. From ORD, **Dick Husted**, **Bill Sylvester**, and **Jim Goodson**, FO, **Don Thorsen**, JL, **Alfred Kobler**, HN, his daughter, **Barb Butow**, and son, **Nicholas**, are also part of the UA family, **Sue Walley Cascio**, CS, **Mary Dahleen**, SW, **Fred Damit**, CG, **Rita Pecucci**, mother of **Anthony** and mother-in-law of **Frank Colonna**, both from CG. Also, **Janet Estelle Collins**, from CHIRR and ORDCS, RCC, who died of an aneurysm while having breakfast. **Janet** was one of those people that lit up a room when she entered; she was a beautiful soul, inside and out. She's probably with **Betty Wright**, who passed last year, talking over old times, two very special people. Also gone from our world, famed blues guitarist, BB King, Maurie Berman, owner of Superdawg (yum), Happy Rockefeller, Nelson's wife, Anne Meara, wife of Jerry and mother of Ben Stiller, John and Alicia Nash, of "A Beautiful Mind" fame, Betsy Palmer, Beau Biden, and Joanne Carson, one of Johnny's wives.

You are a piece of the puzzle in someone's life. There's something to think about.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**July 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

August 21 - Summer Baseball Outing, Friday, Cubs vs. Atlanta Braves, 3 p.m. **Helen Cauwels**, (847) 358-8634.

September 23-26 – Re Unite In Pittsburgh

MARYLAND



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Our group has been meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at the Double T Diner, Glen Burnie, MD at 9AM for 20+ years.

In June, we had 11 attendees although I have 27 on the email list. This month's attendees: **Jack & Tom Haley**, **Anita Haynes**, **Jack Hess**, **Holly Thomas Arneson**, **Mike Finan**, **Bob Hammer**, **Ed Johnson**, **Charlie Loudon**, **Carl Gomber** and **Clyde Abell**.

We always like seeing someone we haven't seen for a long time. In recent years, we have lost 4 of our regulars: **Joe Knitzer**, **Bob Castle**, **Dave Welsh** and **Jerry Marcus**. We miss them all.

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The Nor'Easters met with 28 members and one guest at Jeveli's in East Boston for our luncheon meeting. Jeveli's was well visited by working employees at Logan Airport and they treat us well.

Oscar Barule, a regular, missed our meeting at the last minute as he landed in a hospital with high blood pressure and dehydration. After an overnigher, he returned home and is now doing well. Bruno, his son-in-law and driver still attended. We were all glad to see **Norma Better**s and her sister Ella in attendance.

The 50/50s were won by **Don Latter** and **Frank DeStefano**. Scratch tickets were won by **Norma Betters**, **Sara Pitt-Wooll**, **Don Latter** and **Carol Montalto**. Oscar's son-in-law, Bruno won a bottle of wine. Free lunches were won by **Lucinda Suga** and our all time winner, **Elaine Vanderwal**. Finally a winner on the Progressive, **Frank DeStefano** took home \$60.00. Two good wins this day for Frank, Way to Go!

Sara Pitt-Wooll traded in her convertible for a Volvo SUV. Said she pulled a **Dick Vee** and got an extremely good deal! Looks really big to me, but she loves it and is happy. That's what counts!

Peter Fusco, now our oldest member, advised he gave up his home and moved in with his daughter just about a year ago. He is happy with this choice. **Andy Montalto** still drives Peter to meetings. Thanks Butch!

Fred Parks has been on his computer searching for the fifteen members of his Coast Guard unit from 1950. He has contacted three, which may be all that's left of the group. This month he attended three weddings and family gatherings for two new grandchildren of his lady friend. Keep busy Fred, to rest is to rust!

Janet DeStefano advised that I always confuse her & Frank with **Bob & Susan DePippo** and did it again listing last month's raffle winners. She urged me not to mention this as she didn't want to make me look bad! Well, they're always together as a foursome and I'm getting older! Or, am I just slipping?

Our own **Bill Shailor** passed away on March 9, but due to the extreme winter, funeral services and celebration of his life were held on June 6. Bill was a regular and usually had some info for the newsletter. **Helmut Umbley** drove Bill to meetings, Bill will be missed. Unfortunately, and to my surprise, Bill's services weren't well represented by the Nor'Easters, an organization he enjoyed.

In my last month's report, I stated **Bill Better** was in and out of the hospital. However, just a few days later, May 9, Bill unexpectedly passed away. Bill was a past Nor'Easter President and he and Norma were regular meeting attendees. Bill will be missed.

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

July's anniversaries ~ **Ron & Joyce Heiseler** (57 years), **Don & Kathy Latter** (20), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (49) and **Elizabeth & Joe Palmer** (48).

My apologies to the **Vanderwals** for last month's error. They celebrated 45 years.

Calendar:

July 28 - Picnic; location to be announced

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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10 Escapees met on June 4th at the Breakfast Club in Brighton, hosted by **Sallie & Wayne Reithel**.

It is hard to believe that the Escapees will be 19 years old on June 17th. Where does the time go? Also this year is almost half over. That is scary to think winter will be here again before we know it.

I just heard that **Bev Hayden (Barney)** lost her battle with Lung Cancer on May 8th. Cards may be sent to her daughter; **Dara Knill**, 263 Moran Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236.

I also just heard from **Dorothy Wright (Sitten)** that **Chuck Smith** passed away on December 31st. Dorothy took care of him since he had no next of kin.

Tom Hoffman (Pat's husband) was back in the hospital again. I believe he is home now but it has been a tough year for them. Love and prayers to 14221 Wellesley, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Linda Ward also had a couple stays in the hospital this last winter, but is feeling much better now. Speedy recovery to Linda at 3434 Maple Ridge Rd., Lupton, MI 48635.

Gunther Volkenborn writes that they are finally home after 2 months. The last big freeze broke a pipe in their kitchen and it was quite a mess. Wife; **Frieda** was doing well until the flood, now it seems like a long road back from day to day. Prayers for a better tomorrow at 3207 W. Fletcher Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Lastly, my beloved friend, **Marie Loftis** left this world for her eternal rewards on May 25. Love and Prayers to family; C/O **Peter Loftis**, 2539 Foster Ave., NE, Grand Rapids, MI.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

MINNESOTA



NORTHERN LITES

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The May gathering of the Lites didn't bring any snowbirds back to us except **Al & Mary Kilian**, who are stalwart in attending the entire year except for the winter months. We were glad to see them! Amongst the 26 attending that day were Doug & Sharon, long-time friends of **Diane & Lee Storlie** from California. The Storlies have maintained their friendship for close to 50 years, visiting back and forth at least twice a year. Relationships like that are truly special. **Diane** was unable to attend that day and her presence was missed.

Kookie & Gene Delvaux, our champion cruisers, were off on their **40th** cruise! Almost all of their adventures have been on large, ocean-going vessels. I wonder if they've ever tried river cruising?

Great news for pass riders ~ effective June 1, the Company has upgraded some aircraft out of MSP in a couple of markets to larger aircraft. Of course, that doesn't mean you'll get on.

Those of us who attended the Spring Northwoods Loon(ie)s event in Manistique, MI had another fun time. **Clyde & Doris Johnson**, our hosts, had prepared interesting things for us to see and do but of course, the main event is seeing friends again and visiting, visiting, visiting. Even those who are new to the group are friends in short order. The attendance was pretty small this time ~ only 16 ~ those who weren't able to make it were greatly missed and I trust your ears were burning because you were *talked about*.

No mention of a picnic this year; hosting and planning an event like that is beginning to lose its appeal, I guess, as the numbers were pretty low last year and a lot of the leftover food went to a charity afterwards. Just get your butts in motion and come visit us at the OCB! Do you *really* have a good excuse not to?

No one present that day had a birthday in May, so the prize went into the treasury. It's always nice when an attending guest wins one of the 50/50 prizes and the **Storlie's** friend, Sharon was one of the \$10 winners.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) west to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

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Wow! What a nice turnout at Elmwood Tower with 41 in attendance. Thanks to **Mel Harrison** and **Judy Nekonchuk** for hosting. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Toddy Manson** and **Bill Boner**.

Several people were in attendance that we hadn't seen for awhile – **Carolyn Kraft**, **Andy Vassios**, **Dick Chisek**, **Sena Jensen**, **Elaine Carlson**, **Van VanHouten**, **Bill Boner**, **Jim & Elaine Schreiber** and **Mary Winkler**, who moved back to Bellevue a few months ago from California. Welcome to all.

Keith Cornish attended and **Dick** said he looked great. **Keith** attributes most of his speedy recovery to his live-in RN (wife **Jan**). Keith provided a bulletin board with the Dearly Departed names of former Omaha United employees – which numbered over 100.

Tony Sortino conducted the meeting as **Ev & Shirley** were out of town. He said that on the third Tuesday of each month, the OLD retired United men meet for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the 11 – Worth Café at 2419 Leavenworth Street.

July Birthdays ~ **Harry Hansen** (29); **Jan Cornish** (15); **Tom Langan** (15); **Betsy Anderson** (19); **Elaine Shreiber** (19). Enjoy your special day!

Van VanHouten seems to make many headlines lately – the last being that he was named “Volunteer of the Year” at the Bethany Lutheran Home in Council Bluffs. **Van**, 94, goes every Sunday to set up the chapel for a service which includes putting out the hymnals and other materials, plus setting up the video camera system. Around 3:30 he heads out to the resident’s floor to help occupants make their way to the chapel. I am sure that **Van** has volunteered there for many years as his wife, **Elaine**, was a resident there before she passed away. There was a nice article written up by the Daily Nonpareil of Council Bluffs. Congratulations, **Van**.

Keith advised that **Nancy Thomas** (wife of **Frank**) is back as a member. She moved back to Council Bluffs after **Frank** passed away several months ago. Welcome back, **Nancy**.

Caroline Cowart, sister of **Frank Sesto**, passed away May 14. Services were held at Holy Name Catholic Church on May 19. Our sincere sympathy to **Frank** and his family.

Calendar:

July 7 - Long Horn Café, Fort Atkinson – Fort Calhoun, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

August 4 - Fernando’s, Blair, NE – Hosted by **Patty Shook**

September 1 - Lake Manawa – Hosted by **Sharon & Larry Farrell**

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Happy summer, everyone! Being retired means that we don’t have to wait for our “summer vacation”, or for the kids to get out of school. We can travel whenever we want to. I am amazed at how many retirees go on cruises; must be better than traveling standby on UAL. **Christine & Woody Earl** recently went on a cruise from LAX to YVR (Vancouver); I can’t remember my city codes anymore! With stops at Catalina Island and SFO, they flew back from Vancouver; sounds like a nice cruise. Their granddaughter just graduated from high school, and they are planning to take her on a trip to London and other exciting “faraway places”. Our children and grandchildren are fortunate to experience these trips because of our careers with United airlines.

Don & Georgia Rutkowski are leaving for TPA to visit with their children, and on to MCO where their TX friends will meet them. From there they will return to Memphis and go on a personal visit and tour of St. Jude’s Children’s hospital. They have been long time contributors and volunteers of St Jude’s. Georgia is doing very well after her laser surgery on her knee.

We continue our thoughts and prayers for **Leila & John Albert**, and other ailing members. Our “Marathon Man”, **Jim Heinz**, who was to run his 50th state (KY) marathon, didn’t quite make the finish line. This was during all the horrific weather in those states, and there was a downpour at that time. Jim said he ran for 7 hrs but knew he couldn’t finish in the time allowed. He will have a chance to try it again next year when there is no time limit. He and wife, Dianna, travel to these marathons in their wonderful truck and trailer, and they experienced very bad weather everywhere on this trip.

For those of you who are on Facebook, **Christine Earl** and Secretary, **Jeannie Rolland** have set up a Facebook page for our Chapter. Search for Las Vegas Retired United Airlines Employees Silverliners to read about us. In the future there will be photos, future activities, and guest speakers, and more about our luncheons and meetings.

Next luncheon and business meeting is scheduled for August 11; Arizona Charlie’s on W. Decatur Blvd. 11:30 am. If you can join us some time, we need the luncheon count 1 to 1½ weeks in advance.

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There were 12 members at our May meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch County Park have been made for our August summer picnic. The reservation date is Thursday, August 20th. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. As we get closer to the date, we can check member interest in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch.

May birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royle**, **Nancy Hilz**, **Millie McGuire**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **John Brown**.

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The Garden Staters May 27th meeting was opened by President **Frank Worzocha** with a flag salute, and for once, we didn't have the report of any passing. Since today was to be set aside for our veterans, **John Deily**, **Frank Worzocha** and **Marty Etler** talked about their experiences while in the service. John brought in forms that could be sent into the state for medals that they have issued.

It was good to see **Diane Johnson**, she recently came back from a visit in Cleveland, and of course along with her was **Louise Keleher**, they always brighten up our luncheon, and what a surprise it was to see **Cornell Maribell**. Don't tell me there is no United spirit left. Also in attendance from IAM local 914, was **Rich Creighton**, **Mike McGovern**, and **Bill Imbeba**, who gave us the latest news about what's going on at EWR, they always bring a wealth of knowledge. **Gene Enfield** gave a report on our finances, and we were told they were so good, that we might even increase our door prizes.

Rich Creighton won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be on June 24, at Snuffy's, in Scotch Plains at 12 PM sharp. All our members are urged to bring in and talk about their hobbies.

**Mistakes are stepping stones to corrections and success.*

NEW YORK

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You've heard of "June in January", well, it was more like "January in June" when we met for our luncheon on the 2nd, 52 degrees and rainy!

We began the festivities by toasting President **Marge Segal**, and **Jeanne Leo**, who were celebrating the 25 year anniversary of their retirement. Marge had 42 years with CA/UA in June 1990, having flown for 15 years, followed by a year as a supervisor during the merger. She then opted to transfer to sales where she spent a successful 25 years, both in the retail department as well as conventions. In 1992, she established the Guys and

Dolls chapter of RUAEA, and has presided as President ever since. The lady is the definition of perseverance and longevity.

Jeanne flew for 34 years, 9 months - DEN turnarounds for 7 years. She was then fortunate to climb the seniority list at JFK and fly the sought after transcon route for the duration. She was part of the original Guys and Dolls, and served as secretary for several years.

Marilyn Cheadle has started buying tickets to LAX for her travels to visit her son and grandsons. She found flying stand-by became "iffy" due to unreliable inventory, as well as the upgrade policy.

We were joined for the first time by **Peter Koujoumis** who worked in sales from 1992-2006. He had a background in marketing and PR with the National Tourism Board of Greece prior to UA, which gave him great International experience. He enjoyed his time with UA due to employees, who at that time expressed great professionalism and enthusiasm. He also admired the training features offered. After his tenure with UA, he hired as a liaison for Royal Jordanian Airlines and the One World Alliance. He retired in 2013.

April King has been spending her usual spring/summer season at the American Ballet Theater and is enjoying every moment of it. Her fellow ballet fan, **Betty Williams**, is doing the same. Betty related a wonderful story of how she met her husband. She was a widow when she began flying for UA in 1998. While based at LGA, she took the M60 bus to work, where she caught the eye, and vice-versa, of an AA captain, and the rest is history! Romance on the MTA!

Barb Hill has been immersing herself in the Broadway scene, as well as Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Opera. The highlight was "An American In Paris", brilliant choreography, spectacular sets, and, of course, the music of George Gershwin, a must for all traveling to the Big Apple this summer.

Good news from **Helen King**. She finally sold her country house to a 22 year-old man, or should I say, kid! Next step is her car. She's recovering nicely from her fractured wrist.

Some industry news from **Peter Koujoumis**. Apparently, Eastern Airlines has risen and will be flying cargo between Miami and Cuba. Perhaps, just the first step.

Calendar:

August 4 - 12noon, San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

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Only 29 Metros attended the luncheon this month. Birthday celebrants present were **Lillian Cohen** (6/16) and **Harold Koch** (6/25), others AWOL. **Leo & Dee Talochino** celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on 6/23. My records show **Vic & Julie Carnevale** are also married 58 years this month. Congratulations and enjoy your special day!

We have sent fruit baskets and received thanks from the following: **Ursula Koch, Joe Lily, May Lee, Len Pascale, John & Sungeon Modugno**, and **Ann Hluboky**. The Kochs and Lilys were at our luncheon so they are progressing well. Keep up with your prayers for all still ailing.

Ed Pozzi received word of **Jean Zito's** death. Our records show she was 90, she was the widow of Joe. Our prayers to her family.

One nice thing about doing this column is that I hear from people from the past, who read and enjoy it. One of the nicest surprises was a call from **John Larson**, my boss way back in the 1950's and 1960's, when I worked at the Airline Bldg. at 80 East, NYC; his compliments on a "job well done" were so very much appreciated and we had a nice long chat. I didn't think fast enough to ask for a raise though! Could it go toward my pension? I hope his Florida chapter helped him celebrate his 39th (I won't tell) birthday recently. This call meant so much to me, so if anyone out there is thinking of someone, please give them a call. They might need cheering up, you never know.

My apologies to the widow of **Bruce Harris**, who was kind enough to call with details of his passing. Whatever I grabbed to write on, I cannot find. I remember they were going on a trip and I believe he was getting gas for the car and complained about not feeling well. I vaguely remember, he may have died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. Something I never knew was that Bruce was responsible for the formation of the Star Alliance. Again, our sympathy and prayers to his family.

50/50 winners were, in order, **Ed Pozzi, Werner Buck, John Green** and **Jordan Levine**. I won \$17 on a \$1 lotto, so there! Just like I got “re-elected” to Metros, I seem to have acquired the role of “Bookie” to some friends, so I must be off to the OTB to place our bets on the Belmont race. If #8, Materiality, wins, you’ll know I did too.

Hope your flags were up for June 6th. Get out for shorts and sunglasses; it’s picnic time at Wantagh State Park on Wednesday, July 1st and August 5. Let’s hope for a big turnout.

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES



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Our spring meeting has now come and gone for 2015. As usual, we had a great time visiting with each other and catching up on what’s been going on in each other’s lives. The Quality Inn hosted us and it was noted by those in attendance how pleasant and good natured the folks at the motel and all the people waiting on us at the local restaurants and on the tours were. They made me proud to be a Yooper. A Yooper is a person from the U.P. (Upper Peninsula) of Michigan, for those who don’t know.

This chapter, as far as I know, is the only one made up of UAL retirees from all over the place including some from each of the chapters in Chicago, Detroit and Minneapolis, as well as having members from the Denver and Sacramento areas. We only meet once in the spring and once in the fall. There are no dues. (We share incidental costs at our one business meeting each get-together. This time it came to five dollars each.) We have no officers as such. Whoever volunteers to host the next meeting arranges the motel accommodations as well as any tours and attractions to be visited.

Everyone is invited to attend our next meeting in the fall, probably in October. Caution ~ Once you attend a Loonies meeting, you are forever a Loonie. If you prefer to be more genteel, you are still forever a Retired UAL employee. (Does that make sense?)

But now to the nitty-gritty: Since we were a relatively small group this time, (only 16 of us,) there were no takers for the next meeting. So I implore all of you Loonies to consider whether you can host the next meeting and let us know when and where it will be. I will be glad to lend assistance if you need it. Just give me a call.

OHIO

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Spring is here with a “Bang”. We already have had 80+ degree days, and we are **not** complaining. At our May 6th luncheon, most of our “snow birds” were back and we had a full house with a whopping 81 in attendance. Before our meal was served, Vice President **Arlene Taylor** said a prayer before she led us in saying “Grace”. We had set up our May luncheon with “Bucci’s” Italian Restaurant at the Crown Plaza. But somewhere between then and our May 6th luncheon, the Crown Plaza had taken over.

After our meal, **Dave Placko** conducted our 50/50 drawing. We had 3 very happy winners: **Pattie Fiste, Nancy Carter**, and **John Kercel**. Congratulations to all.

President **Dolly Taucher** open our meeting by saying “Thank You” to **Barb Vaults** for hosting this month’s luncheon and taking care of all the details that make things go so smoothly for all the rest of us. Dolly then announced that member and dear friend, **Sharon Garrah** had passed away on April 28th. Sharon was our Secretary for 7 years, from 2003 through 2009. Our hearts and prayers go out to Bernie and family on their loss. Also reported was an update on **Paul Rodjom** who for now is in assistant living. And **John Taucher** is done

with chemo treatments. Everyone is dealing with something. They could need prayers, encouragement, support, or just knowing they are not alone.

Birthdays in May were celebrated and those in attendance were asked to stand up and admit they were another year older. **Gene Craig, John Kercel, Peggy King, Ed McCarthy, George Oncu, and Jerry Zadar** were more than happy to stand. And “Yes”, as always we did sing the song. We wish a very Happy Birthday to all of you, and also those who were not here to join us. We hope to see you soon.

Anniversaries: **Jerry & Peggy King** (23); **Dave & Marie Placko** (54); **Steve & Cathy Pytel** (55); and **John & Dolly Taucher** (52). Congratulations to each of you and to those of you who were not with us, our thoughts and best wishes are with you also.

We welcome all retirees of United and/or Continental to join our chapter so that they may join in on all of the fun we have. If you want to know what we are all about just visit our website at www.ualohiobuckeyes.org, then click on the tab “past meetings” to view the slideshows and see what you are missing.

It’s funny (not really) how you can plan and plan something, but then someone comes along and screws it up. So now we have to “fix it”.

2nd Report:

You know how there are some places that just make you feel at home. Well, that’s exactly how we feel about the Rose Hill Restaurant in Seville. Even though it is a bit of a ride for some, it is very well worth it. The food and service is great and so are the owners. And we had a whopping 81 people in attendance.

Arlene Taylor after saying a prayer, led us in saying “Grace”. After our Fabulous lunch there was much to do. **Barb Vauls** introduced **Jim Campbell** from the Crown Plaza and he told us what they had to offer when putting on a luncheon event for us.

Dave & Marie Placko had a good response for our 50/50. We had 3 lucky winners for our drawing.

Lucky! Fifty-Fifty Winners were **Steve Pytel, Mary Jane Stewart** (guest), and **Marty Hassel**.

Steve Pytel announced that we all need to be very careful when opening our email. It may say that it is from someone you know, when actually it is not. And if you open a link thinking it is safe, it is too late.

President **Dolly Taucher** informed us that she had contacted United Benefits and said that the checks for the “**ERRP refund**” were good, so cash them. Then when asked: “Did you enjoy your meal?” Our members responded with a huge applause. We gave a Great Big “Thank You” to **John & Carrie Kercel** for arranging this luncheon. Then one of the owners, Sue Tomic, just happened to enter the room and she also received a big round of applause for the great meal and service.

Sadly another of our “United” family passed away. **William G. Betters** –CLEGQ, of Marblehead, MA at the young age of 79 passed away on May 9, 2015. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Dolly then began to introduce our many guests. First was **Mary Jane Stewart**, the Co-Chair of the 2015 RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, September 23 thru September 26. Also introduced was **Treatie Karwoski**, RUAEA North East Regional Director. Both spoke in detail about all the different events and hotel accommodations. Our group found the information very informative. It sounds like a good time for all.

Next to be introduced was **Beverly Alderdice** who is President of the Tampa Bay Florida Chapter of RUAEA, and **Arlene Brahm**. Both had worked in CLE and wanted to see if they could make contact at our luncheon with past co-workers. I am happy to say that they did. They were given our itinerary for the rest of the year and an application to join us Buckeyes. We’ll have to wait and see.

Also attending was **Pat Speck**, the daughter of **Helen Hockett**. I think she also enjoyed herself. I know she enjoyed the great food as we all did.

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating this month! **Richard Mullen** and **Judy Spooner** were serenaded for their special day.

Anniversaries: Members with us celebrating theirs are: **Dave & Nancy Cleary** (55); **Dick & Jean Foster** (62); **Tom & Martha Hassel** (39); **Tom & Helen Hockett** (23); **Ed & Shirley McCarthy** (57); **Don & Pearl Park** (65); and **Frank & Barb Wachs** (21). Our Best Wishes to you and to all members on their very Special Day.

Although you won’t read this until July, We wish that all fathers had a Happy Fathers Day.

Calendar:

July 8 - Diamond Event Center /in Brunswick, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

August 5 - Annual Picnic- The Chalet /in Strongsville Metroparks, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

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We had a great group of 73 folks join us for our lunch meeting in May. We were also excited to meet new member **Darryl Weyer**, and soon to be new member, **Henry Breitenstein**, as well as guest **Beth Alluisi**, whose father was a long time Pan Am employee. We were also delighted to see member **Fred Lemnitzer** for the first time in quite a while. So fun to see so many new faces and greet old time acquaintances.

We are sorry to report that **Merle Pitman** passed away on Saturday morning, May 16, at the age of 77. He had been in ill health for some time. At his request there will be no service. Merle was born in North Platte, NE on July 24, 1937. He was employed by United Airlines for 35 years, starting in Monterey, CA and ending his career in SFO in the computer division. He is survived by his widow **Lois** as well as his daughter, **Nancy Beshears** and son-in-law Daniel and 2 grandchildren. Donations can be made to Doernbecher Children's Hospital or the Charity of your choice. Cards may be sent to Lois at 13422 SW Vermeer Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035-1300.

Also, **Bruce DeFord** shared the obituary of non-member, but long time UAL employee, **Max Staggenborg** who died April 17th, 2015. There was a Celebration of Life in his honor at the VFW Post 7824 on May 17th.

We were all reminded of the Celebration of Life get-togethers for **Tony Lopez**, on May 16, and for **Dale "Skip" Stockton**, at their home on June 6th. Blank cards will be available and attendees are invited to write down a memory of Skip to share with the family.

Sick List: **Chris Housholder** fell and broke two ribs; **Nadine Holten** fell this week and injured her knee, which required surgery; **Veulah Lorts** has been declining and welcomes cards and hearing from folks.

Announcements ~ The planned trip to the Museum of Flight has been arranged for June 17 & 18. Those committing to the trip had a brief meeting with **Jack Hooper** immediately following the general meeting.

Jack Hooper announced that after serving for many years, he is stepping down as RUAEA NW Regional Director and is looking for volunteers to be nominated and voted on at the next convention. The position does cover 5 chapters and requires some travel to attend at least one meeting of each chapter annually, as well as attending conventions. Travel and lodging expenses are reimbursed. The other 4 chapters were just notified by email. Please let him know if you are at all interested.

Anniversaries ~ **Ed & Sue Rommel** (55 years), **Carl & Lois Gruenberg** (57 years), **Dan & Judy Jones** (55 years), **Ken & Marcy vonHusen** (54 years).

May birthdays ~ **Carol DeFord**, **Anna Miller**, **Gaylean Swanson**, **Joyce Garrett**, **John Carter** (87), **Roy DeCamara** (75), **Jack Starks** (87), **Harvey Larkin** (86), **Dennis Scheuerell** (73), **Tom Hotchkin** (70).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door prize - **Beryl Rennie**, Men's Birthday - **Harvey Larkin**, Women's Birthday - **Anna Miller**, 50/50 - **John Van Reenen**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

July 8 - Social - no picnic this year

August 12 - Social

PENNSYLVANIA

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May 11, eighteen members met for lunch at the Clarion Hotel in Essington. It was tasty and we all appreciated the surprise free lunch. **Donna Lynn** won the 50/50.

Our informative speaker was **Ameer Blockmon** from the Attorney General's office. He spoke of the growing fraud and identity theft problem in Pennsylvania and other states. His main point was to track your accounts carefully and act quickly if you suspect a problem. A fact I did not know was debit cards are not protected as Credit cards are. You are responsible for more than the \$50.00 limit on a credit card. Treat your debit cards as cash and very carefully.

June 8th, our last meeting till September had "Philly Cousin" as the entertainment, more about that in the next newsletter.

Remember our sick: **Tom Lyons, Frank Acquarola, Mona McNamee, Dick Ems, Barbara & Jim Fanto.**

2nd Report:

Our June 8th meeting was a rousing success. 40 persons attended our last meeting for the summer. The program was super. I will give him a plug. Philip "Philly Cuzz" Battaglia, an entertainer, singer and DJ specializing in the South Philly Sound.

Our trip to the American music theater Christmas show on November 12 is already full. Thanks so much for being so enthusiastic.

Ray Willoughby was with us for the first time as a new retiree. He won the 50/50. **Walt Sonderman** won the free lunch.

Please remember **Alan Edwards, Tom Lyons, Mona McNamee, Jim & Barbara Fanto** and **Frank Acquarola**. They are on the sick list.

See you September 14th at the Clarion in Essington at 12:30.

Calendar:

September 14 - 12:30 luncheon at the Clarion in Essington

September 23-26 – Re Unite in Pittsburgh.

November 12 - 3:00 pm, a trip to the American Music theater in Lancaster for the Christmas show. 15 tickets are available at \$36 each. Call Joyce for yours!



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Happy 4th of July, fireworks and all!

Hopefully, you would have received your June Newsletter re. the RUAEA convention by now and have completed and sent in your reservations. Treatie has promised a prize for the first reservation to come in.

Pittsburgh and the world lost a beautiful soul on May 14th. **Mary Leah Svat** passed away peacefully at Sommerfield Place in Annapolis, MD. Mary Leah and I worked together in PITCS and transferred to NYC and worked together at the New York Worlds Fair. At the completion of the Fair, Mary Leah decided to remain in NYC and work for UA.

She happened to be working at the Trade Center on 9/11. She was greatly affected by the trauma and never fully recovered from the terrible experience. Mary's father **Ed Svat** was the maintenance manager in PIT. Her

sister **Bobbi McKinnon** also worked for the airlines in NYC. Who can forget the tall beautiful blue eyed Mary Leah? Rest in peace my friend.

We also lost a dear friend from the Boston Chapter. **Bill Betters** passed away on May 9th. Bill and his wife **Norma** resided in Marblehead, MA. Bill & Norma were very active in RUAEA both in Boston and the national. Bill was born and raised in McKeesport, PA and had worked for UA for 37 years, retiring in 1993. Our condolences to Norma and family!

Our July Birthdays are as follows: **Bill Chicots** (3), **Paul Musko** (11), **Gwen Detwiller** (13), and **Bill Redfern** (25).

July Anniversaries: **Paul & Betty Musko** (4).

Don't forget to send in your reservations ASAP – Re Unite In Pittsburgh.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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There was a breakfast meeting at the Egg and I on April 16th with 12 of us in attendance, we had the usual great breakfast and just enjoyed socializing.

The May meeting was very short. We discussed putting an ad in local newspapers to see if we can find some more United and Continental retirees. Apparently, everyone doesn't get the RUAEA Newsletter. We have 2 new members **Wes & Carolyn Hartshorn**, they were picked up at a recent concert when **Betty Shipe** overheard Wes stating he was a former United pilot. She turned around and told him of our group and they came to our May luncheon where they were welcomed by all.

The May luncheon was well received and everyone who went to the play "Singin in the Rain" enjoyed it very much. Fifty/Fifty drawing was won by none other than **Patti Leonhard** and the centerpieces were won by **Noreen Koan** and **Patti Leonhard**.

Lastly, we had a couple of deaths to report: **Jeanne Barkman**, wife of member **Al Barkman**, passed away. Our former president and friend **Gerry Barr** passed away in Edmonds, Washington. We send our condolences to both Al and Mary Lou.

Calendar:

June 18 - Breakfast at the Egg and I

July 16 - Hosted by **Pollie & Terry Klosy** - TBA

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



The Emerald City Slickers ended the 2014-15 meeting year with the May 12 luncheon at the Elks Club in Burien, Washington. President **Dave Jones** (SFOFO) reminded the chapter of summer activities, namely our joint get together with the Portland, Oregon chapter and the annual retirees' golf tournament, and urged everyone to participate.

Our next regular meeting will be September 8, the usual second Tuesday of the month (September through November and January through May). It looks as if we would continue to meet at the Elks Club for the foreseeable future, so plan on joining us there. Guests always are welcome, but reservations and choice of entrée are required. The cost for the whole dinner is a reasonable \$20 per person.

Both **Dave Jones**, chapter president, and **Tom Holford** (DENTK), Interim Editor of *Contrails*, have announced their retirement from those positions and we hope to have volunteers step up to fill their shoes before the September meeting.

Results of the June 24th retirees' golf tournament, organized by **Bob Howard** (SEAGQ/PV), will be announced in a later issue. The semi-annual luncheon reunion of Seattle Res Agents (SEARR) was held at Billy Baroo's bar and Restaurant at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila, also the location of the golf tournament.

A report on the get together with members of the Portland chapter also will be featured later. That event was planned by **Dave Jones** (Seattle) and **Jack Hooper** (Portland). A day at the Museum of Flight with a social hour and dinner at a local hotel were featured Wednesday, June 17. Tours of the Boeing Wide Body assembly plant in Everett and the United Restoration Center at Paine Field in Everett were on the agenda for Thursday.

Several Slickers members, including **Ed** (SFOED) & **Gay Liesse** and **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl**, donated guest passes for the Museum of Flight. **Ed & Gay** arrived early to welcome members and guests and to point them in the right direction. Museum Docent **Dave Jones** conducted the tour.

Unfortunately, we have lost two more chapter members and a former member.

Jerry Barr died of pancreatic cancer. He had worked most of his 35 years with United Airlines at EXO in Chicago before he and his wife, **Mary Lou**, retired to Tennessee, where they were active in the Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA. Declining health prompted them to move west to Edmonds, Washington to be closer to two of their daughters and they were members of the Emerald City Slickers for a few years until their health declined.

Eight-three-year-old **Eddie Rousso** (SEACS), a Seattle native, passed away in May. He had attended the University of Washington after returning from service in the U.S. Navy and retired from United in 1996 to enjoy travel and fishing.

Corwin "Corky" Ives (SEACS) left us May 24 at the age of 87, following a serious blood infection. He had been a Ramp Service Supervisor for United in Seattle.

Don't forget the RUAEA annual convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania this fall. The June issue of the national newsletter features the meet, giving information on the selection of events and tours. The organizers hope for a large group of attendees and there are plenty of opportunities to reunite with your co-workers from the past while enjoying too many choices for daily entertainment and activities. The chance for up to date information on the company and benefits is worth the trip.

Calendar:

June thru August – No Summer Meetings

September 8 – Luncheon – Burien Elks Club

September 23-26 – Re Unite In Pittsburgh



LILAC CITY FLYERS

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We did not meet in May.

Summer will find Gary & Sharon on the road RVing.

With notice of Lilac Flyers "get together", we will share information.

Myrtle Stoop, wife of **Ken** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DULLES LOUNGERS

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Submitted by Linda Scriven, Dulles Loungers President

The Dulles Loungers are getting ready for the annual picnic at the Barrel Oak Winery. A very special Thank You in advance to our own **Cathy Gilber-Silva** for making the arrangements, we are all looking forward to this; then we are off for the balance of the summer.

The Dulles Loungers return to the Golden Corral in September. The second Wednesday should be on everyone's calendar. If you know of any retirees in our area, please let them know that we gather at the Golden Corral in Manassas from 11am, sharing our good times with each other. We are also looking to share our friendship with our retirees from Continental. So if you know any Continental people from our area, please remind them we shared the good old days.

Big reminder: September 23 – 26, RUAEA Convention just a few hours away by car from Northern Virginia. Hope to see some of our members in Pittsburgh.

Illness news: **Lucy Chatelain** – IADRR (Retired) is still receiving therapy from her broken hip and ankle and is at home. She sounds so upbeat. Wishing her continued success.

Patricia Shimp - IADSW (Retired) is still in the hospital for acute leukemia. Great news says she has successfully cleared that hurdle but will remain in hospital for a few more weeks.

Nancy Fisher-Byerly is going thru her chemo, please continue to send cards to keep her spirits up, 235 Edgewater Rd, Saluda, VA 23149.

Have a great summer!

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America the Beautiful, when we all travel, coming home is always the best. There is no place on earth better than America.

We are doing so well on our membership. Many of our Chapters have received new members and when the fall comes, more will start the new year off with us. SFO Peninsula now has 17 members and more to follow. We are so excited!

I went to DCA for a luncheon to celebrate the retirements of those from BWI and DCA. Long gone are the days of flying 1-1½ years, these ladies and gentlemen are retiring with 45-50 years of service to United Airlines. What an incredible life we had together.

I hope your 4th was a wonderful one, celebrating with family and friends. **God Bless America!**

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **May 2015**:

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **May 2015**:

Beverly Alderdice, Blas Arriaga, Barbara A. Bales, Shahan Balian, Jaime P. Berdal, Joseph A. Bilicki, Orland C. Brown, Jeff Cain, Joyce A. Calderone, Irene M. Carroll, Robert F. Colpitts, Barry O. Constantine, Fernando Cordero, Birgit Cuda, William A. Curran, Christina A. Daley, Marjorie J. Dasaro, Laverne Dice, William T. Dodds, Judy Downing, Claudia J. Drake, Robert L. England, Jack M. Ercanbrack, John W. Ferris, Vincent Ferry, Charlotte J. Flagg, Gerald D. Formulak, Vivian D. Fox, Leonard T. Friedel, Paul L. Gajdosik, Virginia Golec, Shoko Ito, Lorraine Y. Karpen, Louis C. Kelley, Elsie Kuhl, John L. Lacount, Ricky Landrum, Eugene T. Lawler, Kenneth Lee, Bobby Lowden, Clarence W. Casey Lowery, John Lunde, Thomas P. Marcy, Marilyn A. Marcy, Donald McCleary, Elisabeth Lisa Midunsky, Mary Lou Mims, Shirley Moromisato, Imelda Murphy, Frank E. Murphy, John V. Murphy, Eleanor Myers, Robert J. Nawotka, August Ochabauer, Phyllis D. Okawa, Angie Page, Joe Palmer, Nick Palmer, Carroll L. Parker, Margaret Parry-Buske, Betty K. Paul, Howard W. Payne, Jane Perkinson, Geraldine R. Powers, Rogelio O. Ramos, Floyd D. Rose, Barbara Sakely, Charlotte Schultz, Donald L. Seadale, Barbara Seaholm, Kenneth F. Smith, Boris M. Spitz, Michael A. St Sauveur, John Stanczyk, Eldon D. Westendorf, Frank Whitecotton, Joseph A Zahniser.

OBITUARIES

Obit Notice Policy: *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**.* The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 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, fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Correction to June obituaries: In the obituary for **Sharon L. Garrah**, wife of retiree **Bernard T. Garrah**, the United department Bernard retired from was incorrect. It should have been listed as **IADMM**. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Retiree – **Alderman, Calvin E.**, on 4/17/2015, SFOJJ, husband of Dorothy M. Alderman, 5500 Boone Ave. N. Apt 324, New Hope, MN 55428

Retiree – **Betters, William (Bill) J.**, on 5/9/2015, DENGQ, husband of Norma Betters, 171 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, MA 01945

Retiree – **Carlton, Clair E.**, on 3/11/2015, SFOOV, husband of Betty Carlton, PO Box 13, Keno, OR 97627

Retiree – **Cavalli, Milton R.**, on 5/11/2015, SFOOV, husband of Marie Cavalli, 172 Nevada St., Redwood City, CA 94062

Retiree – **Drop, Cornelis**, on 5/1/2015, WHQHF, husband of Corrine Drop, 13354 W Ballad Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375

Retiree – **Gray, Richard A. (Dick)**, on 4/14/2015, SEACS, husband of Janis Barsetti Gray, 27292 N. Cherokee Lane, Galt, CA 95632

Spouse – **Knott, Audrey M.**, on 2/6/2015, wife of Francis (Frank) Knott, 3515 Laurel Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640

Retiree – **Kobler, Alfred J.**, on 5/2/2015, WHQGO, husband of Lorraine Kobler, 1028 Hunt Club Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Retiree – **Leeseman, Mary G.**, on 4/7/2015, NYCRR, sister of Charles Leeseman, Florence Liporace and Louise O'Neil, 447 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Spouse – **Spafford, John L.**, on 5/12/2015, husband of Mary Walkingstick Spafford, LAXSW, 5931 Midiron Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

LETTERS



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:

Rosemary Benedetto, Joyce Calderone, Jean Call, Robert Colpitts, Vera Cook, William Curran, Jr., Verda England, Marde Dasaro, Jociline Hawzipta, Ray Klapatauskas, Jake H. Lion, Carol Maday, Elisabeth Midunsky, Barbara Weir.

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.)

Herb Ingram, 7373 E 29th St. N, #W415, Wichita, KS 67226

Not much new going on in my life these days, I am just plodding along. I did make a trip to Hawaii several weeks ago. I spent the week lolling around in the sunshine. Though I had been there many times, I had never gone to Ford Island (the isle in the middle of Pearl Harbor). There now is a bridge over to the island which makes for easy access, except it is not open to the public. It is accessible via tours only. I booked a tour of the aviation Museum, located in the old hangers, which was very interesting.

Aboard the 777 aircraft to Hawaii, I noticed the cockpit security measures in use. When a flight crew member needs to leave the cockpit, the cabin crew stops whatever they were doing, blocked the aisle with a serving cart and stood by it until the flight member returned to the cockpit. I had never seen this before and, in light of the recent crash in Europe, I suddenly realize how much the world has changed. We all recall the gracious days of the DC8 flights. Everyone was all dressed up, looking sharp; the tray tables had cloths, Spanish Sherry wine, no security checks etc.

I also noticed while in Hawaii, the lack of aloha wear in Waikiki. Time was most everyone along Kalakaua Ave was wearing a muumuu or an aloha shirt and it was very colorful. Today you hardly ever see one.

Eleanor Myers, 4248 E Cassia Ln., Gilbert, AZ 85298

My excuse for being late is that I was in the hospital to have my right hip replaced. Then my macular degeneration became active and wet. So every 5-6 weeks had to have a shot in the eye. It was pretty scary the first time.

My husband, Gerald worked for UAL for 30 years. He passed away 14 years ago. We once lived in Henderson, CO.

I do enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the work everyone does putting it together.

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

It seems impossible that I have been retired 20 years and it is 60 years since I headed to Cheyenne, WY, to start the dream job of my life. One of the best situations was that there were no "bad situations". In the 40 years of working, I can only recall one rather rude passenger and the rest were a delight. I thank the Lord for a great take off and landing for my entire career.

Does anyone remember when the US detonated the bomb five miles from Johnson Island? I was in Honolulu ready to board passengers. The captain called me to the cockpit where we could hear the countdown. We saw the streak followed by a mushroom cloud. If I could get some information as to the date and any more information from any one I would appreciate it.

We will be at the Bloomington Farmers market for 10 Saturdays starting June 6th. Our project is KICY radio station in Nome, AK.

John Branstetter, 1000 Juliet St., White City, OR 97503

It has been a long time since I saw my name in the newsletter.

When I started in 1955, I was involved with the Mainliner Club and soon after was in the San Francisco Interline Club. I was never an officer but most of the duties I did were below that. Some of the activities were the Russian River Canoe Trip for several years. The travel club was quite exciting; taking care of the projector for some 30 minutes or so for the sponsor.

I have seen some people's names in the local news bulletin by their anniversary. Some I have seen in the obituaries and I have not seen any for a time. At the United Fair, I saw maybe 8 or 10 people that I knew.

Retirement has been great for the last 30 years and I hope to see more.

I could write a book about all of the things and people I have been acquainted with at SFO.

Laverne Burke, 16197 Emerald Point, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

I just wanted to tell everyone who remembers me my good news.

My granddaughter Amber Burke Turner received a law degree from William and Mary College on May 17th. In July she will take the bar exam. She is currently a Captain in the Army. I am very proud of her. Now I will not have to pay for legal advice!

Lois Dick, 2310 9th Ave., Unit 2, Longmont, CO 80503

I am getting used to Senior Living; it has been almost a year now!

I miss all of you at RUAEA and being close enough to see you at the various get together. I miss the old mailing team the most of all. We always had a good time and visit.

Atria Senior Living in Longmont has been a good place to be but it is not like being in my own home in Arvada where I lived for 45 years! I will be selling that home soon. I have had it rented for the past year and it is time to let it go!

If any of my RUAEA friends come up Longmont way, a visit from you would be welcomed. Phone calls and Hello notes would be nice too.

Helen Ebert, 1001 S. Chestnut St. Apt 716, Ellensburg, WA 98926

I have been procrastinating to write a letter to inform you of my enjoyment of the Newsletter. I look forward to it coming every month; I appreciate all efforts it takes to put it together every month.

My husband Wesley died in 2008 at about 96 yrs of age; he retired in 1974. We were able to celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary.

I am now 102 yrs old. I live alone in a 1 BR apartment. My daughter and son in law live nearby. They are very helpful to me and I am grateful for them and all of God's blessings.

We were always grateful to be part of the old United.

We enjoyed going to all of the meetings of the Emerald City Slickers.

Thank you again; my love to you all.

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

I surely wish that more of our retirees would take pen to paper. There is a wealth of experiences out there that should be shared before they are lost.

What was it like to service our DC3's arriving in a snow storm, at our Cheyenne, WY base? How did we train our people in the early years? What were some of the individual experiences?

How did we become the best airline in the world? It was not by chance!

You did it, so let's hear about it. I was there for 45 years, so don't tell me it was a "piece of cake" of just routine. It was instead a great adventure.

I sent my heartfelt thanks to our many volunteers who carry on making this newsletter possible.

So anyone with an old story to tell; let us hear from you.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOLLOW

Useful Information

United App or Mobile Flying Together?

United promotes several apps for mobile devices and this may cause some confusion. Here are the basics to help you be in the know while on the go.

United App

What it is ~ This app is for customers, but employees, retirees and everyone can use it, with or without a Mileage Plus account.

What you can use it for ~

- ➔ Book and manage revenue travel.
- ➔ Manage pass travel – once you’ve booked your flight on employeeRES, add your confirmation number to the app and you can get your boarding pass, see your standby status, etc.

Supported devices ~ Apple, Android, Windows 8, and Blackberry 10

Learn more ~ Visit United.com for more details

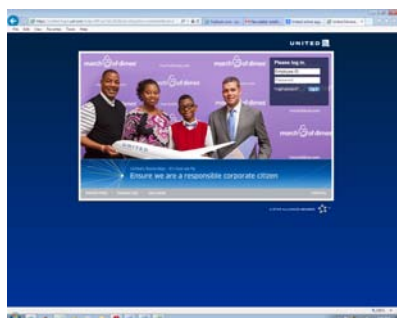
Mobile Flying Together

What it is ~ This is a mobile-friendly version of several key parts of the Flying Together website. It is available to employees, retirees, business partners and all those with full access to Flying Together.

What you can use it for ~

- ➔ Book and manage pass travel
- ➔ Read United news
- ➔ Read Jeff’s Journal
- ➔ Access your “My favorites” and “My tools” as stored on your Flying Together page
- ➔ There is also a link to the full Flying Together site, including the pages that may not be formatted for mobile viewing.

How you can access it ~ This is **NOT AN APP** so there’s nothing to download. Just go to flyingtogether.ual.com from any mobile device: phone, tablet or phablet and you will be directed to the mobile version. Bookmark it or add it to your home screen.



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

1-877-825-3729

esc@united.com (email)

United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729

ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

New United number: 877-825-3729 (International

use: 847-825-3729) This is a new, centralized number for employees/retirees to reach United. After calling the new number, **select option #2 (for retirees)**

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-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227

Express Scripts (Pharmacy Benefit Administrator)

1-800-864-1425 (open 24/7)

VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time) 1-800-877-7195

(M-F 6AM-8PM, Sat 7AM-8PM, Sun 7AM-7PM)

RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2015

Director ~ Northeast Region



Patricia "Treatie" Karwoski ~ I started my career in 1958 with Capital Airlines as a Reservations Agent in NYCRR. I retired in 1992 as a Customer Services Agent in PITCS. I have been an active member of the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers Planning Committee. My volunteer activities include Mills Hospital in San Mateo, CA for 9 years; Special Olympics for the past 10 years for Beaver County, PA; Planning Committee for the Children's Heart & Cancer Association fund drives. I have also worked two days/week at Hallmark Card & Gift Store. My leisure activities include golfing in two leagues; Bocce ball league; herb club; "Gals of 55" group; & "Golden Girls" group whose members are retired PIT airport employees. I would like to see RUAEA stimulate and unify more participation; and would like to see RUAEA recruit more "younger" members & keep the "United Family" together. Currently I am serving as Director for the Northeast Region and Chairman for the 2015 RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh.

Director ~ Southeast Region



Linda Scriven ~ I am originally from Peckville, PA but at an early age my family moved to the Washington D.C. area. Before my career with United Airlines, I worked four years with the Federal Communications Commission and a couple of years with a Decorating Company. Except for a tour as a Sales Representative at MCOSS, I performed my 34-years of UAL service in the Washington, D.C. area. Starting as a Reservation Sales Agent at DCARR in 1968, my assignments also included service there as Tour Agent and work at the Group Desk. At DCARR, I served as Mainliner Club President and Employee Council representative. In 1991, I was named Customer Service Rep of the Year. I retired in 2002 as a Service Director – Customer Service at IADCS. Outside UAL, I have been active with the National Federation of Business and Professional Women serving locally, as President and Director, and regionally as President also State Level as Chairman of several committees. Joining RUAEA upon my retirement, I became a member of the Dulles Loungers, assisted the then President with chapter management and

currently serve as their President. Outside of RUAEA, my volunteer activities include proud service with Traveler's Aid at IAD. In addition I volunteer for Honor Flights coming into IAD and serve as Treasurer for the local Mainliner Store. For leisure, I am occupied with water aerobics.

Director – Mountain Region



Sharon Burbank ~ I am originally from Cheyenne, WY but now reside in Highland Ranch, CO. My career with United Airlines began in October of 1987 when I hired on into Reservation Sales at DENRR. During my career at United I also worked in Seattle, O'Hare and Dulles. I retired from IADCS as a Customer Service Director. I became involved with RUAEA in Denver and have been the Correspondence Secretary for the chapter. I have also served as secretary in the Denver office working with credit card payments. Finally I have served as Director for Mountain Region for the last six months. My volunteer experience is with the USO, my church and the Dulles Mainliner Store. In my leisure time I enjoy traveling, reading and spending time with the grandchildren. My husband Don also worked for United and had assignments in Denver, Seattle, O'Hare and Dulles. He retired from IADMM. Don is also very active within RUAEA.

Director – Arizona Region



Charles “Chuck” Cole ~ I retired in 2001 with 38 years of service. Employed at SFO as a General Overhaul Mechanic, I transferred to SEA in 1969 and remained there until my retirement with the exception of two layoff transfers to SFO and LAX for a year and half each. I completed my career at SEA as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman and earned an Award of Merit during my tenure. My assignments included the following locations; SFOOV, SFOMM, SFOPI, LAXMM and SEAMM. Also, I had a stint with Mesa Airlines in 2005 as their Heavy Maintenance Representative. Besides membership in the TUS Roadrunners since 2002, my wife Sharon (who also worked for UAL for 20 years), and I served as National Registration Committee co-chairmen for the 2004 RUAEA SEA Convention. Additional volunteer involvement is with the Arizona site steward program which is dedicated to the protection and preservations of Arizona’s heritage and cultural resources. Leisure activities include travel (a great deal of which involves our 6 children and 9 grandchildren), as well as attending air shows. I also enjoy “exercising” and

have membership in the Sonora chapter BMW Car Club of America. I have served as the Mountain Region Director for the last four years.

Director – Northwest Region



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.

RUAEA NATIONAL ELECTION 2015 OFFICIAL BALLOT

All RUAEA members in good standing are eligible to vote and to hold office.

Please mark your ballot with an ☒ for your choice of candidates.

Sign the ballot, include your file number, enclose in an envelope and mail to the following address:

**RUAEA Audit Committee
2702 Meadow Drive
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-1717**

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Vote for one person per Office – (*) denotes that the candidate is an incumbent.

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RUAEA Convention Pittsburgh – Come Join Us! September 23 – 26, 2015 - Welcome RUAEA friends to Pittsburgh. We look forward to enjoying time with friends and old acquaintances! Get ready to enjoy a beautiful fall season and share special and pleasant memories! Family is welcome too! Come enjoy the strength of Pittsburgh with the friendliness of its people and the landscape of natural beauty, including, the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Pittsburgh is consistently ranked among the nation's top five locations for numbers of green LEED-certified buildings, including the first convention center in the world that is both Gold and Platinum LEED-certified! **We have wonderful tours for you to enjoy ~**

Imagine what you can see in Pittsburgh, Heinz History Center, Strip District, Duck's Land & Sea Tour, Gateway Clipper Riverboat! Register soon to see Pittsburgh places on pleasant and educational tours as they will be filling up quickly! **RUAEA – Let's Go!**

A Tour Hit is the Off Broadway Musical Comedy Pittsburgh Cabaret CLO, “ALTAR BOYZ”! They're going to altar your mind! For more information, please see article on page 2.

RUAEA Ladies & Gentlemen too! We have a rewarding experience for our RUAEA guests exclusively at our Convention hotel. On Saturday, South Hills Beauty Academy will offer complimentary hair styling, manicures, or makeup! What a great way to enjoy a pleasant and special time to pamper yourself. Check Lobby for directional signs and times!

There are restaurants new to Pittsburgh! “**Sienna Mercato**” – amazing design, located downtown. This restaurant is a three-level Italian wonderland! A great place to enjoy a casual plate of pasta or wood-fired pizza with RUAEA friends!

Pittsburgh's newest brewery is “**Spoonwood Brewin'!**” Another new place to Brew – Taste – Gather, seven beers on tap and delicious food.

There are many great places to see and things to do!

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