



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER



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## GENERAL NEWS

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seattle was a great convention led by Hank Gosselin. The hotel facilities, location, tours and activities were excellent. Best of all was a great group of people who planned & did all the many hours of hard work doing their best to make sure that attendees had a great time. Those of you who were unable to attend missed a great experience.

Next year the convention will be held in Hollywood, CA. Hal Klobe is the general chairman who is pulling his team together to offer us an outstanding convention next year. Mark your calendar for May 22-28, 2005 so you don't miss it.

In the business meeting, the members present passed three resolutions that markedly change the direction of RUAEA. (See Helen Cauwels' report on the business meeting in this issue). Jim Fauber started this direction in his 2 years as your president. These resolutions formalize this new direction & authorize your officers & directors to follow through. The key resolution was that the mission of RUAEA should include being the voice of United Airlines retirees & an advocate of their concerns, issues and causes.

I am humbled by your confidence in me, electing me as your President, to lead our organization in this direction. To carry this forward requires the input & support of every one of you. In your chapter meetings it is important your thoughts & ideas on issues and concerns be discussed. They need to be shared with your Regional Director. If you are not a member of or participate in your local chapter meetings & activities, share them with any officer or Regional Director listed on the back page of this newsletter. We want to be "your voice" and represent your issues & concerns. We can't do that unless you share them with us. We will take up these matters & keep you informed of our progress.

I am looking forward to serving as your President the next 2 years, and will do my best in meeting your expectations.

Marlin Lade  
President, RUAEA

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING May 29, 2004

President Jim Fauber called the Annual Business Meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

This meeting is in accordance with the RUAEA By-Laws.

Motion made & seconded to waive the reading of last year's Annual Business Meeting Minutes was passed.

The motion made & seconded to amend the By-Laws to allow an Associate member to vote & hold office was passed.

Two resolutions were presented and approved from the floor. First - Resolve that the purpose of RUAEA be revised to include being a proactive voice of United's retirees & an advocate regarding retirees' concerns, issues & causes. Second - RUAEA form, with no financial obligation, an association with UAL Historical Foundation.

Past President - Frank Murdock announced the election results:

President	Marlin Lade
Executive V.P.	Mort Wax
Treas.	Charlie Lewis
V.P. Conventions	Bud Hubbard
Sec'y	Helen Cauwels

Incumbent Region Directors:

Bob Cuff	N.CA/NV
Bob Owens	S.CA
Harry Walton	Southeast

New Region Directors:

Howard Payne	West
Carol Faust	Midwest

Less than 500 votes were cast out of approximately 9,600 eligible voters.

Executive V.P. Marlin Lade introduced the newly elected incumbent officers & directors to the attending membership.

Pres. Fauber presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Western Region Director, Ginger Dahlberg & a Certificate will be mailed to outgoing Midwest Region Director, Pat O'Shaughnessy who was unable to attend due to health problems.

SAM (Salaried & Management Committee) member Mort Wax presented a report on the status of retirees' health insurance negotiations. In March a coalition of unions, except for AMFA (mechanics) was formed, including SAM, to address the issue of the modification of Health & Medical Benefits from UAL through the bankruptcy court. On May 21, UAL filed with the judge to modify retirees' medical benefits. The coalition (the pilots backed out) filed a response. The deadline was May 28. Negotiations are still open. The hearing on the motion will commence on June 11 & the judge's final ruling will be made within 4 days of the completion of the hearing, June 17.

Treas. Charlie Lewis reported the RUAEA total assets ending March 31, 2004 were \$252,650.95.

Expenses increased due to additional printing costs, (as our membership is now at 10,000), the purchase of a new computer & fax machine to replace the antiquated equipment in the Denver Newsletter/Business Office & the development & maintenance of our RUAEA website. Postage cost was down almost \$1,200 due to those members receiving their Newsletters through our RUAEA website.

V.P. Conventions, Bud Hubbard, reported there were 912 attendees at the Seattle convention with 600 attending the Friendship Dinner & 750 for the RUAEA Banquet. The 2005 convention will be held in Hollywood at the new Renaissance Hotel & chaired by Hal Klobe. The Site Selection committee is working on the 2006 convention locations.

Jo Madden was unable to attend the convention due to health problems & was wished a speedy recovery by all the members attending the meeting.

Pres. Fauber adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The door prizes were then conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Cauwels  
RUAEA Secretary

### **UNITED BEGINS 4 ADDITIONAL ROUTES TO STRENGTHEN GLOBAL NETWORK**

As summer schedule changes go into effect, United will begin flying 4 additional routes - Washington/Dulles (IAD)-Zurich (ZRH) and Washington/Dulles-Sacramento(SMF), Chicago (ORD)/Honolulu (HNL) & Ted service between Chicago (ORD) & Las Vegas (LAS).

The addition of these routes enhances our unrivaled global network & gives our customers more choice & more convenience when traveling anywhere in the world.

United is the only airline to offer nonstop service from Washington/Dulles to Zurich, which is the first new European route United has added in the 3 years since the events of Sept. 11.

United's transcontinental service between Washington/Dulles & Sacramento is a reinstated route. United offers more flights than any other

airline from Dulles to CA.

United's service between CHI & HNL, also a reinstated route, allows customers traveling from numerous locations to connect conveniently to HWI through our largest hub. United flies to 4 of the islands & has been serving HWI since 1947.

### **CURB-SIDE CHECK-IN NOW AVAILABLE FOR NON-REVENUE PASSENGERS**

Nearly all stations now have the ability to check in non-revenue travelers at the curb, giving employees, retirees, eligibles & companions a convenient check-in option while helping to reduce congestion in the lobby. All stations will have this capability in the near future.

Non-revenue travelers now have every option available to them for checking into their flights. The project required installing new technology at each station to process & issue non-revenue passengers' departure management cards or boarding passes. All check-in processes at the curb are the same as they are inside.

Please note that while many U.S. stations will have this capability by the end of the year, a small number of U.S. stations still will not due to local baggage acceptance policies.

To find out if a particular station offers curb-side check-in for non-revenue travelers, you can call 847-700-3259 or see the Airport Profiles in Apollo or on the Easy Travel Non-Revenue micro-site SkyNet.

### **UNITED PASS TRAVEL BENEFITS CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

Thanks to all of your suggestions, a lot of time & effort on the part of our Employee Pass Team as well as the computer group, retirees plus all who are invoiced now have the ability to pay for their invoices using credit cards. Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover are accepted.

You can pay over the internet by clicking on Travel then on Travel Invoice, choosing credit card as your option for payment. You can choose to register your credit card number the first time you use it and never have to do it again or you can enter the information each time that you make a payment, whichever way you are more comfortable in using the internet for payment.

Invoices as of the beginning of June will have

spaces available for credit card information. Just complete the details and your payment will be made via credit card.

Any travel disputes regarding charges MUST be handled in the same manner as they are today by contacting the Employee Pass Team: Phone 847-700-1598 M-F 9 a.m. to noon, e-mail [Employee-Pass@united.com](mailto:Employee-Pass@united.com) or regular mail to United Airlines. WHQAK, P.O. Box 66282, Chicago, IL 60666.

We appreciate your input for improvements to the system. We hope that the combination of viewing & paying over the internet as well as being able to pay by credit card will make your travel easier & more efficient.

Charlotte O'Donnell  
Manager Customer Support

### **CLIPPED WINGS & COUNTRYSIDE CENTER FOUNDATION FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUND-RAISER**

The O'Hare Chapter of Clipped Wings & Countryside Center Foundation will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser on July 19, at the Mission Hills Country Club, 1617 West Mission Hills Road in Northbrook. Check-in time is 11:30 a.m. with a Shot-Gun Start/Scramble scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar) are at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Tickets are \$150.00 each & includes 18 holes with golf cart, lunch, dinner & more. For the dinner only the cost is \$50.00. Open tennis is available for \$100.00 which includes dinner. A raffle & silent auction will be offered. For tickets & more information, please call Clipped Wings Co-chairpersons, Silvia Davis (847) 459-4147; Linda Iversen, (847) 550-0105, or Susie Joaillier (847) 382-4330.

### **FROM JO MADDEN**

Dear Members:

The mere words "Thank You" are just not adequate to tell you wonderful people who sent me "Get Well" - "Cheering-up" cards during my down-time. Every card and note was really appreciated. Your kind words made me feel very special and certainly helped me to recover. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jo Madden



***Financial tips and news from your credit union***

### **Kidz Klub Savings Program**

Every year, children in the U.S. receive over \$15 billion in allowance, gifts & wages -- reason enough to start teaching children money management & consumer skills at a young age. A smart savings background can make the difference between a child who grows up to be financially secure & one who doesn't. The rewards of wise money management are the same for adults & children alike -- a greater appreciation of what you have, a sense of empowerment when you reach your goals & long-term financial security,

Help raise money-smart kids & sign them up for an Alliant Credit Union Kidz Klub savings account. Alliant kids also receive a special quarterly newsletter with tips & games to teach them about money. Enroll your grandchild or young family member & encourage good money saving habits early.

To ask a Member Services Representative for a Kidz Klub Membership Enrollment Agreement package, call us at 800-328-1935 or TDD/TTY 773-462-2300 (Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Central Time) or stop by your local public access Service Center.

### **Report on Alaska Cruise after 2004 convention.**

56 hardy souls left the DoubleTree Hotel by bus on Sun., May 30, for Vancouver, B.C. where we boarded the Norwegian Sun. Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Wrangle were Ports of Call.

The scenery was fantastic; eagles & whales were spotted. We sailed close to Sawyer Glacier and watched the seals on the pack ice.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, the onboard activities & Broadway quality shows.

On Sat. evening we had a reception for our RUAEA group. All of us enjoyed the good food & camaraderie. Door prizes included UAL caps which were won by Angela Lowicki, Katherine Willis, Thelma Anderson, Enzo Scarso, Emma Giannini, Marian Hafterson, Norma Betters, Ardythe Fasano, Carmen Muller & Wyman

Anderson. Marilyn Fasano won the bottle of French wine and a UAL jacket was won by Barbara Slowik.

Ken Rudzinski  
RUAEA Tour Director  
(Seattle Slickers)

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS:**

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are changing the date that Chapter Reports are due in DEN. Many Chapters hold their meetings the first part of the month. This change of deadline will enable the Chapters to have information to the RUAEA Newsletter more current.

Chapter reports for Aug. are due in DEN on Tues., July 13, Sept. reports by Fri, Aug. 13, Oct. reports by Mon. Sept. 13. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX is #303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Please list chapter name at the top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



THE  
AZURES

### **PHOENIX AZURES**

*Report submitted by:*

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Hello RUAEA from the Azures of AZ. May was a wonderful month. For a change we did get some spring.

At our 5/11/04 breakfast meeting Bob Lutzinger asked us to consider making a contribution to the fund for Capt. Haynes' daughter. The attendees voted to send a check in the amount of \$300 with our sincerest hope for her recovery.

At our 5/25/04 breakfast Bob reviewed some information he had about our retiree Coalition & the good work it is doing (on our behalf) in

negotiations with United. Many concerns exist in regard to United's negotiating in good faith. Rising fuel costs & how it affects United operations has now been thrown into the mix.

On May 11 we had 21 attendees at our breakfast at Coco's. At the next bi-weekly breakfast we had 25 in attendance. Welcome to our newest members Bob & Elaine Debelak. Bob retired from SFOPB. For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's, you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00 p.m. on the Mon. prior to the breakfast; her number is 623-935-9235.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 6** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Jul. 20** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Oct. 16** - Beardsley Park - Picnic

**Nov. 13** - Luke AFB, Thanksgiving luncheon

If there are any RUAEA members in the West Phoenix area that are not members of our local chapter & want to join the Azures please contact me (Sherry) by e-mail (address above) or by phone 623-572-4828.

*Put a smile on your face...make the world a better place!!!*

#### **PHOENIX METRO** **RE-UNITED**

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Sorry for the missing articles for the last few months. My mother was hospitalized in Feb. with pneumonia & passed away in April. I had the good fortune to be able to be with her for most of that time. Unfortunately we did not have a backup plan for my absence, so no articles were submitted. Fortunately, Carol Ward was nice enough to take minutes at the meetings, so this is what I missed.

I hope you all read the Tucson Roadrunners article in the March edition, as they hosted the annual all-AZ luncheon in Casa Grande. The annual April picnic was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Red Mountain Park. It was a beautiful day & the food

was great. After lunch, an election of new officers was held:

Skip Ward	Pres.
Gordy Kubiak	V.P.
Fred Rockenhauser	Treas. (incumbent)
Carole Hinkle	Sec'y (incumbent)

We wish to thank our outgoing Pres., John McFarland, & V.P. Ed Conlon for all their time & effort over the past year.

Fred then read the Treas.'s report & Jim Fauber brought us up-to-date on United's bankruptcy.

On May 22, the first summer breakfast was held at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant. The food was good & the price was right, so we will continue to have breakfast there for the remainder of the summer...It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month.

Ed Eason read portions of a letter from the AMFA & mentioned that a decision on United's bankruptcy is due out on June 18.

VOLUNTEERS for our winter schedule are as follows...details later but these will be our host/hostess

**Oct.** - Hank Falk for Oktoberfest at the Bistro in Mesa

**Nov.** - Skip & Carole Ward - Naples Italian Restaurant

**Dec.** - Carole & Brian Hinkle - Christmas at Palo Verde, Sun Lakes

Please feel free to contact me or any of the newly elected officers if you have any questions or have any contributions to our monthly article... Hope this finds y'all happy & healthy!!

#### **TALL PINES**

Prescott, AZ  
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*Submitted by Frank Stout*



It's an honor to sit in, this month for our most capable correspondent, Ann Tomasic. Annie (Patricia) & Joe are attending her High School Class Reunion in - can you say Cuyahoga, OH? Don't recall if Annie said this was her 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>

year reunion. Have a safe journey & we look forward to seeing you back.

There were 14 of us at the May meeting at the Plaza Café in beautiful downtown Prescott. This picturesque eatery in just across the street from the courthouse square. On this lovely day in May it was difficult to order a meal & sit inside. Perhaps we should have ordered "to go" & walked across the street & sat under a big shade tree, taken off our shoes and let our toes feel the cool green grass. Isn't hindsight great?

Back to the meeting & luncheon. No business to discuss, so we chatted. There was much talk about what will happen to the UA Retirees Insurance Program. There was telling of jokes. Notably missing at our meeting were Earle & Jean Risdon. This sparkling couple were on their wedding anniversary trip. If my memory is correct they were married in VA & this being a special anniversary, they decided to return to the scene of the crime. Believe it or not folks, they took a train. Yes, Amtrak from AZ to Maryland! Upon reaching the "Windy City" (Chicago) they found the train to Maryland had been canceled due to flooding. So guess how they finished the first part of the trip? You guessed it, by air, via ATA. Hopefully, our regular correspondent, Annie will fill us in on this continuing saga next month.

Our thoughts & prayers to Tom Goodyear, DEN President & Mountain Region Director. Tom is experiencing some suddenly onset health problems. Hang in there, Tom!

This month we celebrate the 228<sup>th</sup> birthday of our great nation. Let's take time while celebrating, to think of how great this nation has been, is now & will be in the future. So, remember to toast the United States of America as you celebrate her birthday!

#### Calendar

**Jul. 27** - Location to be determined. Call Vi Larson at (928) 776-9192 for information.



#### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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Patagonia Lake was the site of the Roadrunners' May Picnic. It is a wonderful place to

sit & visit & enjoy the beautiful lake.

On May 4 several of our members got to work & cleaned our adopted road, a community project we do twice a year.

Hank & Alice Belzer celebrated 57 years of marriage on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Orville & Wilma Hart celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on June 30.

Some of our convention goers returned with rave reviews of this year's convention. Seattle gets a big thanks & a job well done from the Tucson Roadrunners.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

##### **CENTRAL COASTERS**



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Glad to report that Bill Noyes has made a remarkable recovery from having both knees replaced at the same time.

Al & Marilyn Rybar are on an extended tour, first to the East Coast, & then, to England & France. They plan to be in Normandy for the D-Day celebration. We look forward to a complete report of their trip as they plan to be back in time for the June luncheon. Bob & Pat Wagner are currently sojourning in the Midwest but plan to return in time to host the Aug. 18 luncheon. Details will be announced later.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Al Rybar (805) 595-2532

##### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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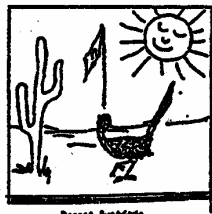


Helen & Curt Follansbee hosted the Brazen Raisins' May meeting. It was reported that Don & Elaine Fahrni have moved to AZ. Dorothy Petersen has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's & has moved to OH near her son.

There was a discussion of the new travel

system involving a standby card which allows the traveler through security. Don & Donna Nessling & Dick Shryock plan to attend the San Joaquiners' May meeting at Castle Air Force Base in Merced.

### DESERT SUNBIRDS



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*Submitted by Elaine Aggson*

30 Desert Sunbirds enjoyed the May luncheon at Desert Princess Country Club hosted by Sandy Sereno. We welcomed back Miriam Osgood after her long absence due to the many medical problems she has suffered over the past year. We are praying that all her troubles are now behind her. Also back after a lengthy absence due to health problems was Patsy Kolar. Wally & Karen Schmidt attended their last meeting before heading back to WI for the summer. Missing were Louie Horvath, off on another cruise; Lynda Davis was vacationing in Scotland & the Penningtons were visiting family in AR.

SW Region Director Bob Owens & his wife, Marian also attended. Bob gave us an update on the RUAEA By-Laws changes & the status of the retiree medical benefits negotiations. Barbara Rowe was the first to travel with the new E-ticket. She described the process from checking to boarding & advised that all went smoothly.

The lucky birthday lunch winner was Karen Tischer.

Shortly before our May meeting, we were saddened by the death of Clem Ellington in AR. Clem & Doris were original members of the Desert Sunbirds & regular attendees. They remained members after moving to AR & sent frequent e-mails to keep in touch with the group. Clem passed away after a short battle with acute leukemia. Doris has been in a nursing home for several years with late stage Alzheimer's. We will have fond memories of both Clem & Doris.

### Calendar

**Jul. 14** - Law's Coffee Shop in Oak Glen. Host: Dick Gorman, 909-652-7465.

### SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The April meeting was held at Lou La Bonte's Restaurant in Auburn.

Pres. Ron Bertacini thanked Darryll & Dorothy Stroud for hosting. He introduced guests, Carlos & Sylvia Barrantos who came with Fernanco & Ana Campos. He also introduced new members Marie Berlenghi & Rosie Doherty.

He called our attention to pictures & old postcards of UAL airplanes over the years that Bob Cuff had on display.

Sunshine Co-Chairman Francis Domaritus told us Chuck Dinsmoor had back surgery on May 7; he said cards were sent to Judie King, who had leg surgery, to Ruby Jackson who fell & injured herself & to Margaret Eggert who had surgery on her shoulder. He asked that anyone with news for Sunshine can send it to [vandfgracious@mystation.com](mailto:vandfgracious@mystation.com) or 916-789-0422.

Jack Raynor had copies of the Membership Roster for 2004. He asked that if there were any corrections to please let him know. Phone (209) 745-8639, e-mail [raynor-news@softcom.net](mailto:raynor-news@softcom.net).

Bob Cuff, Regional Director, said information about the Medicare Drug Cards is available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). If you enter your zip code and list of prescriptions it will detail what is available on which card.

A very successful raffle was conducted by V.P.s, Harold & Colleen Esola, who were "Taking Off" afterward for LAS to see Celine Dion in celebration of Colleen's birthday.

### Calendar

**Jul. 28** - Northern Queen Inn (aka) Trolley Junction, Nevada City. Hosts: Lee & Shirley Francis



### REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The May meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> at La Strada in Santa Rosa. There were 48 members & guests present. Pres. Ron Huhn opened the meeting by thanking the hosts Ted Bell & Trudy Wilcox. He reported that our Treas. Nick van Kruining had a heart attack. One stent was placed in a blockage. Further tests will determine if more treatment will be needed. Get well, Nick!

Nick will be unavailable to continue as Treas. Oscar Chambers has agreed to take over the duties. Thanks, Oscar.

Ron reported that our accounts are in order.

V.P. Naomi Tolf introduced our guests: Marion Fairon, guest of Fred Bonney; Gwen Grace, guest of Veronica & Jack Trites; Evelyn Rowe, guest of Edie Olson & Trudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell.

Sunshine Lady: Even though it was a sunny day outdoors it was a little sunny inside as our Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr, was away on a trip. There were 12 birthdays & the winner of the luncheon was Joanne Huhn. There were 3 anniversaries. Barney Hagen amused us with a list of "I Remember Momma" & things we learned from dear old Mom.

Thought for the day: *The Golden Age is when you reach the age where the "Happy Hour" is a nap.*

### Calendar

**June** luncheon will be at La Gare in Santa Rosa hosted by Ivy Cardinaux and co-hosted by Jack & Veronica Trites.

### ReLAXers

Los Angeles

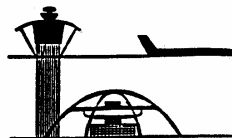
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Our best wishes & prayers to Phil Muelrath who had to have a leg amputated on May 6. Barbara reports that he will be in the hospital about 6 weeks. I'm sure he will love to receive calls & cards - 712 Anderson St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266/310-374-7623.

Ben Visser (1440 Kingsmill Av., Rowland Hts., CA 91748 - 909-595-2010) fell & broke his leg and ended up with a fixed leg & hip replacement. He's

doing fine, but is quite disappointed as he & his son who helps him so much will not be able to drive (or fly) to SEA for the convention.

In the May issue, the SandDabs column recommends a good emergency action for those driving alone who face a threatening situation. It is the dialing of #77 from your cell phone. If you live in the East, that could be a life saver, but in the west, don't take up vital time trying to get a response from it. We have checked out the #77 number from our home phones & cell phones but it does not connect to anything. We were discussing it with cops from the LAX P.D. a few weeks ago. They stated they'd never heard of it but were willing to try it out on their phone. Same result - nothing! Wherever you are located, you might want to check it out with your local P.D. or Highway Patrol to verify its validity for your area & to verify the best number to use, 911 or ?

**LAX Employee Parking:** Be sure to call me to verify that I will be in town & can buy your tags in time. If no answer, leave message. If no call back after 3 days, call Donna at 310-308-7415 for driving directions to parking co. office, which is open Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### BIG PARTIES to mark on your calendar:

ReLAXers annual steak-fry picnic at the park in El Segundo on Aug. 12. Notices will be sent early in July. Don't hesitate to book; beside our needing to know how many steaks to buy - there is a crowd limit at that park.

LAXRR Reunion party at the Haciends Hotel in El Segundo, Sat., Sept. 25. If you worked in LAXRR at any time in your career, you will receive an invitation. Since LAXTO was a tiny part of LAXRR, this includes former LAXTO agents, also. If you were one of those & haven't received an invitation by about mid-Aug, contact Linda Robbins at 818-763-5749 (but not before that!).

LAX Reunion party will be on a cruise Sept. 27-Oct.1 (4 nites). If you were an employee at LAXTR in the 60s & 70s (before it became LAXCS) you will receive an invitation. Also welcome with those eligible to book the cruise will be family members & friends traveling with you. Mike Fujimori is handling the deal & can be reached at 310-390-3007.

**NOTE:** Linda & Mike both have e-mail addresses, but I am leaving it up to them to give them out if they wish.



### Calendar

**Aug. 12** - Famous Steak Fry Picnic in El Segundo in the park.

**Aug. 16-18** - Famous Tour Leader, Barbara, escorting a great tour to Mesquite & Tuacahn. Contact at head of this column.

**Oct. 14** - Luncheon - location later.



### ReSans

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The joint picnic of ReSans & Clipped Wings is all set for Tues., Aug. 14 at 11:30 a.m. on Mission Bay at the Tecolote Picnic Area next to the Hilton Hotel. Rest rooms are available & we will have picnic tables, hopefully in the shade. Catered Paella (a Spanish seafood & rice dish) will be served. You may wish to bring your own drink. Also, please bring a dessert which we will auction off with the proceeds going to Special Olympics. A detailed flier will be mailed to all members mid-July.

Our annual Halloween Party may have to be canceled due to the Fireside Restaurant being closed. However, your Officers are searching for another venue.

### Calendar

**Aug. 24** - Catered Paella at Tecolote Picnic Area next to Hilton on Mission Bay with ReSans & Clipped Wings

**Oct. 2004** - Halloween Party at Fireside Restaurant in Escondido may have to be canceled as Restaurant is closed. We will search for another location.

Lindberg Alumni Groups - first Thurs. of month - Contact Bill Lindsay

### UNITED AIRLINES RETIREES-SFO Area

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Pres. Walt Bartkowiak opened the May 24

meeting after announcing he would give us an extra 3 minutes to visit. We enjoy getting together once a month & we always have a lot of catching up to do. Mike Mewkalo & Jerry Milner were our official greeters today.

Acting Sec'y Joan Brochu read & took the minutes since Helen Cain was traveling. Membership Secretary, Carol Walter introduced our 2 new members, Bill & Diane Heinrich.

Several of our members are either not feeling well or recovering from injuries & surgery. I sent cards to George Trombulak, who is having vision problems & Eva Cousins who fell & broke her arm. Cards were also sent to Walter Kina & Margaret Littlefield both of whom have had knee surgery. Margaret sent us a letter she received from the daughter of Gladys Ranicar & I am sorry to report that Gladys passed away April 24. Condolences can be sent to her daughter, Marilyn Hedges, 974 So. LaBellota Way, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Josephine Milligan introduced Betty Garner who has volunteered to be our new Domestic Tours Director. Betty recently joined our group & she is interested in doing both day trips & some overnight trips. She asked us for suggestions & interest was shown in attending a Giants Ballgame.

It was announced that tickets for our Sept. 27 picnic would be on sale starting in June. This is an annual event, one we always look forward to.

Ginger Dahlberg, Western Division Director, reported that most of the information on our medical benefits comes from Chicago & we should rely on messages from Mort Wax, Jim Fauber & Glen Tilton. She didn't have any information on retiree medical benefits other than there would probably be some cuts.

Mary Ann Monson introduced our program "Jewel Tones", a ladies barbershop group with music from the 30s, 40s & 50s. Their M.C./vocalist just happens to be a UAL flight attendant. Their songs included Sentimental Journey, Jeepers Creepers & A Good Man is Hard to Find. The latter was sung to Bill Livingston, who started with United in 1936 & had the most seniority in the audience this month (possibly most every month). The Jewel Tones sang beautifully with some great harmony; we enjoyed having them with us.

If you want to travel, contact Ginger Dahlberg at 650-345-5548 or e-mail [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) for information on her trips.

## Calendar

Singles Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce - 650-593-7328.  
Retirees General Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 a.m. at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

**SFO/SJC**



**SOUTH BAY RETIREES**

## **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

### **SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY**

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Lois Rodriguez, our chapter's former recording secretary, has asked me to fill in for the remainder of her term. Because of family obligations, she will not be able to attend all of the meetings. We all thank Lois for her past service & wish her well during this particular time.

May has been a busy time for many of our members. Besides the annual convention in Seattle, there were many trips - Lois White to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico; Lou & Nancy Bacheller to Hilo, HI for the Tidal Wave Reunion; I spent a week in Costa Rica. This was a trip led by Jose Camacho, a retired UA employee. He is planning to offer more trips to his native country in the future. I had a great time & would certainly recommend the trip.

Our club welcomed 2 new members - Bill & Rosemarie Reichard. We also welcomed visitors Willard & Ethyl Olson; Florence Foss, widow of Don Foss; Frances Dietz, friend of Marion Gaevert; also Harry & Arlene Walton who stopped in on their way to the Seattle convention - Harry spoke and shared interesting news with us about his own Fort Meyers, FL chapter.

Otto & Geneva Schaller are feeling much better. We were also glad to hear that Marion Gaevert & Keith Olthof are doing well after their knee surgeries.

Marion Gaevert is in the process of organizing another great bus trip! This time a day trip to Santa Cruz via the train from Roaring Camp, with lunch at The Crow's Nest. Mark your calendars for Aug. 26. We will need to have our \$72 payment in by July 12.

## Calendar

We welcome all fellow retirees to join us at our weekly breakfast meeting every Fri morning at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. & meeting convenes at 8:20 a.m. Please contact our Pres. Bill Copley (408-725-8420), for more information.

## **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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It was a treat to have our meeting at Castle Air Force Base, hosted by Ace & Barbara Edkins, attended by 43 members. Guests were Tete & Vicky Areanos, Frank & Joyce Williams, and Dick Shryock from the Brazen Raisins.

Treas. report from George Gemberling included sending a donation to Hospice for Mary Ann Hite who has since passed away. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Hite family.

Francine Anderson passed in March & a donation was sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind according to her desire. Sympathy goes to husband Warren.

We thank Ron McDuffy for new directional signs.

Reports are good for our branch airline TED with 90% loads. Doug & Dorothy Daniels attended the Seattle Convention. we look forward to their report.

## Calendar

**Jul. 10** - meeting at Oakdale Country Club.

## **UA - EL DIABLOS**

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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their May meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 30 members & guests. It was good to see Rich & Georgia Bouska, Dick Abe & Lou Kratitz back. We welcomed a new

member, Richard Lopez, from Sonoma. Rich retired from SFOLM as an Aircraft Maintenance Controller...we hope to see his wife Diana at the next meeting.

Celebrations were in order with the birthdays of Ed Bingle, 88 years young, & Manny Kessler, 90 years young!!

Georgia Bouska won a freshly baked cherry pie from Marie Callendar's restaurant.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's, 2090 Diamond Blvd., in Concord. Social time 11:30-12:00 - orders are taken at 12:00 & we start conducting our business matters. No reservations are needed, just come on over. Ed Lewis will send a reminder to all with e-mail, so make certain your address is up-to-date. For those of you without internet access, Howard will call you with a reminder.

#### Calender

**Jul.** - vacation break - no meeting

**Aug. 9**

**Sep. 13**

### COLORADO

#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

Jo Madden  
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The Denver Mile Highers had their 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast at beautiful Park Hill Golf Course with 55 in attendance. This time we had a bigger room & only 8 to a round table, very comfortable.

Tom Goodyear explained why he was on oxygen, 3 liters per hour. He had a spring cold that turned into pneumonia. He hopes to be off oxygen in about 2 weeks. He also thanks all of you for the over 35 e-mails & get well cards, plus many phone calls.

Lyle Burkholder fell off a ladder & broke his hip & arm. While in the hospital he had a heart attack. He is doing quite well right now. If you want to send him a get-well card his home address is 1190 Florence, Aurora, CO 80010.

Imme Barrows gave an update on Jo Madden; she is doing very well with home care & therapist visits. Cards & greetings to her at the above address.

Mel Conine gave an excellent report on the Seattle convention. He was very impressed with John Tague's speech at the banquet.

The annual catered picnic at Blossom's will be on July 21, social hour 11:30 a.m., picnic 12:15 p.m. Please make checks for \$12.00 payable to RUAEA, Denver Chapter. Send checks to: Harrier Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Deadline 7/17.

We are planning an Oct. festival this fall on the west side of Denver. Watch the Newsletter for details.

Please don't forget the pop cans; remember we are one of the few chapters that does not have dues.

Two 50/50 winners returned their winnings for the stamp fund. They were Frank Bennett & Charles Hessler.

#### Calendar

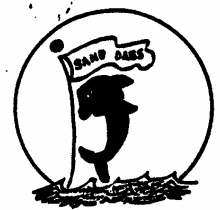
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

**Jul. 21** - Annual picnic, details in column.

### FLORIDA

#### SAND "DABS"

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Our Prez Dick Coughlin opened the meeting to 19 Sand "Dabs" present at the Red Lobster. Back after some absence were Bud & Karen Gammill only to find out they will be leaving soon for their cottage in WI; Wilma & Dick Russell, Emily Veracka, Jesse Jernigan looking well again, Joan Brandonesia back after a battle with illness, looking very well & healthy. Steve & Lillian Moddle are in Memphis with family as is Martha Priehs in Philadelphia for the summer with grandkids. Jane & Andy Kress went to the Convention & took an Alaskan cruise afterwards.

After the 50/50 drawing we had another drawing for a bottle of cologne for Mother's Day which Marion Johnson won. It's legal. She reports receiving a nice sweet Mother's Day card from her

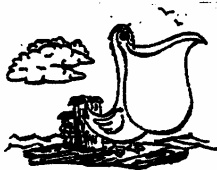
stepdaughter. At joke time our Prez had a very funny one about a senile virus on the computer.

Our treasury is growing slowly, but we are frugal & remain in the black. Prez brought us up-to-date on company news, which seems to be getting some better & things seem to be looking up for which we are all pleased. We continue to pray for UAL's survival. We are happy to know service to the Caribbean expanded.

Our resident photographer, Bill Oliver, has had his picture in the newspaper again for winning 2 more first place awards for his photo of "Adventure at Sea" & "Lines and Shadows" at the Southeast Volusia Camera Club. Congratulations. Our annual gathering at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark to see the Cubs play will be decided at the next meeting.

A most interesting talk & discussion was given by Dick Russell with an update on the TWA crash investigation of Flt. 800. A trial hearing date is set for Aug. 2. Dick promised to keep us informed of what happens at that trial.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** *Just when you think you are finally getting a grip on things, you find out the handles broke off.*



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

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22 members attended our 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast meeting of the season. During the summer months (June-July-Aug.-Sept.) we have breakfast meetings at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. Luncheons will resume in Oct.

Our Florida News: Buz Sawyer is finally back home in Port Charlotte after surgery for both colon & prostate cancer. The surgery was done several months ago in Tampa. Then he recovered at his son's home in Tampa. He's glad to be back home & recovering very slowly.

John Belluso, who is now in a nursing home, fell in the shower & broke his clavicle bone. Carrie will be having cataract surgery next week. Fred Dillon is on his last treatment of chemotherapy. He

will then have a bone scan to see if he is in remission of his non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Bonnie Sawyer is still having a lot of problems with her arm since she had the stroke last year. Delores Good had a total knee replacement last month & is having therapy. Lucy Miser (former member) is not doing very well either. Ray Winterhalter is having a home built in Cape Coral & hopes to move in sometime next month provided he can get water. They had a problem drilling for water & then they developed a sink-hole. Not good news.

### **Calendar**

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of the month, breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.). Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May). For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) - [UALMKE@aol.com](mailto:UALMKE@aol.com)., Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - [jgilkison1@comcast.net](mailto:jgilkison1@comcast.net), Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - [Tutupapa1@aol.com](mailto:Tutupapa1@aol.com).

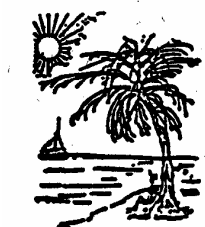
### **THE SAND DOLLARS**

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On May 13, 20 Sand Dollars members met at the Ringling Museum. Our pres. Tim O'Donnell & Gretchen Bulin had worked very hard to make all the arrangements. We enjoyed a guided tour through the Ca d' Zan Mansion which was fascinating & interesting. Afterwards we had lunch at the Banyan Café, which is situated on the lovely grounds of the Museum & Art Gallery. Some of us went to see the Circus Museum; others strolled through the Rose Garden.

Our Pres. wished us all a great summer. We will have our next meeting in Oct. The location will be announced at a later date.



### **TAMPA BAY**

New Port Richey, FL  
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Mike Rice opened the June meeting at Buddy Freddy's for 36 attending members with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then asked about speakers. Mike Marvett informed the group of the Toastmaster's Club & said he would be happy to contact them. They have good speakers who are free & speak on informative topics.

There were no visitors & no anniversaries noted for the month of June. Lillian Sawyer was 80, June 22.

The minutes were read & approved. A grand thank you was given to Peggy Manuel for being so gracious taking minutes at the last meeting - when asked to do so at the last minute! The treas. report was also given.

Mike Marvett reported that he had taken his wife's place at the Pres. breakfast. He said that all the speakers were excellent. They covered every department we would be interested in from the Credit Union to the Travel Bureau.

Terri Breslin announced that she has sent out one get-well card to Marge Frazier who had cataract surgery. Terri also announced that she had won a beautiful handmade doll named Kelly at the Art Raffle at the convention. Brigitte Murdock had donated 2 of these handmade dolls.

Dues are due - please bring your yearly dues in an envelope to the next meeting or mail them to Mike Rice, 8230 Sugarbush Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606. Jon Wilkson told everyone the picnic for Oct. is set at Anderson Park. Mike Marvett explained that the West Coast Luncheon was on course.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 5** - Mo. meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy 19 in Holiday, 10 a.m.

**Aug. 2** - Mo. meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy 19 in Holiday, 10 a.m.

#### **THE VILLAGES** **AIRLINE RETIREES**

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You can tell the snowbirds have left FL. Only a few attended our Bingo Party which was held in

May. The last time we did not have enough cards & this time with plenty of cards we were short on players. Everyone had a good time with all monies being returned for prizes.

A representative from Medicare will speak and answer questions re the prescription and new Medicare coverage at the July meeting.

Long range plans are for a dinner/dance in Nov. with no meeting in Dec. Election of new officers to be held in Oct. Anyone wishing to become an officer should advise the current board members.

### **GEORGIA**

#### **DIXIE FLYERS**

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19 Flyers & 2 guests were present for the meeting hosted by Ray & Mary Owen at their home in McDonough, GA. Our guests were Bill Swim & Ron Clayton. Ron came as a guest & departed as a member. Everyone brought a dish to go with the hams or a dessert & drinks. Ray prepared a smoked ham & a baked ham, which were absolutely delicious. Anyone who missed this meeting missed out on a great meal. Ray & Mary have a great party room that will hold about 100 people. It was very comfortable for our lunch & meeting.

Our newest members are Bob May, Ken Rakestraw, Ron Clayton, & Carol Webb. We want to welcome them aboard. Bruce Brodersen had a question & answer session on e-tickets & how they apply to the retirees. It was informative & enlightening session. Bill Carlson is recovering from a knee replacement. He is at home & reported by his daughter to be doing well & improving every day. We are hoping to see him at our meetings again very soon.

107 people attended Shelley's annual picnic on Apr. 17, many coming from out of town. Some drove their restored antique vehicles. We had a mini car show, which may become a highlight of this annual event. There were many retirees & active employees attending, all of which look forward to this time each year to renew friendships

& catch up with recent happenings at work & in their lives.

Each month the Dixie Flyers members bring items of food & supplies for the Women's Shelter in Fayetteville, GA. This is a privilege for us to be able to share with those in need. We also give gift certificates to the women & children living at the shelter during the holidays. This has been a tradition for years.

All of us everywhere may need to carpool to the meetings if the price of gas continues to rise. Some in the Atlanta area travel as far as 50 miles one way to attend meetings. Something you might want to consider: The five (5) most essential words for a healthy, vital relationship are, "I apologize" & "You are right."

## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Honolulu RUAEA spring luncheon in March drew a large crowd of 90 retirees & guests at Pah Ke's Chinese Restaurant in Kaneohe. Ginger Dahlberg was in town and gave us an update, including RUAEA web address [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Everyone filled up on family style six-course Chinese New Year's luncheon! Went home with very full tummies. Thanks to Ramsey & Jody Mori & Jo Ann Jazattis who arranged this for us.

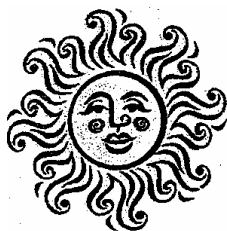
New retirees were welcomed.

Art & Marilyn Cotton are relocating to a Kahala retirement residence. Sounds great. Good luck in your new location.

Have a safe & happy summer everyone - home or traveling.

## PAU HANA KUPUNA

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Ken's House of Pancakes in Hilo was the site

of our Mother's Day meeting/luncheon on May 20. What a wonderful turnout; we had 22 in attendance. I made a little corsage for every lady who attended. We welcomed 2 new members & their spouses. The winner of the free lunch was Duke Kennedy.

Our "Toys for Tots" box is getting full; we really appreciate all the donations. Don't forget we are collecting through Oct. We had 4 raffle winners, Bob Pennington, Warren Mastenbrook, Ed Dawes & Loretta Dawes.

We told everyone about Andy Rooney's tips for telemarketers - the 3 little words are "Hold on, please"....saying this, while putting down your phone & walking off (instead of hanging up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt. Then when you eventually hear the phone company's "beep-beep-beep" tone, you know it's time to go back & hang up you handset, which has efficiently completed its task. We all agreed that sounded like a good idea; we all should try it sometime.

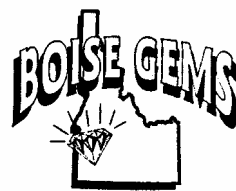
## Calendar

**Jul. 15** - Luquin's Mexican Restaurant, Pahoa

**Aug. 19** - Aloha Angel Café, Kainaliu

**Sep. 16** - Firehouse Restaurant, Hilo

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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Bud Peters & Denny Snyder are still trying to get the second display case at the Warhawk Air Museum in order. We've asked the management to speed up the completion of this unit, so we can proceed. A few artifacts from the 1926-1946 era continue to arrive, but there are still gaps that need filling to finalize the display. *We are particularly interested in memorabilia (especially uniforms) surrounding the WWII era, & anything that reflects how UAL participated in the war effort.*

Don Behrendt will tell us what is especially needed to complete the display. He will mention a few things like old newspaper clippings, letters,

magazine articles that retirees here & across the system might have that would help depict how employees & UAL responded & contributed to the war effort. Don would love to hear from retirees anywhere who might have something needed for our display. You can reach him by e-mail at [gobigred1@mindspring.com](mailto:gobigred1@mindspring.com), or by phone at (203) 463- 9186.

Ron may ask why 32 people signed up for dinner at El Gallo Giro (meaning the fighting rooster) on May 19 and only 15 showed? The food & service were great. Couldn't you find Kuna, Main St., or El Gallo Giro?

Bill Heath apologized for again confusing the Muscular Dystrophy Association with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, or was it the other way around? Anyway, they're both good organizations & I'm sure whichever one it was that didn't have a fund raising walk won't mind the free publicity. What I should have said was: "The fund raising walk co-chaired by Bud Peters was for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society." The important thing is that the money collected went to the bank, & the walkers ate all the tasty cookies donated by the GEMS.

On Memorial Day, the Idaho National Guard at Gowen Field paid tribute to WWII veterans by feeding them a free breakfast. That was followed by memorial services & interviews with veterans, some on TV. The weather was great & they were all out enjoying Idaho's scenery & many outdoor activities. One thing though, if you intend to go fishing up the river on a holiday, I must warn you: Take your own rock to stand on. All the other rocks along the river will be taken. It's that busy now that the Boise River again sports good sized salmon.

Dave & Carol did make it to the Convention. We're expecting a full report from Dave on Mon. Sort of a busman's holiday for Dave who drives a tour bus as a hobby. Rumor has it that Ned Yundt may be driving to Bend, OR, to visit her sister. Accompanying her may be Louise Duvall, who has a cousin in Bend & a sister-in-law in Redmond. I don't think the airlines are getting much of our business these days. Now that gas is so expensive, we Idahoans may hunker down until the cessation of hostilities. How many centuries to you thank that might take?

Ron hopes to get the skinny on the Starlight Mountain Theater schedule of events, & find out if anybody is interested in a bike-ride on the Greenbelt some weekend.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 5 &**

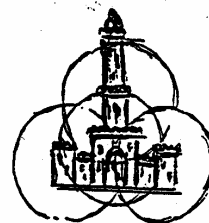
**Aug. 2** - 9:30 a.m., breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in Boise.

YOU MUST BE AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC IF: You've ever said, "Yes, Captain, it's supposed to look like that."

#### ILLINOIS

##### LOOP GROUP

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HOW NICE to be greeted by smiling, happy faces cheerfully eating & saying hello to Mary Szabo, Larry Barr, Ron Madsen, Mary Gray, Beverly Connor & Marge Daily. Before I get lost in words, a tid-bit from Marge Daily that the Midway Gals Luncheon is on for Sept. Flyers will be mailed & we will pass on information as we receive it. Well that's it; hope to see you in July. Wishing you all a happy summer...

#### Calendar

**Jul. 21** - Luncheon, Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m.

##### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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I've returned home from a wonderful time at the Seattle Convention. I give credit to Hank Gosselin, Chairman, & his committee for a great job in making the event successful.

I attended the Correspondents Breakfast & updated the other members of the accomplishments of the Chicago Skyliners. Carol Faust, our pres., attended the Pres. Breakfast. With my task as Official Photographer for the Convention, I also contributed to the memories of the Convention by photographing attendees & guests & having most

of the pictures processed for them to take home after the Prop Wash gathering & dinners. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of the photographs will be donated to Capt. Al Haynes' daughter's medical fund. There were several personal donations made. This was the first time that I covered such a large group and processed the prints on the spot. We did have a few problems, and hope to better accommodate our guests at future events.

Thanks for the many interesting articles for our upcoming Quarterly Newsletter, and sad to say that it will be late because of my assignments with the RUAEA Convention and preparing the pictorial report for the Aug. issue of the national newsletter.

Our Skyliners breakfast attendance was great; Southsiders had 15, & Northsiders with over 100 with 3 newcomers: Eleanor Wang from WHQKR, Ann Hollowed from CHIRR & George Mielke from ORDMM. Attendees were invited to bring canned foods for the Spring Food Pantry donation & money to buy canned soups. Our donations have been given to the Schaumburn Pantry once again.

It was nice to see Alfred & Esther Broderson who drove to the Convention in their new van.

A correction to a name that appeared incorrectly in the May issue that should have read as Leona, not Leon Gasiorowski. Thanks to Chuck Simons who also caught a few oversights in the June issue.

Our well wishes go to Jo Madden who is now recuperating at home.

Our condolences to the family & friends of Laverne Lundquist on behalf of her husband who passed away after an extended illness. His service was honored by the U.S. Marine Corp in which he served during World War II. (Laverne is also a member of our Chicago Skyliners Chapter.) Condolences & cards may be sent to 2919 Downing, Westchester, IL 60154.

Address change: Bill & Magee Moore, Fairview Village, #526, 200 Village Dr., Downers Grove, IL 60516

### Calendar

Northsiders Breakfast - Artemis Restaurant, 9:00 a.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the mo.), Golf Rd. & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL

Southsiders Brunch - Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. (Last Tues. of mo.), Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgview, IL

Downtown Chicago Group - Trader Vic's, 11:10 a.m., lunch. Next gathering call Angie Malouhos, 1 (773) 465-7420

## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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Our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the start-up of Indy Chapter of RUAEA was held at the Paragon Restaurant. 36 retirees & their significant others were in attendance. Our Pres., Chris Johnston, was out of town on business & Bob Duffey conducted the meeting.

Treas. Hannelore Brabo, read the minutes of the last meeting. She then reported on the Chapter's financial status. Our treasury stands at \$62.71.

Our Pres., Chris Johnston & V.P. Ray Brabo, thought, since we are so new, it might be better if we do not have dues at this time. We will collect \$1 or \$2 at each meeting.

Charles Theiss presented his current art board rendition of our new logo. He has drawn a UAL aircraft with race flags in a circle overlaid on an outline of the State of Indiana. The members voted to accept this design as our chapter's new logo. Thank you, Charles, for all your hard work.

Ellen asked our V.P. to put proposed chapter names to the group for a vote. Ellen & Hannelore both proposed "Indy Racers"; Wanda suggested "Brickyard Indy Retirees"; Tony Bates liked "Pole Setters" or "IRG for Indy Retirees' Group" and Bob Duffey offered "Circle City". The membership voted for the name "Indy Racers".

Tony Bates, Chairman of the Golf Committee, gave a report on his findings for a Golf Tour. He asked various golf courses & was encouraged with the fees quoted to him, i.e. green's fees, lunch. He asked if we should open up to other chapters or make it just a local event? The Golf Club wants to know interested members' phone numbers & play dates they would prefer. Deposit required would be in the range of \$100-500 from our Chapter (a weekday tour would be cheaper than a weekend one.) Tony asks if anyone else in RUAEA would



be interested. He is very pleased with the courses here in Indy. He will ask member, John Bell, (an avid golfer), if he will join the committee.

Bob Duffey mentioned that there were jobs available at Steel Dynamations in Pittsboro, IN, for storekeepers. He went over shift, pay & bonus options the company offers. There are several local airlines hiring licensed mechanics, ATA being one.

We were very pleased with the management & quality of the food at the Paragon Restaurant. The staff treated us like valued customers. All of our next meetings will take place there. The address is 118 S. Girl's School Road, Indianapolis, phone (317) 271-3514.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 10** - 2 p.m., Paragon Restaurant

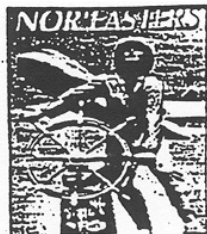
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**Sep. 18** - " " "

### MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters Apr. meeting was held at the Blue Hills regional Culinary School in Canton, MA. The excellent cuisine was enjoyed by 52 members at an extremely low price, enough to offset the school's costs. We even managed to get in our 50/50 raffle as the room was almost exclusively Nor'Easters.

To the best of my knowledge, Nor'Easters attending the convention were Bill & Norma Betters, Bill & Marie Dwyer, Ron & Joyce Heisler, Jimmy & Sue Yip & George Mavreles. Unfortunately, Don Lewis received a Federal Jury Duty summons, got a long trial & will miss most of this summer's meetings, as well as his golf game.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 13** - Cape Cod Canal cruise

**Aug.** - 4<sup>th</sup> annual picnic

### MICHIGAN

#### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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21 Escapees gathered at the New Pekin, June 3, so I've been told...and a good time was had by all. Many long time no see were present. Could it be that their correspondent was not there?

Approximately 10 Escapees joined the Loonies in Door County for another great 3-day adventure & 20 Escapees & Loonies attended the convention. I truly missed Jo, now recovering at home. Jo had Marlin Lade take over her job at the correspondents' meeting. He did a great job.

June 6, Bonnie Fleming underwent hip surgery. Love & prayers for a speedy recovery to Bonnie at 4271 N. Crogan St., Box 14A, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

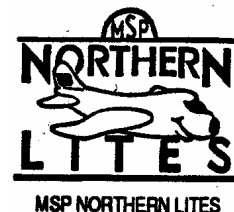
#### Calendar

First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail.

### MINNESOTA

#### NORTHERN LITES

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The May meeting welcomed back additional snowbirds. Our flock is almost complete!

Shelley Hagen is our latest retiree. Her career of 36 year was spent mostly in MKE. She moved to MSP to complete her years with UAL & wed her husband, Ken, a NW retiree. He would be welcome too, Shelley.

Bob Johnson was back and reported on his recent surgery. He is now looking forward to a complete recovery.

The summer picnic & fall boat trip were discussed. The picnic will be July 14, at Lyle &

Sonja Gunderson's farm in Baldwin, WI. The boat trip is a possibility for Fall. Various members told of their travels - lots of fun, reasonable cruises available. Janet Meyer, Cindy White & Nel Brawner had a fun, flowerful, tulip viewing trip once again to Holland. All 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

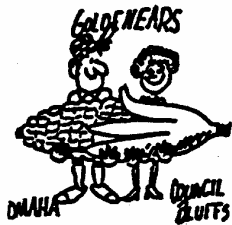
The Glattlys, Storlies, Brennans, Nel Brawner & Jim Simon joined the "Loonies" for their spring adventure in Door Co.

#### Calendar

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 11:15 a.m., lunch at Old Country Buffet, No. of Hwy 110 & Robert St. in West St. Paul.

**Jul. 14** - Picnic, Lyle & Sonja Gunderson's, Baldwin, WI

### NEBRASKA



#### GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 48 who enjoyed the scrumptious lunch at the Old Country Buffet. We really had one special guest & that was Cy Buell who will soon be 88. His daughter, Janie, accompanies him. After having broken 2 hips in the past year, he is using a walker. Everyone was happy to see Cy.

Sympathy to Dorothey Schmill on the death of her only grandson, Matt, age 23. Matt & two of his friends were celebrating Matt's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. They were walking home (close to the tavern they had been in) and Matt was killed by a hit & run as he was crossing the street. Services were held April 27. The family donated Matt's body to the Nebraska Organ Recovery System which surely will help other people.

I had a call from Bill Harrison that John Long was critical & in the hospital. John had a stroke around April 17 & is paralyzed on his right side. He is at Immanuel Hospital but will be moved to a nursing home. John was a member years ago.

Doc Savage has moved to the Immanuel Nursing Home, 6809 N. 68 Plaza, #131, phone

717-6145. He & Rose are now together. He sounded happy about the move. Rose has the beginning stages of Alzheimer's & Doc had Parkinson's. Rose was moved to Immanuel several months ago & Doc was trying to live alone. I'm glad they are now together.

Joy Whisinand told me she was getting married May 29 at her son's home in Omaha. The lucky man is Tom Salmon. She has a new address which is 702 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911. Our best to Joy & Tom on their new adventure. Joy isn't changing her last name - said it was too involved.

Our sympathy to Denny Jones & family. Denny's wife, Dee, passed away May 12 after a long illness. Her memorial service was May 17. Denny has had vertigo for many years but still took care of Dee up to 3 days before her death.

#### Calendar

**Aug. 3** - Malara's, hosted by Dick & Marilyn Weak

**Sep. 14** - Picnic, hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

### NEVADA

#### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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On May 20 the Sierra Roundup had 24 members at the Red Lobster in Reno. Our Pres. John Zoboli opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. & covered several topics relating to retirees: June 18 is the date the bankruptcy judge will determine the medical benefits & cost for all UAL retirees; UAL is proposing one type of medical plan for all retirees regardless of classification (pilot, mechanic, etc.)

UA had the second highest load factor of major airlines in April 2004 - 79.9%. Inflight movies to change twice a month on flights in North America, Hawaii & Alaska markets.

Carl & Marie Bodin were new members at this meeting; there were no guests.

Mary Withers is assuming the Treasurer's duties & Pat Zoboli will work with Mary on the secretarial duties.

## NEW JERSEY

### THE GARDENSTATERS

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The meeting of the Gardenstater was held on May 26 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting & a moment of silence was held for those that have passed away and have been in the hospital. Pres. reported that the son of Joe Gloyden passed away since the last meeting. A sympathy card was sent to the family.

Pres. Confer reported on the Port Authority Career Opportunity Days at Newark Liberty International Airport on May 12 & 13. 50 cases of soda were donated by our group. Susan Bahr thanked all UAL retirees for their generosity of soda & the retirees that volunteered their time for the 2 days. Special thanks to the 12 volunteers. No minutes were read due to Sec'y attending the RUAEA Convention. There also was no Treas. report due to a death of a friend of the Treas., John Murphy.

Reminder that July 14 is the trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Two of our members had articles published in the RUAEA May newsletter.

## NEW YORK

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June 2, 31 Chips joined for dinner at the Grapevine, Amherst, NY. The food was excellent & portions ample; many were seen with small white boxes under their arms as they were leaving for home.

Discussion focused on the negotiations over Medical Benefits & Pension Plans. The AMFA

agreement was circulated to those not on the e-mail circuit as a possible example of things to come.

Cliff Stubbs, GC-CS Buffalo was our speaker & brought us up-to-date on the commuter jet situation with the replacement of Atlantic Coast & its effect on Buffalo. The situation should be resolved & replacements fully in place by Aug. 4.

The sick list consists of Joyce (Joanne) Izydorczak & Ralph Loffert, who are well on the road to recovery. Surprise visitors to the hospital were Walt Wdowka, colon problem & George Wallshauser, a serious blood infection. Both are home & doing well.

Charlie Weseman's father passed away in Plano, TX. Our thoughts & prayers to each of them & their families.

Sept. meeting will be announced in early Aug., but with Labor Day being late, (Sept. 6 ) will probably take place on Sept. 15.



### GUYS AND DOLLS

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Due to heavy holiday travel and those members who attended the RUAEA Convention in Seattle, we were a small group of 11 for lunch at San Martin on June 2. Since there were so few of us, we had a chance to socialize & get to know each other better.

We are sorry to hear that Judy (Stewart) Vickers, formerly a JFKSW Supervisor, is having medical problems. She would love to hear from her friends. Judy's address is 1005 Oak Tree Dr., Edmond, OK 73003, phone # is 405-844-2867.

### Calendar

**Aug. 3** - luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

This report is being submitted by Joe Totaro as

our correspondent, Rose Schneider, has not returned from convention yet. The Metros met on June 2 at the Milleridge Inn with 87 members & guests enjoying an excellent lunch. We welcomed back our "snowbirds" Martha & Vic Auletta, and Mary & Mike Carragher from FL.

We started our meeting with the Pledge to the Flag & a moment of silent prayer for Alex Durant & Henry Kawko who recently passed away. Our condolences to their families.

Our sick list is getting longer. Along with Joe Musynske- 718-445-6295, Ursula Koch - 516-431-0128, and Mary Butera, 718-357-6061 who are recuperating at home, we were informed that Delores Kaczinski - 631-427-4537 & Gerry Rizzo - 718-829-0528 are in the hospital. The good news is that Dan Mahon was able to attend our meeting with the help of a cane after back surgery & rehab. Welcome back, Dan.

We had 8 members recognized for birthdays in the month of June, with Milton Sank celebrating his 86<sup>th</sup>, Delores Kaczinski celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup>. We also had 12 couples celebrating anniversaries in the month of June, with Terry & Frank Zabarouskas their 56<sup>th</sup>, Mary & Joseph Zwielich their 55<sup>th</sup>, and Velma & Fred Jones their 53<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all.

Charlie Kaczinski brought us up-to-date on what is happening at JFK & United Airlines. We had some discussion on the proposed increase in medical coverage costs for retirees. Everyone is waiting for definite cost figures before deciding on what options to take.

Our next meeting which is our annual picnic on July 7, at Wantaugh Park, will again be handled by our top notch B-B-Q chefs, Charlie Kaczinski & Paul Cohen. We will provide coffee & donuts for our early arrivals. Charlie & Paul will then provide a variety of B-B-Q items, salads & cold watermelon. The cost is \$15.00 p/p. Bring you own drinks.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 7** - annual picnic, 10:00 a.m., Wantaugh Park

**Aug. 4** - monthly meeting, 12:00 noon, Milleridge Inn

**Sept. 1** - monthly meeting, 12:00 noon, Milleridge Inn

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*The way to avoid criticism: see nothing, do nothing, say nothing.*

## NORTHWOODS



### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Spring meeting of the Loonies May 19-21 in Door County, WI was a success by any measure. There were 41 of us registered at the Homestead Suites in Fish Creek, plus an additional guest couple each night for dinner. Our regular group was enlarged & greatly enhanced by first-timers Dave/Lili Pearson who drove all the way from Pagosa Springs, CO; Mary Kay/Gilbert Wojtal of Buffalo Grove, IL; Lee/Diane Storlie from Burnsville, MN (Lee is Pres. of the MN Northern Lites); Carol/Al MaDAY of Schaumburg, IL. We welcome all these wonderful people to dual citizenship in the Loonies as well as their closer to home chapters. Also enriching this meeting were visitors Jo Hartenbower of Lostant, IL, friend of member Ann Watson (Jo owns a small airport, so she fits in perfectly); retired UAL Capt. Pete Davis with his wife Pam (they live in Door Co. - friends of Loonies members Ed/Alice Allard); Zita/Alan Wessa from PHX Azures (who live in Door Co. 5 months each summer); last but definitely not least, Joan Buchman, repeat visitor who is the mother of member Gayle Harlow.

Thur. night we went to a traditional Fish Boil dinner, in which chunks of fresh Lake Michigan whitefish, small potatoes plus onions are cooked in a huge pot over an outdoor hardwood fire, then served with coleslaw & cherry pie for dessert. It is delicious. The feature article in the Summer issue of Door County Magazine is about the fish boil, highlighting the owner/boilmaster Matthew Peterson of Pelletier's where we ate. We spent most of Thur. sightseeing, but there wasn't nearly enough time to do all we would have liked. Our list to choose from included two state parks, a winery tour/tasting, a maritime museum, lighthouses, plus the 1,200 acre Ridges Nature Sanctuary. We did make time for ice cream sundaes like you wouldn't believe within walking distance of our motel.

The business meeting Thur. morning included updates on a number of members' health questions, most notable our dear friend Margaret Muscarello moving from her home into a care center.

According to her family she was not strong enough to make this trip. Anyone wishing to send Margaret a card or note can send it to 1234 S. Park Blvd., Freeport, IL 61032-4661. Allan/Donna Olson volunteered to host the next meeting, Oct. 6-8, 2004 at Pequot Lakes, MN.

Diane/Lee Storlie provided the grand finale for our meeting when they did a free raffle of a beautiful fringed blanket with pictures of Loons on it. Lucky winner was Chet Fleming.

Two items to think about came up several times in small groups after the meeting. We should discuss them in the whole group in Oct. First, the idea of the Loonies going on a cruise together, either instead of or in addition to a regular meeting. Second, moving the Spring meeting so it doesn't fall so near the dates of the annual RUAEA convention. Two ideas to think about over the summer. Have a great one.

## OHIO

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Dave & Marie Placko will be hosting our Island Hopping Cruise. 43 people will be departing for this early morning trip to Sandusky to board the Goodtime 1. This all-day cruise will include stops to Kelly's Island & Put-In-Bay on South Bass Island, returning home around 7:00-7:30 p.m. We are praying for a nice sunny day. Thanks Dave & Marie in advance for all the planning.

On May 13 Bill Gatesman wrote that the catheter came out of his jugular vein in his neck. A med-cort was implanted in his chest on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. That is permanent & will always be there. Chemo started on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May & will be administered with a pump 24 hrs. a day for about 7 days. He said "THANKS" for your thoughts, prayers, cards & phone calls. Bill has been in Southwest Hospital for a week. His kidneys stopped working. He's getting blood for 3 days. He's not taking phone calls, but he'd love to get cards. Please keep him in your prayers. His address

is: 55 Barrett Rd., Apt. #426, Berea, OH 44017-1641. Eleanor Neth has finished her radiation & is feeling good. She is scheduled next Thurs., June 10, to start her chemo. Cale is doing fine. I will keep you posted. Cards are greatly appreciated. Adeline Kowalski is resting at home. She hopes to be at the July picnic. We hope George Werner is feeling better. Emily Robinson is in Marymount Hospital with serious back problems. Your prayers & cards would be appreciated, but please no phone calls. Her address is: 8515 Stone Rd., Independence, OH 44131-4826.

I am deeply saddened to report the passing of Bill Farnsworth, Sr., He passed away May 14. A contribution was sent to the Boy Scouts of America in his memory. For the above chapter members as well as other members who are in need of some cheering up I have included The Rainbow Is God's Promise:

### **AN UPLIFTING THOUGHT**

By Helen Steiner Rice

The rainbow is God's promise of hope for you and me.

And though the clouds hang heavy & the sun we cannot see,

We know above the dark clouds that fill the stormy sky,

Hope's rainbow will come shining through when the clouds have drifted by.

No matter what the circumstances, God always has a way of bringing out the rainbow on a dark & cloudy day. So trust in His great promise for the hope to see you through. And know you're in the hearts & prayers of those who care for you.

Our total membership is 269, total paid membership is 245. I

f you still have not paid your 2004 chapter dues, please do so. Send them to Dolly at 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. The new packets will be handed out at the July picnic. Those not attending will receive the packet by mail by July 15. If you do not receive one, it is due to non-payment of dues, lost in U.S. Mail, or someone has picked it up for you & has not gotten the packet to you.

Northfield tickets are here. We need a good turnout. Carol needs RSVP form by Aug. 1.

## Calendar

**Aug. 11** - 6:00 p.m. at Northfield Park. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Races 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 p/p, pre-paid. Please feel free to invite your friends, family, etc. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

**Sep.** - Sweetwater (TBA) The Magic number is 100. RSVP form is in the new packet.

**Oct.** - Old Schoolhouse (TAB)

## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ERS

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Thank you SEA for a great convention.

At the May meeting the speaker was Dick Ianota, retired UAL Captain who works for the National Aeronautic Assn. which sets the ground rules & regulations for aircraft world records. One of his responsibilities is to certify aircraft world records.

Welcome to new members Dolly (CHIRR) & Frank Kapustka.

The July picnic will be held at North Clackamas Park located off I205 at the Milwaukie exit. If you need directions to the park please contact one of the officers or picnic chair John Donaldson. Their telephone numbers are in the April 2004 roster. There will be both chicken & beef burgers and assorted extras. The members voted to bring desserts so let's see lots of pies, cakes & cookies. Wouldn't it be nice to see "fresh fruit" for those that are watching their weight?

The speaker for the Aug. meeting will be Walter Collins who has been attending our luncheon meetings. Walt was a UAL Reservation Agent in the 40s. He will speak on scams, a topic that is very important to all of us at this time.

May was a reasonably healthy month for our group. Both David & Esther Walkinshaw are having health problems. Dorothy Shanley was involved in a motorized cart accident. Merle Pitman would like to remind everyone to let him know when a member is having health issues, as he

is always happy to send out greeting cards from the chapter. Remember too, significant birthdays or anniversaries, that is birthdays 80 & over and anniversaries 50 & over.

If there is something that you would like to have included in my newsletter column please contact me at the above address.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 a.m., Mon/Wed/Fri - (503-249-4142 & 4143). Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services & the staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

## Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

**Jul. 14** - Annual Picnic

**Aug. 11** - Walter Collins, Speaker

**Sep. 8** - TBA.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### THE INDEPENDENTS

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We were delighted to welcome nearly 55 attendees to our May 10 business luncheon meeting at the Ramada near the PHL airport.

At the beginning of the luncheon a special acknowledgement was made by Bernie McNamee to honor our armed services retirees. As the branch of service was called the retired veterans stood to a heartfelt applause.

Joe Brad conducted a moment of silence in memory of our deceased co-workers. Each luncheon attendee stood & read the name & work area of a fallen comrade.

Frank Eggles gave a financial report of the Independents. He reminded everyone who thinks they might not be on the local mailing list, to check if their \$5 dues had been sent.

Our guest speaker was Chaplain Johnson, also known as Lt. Col. Johnson in the U.S. Armed Forces. He is a pastor in a local church & a military

pastor. His words were especially poignant as he had just returned from Afghanistan & Iraq. He had spent much of his career in the military in Ft. Bragg, Korea in the DMZ patrol, Hostile Fire Zone in the Persian Gulf, Haiti, Somalia in Special Operations & recently in Afghanistan & Iraq. He gave us a strong understanding of reality in Special Operations & war zone conditions. He explained the soldiers & citizens of Afghanistan were working to achieve success in creating a safe homeland for the "Afghanies". He felt Americans were only hearing about 1% of the true humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan but rather were being bombarded with the same horror stories over & over. His insight was enlightening & his work commendable. We really enjoyed his speech.

Tom Lyons presented details on the **United Airlines Golf Outing**, sponsored by the UAL PHL Mainliner Club & The Independents. The location: Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, 1500 Chesapeake Club Dr., North East, MD 21901, phone 410-287-0200, e-mail [chesapeakegolf.com](mailto:chesapeakegolf.com).

**Mon., Sept. 13, 2004**, Shotgun start: 0930  
Tournament is open system-wide with 120 spots.  
Food, beverages, awards, door prizes included.  
Cost: \$75 buffet and golf  
\$25 buffet only

Aug. 30 closeout date to sign up.

Tom recommends paying early to guarantee a spot.  
Make checks payable to: Tom Lyons, 800 Hamshire Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 - (610) 853-2721.

There will be a dedication at the end of the tournament on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole in memory of Ron Lindenmuth, who passed away suddenly April 6 on the golf course. A permanent marker will be placed at the tournament in Ron's memory.

A special "Thank you" to Carol Rose for filling in for me during my recuperation from my hip replacement surgery.

Pres. Bernie McNamee, Tom Lyons, Betty & Al Pyle, Joe Brad, Shirley Roberts & Kathy & Al Edwards met at the Edwards' to plan for the remaining meeting before summer & the next meeting in Sept.

Prior to getting down to business, we enjoyed a delicious hamburger barbeque at the Edwards'. Betty Mudd Pyle treated us to a taste of her special bean recipe & delicious desserts. During the meal,

Tom Lyons, Joe Brad & Kathy and Al Edwards briefed us on all the information that they brought back from the convention. We were especially interested in the information about the upcoming decision on the medical. The exciting reports on the tours of Seattle made us all wish we had been able to attend. Apparently, "a good time was had by all."

When we reconvene in Sept., our meeting theme will honor Labor Day. For our Sept. activity, we are investigating a voyage on the Spirit of Philadelphia. We are again bringing clothes & toiletries for the Veterans' Home. Remember, no mouthwash with alcohol, nothing with sugar & please bring pump soap instead of bar soap.

We are all excited about next year's convention in Hollywood. Have a great summer! "See you in Sept."

#### Calendar

**Sep. 13** - 1:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, PHL airport.



#### **PITTSBURGH** **PIT-STOPPERS**

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What a great convention! The SEA committee deserves a big pat on the back. Despite the "misty" weather - a great time was had by all. Next year's Hollywood Convention should prove to be even greater. I was amazed at the number of retirees that have roots in Pittsburgh. The amazing thing was they even knew how to pronounce Aliquippa.

Besides Berni & I, Phyllis Smith & Dave & Gwen Detwiler, former Pit-stoppers Bill "Red" Linehan & Ken Spearing & their lovely wives attended the festivities.

The May 13 luncheon held at the Airport Holiday Inn was attended by 37 people. Skip Weiss was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. & Tami Yeager will serve as Recording Sec'y.

Copies of the newly written by-laws were distributed by V.P. Barb Seaholm. It was determined voting will take place at the annual picnic.

A fund has been established for the children of Ted & Bernice Zyzak's son. Monies can be sent to

Baranski Children's Education Fund c/o PNC Bank, Caste Village Office, Grove Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

Bill & Ruth Redfern did another fine job in hosting the luncheon.

Condolences to the family of Ken Richardson, former PIT Mechanic. Services were held on May 15.

Our deepest sympathy to Patricia Daloiso & her family on the sudden passing of Robert "Ribso" Daloiso. Bob worked in PIT & more recently in DEN. Cards can be sent to Patricia at 1136 12<sup>th</sup> St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Phone 412-771-6898

Best wishes and speedy recovery to Dee Chiochi who underwent major surgery. Dee is recuperating at home, 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061.

A bus will be chartered for the final "Capital Airlines Picnic" to be held on Sept. 19. We need enough people to participate. It will be an overnite. Includes rd. trip bus transportation, 1 night at Comfort Inn, continental breakfast, fee to picnic, sightseeing in DC & driver's tip. All for \$145 single, \$115 double.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 16** - RUAEA Picnic

**Sep. 19** - Capital Picnic

**Oct.** - pending.

### TENNESSEE

#### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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22 Rocky Tops met for lunch on May 20 at "Falcon Manor" in McMinnville, TN. Falcon Manor is a 10,000 sq. ft. Victorian mansion built in 1896, and has been restored to its earlier splendor. It caters to groups, weddings, receptions, etc. & luncheon was served in the refurbished carriage house. Following our meal, we toured the manor & premises, and learned of its history & unique features.

Co-hosts for the outing were Bill & Terry

Taylor & Nancy Krop. Nancy is recuperating from knee surgery & was unable to attend.

Intrepid aviator, Jack Farrell, with co-pilot wife Sue, flew his own plane into the McMinnville airport from their home base, Athens, TN. Sue said the flight was fine, but she had her doubts about the "loaner" car the local airport provided them to drive to the manor!

Pres. Jerry Barr conducted a brief meeting over lunch. Bill Taylor returned thanks & asked for a moment of prayer for the Anthony family & daughter Jill, who is quite ill. It was noted that United would have had a profitable last quarter, if it were not for the recent rise in fuel costs. Also discussed was the new low-cost carrier, which is about to come into Knoxville - Washington (IAD) market. It is, of course, Atlantic Coast Airlines, under a new name, Independence Air. It has already been serving that market as a United Express operator. As Independence Air, it will offer dramatically lower fares with fewer restrictions.

#### Calendar

**Jul. 15** - Luncheon outing will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., hosted by Cecil & Rachel Adkins. Details to follow. Guests are always welcome.

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#### THE SALT LAKERS

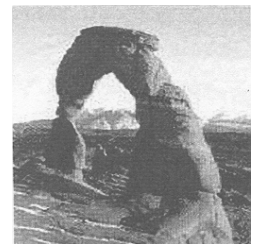
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On May 19, 23 chapter members met at the Jumbo Buffet for a congenial lunch where Pres. Pete Loyola brought us up-to-date on the latest chapter news.

Mary Blackhurst e-mailed to tell that retiree Pearl Bacon had died in mid-May.

Referring to a particular item in the SLC newsletter, EXO Facility Planning retiree Bob Koch of Naperville, IL wrote to inquire about Byron "Bud" Nelson, formerly DCACS, with whom Bob had worked on developing the DCA RCR; Bob considered Bud one of the most cooperative/considerate managers he has encountered. Bud & Kay Nelson read the letter &



mentioned they would be in touch with him. Thanks, Bob, for your kind remarks.

Regarding the latest blurb "Down Memory Lane", a number of responses were received from Mary Blackhurst (SLC) & Roni Adams (BOI), to quote them: "This brought back many memories: Nola & Bill Sears are presently living in CA. Former F/A Kris Maughan, now remarried, lives in Sun City, AZ. Beautiful former F/A Beth Farnsworth passed away a couple of years ago."

So much for an update on co-workers of the 1940s/1950s!

Responses were also received from retirees who had viewed UAL's video "Soaring Through History" - Great Show! WHQPR only handles large orders.

All of us wish Nat'l Newsletter Editor, Jo Madden, a speedy recovery!

#### Calendar

**Jul. 21** - Lunch, 2 p.m., Jumbo Buffet, 6930 S. State, Murray

**Aug. 18** - Picnic, 5 p.m., Sugar House Pk., Central Terrace.

#### VIRGINIA



#### TIDEWATER SEAGULLS

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23 members including 2 guests (Eunice Lindsay & Carol Christenson) were in attendance. New officers for coming year were accepted.

Pres.	Bob Riggs
V.P.	Claire Karlson
Treas.	Vi Hildebrand
Sec'y	Mario Quaglietta
Social Director	Bob Collins

Bob Riggs reported latest news from UAL & sends e-mail to members. Hosting the luncheon was Jane Williams. Tables were decorated with ferns, candy and miniature egrets. Dick Temple will continue sending monthly meeting notices.

No meetings Jun.-Jul.-Aug. Hosting Sept. will be Vi Hildebrand. Pat Gieger recovering well from shoulder surgery. Table decorations won by Paul &

Betty Chasey, Hank Gilbert, Vi Hildebrand. Clare Karlson brought everyone up-to-date when & how the Seagulls were formed.

#### LILAC CITY FLYERS

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June was hosted by Ken & Myrtle Stoop at their home at Shelly Lake in the city of Spokane Valley. It was buffet style & everyone barbecued their own choice of carbs & fat that they brought with them. It was a lot of fun. Myrtle & Ken supplies the salads, beans & the spirits of your choice & condiments. 20 people attended. They moved it indoors due to the morning downpour. It was an event that will be hard to follow as Myrtle & Ken belong to a gourmet dinner club. They really outdid themselves once again.

Much to our misfortune, Lance & I were not able to attend as we had just returned from the SEA Convention & a 4-day trip to Victoria, British Columbia. My first time there & it was spectacular. I managed to lose a contact in my eye, so after it rolled around for 4 days, I went to the doctor. They found ¾ of it in 2 pieces so I am hoping I had gotten out the other little bit. Needless to say my eye was not a pretty site & felt more than a little irritated. It was a soft disposable lens & they told me eventually it would have disintegrated but getting it out was more pleasant. I will try not to lose another one anytime soon.

The convention in SEA was a lot of fun. We saw old friends & also met many new ones. We had a great time. I missed meeting Jo Madden. I did get an update on her and she was doing just fine. Maybe next year, Jo, we will finally get to meet. We truly enjoyed visiting with the people we were seated with at the 2 dinner events. Shelia & Gary Davis, who recently relocated from Spokane were seated at our table. Also saw Judy Higley, who used to manage our local ticket office out of SEA, who now lives in Lake Chelan, WA. She made mention of possibly joining our group. We will hope to hear from you, Judy.

Our July get together is being held at the home

of Bob & Edie Clark in Ione. It will be on July 17 at 1 p.m. for a brunch. For those of you who would like to golf you will have to be at their place earlier. They will be sending out flyers with directions to their home on the Pend Oreille River. They are supplying hot chicken & Teriyaki sandwiches & beverages. Everyone is to bring salad or dessert to complete the menu. It will be a nice summer day & something to look forward to

Aug. is being hosted by Paul & Marlene Bennett at their home in Chewelah, WA. They hosted an event last year & many of us now know how to find them. They will be calling you in plenty of time for those of you who need directions. It will be potluck; they will supply burgers & much more. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share.

Dale Burgess' wife Terry is in Deaconess Hospital with bacterial pneumonia. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Our prayers & thoughts are with her & Dale.

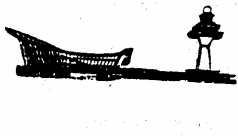
We have had some first class thunderstorms, heavy rain & winds in our area recently. Our petunias are starting to bloom & the colors are beautiful. These are the joys of summer that make it special to gardeners & vegetable lovers alike.

With the number of people at the convention we never did run into Tom & Pat Harvey, we were there, Pat. Congratulations to you & Tom. We wish you many years of happiness from the Spokane group.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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On May 12 a merry crowd of about 70 members gathered for the mo. luncheon & to discuss plans for summertime trips. The highlight of the summer for our club is the Annual Pig Roast & Picnic to be held at the home of Chapt. Pres. David Cox & Tina Cox on June 12. Many familiar faces will appear from out of town members and guests. It will be a GALA EVENT!

From time to time, members have mentioned the construction at Dulles. We are fortunate to have

Bob O'Roark who has been working with the Airport Authority for the past 2 years. Here is his report in its entirety:

United is currently building a commuter facility to replace Atlantic Coast Airways as the United Express Carrier. Currently being planned is 180 UAX flights in 4 to 6 banks per day. Commuter aircraft will be parked on the south ramp of Concourse C/D from Gates C16-D8. 20 aircraft, 8 of which will be double parked in the afternoon International bank. Another 20 UAX aircraft will be parked on the "F" ramp area south of the D30 ground equipment parking area. In this area United is building a commuter hold room to support this remote terminal location with 3 covered walkways extending south on the F ramp. A covered transfer baggage building is being built in the west end of the old south employee parking lot. The remote commuter facility will have a bus operation from Concourse C/D. It is currently under construction off the connector bridge between gates C28 & D2. The new commuter facility will be fully operational at the end of June 2004. Concourse A will be used by Independence Air. The Airport Authority Capitol Construction Program has a lot of construction activity at the Main Terminal. Renovations of the original center main terminal ticket counter areas will be completed in Jan. 2005. To build the underground train system & stations, a lot of phasing must be accomplished to accommodate construction. Soon to open are temporary lounge docks being built at the base of the FAA Control Tower. They will support mobile loungers shuttles to the midfield concourses B & D. At the end of June the west security checkpoint moves to the east side of the main terminal adjacent to the existing east check point. All customers in the main terminal will be directed to the east to go through security for the next 2 years. During this phase, the center & west sections of the main terminal underground train station will be built. At the end of this phase all security check point will shift to the west end of the main terminal for another 2-year period while the east excavation & station is built. The Concourse C & A mobile lounge shuttles will depart from the base of FAA tower. During the 4 year long period, tunnel boring machines will be cutting tunnels for the train system & for building train stations at each of the concourses. The train system will be fully

operational in 2009.

Many thanks to Bob O’Roark for this detailed explanation of “What’s going on at Dulles”.

### Calendar

**Jul. 14** - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral. No speakers.  
Informal “meet & greet”

**Aug. 11** - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral - No speakers.  
Informal “meet & greet”

## NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

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Retiree-**BACON, Pearl**, SLC, on 4/29/04  
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 Retiree-**GAMIS, Luis F.**, EWR, on 3/20/04  
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 Retiree-**GRENZ, Leon J.**, DEN, on 4/16/04  
 Retiree-**HICKOX, Robert E.**, SFO, on 5/19/04, husband of Barbara, 1190 Monroe Way, Grants Pass, OR 97527  
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 Retiree-**LINGIS, Victor C.**, DEN, on 5/20/04  
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## LETTERS

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

Andy & Jackie Vassios, Ken Demblewski, B.J. Donnelly, D Jackson, Ursula Sadlowski, Marilyn Heying, Dennis Saxon, W.G. (Bill) Jones, Larry Anzelmo, Dorothy Pratt-Parker, Juanita Braid, Don Matker, Mary Boyle, Dorothy Krauss, Sheri Olinski, Nancy Brock, Kenneth J. Wagner, Phyllis Dale, George Press, Karl Lanza, John Bateman, Manley Lokken, Jeanette Spana, Louis C. Kelley, Jr., Diane Cervantes, Ed Carroll, Doris J. Love, Noria Gerig, Len Herring, Charles A. Book, Rene Laraway, Elmer Briles, Marty Etler, Irwin Weinberg, E.D. Teel, L. Graham, Lyn Nabor, Nona Sailler, Carolyn J. Smith, Barbara Cunningham,

Nancy Thomas, Mildred Reed, Chuck Hostert, Del Carlson, Pat Winterson, Myrtle Gaudy, Bernard V. Sanford, Bob Whitman and Bob Howard.

#### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

##### **Shirley Dickinson, 620 Barbara Way, Hillsborough, CA 94010**

I am so grateful for all the years Walt & I had with the United groups. They have been so supportive since he died. Although I didn't work at United they have been "in" my life over 56 years & feel like family. I have been to every convention since Walt retired in 1980.

The spirit & loyalty of United people will prevail & get us out of the troubled times of Chapter 11. Thank you, Jo, for keeping us all up-to-date with the wonderful newsletter. It is the best.

##### **Lee Messina, 735 Surrey Dr., Streamwood, IL 60107-2168**

I had congestive heart failure last Sept. but seem to be doing O.K. for now with all the medicine, walking & diet. Those who know me know that the diet is the hardest!

I am still managing to fly to CAK about 4 times a year to visit my sister, nieces & nephews. I still see up to 9 of my high school "girl friends" every Sept. Now with my youngest son living in the Phoenix area with his family, I get to AZ about twice a year.

I hope more of my UAL friends will write a little note in the Newsletter as I enjoy it so much to hear from those retirees that I worked with in Reservations, Cabin Service, Janitorial & Data Entry.

##### **Art Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024**

Thanks Jo for the unsolicited publicity in the last Newsletter regarding the Seniority List. It couldn't have come at a more opportune time. For the past few months the entries have been few & far between. I blame the dormancy on my not getting word out to the RUAEA members - especially the hordes of recent retirees who probably never heard of the List.

So, how does one get on the List? Very simple, just send me your name, address & date of hire - zippo - you're on. No charge, free, nil, zip. If the

price of postage is a factor, send me the info via e-mail at [WAShaddock@aol.com](mailto:WAShaddock@aol.com). This list is made up of RUAEA members only. Should you want a copy of the Seniority List, send me a check for \$3.50 and it will be on its way.

In the last issue of the Newsletter I came across the name of Audrey Postman. Audrey probably doesn't remember me, but I will never forget her. She was a contributing factor in my winning a two-week all expenses paid trip to Hawaii in 1958 for my efforts in the UAL All-Sell program. Bless you Audrey, wherever you are - thank you, thank you.

##### **Diane McCourt, 20 Tifani Ln., Southamptn, NJ 08088**

Love reading all the news from around the country. I'm looking for a retired friend, Bobbi Griffith, who retired out of SFOSW June of 2004. If anyone knows where she moved to please let me know or how I could search the internet or other places!!!

Hope the convention was great. I was in Scotland. Again, many thanks.

I cannot get on the website: [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com). Any suggestions?? My e-mail is [dianebowers@yahoo.com](mailto:dianebowers@yahoo.com).

##### **Nellie Marie Tilson, 161 De Soto Way, San Bruno, CA 94066-4747**

It seems I do not have much free time, even though I have been retired for 17 ½ years. I still hold 3 Secretary jobs in lodges & fill in where asked at church, AARP, or other lodge requests & helping family & friends if needed.

After 9 years as Editor of the SFO Retirees Newsletter, I have an interested replacement. I have enjoyed doing this but feel I need more time for things I have neglected at home.

I add my special thanks to all of those who make the RUAEA Newsletter possible.

##### **Carol Maday, 307 Andrew Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193**

Although my husband & I were unable to attend the SEA Convention, we are overwhelmingly in favor of changing the RUAEA role to be an advocate of retiree interests & concerns. This is a very positive step.

Thank you for an informative & well-written newsletter. Your hard work is appreciated.

**Eileen Brittain, 25 Walnut Landing Cir., Hardy,  
VA 24101-3061**

Thank you for the wonderful job you do & the service you provide to United retirees in keeping us informed.

I retired in July 2003 & have loved every minute of it!

Bob (retired SEACU) & I are in the process of moving to Smith Mountain Lake, VA. It's about 30 miles SE of Roanoke & we'll be there by the time the next newsletter is published. We're looking forward to being closer to our children & grandchildren who all live on the East Coast. SEA has been good to us & we'll take wonderful memories of the friendships made in the past 16 years.

Once again, thank you for the information you pass along to us.

**William (Scotty) & Sarah (Sadie) Roy, 1809  
Rollins Dr., Alexandria, VA 22307-1614**

Thank you & your helpers in DEN for the wonderful monthly newsletter you put out. It is always good to read the stories from our fellow retirees.

May 27, I was 82 years of age & Sept. 4 wife, Sarah will be 80. How the years have flown by! Having been associated with airplanes & airlines since we were teenagers, however, we have been fortunate to see many parts of the world. Now it seems our travel & dancing days are over, yet we still move around pretty good & are in good health.

**Douglas A. Cowan, 40 Creamer Dr., Sayreville,  
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I just realized that my online version of the newsletter might not show the familiar red stamp. Luckily I thought of it & my dues & some postal money are enclosed.

For us it was a good traveling year. We spent much of our winter in our beloved Kauai as usual. It was a great as ever. We got in a cruise around the British Isles in June. In Dec. we went to AKL for a cruise to SYD. Our summer was mostly boating trips along the coast & our family week in North Carolina's Topsail Beach.

I don't know how to properly thank you for the quality newsletter that does so much to keep us informed. I join all the others who write in applauding your efforts & to let you know how much they are appreciated.

## **Attitude**

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

*I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or my position. Attitude keeps me going or cripples my progress. It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great for me.*

*Charles R. Swindoll*

**Ruby Sully, 1769 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., #509, Longview, WA  
98632**

We have moved to Longview (last Sept.) into a retirement facility. Jim may not be at any more RUAEA dinners. He is not well. He has been diagnosed with Pick's disease. It is progressing; his activities are very limited.

We are close to family here & to quick medical help.

**Art Rugh, 2085 Mountain City St., Henderson,  
NV 89052**

Every year I feel so inadequate in trying to thank you for all your efforts at producing the newsletter each month. I know it takes a considerable amount of your time & I just want you to know that I appreciate it.

As we get older, we see fewer names in the Newsletter that we recognize, but each time we do, it creates a flood of memories of our past. As for you Jo, I never see you or your name without thinking of the kind lady I first met in the Credit Union at the Old Executive Offices at Stapleton when I came to DEN in 1961. As for Mel Conine, I still remember the military flying stories he told & his findings at Medicine Bow Peak. I never got tired of them & never will. It is an ongoing rush of memories each month as we see the various friends & acquaintances' names from the past!

**Mary J. Semon, 450 D Ave., Coronado, CA  
92118**

I'm sending my dues in before I receive the red stamp. I'm leaving the U.S. for a while. My husband had accepted a 1-year assignment in Belgium & I will be joining him.

You do a wonderful job with the newsletter & I enjoy reading it.

**Tony Stefanos, 760 Marshall Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016-2665**

We express our appreciation & many thanks for the efforts & great work done by you the RUAEA staff.

Helen & I enjoy traveling around the country visiting children & grandchildren. This is an exceptional year as we have a granddaughter graduating from Northwestern University. She has been accepted as a PreMed student at the University of Illinois. Also twin grandchildren (boy & girl) graduating from high school.

There have been 17 conventions since I retired & we have been fortunate to attend 15 of them. The enjoyment one obtains from meeting old friends - to the entertainment offered is endless. The tours which are arranged for the attendees are loaded with interest & fun.

We had the pleasure along with many others from the Chicago Skyliners to co-chair the CHI Convention of 2003 & had as much enjoyment of working at it as the people in attendance.

**Mary Betler, 2710 SW Orchard Hill Lane, Lake Oswego, OR 97035**

I love getting the Newsletter and like the way you keep us abreast on the latest news. It takes time and effort on your part but we really appreciate keeping in touch with what's going on. Keep up the good work.

**Marilyn (Lynn) Kretschmer, 913 Via Cielito, Ventura, CA 93003**

Since retiring last year I have been involved in many family illnesses, births & elder problems. I am just now beginning to catch up on my own life.

Thank you for RUAEA. I really enjoy the newsletters. It is like a flight into memory land with a smile! Thank you for your volunteer time.

**Barbara Briggs, 101 Council St., Frederick, MD 21701**

It is grand to read in our newsletter of the

changing role of this organization & its growing involvement in the concerns & interests of its members. Bravo to you - your efforts are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

**Lucille Phelps, 9520 Mayfield Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453-2875**

Along with all the excellent work of keeping us all informed, you have to remind us when to pay our dues. It amazes me.

I just finished reading the May issue of the Newsletter. As usual I find it very interesting. I read it from cover to cover.

Since I retired I've been a grandmother twice & a great grandmother 9 times. Celebrated my 50<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries. In Dec. 2003 lost my long-time partner, best friend & love of my life.

Still in touch with several of the wonderful friends I worked with. Everyone at United is a good friend. Witness all the wonderful people who work to keep the family together. Keep up the good work. I love you all.

**Joan Palumbo, 65 Old Mill Rd., Manhasset, NY 11030**

Thanks for the great job you do keeping me in touch with the people & items of UAL.

Although I'm a "post-Patterson" employee (1971-2003) the exceptional employees at JFK made United a special place to work & a company I was proud to be associated with, even though everyone still thinks I worked at American Airlines!

**David Walkinshaw, 358 Lower La Vista Ct., NW, Salem, OR 979304**

Cannot believe I have been retired 19 years. Past 4 months have been physically trying between Esther & I. She is in Health Care at our retirement home in Capital Manor - glad we are here. Thanks to your staff - so good to be kept up-to-date.

**W.A. (Bill) Hoygaard, 12182 E. Amherst Cir., Aurora, CO 80014-3302 303-755-3736**  
**hoygaard@mho.com**

The past year has gone fairly well for me. A diagnosis of diabetes in Sept. 2003 has resulted in some major lifestyle change & a new smaller size wardrobe! I am doing well & all is under control with diet & exercise (no medication needed).

We did not camp as much in 2003 as usual due

to concerns about the West Nile Virus. For those in this area, no explanation is needed. For those who live in an area where it is not yet a problem...it is something you want to avoid. Being over 60 and bitten by a mosquito that carries the virus has an increased risk of serious illness & even death. We are hoping this year will not involve as much risk & have our economy size insect spray with Deet ready to use! We did spend a most enjoyable week at a working ranch southwest of Gunnison, CO & look forward to a return trip this summer. It is beautiful there. We go with a great group of people. A driving trip to Idaho to visit the grandchildren was fun in 2003 & is planned for 2004 as well.

As I approach 11 years of retirement, I see many changes in United. I do remain optimistic that it will remain viable. Increased health care cost sharing is something that will almost certainly occur, but I think paying a few dollars more is much preferred to paying the entire cost or going without supplemental coverage!

A special thanks to all those whose efforts are involved in producing the RUAEA Newsletter.

**T. Fred Jervis, 1-19171 Mitchell Rd., Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G3**

We returned from 5 weeks in Ireland with our daughter & family. We had to catch up with our relations & friends - one in a hospice & 2 in rest homes.

It is hard to believe that I retired in 1986 after 39 years at United. Certainly appreciate all the work you people do for RUAEA. Read them all as soon as received.

**Jim D. Leek, 727 Wild Lilac Ct., Murphys, CA 95247**

It has been such a long time since I took early retirement. But it seems only yesterday when I went to the retirement meeting & made it permanent. The meeting was organized & led by Zelma Kibler. At that time after 25 years & age 55 we would receive unlimited first class confirmed space, and our insurance, which was to be continued was 5 bucks a month.

The only constant thing in this world is change. But I am not complaining. UAL was good to me. I enjoyed my 28 years with people I liked & an industry I loved. The only thing I regret is that we started flying seats & not people.

This year will mark my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dee & I

are still vertical, play a little golf weekly & try to do a little traveling. We tried to cruise to the Amazon, but the Greek line we went on sailed as far as St. Thomas. We spent the next 15 days going around & around our anchor. All the amenities of sailing but no Amazon. The cruise line went bankrupt & could not leave American waters. It was different. We had a good time & made the most of it.

Thanks to all who work on the Newsletter. I think I will continue to receive the hard copy because my computing is hit or miss - sometimes weeks before I go on the internet.. I use it mostly for a typewriter since I do a lot of writing. My latest is over 200 pages (and continuing) of my memories for my kids & grandkids.

**Diane Michelotti, 41931 Smith St., Antioch, IL 60002**

Really appreciate getting the newsletter & all the work everyone does to make it the excellent publication that it is. "Keeping posted" is really great & we look forward to each issue. Hope UAL reconsiders its plan to change medical benefits for retirees as so many of us rely on these benefits.

**Jean & Lynn Hales, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasonton, CA 94566 [ljhales@comcast.net](mailto:ljhales@comcast.net)**

Thank you seems a small way to express our gratitude for your time & effort to keep us informed & in contact with United & each other. Jean & I have had a few problems, but we seem to bounce back & go again. We enjoyed a cruise on the Caribbean last fall. We are looking for something new to see or do. In Feb. we drove to Yuma, AZ to visit some friends who winter down there for a few months. We were amazed at all the mobile homes parked in the desert area. The area is beautiful & lots of variety of activities for seniors. It is the winter home for many military units, such as the Golden Knights parachute team. The Blue Angels performed & a Special Marines Soundless Drill Team put on a spectacular show. Not to mention the mega golf courses which was just a bit difficult to get on due to the many seniors wanting to play. We enjoy reading of your activities & glean some ideas from them. I am still playing some golf with senior men's club in Livermore & doing pretty good. We have had the pleasure of several co-workers stopping to visit & several long distance phone calls.



When we were kids we used to go skinny dipping --- now it "Chunky Dunking".

**Marilyn Chaplin, 114 E. Pine Av. Bensenville, IL 60106**

You do a great job. I always look forward to reading the Newsletter from cover to cover. I especially "love it" when I come across a name of a co-worker, or friend that I recognize.

My husband Wayne & I will be sailing the Mediterranean the end of May & early June. We will be visiting cities in Italy, Turkey, Greece, Monte Carlo, & Spain, along with fellow travelers: Phyllis (CHIRR retired) & Geo. Kordecki (ORDMM) & Virginia (ORDCS retired) & Carl Monaco.

Best wishes to any & all United friends who read the newsletter. Retirement is great.

**J.A. Atkinson, 6702 Locklenna Ln., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 4627**

It's May again & time to celebrate my arrival in Ogden, UT once more. As so many Brits do, my mum (from England) named me John & promptly called me Jack forever after. Because of the confusion I always had J.A. on my checks & other papers. But all my UA friends have always known me as Jack. It's time to remember to send you my check so as not be ousted from this great collection of good gals & guys who put this fine airline where it is today. At least where it was when most of us turned off the lights as we left. But not to worry. The skies are still friendly & those who are there now are on the way to better landings.

Like so many others I want to say how very much your efforts are appreciate.

**Irma Minikel, 517 E. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755**

Always happy to receive the newsletter and find out what's happening with UAL. Let's hope that there is never another 9/11/01 type of tragedy for our country & our airline companies. I know that this was the main reason that UAL filed for bankruptcy. It also says a lot about the management of AA, compared to UA management. Can someone tell me the difference between "Shuttle by United" and "Ted"? Seems like it didn't do wonders the first time - why are we trying again?

**Margaret Yencich, 24 Bardsey Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60194**

Attached is the "last page" of the current issue that I received last week. That is the one & only page that was obviously attached to the whole issue, through no fault of yours. I really miss all of the news & letters in the newsletter.

You people do a wonderful job and it is really appreciated. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the 16 years of my retirement that this has happened

**Marianne Skala, 24649 Meadow Lane, Westlake, OH 44145**

Thank you all for the great job you do with the newsletter. Having worked in BUF, CLE & WAS, it's good to read about "your" cohorts.

**Roberto Wong, 2533 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116**

I want to thank everyone connected with RUAEA for the fabulous job they do to help us stay connected to people & things that are a major part of our lives.

I was retired on Jan. 1, 2003. Since I've been traveling a lot.

**Lorraine Y. Karpen, 930 Taylor Dr., Apt. 311, Gurnee, IL 60031-3198**

Thank Jo & her staff for all the precious time & energy they devote to our monthly newsletter. Greatly appreciated. I do not have a computer so I will live with the real thing.

**Sue Ross, 5011 W. 134<sup>th</sup> Pl, Hawthorne, CA 90250-5619**

This last year I only took one flight - LAX-DFW -. to take my 87-year-old mother to her oldest great grandsons' wedding. We had a wonderful weekend. We got to visit with all of the TX relatives.

I love being retired. I only do what I want to. Thanks to all who publish the newsletter. It is wonderful what you do to keep us connected to UAL.

My ex-boss Eve Edwards is going to retire as of Aug. 13. Call LAXFO for party information - 310-342-8747.

**Linda B. Mundt, 2682 S. Kenton Ct., Aurora, CO 80014-1719**

Thank Heavens for the red ink. I try not to dwell on birthdays since I'm not getting any younger.

Hello to all of my old friends & a special thanks to a retired Res. friend, Bev Strand, for volunteering her time to work on the RUAEA staff.

**Rogelio Ramos, 118 Commodore Dr., Richmond, CA 94804-4535**

I appreciate all the wonderful efforts that go into making the RUAEA newsletter informative & interesting writing. Thanks to the staff & mailers for such a good job.

**Y.G. Horiuchi, 5959 Oberlies Way, Plainfield, IN 46168-7323**

I probably know more retirees in DEN than I do out here - too expensive to move back. Left DEN from the old Stapleton to become a mechanic at SFO - transferred to Indy - big mistake??

**Linda Westbrook, 592 Knickerbocker Rd., Cresskill, NJ 07626-1023**

Thank you for keeping us so well informed & connected. I saw someone running for office went 2 yrs. without a sick day. In my 36 years with United, I only had one sick day; that was on a TRADE when I was supposed to work for someone else. Keep up the good work

**Doris Schoenamsgruber, P.O. Box 6104, Goodyear, AZ 85338**

I've certainly enjoyed this newsletter in my first year of retirement. I see names I've worked with in the past & learned some of what's happened to them & discovered what part of the country they currently reside in. It's very nice to receive the newsletter!

We're in the middle of selling our home of 11 years in San Mateo. We are building a new one in Goodyear, AZ & renting one in Litchfield Park, AZ for the transition. Thanks for all that you do for us.

**Ralph Sapko, 3630 W. 66<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL 60629-4004**

In hospital after having knee replacement. I'm miserable. They say therapy is even more fun. Sorry to hear about Jo Madden - our best to her.

**Terry Gilkison, 2521 W. Marion Ave., No. 1012, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 941-637-0367**

No RED STAMP on my May or June Newsletter, but at 85 I am not too old to forget my birth month.

I look forward to our monthly Newsletter with news of retiree activities. When I occasionally see the name of someone I knew when I was an employee it brings back pleasant memories. In the June issue the report from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers mentioned Sam McDermott celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sam, you may remember that you were Manager of Passenger Service at CLE in Oct. 1945 & hired me as a Passenger Agent.

With the help of doctors I am still physically 60 years old and can play tennis and race my sailboat. My wife, Joan, & I enjoy leaving the heat & humidity of FL during the summer by automobile & cruise ships. We recently left FL during the best time of the year to attend a nephew's wedding in SAN. The wedding was scheduled for May 1st. We had always wanted to do the "ditch" someday &, by coincidence, in browsing the Expedia site on the Internet for ships doing the semi-annual migration Caribbean to Alaska through the Panama Canal, I discovered the Veendam leaving Tampa (100 plus miles north of us) arriving SAN May 1! A natural! We booked & were the only wedding guests arriving by ship! One of the wedding guests picked us up at the ship & off we went to the wedding at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. That evening we flew the "Red Eye" to ORD then connecting to TPA, first class on both flights.

My best regards to all at RUAEA & to everyone I knew at UAL. Have a great year. Jo, hope you recover soon & look forward to seeing you next year in LAX.

**Nancy Davison, 120 Pebble Beach Dr., Cle Elum, WA 98922-8506**

You folks always do a great job and it's much appreciated. Keeps us retirees on our toes with information, especially about any new routes & service United is going to be starting up. Once the airline travel gets in your blood, you never stop wanting to go to new and fun places....keep up the good work.

**Joan Strickfaden, 11801 NE 266<sup>th</sup> St., Battle Ground, WA 98604 JRStrickfaden@aol.com**

Hard to believe another year has passed. Great job on the newsletter. It is always enjoyed. Would

love to hear from anyone that worked at the airfreight office in El Segundo in '86-'87.

**Mary Parry, 1024 Bourne Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193-2654**

Thanks for a great job. Look forward to newsletter each month.

Sorry to hear about Jo being hospitalized. Sent her a card.

**Paul A. Foltz, 825 Thornton Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60193**

Retired - 22 yrs. - doing fine. Keeping busy with hobbies & other activities. Thanks for a great newsletter. Keep up the good work.

**Jeanne Strasser, 584 Rivera St., Chula Vista, CA 91911**

Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication in keeping us informed of the happenings of UAL & especially of our extended family of UAL employees. When the newsletter arrives I stop everything and sit & read from cover to cover.

I never knew of RUAEA's existence until retirement 6-30-03. Flew for over 41 years & now I'm starting my second life. Of course I have to look long & hard to find something to replace the fairy tale life I had as a F/A. Loved every minute of it.

**Thomas Cosgrove, 12404 Copenhaver Ter., Potomac, MD 20854 [teccapt@aol.com](mailto:teccapt@aol.com)**

Recently the University of Maryland placed the names of all the football players who make All American on the wall of the stadium in big letters, their position & the year. It's nice to see the old fogies haven't been forgotten. I had a knee replacement in Feb. Things are getting back in order...playing golf again. Will have to replace the other knee this fall. In April, Peg & I celebrated our 50 years together thing...had a great time. Looking forward to our getting together with our 8 children, their mates & 25 grandkids at the beach in Aug...always a great time.

**Richard Bresett, 1375 Vintage Way, Auburn, CA 95603-6031**

I would like to express my appreciation for all the work & effort you good people at RUAEA do

for us retirees. It's the only info I receive about UAL since I do not have a computer. Time has gone so fast since I retired Dec. 1, 2001.

Karin & I like living in Auburn, CA. It's now been 2 years that we've been here. We are so busy with the Salvation Army here in Auburn & are enjoying our grandchildren.

Our son is stationed at Travis AFB. We enjoy seeing him when he is home. He has been in the Middle East once & will probably go back at the end of this year.

We've been too busy to enjoy our travel benefits much except for Karin going to Germany twice a year to visit her 95-year-old mother.

**Don Toeppen, 14420 Whitewood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375-5938**

Best Wishes & Regards to all our many friends across United Land!

It has been an exciting & active life for the last year, with some good things & some difficult ones. Wife Joan, former Stewardess with seniority date of 6-3-44, who battled Parkinson's disease, departed 10-13-03. As there is no cure, this was a mixed blessing. No more suffering, but the loss after 58 wonderful years was substantial.

On May 8, this year, we tied the knot with Mary Tobias, a friend of both Joan & myself for a number of years. We topped the ceremony off with a trip to the Grand Canyon for a honeymoon. This was a most enjoyable visit for Mary, who had never been there. As Mary is an outdoor person who enjoys hiking, we probably traveled most of the trails in that region.

In Sun City West, we are downsizing 2 households into one, not a task completed in short order!

We'll be back next year with the annual update.

**Fran Sleezer, 1770 Pebble Beach Dr., Hoffman Est., IL 60194-1176**

I retired June 30 from ORD after a record 50 ½ years in Customer Service due to medical & pension promises. 3 days later I had deep vein thrombosis in leg & embolism in both lungs. Thankful to be here!

Will always be grateful to ORDACS Connie Russo who put the word out on her computer. It was wonderful hearing from all, many I did not even know current whereabouts.

**Gary Kellogg, 3368 W. Corning St., Newbury Park, CA 91320**

As I get the newsletter on-line I didn't see any red stamp. But, after 45 years with UAL plus 5 retired I still remembered that my birthday is in June so am sending in my dues. My wife Delia & I are still doing lots of traveling, mostly around the country to see family & friends. The new no paper ticket & self check-in sure makes it easy. Thanks for all your hard work putting out the newsletter. Let's hope that UAL can return to what it once was.

**Mavis Jackson 618A Fairways Cir., Ocala, FL 34472**

Thanks for keeping us so informed. My husband James worked for the Company for 35 yrs. & 9 mo. I pray that UAL will be on the top again. So many families are reaping the benefits.

**Ted Rapalus, 1111 Presidio Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953**

It's hard to believe that it is 25 years since I retired from UAL. Still see a few familiar names in the chapter news, but a lot more in the obit section.

At the same address in a house that is too big for a single, so I will have to decide which is more advantageous, a smaller house or an extra person in my family. Stay tuned.

**Raymond L. Arnold, 136 S. Belmont Ave., Arlington Hts. IL 60005-2034**

Working on 11 years of retirement, still read, enjoy & appreciate our RUAEA Newsletters. Usual big Thank You to our RUAEA news team for their dedication and hard work to get our newsletter out to all of us.

Missing the golf season this year. The big "C" finally caught up with me! Completed radiation treatments & have one more chemo treatment to go. Hope to be back on the golf course by this fall!

**Jacque M. Sexton, 6 Sequoia Way, Redwood City, CA 94061 (650) 364-5421 jacqueLiz@webtv.net**

I thought 2003 was not a good year for us, but 2004 has turned out a complete disaster. Liz, my wonderful wife, spouse, caregiver, helper & best friend passed away May 26, 2004. It was a long & frightful fight, well fought to the bitter end. She had ALS. Also known as Lou Gerhig's disease, it is one

of the many diseases that the medical world knows very little about. We first became slightly aware something was amiss about Aug. 2003, & after many, many doctors & tests, all other possibilities were eliminated. We were left with ALS. We had just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April. At my wife's request, my strong support, her body was donated to Science Care Anatomical, a not-for-profit research & education tissue bank. Her brain & spinal fluid went to the National Neurological Research Bank to contribute to current & future research on this & other neurological diseases. These 2 organizations were wonderful to work with at a very difficult time for me & my family. Between the 2 of them all arrangements were taken care of. There is no charge to the donor's family, except nominal charges for processing death certificates & filing fees. We requested that any memorial donations be in her name to any research institution supporting efforts to find a treatment and cure for ALS. Information on whole body donation is available at [www.sciencecare.com](http://www.sciencecare.com) and information on neurological tissue donation can be found at [www.loni.ucla.edu/~nrrsb/NNRSB](http://www.loni.ucla.edu/~nrrsb/NNRSB).

**Art Moore, 23430 Oriole Ln., Twain Harte, CA 95383**

Thanks once more for your wonderful work for the retirees. Can't get along without you. We spent the winter in AZ enjoying the good warm weather, came back to Twain Harte, CA in early April. All is fine with our health. Enjoying our 25 years in retirement.

Best regards to you & all our wonderful friends we worked with for 33 great years.

**Jane Bingham, 743 Pepper Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066-2935 janebingham@earthlink.net**

Just want to let you folks in DEN know how much I appreciate your hard work in getting the RUAEA newsletter out each month. The info that is published in it & the info I get from the SF chapter is a big help in these trying days. Hopefully, there are better days coming real soon. I enjoy reading what all the other chapters are doing. It's a treat to see the names of my ex-coworkers every now & then.

I hope Jo is well on her way to a full recovery by the time this is published. We all know she's raring to get back in her office.

**James F. Ferrance, 10500 National Blvd., #24,  
Los Angeles, CA 90034-3626**

I totally appreciate the Newsletter, & the wonderful work everyone associated with it produces. It is a definite & gratifying means of keeping everyone in the "United Family" in the loop. Again, thanks for the wonderful work & I will be looking forward to future editions of the Newsletter.

**Jesse M. Rocha, 875 Bibb Ave., Eagle Pass, TX  
78852**

Thanks for the great jobs all of you have been performing. Retirement has been great. We have been having a great time over here next to the Rio Grande, south of San Antonio. Even after the past 5 short years, my wife & I do not have enough time to do the things we like to do. Once in a while I even think about SFO, OAK & INDY. Like a few other retirees, we also travel to CA to baby-sit the grandkids or join them on their birthdays. Sometimes even monthly. So we've decided to move back to the bay area within the next 12 months. Meanwhile, life is wonderful, and we wish the best to everyone.

**Eugene A. Haunch, 2612 Lincoln Ave., Belmont,  
CA 904002**

We haven't flown for a number of years. Instead, have taken short & long 3-week trips by car. Less hassle & congestion - must be getting "old"!

Enjoy the newsletter but unfortunately see too many longtime friends in the obituary. Enjoy reading about fellow retirees' exploits. All news is much appreciated.

**Judy Wright, P.O. Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115-  
0307**

I really enjoy receiving the Newsletter. Like everyone, I'm concerned about the future of UAL & my health benefits. It's wonderful to know you are there as a spokesperson for all of us now on a fixed income.

**Norm Pettit, 6848 Leiland Ln., Cypress, CA  
90630**

Thanks for the very informative newsletter with updates on meetings, social events, policies & people. I'm closing in on my first year of

retirement after 42 years with United. My wife & I used the last few months to prepare our home for the "for sale" sign 7/01/04. After 25 years in CA, Sharron & I are moving to Parker, CO. The excellent location with United's large hub at DIA will allow us the opportunity to visit our children (3 sons & 2 daughters) & our grandchildren (3 grandsons & 2 granddaughters) along with other relatives & friends across the country.

Thanks again for keeping the retirees up-to-date with the news of our company's past, present & future - much appreciated

**Lynsey Austin, 4160 Via Solano, Palos Verdes  
Estates, CA 90274-1132**

I started in reservations 1-24-67 in L.A. I worked with Herb Jackson & John Mistapay. I know John's last name isn't spelled right but I don't know how to spell it. Both were studying to be lawyers. Herb became one & worked for UAL on negotiated contracts in ORD. John went into the Marines & went to Vietnam. Does anyone know what happened to them? In 6-68 I went to "Stew school" & my roommate was Nan Rosenwing. I went to L.A. & she went to D.C. Anyone know what happened to her? I'm sure she married so her name isn't the same. I've been wondering about these people for many years. I'd appreciate any info. My name has changed from Lynn Fortmann, Lynn Villa, Lynn Morris & finally to Lynsey Austin.

**Ken Lee, 1301 N. Abrego Dr., Green Valley, AZ  
85614**

Thank you all again for the wonderful newsletter. I look forward to it every month. Finally, after 8 ½ years moving to AZ, I had my 1<sup>st</sup> hole-in-one on Mar. 20, 3 weeks after I had cataract surgery on one eye. Will do the next one at the end of this month. I hope then I will be able to see the next one going in the "hole" instead of looking everywhere else. Best regards to all!

**Wm. E. Miller, 825 Janice Dr., Annapolis, MD  
21403**

It has now been 62 yrs. ago - I became an airline employee, First Capital then United & 28 yrs. In retirement at present. The phrase "time flies" sure fits my life experience, present & past.

Thanks to the Newsletter for many revived memories as well as the current events with the airlines.

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June Newsletter advised that candid pictures of the convention would be published in the July RUAEA newsletter; however, the pictures were not received in time for the July issue. Pictures will be published in the Aug. issue.