



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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## ***RUAEA Convention Sacramento – 2007***

***Now it is just a fond  
memory!***



By the time you are reading this article, RUAEA Convention Sacramento – 2007 is over and hopefully a fond and joyful memory in the minds of the participants.

Lake Tahoe, The RiverCats & Raley Field, the Train Museum, the Discovery Museum, the Ironstone Winery, The Jelly Belly Factory, the Towe Museum, the McClellan Air Museum, the River Boat Cruise, River Train luncheon, and the walks through the lovely grounds at the California State Capitol. I hope you all were able to view the various Veteran Memorials on the Capitol grounds and took a moment to THANK THEM for their sacrifice, so we can enjoy our freedoms and activities like RUAEA Convention Sacramento.

There were the three nights of fun in the Hospitality Room highlighting travel, Hawaii and the West. Great entertainment was provided with the ***Hula Babes*** on Hawaii night and the ***Buckboard Bunch*** on Western night. The Friendship Dinner was highlighted by the performance of Cissy Conner, who entertained the group with her comedy and impressions of Katherine Hepburn and Cher. The laughs were many and the songs delightful. At the Banquet, the group heard from Patricia Patterson Dudley, W.A. Patterson's daughter. She related some memories of her father. There even was a Special Raffle with the Grand Prize of tickets for two, First Class, positive space, anywhere in the United States including Hawaii, on United Airlines going to Alex Klaus of Santa Clara. Second prize was tickets for two in Economy Class and space available from EWR to LIS provided by TAP Portugal Airlines and the winner was Barbara Smith – LAX Seal Beach. Third prize was a His and Hers Watch Set and the winner was Betty Bliss of Foster City. The fourth prize was an inflatable bed awarded to Margaret Reelfs of Palo Alto.

This year there was even an unplanned attraction. Delta & Dawn the humpback whales that took a wrong turn, were here for a while to visit Sacramento. They had Marine Biologists from all over the world, working diligently, to get them to return to their salt water habitat. Sacramento has made National & World news for over two weeks because of the whale's attempted visit. By convention time they had found their way back to the Pacific. It has been a very interesting visit and has kept our local attention.

We hope this will inspire many participants to return to Sacramento in the future, to explore the many attractions that one cannot explore in a short visit.

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# **GENERAL NEWS**

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There were many door prizes given at the Hospitality nights and after the RUAEA business meeting. We are grateful for all the donations from various companies and individuals. Besides United and TAP Portugal, who provided the raffled tickets, the most notable was Alitalia Airlines. They provided sunglasses with cases for each attendee. The Toyota Corporation, also donated many items, such as hats, shirts, CDs, model cars and jackets. Others that donated items were as follows; Airways Magazine, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Lufthansa Airlines, El Dorado Savings Bank, Sacramento RiverCats, Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau, Sacramento International Airport, Hank Gosselin, Francis & Veronica Domaratius, Dorothy & Darryll Stroud, Joan & Fred Verbaere and Nevada City Winery. The last two donated wine to be used as part of the center pieces for the Saturday Banquet.

Then there was the Arts & Crafts Display and Raffle. We had 99 items donated for this event. We are deeply appreciative to those individuals who donated items. Below is a list of the winners and the donors.

	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Donor</u></b>
1.	CD of Sacred Music	Jo Cuff	I. McIntyre
2.	Quilt	B. McNamee	J. King
3.	Tin Man	H. Samson	R. King
4.	Tin Lady	Hoover	R. King
5.	Napa Vineyard Print	H. Samson	F. Domaratius
6.	Souvenir Jacket	Wolfram	J. Svajdlenka
7.	Small Box of Bubinga	V. Burr	D. Trout
8.	Small Box of Bubinga	C. Herbert	D. Trout
9.	Small Box of Bubinga	V. Burr	D. Trout
10.	Small Box of Bocote	N. Jukes	D. Trout
11.	Small Box of Bocote	N. Jukes	D. Trout
12.	Small Box of Bocote	N. Jukes	D. Trout
13.	Small Box of Rosewood	R. Miller	D. Trout
14.	Large Vera Wood Stand	Holten	D. Trout
15.	Large Vera Wood Stand	V. Burr	D. Trout
16.	Teak Stand	R. Ward	D. Trout
17.	Shedua Stand	N. Jukes	D. Trout
18.	Koa Stand	J. Becker	D. Trout
19.	Wooden Vase	H. Cain	D. Trout
20.	Wooden Truck	C. Czaplewski	I. Wolfram
21.	Costume Jewelry	B. J. Smith	H. Lackey
22.	Red Bear	B. Bertacini	L. Wax
23.	Pepper Grinder	Rushton	G. Giustozzi
24.	Red Scarf	S. Urso	C. Esola
25.	Blue Scarf	V. Kina	C. Esola
26.	Wooden Coasters	M. Cooke	R. Jeffery
27.	Wooden Coasters	V. Hanes	R. Jeffery
28.	Wooden Coasters	V. Hanes	R. Jeffery
29.	Wooden Stand	L. Francis	R. Jeffery
30.	Wooden Stand	Webb	R. Jeffery
31.	Wooden Stand	F. Domaratius	R. Jeffery

32.	Ceramic Mug	V. Domaratius	J. Hafterson
33.	Ceramic Pitcher	M. Hafterson	J. Hafterson
34.	Ceramic Candle Holder	S. Cole	J. Hafterson
35.	Hopi Boots Acrylic	B. Anderson	T. Wheaton
36.	Brothers-Acrylic	B. Cuff	T. Wheaton
37.	Table Runner	J. Becker	M. Blasco
38.	Lap Robe	M. Long	M. Blasco
39.	Costume Jewelry	None – Broken	
40.	Wood Airplane	J. King	B. Taiclet
41.	Wood Airplane	L. Wax	B. Taiclet
42.	Lake Erie - Acrylic	L. Agcaoili	R. Callan Burke
43.	Knit Shawl	L. Horompoly	L. Stenberg
44.	Aircraft Print	L. Francis	J. Tomasic
45.	Aircraft Print	V. Gooselaw	J. Tomasic
46.	Aircraft Print	C. Jensen	J. Tomasic
47.	Aircraft Print	H. Tress	J. Tomasic
48.	Multicolored Scarf	C. Lucarelli	R. Wikstad
49.	Quilt	R. Olenick	M. C. Szekretar
50.	Potholders	L. Wax	R. Figueroa
51.	Wood Farm House	K. Norton	I. Wolfram
52.	Wild Rose Watercolor	L. Christian	J. Sontheimer
53.	Wood Teepee Clock	Frank	W. Kina
54.	Wood Tray w/Flowers	Wolfram	W. Kina
55.	Wood Tray UAL Logo	R. Winterhalter	W. Kina
56.	Wood Clock	C. Hibbert	W. Kina
57.	Wood Jewelry Box	L. Haubl	W. Kina
58.	Wood Spoon/Fork	H. Samson	W. Kina
59.	Sunset Over the Valley	E. Meyer	J. W. Jenkins
60.	River Runs Through	J. Huhn	J. W. Jenkins
61.	Autumn in Colorado	J. Cason	J. W. Jenkins
62.	Old Mill	Pinkiert	J. W. Jenkins
63.	Unattended Bouquet	L. Olinger	J. Denton Jarvis
64.	Cork Trivet	Helen Cain	B. Fulkerson
65.	Cork Trivet	S. Sondstedt	B. Fulkerson
66.	Necklace/Blue Pendant	D. Klobe	L. Haubl
67.	Necklace/Pendant	R. Figueroa	L. Haubl
68.	Quilt	M. Hill	L. Bloom
69.	Bird House Patriotic	C. Alva	R. Blair
70.	Bird House / Red Bird	N. Hoffman	R. Blair
71.	Necklace/Silver Pendant	P. Zoboli	L. McGill
72.	Necklace/Silver Pendant	B. J. Smith	L. McGill
73.	Necklace/Silver Pendant	B. Horrisberger	L. McGill
74.	Necklace/Silver Pendant	R. Funk	L. McGill
75.	Necklace/Silver Pendant	Hibbert	L. McGill
76.	Retirement Plaque	R. Winterhalter	R. McDuffee
77.	Retirement Plaque	B. Cuff	R. McDuffee
78.	Retirement Plaque	R. Winterhalter	R. McDuffee
79.	Wreath	B. Bertacini	R. Wikstad
80.	Wreath	L. Dunning	R. Wikstad/D.
Volker			
81.	Quilt	Fleshman	S. Quinnell
82.	Afghan	M. Hill	T. Acoba

83. Butterfly Blouse
84. Book – The Galty Prize
85. Political Stuffed Animals
86. Flying Tiger Print
87. Mickey Mouse Silkscreen
88. Cock of the Walk
89. Table Lamp
90. Don't You Wish Oil
91. Baby Blanket
92. Wood Game
93. Half Dome Photograph
94. Needlepoint Rose
95. Needlepoint Rose Bouquet
96. Needlepoint Horses
97. Ceramic Souvenir Dish
98. Bouquet of Lunaria
99. Summer Poppy Print

F. Mahan  
Meyer  
V. Stough  
C. Stenberg  
A. Lakso  
M. Wait  
V. Domaratius  
D. Stroud  
L. Horompoly  
L. Haubl  
J. King  
Gettman  
Edkin  
M. Dietel  
V. Patrick  
F. Mahan  
C. Czaplewski

H. Cain  
J. Tolle  
S. Roberts  
H. Gosselin  
H. Gosselin  
J. Eckardt  
A. Broderson  
F. Mahan  
F. Mahan  
L. Towne  
T. Faust  
M. Owens  
M. Owens  
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E. Carr  
R. Wikstad  
L. Tracy

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## **FROM THE VP OF CONVENTIONS**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

On behalf of the RUAEA Officers, Convention Committee and myself, I thank everyone that attended the 2007 Sacramento Convention. Your attendance and participation in the activities of the annual RUAEA Convention is greatly appreciated and made this Convention a great success. For those that could not attend due to illness and personal reasons, we are sorry. Some of the highlights of our Convention are Hospitality Nites, Rich Surma's video show, Patricia (Patterson) Dudley's presence, 100 Arts and Crafts items, the facility, tours, along with the camaraderie of the retirees, was nothing short of outstanding. The Sacramento Committee, many of them from the local Chapter Gold Diggers and Chaired by Ron & Barbara Bertacini, put on an exceptional Convention for you. A convention that will always be remembered as a special event in our lives.

I thank you again and really hope to become reacquainted with you all at the Pittsburgh 2008 Convention.

Hank Gosselin  
VP - Conventions  
RUAEA

## **FROM THE DENVER OFFICE**

It has been a long standing tradition of the Denver Chapter to prepare & mail the Newsletters, with the help of many volunteers. This has been done for over 30 years, usually on the last (4<sup>th</sup>) Saturday of each month. Normally there are 40-60 retirees that come to participate (some starting as early as 5:30 AM) to tab, label and bag the Newsletters. The week before the Saturday mailing, four families got together to "cut" the labels. This task prepared and sorted the labels for the Saturday mailing crew. There was always someone who volunteered to call everyone, to remind us of the mailing. We all looked forward to that call. This has been a wonderful social event, with goodies and drinks and always lots of conversation.

With a coming change in the postal regulations and apparent increased costs we will experience because of the way we prepare and mail the Newsletters; it became apparent that changes had to be made. Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> was the last mailing get-together for the Denver Chapter. The Newsletter will now be labeled and mailed by a vendor. The cost of doing this will probably be about the same as the "hands on method" we were using. But, there will be an increase in postage for "Periodical" mail (effective 7/15). This is our Newsletter's classification. The new postal service rates are variable, with numerous mailing schemes. Rates for periodicals mailed other than fully automated, will be very costly. The most reasonable rates are for those that use a fully automated process (postal worker hands off as much as possible). Our vendor can accomplish this for us and therefore we will obtain the most reasonable rates.

It goes without saying that all of us in the Denver Chapter, have a hollow spot in our hearts. But, we do what we have to do to keep the Newsletter going.

The suggestion was made to have a Saturday morning "Mailing Team Breakfast" to keep the social activity going. We are looking into this to see if it is feasible. We do have the first Wednesday of the month breakfast at DENTK. Until we learn more about the feasibility of the Saturday morning "Mailing Team Breakfast", we encourage all to attend the first Wed. of the month breakfast.

Three other items in this issue:

The first item is that the traditional "Red Stamp" will go away since the Newsletter will now be done by a vendor. But "Red" will still be present on the Newsletter when it is time to renew. The vendor will have the renewal messages on the labels printed in red. The wording on the labels should be the same and are intended to advise of 2 different scenarios:

1. For *Current Membership Expiration Month* - The wording on the labels will be:  
**It's Time to renew your Membership.**  
**Disregard this message if your dues are already paid.**
2. For *Month Following Expiration* - The wording on the labels will be:  
**Your membership will expire unless your dues are received.**  
**Please submit your dues payment at this time.**  
**Disregard this notice if your dues are already paid.**

The second item is the change in membership renewal date. A change in By-Laws was approved at the public business meeting in Sacramento, that allows the renewal date to be 12 months from the date dues are received in the Denver Office. In essence, this means the birth date will no longer be the renewal date. Again, the renewal date, effective immediately, will be 12 months after dues are received in the Denver Office.

The third item is a change in "Associate" member status. A change in By-Laws was approved at the public business meeting in Sacramento, that will make a deceased member's spouse automatically an Associate member until the deceased's membership expires. At the time the membership expires, the surviving spouse can elect to continue his/her membership by paying the current rate of dues. **Note:** The surviving spouse of a "Life Member" will not automatically become an Associate Member. If the surviving spouse of a Life Member desires to become an Associate Member, they may do so by paying the current rate of dues.

In our humble opinion, the two changes in By-Laws that affect our renewal date and surviving spouses automatically becoming Associate members is a good thing for our membership and will make our secretaries' job much easier.

★★★ *The Denver office has a new email address: [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net). The old address [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com) has been discontinued.* ★★★

**REMEMEBER WHEN CONTACTING THE DENVER OFFICE ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR FILE NUMBER**

Newsletter Manager - Virgil Gooselaw  
Membership/Support Manager - Howard Tress

### **RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Saturday June 2, 2007  
Hyatt Sacramento, California

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Mort Wax.

#### **President-Mort Wax**

Mort welcomed all members to the annual business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the 2006 Business meeting minutes. The motion was carried. Mort announced that Jo Madden had left the position of Newsletter Editor and wished she were in attendance, so we could show our appreciation to her as a group. The Executive Committee met yesterday and will carry a recommendation to the Board of Directors, that the Board, on behalf of all the membership make a presentation to Jo to demonstrate the affection and thanks of the membership for her years of service to RUAEA.

All current appointees will be presented to the Board for approval with the following exceptions:

- ( Nancy Hooper will be appointed to fill the opening on the Site Selection Committee.
- ( Dixie McCay has asked not to be reappointed to Membership Secretary.
- ( The Newsletter Editor position will remain open for the time being.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Corporate Relations - Ed Tolle**

In Ed's absence, Mort reported that HR is still in the process for transformation, and a new liaison for RUAEA will be named. United has initiated a new grassroots programs (UGNVA). This is an

outgrowth of the efforts on behalf of the IAD-PEK route. Ed will fulfill the role as our representative, and will disseminate information that would concern and involve retirees.

#### Executive Vice President - Gordon Starr

Gordon commented on all the upgrades to the Newsletter and asked Virgil and Howard to speak about upcoming changes.

#### Membership Manager - Howard Tress

The membership database has been refined and during first quarter there are only two errors. Total membership for first quarter is 9153.

#### Newsletter Manager - Virgil Gooselaw

All chapter reports are greatly appreciated. The Newsletters will no longer be put together by the local chapter. Changes in USPS regulations make it advantageous to contract out the labeling and mailing of the Newsletters.

#### Web Site - Ed Majewski

Ed and Jim Sommerfield work to keep the website current and post information promptly. They also respond to password and website navigation issues. The website averages 480 daily hits and has had 1,002,000 hits since inception.

#### Treasurer - Len Haubl

Our 2006 audited income was \$194,000 with costs for the Newsletter at \$95,000 and \$56,000 for the convention. First quarter 2007 shows \$52,000 income and \$49,000 expenses at the moment. This will change when numbers are audited.

#### Vice President Convention - Hank Gosselin

Hank stated so far feedback has been extremely positive for this convention. The coverage in the Newsletter and on the website was great. The 2008 convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA from May 19<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Jeri Juth will be the Convention Chairperson. He thanked the local committee for all their help and asked for local chapters to think about hosting future conventions.

#### Past President - Marlin Lade

Marlin announced the results of the May election:

- ( Treatie Karwoski - NE Regional Director
- ( Tony Sortino - Mountain Regional Director
- ( Ron Robertson - Arizona Regional Director
- ( Bruce Brodersen - SE Regional Director
- ( Jack Hoober - NW Regional Director

He reminds us all that next year all elected officers and five Regional Directors will be up for election. The nominating committee needs everyone's help to identify members to fill these leadership roles. The balloting next year will also take place online, via the RUAEA website.

#### Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Directors

Mort presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Regional Directors Jeri Juth and Tom Goodyear. He also presented one to Dixie McCay for her help in the Membership Office.

#### New business

Gordon reviewed the change in Article IV, page two, regarding dues payment. This change will make dues payable 12 months from the date, dues were last received. A motion was made to approve the change, it was seconded and carried. Gordon then presented the change to Article III, page two regarding associate members. A motion was made to approve the change. A question was called regarding life members and discussed. The motion on the floor was seconded and approved. Appropriate changes will be made to the Bylaws Manual, Policy and Procedures Manual and the Membership Enrollment Form.

#### Old Business

Mort & the Regional Directors met yesterday morning and discussed finding ways to encourage new members in RUAEA and also local chapter membership. There will be a new membership enrollment



form posted on the Website reflecting the changes in the Bylaws. He also gave a large thanks to the Sacramento Chapter for their largesse during the convention, including the huge amount of door prizes won after the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Marcy - Secretary  
Approved by Mort Wax - President

### **UNITED BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

Saturday June 2, 2007

#### *Alliant Credit Union - David Mooney*

- The Alliant Credit Union is in the top 1% of all credit unions in savings dividend and total member "giveback".
- 208,000 members.
- They have below market loan rates (APR) on new car, used car and home equity.
- Operation expenses ratio to assets below 1% allowing them to deliver great returns to members.
- 24/7 attended telephone support.
- Free online banking with unlimited bill pay.
- Free Visa® Checkcard (checking) or ATM card (Savings).
- Ten service centers with a new center opening in San Mateo on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Over 30,000 ATM's nationally.
- Online access has enhanced functionality, including transfer of funds electronically to/from any financial institution at no charge, ability to transfer funds to other Alliant members and ability to view Alliant credit card activity.
- Special offer to RUAEA members - A **.50%** off coupon (*See Note\**) your standard qualifying loan rate valid through 7/30/2007. When applying online or over the phone mention Promo Code J372. *Note (\*)* that is **point five zero % or half a percent**.

#### *United Benefits - Linda Ann Collier*

- The "transformation" of the Human Resources department will be completed by November. It is important that retirees pay attention to Medical Changes during open enrollment.
- You can suspend VSP and join again in the next open enrollment period.
- New Medicare Select Plan allows a lower deductible but still includes the drug program.
- Check [www.ualretirees.com](http://www.ualretirees.com) for forms and Skynet for additional discounts.

#### *Medco - Gino Viliani*

- Spent over \$100,000,000.00 last year with 64% retiree membership.
- Use [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com) and review **myrxchoices**. You will be able to view your medications and see if changes can be made to a lower cost drug. They will contact the Doctor for you.
- The two most widely prescribed medications are Lipitor and Nexium.

#### *BlueCrossBlueShield/Illinois - Veronica Gipson*

- In the last four months they received 575,000 claims and released 572,000.
- Only 19% of members used the intranet. They would like to see more and go completely paperless.



*UnitedVSP - Katrina Holzman*

- Routine eye exams are necessary for early detection of glaucoma, cataracts and diabetes. VSP pays for most exams with a \$10 copay.
- All information about enrollment and payment are available at [www.enrollvsp.com/united](http://www.enrollvsp.com/united) or 866-896-1273.
- Benefit questions are answered through [www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com) or 800-877-7195.

*Travel Desks - Bob Brumfield*

- All retirees are encouraged to use Skynet for checking loads, listing and printing boarding passes.
- There are brochures available on companion travel. Make sure they read the literature before traveling.
- The travel desks at Seattle and Portland provide coverage five days a week and are supported by RUAEA and RUPA.
- The TSA has a special luggage lock that is widely available.

**TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

The annual RUAEA Convention 2007 is over; and a great one it was! I trust that everyone at the Saturday morning Benefit Session and the afternoon "break-out" received "helps" and answers to their questions.

The Session did focus on Retirees being more "Self-Service" conscious. Therefore, it helps to become familiar with the computer or find someone that is, and is willing to help you. "Self-Service" means not using paid employees unless required. Retirees are requested to use the kiosk computers for baggage check-in, home computers for listing, checking loads, and for Departure Management Boarding Passes.

If you need help preparing for travel or during your travel, the Retirees Travel Desks at PDX & SEA are there to assist you.

The new non-stop, Dulles to Rome is a huge success, with very heavy loads each day. If you plan on traveling to Rome anytime soon, because of the load factors, you may need a few additional days to get a seat.

*From NewsReal - May 30-31*

Summer Prep: Optimizing Customer Travel Convenience through Automation - In addition to adjusting our staffing levels to better handle the busy summer season (see May 24 NewsReal), United also is putting our investment in automated technology to work for our customers.

- ( Use of our Easy Check-in units (ECUs) is growing steadily, with a 17 percent increase since 2004. Nearly 1,800 units are deployed worldwide. Recent upgrades, which allow customers to change flights, seats, add their names to standby lists, and check flight status, have been well-received. Our utilization data shows customers becoming more confident using self-service as a means to manage their travel.
- ( Our automation tools also allow us to track our customers through the system, and through Easy Rebook, we can accommodate them as best as possible. In many of our busier airports, new ECU kiosks enable customers to rebook a flight or join a standby list during irregular operations without having to leave the concourse. These concourse kiosks have been deployed at all hubs, and a total of 120 will have been added by the end of June.
- ( We have installed passport scanners in 18 international locations, all five U.S. hubs, and several United Express locations as well. With more than 700 scanners in place systemwide, we plan to retrofit another 388 on ECU kiosks before the end of the year.
- ( BagCheck, a service we launched last May that offers specially designated ECUs to customers with luggage to check, has enjoyed tremendous success. Currently available in nine U.S. airports, United estimates that more than 350,000 customers have used BagCheck since its

launch. This tool is especially valuable during the busy season, as it helps reduce airport lobby congestion and check-in times.

- ( BagTrack, the automated online bag tracking tool launched in June 2006, received its millionth hit in March (see May 1 NewsReal). This customer-friendly and cost-effective technology gives customers an alternative way to track the status of a delayed luggage claim, once it is filed at the airport.

Thanks to the staff and volunteers that made Sacramento an enjoyable convention.

Happy Traveling,  
Bob Brumfield - [MrB50@Qwest.net](mailto:MrB50@Qwest.net)  
Seattle Travel Desk

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NON-UNITED TRAVEL**

Verification letters for Southwest, Spirit and JetBlue:

- ( Verification letters may be requested through the Benefits Service Center at 888-825-0188. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for receipt. Verification letters are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance for Spirit and JetBlue, and for one year from the date of issuance for Southwest.
- ( Please contact the Benefits Service Center at 888-825-0188 should a retiree encounter a situation in which information from the above carriers differs from the agreement stated in SkyNet. Please be sure to provide the name of the airlines and the location.
- ( Individual carrier agreements may be found in SkyNet by clicking on *Travel>Interline Travel Benefits>Individual Carrier Agreements* then click on the drop down box and select the airline on which you wish to travel.

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for August are due in DEN by Wed. July 11, Sept. reports by 8/13, Oct. reports by 9/12. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) (**Note: This is a new email address**) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U. S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



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The new Azures officers for 2007-2009 officially took over their positions and duties at our annual Luke AFB barbeque. Pres. Dave Barry spoke to the members about his plans for the chapter. He is talking to a PHX tour operator to get information on bus tours and sights of interest. Correspondent Carol Liltz is rounding up entertainment for some of our luncheon meetings and will be taking over the newsletter duties as well as any other correspondence. VP Sally Illingworth is contracting with our luncheon sites and Treas. Laura Ehas will have her “work cut out for her” when she starts collecting the monies and paying the “tabs”.

The Board met at Dave’s house on May 5, to discuss 2007/2008 activities & luncheons. Sherry Muoio stopped by Carol’s house first, to help her set up her computer for the newsletter correspondence. Sherry will remain our “entertainment” contact for The Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre which has been a very popular & fun outing. And, we

will still have our race-track outing in March. If any members have suggestions for other fun activities, they should contact Dave. With the members' help, the Board looks forward to a very successful tenure.

The Azures obtained a list (although not very accurate) of UA retirees in the following areas: Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, Peoria, Buckeye, Goodyear, Avondale & Glendale. We will be contacting the names on the list to determine their interest in joining the Azures. Please contact Carol Liltz at (623) 935-7640 if you are a retiree in one of those towns & are interested in joining. Annual dues are \$5 P/P payable in Oct. We have luncheons & outings Oct. thru April and meet at 08:00 for breakfast every other week throughout the year at Coco's on 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell Road.

Azures members who want to attend the bi-weekly breakfast get-togethers should contact Mary Toeppen, before 4pm the Mon. before the breakfast. Those members that are regulars at the breakfasts should contact Mary if they won't be attending. Mary's number is (623) 214-1504 if you have any questions.

The Board is still making reservations for our 2007/2008 luncheons and will be sending out the schedule to our members when completed.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell road

**July 3** - Coco's

**July 17** - Coco's

**July 31** - Coco's

**PHOENIX RE-UNITED**

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Our Re-United members have been meeting during the summer months for breakfast at Crackers in Mesa on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. of each month at 9:00 a.m. We had 16 members at our May breakfast. If you would like to attend any breakfast, we would appreciate it, if you would call Hank Falk at (480) 893-1226 or Jim Zarek at (480) 288-6685 by the Wed. prior to the scheduled breakfast, so the restaurant will know how many to plan for. The food is wonderful!

Skip & Carol Ward's daughter is coming along very well after her surgery. Joel & Marjorie Matteson's granddaughter, Kaleigh Henschaw, is going to China. She was chosen as a US Student Ambassador to represent AZ for the People to People Foundation. What a great honor!

Several of our members went to the Convention in Sacramento, CA in May. As of now, we don't have anything to report.

Tentative plans have been made for Oktoberfest Luncheon on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at Zur Kate, 4814 E. Main St., Mesa 85205. Happy Hour will start at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch ordered off the menu, with individual bills. Mark that date on your calendars!

Enjoy your summer! Please contact me with any news concerning our members.

Calendar:

4<sup>th</sup> Fri. of each month - Breakfast meeting at Crackers, 535 W. Iron #131, Mesa, AZ, (480) 898-1717, starting at 9:00 a.m. on **June 22, July 27, Aug. 24 & Sept. 28**. Contact Hank Falk at (480) 893-1226, [hhfalk@juno.com](mailto:hhfalk@juno.com), or Jim Zarek at (480) 288-6685, [jzarek1@msn.com](mailto:jzarek1@msn.com) by the Wed. before the scheduled breakfast, if you plan on attending.



**TALL PINES**

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Prescott Tall Pines held their May meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> with 14 wonderful UAL retirees present. The business at hand was discussion of our summer schedule. Meetings at Coco's will be suspended for the months of June, July & Aug., so we can enjoy our beautiful parks in the Prescott area. Hope to see more familiar faces at our next meetings.

Calendar:

Meeting locations for July & Aug. will be decided at our June Meeting

**July 24**

**Aug. 28**

**CALIFORNIA**

**CENTRAL COASTERS**

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We had a very entertaining meeting, plus good food, at the Elephant Bar in Santa Barbara, hosted by Bill & Dana Noyes, in April. We now have a month to plan the next meeting which will be on June 20 hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger.

Thanks to Dale Harper's email, we now have Uel Soward's address. Dale informed me that Uel was 97 years old on April 29. Uel was very active in starting our Chapter and he has great friends here. I only got to know him for a short time, but after he moved to Wisconsin, Dana Noyes kept in touch with him & then would share any news from him with us. I then sent an email to him, he responded saying that he had broken a hip & was in rehab for 4 months. He now owns a laptop computer that lets him keep in touch. He had to return 127 emails that accumulated during his birthday weekend. We should all be that active at his age. He did say that he is planning a big party in 3 years. Congratulations and good luck from your friends at the Central Coasters.

The next newsletter should include more information, since I will be attending the convention in SAC. Pres. John Stillwell made plans for those in our chapter who attended the convention to get together for dinner at Buca di Beppos.

As retirees, why are we so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage? As soon as we do, our adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Calendar:

**June 20** - Hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger

**Aug. 15** - Hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar

**Oct. 17** - Hosted by Kathy Shurtleff

**Dec. 12** - Hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell

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The Brazen Raisins' June meeting was hosted by Jack & Pam Hartman. Sunshine Lady Donna Nessling had no report as she & husband Don were moving. Jack & Dick Shryock had attended the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento; Jack said that the Convention was great & the people were great. Dick reported that the Friendship Dinner was one of the best ever!

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Summer time is here, the Desert Sunbirds had our annual White Elephant exchange on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon was hosted by Chuck Lamas, at the Palm Desert Greens Country Club in Palm Desert. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal & a great time with the silly white elephants. Yes, someone did bring elephants - both pink & white to exchange.

Bill Eads was available for book signings for his recent publication, "When Flying Was Fun!" at the airline discount of \$20.00 per copy. If interested in a book, contact him at [whenflyingwasfun@aol.com](mailto:whenflyingwasfun@aol.com).

New members, Sean & Marilyn Foley, were present for their first meeting & a great addition. Sean had been a chef in the flight kitchen. Several of our "snowbirds" have left the area, but the "desert rats" are here to stay. We look forward to next month at the Casino Morongo in Cabazon for the gigantic buffet, gambling, & shopping at the outlets for the price of \$8.95!

The Desert Sunbirds took a moment to remember the recent loss of Miriam Osgood, who had been a member since the beginning of the chapter & served as the secretary and RUAEA Correspondent. We will miss her.

If you are visiting in our area, we would love to have you join us at one of our meetings. Call the hosts below for information:

Calendar:

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**July 11** - Sandy Sereno, (760) 325-5805 or [aunt-fitzi@aol.com](mailto:aunt-fitzi@aol.com)

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**SACRAMENTO**



**THE SACRAMENTO**

**GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers did not meet in May in lieu of the RUAEA Convention. Included are some remarks we have received regarding the recent RUAEA Convention.

*Hello Barbara and Ron,*

*We arrived back home about noon on Sunday. Was so tired, I had to take a nap. I can just imagine how **ALL** of you must be feeling, but it should be a good feeling. I know it took a lot of **ALL** of your personal time for months. I am sure your life was put on hold, to pull this Convention together. **ALL** of you need to give yourselves a big pat on your back as the Convention was a success. Although we did not go on any tours, I heard only good things from all the folks. Everything ran smoothly and if there was a small issue, it was taken care of right away. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves visiting, remembering working together & what they are doing now. The Friendship & Banquet Dinners were very nice. Food was good & the service was excellent. We are thankful that a blessing was said at both Banquets. It was really good to see that as we do have much to be thankful for. Surely enjoyed Cissy, she was great. This was Dennis & my first Convention, it will be a tough act to follow.*

*So ... **SACRAMENTO CONVENTION COMMITTEE**, thank you very much.*

*Dennis & Else Carr*

*Also ... Thank you for a first time experience to a RUAEA Convention ... had so much fun!*

*Ruthie Funk*

*Another one ... Who knew that Sacramento was such a pretty city filled with beautiful trees! Wow! The elegant Hyatt was right across from the Capitol building; with fabulous mountains just an easy drive; and the scenic Lake Tahoe a glorious destination! Sacramento had it all!*

*Next came the cocktail parties, local entertainment & great gifts as door prizes.*

*The art collection was one of the best ever and I won my favorite necklace in the raffle.*

*The finisher was two great banquets & incredible entertainment.*

*Thank you, Gold Diggers, for a fabulous convention!*

*Donna & Hal Klobe*

We sincerely hope that all who attended the 2007 RUAEA Convention enjoyed their time in Sacramento. Thanks to all the Gold Diggers, who contributed to the success of our convention, with their efforts to do all we could to welcome you to the 31<sup>st</sup> RUAEA Convention.

## REDWOOD EMPIRE

### RETIREES

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The May meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month at the Paradise Bay Restaurant in Sausalito. It was a bit of a chilly day for May but we were all warm and comfy indoors with a view of the waterfront. There were 36 members & guests present. After our lunch, Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order and thanked our hosts, Ann Sullivan, Joan Sheahan & Joan Olsson.

VP Judy DeFord welcomed our guests. Judy spoke to us about the dress code for pass eligible passengers & companions. Because employees, their travel eligibles & companions have been turned away at the gate, or not been seated in their preferred class, for being inappropriately dressed for non-revenue, space-available (NRSA) on non-revenue positive space (NRPS) travel, it's important to remember & abide by the dress code for traveling on United, United Express, & Ted flights. Check the Travel section of Skynet. Also remember when traveling on other airlines that they may have more strict regulations. Check before traveling. Note these numbers: Seattle Retirees Travel Desk, 1-888-826-3375, Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10:00 am to 2:00 pm PST & Portland Retirees Travel Desk, 1-888-276-7083; Mon., Wed., Fri., 10:00 am to 2:00 pm PST.

Treas. Oscar Chambers assures us that our accounts are still in good order & the Charity Fund is growing.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr reported there were 7 birthdays & Joanne Huhn was the winner of the luncheon. There were 2 anniversaries for a total of 59 years and an average of 29½ years. Congratulations were sung to all. Harry Rogers sent a note of thanks & appreciation for all the cards, thoughts & prayers sent to him in memory of Amy. He hopes to be with us soon.

Ginger Dahlberg gave details of a river cruise in France. Contact her if interested.

Patrick's quote of the day, another Bushism: *"I am honored to shake the hand of a brave Iraqi citizen who had his hand cut off by Saddam Hussein."*

Another successful raffle at the end of the day.

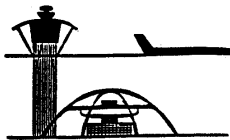
### Calendar:

**July** - Basque Chalet - San Rafael. Hosted by Oscar & Joan Chambers

**August** - Picnic at Armstrong Grove. Hosted by Verda Burr

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*This has been another sad month for our chapter's area: -*

I received a phone call on 5/6 from Beverly Koenen that her husband, **Donald Koenen** passed away on March 30 after a long illness. Donald was retired from LAXFF. Beverly said some of his friends from UA were at the funeral services and I am sure many others will want to express their condolences to her. The address is 2335 Iroquois Av., Long Beach, CA 90815, phone (562) 596-0855. Just before leaving for SAC, I heard about **Natalie Frayne**'s passing on 5/27. Condolences can be sent to her sister, Karen Stewart at 716 Penn St., El Segundo, CA 90245. A memorial service/celebration of life will be held, probably on July 14, details to be announced later.

That same day I got an email that **Judy Mausser**, one of our retirees from LAXTO among other departments, died on 5/28. Services were held on June 4 in Palm Springs, but unfortunately I have not been able to find out any contacts for her family.

The day after returning from SAC, **John Leieneweber**'s friend (one of my Leisure World neighbors), Bob Neimoeller, called to advise that John died on June 3. His family members in the LA. area are Harriet Newton & Elizabeth Leieneweber at 4452 W.234<sup>th</sup> St., Torrance, CA 90505. Services are tentatively planned for June 22 in PDX followed by an Irish wake. Details will be sent out soon as available.

Ray Ginocchio advised that **Raymond Nowak**, retired Aircraft Mechanic, passed away early in May. You can reach his widow, Dolores at 40684 Corte Albara, Murietta, CA 92562.

Most sincere condolences are extended to the families of our friends who have left us. If any of you know friends or family of Judy, please pass the word to them from all of us.

*And better news is: -*

**Fran Sturdivan** had the knee replacement early in May. She couldn't make it to the convention but is hoping to get to the Aug. steak fry.

**Eleanor Jones** was feeling puny for a lot of last year, but is all better now, and we were happy to see her at the convention. She was even one of the door prize winners at the Sat. business meeting!

**Olga Jean Barnes** finally finished post heart surgery therapy & promptly took off on a cruise up the coast, and fortunately was back in time to attend the convention. As a matter of fact, she was a *tremendous* help to several of us who had roommate mix-ups. We do owe her one! She was a door prize winner, too.

**Jo Ann Briggs'** husband, George, had surgery in mid May that went well, but he developed some complications which resulted in her deciding that it was best to stay at home rather than party it up in Sacramento. Hopefully he continues to improve rapidly.

There was a good turnout of ReLAXers at the convention. Going through the roster, I counted 46 names from our chapter. By the way, at least 5 of our group won door prizes at the business meeting including yours truly who also won a table decoration on Fri., two pieces of jewelry at the art show and the RT. ticket for two on TAP, Portuguese Airlines to Portugal! We were all glad we went -- had a great time and were very impressed with the lush tree lined streets & parks in downtown Sacramento. I, for one, am really looking forward to next year in PIT as I was born in a little town not far away -- back to the roots, as they say.

*Things going on here: -*

LAXRR REUNION is planned for sure this year. It will be on Oct. 27, 6:00pm to 10:30pm at the Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, San Rafael Room. Rooms have been blocked at the hotel with a \$75 guaranteed rate for 10/26, 27 & 28. To book call (310) 615-0015 or 800-421-5900 and ask for LAXRR REUNION BLOCK. Anyone who ever worked in LAXRR or an LAXTO office between 1946 to 2002 is invited. Families & widows, widowers very welcome, too. *Please advise Jim Ferrance of your booking, whether it's just for the party or for overnight. He needs to keep track of the bookings. Call (310) 837-4695, email [resrat@aol.com](mailto:resrat@aol.com), mail 10500 National Blvd., L.A, CA 90034-3626.*

I've told you all before about the Flyaway bus service to LAX from Van Nuys, the newer Flyaway from Union Station, downtown L.A. and now (effective 7/14) there will be Flyaway Service from Westwood with parking on or near the UCLA campus. Details if you need them. Fares are only \$3 - a super bargain in this day and age.

Betty, Jo Ann and I are still enjoying our duties at the LAX USO. Those readers who may have military retiree ID, as well as their active duty friends/relatives are very welcome. The LAX facility is now open 365/24/7. Includes breakfast. It's across World Way between Terminals 1 & 2 - take the "A" shuttle, get off at T.2, cross the street & walk ½ block to your left (east). Our volunteer coordinator advises that a growing team of UA F/As have been joining us, many of whom have worked the UA charters to the desert. Now, another USO has opened at PSP airport. Details available if you need them.

*Email Problems: -*

Every now & then I get an email from an ename I don't recognize with the subject too vague to decide if it's friend or foe. For example from [talinnialsa@aol.com](mailto:talinnialsa@aol.com), Subj. "HI" Would you have opened it? Sorry if you're out there, you got dumped. Please, if you send me an email, make your subject very obvious, like "B.BOOB NEEDS PARKING HELP". I am very happy to help with any info you need but I am a hard-hearted skeptic, with a heavy finger on the delete key!

I know I'm inclined to be a big-mouth. Boy! Can that get you into trouble or at least lead to complicating your life at times. On returning from SAC, the Pres. of our Coop. corporation advised me that I had been nominated for an open director's position. Wow! I am now a Director of a Corporation. No golden parachute, however, no overtime pay, as a matter of fact, no pay! Should be fun and one can always quit, right?

**Traveling Time:--**

Sept. 17-19 an out of sequence "social affair/meeting" to Laughlin & the Grand Canyon Glass Bridge. Contact me for a detailed flyer.

**Calendar:**

**June 13** – Wed. Luncheon - Note day of week change from usual – Luncheon at Petroleum Club in LGB. Call Jo Ann if you want to come. If you get your Newsletter by email, there's still time for you to catch this one.

**Aug. 9** – Our famous steak fry picnic in El Segundo

**Sept. 17-19** - Tour to Grand Canyon & Laughlin

**Oct. 11** -- Luncheon meeting



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Our next meeting will be our Fall Leaves or Oktoberfest. We will have this meeting at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron and, as soon as arrangements are complete, I will pass the date and time on to all of you.

At our luncheon meeting in May, ReSans members were delighted to see Herb Cohan & his lovely wife, Irene. Herb looks wonderful & is fully recovered from his bypass surgery. Herb & Irene are a lovely couple, we are just so happy for them.

Mildred & Marv Hill celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 15. In celebration, they enjoyed a great family dinner with their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. Mildred George & Marvine Hill were married in Boulder, CO on May 15, 1947. Marv started with United Air 8/11/52, retired in April 1984.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mildred & Marv.

Shirley Criscione reports that she & husband Pete are doing well but feeling very fatigued. They are in the process of moving to another apartment next door. Peter has had a number of surgeries within the past two years, which do drain a person's energy level. Good Luck to you, Shirley & Peter. Enjoy your new apartment.

And we report to you on the very sad passing of our former Pres. & long time member of ReSans. Anyone who ever attended a ReSans meeting got to know Bill Lindsay for his marvelous wit & repertoire of jokes.

William Earl Lindsay, who traveled the world & had run with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain more than 25 years ago, passed away May 8, 2007. Bill, 80, lived in San Diego 49 years & retired from United following a career of 37 years in customer service.

He was a former Pres. of Club Taurino de Chula Vista, a bullfight aficionado organization, & was active in the United Airlines retiree "ReSans" chapter. Donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).



## **GOLDEN GATERS** **SFO AREA**

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As you may already know, we have many "micro climates" here in the SF Bay Area. Every 5 miles brings a change in the weather. However, since June 21 is the first day of summer, we want to wish our members & the rest of our nationwide chapters a very "Happy Summertime".

Our chapter membership is presently at 353 warm bodies. With our yearly dues so minimal it's ridiculous, where are the rest of you SFO people? We had 4 guests in May, with Jim & Maria Guthrie being the latest to join our numbers.

Two of our members have gone to be with the angels. If the name sounds familiar, or even if it doesn't & you could send a card, here are those dearly departed ones: Donald Hansen, 5447 Corbett Court, Riverbank CA 95367, send card to wife Ruth. Bill Livingston, 774 Sequoia Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403, send card to wife Doris.

Gene Eggert, SFOPH, (past member of our chapter) passed away at 7:12 a.m. June 4 after suffering a stroke while at the Sacramento RUAEA convention on Sat. June 2, 2007. As some of you may already know, I sent a "get well" card to Gene @ Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento upon my return home from the convention Sun. afternoon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Upon information received from our member Bob Donovan, I will be mailing out a sympathy card tonight to his widow, **Mrs. LaDonna Eggert, at 1355-A Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.** I have no details on time or place of the services.

Charity Coordinator Laura Hansen put her head to work & brought us 4 beautiful women's hats, to sell at our May general meeting, netting a very nice sum for our Charity fund. I love hats myself so it tickled me to death to see the 4 female purchasers looking so pretty in their new chapeau. (And it wasn't even Easter!) Laura also reminded us to start thinking about buying children's books to donate to children in need at Christmas time. The books may be brought to our Nov. general meeting.

Speaking of meetings, our May event was absolutely blown away by 6 banjo players from the San Francisco Banjo Band. On June 25 we'll be watching the magic of Phil Ackerly. And on July 23 we've scheduled a return performance by the Nadia Dance Troupe. Get this all you livewire men: these are belly dancers! Visitors from other chapters are welcome to attend. And if you're a first time visitor, you even get a free lunch!

SFO Airport Volunteer Ernie Bloom reported on his latest airport check-in experience at SFO en route Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He & wife Pearl arrived 3 hours ahead of time, checked in at the counter with their passports, were treated to a special line to go through Security. Nice not to stand in long Security lines with the rest of the peons, right?

Talk about spectacular tours: our International Tour Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg needs early booking on the following two trips due to their huge popularity: Australia-New Zealand Jan. 21 – Feb. 2, 2008 and a French barge trip April 26 - May 2, 2008. email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Domestic Tour Coordinator Betty Garner has an especially delicious sounding trip coming up for October 29 -30. The enticing title is “Apples, Fudge, Pumpkins & Wine” with an overnight stay at the Jackson Rancheria casino. No calorie counters allowed. And did you watch TV’s recent “Dancing With The Stars”? Well, Betty has the “International Ballroom Dance Championship” at the SF Airport Marriott Hotel in Burlingame set for July 28. Also, seats are still available for Canada’s beautiful Snow Train Express, December 6 - 12. Email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) or call (650) 355-4195.

The SFO United Mainliner Club extends their activities to all of us. The annual picnic is July 21 at Six Flags Great America. Tickets sell out fast with a purchasing deadline of July 15. If you like camp outs, there’s one August 3 - 5 at a KOA campground in Petaluma. Another fun event will be a Reno bus trip Oct. 19 – 21 to Circus Circus. For further information, contact the Mainliner Club Office at (650) 634-4158 or the Mainliner Store at (650) 634-6644.

A word to the wise, as confirmed by [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com): the latest “racket” is stealing license plates. How many of you check your back license plate before getting into the car? I don’t, but I shall from now on. Evidently a thief will affix your stolen plate to his or her car, fill up at a gas station, then take off without paying. If the station attendant catches the license plate number, guess who gets blamed!

Chapter Pres. Ralph Trullinger warned us about the latest scam letter received by one of our members. The correspondence included a large check in her name for prizes won which could be cashed “once you have paid the taxes on your winnings”. The writer stated a Moneygram could be obtained at any Wal-Mart store. Gutsy, huh? Fortunately, the local police department was called & their obvious advice was not to cash the check but to shred it. Beware!

We leave you with very happy memories of convention events, seeing old friends & making new ones.

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. (Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

#### **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

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Lou & Jean Marcolina celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. At the May 1 meeting, Pres. Stan Kolman & LaDonna Eggert, part of the award committee, presented to the Marcolinas on behalf of the chapter, an engraved memento of the occasion. During the meeting, Stan & LaDonna also presented an award to Jim Shelton, our chapter photographer for his many years of fine work.

Visitors this month were Jennifer Schaller Ayers, her sister Susan Schaller Hall & husband Timothy Hall.

Our sympathy to Geneva Schaller for the loss of her sister. Our sympathies also to Alice and Gerald Frisch who both lost a sister this month.

Many of our members who had been ill are coming along much better. Alice Shelton is home & feels fine, but will go through additional chemo & radiation. Dwayne & Anna Howze are back, attended a couple of meetings. Bob Bradley is doing fine - is back at our meetings, looking great. Vi Mattscheck is home from the hospital. Lois White broke her upper arm bone. Dee Carlson is still on chemo, but is hoping to come to our annual picnic. Dee Kolman is still in radiation.

Our chapter is continuing the practice at each meeting of a member sharing his or her UA career story. This month Stan Kolman told of his long career, largely in the training department at UA.

Then the following week Lou Manou shared his story of working as a mechanic, at the end for foreman, Tony Urso. Then on May 25, Sam Cram shared his UA story, starting in 1964 a flight engineer on DC-6 and DC-7's & ending as a 747-400 captain in 1995.

I am sorry to report that just as I was ready to send in my report, I received word that one of our members died. Gene Eggert, beloved & long time member became ill while attending the RUAEA convention in Sacramento, he passed away on the morning of June 4. Our sympathies to LaDonna & the rest of his family. He will be deeply missed.

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. Stan Kolman (408) 736-1775 for details.



### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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44 members attended this meeting hosted by Dennis & Betty Dergan. This was a good day to be out with our fellow man socializing as it were. We find 2 travelers, Bob & Kersten Buckholtz off to Sweden in July and George & Gloria on their yearly trip to family in Pennsylvania.

We have discovered the \$15 charge for lunch is not working out so we will be going back to paying for our own. It was a pleasure to once again visit our old location in Mokulmne Hill in the beautiful countryside.

We have learned that Jo Madden has resigned as Editor of our RUAEA Newsletter. We will miss her talent and input.

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Our May meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> with our great breakfast buffet. We had 34 attendees & guests. I must apologize for the gap in time between this recap and my last. I was out of town for the April meeting.

Welcome back to Adeline Lee & Nancy Boyle. Nancy is recovering nicely from knee surgery. Also good to see Sylvia Raiche & Tracy Blanchard.

A big congratulations to Hoagie Harguth who was given a wonderful award from the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors. It was given for a Mark of Professional Service & Lifetime Achievement for outstanding contributions to the Fire Protection Industry.

Vilma Patrick gave us a wonderful recap of her visit to Nagoya, Japan. Vilma & her husband Sam were a host family to a Japanese exchange student years ago, she invited Vilma to her wedding. They were wonderful hosts to her & gave her quite a tour.

Ed Bingle celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> (Diane & he share the same day and not toooooo many years apart). Congratulations, Ed!

Our annual picnic was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We really enjoyed it and a good time was had by all.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month, but July is our "vacation time", so the next meeting will be Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting place is Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. No reservations necessary. Social hour is 11:00 to 12:00, lunch & business from 12:00 on.

Calendar:

**Aug. 13**

**Sept. 10**

**Oct. 8**

### **COLORADO**



### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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*Submitted by Tom Goodyear*

Our monthly Newsletter mailing took place on May 26 at DENTK. There were 47 volunteers who showed up starting at 5:30 AM. We were done by 10:00AM, had some of Irma's goodies & the usual chit chat. Since Virgil & Martha Gooselaw were headed for the Sacramento Convention on Tues. following the mailing, Mel Conine got the Newsletter to the Post Office. Thanks Mel! Virgil announced that this would be the last volunteer mailing for the Denver Chapter, with an explanation. See the article "From the Denver Office" in the General section for further information regarding this change.

Mile Highers monthly breakfast was on June 6 at the United Air Lines Training Center. 36 retirees were in attendance. Bill Chambers had to push his wife in a wheelchair as Ladene had broke her foot. We understand Earl Horner gave Laura Coats a Honda "Moped" and a crash helmet. She is having lots of fun learning to ride it. Dick Penner has been ill, he is now feeling better, but could use some cheering up, notes/cards/etc. 8082 Routt St., Arvada, CO 80005-2054. Walt Bumberger is suffering from COPD & is adjusting to using oxygen. Walt's address is: 3081 Wheeling St., Arvada, CO 80011.

Tom Goodyear gave a report on the RUAEA convention in Sacramento. There were 570 in attendance. It was one of the best conventions that Tom & Nancy Goodyear had ever attended. Colorado was represented by 20 folks. Tom Goodyear, Juliana Alfonso & Jim Garland won 3 of the 50/50's. Irma Atanasio won a model of a DC3 in the UAHF drawing. Howard & Terry Tress won a painting of a Capital Viscount from the art show. It was a real Colorado clean up. Jim Garland & his son rode their motorcycles to the convention from Denver; Virgil & Martha Gooselaw traveled by car.

Tom Goodyear introduced Pat Patterson Duldey as the guest speaker at the banquet. She related some of her father's (WA Patterson) experiences, during his presidency with United Air Lines. RUAEA presented her with a beautiful plaque. After the banquet, many UAL retirees came over to talk to Pat, many stated what a wonderful man her father was.

July 4 will be the next monthly breakfast at the Training Center. Those that attend will receive a patriotic gift; bring a fellow retiree or a guest.

Please don't forget the indoor picnic July 14 at Blossom's restaurant, 2888 So Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. \$12.00 P/P, social hour 11:30, indoor picnic 12:00 noon. Send checks to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Cut off Date 7-12-7

#### Calendar:

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**July 4** - Breakfast Meeting

**July 18** - Picnic - Details in column.

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The Citrus Groupers met on May 24 at The International Buffet in Leesburg, with 16 members attending. We had no treasury report because our Treas. Charly Wirth was absent, due to a health problem. Betty Smith & Geanne Albright went to the Hard Rock Cafe & Casino in Tampa on a gambling expedition. Not only did they not lose, they even came back with a \$ 40.00 profit. This is what I call, winning big.

Wilma Martin still has trouble with her arm despite several operations. She has to carry her arm in a sling. Joe & Elaine Cantillo just returned from a cruise to Bermuda. We welcomed Mary Jo Wilson, retired from Chicago leisure department. With her came Darilyn Winderman, Chicago cargo. They knew each other in Chicago and now live nearby .

There will be no meeting in June & July. In Aug., we will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 at the Pasta Fare 10401 US Hwy. 441 in Belleview. In Sept., we meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 at Ruby Tuesday, 2235 Hwy.44 in Inverness next to Lowes.



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After lunch at the Golden Corral, Pres. Paul Brown welcomed the 26 chapter members & guests present. The last meeting minutes were read by Tracie Ruffolo, who was sitting in for the vacationing secretary, Elaine. I'm very sure she did a wonderful job! Each month at our meeting, we pick a favorite dinner location & choose a restaurant to meet for an early (4:30 p.m.) dinner mid-month. June 20<sup>th</sup>, we invite everyone to meet us at High Tide Harry's

on Colonial Drive (SR50) & Semoran Blvd. (SR436). Please email me for the next month's location – we'd love to see you there!

Welcome Back! To Jim & Pat Hernandez from their vacation to New Zealand!

Get Well Cards: Sharon Ringer, Joann Hall & Mert Lawry.

The July luncheon meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. This is the second Wed. of the month vs. the first Wed. due to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate with a bang!

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road). Please note New Time of 12:00 noon.

**May 23 – June 4, 2008** – 7 Day Alaska Cruise AND 6 days in Fairbanks.

**Sept. 2008** – San Francisco & Wine Country Tour. For details on these trips contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

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Our first morning breakfast of the summer season was held at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. It was nice to see Genevieve Barber. It has been several years since Genevieve attended one of our get-togethers. Jack & Barbara Clay were also there along with Jimmy Stokes, Sally Sciple and Terry & Joan Gilkison.

Jack and Barbara Clay are going to Jackson Hole, WY in Sept. to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Sally Sciple is going to Cape Cod for part of the summer. Terry & Joan Gilkison are leaving this weekend for a family picnic reunion with Terry's family in Crystal Lake, IL. Joan & Terry are driving the next weekend to the Outer Banks, NC for Joan's annual family reunion at the beach house for a week. Tom & Marilyn McNabb are away on their six week driving trip to visit their children & friends. They will be stopping to see their son in Tennessee & then on to their daughter's in Milwaukee.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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Pres. Bob Lindstrom opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a welcome to all our members & especially to Lete Arnold who is a visitor.

Several remarked about their recent vacation travels, Edith Polito reported on her travels to the convention & about the convention.

Pres. Lindstrom reminded everyone that dues were due at \$5.00 per person. He reported that there was 26 in attendance at this meeting. Bob also reported on UAL news i.e. stock prices, etc.

Terri Breslin gave the Sunshine Report. Betty Pilch had a stroke, is at Bayonet Point Rehabilitation Center. Shirley Epperd has had numerous & on-going doctor appointments. Terri mentioned that it was great to see John Hargraves back & feeling better.

Terri reminded everyone that the Christmas luncheon will be Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Spartan Manor, she will have more details in Aug.

Pres. Lindstrom reminded everyone that the next meeting will be July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 at Buddy Freddy's.

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Going back to our meeting in May, we had 14 members & one guest from Germany visiting with Diane & Paul Liebisch. Thomas visits the United States twice a year from Berlin. He enjoyed the meeting so much he wants to become a member, as he feels being part of the United family.

Our annual picnic was held June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be off July & Aug.

We had two members, Diane & Ron Brodis, attended the convention in Sacramento. Diane attended the Correspondents meeting for me and Ron attended the Presidents meeting for our President, Allan Popek, who en route to the Convention had to return home due to a death in the family. Thank you, Diane & Ron for attending the meetings in our place.

*A man is recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling. He answered, "I'm OK but I didn't like the four-letter word the doctor used in surgery". "What did he say," asked the nurse. "OOPS"*

### Calendar:

**July & Aug.** – Vacation

**Sept. 11** - 11:30 luncheon meeting at RJ Gators, 7950 S US 1, Port St. Lucie.

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FLL Flyers met on June 2 with 4 people in attendance. Guest speaker was Eileen Burns of Ameriplan Health.

Eileen helps people who don't have dental & medical insurance. Two of the 4 members are already members of Ameriplan & gave great testimonials. This program is available worldwide & starts out at \$19.95 a month for the entire household for discounts on Dental, Vision, Prescription & Chiropractic Services. Send me a email at [bevual@aol.com](mailto:bevual@aol.com) & I will put anyone in touch with Eileen, she will take special care of any RUAEA or any current UAL employee for this discounted service. She might be able to offer a special rate for individuals only which is less expensive per month than the \$19.95 a month.

### Calendar:

**July 2** - 11:30 AM, Panera Bakery, 1762 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 – (954)-567-5925. The guest speaker will be Beverly D'Amico to share information on Reverse Mortgages for Seniors.

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Twenty six flyers were in attendance for the June 6 lunch at Logans Roadhouse Restaurant in McDonough, GA. We had a private room "The Garage" for our meeting. It is called "The Garage" because in milder weather, they have overhead garage doors that lift up so it turns into a patio room outdoors. The service & food were good. The added gratuity, a little steep, but on the whole a good place to have a lunch.



It was one of the hotter days we experienced in Atlanta, as it's been so dry this season. Sandy Lis held a business meeting, it was voted that we would not have a picnic this year because the costs of shelters in the local & state parks have gone up so high & it's no longer affordable to do so.

Jeanne Barber reported that "The Promise Place" (Battered Family Shelter) is now moved into their new facility, & is now accepting donations once again. Ken Rakestraw made a very nice cash contribution to the shelter, others brought needed food, paper, cleaning, laundry & staple products, that the shelter uses in everyday operations.

Mary Lou Sullivan was the lucky recipient of the book "The Age of Flight", a book of the history of United Airlines. The book was donated by Lois & Elmer Koldoff. Willie Foles reported that there is a Health Department rating of restaurants by counties, & when hosting a meeting we may want to start checking some of the reports when choosing a restaurant to have our meetings. Sandy is asking for suggestions from all, for new ideas, such as day trips, tours, bus trips, etc. Treas. Barbara Russy reported that there are funds available for an outing of this nature. We used to do creative outings in the past.

#### Calendar:

**July 11** - Lunch on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. (because of July 4 holiday) - Hosts Jodie & Bogie Wallace, City Café, Riverdale, GA.

**Aug.** - Hosted by Judy & Bill Elk

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In the absence of **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, Ned Yundt called the meeting at JB's (on June 4) to order, with 28 UAL alumni attending. Ned welcomed our guests; & laid out our summer agenda. **Paul & Anita Wassmuth** (from Sun City AZ) dropped in to say hello to old friends. They're here to attend their grandson's graduation, & visit family & friends living in Boise. They were guests of **Marlene Croghan** who had paid them a visit when she was in AZ recently. Paul worked at a number of Mainline stations, doing a variety of jobs in Ramp, Passenger & Dining Services.

Another pleasant surprise was the appearance of **Bill Krigbaum** (a good friend of **Al Cox**), who popped in with his wife **Barbara**. They've just recently moved to Nampa, ID from Kingman, AZ. Their new address is 2823 Maryland Ave., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone: (208) 465-9045. Bill served the company in BUR, OAK, SEA, PDX, PDT & GEG, retiring in 1984. We don't know why they moved to God's country, but if you want a good guess, just ask **Bud Peters**.

Our lunch at Pad Thai House on May 22 attracted a jolly group, & nearly everyone went home full & happy, with enough leftovers for two more meals at home. Next on the calendar is an early evening meal at the Sandbar restaurant overlooking the Snake River, in Marsing. Festivities start at 4 p.m., June 19. Guests, family & friends are welcome to join in the fun & feast.

**Joe & Joan Varady** said that they were among the happy tourists on Dave Adams' tour-bus junket through the spectacular Western Canyon lands, hosted by Harmon Travel & two excellent guides, **Ron & Toni Post**. The trip included Bryce, Zion, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, the Arches, & the Durango Silverton Steam Train. By coincidence, they were in Monument Valley while the Red Bull Air Show people were practicing their amazing stunts.

**Ossie & Louise Haugen** were equally pleased, & couldn't say enough in praise of both Dave Adams & Ron & Toni Post. They said the overnight accommodations were good, & the weather really cooperated.

Retiree **Dave Adams**, although still in transportation, loves what he is doing. No moss grows under his feet. He drove another tour group to the Portland Rose Festival early in June. He called it a great ride, with a side benefit of being able to see their daughter, son-in-law, and three granddaughters, while in PDX.

**Walt & Wilma Anderson** are as busy as ever, with Wilma active in the Library Club, Women's Century Club, church doings, etc. Walt is a specialist at collecting, salvaging, & fixing things. Being operated on for a torn retina slowed him down, but he is back on the mend, & enjoying life to the fullest.

**John & Carole Bell**, of Payette returned to CA for the birth of a granddaughter at the end of May, but are home again now.

As you know, RUAEA has a policy of no advertisements, but we couldn't resist this unsolicited testimonial that was volunteered by one of our members: "LOVE IDAHO" – **Lois Rodriquez**. (Editorial Comment: But for gosh sakes, let's not tell anybody that. Our secret, OK?)

As previously announced, we'll be having our annual Memorial Picnic in July. The date has been set for July 17, but instead of a picnic, it'll be a pot-luck affair at Ned Yundt's home in Boise. "That's easier," she says, "than hauling everything out to one of the city's parks." Her address is 10556 Southern Dr. Please come, and bring something good to eat or drink.



Calendar:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m.

**July 2** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**Aug. 6** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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Well it's good to be back home in Chicago to be with the Skyliners after a great Convention, hosted by the Gold Diggers of Sacramento. Besides all the work they did, I can truly really comment on the food selections, they were delicious & plentiful. And then to top each of the dinners for Fri. & Sat., Friendship & Banquet, were desserts that had tastes out of this world. It was great to see some Northsiders & Southsiders representing the Chicago area that also brought guests for their first time to a RUAEA Convention. One couple, Esther & her husband Al Broderson, did the cross country trip to the convention that also included visiting relatives & friends along the way & back home to Chicago.

A sunny day following our Memorial Day holiday, 21 people came out to the Southside breakfast including a first timer visitor, Elias Mosqueda, recruited by Bob Parra. Elias retired from Ramp Services 13 years ago. Barbara Kavouras was welcomed back after being absent from the gathering the last couple months. She had a mishap while carrying a very hot cup of tea. A spill that resulted in third degree burns on her upper leg. This was her first venture out in a while.

Rudy Maki was among the many Chicagoans receiving an invitation to attend the open house on Inauguration Day, for Mayor Daley. It was held at City Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Besides getting a hand shake, photos were also handed out.

Those of us in the Chicago area know the Seventeen Year Cicadas & how they emerge here. Elroy & Margaret Schmitt announced that they have a bumper crop on their property as people stopped by to take photographs of these creatures.

Our condolences to Stan Grybas from Revenue Accounting, on the death of his wife Adele back in May. The Southsiders & the Skyliners extend their sympathy.

The Northsiders had a good turn out with dessert treats for the group for Mother's Day.

Over 200 attended the Spring Luncheon at the Cotillion. Everyone commented on both the food & the facility.

Remember the Skyliners Summer Picnic on July 31<sup>st</sup> (an indoor Picnic event), flyers are in the mail.

Marge Nelson reminded me that the Fall Luncheon is scheduled for Oct. 9 at the Meridian on Algonquin Road in Rolling Meadows. Cocktails at 11:00 A.M. with lunch beginning at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$18.00 P/P; while the menu is yet to be finalized, there will be sirloin of beef, a veggie plate & a chicken dish. Flyers will also be sent to all members with paid dues.

On Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, the Gals & Guys of Midway will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This gala event is planned to remember their Great days at Midway Airport here in Chicago. Announcements will be sent to previous attendees, and also to anyone interested in attending this once in a lifetime event. We are asking names & addresses of people who worked at Midway or if you know of someone that would be interested in being invited. Please call Marge Daily at (847) 439-1441 or mail information to: Midway Gals & Guys, P.O. Box 598M, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195 at your earliest, so an announcement can be mailed. Also, if you have any pictures, articles of memory from Midway please contact me, Rich Surma at (630) 830-1279. All items & photos will be returned to you. We have a surprise guest of honor coming for your enjoyment. For more information call or write us.

Remember members corresponding to the Denver Office of RUAEA should note a change in the e-mail address as: [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net). Please make note of this change in all your correspondence to RUAEA.

Calendar:

**July 3** - Volunteers go to the Chicago Food Depository - First TUESDAY of the Month

**July 11** - Join in at breakfast with the Northsiders Group - 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads Mt. Prospect, IL.

**July 31** - Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

**July 31** - Second Annual Summer Picnic - Chandlers - Schaumburg IL.



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There has been a change in our masthead as I have volunteered to assist Angie Malouhos as our chapter correspondent. Angie remains as our Pres. She is also a founding member of the Loop Group.

There was a lively gathering at "That Great Street" Restaurant at the Renaissance Hotel, on State & Lake on May 16. We were joined by Joe Hopkins & Roger Schonewise who returned in spite of a schedule error in Jan. We are exploring the possibility of a summer extra on Aug. 1 in the form of a meeting at the Prizker Pavilion in Millennium Park, for a free open rehearsal of the Grant Park Orchestra conducted by Finnish conductor Hannu Lintu, in a program including Swan Lake & Finlandia. The free rehearsal begins at 11:00 am & concludes at 1:30 pm, when we will proceed to the Park Grill & Café or the Garden Courtyard at the Art Institute for a late al fresco lunch. Full details will be available at our next regular meeting on July 18 at the Renaissance Hotel at 11:30 am.

In order to advise the hotel of the approximate number of attendees, returning snowbirds or newcomers are requested to email or call me in advance if they plan to join us on July 18. No agenda, just an afternoon of good friends, new friends, excellent food, UAL news, travel experiences, etc. We meet the third Wed. on odd numbered months at 11:30 am, so there is time to attend a matinee, visit the Art Institute, explore Millennium Park, or shop at Macy's after lunch. Remember our bylaws - no new business, no old business, no dues!

Spring was an active time for UAL in Chicago. The first shareholders' meeting in five years took place on May 10 at the Field Museum. There was extensive press coverage. The Chicago Flight Attendant Alumni gathered for their annual reunion at the Hyatt Rosemont on April 21. Melanie Strahan & Diane Baker organized & executed a very enjoyable event for those who flew in the Friendly Skies. The 2008 Reunion will take place on April 19. More details next year. All who were associated with MDWSS and/or ORDSW are welcome.

On a sad note, we recognize the passing of a well known citizen of "Our Little Corner of the World" - Don Ho. His last appearance in Chicago was in 1999 at the House of the Blues, but his "Little Corner of Chicago" was the Loop Group's prior home, Trader Vic's in the Palmer House. Don Ho died on April 14 at the age of 76. May he rest in peace with lots of "Tiny Bubbles".

Calendar:

**July 18** - Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel (That Great Street) - 11:30 am

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SUMMER ... SUMMER ... SUMMER! That is just about the most wonderful, beautiful & promising word I can imagine. Flowers are in bloom, birds are singing their favorite songs, the sun radiating its warmth, the smell of freshly cut grass & I couldn't be more grateful. The anger & the distrust we have all felt since the "decline" of UAL sometimes shadows the beauties around us. We should all take a moment to appreciate what we have before our very own eyes. OK, enough about the weather & on to other items on which to write about.

I would like to thank Bob Duffy for taking the time to arrange for a BCBS Representative to join us during our May meeting. The rep did a great job providing us with information & answering all of our questions ... and there were many. Thanks Bob!

I personally would like to thank, in advance, the women who helped me with the Indy Racers Annual Picnic. These wonderful friends, Elly Barnett, Dimple Rihel, Gail Allen & Wanda Bryce all came together to plan, purchase, set-up & clean-up after our picnic. It all appears to be so easy but in reality it takes a lot of advance planning as well as physical labor to set things in motion. Ladies, I know it will turn out great and thank you so much for all your hard work. In the next newsletter, I will let you all know how it all turned out & remind some of you what all you missed.

Still ahead on our agenda is our Argosy Trip. There is still time to join us if you haven't already. A bus trip is planned for July 17<sup>th</sup>, taking us down to the Argosy Hotel & Casino. We plan on spending the night & returning home on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The price of \$75.00 P/P includes; the bus ride down & back, one nights lodging, three meals & possibly riches beyond your wildest dreams! OK, enough of my big dreams. I'm always so certain I'm going to hit it big. The only thing I hit big is my checking account.

As always, we welcome all new members and those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting.

Calendar:

**July 9** – Meeting

**July 17** - Argosy Trip

**Aug. 13** - Meeting

**Sept. 10** - Meeting

**MICHIGAN**



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June 7<sup>th</sup>, 18 Escapees & one guest joined us at Pat O'Brien's in St. Clair Shores, hosted by John Schick. We were blessed with a perfect day as we celebrated the Escapees' 12<sup>th</sup> birthday with 6 of the 17 original members in attendance. We welcomed our newest retiree Pat Kline (DTWTR) & hubby Bob, who will be relocating to St. George, UT at the end of the month and Pat Janiak who joined the Escapee's and is also a Loonies. We all enjoyed hearing about Sharon Jacob's wonderful adventures & cruise in China with her sisters & daughter.

We need lots of love & prayers for many ailing Escapees this month. Debbie LeFevbre recovering from surgery due to cancer return @ 24002 Violet Lane, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082. Ted McCaffrey is recuperating from blood poisoning @ 6672 Ambassador Ave., Apt. # 111, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Judy (Barnes) Krantz is at home healing from a tumble, breaking two bones in one ankle & sprained the other @ 39919 Koppnick Rd., Canton, MI 48187-4255. Gloria Knot Shurman having cataracts removed & lens replacement in her left eye @ 598 W. Saratoga, Ferndale, MI 48220. Also our love & prayers to Maxine Raymond whose sister is very ill; Marlene Jeffrey whose Mom is having fainting spells resulting in calls to 911 and lastly our prayers to all our hurting RUAEA family.

Calendar:

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

**MINNESOTA**

**NORTHERN LITES**

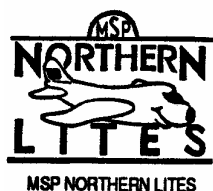
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We welcomed snowbirds back from their winter digs, along with all the usual Twin Cities crew who stay year round. It's good to see faces again that we've missed for months. Carol Spalding must have taken up tennis or biking or something over the winter ~ she looks terrific!

Cal & Dorothy Alderman told about their train ride across the country to the west coast. They enjoyed it very much & didn't miss the hassle at the airports a bit! Standby? What's that? Ethel & Bob Johnson were in Italy at the time of our lunch. Can hardly wait to hear about their trip.

Research & discussion about the annual picnic resulted in deciding that park entry fees & fees for pavilions were too costly, so after much hemming & hawing, it was decided to try again up at the Glattly's in Willow River. If it rains this time, THAT place is being scratched off the list, though. Mark your calendars for Aug. 8. A flyer with details & a map will be sent mid-July to those who've paid dues. Anyone else who's interested, call or e-mail me.

No firm plans were made for an autumn cruise this year. More discussion to be done at the next meeting.

Got a note from Mary Dahlberg: Clarence had quadruple coronary artery bypass surgery. He spent a week in hospital but is home now, getting better every day. I know he'd like to hear from his friends: 30434 Lost River Road, NE, Kelliher, MN 56650.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Cal Alderman on the death of his sister.

Calendar:

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

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There were 47 who enjoyed their lunch at Lo Sole Mio Villa. Thanks to Ev & Eileen Holly for hosting & for the cute little May Baskets. People we hadn't seen for a while were: Hilde & Dick Schwan; Bob & Betty Hall; Penny Sophir & her daughter, Lindsay; Mel Harrison, Russ Meyer; back from wintering in Florida, Harry & Angela Hansen; and Marilyn Weak's mother, Mrs. Rotella who is 92.

It was announced that Nick Nekonchuk went home the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>. He has no use of his leg & will be using a motorized wheelchair. It has been months that Nick has either been in the hospital or in a rehab center. We wish Nick & Judy the best.

I talked to Ruth Jeppersen, she said Karlo was now down to two dialysis treatments a week. They are both, as Ruth said, "hanging in there".

Paul Steuri had a right knee replacement the week of May 7. He is getting along fine with the help of Humbie's niece & her husband from Canada who came to stay with Paul during his rehabilitation.

Calendar:

**July 10** - Le Peep's, hosted by Peggy & Casey Casebeer

**Aug. 7** - Fish & Game, Council Bluffs, Hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell

**Sept. 11** - Chalco Hills, Hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

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Mary Withers was unable to make this meeting but let us know the Treasury is in good shape. Our picnic in Aug. will make a small dent in it. We still show a few people with unpaid 2007 dues, a note was attached to your newsletter. If your check passed us in the mail, ignore the notice. Mary will keep me advised. Thank you!

Once again, we had a nice turnout for our May meeting – 37 members plus 1 guest. Louise Smith brought her son to the meeting.

The #1 senior flight attendant – Iris Peterson – has retired after a career with United that spanned 60 years. In other company news, UA is reducing some capacity, mainly on the domestic side. By reducing capacity, they hope to increase their profits with fuller planes. UA is also expanding their code share agreement with Aloha Airlines.

Silver Wings program is shutting down. If you were a member, you should be receiving a communication via email or U.S. mail.

John & I and the Comptons attended the RUAEA convention in Sacramento. In addition, Kathy & Joe Robinson were there for the banquet on Sat. night. We will share what we learn at our June meeting.

The winner of the 50/50 was Joe Robinson. May birthdays were celebrated by: Bonnie Royle, Dean Nettles, Howard Keller, Tom Pagni, Harold McGuire, Jean Fahl, Louise Helmer, Dorothy Burrell, and Nancy Holz.

August picnic will be discussed at the June meeting. Are you ready?

Calendar:

**June 18** – Meeting at the Black Bear Diner, Reno - 11:30 a.m.



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**UARGC Tournament held May 1-3, 2007, Mesquite, NV.**

129 golfers enjoyed 3 days of competitive golf. 32 non-golfers trying their luck in the Casinos. The Eureka hotel hosted a cocktail party for our group on Sun. evening. Wed. evening, the Palmer Golf Club restaurant served a buffet banquet. First, second & third place tournament winners were announced by Frank Callahan. Everyone won a door prize.

Top golfers scoring were Warren Allen, Barbara & Jim Anthony, Pat & Ron Baker, Paul & Sharon Biernat, Al & Edith Bogenhuber, Jack Brusco, Frank & Evie Callahan, Bud & Jean Carmichael, Fred & Mary Diaz, Don Donaldson, Art Doo, Heather Fox, Don & Joe Fusina, Jim & Fay Geddes, Michael Glynn, Ted & Judy Higley, Eldon Hostetter, Roger Kerr, Ray & Judy Kulpins, Mike Lacey, Mel Martin, Tom McKeon, Bernie McManus, George Miyaski, Cliff Morton, Ron Norris, Dorothy Peck, Lyle Reynolds, Jeff Smith, Duane & Mary Tafoya, Charlie & Theresa Teasdale, Al Thomas, Jim Vlazny, Wayne Williams, Leroy & Arline Wydra.

Congratulations to Eldon Hostetter, our first day teeing off from the spades, had a hole in one on par 3 #16 150 yards.

Special recognition to the following people who donated door prizes: Jim & Fay Geddes (golf clubs), Judy Kulpins (ceramic items), Dick Magee (clothing).

“Thanks” to Frank (Tournament Director) & Evie Callahan for their hard work in coordinating this tournament, and Harriet Ahr in compiling the information in each packet, plus writing & mailing of checks to all winners.

Dates for next year is April 28 - May 1, 2008 - Eureka Hotel, Mesquite, NV. Due to the rising cost of rooms, golf, & meals there will be an increase for next year. If your plans might be to arrive on Sun., in order to get the room rate of \$45.00, advise Frank Callahan [uargc@cox.net](mailto:uargc@cox.net). Watch for announcement in upcoming RUAEA Newsletters & website.

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The New Jersey Gardenstators met on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pres. welcomed Jullie & Carol Spatsio who were up from Florida visiting. It was good to see them again.

A big thank you was given to all those who volunteered at the Newark International Airport Career Day for the school children from the area. There were 12 people from United Retirees who were the only retirees that helped out, by being ambassadors on the buses that transported the children. There are pictures of the volunteers.

There are free tickets for the show Martha & The Vandellas who are performing at the State PNC Bank Arts Center, Tues. June 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are getting together again at the Monmouth Race Track on July 11<sup>th</sup>, gates open at 11:30 A.M., the first race is at 12:50 P.M. We will have food & drink and pass the hat to pay for it.

We are getting tickets for the Huntington Playhouse, to see Tony Pace on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will cost \$45.00. Please let John Murphy know if you are attending.

Parking at the Sheraton Hotel for United Retirees has been working out just fine. Many people have used their facilities for only \$4.00 per day. Their airport bus brings you to the airlines gate on which you are flying & picks you up at stop 4 on the tram.

The bill that was just passed in the Senate about continuing the budget money for the Iraq war, has attached to it that Continental & American Airlines will not be paying their 2 billion dollars toward their pensions funds.

Some of our members attended the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, they will have a report about the Convention at the next meeting

Minutes were read by Violet Etler, the Treasurer's report was given by John Murphy.

August 29<sup>th</sup> will be the annual picnic at Merrill Park.

The RUAEA shirts are here for anyone who wants to purchase one, the polo shirts are \$12.00 for S to XL, XXL are \$13.00 and the XXXL are \$14.00. T Shirts are \$7.00.

There will also be shirts with pockets and for Females.

Calendar:

**July 25** – Meeting.

### NEW YORK



#### **BUFFALO CHIPS**

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May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 20 Buffalo Chips gathered at The Lodge, in Elma, NY for dinner & fellowship. The country site of the restaurant made for a leisurely drive on a spectacular spring evening. The food was in abundance & excellent. Most look like the meal was a carry out when they left.

Conversation ranged from current goings on to the hardship of travel with the heavy loads on planes.

Joyce Izydorczak is once again heading the sick list. She appeared well on the way to recovery following surgery on her ankle but it appears the infection has returned. She is waiting a decision of her doctor, as to what happens next.

Cheryl Pelkey was in Green Fields Convalescent home recovering from a hip placement. She says there is improvement every day & she should be home, as this is written.

It was good to see Clyde Butcher after his recent knee problems. Sometime ago, he had a knee replacement & twisted it causing a pin inside to bend. This caused the knee to lock in place. It was a minor surgery to replace the pin & restore the knee to normal operation. Clyde cautions, "If you have a knee replacement, don't cross your legs".

John Daniels is well & moving normally after his full knee replacement. This time it was replacing the partial knee he received some years ago.

The next dinner will be planned for mid Sept., date & place to be announced.

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We were a small group of 14 plus one guest at the June 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon at San Martin. This was guest Patrick Downes' second visit with us. He is a great nephew of Jeanne Leo, & he will soon receive his Masters Degree in Education.

Pres. Marge Segal informed us of the death of her close friend, Natalie Frayne, who was a concierge at LAX Airport. Natalie was responsible for assisting VPs & was instrumental in promoting United Airlines to our most valued customers. Natalie was well known & respected by many celebrities.

We were delighted to have Elizabeth Armstrong join us. She usually visits just once a year as she & husband Wallace spend most of their time in Florida. They have just purchased a new home in Palm City.

Marlene Doran reports that she has resumed her skills on the piano & has recently recorded a new CD. Good for her!  
Barbara Hill was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

Calendar:

**Aug. 7** – Luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP to Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal - (212) 355-1788.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

While fifty-seven Metros members lunched at the Asian Buffet, a Ms. Phyllis Beitler gave a short presentation about property values & how home improvements can help yield a higher price, when one decides to sell. She also talked about senior accommodations at three locations on Long Island.

Pres. Jim Richardson, led the membership in the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag”. He also asked for a moment of silence for the fallen military that landed on Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944. As usual, we acknowledge passed members & members that could not attend the luncheon.

Once again, several Metro members tried another restaurant to hold our monthly meetings. The food & price were suitable, but the facilities were too small. Jim finally decided on a restaurant we tried earlier in the year. Jim booked the PER UN ANGELO Restaurant, in the Jones Beach Inn, in Wantagh for the coming months of Sept., Oct. & Nov. The price for us is \$20.00 P/P which includes soup or salad, choice of 4 entrees, dessert & coffee. Phone number for the PER UN ANGELO is (516) 783-6475.

Jim announced at the meeting that he received a card from the Zabaruskas family thanking the Metros for remembering their son Paul, who passed away on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, Jim received card from the Zweilich family thanking the Chapter for remembering Mary, who passed away in April.

Birthday greetings to Milton Sank, 89 years young on June 20<sup>th</sup>, National Dick Tracy Day.

Nine couples celebrated wedding anniversaries this June, out standing couples are:

( Carol & Robert Piechnik, 50 years on June 2<sup>nd</sup>

( Julie & Vic Carnevale, 50 years on June 15<sup>th</sup>

( Diane & Leo Talochino, 50 years on June 23<sup>rd</sup>

( Maureen & Len Pascale, 52 yeas on June 4<sup>th</sup>

( Velma & Fred Jones, 56 years on June 24<sup>th</sup>

( And the outstanding Honeymooners are Terry & Frank Zabaruskas, married 59 years on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Maertz called this morning to advise me that her husband George had a severe stroke last night, he's in intensive care at Nassau Hospital - (516) 794-5025. A call to Mike Schroeder will let him know we're thinking of him (631) 472-1553.

Ingrid Schultz has moved into an Assisted living her new address: Plaza at Clover Lake, 838 Fair Street, Room 106, Carmel, New York 10512, 1-845-878-2773.

Charlie Kaczinski, Paul Cohen & Cassie Manelski updated the N.Y. Metros on the happenings at the Sacramento National RUAEA convention. Having the convention a week later made flying home a little difficult for many members attending the get-together. Not having the extra day hurts the retirees.

Calendar:

**July 11** - 10:00 for coffee & donuts - Picnic at Wantagh State Park

**Aug. 1** – 10:00 for coffee & donuts - Picnic at Wantagh State Park

**Sept. 5** – 12 noon - Per Un Angelo

**Oct. 3** - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo



## NORTHWOOD

### NORTHWOOD LOONIES

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Once again, they made their way to the Upper (really upper!) Midwest ~ Bayfield, WI, located at the northernmost part of Wisconsin on Lake Superior. They came from as far away as northern Minnesota & Michigan, the Twin Cities, Detroit, Chicago & the mountains of Colorado to reconnect, share some good meals, a few glasses of wine & glorious views. Jim Simon put together a poem which said it all, and we'd like to share it with you.

#### *Loonie Tunes*

*When the Loonies get together in either spring or fall,  
They seem to enjoy each other and really have a ball.  
They talk about the better times at good ol' UAL  
Before it filed bankruptcy & really went to oh well.*

*They share the many stories of days that have gone past,  
And the memories of those good times are bound to all outlast.  
They often dwell on promises that United didn't keep  
But are strong enough to conquer & hardly ever weep.*

*They take a lot of pride in the United we once knew  
And knowingly contributed to seeing that it grew.  
Once could say that we were pioneers of an airline gone astray.  
And one can only hope, in time, it will have again its' day.*

*But we gather now to reflect again & focus on each other;  
To pay respect upon ourselves like a sister & a brother.  
We'll share in joys & sorrows & pay tribute to those who've passed;  
We'll bow our heads in silence in memories that will last.*

*And then we'll hear tall stories of things not known about,  
As many of us listen with a certain amount of doubt.  
But we'll have our time together & enjoy each passing day  
And hope we'll get together at the next great time to play!*

*Not all of us can make the trips that bring us all together,  
But in our hearts we think of them, as they move through stormy weather.  
Hopefully they'll be here at the next time we all gather  
And assuredly, this is something that we think should really matter.*

*So take your glasses filled with cheer & raise them to the sky.  
And remember that ~ we were the ones who made United fly!*

See you in Oct. in Traverse City, Michigan!

Addition from Connie: After Sharon & Curt Gaffor returned home from their Loonies experience, Curt suffered heart pain & was rushed to hospital where he underwent surgery. He experienced more complications & is in intensive care, but some progress is being made. Our hearts & prayers are with them.

Addendum from Don Hayden: Just a note to add to the regular report regarding the May meeting of the Loonies. We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Curt Gaffor. Curt passed away shortly after returning home from the Loonies May meeting in Bayfield, WI.

Also, I wish to announce that Hope Hayden volunteered to host (hostess?) the fall meeting of the Loonies, which will be held in Traverse City, MI on October 16-19. We will meet again at the Traverse Bay Lodge. Further info will be forwarded to all members when finalized.

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The June meeting of the Buckeyes was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. 79 Buckeyes attended the Luncheon cruise on the "Nautica Queen". This luncheon is back by popular demand. Nancy Carter & Mary Lou Mack hosted this event. Thanks for hosting this popular cruise.

There is an old saying that, "no news is good news". I am happy to report that most of our retirees are in good health & enjoying life. I haven't been sending out cards to any of our members, so I am assuming that all is well.

Don't forget about our July 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at W. J. Green Lodge in Metro parks. This will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of July. John & Dolly Taucher will again be hosting this annual event.

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> will be The Fourteenth Annual Northfield Night. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month. Pres. Carol & Ray Hacker will host this annual event. The price for this event is still \$20.00. Feel free to invite your friends & family, and spend an enjoyable summer evening. Reservations must be in by July 28<sup>th</sup> to insure that you receive your tickets by the 7<sup>th</sup> of Aug.

Have you visited the Ohio Buckeyes web site lately? John & Dolly are doing a terrific job of updating etc. the web site. [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org).

#### Calendar:

**July 11** - Annual Picnic, W.J. Green Lodge in METROPARKS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 12 noon.

**Aug. 8** - Annual trip to Northfield Race Track, 6:00 PM.

**Sept.** - To be announced.

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There were 103 members at our May meeting which featured Rod Hill, TV Channel 2 Weatherman as our guest speaker. He makes weather forecasting entertaining & we learned how he put his segments together for the nightly news. Many of our "snow birds" are returning to the area for the summer months & it is good to see them back.

I will be listing prize winners in my column each month from now on. In April, Dave Smith won the door prize, Carol DeFord the birthday prize, Bob & Marilyn Woods the anniversary prize and Claire & Jack McCoy won 50/50.

Jack Hooper has always hosted a Fri. night cocktail party for the Dew-er's who attend the convention when he is president; however, this year the total of members attending in Sacramento was way down so he saved himself a lot of dollars. Good for Jack but bad for the convention. I understand those who did attend had a great time.

Tony Farley had a heart attack last month & after tests, underwent quadruple bypass surgery. He is home now but is suffering from a bad cold and I quote, "it really hurts to cough". Jean Sperb had breast surgery & Janis Ward, one of our PDX retirees who resides in California had a double mastectomy. We wish them all a successful recuperation and hope they will be attending a meeting very soon.

Our annual picnic is July 11<sup>th</sup> & will be catered this year. The food sounds delicious; I hope to see you there. Desserts are most welcome. Jack is hoping to have a guest speaker for the Sept. meeting.

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

#### Calendar:

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

**July 11** - Picnic North Clackamas Park

**Aug. 8** - TBA

Sept. 12 - TBA



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Joe & Carol Bango hosted the May meeting at Wild River Brewery & Restaurant in Grants Pass. There was a good turnout of members who enjoyed catching up over lunch & sharing plans for upcoming travel, vacations & family events.

Although she was unable to attend, Doe Pope arranged the June 1 quarterly luncheon & business meeting at McGrath's Fish House in Medford. We were very pleased to welcome guest Jean Phair & glad to be able to include Judy Machado's mother, Mary, who has become "one of our own" during her visits with Judy & Robert.

Aside from taking care of chapter business, there was a good deal of news going around the table. We bid the fondest of farewells to Bob & Jackie Johnson who have been faithful OUR Club members for the past 14 years. Bob & Jackie's absence will leave a huge void in OUR Club, we will miss them greatly. Not wishing to be selfish, however, we're thrilled for them at the prospect of a new home closer to children & grandchildren and wish them all the best that Wilsonville, Oregon has to offer. Our loss will definitely be the Portland area's gain.

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of Kenneth Trout on May 11, 2007. Hearts full of sympathy are extended to Ken's wife, Lennette, & their family. After many years of cattle ranching in Texas, Ken & Lennette spent 25 years in the San Francisco Bay Area where Ken worked as a mechanic for United. He was a genuine gentleman who will be missed by all.

It came to light during the luncheon that we have a local celebrity among our members. In addition to serving as a tour guide in the Pacific Northwest each summer season, Jim McIntosh has begun volunteering as an on-call "DJ" for the classical music programming on southern Oregon's National Public Radio station. Jim & broadcasting are a perfect fit, we congratulate him for his public service as well as his courage to learn all the intricacies of sending his voice across the airwaves throughout southern Oregon & northern California.

Congratulations also go to Robert Machado who is augmenting his second career as a real estate broker by offering home staging services to his clients. He recently earned an accreditation in home staging after completing a professional staging course for real estate agents & brokers. His wife, Judy, also completed the program & received the designation of assistant stager.

By the time this newsletter is read, our newlyweds, Alberta & Russ Randall, will have returned from a honeymoon cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage. We hope they had all the fun they deserve. We're also looking forward to our chapter Treas. Laurie Jordan, returning from the RUAEA convention full of news & updates.

### **Calendar:**

**July 6** - TBA, Herb & Mary Crees

**Aug. 3** - TBA, Laurie Jordan

**Sept. 7** - Annual picnic at Tom Pearce Park, Grants Pass, OR

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

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Pres. Joe Brad, opened the meeting. Twenty one attendees enjoyed our May 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Well, the good news is that we all got to see Jim Taylor at our last meeting. The bad news is Jim passed away shortly after we saw him. Jim is survived by his wife, Jane Heberling Taylor.

Lew Meyer gave us an update on the Face of America bicycle trip involving injured military. In 2 days, they rode from Gettysburg to Maryland. This summer, Lew is planning several major bicycle trips. One is to ride from Paris to the ocean and back. It is 3½ day ride, about 760 miles, and the participants cannot ride more than 90 hours. He is also planning rides in SEA in June and in Alaska in Aug. Sounds pretty rigorous.

We have 12 people signed up so far for the Christmas show in Lancaster, PA this year. Since we've met the minimum requirement of 10, we are able to get the group rate.

As we do every May, we again read aloud the names of all the deceased PHL employees. It is one way we can remember them. Joe announced the increase in our lunch to \$15 P/P beginning with our Sept meeting. We will have the use of the room but will have to obtain our food from the main dining room buffet & carry it back to the meeting room.



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What a great convention. The Gold Diggers staff led by Ron & Barbara Bertacini did a marvelous job.

The Pit-Stoppers promise to keep up the tradition. Mark your calendars now for May 19-24<sup>th</sup>. Hope "Yunz" can come.

Our new Northeast Director "Treatie" Karwoski was introduced at the annual business meeting. I am sure we will be hearing more from her as soon as she returns from her extended trip.

I must say during my tenure as the Northeast Director, I take credit for getting two Pittsburgh people involved in the RUAEA National. Along with Treatie, our national secretary is Marilyn Marcy. Two great assets to our organization.

Pittsburgh was well represented in SMF at the convention. Along with Bernie, myself & Treatie, Lee & David Snuffer were there and Mr. Pittsburgh, Russ Miller drove in from Walnut Creek. We were pleasantly surprised to see our former co-worker Jan Sigler Nichols along with her sister Elizabeth Griffiths.

It was truly amazing that once the announcement was made about next years convention site, the number of people that approached us saying "I was born in McKees Rocks", "I have a brother in Ambridge", "I was born in New Castle", etc. It promises to be a great time in the Burgh.

Sorry to report that since the last newsletter publication, our good friend JoAnn Schneider passed on. Thanks to two good friends "Treatie" & Anita Pawlack, she was honored at a beautiful memorial mass at St Phillips church in Crafton, PA.

Rich "Cake" Guida & Barb wish to thank their many friends for all the cards & get well wishes sent to them during Rich's rehab. Barb advised me that Rich heard from friends that he had worked with at Idlewild - Wow that's a long time ago. Goes to show you what a great RUAEA Newsletter does to keep in touch.

Calendar:

**July 19** – Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

**Oct.** - Luncheon - To be announced

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Kingston, TN on Watts Bar Lake was the destination of 32 members & guests on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Our hosts Mary Lou & Jerry Barr assisted by Bob & Lois Tuttle selected a sightseeing cruise & luncheon on The Watts Bar Belle for our latest meeting.

The Belle is one of the few remaining true split-wheel paddleboats in existence today, similar to those that plied America's great waterways in the early 1900's. Her paddles are powered by twin diesel engines. After our meeting, we departed for a leisurely cruise & delicious luncheon. Much to our delight, we stopped to see two bald eagles sitting on a tree jutting out of a cliff. What a great photo opportunity! Their nest was a short distance away at the top of a large tree. Captain Dave Westburg (a former airline pilot) informed us that there are babies in the nest; but it was too far away to see them.

We all thoroughly enjoyed this outing & agreed that this was a wonderful way to start the summer. It was good seeing some of our members who we haven't seen for awhile be able to join us for this outing.

On our sick list this month are Jack & Peggy Ball down with the flu. Nancy Krop, our Welfare Lady is in the hospital. Also in the hospital for tests is Bob Tuttle after a recent fall. Les Swallow now has a feeding port and is in a lot of pain, however, he remains in good spirits & is still driving & enjoying an occasional outing.

We have received a thank you letter from Tennessee Wesleyan College for our recent donation. We also discussed a recent email reminding us to dress properly for flying & also a recent article in RUAEA reminding us that our companion passes are for pleasure travel - not business.

Patty Leonhardt won the 50/50. Door prizes were also provided by our hosts & enjoyed by all of us who received them. The Grand Prize for another cruise provided by the Captain of the Watts Bar Belle was won by Cal & Maxine Anthony. We thank the Barrs & Tuttles for planning such a fun trip. Everyone was invited to join us for breakfast & good conversation at 9:30 EDT at Shoney's Restaurant on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Calendar:

**July 19** - 12:30 EDT - Hosts Herman & Bev Emmel (865) 278-3482. Location to be determined.

**Aug. 16** - 9:30 EDT - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**Sept. 20** - "Road Trip to Clarksville, TN"; Hosts Cecil & Rachel Adkins (931-358-4047)

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On May 16, 2007, 19 chapter members met at SLC's Golden Corral restaurant. Our Layton members Carl & Lorraine Olson introduced us to their daughter, Linda Robertson & her husband Dale, both here for a visit from Laie, Hawaii. Welcome, Linda & Dale!

We missed a few regulars & hope that they are in good health. - A visit to homebound Leoma Williams confirmed that she is in good spirits - albeit, rather weak at 94; she always asks about the group & would like to be remembered by us.

Another regular to our meetings was Frank "Bud" Farrington, along with his wife Beverly. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, he succumbed to pneumonia at a local hospital. Beverly, a stroke victim herself, mentioned that she will remain in her home, to be cared for by her sons & daughters. - Grant Beutler recently underwent surgery & is healing well.

In June, our chapter will meet for our regular get-together at Centerville's Island View Park. Please call Betty Davis (801-562-0216) regarding menu items.

In the May 2007 RUAEA edition, RUAEA's president & its Exec VP honored our longtime & well-liked editor, Ms. Jo Madden. They complimented her on her 22-yr. commitment to our system wide retirees' newsletter. In the mid-1980s, Jo Madden expanded her other RUAEA volunteer assignments to take on these additional duties, it was our UAL retirees' collective pleasure to get to know Jo. Almost immediately, RUAEA's "social information sheet" changed into a professional newsletter; she ran a tight ship & made every word count! Thank you, Jo, for all you did for all of us!

#### Calendar:

**July 18** - Lunch - 2pm; Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W. Bountiful

**Aug. 15** - Potluck - 5pm, Sugar House Pk. Lake Terrace Pavilion

### NEW MEMBERS

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## OBITUARIES

*Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.*

Retiree – **BEAVAN, Janice**

Retiree – **BUTORI, Evelyn Marie Byrom**, on 5/21/07

Retiree - **BYERWALTER, Joseph** on 1/9/07

Retiree – **FUNIGA, Peter Lorenzo**, on 4/1/07

Retiree - **HALKER, L. Frank**, on 12/2/06, SFO, husband of Donna L., 2942 Chandler Ave., Eugene, OR 97403

Spouse – **HUHNDOFF, Rhonda**, on 2/20/07, wife of Carl H. (deceased)

Retiree – **LORD, Ray M.**, on 3/9/07

Retiree – **MOORE, Constance**, on 5/17/07, WHQ, wife of John R., 6000 N. Neva, Chicago, IL 60631

Retiree – **OSGOOD, Miriam**, on 4/15/07

Retiree – **PAWLICKI, Therese**, on 4/07

Retiree – **WEIR, William**, on 5/1/07

*The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:*

**ADAMS, Wayne**, SFOSH 03/03/07

**ANDERSON, Robert D.**, SFOFO 03/31/07

**BROOMFIELD, Herbert M.** ATLTR 03/03/07

**BURMEISTER, Ernest R.**, ORDFO 03/21/07

**BUTZ, George A.**, ORDFO 03/15/07

**CODDINGTON, V. Wayne W.**, OPBOP 12/15/06

**CROWTHER JR., Edward C.**, ORDFO 03/31/07

**CULLEN, Robert J.**, NYCRR 03/02/07

**DE LANO, Jack M.**, LAXFO 03/21/07

**DORMER, Delmar V.**, SFOPD 02/19/07

**FLANAGAN, James F.**, DENPV 03/25/07

**GILFILLAN, Mollie H.**, SFORR 03/31/07

**GLOODT, Eugene N.**, ORDFF 03/14/07

**GONZALES, Gloria M.**, LAXCS, 03/08/07

**HABERSTICH, Max**, SFOEG 03/03/07

**HALE, John H.**, TYSOZ 03/04/07

**HAMILTON, Burl**, SEAFO 03/20/07

**HARDEN, Bonnie S.**, LAXSW 03/30/07

**HARVEY, Crandall C.**, SFOML 03/13/07

**HEARD, Leonard S.**, SFOOV 03/03/07

**HUHNDORFF, Carl H.**, DCAMM 03/10/07

**HUMMEL, Grace M.**, SFOKF 03/13/07

**KAILI JR., David W.**, HNLFF 03/25/07

**KILPATRICK, Kenneth R.**, CLERR 03/14/07

**KLIES, David I.**, LAXFO 03/07/07

**KNEISEL, William G.**, LAXRR 03/06/07

**KOENEN, Donald L.**, LAXFF 03/30/07

**KOLLER, Frank S.**, WHQKF 03/14/07

**LAMBERT, Rosemary**, WHQAL 03/26/07

**LANE EPPS, Leslie K.**, SMFCS 11/04/06

**LANG JR., John**, BWICM 03/07/07

**LANGER, Dale H.**, SEAFO 03/03/07

**LEROY, Vernon A.**, ORDFO 03/22/07

**LOGUE, Patricia M.**, SEARR 03/04/07

**MACKEY, Robert M.**, SFOOV 03/20/07

**MAIDEN, Susan S.**, CDGSW 03/20/07

**MARKS, Portia M.**, DENTR 03/04/07

**MC LAUGHLIN, Kenneth S.**, ORDMM 03/29/07

**MELLIN, Warren R.**, WHQIE 03/15/07

**MESTON, William A.**, LAXFO 03/09/07



**MEYER, Mary R.**, WHQPW 03/19/07  
**MITTELSTADT, Paul F.**, SFOMP 03/15/07  
**MOORE, Gloria S.**, LAXMK 03/06/07  
**MURPHY, Daniel J.**, SFOFO 03/17/07  
**NAKAGAWA, Eiki**, SFOGQ 03/22/07  
**NICHOLS, Donald H.**, ORDFO 03/21/07  
**NIELSEN, Harly S.**, LAXGQ 12/28/06  
**PECK, John Edward**, SFOFO, 03/14/07  
**PETTIT, Charles D.**, SFOPQ 03/18/07  
**PITZER, Edward C.**, LASOZ 03/04/07  
**PORTERFIELD, Ulysses**, LASOZ 03/06/07  
**RASMUSSEN, Dennis C.**, SLCJL 03/12/07  
**RETTENMAIER, Delwin E.**, LAXPV 03/22/07  
**RUDZINSKI, Kenneth J.**, SEACG 03/27/07  
**SCHALLER, Otto H.**, SFOCG 03/27/07  
**SCHIFFKE, Horst U.**, SFOPB 03/26/07  
**SENICA, Stephen J.**, MIASW 03/06/07  
**SMITH, Aaron R.**, SFOCE 03/07/07  
**STASIEK, Stanislaw W.**, ORDMK 12/25/06  
**STEUDTEN, Barbara Maria**, SFOSW, 03/26/07  
**SULLIVAN, Patrick**, JFKFF 03/22/07  
**SUME, Gerald L.**, SLCCG 03/05/07  
**TAMASHIRO, Jane L.**, HNLMK 03/25/07  
**TITUS, Leonard L.**, SFOIQ 03/02/07  
**TURNER, Frances L.**, DENMK 03/21/07  
**WARD, David C.**, retiree, WHQCM 01/27/07  
**WILKOWSKI, August J.**, LAXHH 03/30/07  
**WILLIAMS, John K.**, LAXFO 03/19/07  
**WILSON, Cecil R.**, SFOME 03/27/07

## **LETTERS**

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

James F. Ferrance, Ken Lee, Herman A. Huber, Kenneth J. Wagner, Bernie Bernard, Joann Hoffard Stoeltzing, Eunice Langton, Jack Atkinson, Agnes K. Warthen, Mary Shepherd, Jo Hazard, Beulah Barber, Flora Stiveson, Marianne Skala, Janet Jolley, Cecelia Paulie, Boyd L. Ashcraft, Leon Placzkowski, M. Keightly, James Wallace, Hiroko Wright, Fred Landspurg, John Taucher Jr., Margaret Robertson, J. R. Jacobs, Nancy Davison, Lois E. Graham, Ignacio Gonzalez, Bernard V. Sanford, Betty Gloe, Hilda Schmidt, Mickey C. Wehman, John E. Toye, Eddy Y. Lara, Bill Pfeiffer, Edward Taylor, Dick Penner, Priscilla S. Hawes, Lorraine Boyd, Gary B. Kellog, Gene & Jackie Haunch, Joyce O'Brien, Beth Raphael, Elisabeth Midunsky, Helene Ioka, Chuck Thomas, Joanne Yonker, Joann Campbell, Bill & Betty Green, Zenta Berghofer, Sammy H. Liao, Manuel E. Ibarra Jr., George Press, Lucille Phelps, Howard Elliott, Kathy Katsurinis.

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

*(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)*

**Bill Anderson, 410 McDuff Ave., Fremont, CA 94539**

I join many others in thanking you, the Newsletter staff, for your hard work. I appreciate the communication you supply. My wife & I both enjoy reading the monthly news.

**David Detwiler, 284 Kelly Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425-9716**

I can't believe another year has passed by so soon. It has been a busy year though. I built another house & moved into it in Sept. The log house was beautiful but too much work. Always something needed power washed or re-stained.

This new house does not have one square inch of wood showing that needs painting, staining etc. Lots of yard to mow though, but I can sit down to do that.

Keep up the good work there in Denver. It's my only link with what is going on in Retiree Ville.

Anyone who has my address please make a note of the new one.

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

Just returned from my 17<sup>th</sup> walk of "The Great Aloha Run # 23". I ended up staying much longer in HNL because I found out my old friend needed help after shoulder/bicep surgery, mostly she was concerned with her 14 yr. old wire-hair Dachshund, so didn't come home till April 6<sup>th</sup>, hence my late membership check.. (Well that's better than "my dog ate it!!") Got to see my hanai (adopted) Mama, Genon Keawe, honored for the umpteenth time by the Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. She's 88 & still singing her gig at Waikiki Marriott Thurs. 6 PM to 9 PM plus lots of other stuff. This was not "bad duty" as I boogie boarded & bodysurfed at Kailua Beach the last 5 days I was there!

Please know that I revere the wonderful crews at the SEA & PDX retiree desks who help us list for flights! I am "computer less", so am very appreciative. Also that means I need the mailed Newsletter from the crew. "**Mahalo nui loa**" to you all!

**Bernice Aaron, Apt. 103 25325 Grodan Dr., Southfield, MI 48033**

Another Birthday is coming up. I hope this year will be better than the last one. I lost my Daughter to Breast Cancer.

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

I see by the red stamp on my newsletter that I not only have another birthday but that I owe another year dues to RUAEA.

In a couple of months, I'll begin my 11<sup>th</sup> year in retirement. It just seems like yesterday that I was relieved of my badge & parking permit and walked out the back gate of the MOC.

Since then, many things have changed at United. Very few have been improvements. It's sad to have worked so many years at a company where I made many friends and see the havoc that poor & corrupt management has wreaked on a once proud & wonderful company.

At least, meeting with the RUAEA group & the IAM Retirees, I can get together with old friends and reminisce about the "good old days" and what a fine company that we once worked for. Most of the more recent retirees that I've spoken with don't have much good to say about United & its management. There is much bitterness over lost benefits & reduced retirement pay. Many retirees have been forced to find jobs to supplement their lost retirement pay just in order to survive. That is a shame that our former President, W. A. Patterson would find appalling.

On a lighter note, I'll be at the convention in Sacramento, hope to see some of my old friends for a few days & have some fun and talk about the good times that we once had at United Airlines.

**James W. Wagner, 1750 Corleone Dr., Sparks, NV 89434-2073**

Dues time. We retirees are sometimes referred to as "empty nesters", Oh joy! Time to play! Well, with 6 kids between my wife & I, odds are that 1 or 2 will go off on a wayward flight & crash. In our case two, with a grandchild each, followed the wayward wind & ended up under our roof. So, for most of this past year we have been supporting 4 kids, in addition to ourselves, on a retirement income meant for two. With due diligence, we are meeting the challenge - there is a light at the end of the

tunnel. We're down to 3 now, one just started a job & should be out on her own in a couple of months. That will leave one & she should be on her feet within the next 4 months.

So, sorry to say, there's no money for the SAC Convention this year. Hopefully, next year. We'll catch up on the "war stories" from SAC from the locals here & about.

**Gloria Cruz, 1256 Medlee Dr., Hobart, IN 46342-6511**

Many thanks for all your efforts & dedication in getting the Newsletter to us retirees. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. God bless to all of you.

**Ruth E. Merriman, 101 Eastgate Ct. Unit 109, Algonquin, IL 60102**

Just wanted to beat the red flag. Always enjoy each copy. Retired 22 years now. All things considered, doing well now. Thanks

**William L. Moore, 6635 Beechwood Ct., Downers Grove, IL 60516-3037**

Just to prove that I read your NEWSLETTER assiduously & not acidulously, I have a couple of comments on your latest issue:

1. In the OBITS, you list Bruno Rexford; you may have already listed a couple of others who have passed away not too long ago: DeVoursney Andrew & Albert Warren.
2. Alice Belzer's trivia for the month is not correct.  $111,111 \times 111,111$  equals 12,345,654,321. But  $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111$  equals (as she said) 12,345,678,987,654,321.

On the other hand we're so glad you are up and running again, we hope. WATCH OUT FOR THE RED TRUCK!

P.S. We've looked forward to seeing you at each convention for many years, but not this year. We are unable to make it.

**Connie Wiederholt, 642 W. Country Grove Cir., Pearland, TX 77584**

I've enjoyed the first year of the Newsletter more than I ever could imagine. Thanks so much for the information & your hard work on these memories. It brings back all the good old days at SFOSS. Thanks so much.

**Art Moore, 23430 Oriole Lane, Twain Harte, CA, 95383**

Many thanks for the great work you all do for us 'ole' folks. As you are well aware, YOU are the ones who now keep us up-to-date with our benefits, & going's on with UAL, Travel Benefits, etc., etc., etc.

I hope JO's health is holding up. Give her a HUG for me when you get a chance.

We (my new wife since 2000) & I are still spending the winters in our place in Apache Junction, AZ; we are planning to be back on 4/15 to Twain Harte, CA (near Sonora) for the summers.

I'll be 88 on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, am fortunate to be in very good health. no more RVing, just flying & driving to where ever we want to go.

WOW! What a wonderful life. Just what I was hoping retirement would be.

A BIG HELLO to all my 'ole' UAL buddies; I sure miss the wonderful 33 years we worked together!

**Bill Bishop, 9423 Zane Dr., Saint Louis, MO 63123**

Thanks for all the great information in the Newsletter, especially the Travel Tips & phone numbers. I haven't flown on UAL since I returned in 2002, so all the travel/check in is new.

**Richard (PHLOO) & Judy Campbell, PO Box 8167 Wilmington, DE 19803**

We always look forward to the newsletter & staying connected. Many of you have been confused over the years, but when I married Judy her last name was already Campbell, i.e. Judy Campbell Campbell. Since 1970, she has kept the signs the ticket counter employees made for our "Honeymoon Express" from DCA to HNL. You all continue to hold many special memories for us.

Like all of us life is flying by, but we are honored to know even though it is flying by, those that have made it possible, for us to enjoy our freedoms are not being forgotten. We wanted to share with you an honor bestowed posthumously on Judy's brother Sp/4 Keith Allen Campbell last Nov.

The Fort Sam Houston Library was renamed the **KEITH A. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**. The honor does not stop there & we encourage you to read more about this American hero & what is happening in his memory at historical Ft. Sam Houston (Home of the Combat Medic) in San Antonio, TX. Please log on and look-up <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/kacampbell.htm>.

Judy has often shared with me, "I wish you had known Keith". I've always responded, "That Jan. day he left for Vietnam, I more than likely checked him in as I was working the shift the day/time he left. Honey, through you I have known him". Please help us continue to perpetuate the memory of this American hero. We recently took a trip to DCA & the day before, they had boarded up the door Keith Allen Campbell had walked through, but we were able to get a picture and walk through the old ticket counter area, which is now a storage closet! It indeed was very memorable for both of us. We would love to hear from you. Thank you.

**Dee Evenson, 530 Covey Ln., Tracy, CA 95376**

I am so sorry, this makes two years in a row that I have been late – no excuses - I just seem to miss the date.

Thanks so much for all the effort that the staff puts into this publication. I have to admit I rarely see names that I recognize anymore. I have been retired almost 9 years after having spent 47 years in MSP & SFOSW. I have made & retained so many wonderful friendships both with United & Capital.

Again, thanks for everything, including your patience with my tardiness with my dues. I hope all have a great time in Sacramento.

Until next year!

**Marilyn Chaplin, 114 E. Pine Ave., Bensenville, IL, 60106-2560**

Thanks for the red stamp reminder AND for the great job all of you guys are doing. I am retired nearly 5 yrs. now from CHIRR, & enjoying every minute of it. Seniority: 4-8-1968.

My husband Wayne & I recently returned from a Viking River Cruise thru the Netherlands & Belgium, during the Tulip season. We were very fortunate to be able to fly First Class from ORD to AMS. The service was GRAND & greatly appreciated. The dream & hope of every NRSA traveling these days! The trip home, he & I had to split up – one seat in Business & one seat in Coach. (That would be me). But we were content just to get on. The plane was very full. Our other travelers included other UAL'ers, Mardell (CHIRR), Bob Leeper & Phyllis (CHIRR), Geo Kardicki (ORDMM), Jim Kristoff (ORDMM), Sandy Forrester (WHQCU) & Jim Kulik (ORDMM) – a great time was had by all.

**Lynn Ditzell, 736 Cape Cod Circle, Valrico, FL 33594**

I have a suggestion. Would it be possible for each Chapter to send their membership list to be published in the Newsletter?

I realize there are thousands of employees, so you could publish a different Chapter each month. I often scan all the Chapters' information looking for people I may have known early with the company. Of course, some names change but their last work location could be helpful.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter and thank you. You do a beautiful job of putting it together. My thanks to all of you for a job well done!

**Note from the Newsletter Manager:** Lynn, thanks for your kind comments & question concerning names. Your question has been asked numerous times & I wish we could accommodate the request. With privacy laws, the way they are, it is not possible for RUAEA to publish lists of names, addresses, etc. The chapters, in their reports, can mention names of those who participate in their gathering, & in most cases do. But, this is up to the chapter & the chapter correspondent. We try to do as little editing of the chapter reports as possible because we want the story of their activities to be told, for some of the reasons you have mentioned.

Thanks for asking the question & if I can be of further assistance to you please contact me. My email address and phone number are posted in the Newsletter.

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

Thank you for your patience in receiving my annual dues. It seems I'm late every year.

My only news this year is that I had my right knee replaced in Jan. I'm still getting physical therapy twice a week. I know I'm improved, but it sure seems like a very long recovery time.

Best wishes to all the fellow UAL retirees.

**Joseph C. McCormick, 3125 Town Sq. Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008**

It's great to read the monthly Newsletter. I'm approaching 87 years & retired 28 years. I lost contact with most old UAL friends, the Newsletter helps a lot. Continue the good work.

**Elizabeth Weber Cook, 18155 Riviera Pl. SW, Normandy Park, WA 98166**

Still working full time & it's a lot more enjoyable than the last year with the Airline. I feel sorry for the employees that still have to work in some of the departments. My job is really enjoyable as I get to meet & help many people every month. Still do a lot of ballroom dancing & keep up my exercise program. We just enjoyed eight days in Mazatlan, real nice relaxing vacation. The transportation costs are more than I am used to but we had seats to & from with no hassle on AS. Will try a pass to Orlando in a couple of months.

Thanks again for the best Newsletter!

**Rhea Jaguszewski, 32316 W 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

Appreciate "all the news all the time" you give us.

Kudos to those correspondents who "cap" the names of attendees so we can find our "old" buddies we may have lost track of.

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

Hard to believe it's time for another renewal. Time sure goes fast when you are having fun.

Thanks a lot for putting out the Newsletter. You good people are about my only connection with UAL since I'm computer-less. Someday I might get one of those electrical thingy's. Right now I got a lot of brick work – stone work – and firewood cutting to do.

**Ralph H. Ely, 33 Juliet Ave., Tipton, PA 19562-1742**

We so appreciate receiving the Newsletter every month. To know what other groups are doing & it's a way to keep in touch with our Cleveland, Ohio Buckeyes. We enjoy living here near our children in Berks County, Pennsylvania but we do miss our Ohio friends.

**Pat Snyder, 10507 s. Branson Landing Blvd, Branson, MO 65616**

Wanted to let you know about my address change before the next Newsletter comes out.

I moved here March 23. Love it here! So many things to do & see. I get to go to many of the shows at reduced rates, and there is always something going on at the Landing.

I have lost touch with many people that Jerry worked with at (EXO). If you knew him, send me a note. Without the Newsletter I would not know what is going on at UAL. Jerry will be gone seven years this July 4, still miss the guy.

Thanks for the wonderful job you all do for us.

**Ann Koenig Lenehan Gritis, 11990 Market St. Unit 914, Reston, VA 20190**

In June 1956, I left Maspeth, NY to go to DCA to be a Capital Airlines – hostess. I spent four happy years living in VA, first at Riverview & then Hunting Towers – the name then, Ann Koenig.

In 1960 I married a Marine officer, who then joined the FBI – we went to Los Angeles and then in 1975 moved back to Virginia.

In 1978, I became a widow with 4 children so I returned to the airlines, United Airlines, first secretary to Regional VP Personnel – DCAPE, then that job went to NY – so I became a computer clerk in Communication (DCAKX), that job went to ATL. So, I became a payroll clerk in DCARR. The computer job returned to DCA, so I returned to that and it became a part of COVIA. So, I went back to DCARR as a Reservation Agent retiring in 1995, right after I bought a piece of the airline.

During these years my children & I traveled to Europe, Mexico & throughout the US. Each Jan. we traveled to Cinamon Bay Campground in USVI. The name through all this was Ann Lenehan.

In Jan. 2006, after 28 years of widowhood, I married again. During our short marriage we have traveled to Barbados four times, to Maviti a beautiful island paradise in the Indian Ocean, made a trip to China, Shanghai and Beijing. We have also traveled in the US to SAN, CHI, DEN, HOU. We just returned from Prague & have San, Barbados & Cape Town on the agenda for a trip this year. Now I travel as Ann K. Gritis.

The years have given me & my family, so many happy memories & the benefits of airline travel. No matter how trying the job was, I was an ALSSA representative in some of the initial CAP/UAL talks, being sent to various cities, then the ESOP & early retirement. No matter what, the airline industry, Capital Airlines & United Airlines have given me so many memories. Memories I shall treasure all my days.

**Patti Hunt, 1 E Delaware Pl. Apt 20C, Chicago, IL 60611-4978**

How surprised was I, when I read UA Retirees didn't express that they would like & appreciate the return of the benefit of free passes.

After all the benefits lost by retirees, do you really believe that free travel pass benefit is a matter that needs members expressed desire? It is my understanding that some employees are presently receiving some free travel passes. What about us?

**David Shea, 3754 Compton Ln., San Jose, CA 95130**

Thank you for the Newsletter. I always enjoy reading about the travels & experiences of fellow retirees. It has been the "year of the house" here, new roof, new windows, new paint & new furnace. But still find time to travel to Florida & New York visiting with family & friends, especially the Grandkids.

Thanks again for everything.

**June B. Humphrey, 2161 Kalia Rd., Apt 515, Honolulu, HI 96815-1908**

Aloha,

Although I enjoy living out here in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, it is the monthly issues of RUAEA that keeps me in touch with my United Airlines mainland friends of 65 years.

Mahalo!

**Terry & Joan Gilkison, 2521 West Marion Ave. #1012, Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

Thanks for the "red stamp" reminder on the Newsletter. As usual the significance of the date would have slipped my mind. Sorry to see Jo Madden relinquish the helm after so many years. She has been one outstanding example of devotion, many retirees have put into our great organization. Sorry Joan & I will not be able to attend the Convention in Sacramento. No excuses, but if our health permits we will make next year wherever it might be.

Good luck to the group who will guide the Newsletter in the future.

**Gene Menten, 631 S. Palo Verde Way, Mesa, AZ 85208**

Twenty three years of retirement, most of which have been great except for health problems in the last year. Three ambulance trips in four months is not my idea of a joy ride! But the heart attack has been repaired with three stents, & cardiac rehab is going well. I'm back on the golf course & hoping the coming months are trouble free.

Many thanks for keeping us informed through the Newsletter. You are doing a great job.

**Don Davis, 11885 Nottingham Dr., Huntley, IL 60142**

Keep up the great work! It's 14 years retired now, & still going, well not exactly strong, but at least going.

Off to England in a couple of days, unfortunately for a funeral. We (Sheila & I) were there over Christmas for a more enjoyable time.

**Pat Di Lallo, 14740 N. Palmwood Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755**

Another year & I just don't know where the time has gone. It is 11 years since I retired from ORDCS & we are always busy doing something.

Rich is off to Canada with his son for a week of fishing & I will spend time in Chicago visiting friends & a trip to Springfield, MO to visit one of my grade school teachers who is 94 years old & sharp as a tack. I hope I can be like her if I make it to 94.

I had back surgery Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and everything is going well. The doctor said next year I can ride on roller coasters.

Thanks for all the hard work on the Newsletter.

**Evan Holly, 6535 Cypress Dr., Omaha, NE 68137**

Always look forward to the Newsletter each month. Wish I was able to help with it, but too far away. We are doing fine and always busy it seems.

**Flora V. Maclean, 6732 W. Hurlbut Street, Chicago, IL 60631**

Thank you for your efforts in putting a fine publication together monthly!

I especially like the "General News" with new information, happenings, Travel Tips by Bob & New Member Section. I am very excited about service to Italy!

Can you check why United Retirees are not on the list for Museums for discounts or free admission? Only active employees.

How about having a convention in Chicago, "Home of the Airline". Gorgeous city, accessible & lots to do! Architectural, boat rides, shopping, museums and parks.

**Donald Fusina, 9608 Conversation Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34655**

I wish you would publish the golf outing in Mesquite, NV next year. It's a lot of fun for all.

**Note from the Newsletter Manager:** Donald, thank you for your comments. A notice of the "golf outing" will be published in the Newsletter next year. The UARGC Golf Invitational was published in the March Newsletter page 6 and in the April Newsletter page 26. In addition to these two postings, it was placed on the RUAEA website for 2 months. The last I heard the tournament was a success & all who attended had a great time. The results of the tournament is published in the July 2007 Newsletter.

**Robert L. England, 2758 Bowmont Drive, Eugene, OR 97405**

It's time again! Enclosed are my dues, plus a bit for the postage fund.

It seems like just a while ago that I was accepted by United on my 17<sup>th</sup> birthday (6-5-44). I was paid the princely sum of 72 cents per hour. You could actually live on that then. I had left my job at Hammond Aircraft @ \$1.10 per hour because I was impressed by what United had already achieved under the leadership of Bill Patterson.

I knew that our company was respected world wide. I also knew that hard, honest work would be recognized & that you could rise as high as your abilities allowed. As one of many examples whom I could cite is, Tom Heller. He worked under me & others to learn the basics of aircraft maintenance, then rose steadily to become a Senior Vice President of UAL. Can you imagine some of our robber baron CEO's doing that?

Must end now to work on our new house next door. By the next mailing the address will be 2758 Bowmont Drive, Eugene OR 97405



With much gratitude to our able volunteers at RUAEA and a big "HI!" to my friends, from 45 great years at the SFO maintenance base.

**Edward Girard, 4638 E 14 Mile Rd., Dafter, MI 49724**

I enjoy the Newsletter as it keeps me up on everyone. I really don't know anyone other than the Northern Lites of MSP. I used to run into some of them when they came to AZ to get away from the snow & ice. Now I'm doing the same thing, only I don't go to AZ, I stay indoors. I really haven't had any bad winters yet.

Keep the Newsletter flying!

**Allan Pochop, 208 NW 450<sup>th</sup> Rd., Warrensburg, MO 64093-7654**

Another birthday. Wife & I just returned from CA. Ah, the anxiety of SA travel, thought we would be ahead of the summer rush. May 17<sup>th</sup> MCI-DEN-SFO. Got there but via LAX. Coming back May 24<sup>th</sup> the route was SFO-LAS-DEN-MCI. Until fall, SA travel is a burden instead of a benefit. Suppose one should e-mail the BP-1 personnel & let them know how the load factors are, one doesn't want them sitting around a terminal all day.

The Staff is doing a great job. I enjoy reading the chapter news & letters.

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

Last spring, my sis & I decided to financially support a Christian project in Chandegahr, India. We knew the devil would hate us, but little did we know how much.

Each month from May through Oct. (when we traveled to India) a major malfunction occurred, thank goodness for insurance. We arrived home to a house full of soot from the boiler exploding. The bright side is that rugs, clothes, everything got a good cleaning & the house didn't burn. We also found out how important that mission project is, so we did the same financial amount again. So much for the devil.

Keep the faith in all things.

**Rudy Maki, 6251 S. Mason Ave. Apt 2D, Chicago, IL 60638**

I was pleasantly surprised to have won and received the Grand Prize from last year's International Airlines Extravaganza at Las Vegas. This included a two night stay certificate at either Harrah's or Harvey's at Lake Tahoe plus a theater show certificate as well as \$300 spending money.

These need to be used before year end.

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A TAT Ford Trimotor at Crissy Field, San Francisco.

In early 1930, National Air Transport ceased flying passengers and focused on the more profitable mail flights. NAT passenger flights didn't resume until Oct. 1, 1930 following the Stout - NAT merger at Boeing Air Transport.

Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT), was the next passenger-carrying division of Clement Key's North American Aviation holding company.

The inaugural westbound Ford Tri-motor flight departed Columbus, Ohio on July 8, 1929.

Charles Lindbergh was given a substantial amount of stock and the position of "Technical Advisor" at TAT. The airline was then advertised and promoted as the "Lindbergh Line".

TAT was also known as "Take-A-Train". Day-time passenger travel was by Ford Tri-Motor and night-time travel was by Pullman rail-car.

The fare, New York to LA, was a hefty \$350 (\$3985 in 2006 dollars!) and the trip took 48 hours.

Although very luxurious, the flights averaged no more than 5 passengers in the 10 seat Trimotors. As a result, TAT lost \$2,750,000 (\$31,322,500) in the first 18 months of operation and shut down.

In 1930, U.S. Postmaster General Brown ruled that TAT would merge with "Pop" Hanshue's Western Air Express and become the "central route" of Brown's three new Transcontinental Air Routes.

The airline's name became "Transcontinental and Western Air" (TWA). Many years later the airline became "Trans World Airlines" (TWA). By Denver UAHF volunteer, Marvin Berryman

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