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## Election 2013



### RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2013

RUAEA is an organization of previous employees of United Airlines, Continental Airlines and their subsidiaries who have reached the age of retirement. It is also made up of spouses of members, and widows/widowers of deceased former members. The management of RUAEA consists of six Officers and ten Regional Directors. (One Officer, Past President, serves in this capacity by virtue of formerly being elected President.) This year, five of the Regional Director positions, will be filled. These fellow retirees, elected by you, our membership, have the duties and responsibility of running the business of RUAEA nationally and regionally. The business to further RUAEA as an organization of retired United Airlines employees is to be:

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

We are very pleased with the quality of candidates who have agreed to run for office, for their interest, support and commitment. With the challenges ahead for the new United, there are changes to come which will affect our membership. RUAEA must be in a position to meet these challenges and be an effective organization in its relations with the company as well as in its relations with all of us. Each of the candidates on the ballot can and will meet this obligation. Your involvement is to vote. Each of your votes is needed as a commitment of your support for these candidates and for RUAEA. Voting is open now through September 1, 2013. You may vote by paper ballot and mail it in; or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

Your Nominating Committee

Ron Bertacini (Chairman), Ron Robertson, Mort Wax, Len Haubl.

*Our Candidates ~ Please read candidates' bio on page 31.*



*Linda Scriven*



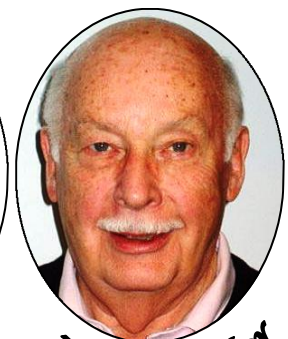
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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hello Fellow RUAEA Members,

By now you have received the Convention issue Newsletter. I am very excited about this convention and I sincerely hope to see many of you at the Denver Convention in October. Please read the Convention portion of the June Newsletter describing our upcoming activities. The convention hotel this year is the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North. Your registration at this great hotel includes a complimentary buffet breakfast for two. It is located near the old Stapleton Airport although you won't recognize it. It is now an area with shops and restaurants, and is very close to our hotel.

The Training Center is still there and is very active training pilots. We have tours lined up for the Training Center, as well as tours in and around the Denver area. We are having a Beer and Brats night to celebrate Oktoberfest, RUAEA's way. You will find a fabulous menu for our dinner on Saturday night, along with an exciting and renowned professional entertainer. Our friends from the Alliant Credit Union will be donating one bottle of red and one bottle of white wine for each table at dinner. Alliant is also supplying snacks for one of our hospitality nights.

All and all, I think you will find this to be a wonderful Convention, with something to interest all attendees. As I have said before, it is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and tell "war stories" as we all have many stories of our times when working. Please consider attending.

We, your elected officers are dedicated to putting on a yearly Convention for our members. Again, look over your June Convention issue carefully, book your hotel, plan your activities, invite your friends and family if they wish to attend. Remember parking at the hotel is free if you drive and transportation to the hotel is free if you fly. I look forward to seeing many of you, as I plan to have a great time as usual.

Hank Gosselin  
President – RUAEA

## Extensive Pass Travel Updates Available Online



At the May meeting of the AFA-CWA Retirees held in Burlingame, CA, Kirk Moore, (RAFA & RUAEA), gave an excellent presentation on pass travel. He even used his computer to show step by step how to list for a flight. He said the Flying Together>Travel page <https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/travel.jsp>

also has a step-by-step guide on how to list; it's called "WebEx Sessions & Reference Guides" and is located in the left panel on the Travel page.

Kirk mentioned that an important source of information for retirees with computer access is [www.rafa-cwa.org](http://www.rafa-cwa.org). From the home page, click on Travel Benefits to have information available to all with no password required. You can also access this site from the [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and clicking on Important Retiree Resources Link. Thank you, Kirk for sharing your information.

## TSA drops plans to allow small knives on board



The TSA on June 5<sup>th</sup>, announced it will drop plans to allow small knives on board planes in customers' carry-on items. United and other airlines opposed TSA's original proposal, announced in March, to allow small knives through security checkpoints.

TSA said it made this decision after extensive engagement with stakeholders. The agency said that its top priority continues to be expansion of efforts to implement a risk-based security approach to passenger screening while maximizing resources, a priority United supports.

## Pets traveling through ORD have new place to stay



United recently opened a new kennel facility at ORD to provide care and accommodations for animals traveling via its PetSafe service. The new kennel, located inside ORD's Cargo Facility, includes 28 individual enclosures, and different species are housed in separate, ventilated and temperature-controlled areas. UAL operates similar kennels at IAH and EWR.

*“We designed our new facility to provide the ultimate in safety and care for animals traveling with us,” said PetSafe Product Development Manager Fran Cervantes. “With the kennel location close to the gate area and our six specially built PetSafe vans exclusively used to transport animals, we get our four-legged passengers to and from their ORD flights as quickly and comfortably as possible.”*

The Spot Experience - the same service partner that provides care at United’s EWR kennel - is operating United’s ORD facility. Its staff members ensure all the enclosures are kept clean and sanitized, walk and exercise pets and provide grooming and bathing on request.

*“Everyone involved in PetSafe at ORD is excited about the new kennel,” said Cargo Operations Senior Manager Rod Zimmerman. “This includes the dedicated PetSafe runners, who do a phenomenal job supporting the service every day, as well as the entire Ramp and Cargo Operations teams. Many of us are pet owners, so we’re proud of our role in keeping all the animals traveling through ORD as safe, healthy and comfortable as possible. PetSafe’s reputation as the premier animal transport service in the industry is very important to all of us.”*

#### **As last 737-500 departs, United takes delivery of another 737-900ER**



United’s fleet became even more efficient as May 31<sup>st</sup>, was the final flight of its last Boeing 737-500 and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, UAL took delivery of aircraft No. 475, a Boeing 737-900ER. The next-

generation aircraft is more than 30 percent more fuel efficient per seat than the 737-500.

No. 475 is the eleventh 737-900ER that United took delivery of this year; the company expects to receive its next near the end of this month.

These next-generation 737s feature cabin enhancements like speakers in every row to improve the clarity of cabin announcements, larger overhead bins, brighter reading lights and softer cabin lighting.

#### **UAL joins AltAir Fuels in bringing commercial-scale, cost-competitive biofuels to aviation**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, United executed an agreement with AltAir Fuels for cost-competitive, sustainable, advanced biofuels at commercial scale. AltAir Fuels will retrofit part of an existing petroleum refinery to become a 30 million-gallon-per-year, advanced biofuel refinery near Los Angeles. AltAir will produce low-carbon, renewable jet fuel and other renewable products from non-



edible natural oils and agricultural wastes.

AltAir expects to begin delivering five million gallons of the fuel per year to United starting in 2014 for its use on flights operating out of LAX. UAL has agreed to buy 15 million gallons of the fuel over a three-year period, with the option to purchase more, at a price competitive with traditional, petroleum-based jet fuel.

AltAir is retooling idled refining equipment to increase the U.S.’s energy supply - positively impacting the southern California economy and providing the opportunity to sustainably power LAX flights.

The AltAir facility will be the first refinery in the world fully integrated to produce both renewable jet and diesel fuels. These advanced biofuels are drop-in replacements for petroleum-based fuel, requiring no modification to factory-standard engines or aircraft, providing the same performance as conventional jet fuel. United expects AltAir Fuels’ renewable jet fuel to achieve at least a 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions on a lifecycle basis. The lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions of a fuel are considered from well-to-wheel, which in the case of biofuels includes everything from feedstock development, recovery and transportation to the production, transportation and combustion of the fuels on our aircraft. United will work with AltAir on a range of sustainability standards such as land use, water impacts

#### **United and Star Alliance partner Austrian Airlines team up on VIE-ORD service**



Star Alliance partner OS (Austrian Airlines) will operate five flights a week from VIE (Vienna) to ORD this summer. OS will operate the service using a Boeing 767 with a two-class configuration for approximately 200 Economy and 30 Business passengers.

#### **Torgy’s Travel Tips**

It’s summertime and everyone is heading out on vacation which can make standby travel a challenge. Remember though, we can travel positive space on United or United Express and still enjoy a 20% discount. The program is called “My UA Discount”. The discount applies to economy class only and can be used on any available fare offered to the general public. You are subject to all of the rules and restrictions of the fare, including non-refundability, change fees, etc., but you





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still are allowed 2 free checked bags. Additionally, you are allowed to accrue Mileage Plus miles and are eligible for denied boarding compensation and other amenities during irregular operations. This discount is available to you, your spouse AND your enrolled friends. To book this type of reservation and purchase tickets, you

must begin the process at: [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com)>Travel>MyUADiscount>BookFlights.

The cruise ship season to Alaska is in full swing in SEA with over 188 cruises departing between May and September 2013. That's over 852,000 passengers, who will be flying into and out of SEA. At the same time, the UA ticket counter and all UA gates have just moved to new locations at SeaTac. Take note of the following information if your plans include a flight to SEA:

- ❖ Ticket Counter – Located at the extreme south end of the terminal (between doors 7 and 11) Gates – Flights now depart from the main terminal concourse A6-A14 (no subway ride needed). Some gates are a good ½ mile walk from the ticket counter, so do not hesitate to request wheelchair assistance when listing as there are electric carts on hand to assist all passengers.
- ❖ Security Checkpoints – The closest checkpoint to UA flights is the last checkpoint in the airport which also serves the majority of the international carriers. This checkpoint can become very busy. Quicker processing can sometimes be found at other checkpoints, but be mindful of the time needed to reach your gate, as the distance to the A concourse is considerable.
- ❖ Cashless Counters – SEA joins the 7 hub stations (ORD, IAD, EWR, CLE, IAH, LAX, SFO) that no longer accept cash for any transactions at the counter. All fees must now be paid with a credit or debit card. Eventually all UA stations will join this process. If you do not have a credit or debit card, there is a kiosk near the counter called My Ready Card which will take your cash and issue you a VISA card. The card can be used anywhere VISA is accepted and the value is good for 1 year. You may purchase the card using \$1, 5, 10, 20, 50 or 100 dollar bills. If the value of the card is not used up within 1 year, a \$2.95 fee is deducted from the remaining value per month.

Lastly, a word about standing by for a first class seat on 3 cabin UA aircraft. Since the changeover from Apollo to Continental's computer system, Shares, sev-

eral non-revs have commented that they have been assigned seats in economy vs. business after the first class cabin has checked in full. In researching this issue, the Employee Travel Center wrote: *Currently, there is no automation in SHARES that will assign a pass rider booked in first class a seat in business class if first class is not available. This function is performed manually by the gate agent. When first class is full, pass riders booked in first class are assigned a seat in economy. Pass riders who book in first class may ask the gate agent if seats are available in business class. If there are no seats available in business class, the pass rider will be accommodated in economy, in boarding priority order.*

Since gate agents are often under tight time constraints right before departure, it may be beneficial to remind the agent of your preferences when you first arrive at the gate rather than expecting a quick remedy if an error is made at departure time.

Till next time, happy travels!

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



The USS Somerset, a ship built in Avondale, LA was named to honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93. It will be commissioned in Philadelphia, 200 miles from the impact site in an

abandoned Somerset County coal field. The USS Somerset's christening ceremony was held last July in Louisiana. The Somerset's bow was built from metals recovered from the crash site. Pennsylvania will be honored to have the Somerset begin service in the Port of Philadelphia. I hope to have more details next month and trust I will be able to attend.

To donate, make check to United Flt. 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252. Thank you.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note**: *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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*and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.*

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## LOCAL NEWS

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What a great meeting we had on May 16! During our Alabama/Florida Chapter of RUAEA meeting, 7 members had to cancel at the last minute. **Ray & My Owens** had an out of town ball game with a grandson that ran late into the night, **Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl** could not get past the gate at NAS because they were on their motorcycle and were not dressed as required by the military, **Harold Stofko** was not feeling well and **Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** were exhausted after the week of activities with the reunion of the First Aviation Officer Candidates that were commissioned 58 years ago here at Pensacola NAS. **Steve & Annie** hosted the event with lots of activities and events. They thought they were as young as they were back then but they found their energy level isn't what it used to be and as a result could not muster up enough strength to attend our meeting! We missed these 7 members and look forward to seeing them next month. The 15 members who had enough energy to attend were: **Nancy Aldrich, George & Denny Atteberry, Bill & Ann Delavan, Conrad Hamilton, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, and Barbara Serra.** Our Vice-President, **Bill Hayden**, was unable to attend due to another commitment. We were thrilled that **Nancy Aldrich** was with us again. Her singing group that she is a part of now meets at a different time so we are looking forward to her being with us much more often. Several other members were out of town for different events and we missed all of them.

Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra** and **Bob Schwartz** while waiting for our lunches to be served. **Nancy Aldrich** was asked to draw the winning ticket. **Barbara Serra** was the winner this month. Congratulations, Barbara!

After eating our delicious lunch, **Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 1:15 PM. If you ever visit the Aviation Museum and eat lunch at the Cubi Bar Café, we highly recommend their Cubi Dog. **Bob Schwartz** found out that Cubi Bar used to give a patch when a person had eaten 100 Cubi Dogs. He is

well on his way to earning his patch! The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent with no questions or corrections.

Raffle tickets were drawn for our two extra Chocolate Chip cookies and the lucky ones were **Nancy Aldrich** and **Barbara Serra**.

Our June birthday person is **Steve Wilkey (30<sup>th</sup>)**. Happy Birthday! We have no July birthdays.

A discussion was held and everyone agreed that our June meeting will be held at the home of **Billie & Park Learned** in Foley, AL. **Yvonne Schwartz** will make BBQ Pulled Pork and chicken. Everyone attending will bring an appetizer or side dish to share. So far, our menu will include Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Curried Rice Salad, Fruit Salad, Guacamole Dip & Chips, Cheese & Crackers plus dessert. Don't you want to come join us? After lunch, we will pick blueberries from the many bushes that **Park & Billie** have. Their berries are always so big, juicy, sweet and delicious!

**Nancy Aldrich** announced that the Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum where we meet each month is looking for volunteers. There are 100's of areas that volunteers are needed.

**Conrad Hamilton** was asked to explain the IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma his daughter will receive on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from Pensacola High School. She also received the top English award for her school. This is a very distinguished diploma and she has spent 4 long years to earn it. She spent approximately 6 hours a night on homework all 4 years. She will graduate #7 out of 90 students and plans to attend the American University in Washington, D.C. studying International Studies and Law. We all are so proud of her and **Conrad** is especially proud of her.

We invite you to attend our meeting if you are ever in our area. We have a fun group! Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month and we almost always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), please come join us. We have members who were pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, customer service reps and even one IT person! Come join us!

#### Calendar:

**June 20** - Learned's Home in Foley, AL

**July 20** - We always begin at 11:30 AM



## ARIZONA

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Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July ~ Please pray for our troops all around the world!

We have postponed our lunches through the summer months and will resume in October with our annual picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City, AZ. We're in the "triple digits" now and it's best to stay pretty much indoors unless you're in a pool.

We had a small group of Azures meet at The Raven Grill in Verrado (Buckeye, AZ) for a Memorial day breakfast. Attendees were: **Dick & Joan Aaronson, Joe & Lisa Hopkins, Vic & Carol Liltz, Bob & Norma Lutzinger, Marge Mullman, Vivian Klick** and **Rose Barry**. This was an impromptu meeting orchestrated by **Joe Hopkins** and turned out very pleasant sitting on the patio at The Raven with great conversations. Note to self ... must do more of that.

**Ziggy Butkiewicz** reports that he and **Pat** are well and his knee replacement is healing nicely so he's back to at least 2, and sometimes 3, times a week golfing. The "boys" are asking him to play ball again this fall with the Pebblecreek league but Zig is thinking about it. We love to hear that!

**Jean Kerman** just returned from a 3-wk trip starting in Basil, Switzerland through Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Sounds like one of those beautiful river cruises.

Congratulations to **Lowell (ORDMM) & Pat Neal** on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 15.

**Marge & Gene Hinnars** (ORD & IND Maintenance) are doing fine. After leaving Arizona in April and back to their home in Huntley, IL, they took a trip to Florida to see family and then saw **Wayne Walton** (ORDMM) and wife in Alabama on their way back.

**Joe & Lisa Hopkins** have Lisa's daughter Dolly, husband Bob, and children Jimmy and Jason, visiting from Chicago and enjoying their pool with the 100-degree weather we're having. Joe & Lisa's new patio furniture is arriving this week and solar panels will be installed sometime this summer. They will be amazed at the difference in the amount of their electric bill when the solar takes over. Our bill runs around \$13.00 and change per month.

I heard from **Laura Ehas (EXO)** that **Jim** had an episode with dehydration. He collapsed, Laura called an ambulance and the hospital was able to hydrate Jim without permanent damage to his kidneys or any other

organs. We must remember to drink, drink water, that is. Vic's doctor said at least 50 ounces per day or more if you're outside, especially in the Arizona heat.

**Olive Crowthers** is doing well and doing the "same old stuff", she says, but happy she's doing that.

We heard from **Sherry Muoio** and **Susie Hughes** regarding their health issues. They are still in recovery modes: Susie goes to Boswell Hospital 3 times a week for heart rehab. Sherry has PT and OT at least twice a week for both and has a visiting nurse once a week and is still on non-weight-bearing on her right leg due to the second hip surgery. Prayers are with them through these tremendous ordeals.

**Mike & Claudia Richards** just came back from a trip to the Bahamas. They had a great time except on the return. A delay due to weather in IAH, then an unscheduled landing in CRP, with a 3-hour delay, then the police got on board the flight and took two men off in handcuffs, very interesting!

Happy Birthday greetings to **Jean Wood** on July 18, **Claudia Richards** on July 19 and **Sonny Carns** on July 25 and anyone else for their July birthdays. We hope you have good ones!

Well, Vic and I are off to Huntley, IL for a couple of weeks and then back to AZ for a couple of doctor's appointments and to check on things. We plan to spend most of July and August in Huntley, and catch up with our UA friends in the area. Thank goodness for our "ride" back and forth.

Stay cool!

#### Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City West, AZ will be held at 0800. Call **Jim Bechtold** (623) 465-5423 and let him know you'll be attending.

**July 2**

**July 16**

**July 30**

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Happy Fourth of July! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. If you're in the Phoenix area and would like to check out our chapter sometime, we meet for Breakfast on the fourth Friday of every month at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We would enjoy having you join us any time. All you need to do is contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), a couple of days before the breakfast, so she can let the

staff at the restaurant know how many to plan for. **Peg** would be glad to give you directions or any information you might need. We're open to anyone who has ever worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and is 55 years old or older. Please join us when you can. You'll be glad you did.

Our breakfast in May at the Black Bear Diner had 18 members attending. We discussed the various challenges we have with the new retiree stand-by rules (good way to get some questions answered). The RUAEA Convention being held in Denver, Colorado this year from October 9 – 13 was discussed and noted that several of our members plan on attending. We also reminded everyone to be on the lookout for cute, cuddly-stuffed animals to put in our gift bags for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight in early December. We also like to include in their bags, any small soaps, shampoos, and lotions you may find as you travel.

Our Arizona Region Director, **Bob Hallden**, who is a member of our Re-United's Chapter, reported on the Retiree badges that has been in the process that they have begun the testing process of physically printing retiree badges. Once this is done, they will be able to provide detailed instructions and tips on how to go about ordering these badges. More will be coming out in the future.

In the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter is information about the Convention starting October 9<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 4040 Quebec Street, in Denver, CO. The Hotel provides complimentary scheduled airport shuttle service, free scheduled shuttle to local shops and attractions, free on-site parking, daily breakfast buffets for 2, and complimentary highspeed Internet access. Room rates start at \$99 plus tax for single and double occupancy. On Friday, they will celebrate Denver Beer Fest with a Beer and Brats night sponsored by RUAEA for only \$3.00 per person. Saturday morning will be the business meeting and benefits panel presentation and the banquet in the evening. There are a number of good tours available on Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. The Registration Form can be found near the back of the June issue. The deadline for registering for the hotel and the Convention is September 6, 2013. If you wish to sit together with someone at the banquet, you can indicate that on the bottom of the registration form. Be sure and register early so you don't miss out! All the information about the Convention and forms can also be found on the web at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). We hope many will attend. Start making your plans now. You can make a nice vacation out of this trip.

We have several birthdays this month. They are **Veronica Kundit** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Fred Rockenhauer** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Don Eiken** (7/24), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), **Steve Cooper**



(7/28), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have no known Wedding Anniversaries in July.

Calendar:

**July 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by July 24 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**August 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

**September 27** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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We all got together at Harvest Restaurant in Oro Valley for our May luncheon. Twenty-seven members attended the event hosted by **Pete & Alice Lopez**. Our thanks go to them for organizing this enjoyable lunch. In May, our lucky 50/25/25 winners were **Pete Lopez** and **Ed Kokot**. We had one new comer at our luncheon this month, **Dave Folker** from CHISS. Dave and his wife Joann, also a former United employee, moved to the Tucson area about 1½ years ago. We are happy to welcome them to the Roadrunners.

In June, our luncheon will be hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am at the Thunder Canyon Brewery located in the Foothills Mall on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Foothills Mall is on La Cholla Blvd. and Ina Road. We will be ordering off the menu. RSVP to **Pat** or **Rich** at [rpdgarlic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarlic41@comcast.net) or (520) 825-7370 by Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

July's luncheon will be held at the Metropolitan Grill on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The restaurant is located at 7892 N. Oracle Rd. which is on the corner of Magee and Oracle. The **McGlothlins** are hosting so please contact **Carolyn** or **Merritt** at (520) 572-7853 or e-mail them at [mer-rittm@nationwide.net](mailto:mer-rittm@nationwide.net) by July 16.

This year, the Roadrunners will be holding their annual dinner in Pinetop on August 15<sup>th</sup>. For all that are planning to attend, **George Morris** is planning to host cocktail hour at his home prior to dinner at the Club the evening of August 15. On Friday, **Dora & Gordon Starr** are putting plans in place for lunch; details to follow.

Calendar:

**June 20** – Luncheon at Thunder Canyon Brewery hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

**July 18** –Metropolitan Grill hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**

**August 15** – Pinetop Country Club

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We didn't have our Chapter meeting in May. I did receive sad news that **Garver Sandy** died on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He and **Wilma** were long time members of the Central Coasters. I knew Garver from the time we worked at SFOMB. I got to renew our friendship after joining the Central Coasters around 2001. We both started working for Capital, Garver in DCA and myself at MDW. We enjoyed reminiscing about the good old days and some he reminded me about that I had forgotten. When I joined the Central Coasters, Wilma was the secretary and after the Sandys found it too hard to drive from the Bay Area, the secretarial job was given to me. I think the Sandys were one of the original organizers of our Chapter and a lot of credit has to go out to them for driving down south all those years. We missed them after they decided to remain in the Bay Area, since their attendance was so important to our meetings. Our love and prayers go out to Wilma.

On another sad note, I was informed that **Ken Millington** died, he was an old member of the Central Coasters.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** at their home on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob is an excellent cook and all of us look forward to attending an Italian luncheon.

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The Brazen Raisin Group has cancelled the June, July and August meetings due to lack of interest during the summer months. Besides, I fell and shattered my kneecap, which I had operated on a week ago, so I will be recuperating most of the summer. We hope to get started again in September.







## DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds held their May Luncheon at Cello's (pronounced "Chello's"), an American Bistro, in Cathedral City. We had not been to Cello's before (as a group), so kudos to our hostess, **Carole Paquin**, for finding this delightful eatery. Thirty three Sunbirds and guests enjoyed meal selections from Chicken or Shrimp Salad, Short Rib Ragu, to "Where's the Beef" Sandwich. We were all very pleased to see **Ron Aggson** make an appearance. First time since Christmas, Ron appeared to enjoy seeing us, as much as we were to see him. **Val Tinus** was again the guest of **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** (still waiting for you to join our group, Val!) **Sheila O'Brien** was the guest of **Siv Adams**; and **Dee Whately** brought **Carolyn Baumgartner** (formerly LAXSW), who lives in Las Vegas, and who last visited us at this time last year. Our 2013 Rosters were handed out. On behalf of all the Desert Sunbirds ~ thank you, **Sandy Sereno**, for a job well done. The Desert Sunbirds are 71 strong at this time.

The Birthday Lunch winner was **Robb Bohart**. **Dee Whately** won \$50 and **Mary Frank** \$13 in the 50/50 drawing. In addition, Cello's added two "lunch for two" to the drawing, **Melinda Lerg** and **Sheila O'Brien** were the lucky recipients. Guest **Val Tinus** won a \$25 gift certificate from a nearby restaurant, Michael's. Finally, our Hostess, Carole, donated a couple bottles of wine to the drawing, won by **Barb Harrison** and **Jan Kellerhals**.

### Calendar:

**July 10** – Hosted by **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**

**August 14** – Hosted by **Marge Lenz** and **Ken Hawley**

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## **SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on May 29 at Strings in Auburn. This was hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**. We had 51 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked **Sonda** for hosting. It was also **Hank's** birthday and we cele-

brated with a birthday cake brought in by his wife and two daughters.

### Officers Reports:

*President* ~ **Hank Wikstad** talked about a brochure that showed female flight attendant uniforms back through the years. They are being displayed prior to the security gate at the SF Museum at the SF International Airport. Right now, they are focusing on United.

*Vice President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** said all luncheons have hosts now through the end of the year. **Stephanie Norton** who has the September luncheon asked if we could have a dinner instead of a luncheon as she wants to go to a special place and they are not open for lunch. She got a show of hands and she will think about whether to do it or not.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for May: Those 50 years and over: **Terry & Penny Greenacre** (51 years). **Harold Esola** lead the anniversary song.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** gave our balance.

*Sunshine* ~ **Alice McPeak** brought cards for us to sign for **Dale Volker**, **Darryll Stroud** and **Bob & Margaret Eggert**. There was a proposal made by Alice that if any luncheons are not hosted by March of next year, that we go to the Sizzler in Auburn.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** still has rosters. See him if you need one.

*Past President of RUAEA* ~ **Ron Bertacini** reminded us that the convention will be in Denver, CO October 9-12 which is a Wednesday through Saturday at the Double Tree North Hotel. They are still taking reservations. The \$99 rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after the convention. He hopes everyone will consider attending.

**Terry Greenacre** talked about "mail bug". You can email anyone without internet. He can get you one for about \$100. It will cost you \$9.95/month. See Terry if you are interested.

We were reminded that the Minden get-together will be August 19-22 with Wednesday being the BBQ.

### Calendar:

**June 26** – The Ridge Golf Club restaurant in Auburn hosted by **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson**

**July 31** - The Sizzler in Auburn hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**





## **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Do you like Mexican or Asian cuisine, barbeque, fresh salads, delicious desserts? Well, you just know that you can find plenty to satisfy your taste buds when we meet at the Red Hawk Casino for our luncheon. That's exactly what the 34 Miners in attendance on May 13<sup>th</sup> enjoyed. A heartfelt "Thank You" to **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** for hosting our May luncheon.

Rudy started our meeting off with acknowledgment of couples having anniversaries. **Jerry & Mary Juba** have 56 years together; **Jon & Alice Somplack** have enjoyed 33 years. No one owned up to having a birthday, if we missed you, hope you had a great day. **Thom Biro** brought a guest with him, his coworker, **Russ Hayden**, was welcomed by all.

*President* ~ Rudy heard from quite a few friends concerning Seniority Boarding. So, here's how it will work for you now. On the day you retired you had "X" number of years, months, days. Under the old policy (DOH - date of hire), whoever got hired first is senior. Now, under the new policy (YOS), whoever has worked the longest is senior. YOS (years of service) is determined by "date of retirement" minus "date of hire". As retirees, we cannot increase our YOS. Those still working are still accruing seniority. Eventually, they will catch up with us old timers. Your "years/months/days of service" are noted below your name and your ID number on the Employee Profile page in FlyingTogether>employeesRES>QuickLinks>EmployeeProfile. A "Board Date" calculator is on the same page; it displays your Board Date on future travel dates. "Board dates: are displayed on the pass riders list" in employeeRES when booking travel.

The IT department is working to fix the pass rider list glitch in "My Travel Plans". When you book a trip in employeeRES and check the pass rider list from the "details" link in "My travel Plans", standbys may not be shown in the correct "Board Date" order. Go to "Flight Search" and look up your trip there; the pass rider list will be accurate. Gate agents will board standbys in the current order and the standby list on United.com will also show the proper order.

Apparently, there is some confusion over whether imputed taxes for retirees should be reported in Box 3 or Box 7 of the 1099 form. United insists Box 7 is correct and will not be re-issuing 1099 forms. They advise retirees who received 1099s to consult with their CPAs on how to declare the income on their IRS forms. If you did not receive a 1099, don't worry about it, it means

your taxable pass riders did not accrue \$600 or more of tax value in 2012. It was advised by our members to keep an eye on your taxable pass riders. When you allow your companion passes to be used by your designated people, the cost for the flight will go onto your taxable income! They do add up and you will be the person responsible to pay the tax. Also note: pass travel reports and 1099s for 2012 only covered the period 3/3/12 thru 10/31/12. This year, the 1099 will cover travel from 11/1/2012 thru 10/31/2013.

This may fall under *Old Business* ~ The retiree badges are coming! Really!

Another reminder to report a change of address to United. Even if you have direct deposit, you still must report your new address. Have you found that you can't log on to FlyingTogether? You may need to reset your FlyingTogether password. Use the "Password reset" link at the bottom of the sign-in page or use an automated telephone system.

Don't be late to the gate! Pass riders have reported that some flights have departed early. If all revenue passengers are onboard before departure time, the plane may not wait for standbys. Sometimes standby seats are assigned early. If you are not at the gate to get your boarding pass, the agents will hold your seat assignment until 15 minutes before departure (until 30 minutes before on international). If you have not boarded by that time, your assigned seat may be given away to someone junior on the list. On some international flights, the standby lists can be cleared 60 minutes before takeoff! If you have a Global First or Business First boarding pass, you are entitled to use United's airport lounge, just be sure to be available to board the flight 30 minutes before departure!

Many US cell phones are either very expensive to use or simply cannot be used abroad. If it makes sense for you to buy an international phone, check this website: <http://www.edit.com>. Be aware which calls are covered and which cost extra according to the phone and plan purchased. FlyingTogether can be copied into your smart phone or tablet's browser, <https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/home.isp>. After logging on, click on "Full Site" at the bottom of the menu and it will look like it does on your home computer, with full access to All About Me, the Travel page, and employeeRES.

*Vice President* ~ Bill complimented our Historian, **Lynda Lima**, on the wonderful job she has done putting together albums for the Hangtown Miners. If you didn't have time to look thru them, be sure to check them out next luncheon.

*Secretary* ~ Jane did not have anything new to report but she did ask if anyone was willing to take on our Dec. luncheon. **Thom Biro** has agreed to host December and will be accepting assistance from our Miners.

Thom would like to use the Veterans Memorial Hall in Placerville. He will be going in to reserve it for us.

**Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny** reported that, after the monies from the raffle were added in, we now have \$1,321.61 in our checking account. Isn't it nice to have a "comma"? Tom also mentioned that **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** gave him a call to ask just what he put down for "description" and did he mention "Tea Party" on our application for non-profit status with the IRS. Though that was said in fun, he did speak to an IRS person and they said that it has been taking a year to get the paperwork done. So, we are looking at July for our letter. Anyone holding their breath on that one?

Sunshine ~ Jeanette is doing a great job keeping up with members who may be experiencing problems. If you know of any UAL retirees who are having something unusual going on, please let her know. **Thom Biro** reported that **Gene Lawler** had a stroke. He is doing better but in the hospital for more tests and therapy. **JR Heier** was able to join us today; he is looking and feeling much better. Rosemary could not join us as she was helping their son, Keith, and his family. Keith fell down some stairs and sustained some nasty face problems. Our best wishes go out to all.

Historian ~ As mentioned above, Lynda has done a great job putting together albums of pictures taken over the years. Thank you, Linda!

Now, we have our annual special treat next month. **Ed & Lindalee Akin**, with help from **Suzie Quinnell**, will be hosting our June luncheon on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at their lovely ranch in Placerville. Don't miss out!

Let the fun begin! The Drawing Of Opportunity began with **Lynda Lima** winning the cash ticket. Donations came from: Lima ~ basket; Biro ~ wine; Dinette ~ wine; D'Amico ~ can of cookies; Buschman ~ wine; Kenny ~ United Teddy Bear; Czapkay ~ candy; Ouchi ~ wine and the table settings from Wolframs. A rousing "Thank You" to each of you.

In years past, we don't usually have our raffle at the June luncheon. But, I am told that this year we will be holding it, so keep your eye out for that special something to bring.

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After a beautiful drive through the rolling hills and valleys of west Sonoma and Marin County, we arrived in Nicasio for our May Luncheon. **Joan Sheahan, Ann**

**Sullivan and Joan Olsson** were our hosts at the historic Rancho Nicasio Restaurant.

President **George Schwind** welcomed 31 members and guests and thanked our hosts for selecting such a beautiful setting for our luncheon.

Vice President **Brandon Maus** introduced our 3 guests: **Marlene von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**, **Lee Trevelyan**, guest of **Barney Hagen** and **Jennifer**, guest of **Ruth Loy**.

In the absence of Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** and our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr**, President **George Schwind** wore many hats. He announced that our finances are good, we are solvent and in the black. George then announced the birthdays for May ~ **Joanne Huhn**, **Maria van Kruning**, **Jerome Underhill** and **Barbara Briggs**. **Joanne Huhn** was the birthday winner. Anniversaries were **Don & Norma Davis** (32 years) and **Ernie & Donna Stuke** (63 years).

**Barney Hagen** gave us some great tips about navigating our electronic devices when making travel plans.

**Roger Casterline** talked a little about the upcoming convention in Denver.

The raffle of truffles, wine and the beautiful and colorful plants that served as centerpieces was a resounding success.

### **Calendar:**

Luncheon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month

**July 11** - Le Chalet Basque, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

**August 8** - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**

**September 12** - La Gare, hosted by **Jan Blackburn & Valerie Hulsey**

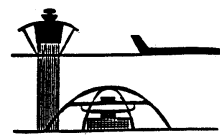
**October 10** - Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

**November 14** - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Pat & Brandon Maus**

**December 12** - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers

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We have an update on **Howard Lackey**. He moved to Northern California under the loving care of his family. Many doctor visits provided some improvement in his voice, energy level and a lessening of pain in his eye. Since he can now sleep better, he has his old habit of walking to get him out of the house. He doesn't walk several miles as he used to, but, he does walk with his sister Luann. Howard is steadily doing his Vice Presi-

dent's job via long distance. What's that old saying? "You can't keep a good man down!" Send loving thoughts to him at his home address; 13856 Bora Bora Way, #110, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292.

**Sylvia Allen's** 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party was a huge success! We love these big get-togethers! Some of those attending were - **Ron McDavid, Lisa Lyon, Sarah Purkhart, Twila Congelton, Betty Tomaino, Matt McMillon, Beverly McAlister, Laly Savoy, Dede Utzinger, Margie Equihua, Sharon Carey, Mary Lou Favela, Jim Ferrance, Hal & Donna Klobe, Jerry Luxenburg, Tarina Murray, Dawn Kealoha, Jim Lynskey, Pat Mosk, Marcia Perry, Sharon Record, Charlene Walker, Barbara Whelpton** and many others. For those people asking about **Barbara Smith**; she still takes oxygen nightly and gets around on a local level very well. She still drives, but only at Leisure World. Send notes to: 13721 El Dorado Dr. #20H, Seal Beach, CA 90620.

**Herb & Betty Kopp** are hoping to attend the June luncheon. They are both strong and taking life, "One day at a time". They celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope they had a special evening. 6200 Belle Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620.

**Carl Delia** called to advise that he and his wife, **Barbara** will not be seeing us in June. Barbara is recovering from colon surgery for the second time. We send our love and good wishes. 23041 Posada Dr., Valencia, CA 91354.

*Airport Parking Lot E* ~ This lot will no longer be available to retirees beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. New parking lots for employees and retirees will be added to the Employee Lot D, and in the same general vicinity. The new lots are: Employee Lot East and Employee Lot South. Tickets are still available at 251 World Way and will be raised to \$45.00 per month. If you have any questions, call LAWA at (310) 646-2911 from 7:00AM to 4:00PM. We will be handing out information at the June Re-LAX-er Luncheon with all the details and maps showing location of the new lots. Sorry, Folks!

#### Calendar:

**August 1** - Steak fry - El Segundo Park - 11:00AM

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We had twenty seven in attendance at our breakfast this month. **Bob & Carol Stoop** joined us for a visit. They are currently living in Mesa, Arizona. It is always special when they drop in to see everyone. **Barbara**

**Tobin** also joined us, she looks great and is in good spirits after just completing her second chemo treatment for breast cancer. We will continue to offer her our support as she continues with her treatments. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Al Soderberg**.

Next month, our breakfast will be held on the second Thursday of the month as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday falls on the first Thursday.

Remember, if you are planning a trip to sunny San Diego we would love to have you join us for breakfast!

#### Calendar:

**July 11** – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226 0255



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Our meeting was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, a week early due to the Memorial Day holiday. A large number of members were away on trips. Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** was leading a large pack of members for a two-week tour of Croatia. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathy Hutt** was visiting family in England. We welcomed back **Bob** and Secretary **Donna Taiclet** from a fabulous trip to Normandy. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Jerry Underhill** reported from the Mainliner Club regarding a Reno bus trip August 16-18. **Roger Casterline** updated us regarding the Convention in October - it will be held in Denver at the Double Tree Hotel, Denver Stapleton North. Side trips are available at good prices.

In **Kathy Hutt's** absence, **Jerry Underhill** introduced the entertainment for the day - Ballet Folklorico, a Mexican dance group. The women's costumes were beautiful; the program was enjoyed immensely!

A Hot Dog Luncheon will be offered at our June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for \$5.00. (Remember, this is a special interline discounted meal so you can't afford to stay away!) Tickets can be purchased by calling **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765 no later than June 20.

President **Ralph Trullinger** adjourned the meeting with the reminder that our next meeting will be on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar:

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 11am – 2pm at William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404



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Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July from the South Bay RUAEA!

We've been getting ready for an excursion to the Military Vehicle Museum in Los Altos this month and will let you know how it was next month.

We have been averaging around 40-45 people at our weekly meetings. One of our members commented recently that this is one of the most active retiree groups of which he has been a part. We do enjoy our breakfast meetings which usually include updates on airline news, travel tidbits, and jokes that keep us smiling.

**Georgia Nielsen** reported that at the south end of SFO's International terminal is the aviation museum. Presently, there is an interesting display of United flight attendant uniforms and memorabilia so if you are passing thru, stop by and visit aviation history.

We had our annual picnic but again due to the newsletter's deadline, we'll have to tell you about it in August.

This month we celebrated the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Larry & Jacqueline Tulee**.

A number of us have already made our hotel reservations for the October RUAEA convention in Denver. We're looking forward to enjoying the mile high city and seeing fellow United retirees.

### Calendar:

We meet every Friday morning at 8 AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on De Anza Blvd. across from the Home Depot, in San Jose. Please join us.

**July 18** - Military Vehicle Museum Los Altos, CA.



## SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our May meeting was held at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson, hosted by **Don & Cathy Rentzel**. President **Jack Walls** opened with the Pledge of Allegiance (thank you **Bobby Brooks** for acting as our "flag pole"). Our meal was an Italian theme buffet and many went home with doggie bags.

President Walls passed out fliers on the Eleventh Annual UAL Retiree's "Minden Get-Together", August 19-22, 2013 in Minden, NV.

Announcements included the information that **Ben & Karen Yeatts'** son passed away. The funeral/memorial information will be sent from the email list.

In our "joke hour", **Guy Hoffman** offered information concerning the income cut the UAL CEO was forced to take. He said UAL had extreme costs for flight delays and they are attempting to make up the difference with fare rates. We continued the real jokes with input from **Bob Blair** (who made us all laugh out loud).

For our "how's the flying going" time, **Bob Blair** told about a trip he took with some friends. Once he got through changing his password and getting listed, he suggested all of us add to our "bucket list" the Cody Museum in Cody, Wyoming. He felt it was one of the best places he has visited. **Sandy Brooks** said you need to register for a flight within 24 hours of the take-off. She said UAL has an aim to extract \$19.00 from each customer in extra fees. Apparently the grounding of the 787's meant UAL lost 11 million.

Our door prizes for the luncheon were lovely (and many). As we adjourned the meeting, President Jack distributed long stemmed red carnations to all the mothers in the group. We had a lovely lunch and were again reminded how valuable reconnecting with friends really is.

Our next meeting will be June 13, and the location and hosts will be announced in our newsletter. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and we would love to have visitors or new members join us. For information concerning the meeting, call **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073.

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Our May meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 38 members and guests. Many thanks (again) to **Carol Parks** for her Mother's Day corsages and to **Jan Nichols** for the beautiful roses! We were pleased to see returnees **Liz Griffiths** and her sister **Jan Nichols**, **Gail Sexton** and **Pat McEnaney**. We extended a big thank you to **Emma Lou Olson**, our cashier and order taker, for keeping such good control over our chaos with un-failing good humor and efficiency.

**Cheryl Kinkaid** gave us a short presentation on the World War II Museum at Palm Springs. There are aircrafts and many informative displays. She also mentioned that there is an Amtrak bus that leaves to LAX

which is a good alternative if you cannot get on one of the PSP-SFO flights.

Diane brought in information on the upcoming Convention with all the information on the tours and everything you need to make your plans. You can find this in our website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and it will appear in the June newsletter.

Our Treasurer, **Rich Bouska**, reports that we are in solid financial shape which will enable us to defer some of the costs for our upcoming picnic which will be held on June 10 at the home of **Diane Griego**.

The 50/50 was won by **Gail Sexton** and the free meals at Sizzler by **Tom Johnson** and **Georgia Bouska**. **Pat McEnaney** won a corsage. We gave the beautiful roses to our great waitress, Jasmine.

Diane has a supply of great new RUAEA brochures which includes an application for membership. They will be available at the picnic, or just give her a call or email and she will mail them to you.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sizzler restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. There are three exceptions during the year: June is our annual picnic, July we do not meet and December will be held again at the Back Forty restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many departments represented. Something new ... we encourage current active employees to come.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to either hospice or libraries and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition, we accept new and used greeting cards. **Emma Lou Olson** sends them on to her charity.

#### Calendar:

**July** – No meeting

**August 12**

**September 9**

**October 14**

**November 11**

**December 9** - Annual Toys for Tots and Christmas Party



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The heat is on as that old song goes! The Northstate is experiencing lots of heat and fire danger. It is cer-

tainly a time to keep fingers crossed for the summer. Our meeting/luncheon was held May 23<sup>rd</sup> at a new restaurant in Chico called the Pour House. We had 31 retirees and spouses in attendance. Visiting today were **B.T. Chapman** and **Cheryl Jensen** who were guests of **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. **Merritt Odor**, our President, thanked both **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for arranging the restaurant. It had a separate meeting room and the food was delicious.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Jim Stuart** celebrated his birthday in May, **Vanessa Pratt** will be celebrating her birthday in June and **Bunnie & Jim Stuart** celebrated 32 years of marriage in May.

**Sharon Simonton** announced that **Charlotte Puryear** will be moving from Paradise, CA to Redding, CA in the next few months. Charlotte still wants to be a part of the Northstater festivities and lots of people volunteered to give Charlotte a ride to the meetings.

**Ron Bertacini**, our past RUAEA President, shared some information about the upcoming RUAEA convention to be held October 9 thru 13, 2013 in Denver, Colorado. The tours and hotels have been set up and both Ron and his wife, Barbara, encouraged attendance. Ron then introduced our speaker for the day, **B.T. Chapman**.

B.T. was involved with General Motors for many years but his main focus was on the United States Naval Academy. He is a recruiter and does interviews of candidates for the naval academy every year from all over Northern California. B.T. had some great information on what it takes to get to be a candidate and what the naval academy is all about. He shared wonderful stories and it was a very interesting talk. He held a question and answer period after the talk and that was most informative. Of course we have a few ex-Navy personnel in our retirement group.

Ron then introduced **Cheryl Jensen**. Cheryl was a flight attendant with United and is a member along with **Barbara Bertacini** of Clipped Wings, the organization of former and current stewardesses, hostesses and flight attendants from United, Capital and Continental. She and Barbara introduced a new scarf available to purchase with proceeds going to support Special Olympics. Barbara was the original person who came up with the scarf idea about 15 years ago and the new scarf has been added to acknowledge the coming together of the new airline. Cheryl explained what was behind the thoughts for the new scarf that has planes from both Continental and United.

Our member profile this month is about **Ray Herick** ~ Ray says he was very persistent in applying for a job at United. After three visits, the person that hired him commented that he really must want to work for United. In 1963, he finally was hired.

Ray attended Northrop School of Aviation for his A&P tickets. United did not hire him for his aviation experience, they hired him to work in the Paint Shop because Ray had worked for Jack O'Neill in his surf shop when Jack first started in San Francisco. In the surf shop, Ray did glassing and painting surf boards and also worked with balsa to shape the boards.

Ray worked in the paint shop for two years. He really enjoyed his time there and then put in a transfer to the Jet Shop and was accepted. Ray worked on the Rolls Royce engines; next he worked in sub-assembly and ended up working on all type of engines including working on the JT-9 and General electric engines. After being inside the shops for 18 years, Ray wanted to work outside. Ray transferred to the gates, on the line. He also worked the vacation relief crew and especially liked it because he had weekends off.

Finally, Ray worked the International flight area. Every day was different and challenging. At this time he started having back problems. Ray had polio as a boy and developed scoliosis of the spine. Walking up and down all of the tall ladders for the 747's became too much to handle.

Ray took early retirement in 1996. He and his wife, Jeanne, moved to Florida. At that time Ray had a 1947 Yellow Bird Stinson 108-2 airplane. They flew it to Florida and had a great time. Ray says that Florida is so flat it takes forever to go anywhere. But with the airplane, he could travel in no time. Ray and Jeanne really enjoyed their time in Florida. The sunshine and the water were wonderful and the people were very friendly. In 2003, they moved back to California. Their daughter lived in Paradise and was just starting her family. They sold the airplane that they had for 37 years and ended joining their daughter in Paradise. As Ray says, it was sad but it was time to move on.

**Merritt Odor** won the 50-50 raffle. **Ray Herrick** won the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate.

The next meeting will be in Redding on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. **Richard Skelly**, our Vice President, agreed to be the contact person for setting up the luncheon/meeting.

#### Calendar:

**July 25** - 11:30 A.M., Holiday Inn in Redding. Come join us!



## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Mile High Chapter of RUAEA had their monthly breakfast at United's flight training center on June 1; there were 50 in attendance.

First timer **Paul Gajdosik**, a Denver Ramp Service retiree, attended the breakfast and **Paul Green** brought his daughter **Penny Martinez**. Hope you folks come back and see us at future RUAEA events.

**Dick Newman**, a retired DENMM R&E mechanic passed away the end of May. It was also reported that **John Ryan**, retired DENMM Maintenance Manager, passed away on May 30.

We also got word that **Roy Rardin** took a serious fall during a recent wind storm and suffered a severe injury. He fractured his odontoid vertebrae. He currently wears a neck brace until the fracture heals.

**Tom Goodyear** reported that his wife **Nancy** fell and hit her head on a large urn. She received 5 stitches on her forehead and 2 stitches in her mouth and now she has a black eye. The same evening of Nancy's fall, her relatives arrived from Germany for Tom & Nancy's granddaughter's wedding on June 9 in Denver. Needless to say, the Goodyears were busy for awhile!

The following folks returned their 50/50 winning to the Chapter: **Burt Dietel, Walt Hanson, Mary Lou Hoffman, Penny Martinez, and Jim Spate**.

Don't forget the Continental and United catered barbeque Picnic at Wings Over The Rockies Museum on August 21, 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Cost is only \$19.00 P/P which includes museum self guided tour and picnic. The deadline for reservations is August 16. Make checks payable to ARECA c/o **Pat Fischams**, 6765 East Exposition Ave., Denver, CO 80224. Include the following information when you send your money:

1. Total check amount for # of persons
2. ARECA/RUAEA member(s) name
3. Spouse/Guest name

Do not forget the RUAEA Convention in Denver on October 9-13 at the Double Tree North.

#### Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

## FLORIDA

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The May meeting of the Citrus Groupers was held at 11:30 AM on Thursday May 29. We met at our usual place, the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages. As we approach the summer months, our attendance always seems to dwindle a bit, with everyone off on family visits and vacations. It seems this summer will be no exception, so we will not have meetings in July and August. Our last meeting before our summer break will be on June 27 and we will not meet again until September 26.

After we enjoyed an excellent lunch and lots of "United talk", **Don Nellans** called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, **Charles Wirth** gave us a treasurer's report and ensured us we were still solvent. Next up was **Lydia Wirth** with the list of birthdays and anniversaries. May birthdays were **Isabel Buchanan** and **Mary Kay Elcik**, celebrating an anniversary were **Bob & Helen Newberg**.

Our group discussion then turned to the Denver RUAEA convention and several members of our group are making plans to try and attend. We briefly discussed what we would like to do with our fall meetings and one idea was to have a joint meeting with another local Florida Chapter in a place half way between the two chapters, so we will be looking into that. If we cannot get that accomplished, we will go back to our usual fall picnic if we can find a suitable location to hold it.

**Ralph Brick** gave us a run down on the contents of the very nice "thank you package" we received from the Flight 93 Memorial after we made our donation which was from the 50/50 drawing at the Florida Retirees Uniting and that amount was matched by our local chapter. We were all very happy that we were able to contribute to the project and we appreciated the touching package the Memorial returned to us. If your chapter is looking for a charity to donate to, a donation to keep this memorial open to remember our fellow employees and heroic passengers that perished on this flight is a great choice.

**Mary Nellans** announced the winner of the 50/50 drawing, **Dee LaChance**.

Anyone visiting our area is always welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. If you have questions or need directions to get there, call our President, **Don Nellans** at (352) 861-8486 or email him at [nellansdon@aol.com](mailto:nellansdon@aol.com).

## SAND"DABS"

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It was a really rainy day when 12 SandDABS showed up for our June meeting. We really needed the rain here in Florida, but we could have done without the hurricane and tornado watches that were reported. Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting. Those who were absent with excuse were **Bill Lowery** who was scheduled for some surgery, **Anne & Lowell Johnston** were on their way to Montana, **Jane Kress** was busy but hopes to be back sometime, **Gloria Marcantoni**, new to this area, didn't want to come out in the storm; she'll get used to our tropical storm watches. We learned that our Regional Director **Paul Brown** has melanoma. **Nelson Funkhouser** would like to have visitors come to see him at the assisted living place or call him on his cell at (386) 523-7865. Former member **Nancy Thomas** is in recovery from a broken hip, she has a good son and neighbor help but would appreciate an email from folks.

There were no birthday or anniversary celebrants present. We were handed out a brochure regarding membership in RUAEA. If you know of any UAL retirees in our area, please tell them about us. **Rick Johnson** is always patient waiting for a laugh at joke time. Prez Dick hit the mark today with one about a tie store.

Our 50/50 winner was Treas. **Penny Logan**. We'll be making a gift of money to a local ministry called Family Renewal. We will choose another place to give a gift at another meeting.

Prez Dick gave us information on the company news he had and changes in the TSA carry-on items due to airline opposition. It was announced that our July meeting has been cancelled since it falls on Independence Day holiday. We will resume our meetings in August. We may have a special guest at that meeting from Hospice.

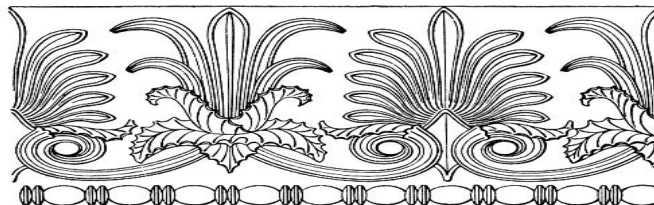
I have found that a great many things in life can be resolved with kindness, even more with laughter, but there are some things that just require chocolate.

### Calendar:

**July 4** - Meeting cancelled

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

**September 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster







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The day of our meeting, Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, dawned a bit blustery (the clouds almost looked like a snow sky?) but 31 of us gathered, along with guests, **Cooper Davis**, grandson of **Diane Lewis**, and **Eleanor Rauch**, guest of **Gene Hall**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Ernie Vosges**.

Pres **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** returned from their long European vacation, tired but smiling, and Rich shared some of their many adventures! On their visit to Oslo, Norway, Rich looked for a bar he'd frequented when he was in the Navy there, and, not only found it, but it's now "the place to go" in Oslo! St. Petersburg, Russia was beautiful, but away from the city, the sights were pretty dreary.

Elaine reminded everyone that the June RUAEA Newsletter has the 2013 Denver Convention information inside and encouraged everyone to check it out. Of special importance to all of us retirees should be the Benefits Panel Presentation on Saturday morning of the convention weekend. Check out page 34/C-3 to see who will be speaking to us and seriously think about flying out to Denver for this event. You won't regret it!

June was quite the month for birthdays and anniversaries. Happy Birthday Candles to: **Rich Llewellyn** (11<sup>th</sup>) 75 – (he was proud to say!), **Ernie Vosges** (14<sup>th</sup>) and **Linda Agnello** (20<sup>th</sup>) and they weren't saying, ho! Our Happy Anniversary Wishes & Huge Congrats go out to: **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** (5<sup>th</sup>) 32 years, **John & Mary Starzynski** (8<sup>th</sup>) 45 years, and **Jim & Janet Mummah** (18<sup>th</sup>) 46 years! And Belated Congrats to **Paul & Helga Brown** and **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, both celebrating 51 years on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

Please continue to pray for all our "United family and friends" as some of us face some serious health issues. This getting old ain't for sissies.

#### Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, usually! Luncheon/  
Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd  
**July 2**  
**August 6**  
**September 3**



### THE SAND DOLLARS

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We had a nice group of 18 Sand Dollars meet for lunch on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn located near the Sarasota Airport. This recently renovated facility was a beautiful setting for our fun-filled gathering; the food and service were both terrific. Everyone had a great time.

We were thrilled to welcome back **John & Jean Larson**, two of the original Sand Dollars, who have been away from our meetings for awhile. It was great to renew old friendships! This was the last official meeting of our "season" as so many of our group are going to points North for the summer. We will resume our regular meetings, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, on October 10. Those of us who stay in the area all year will be meeting informally during the Summer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. If you are planning to be in the southwest Florida area and would like to join us for one or more of our fun, friendly lunches contact us by phone or email. We'd love to have you!

We have a big birthday month in June: **Jim Vedral** and **Ed Wiehe** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Tom Sherlock** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Betty Bishop** (19<sup>th</sup>), **Pat Kelly** and **Liz Mavis** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Dick Bulin** (25<sup>th</sup>) and **Lesley Brynjolfsson** (29<sup>th</sup>). Also, congratulations to **Jim & Suzan Goodson** who celebrate 57 years of wedded bliss on June 2<sup>nd</sup> - and to **Dick & Gretchen Bulin** who have a wedding anniversary on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our attendance drawing was won by **Loretta Marvett** who unfortunately was not with us, which meant the money remains in the "kitty" until the Fall. We did have winners for our 50/50 drawing: **Jean Larson** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Suzan & Jim Goodson** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).

We wish a happy, safe, and healthy Summer to all.



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We had a very busy and vocal group of 23 members and one guest that is a repeat guest of **Mike & Maureen Carragher** by the name of **Pat Beruabei**. Welcome once again Pat, we are happy to see that you enjoy our group, please come anytime.

**Al Popek** and his wife **Janice** just returned from SFO to celebrate her birthday and were most fortunate to ride the new 787. They took a lot of pictures, and everyone had the pleasure of seeing this great airplane up close and personal in the films. It took them 24 hours to get home from their trip and needless to say, they were exhausted since they returned the night before our meeting. As Al put it, you just have to ride this plane, it is the greatest.

Our meat tenderizer is mammoth now since I got a new one and presented it to Al at our picnic last month, seeing is believing. Al took one strike on that piece of wood and the whole table shook which made **Janice Popek** and I jump! Nothing dull about our Luncheon/Meeting, you have to be there to enjoy the activities and conversation; that is if you can get a word in edgewise. What a group. We just started having meetings during the summer and it seems to be working out fine.

Everything was covered from Scripts to boarding and listing and then some. Also in discussion was the convention in Denver this October, so far four members are attending: **Janice & Al Popek** and **Diane & Ron Brodis**. **Jim Morehead** also gave us a few pointers as usual, we are so happy to have him at our meetings and as a member.

**Jack & Glenda Boisseau** finally came to our meeting and what a nice couple, so very happy to finally meet them. As what would have it, Jack (a retired pilot) and **Jim Morehead** who is also a retired pilot, sat at the same table. **Glenda** and **Soni Bodner** had a lot in common as well as retired inflight.

**Diane Brodis** won the 50/50 and **Frank Wise** the Progressive.

Our Birthdays for June are: **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Sharon Kolibab** and **Ron Brodis** (6/12), and **Chris Taylor** (6/21). Anniversary for the month is **Arnold & Dee Lakso** on 6/20. Happy Birthday and Congratulations on the Anniversary! Celebrate!

Happy Fourth of July to everyone, thank our Servicemen and women that we are able to celebrate our freedom.

We never get what we want, we never want what we get, we never have what we like, we never like what we have and still we Live and Love. That's Life. Remember the clock is ticking!

#### Calendar:

**July 2** - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

**August 6** - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

**September 3** - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's, 1230PM, Stuart, FL



## GEORGIA

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The Atlanta Dixie Flyers met on Wednesday, June 5, for their monthly luncheon and reports by members of recent travel privileges. The members feel the vacation passes or a new way of self-listing was nothing like we retired with.

**Stan Cebula** gave the blessing of the meal and **Fred Cron** led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Our members in attendance were **Gary Tuttle**, **Frank & Barbara Russy**, **Sam & Eva Mace**, **Colleen Sullivan Austin**, **Sully & Marilou**, **Stan & Marge Cebula**, **Doug & Maryanne Goforth**, **Bill & Judi Elk**, **Frank Preminger**, **Mary Broderson**, **Sandy Lisa**, Jay grandson of the Eka, **Sarah Forte**, guest of **Fred Cron**, and myself, **Ron Heider**.

The 50/50 conducted by Fred and Ron amounted to \$25.00 won by **Doug Goforth** who donated his \$12.50 to our Ladies in Distress who send thank you letters to our chapter. **Bill Elk** keeps their washing machine in repair and some of the Flyers add to the monthly cash contributions with paper products and such needs.

Our postage fund is alive for another month thanks to **Jesse Hicks**, **Roy Cross**, and **Tom Weaver** cash contribution. Just a little tip, change is so easy to come by; I put 4 mason jars on my dryer, that's usually where I find the most change. When I find change anywhere in the house, I fill up the jars, you would be surprise how fast the jars will fill up, and how much fun you will love filling them up!

#### Calendar:

**July 3** - 2PM, Broadway Diner 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. Our next regularly planned luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have all the details

by the middle of August and can email them to you. Just let us know your email address at [HNLRTUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRTUA@gmail.com). All retirees are welcome to join us. It's a perfect way to end the busy summer travel season. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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We had a good turnout for our May lunch meeting. It's always good to catch up on one another's news. Attending were **Denny Snyder, Bud & Pat Peters, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Louise Haugen** and her daughter **Verla Haugen, Marlene Croghan, Marilyn Taylor, Louise Duvall, Ilene Bunce, Roni Adams, Charles & Shirley Perkins**, and **David & Carol Adams**. **Bud & Pat** are back from a 5-day trip to the Columbia River wine country. Would you believe almost 800 wineries in Washington State now? They reported doing their best to contribute to the state's economy, bringing home 14 bottles of the grape.

**Rick & Shirley** hosted their daughter Shannon's wedding at Mt. Hood (OR) Timberline Lodge on April 23. **Verla Haugen** bought a Harley Davidson 3-wheel motorcycle in October. Not to be outdone, **Louise Haugen** received in March a red electric scooter!

**Marlene Croghan** visited her daughter Marilyn in Tucson, enjoying a wonderful trip, even perfect weather.

**Louise Duvall** has changed her email address to [lweezie25@gmail.com](mailto:lweezie25@gmail.com). **Ileen Bunce** has returned from a fantastic trip to New Zealand, accompanied by her sister-in-law. With a tour group, they experienced both the North Island and South Island, visiting wineries, dairy farms, a sheep station, a rugby game, and a mining town, enjoying Billy Tea and scones with the bearded miners. The highlight was a helicopter ride around Mt. Cook. At the end of the tour, they spent a week with Ileen's daughter and her family, who live in Paraparaumu, just outside of Wellington.

If you join us on your birthday month, you're in for a surprise!

### Calendar:

**July 9** - Meet at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 W. Fairview, Boise, ID

**August 13** - Same as July

**Sept. 10** - In lieu of our regular meeting, we'll be having our Memorial Picnic at Cassia Park on Camas St.

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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Here we are in the dog-days of summer, the month of July. Well, certainly hope it's warm, we had a cold winter and spring. The whole world had crazy weather this year. July, the month we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We fought for our independence from England, because of excessive taxation, how far we've come! This month was named for Julius Caesar; didn't he tax the heck out of the Romans? Brutus took care of that! Old Rome had scandals, too, then the Empire fell apart. July 14<sup>th</sup> is Bastille Day, more people revolting, this time against the rich monarchy. History says the French people got the idea from us, to storm the Bastille Prison in 1789 and overthrow the government. They kind of lost their heads on that one. After they won a new constitution, they had four days of celebration of fireworks, wine and they ran naked through the streets to signify their great freedom. Vive La France!

Since many were at the Loonies Get-together in River Falls, WI, our Northsiders' breakfast only had 17 retirees. Among them were three new members, **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian**, and **Jerry Tipperreiter**, from EXOKT. **Jerry** told his sister, **Joan Teister**, what a good time he had, and she joined the Skyliners, too. Her last job was in EXODT. Hope to see her at breakfast this month. We all need to spread the word about our Skyliners' organization, so more retirees will join. Without members, we will cease to exist. Actually, membership is now opened to active employees also. Applications to join are at [Chicagoskyliners.org](http://Chicagoskyliners.org). If any of your friends aren't members, maybe you could encourage them to come to the breakfasts or our lunches. After they see how nice we are and so fun-loving, I'm sure they'll want to stay, and tell others. We're from the era when United was really an airline, not just a place to work.

The Loonies group that went to Wisconsin included, **Al Broderson, Ed & Vivian Bukar, ORDMD, Phil & Phyllis Capuzelo, ORDFO, Helen Cauwels, OPBSP, Bob & Carol Faust, CHIRR, Doris & Clyde Johnson, OPBOP, Donna & Allan Olson, EXOAI, Charlene & John Roberts, EXOKF, Don Potter, EXOPZ, Jim Sommerfield, EXOKC, Norm Pearson and Mary Szabo, ORDIN, Ginny Vlach, EXO International Sales, Gil & Mary Kay Wojtal, EXOWS, and Jan Gawenda,**

OPBCM. Tours were to a cookie factory, (yum), a salsa factory, (ole'), a Victorian Theatre (drama), a turn of the century mansion, (dusty) and the Designer Garage Door factory (expensive but beautiful). Interesting tours, we learned a lot. The next Loonies trip will be to the Duluth, MN area, in late September. If anyone is interested in joining the group, you can ask any of the above Loonies. Once you attend a trip, you are a Loonie forever. It's important to keep a sense of humor, but still a sense of the absurd. And don't forget the RUAEA convention in DEN from October 9-12. It promises to be fun. Just being in Colorado is fun!

There were a few Chicago retirees that passed away in May that we're aware of. There were three from ORDMM, **Bill McKenney**, **John Ryan**, (**John** retired from DENMM), and **Chuck Sparrow**. Also gone are, **Al Eberhardt**, from CHISS, **Carl Brandt** from ORDFF and **Lee Fischer** from OPBSP. **Al** and **Carl** were regulars at the Southsider's Brunch. Our group is getting smaller. **Bill**, **John** and **Chuck** were good friends from MM. They will all be missed. **Carolyn Sparrow's** address is 1355 Meyer Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192. **Mary Brandt's** address is 9534 S. Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. **Ginger Ryan's** address is 16523 E. Saguardo Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Condolences for Lee can be sent to her friend, **Carroll McCarthy** at [Carrollnorthdakota@yahoo.com](mailto:Carrollnorthdakota@yahoo.com).

**Jackie Anderson**, ORDMM, went on a cruise to Alaska, then spent a month in France with relatives.

**Barb Wesemann** traveled to Chico, CA and to Colorado Springs, visiting with her sister.

Our Southside Brunch had 14 in attendance. The raffle was won by **Bill Brookins**, twice, and **Tom Hurley**.

**Helen Cauwels**, still has tickets for the Cubs game vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, on August 14. If interested, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to her at 909 E. Kenilworth, #421, Palatine, IL 60074-6834. Helen's phone number is (847) 358-8634. Please write your file number in the note field of your check. Make your check out to the Chicago Skyliners. There is a limit of four tickets per person, so don't wait too long to make reservations, space is limited. You can catch the Pace Wrigley Field Express Bus from the Schaumburg or Lombard bus stations. The fare is \$4.00 each way, or \$2.00 for seniors, if you have a RTA Reduced Fare Card. To get a Fare Card from Metra, call them at (312) 913-3110, or [Ventrachicago.com](http://Ventrachicago.com)

We've sure had our share of weather, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fire, etc. Hopefully, you were not affected too seriously. Maybe the Cosmos is trying to tell us something; time to put new batteries in the hearing aids so we can hear. Sit up straight! Pestilence and plague could be next.

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#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Ritz's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**August 14**) Second Wednesday of the month.

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

**September 17** - Fall Luncheon, Diplomat West Banquet Hall, North Ave., Elmhurst 11:00. (Yes, home of the humungous pork chop)

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00

#### LOOP GROUP

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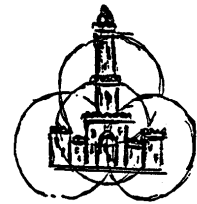
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A beautiful spring day of 80 degrees in Chicago brought 7 retirees out for lunch but had 4 cancellations. **Beverly Connor** and **Kay McClure** live in downtown Chicago while everyone else came in from the suburbs.

**Carol & Bob Faust**, **Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson** had just returned from last week's trip with the Northwoods Loonies. This was their biannual gathering and was held in River Falls, WI. Their days were filled with tours, good food and camaraderie with UAL retirees having fun. **Carol & Bob Faust** celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by taking a cruise along with family members. They were on the Celebrity Cruise Line leaving out of San Juan and toured 5 islands in the southern Caribbean. They enjoyed kayaking along with snorkeling with stingrays and turtles. Before returning to Chicago, they spent a few days in San Juan sightseeing the island. They flew UAL nonstop to San Juan and returned via AA. Both trips were completely filled and standbys would not have been boarded. However, **Carol & Bob** were traveling with full fare tickets. Back in February, **Bob Faust** celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and went skiing which he & **Carol** do several times a week while they spend the winter in Dillon, Colorado.

The Great Street Restaurant was closed as it being remodeled and sounds like it will be even more beautiful than it was before. Therefore, our luncheon was served in the first floor bar temporarily with a small menu and small tables since it is a bar.

Our next luncheon on July 17<sup>th</sup> is expected to be in the grand new dining room which should be a lovely dining experience in new surroundings.

We welcome both suburbanites and city dwellers to come join us for "just lunch", no dues, no minutes, just lively conversation.



#### Calendar:

**July 17** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets in the new “Great Street Restaurant” – 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call me before noon of July 16<sup>th</sup> so that I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect)

**August** – No Luncheon scheduled

**September 18** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

### INDIANA



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At our May meeting, we locked in the date, time and place for our Christmas Party. It will be held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Milano Inn in Indianapolis from 1 to 4 p.m. This varies from our previous holiday celebrations because the 10<sup>th</sup> is a regular monthly luncheon meeting date. Members are hoping even more Racers will be able to attend the daytime holiday function.

The Indy Racers sent their condolences to former member **Gail Allen**, whose daughter, **Shelley McConaughy**, died in May. Shelley was a cousin of Indy Racer **Cheri Innis**.

Many of our members have been travelling this spring. VP **Wanda Bryce** “hit” four Riverboat Casinos in three days, and then headed northeast to visit friends in Cleveland, OH.

**Ron & Cheri Innis** were returning from a trip to Florida when they received the good news that their son, who lives in Oklahoma, was safe even though two F-5 tornadoes ripped through communities near him. **Bud & Elly Barnett** enjoyed another cruise in June. And our treasurer, **Dimple Rihel**, who recently returned from a trip to Czechoslovakia, enjoyed a visit from her son, daughter-in-law, and their new baby, who live in Tampa FL.

Birthday greetings go out to **Carol Conway** (7/6), **Rita Prins** (7/6), **Ray Brabo** (7/16) and **Wanda Bryce** (7/30). Happy Anniversary to **Jack & Carol Conway** (7/9) and **Ken & Deanna Boeke** (7/17).

#### Calendar:

**July 9** – Emmy’s Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

**August 13** – Emmy’s Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

### MASSACHUSETTS

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Our May 29 luncheon meeting, with 20 members, was held at a new venue, Jimmy’s Steer House, in Saugus, MA. We selected three entrées and everyone said, “very good” to each. We had a private room, where they put tables end on end creating one long table, which all our members liked. Good food, not expensive and a wait staff who seemed to really want our business. We all agreed to visit Jimmy’s again. The 50/50 was won by **Liz Restiano**. Free lunches were won by **Bruce Eddy** and **Peter Fusco**. The progressive was won by **Bill Vanderwal**. At the next meeting, the progressive will start again at twenty dollars. Be there to win!

**Joyce Heiseler** had triple bypass heart surgery on May 14. She chose the new Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth, NH. Ron & Joyce were impressed with everything this hospital was involved in. In fact, her surgeon, Dr. Helm, is the doctor who did heart surgery on David Letterman. Joyce is now home, doing well and says “thank you” to everyone who sent cards and flowers. Ron & Joyce have been regulars at meetings; we’re all looking forward to their return.

Our chapter president, **Anthony Postale**, wound up back in the hospital, ten days after prostate surgery. Tony is home again, but was unable to attend our last meeting. Our VP, **Edwina Lundquist**, recovering from her auto accident, just had eye laser surgery and couldn’t attend either.

Yours truly came down with shingles! How? Why? Who knows! Just because I had chicken pox as a kid! For years I bragged that I had a high pain tolerance. Well, I guess I really do, as I haven’t experienced all the pain that is said to go with shingles. Of course, my one and only says, I’m just numb!

**Thomas Dagle** is back with the Nor’Easters after a two year hiatus. Welcome back Tom & Carol! Now we need to see you at the next meeting.

**Carleen Eddy** is off to Rome, Italy. It seems like she just came back from a trip to Europe. Glad she’s traveling the world! I personally don’t want to go near an airport.

**Lynn O'Hara** will be back in the hospital late June to do a similar operation as she had last year, now on the other side of her body. It will involve removing a rib and muscles and requires a long recovery time. It will also be painful. We'll be praying for you Lynn.

Well, New England has been spared again by Mother Nature's wrath. While America heartland was assaulted again, NH has had an early and warm spring with enough rain to keep our forests green. A great summer is predicted which will bring us lots of tourists. Good for our visitors, good for our economy.

July birthdays ~ **Edward Aldoriso, Elizabeth Palmer and Joan Twing.**

July anniversaries ~ **Ron & Joyce Heiseler** (55 years), **Don & Kathy Latter** (18), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (47) and **Elizabeth & Joseph Palmer** (46).

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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13 Escapees and two guests gathered at Sindbad's on the water June 6, celebrating the Escapee's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday, hosted by **Nancy Woolen**. Nancy brought two guests; Aunt Theresa and Chris Flourney, our speaker who talked about being prepared for the inevitable. We welcomed for the 1<sup>st</sup>. time this year **Suzie Hicks** and **Bill Wade**. Bill looked great and had a big smile from ear to ear. He finally got released from the hospital and/or rehab since December 2012.

**Glenys Byrnes** did require a second surgery for Breast Cancer. Both procedures were a lumpectomy and both are quite successful. She is fine and now home with hubby Rick taking good care of her. Love and Prayers to Glenys for continued recovery @ 24720 Woodcroft Dr., Dearborn, MI 48124-1754.

I was sad to hear of the passing of one of our Loonies; **Carlyle W. Brandt**. Carlyle was employed for 37 years with UAL. Love and Prayers to wife Mary @ 9534 S. Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Lastly, I was heartbroken to hear that our **Bonnie Fleming** left us on June 5 for her eternal rewards and to join her beloved **Chet** who left our world 4 years ago. Love and prayers to her sister **Nancy Leiter** and family @ 4271 N. Crogan St., Lot 166, Port Clinton, OH 43452-8800

### Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

## NEBRASKA

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A super nice day and a super nice luncheon, many thanks to **Judy Nekonchuk** for taking the day off from work to host 32 members and guests, and also for displaying the pictures of Nick's UAL collection.

United Airlines Historical Foundation ~ If you have any memorabilia that you have collected over the years with United, and you would like to donate any or all of it, you may send to UAHF, **Tom Goodyear**, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. Interested? Here is the web site [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org).

**Mary Beveridge**, age 94, passed away April 29. Services were held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church on May 3. Mary and her two sisters joined the WAVES in WWII and then went to New York hoping they would be sent to Germany where they had a brother serving in the Army.

**Bob Hall** passed away May 13 due to a terrible accident when he fell down several steps at his home. Services, with full military honors, were held May 17, our sincere sympathy to Betty and her family. Bob would have been 76 on June 20.

**Vince Manhart** passed away on May 19. Vince had been in ill health and had been in an Assisted Living Home in Aurora, CO for several months, our sincere sympathy to Sue and her family.

June birthdays were celebrated by **Jim Sophir** (6/14) and **Jim Braden** (6/29).

**Eileen Holly** and **Larry Farrell** were the lucky 25/25/50 winners, each receiving \$12.00. **Jane Sesto** reported we have \$1,700 in our account.

I talked with **Andy Vassios** and he said **Jackie** had an episode of some kind wherein her blood pressure dropped very low and she became unresponsive. She was admitted to the Lakeside Hospital and, after various tests, the doctors could not give Andy a reason as to why this happened. I am happy to report she is home and feeling good.

### Calendar:

**July 2** - TBA

**August 6** - TBA



## NEW JERSEY

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**Dick Confer** opened our meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence for three more members of our chapter ~ **Joe Thomas** of EWROZ, **Henrietta Evaskitas**, and **Maria DeSilva**, all who have passed away.

Dick said he has some new pamphlets about flight 93 at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. I would urge all who haven't been there to visit. Yes, it will be a pilgrimage! He also reported we are buying a whole lot of 737s and 757s. I guess United plans to be around for a while.

**Marty Etler** reported that **Rosemary & Charlie Bogert** were in New Jersey, visiting from San Francisco. We met and had a nice lunch. It was good to see him and we talked a lot about old times.

**John Murphy**, our everlasting treasurer, reported once more that we are OK. **John Deily** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on June 26 at Snuffy's.

*"I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was just blaming you anyway!"*

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS

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A small, intimate gaggle of "Dolls" gathered for our luncheon on a beautiful Spring day.

**Helen King** announced that she will no longer be the "Lady of the Manor" as she's selling her country house in Old Chatham, NY, which she's had since 1984. She's now content to be a year-round city resident.

**Jeanne Leo** attended a nephew's wedding in Iowa. To be assured of a seat, she purchased full fare tickets r/t ORD-CID, as the dates coincided with the University of Iowa graduation. She and her husband, **Phil**, enjoyed the B737-800 on the LGA-ORD route.

**Audrey Smolick** had just returned from her 2 month Italian sabbatical. It was eventful, as she took 5 modes of transportation to get from Santa Margherita to the Isle of Giglio for a tour to see the cruise ship, Costa Concordia, which is still "listing" in the Mediterranean. It's close to being removed, as is Captain Schettino,

who is facing manslaughter and abandoning ship charges - couldn't happen to a nicer guy!

**April King** had a wonderful time on her trip to Sacramento and Portland. Two of the highlights were a visit to Santa Rosa to the Charles Schulz (aka Peanuts) Museum, as well as the Japanese Garden in Portland. She had great success with her flights JFK-SFO in first class, and PDX-EWR nonstop! She mentioned that UA is now clearing standbys early to avoid flight delays.

**Betty Williams** flew to Denver without a hitch, but later when she and her husband went to Arkansas, they ended up having to stand-by for 5 flights LIT-DFW and, again, DFW-LGA. This was on AA, as her husband is a retired pilot.

Betty and April have both been enjoying the ballet season at Lincoln Center. **Barb Hill** has also been attending ballet, opera and musical theater which NYC has in abundance.

**Marge Segal** has been keeping herself busy with her co-op board. She decides which applicants are acceptable for residency and which are not - powerful lady! Her experience as an inflight supervisor, as well as merging the seniority lists between United and Capital flight attendants must have given her the stamina!

We shared amusing reminiscences about W.A. Paterson days from Cheyenne training to no liquor on UA aircraft. He didn't want his stewardesses to become "barmaids". Competition entered the fray, and soon ice cubes could be heard clinking in the "friendly skies".

### Calendar:

**August 6** - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061.



### NEW YORK METROS

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We had a gorgeous spring day for our luncheon, which may account for the light turnout of 37 Metros.

We had only one account of sad news, and that is regarding **Carlos Franko**. Though not a member of our chapter, he is known by many at JFK & LGA. He had heart surgery and was in critical condition, but still not allowed visitors. He had quintuple valve replacements 13 years ago and in the intervening years, has had 17 stents. He's in the NY Presbyterian Hospital. Our prayers and best wishes to him and his family!

These are the following June birthdays ~ **Lee Ricci**, **Stephanie Teufel**, **Ronald Weisk**, **Lillian Cohen**, **Milton Sank**, **Harold Koch** and **Alice O'Hagan**. Lots of June brides (and their hubbies, of course) celebrating

anniversaries. First prize goes to **Velma & Fred Jones** (62 years), if I did my math correctly. Runners-up in no particular order **Marylou & Ed Ellis**, **Eleanor & Anthony Locastro**, **Diana & Leo Talochino**, **Julie & Vic Carnevale**, **Carol & Robert Piechnik** and **Maureen & Len Pascale**. Winners of our raffle were **Jane Curtin** (1<sup>st</sup> prize), **Margaret Hansen** (2<sup>nd</sup>) and **Ed Vasta** (3<sup>rd</sup>).

When **Charlie Kaczinski** got up, we whipped out our crying towels as his updates of good ole United are never too cheerful. What else can I say? We couldn't get a joke out of him.

You can blame hurricane Sandy on the change for our July Picnic. Truly, so many of our parks and beaches are still undergoing repairs. But as in previous years, we will be at Wantagh State Park, Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your sun screen and join us for what is always a good time, with great food, thanks to our volunteer cooks.

#### Calendar:

**July 3** – Picnic at Wantagh State Park

**August** - TBA

### NORTHWOOD

#### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Northwoods Loonies had their bi-annual get together in the college town of River Falls, Wisconsin, from May 7 to May 10. The hosts were **Bud** (aka **George**) & **Joanne Ayres**. Thirty nine people were kept busy socializing, touring, and of course, eating. Tours included *Designer Doors* (where they make custom doors and custom garage doors), *Croix Valley Foods & Snappy Dog Salsa* (where salsa, marinades, meat rubs, etc. are made for people, not dogs), and the *Best Maid Cookies* store to sample and to buy.

On another day, we drove to Menomonie Wisconsin and toured *The Mabel Tainter Opera house*, then enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at *Ole Town* and toured the *Wilson House*, home of a former lumber baron. During our socializing time, card playing, dominoes, snacking and just plain catching up with one another were accomplished.

Watch for information for The Loonies upcoming Fall gathering. Remember, all United retirees are invited to attend these gatherings. You can call **Bud Ayres** at (715) 425-2755.



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June is finally here and we are having some great sunny days, but we are still running into regular cold spells 50 degrees or less. Today for our luncheon the weather was just beautiful and since the location is a few extra miles away, we all enjoyed the ride. This month we are scheduled for a "great buffet" and it couldn't have been better ... food, service, dessert, etc! Rose Hill Restaurant in Seville, Ohio opened early for us and we had a wonderful afternoon. Our "thanks" go out to **Carrie & John Kercel**, for hosting this month's luncheon. We had 74 members attending, and two "old friends", **Ben & Marilyn Bugucki** who now reside in Florida, but come back to see family. Hope they are able to get together with us again! While mentioning the membership, we are proud and happy to say that we have 12 new members this year. Also with us today are **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste** and **Lois Walters** – who are part of the new membership.

We were so glad to see our Vice President, **Arlene Taylor** back with us and leading us in saying Grace and also a prayer for the people in the areas of our country that were devastated by tornados recently. It was great to welcome her back after her going thru some serious surgery and treatments.

Dolly also passed on to our group that we had some members going thru some serious health issues. **Ken Buchman**, has cancer of the esophagus, and is receiving 6 weeks of radiation and Chemo. **Norma Malena (Vince)** has had a recurrence and will be receiving treatments for the next 3 months. **John Jeskey** is out of the hospital and back home doing OK. Along with so many of our friends and family who are undergoing these situations, we keep them and those we are not aware of in our thoughts and prayers.

We do like to sing for our monthly Birthdays, but this month we had only one person stand up while we serenaded her. She is **Judy Spooner** and I hope she enjoyed the "Spotlight". Wish you many, many more!

To all who were unable to join us, hope you enjoyed your "DAY".

June Anniversaries were acknowledged with our best wishes and hopes for many more. **Frank & Barb Wachs** (19), **Tom & Helen Hockett** (21), **Tom & Martha Hassel** (37), **Dave & Nancy Cleary** (53) and **Dick & Jean Foster** (60).



Dolly also brought up the fact that the Flight 93 memorial (Shanksville, PA) is pretty well completed and our group may take a bus trip there in 2014. We went when it was no where near a place to walk around and visit, but you could see in the distance where the flight went down and the huge hole it left. The Park Rangers gave a nice overview of what happened and made that visit more complete.

Fifty/Fifty ~ Lucky Winners were **Arlene Taylor** and **Jack Preston**. Thanks again to **Marie & Dave Placko** for all you do and running this fun.

*\* A new broom sweeps clean, but it takes an old one to get in the corners!*

#### Calendar:

**July 11** - 100 Bomber Squadron – Hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

**August 1** - Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville. Bring a dish – dessert or a go-with side to have with chicken.

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We were back at Colwood Golf Club for our May meeting with the attendance at 84. **Joan Anderson** along with her daughter **Lonnie Kyle** were visitors from Chicago. Joan lived in Portland and moved back to Chicago several years ago to be closer to family. It was also nice to see **Anita & Kent Uhl** back at a meeting.

The winners this month were as follows: Door prize ~ **Elaine Hoek**, Woman's birthday ~ **Joyce Garrett**, Man's birthday ~ **John Carter** and 50/50 ~ **Bob Edwards**.

Our May anniversaries were **John & Anita Donaldson** (54 years), **Dan & Judy Jones** (53 years), **Ed & Sue Rommel** (53 years) and **Bob & Marilyn Woods** (20 years). Congratulations!

On our sick list were **Jeri Blodgett** with bronchitis, **Anita Donaldson** had cataract surgery and **Jane Futrell** had problems with vertigo/hearing. It seems hard to get any information about illnesses and hopefully, our members will start coming forward and report to a board member so **Lois Pitman** can send a card.

The picnic planning is in full swing. It will be at Red Sunset Park in Gresham (same place as last year). If you need directions, please contact any board member and directions will also be on the flyer given out at the

June meeting. Rib City from Vancouver, WA is doing the catering again and our menu consists of ribs, pulled chicken and pork, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls and coffee, bottled water and lemonade. The price stays the same as last year, \$15 per person. **We are also looking forward to having our members bring their favorite picnic dessert.** Please mail your money by July 5<sup>th</sup> to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97220. There will be lots of prizes besides our normal give-a-ways.

The Dew-er's board will be meeting again this month to discuss our future venue plus we will be looking into getting speakers for our fall meetings.

#### Calendar:

**July 10** - Annual Picnic Red Sunset Park, Gresham

**August 14** - TBA

**September 11** - TBA

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Our May winners were **Dee Burrs** (50/50) and **Al Edwards** (free lunch). **Slick Vance** was a first timer. Welcome! **Bernie McNamee** and his wife **Mona** were blessed with a 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Our attendance was 35.

We are said to announce the death of **Ronald Uff**. All his friends send sympathy to the family.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the last meeting till fall, we had registered dietician Lisa Miller present an informative meeting about nutrition and a healthy diet. It is so important for our overall well being. We had 2 table displays set up from 11:30 to 12:30. One was sponsored by Sue Ulea, the owner of Lisettes Home care service, LLC. Who knows when we will require assistance with our ADL's. The 2<sup>nd</sup> table was set up by Debbie Zskowski, the owner of Great Harvest Bread Company. She had many yummy samples and much information to help us make good choices.

We all had on our picnic attire for our indoor picnic.

Please notify a committee member of any sick member or any suggestion you may have. We were pleased to be honored with a plaque by the Abused women shelter for our generous donation to them. We are one of the top sponsors. They thank us very much.

It's time to start thinking about the RUAEA convention in Denver, CO, October 9 to 13, 2013. Please plan to attend.

## PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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The azalea's have come and gone. All eyes now look with great expectation to weekends and the advent of summer. Time spent together can make a weekend or even a summer night feel like a vacation.

A memorial service was held for the late **Pete Pawlack**, husband of **Anita**. The service was held at the Russian Orthodox Church in Ambridge on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and was a closure for his family and friends.

**Phyllis Smith, Else & Jerry Schiller, Anita Pawlack** and I went to the Button Box Festival in Bessemer, PA. **Anita** plays the button box (and she plays well) she did some jamming with the rest of the players. What a fun day of good music, dancing and good food.

The Pittsburgh Interline Club's Chili cook off is being held on Sunday, July 28 at the Findley Twp. Community Park. Chili tasting, judged by the members, an auction, prizes, games and music for listening and dancing. It's a full day of fun and laughter. A fall day trip is planned for September 16 and the Christmas Party will be held December 14. For those of you who are not members, you can call **Ellie Master** at (412) 264-2522. The yearly cost is only \$15.00 and \$5.00 for spouse members. Hurry and sign up, the activities are so much fun!

How deeply sorry I am to report **Ray McConaghey's** passing on June 3, 2013. **Ray** has been ill since February 26, suffering from lung problems that become worse from pneumonia. **Ray** retired from United Airlines as a supervisor at PITTR serving 36 years. **Ray** was a man of many talents; he restored antique furniture, volunteered in the demolition and reconstruction of a former school which will be turned into a historic landmark housing a museum. He was very active in different capacities in his church; I could go on and on. **Ray** loved his family, sports and his fellow man. He will definitely be missed by all. Cards and notes may be sent to his wife **Julia** of 55 years at 2020 Stillwater Lane, McDonald, PA 15057. Our deepest sympathy to Julia and family.

**George Vernau**, 90 years old, passed away May 18, 2013. **George** was a ramp supervisor in PITTR serving many years at United Airlines. Upon retiring he and his wife moved Orlando, FL. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

July birthdays: **Paul Musko** (11) and **Mac Crampton** (28). Anniversary: **Paul & Betty Musko** (4) "that must have been a bang up wedding". Best wishes to all.

Don't forget to make your plans for the RUAEA convention in Denver October 9-13. All the information on the convention is in the June Newsletter. Read it carefully and make your selections.

I hope everyone had a safe July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar:

**September 11** - Pit Stopper picnic at Hopewell Park

**October 9-13** - RUAEA Convention in Denver

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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From all reports, the trip to Crossville and the Cumberland County Playhouse was a huge success. We thank **Joe & Robbie Corbin** for hosting this event.

Unfortunately, this month we have had two deaths in our Rocky Top Family. **Peggy Ball, Jack Ball's** wife, passed away on Monday May 6, 2013 and one of our elder statesmen, **Russell Scott**, age 92, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2013. Our condolences go out to both of their families.

Herman is feeling really good and is gaining back some of the weight that he lost in the hospital. We are still waiting for his incision to heal up so that he can start Chemo. He'd like to get that over with before the Christmas Holidays are here. We thank everyone for their cards, phone calls and prayers.

### Calendar:

**July 18** - Luncheon Meeting at the Olive Garden in the Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza - Hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell**. Details will be mailed out to our members.

**August 15** - 9:30 AM, breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in the Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza.

**September 19** - Luncheon to be hosted by **Noreen Koan and Ray Perry**

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



The May 14 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers was held at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton.

President **Dave Jones** conducted the business meeting following lunch with 43 members and guests in attendance, a relatively small number for a regular meeting. Members were reminded of the upcoming RUAEA convention in Denver next October.

A prize was awarded at each table to the winner of the "Airplane Experience" challenge. Each attendee was given a grid to check off experience in categories of Piloted Airplane, Flight Attendant on Airplane, Ground Crew on Airplane, or Flew as a Passenger on the following planes: DC-3, -4, -6, Convair 240, DC-7, -8, Boeing 720, Viscount, Sud-Aviation Caravelle, Boeing 727, 737, 747, and the DC-10. Reminiscing over experiences on or with the older aircraft brought back many memories, especially for more senior members of the group and those with greater company longevity. Table winners included **Jim Bernovich, Bob Brumfield, Richard Devereux, Bill Gordius, Phyllis Lindblad, John Paulson, and Chuck Westpfahl**. Photos of the older planes were displayed.

Yankee Doodle Birthday Wishes to **Jim Bernovich, Vern Bozarth, Richard Clement, Evalena Hatcher, Tom Holford, Lyle Lindblad, Frank McAnulty, John Paulson, Ken Wagner and Dolores Woods**.

Celebrating Red, White and Blue wedding anniversaries are **James & Marion Hafterson, and Tom & Sally Holford**.

Door prizes included the unique offering of fresh rhubarb from their garden by **Jim & Jo Ann Bernovich**. It was one of the first prizes to be selected by a winner. **Bob Brumfield** assisted Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** in calling numbers and distributing prizes.

Door prize winners included **Jo Ann Bernovich, Paul Burton, Frank Cochrun, Gail Cochrun, Richard Devereux, Bud Dice, Bill Gordius, James Hafterson, Don Hanson, Ted Higley, Noreen Krawczyk, Ed Liesse, Gay Liesse, Betty Paul, John Paulson, Sharon Penwell, John Reed, Dolores Steger, Jackie Stenger, Ruth Strange, Chuck Westpfahl, and Dona Westpfahl**. Yes, we went out with a bang with plenty of prizes. It turned into a family affair, as well. I count at least six couples taking home two gifts each. (No, don't look for matching last names in all cases!)

Lucky **Jackie Stenger** took home the 50/50.

A special couple will be missing when we resume our meetings next fall. Faithful attendees **John & Sidney Reed** are moving to Bend, Oregon, this summer to be closer to their daughter. **Sidney** has been one of our regular "reservationists" for many years, accepting telephone reservations and menu choices for each luncheon and reporting to the assistant treasurer. Many thanks for your service, **Sidney!** They will be missed.

**Fred Gburek**, (SEACG) called to notify us of the death of his wife **Sandy** (SEARR) in May. **Sandy** had been afflicted with cancer for several years. Well-

remembered former residents of the SEA area, the **Gbu-reks** more recently have lived in northern Wisconsin.

About 20 members and guests met at the Museum of Flight's Restoration Center in Everett on May 29 for a tour of the facility and the chance to see the work volunteers are doing to restore older planes destined eventually for the Museum's collection. Among models observed were United's first 727, the De Havilland Comet, an F-4 fighter jet, sections of the Boeing SST mock-up, and the Boeing 247.

The group then moved on to Arnie's Restaurant in nearby Mukilteo with views out to the ferry dock and across Puget Sound with railroad tracks below the windows – something for everyone that day. Though the weather could have been brighter and the traffic lighter (a major truck accident on I-5 more than doubled travel time for many), raindrops on our windowpane kept the view clear. It was a pleasure to meet **John & Jan Francis**, who live in Bellingham, too far north to attend regular meetings. They're close enough to Everett to meet us for the tour and lunch.

Enjoy the summer hiatus – and make your reservations for the Denver convention.

#### Calendar:

No regular meetings until **September 10**



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Our May meeting was held at the Olive Garden in Coeur D'Alene with 11 members in attendance. We had a lot of food. We always have a lot of fun and laughing.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

Well, the three H's have arrived: Hazy, Hot and Humid! After a short Spring, we plunged straight into summer about mid May, and many days were in the 80's and 90's.

The Dulles Loungers met on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA and a good crowd of 60 - 70 attended.

We are looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dulles Loungers Picnic to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Ashburn, VA, hosted by our very own Chapter President, **Linda Scriven** (IADRR/IADCS).

Those intrepid cruise customers **Les Lovestead** (IADCS) and his wife **Jane** recently enjoyed a cruise to Eastern Europe in April 2013. The ship was the AEGIR of Viking Cruise Lines. The ship carried 96 passengers and the cabins were cozy but offered a private veranda. The Ports of Call were in Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania. The Lovesteads flew Economy round trip with connections. An interesting and enjoyable cruise!

There are no meetings in July and August.

We wish our RUAEA members an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in Denver in October.

#### Calendar:

**September 11** – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA

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Summer is almost here? It is hot in AZ and much cooler in CO. This will bring many visitors to Colorado this summer!

We learned of another increase in our membership during our Executive Board meeting and since then we have continued to grow with First Time members. The membership application on the website is working well for new and rejoining members.

The special feature of the new scarves on the RUAEA newsletter back page was so appreciated. The response and orders have been very positive and shipments to flight attendants and retirees have begun.

The new Clipped Wings® brochures have been shipped to the domiciles and to Chapters who request them for inclusion in the new member mailings.

Have you checked out the new website?

[www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org)

We welcome all who are eligible. Please join us!  
Enjoy the bounty of summer!



## NEW MEMBERS

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

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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

- Spouse – **Kubilius, Irene**, – on 3/9/2013, wife of Algimantas J. Kubilius, ORDFF, 7121 S Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60629
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- Retiree – **Brandt, Carlyle**, on 5/31/2013, ORDFF, husband of Mary Brandt, 9534 S Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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- Retiree – **Rachford, Frederic E.**, on 5/16/2013, ORDFO, husband of Kathleen E. Rachford, 772 Duval Dr., Woodstock, IL 60098
- Retiree – **Sandy, Garver H.**, - on 4/26/2013, SFOPD, husband of Wilma W. Sandy, 223 Perry St. Milpitas, CA 95035
- Retiree – **Tilton, James M.**, on 8/8/2012, HNLPU, husband of Lynn M. Tilton, 47-105A Hunaahi St., Kaneohe, HI 96744

Retiree – **Yates Jr., Andy D.**, on 5/22/2013, SFOFO, husband of Elizabeth (Tina) Yates, 3520 Duke St., Alexandria, VA

Retiree – **Washington Jr., Richard B.**, on 3/2/2011, DENTK, stepfather of Judy Dirks, 6619 Kaniksu St., Bonners Ferry, ID 83805



## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

Bernice Aaron, Patricia Austin, John Bateman, Rosemary Benedetto, Clint Benton, Barbara Bock, Juanita Braid, Elmer Briles, Janet Brown, Lucille Cox, Charlotte Flagg, Darlene Foster, Vivian Fox, Bill Green, Lorraine Karpen, Louis Kelly Jr., Dorothy Krauss, Fred Landspurg, Rich Llewellyn, Richard Malm, Arthur Mar, Bud Peters, John Organtini, Orrie Peters, Rogelio Ramos, Hilda Schmidt, Barbara Schrekinger, Harold Smale, Diane Swanson, Alivia Wheeler.



## **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.)*

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

Thank you very much for the news letter. I look for some names, but they are fewer and fewer. In the past I could see names of people that I worked with.

As of this year, I have been retired twenty-nine years and was employed for twenty-nine years. I was involved with the Mainliner Club, Travel Club, and Interline Club and also was active in the Plane Overhaul Base as a Mechanic and Safety Man. I also escorted tours to many places in the world. In the San Francisco Interline Club, I was Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Days of Wine and Roses and also the Russian River Canoe Barbeque which involved airline people from all over the world.

I retired at the right time, and I am enjoying all the things I learned from my job.

### **Terence Davis, 107 Meherrin Ter. S.W., Leesburg, VA 20175**

My birthday is the 25<sup>th</sup>, a birthday that I share with my oldest granddaughter, Haley.

To kill time on the long overnight flights from NRT and back to HNL, we often exchanged family trivia in the cockpit. Upon finding that Haley and I had the same birthday; most co-pilots would say that this was cool. When I pointed out that in the normal course of events, I would pre decessate her and the day might become a sad one. An astute co-pilot pointed out that this would depend on how much money I left her!

### **Joan Gilkison, 985 Fleet Drive #365, Virginia Beach, VA 23454**

I am the widow of **Terence Gilkison**. I was a long time member of the Pelican Drop Ins from Ft Myers, FL.

I wrote the Newsletter article for the Pelican Drop Ins for so long that I really feel great loyalty to RUAEA. I wish there was a RUAEA group near here.

I have just recently moved to Atlantic Shores, a retirement facility and I just love it. I feel like I will be on vacation for the rest of my life. This place is fabulous!

I have a daughter and son and their families who live in Virginia Beach, so that was the motivating factor for me to move here.

There is so much to do here that I have to take a day off to get my affairs in order.

Thanks for a great magazine and all the work that goes into it.

### **Ginny Kildoyle, 5854 New England Woods Drive, Burke, VA 22015**

Thank you the grace period in paying our dues. My husband, Ed and I were in Aruba for 24 days celebrating our 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary and my 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday. I am just now catching up on all of the mail.

I so enjoy the newsletter and seeing familiar names, especially the names from NTCRR where I started in 1969 as Ginny Madden.

I am friends on Facebook with a few and it is great to see how we are doing all these years later.

Keep up the efforts of keeping all of us informed. I really appreciate your hard work.

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

Two once in a lifetime events happened May 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a record breaking 11" of snow and I turned 80 years old.

Last year we had two mission projects for our farmers market. We were doubly blessed by matching funds. It thrills us to see how gracious God is as He encourages us.

This year our proceeds will go Alaska Christian College in Soldotna, AK. Their mission is to help remote village youth adjust to the outside world.

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

It has been a long winter here in SW Michigan.

We took several trips to visit our children and grandchildren. We flew Southwest to Orlando once and once to Denver. We also flew AirTran, left on time, arrived on time and had low fares.

I have no idea how to get on the "Flying together" website. I have tried and tried, then get frustrated and book on SW. The idea that I have to get to an airport to get tickets issued would be a hardship for me, over 100 miles to Chicago and 90 miles to South Bend. I am not sure that they would have an agent skilled enough to write me a ticket.

I spent lots of years and feel kicked to the curb!

I love the newsletter and appreciate all the effort that goes into putting it together.



# **RUAEA CANDIDATES**

## **YEAR 2013**

### **Director – Southeast Region**

**Linda Scriven** ~ Except for a tour as a Sales Representative at MCOSS, I performed 34-years of UAL service in the Washington, D.C. area. Starting as a Reservation Sales Agent at DCARR in 1968, my assignments also included service there as Tour Agent and at the Group Desk. At DCARR, I served as Mainliner Club President and Employee Council representative. In 1991, I was named Customer Service Rep of the Year. I retired in 2002 as a Service Director – Customer Service at IADCS. Outside UAL, I was active with the National Federation of Business and Professional Women serving locally, as President and Director, regionally as President, State Level as Chairman of several committees. Joining RUEA upon my retirement, I became a member of the Dulles Loungers, assisted the then President with chapter management and currently serves as their President. Outside of RUEA, my volunteer activities include proud service with Traveler's Aid at IAD. For leisure, I am occupied with water aerobics.

I was the Chairperson of the 2012 RUEA Convention in Washington, D.C. and have served as the RUEA Director for the Southeast Region for the last two years.

### **Director - Northeast Region**

**Patricia "Treatie" Karwoski** ~ I started my career in 1958 with Capital Airlines as a Reservations Agent in NYCRR. I retired in 1992 as a Customer Services Agent in PITCS. Currently, I am an active member of the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers Planning Committee. My volunteer activities include Mills Hospital in San Mateo, CA for 9 years while working in San Francisco; Special Olympics for 8 years for Beaver County, PA; Planning Committee for the Children's Heart & Cancer Association fund drives. I am also volunteering at a nursing home at the present time. Finally, I retired after working part time for 17 years at the Hallmark Card and Gift Shop. My leisure activities include playing Bocci Ball league; herb club; "Gals of 55" group; & "Golden Girls" group whose members are retired PIT airport employees. I would like to see RUEA stimulate and unify more participation and recruit more "younger" members & keep the "United Family" together. I have also served in the past as the Northeast Director.

*Your Vote is Important,  
please vote!*

### **Director - Mountain Region**

**Charles Cole** ~ I retired in 2001 with 38 years of service. Employed at SFO as a General Overhaul Mechanic, I transferred to SEA in 1969 and remained there until my retirement with the exception of two layoff transfers (to SFO and LAX for 1½ years each). I completed my career at SEA as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman and earned an Award of Merit during my tenure. My assignments included the following locations; SFOOV, SFOMM, SFOPI, LAXMM, and SEAMM. Also, I had a stint with Mesa Airlines in 2005 as their Heavy Maintenance Representative.

Besides membership in the TUS Roadrunners since 2002, my wife, Sharon (who also worked for UAL for 20 years), and I served as National Registration Committee co-chairmen for the 2004 RUEA SEA Convention. Additional volunteer involvement is with the Arizona site steward program which is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Arizona's heritage and cultural resources. Leisure activities include travel (a great deal of which involves our 6 (1 girl and 5 boys) children and 8 grandchildren (girls-5, boys-3) as well as attending air shows, "exercising" and membership in the Sonora chapter, BMW Car Club of America. I have served as the Mountain Region Director for the last two years.

### **Director - Arizona Region**

**Bob Hallden** ~ I retired in 1990 after 35 years. RNO was my first station, then SFOTR, and lastly SJCOZ. All the time was in Ground Service/Passenger Service/Customer Service, dividing my time between agent and management. At SFO passenger service, I was fortunate to witness many changes in operations that were first inaugurated at SFO. RNO and SJC were typical line stations. RNO was the last UAL owned station, sold just about 3 years before I started in 1955 and I was involved in opening up a new station, SJC, in 1969.

My first involvement with retirees was with Sacramento Gold Diggers, becoming chapter VP/President 1993/1994. Meeting so many retirees from all walks-of-life and job descriptions, I felt fortunate when asked to join the RUEA site selection committee. This was from May 1995 to May 1996. In May of 1996, I was appointed as RUEA Director for Northern CA/Northern NV until May of 1998. In 2001, I was again appointed a member of the Site Selection Committee becoming chairman in 2002 until 2006. During this time period, we brought you our conventions in Hollywood, Washington, D.C., Sacramento, and Pittsburgh. From 2006 I worked with VP of Conventions, Hank Gosselin for the next 4 years as his A/VP.

Being active with the Re-United chapter in the Phoenix

area, I have made many friends in the other AZ chapters and would like to expand my involvement with them as our RUAEA Director for AZ. Since retiring, I have become an avid reader and now never leave the house without my Kindle e-reader. The first 10 years of retirement, I sincerely tried developing my lousy golf game only to realize I'd never get any better at it. So I gave it up before moving to AZ only then to find my retiree development has 5 golf courses.

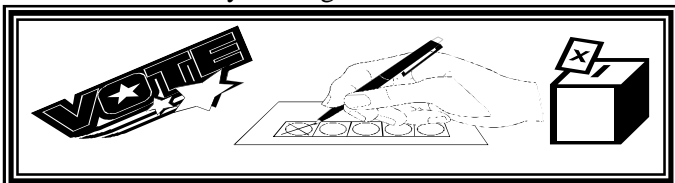
Before my wife's passing, we travelled in our motor home throughout most of the western states. I still have it, but the trips are more infrequent. Retirement has been great, but now when someone asks if I'm working, I respond "I'm in between jobs". Recently, I've found a time-filler. Locally, a hospital is adding a tower wing that could double the patient load. They need volunteers so there ends my "in-between-jobs". I am currently serving as the Arizona Director.

### **Director-Northwest Region**

**Jack Hooper** ~ I started my career in 1966 as a pilot in ORDFO, worked as Line Check Airman 1985-1989 and retired in 1993 as Captain in LAXFO. I joined the Oregon Dewers in 1993; served as chapter President 2000-2004. After I was appointed RUAEA's Regional Director-Northwest in May, 2006, I served through May 2011. Then in the spring of 2012, I was appointed once again to the Regional Director position. My wife, Nancy and I served as co-chairpersons of the 2011 Portland RUAEA Convention. I also served as the Coordinator for the PDX and SEA Travel Desks. Currently, I am Commissioner of the East County Fire & Rescue out of Washougal, Washington.

My leisure activities include the Vancouver Rifle & Pistol Club; reading; travel; and taking care of my 5 acres. I am joined in all my retirement activities by my wife, Nancy. Prior to joining United, I graduated from Purdue in 1955 with a BSEE degree. I was a Naval Aviator 1955-1959 & in the Reserves until 1972. Also, I worked at General Motors in the AC Electronics Division on the Apollo Program as Inertial Navigation Systems Engineer 1960-1965.

I would like to see RUAEA attract and keep as many United Retirees as members as possible; stimulate chapter growth across the country; support the UAHF by promoting monetary contributions & artifacts. I would like to see RUAEA continue to be as proactive as possible while maintaining the social aspects of our organization. I am currently serving as the Northwest Director.



## **Important Phone Numbers**



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

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

### **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-242-0075

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

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

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for ePass Line –your birthday, mmddyy \$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

### **Employee Travel Center**

1-877-324-5555

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### **Flying Together Help Desk**

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

### **Blue Cross / Blue Shield** 1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

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

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

### **Social Security Administration**

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

### **Alliant Credit Union**

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

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A "Challenge and Response" check was the last inspection of the DC-6's instruments and controls after the engines were run-up to cruise power prior to take-off.

The scroll shows a portion of the "oral challenges" made by the Flight Engineer and "responded to" by the Captain as he made the required checks.



After completing the Challenge and Response checks, the co-pilot radioed the tower for take-off clearance. In 1955, airport traffic was controlled by Airport Traffic Control Towers and operated under the authority of the CAA (Civil Aeronautics Administration).

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The Captain climbed at a predetermined rate and course until attaining cruise altitude. The throttles were reduced to cruise power and the cabin pressure was increased.

*By Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - from the 1955 booklet "Mainliner Flight Plan".*

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