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HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

Convention will be over by the time RUAEA members read the printed version of the June 2005 issue of newsletter. A report on the convention will be published in the July Newsletter. A big THANK YOU to Hal Klobe, General Chairman & all the committee members who helped make this a successful convention.

GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

With the situation changing as rapidly as it has been, your Board & Denver office have been trying hard to communicate with you, the membership, as rapidly as possible. We know that the Newsletter does not reach you by mail until, in most cases, well into the month, however, we can now tell you that the Newsletter is consistently available on our Website (www.ruaea.org) in the middle of the month prior to the date on the printed Newsletter. That is at about 2 – 3 weeks before it will be seen in anyone's mailbox. We have also been working to make the web presentation more user friendly & more useful at the same time. You should find that the single column presentation of the Newsletter makes it more readable and will enable you to make copies of single pages easily if you want to. In addition, the Newsletter archive will let you go back to past copies of the Newsletter for reference purposes should you need that capability. We are also working to expand the presentation of "news" items on the Website, independent of the Newsletter, as they may affect the membership.

There are also significant benefits which may accrue to your Association. If you sign up for access to the Website, receive the Newsletter, all the supplemental information we have, and will, place there, instead of by the U.S. Mail, we will be able to reduce both postage & production costs at little additional Website cost. We will also be able to reduce the manual demands on our estimable mailing team for the weight of the thousands of 30-40 page Newsletters they have to handle each month.

We hope you will give consideration to the added communication capability which the Website will provide to you & join your fellow members already on the Website. Directions for signing on to the Website can be found at www.ruaea.org or in information you will periodically find in the Newsletter.

Mort Wax
Executive Vice President

UNITED LAUNCHES ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON DULLES - SAO PAULO FLIGHT

Beginning Oct. 31, 2005, United is scheduled to offer customers additional daily nonstop service between our hub at Washington Dulles International Airport & Varig's hub, Sao Paulo Guarulhos International Airport in Brazil.

Our service expansion builds on the success of our existing daily flight to Sao Paulo from Dulles. Varig & the Star Alliance network enable us to meet a growing demand for our award-winning service among our business, government & leisure customers traveling to & from Brazil.

Both Washington Dulles-Sao Paulo flights are timed to maximize convenience & connections at both Washington Dulles & Sao Paulo; will be operated with B767-300 aircraft, configured with 10 United First seats, 32 United Business seats, 71 seats in Economy Plus & 80 seats in United Economy.

Flight 825 leaves Washington Dulles 6:30 p.m. daily, arrives in Sao Paulo 7:05 a.m. the next day. Flight 824 departs Sao Paulo daily 12:25 a.m., arrives in Washington 7:20 a.m.

UNITED ANNOUNCES FLIGHT ATTENDANT RECALL

United will recall an additional 500 flight attendants early from voluntary furlough, in response to a projected increase in load factors & to offset flight attendant attrition.

We're pleased to welcome back these returning flight attendants who will be joining their colleagues in continuing to provide outstanding service to our customers.

250 of this group will be recalled effective July 25, 2005, & 250 will return effective Aug. 8, 2005.

This group of 500 flight attendants is in addition to the 500 recalled last month & scheduled to return in June & July.

Presently, there are no United flight attendants on involuntary furlough.

UNITED TO EXPAND BUY ON BOARD PROGRAM

Effective June 7, 2005, United will expand its buy on board program. Snack boxes, & restaurant-quality fresh sandwiches & salads will replace complimentary meals on United's transcontinental flights (other than the premium p.s. service), flights between the West Coast & HWI, all other domestic flights greater than 5 hours departing prior to 8:00 p.m., plus flights to & from the Caribbean & Mexico.

This change provides variety for our customers and is a smart business move for United. Customers aboard these flights will have more choices at an attractive & competitive price -- they can choose from a fresh sandwich or salad, plus four different snack boxes containing 6 to 8 nonperishable, individually wrapped, brand-name products. Each offering will cost \$5. The snack box & fresh product offerings also reduce United's food costs.

On April 3, United replaced the buy on board salad & sandwich offerings with the snack box collection on mainline flights between 3½ & 5 hours. The popular snack boxes premiered on Ted in Oct. 2004 under the TedSelect name & are available on all Ted flights with travel times longer than 2½ hours.

ENHANCED CURBSIDE SERVICE IN TEST PROGRAM

As part of its system wide examination of business practices to seek cost savings & improve customer service, United has been testing the idea of charging a two-dollar-per-bag fee for curbside check-in.

The fee is meant not as a revenue generator, but to save costs incurred by current curbside practices, as well as help shorten increasingly long lines in the lobby by providing more choices at the curb.

United receives only a fraction of the fee to maintain podiums & curbside equipment; the majority goes to the SkyCap vendor. By allowing the vendor to charge this fee, United eliminates its own multi-million dollar cost for SkyCap vendors. These companies have a greater incentive to increase service levels.

Though the small fee is intended in lieu of a gratuity for SkyCap service, customers are welcome to tip in addition to the fee.

The "Check and Go" program improves service for our customers overall; it enables those who use it to proceed directly from the curb to security, which can shorten the wait time.

ALLIANT CREDIT UNION OFFERS \$10,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alliant Credit Union will award five, \$2,000 scholarships to members as part of its 3rd annual Members Scholarship Program. To apply, students must be Alliant members in good standing, also be enrolled for the fall 2005 semester in an accredited undergraduate program at a college, university or vocational/technical institution. The application deadline is June 30, 2005.

Providing scholarships for college-bound members is just one way the Chicago-based credit union is trying to help students (& their parents) meet the demands of increasing college tuition costs. A staunch advocate of youth financial literacy, Alliant this year implemented a "Banking on Our Future" program that sends teacher-volunteers into local schools on behalf of partner Operation HOPE, Inc.

Alliant offers one of the highest savings dividends in the country - as well as some of the lowest loan rates possible - so becoming a member is certainly beneficial to those working toward their education, explains David Mooney, Alliant President & CEO. As part of our "return-to-the-member" philosophy, this program allows students to apply for scholarship money to defer their tuition expenses.

To qualify for the Members Scholarship Program, the student must:

- **Join Alliant Credit Union** by completing a *Membership Enrollment Agreement* available online at www.alliantcreditunion.org, or by calling 800-328-1935 (*Mon. - Fri., 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Central Time*).
- **Apply or enroll in an accredited undergraduate program** at a college, university, or vocational/technical institution (minimum 12 credit hours per semester) during the fall semester of 2005. (Graduate programs do not qualify.)
- **Complete required paperwork**, including a Members Scholarship Application, a 100-word statement of personal goals, & a 250-word essay on the topic, "What Does Belonging to Alliant Credit Union Mean to Me?" Also required is a list & description of the applicant's community involvement/activities, accompanied by an official copy of high school or college transcript (whichever applicable).

Applications & paperwork must be postmarked to Alliant Credit Union by Thurs. June 30, 2005. A selection committee will begin the review process on July 1; will notify the winners by July 30. Alliant Credit Union employees, board of directors, scholarship committee members & their family members of the same household are not eligible. For more details about the Alliant Members Scholarship Program, visit www.alliantcreditunion.org.

As the largest credit union in IL - & the nation's eighth largest (based on assets) - Alliant has 180,000 members, \$4.5 billion in assets. Alliant will officially celebrate its 70th year as a credit union in Oct.

THE O'HARE CHAPTER OF CLIPPED WINGS AND COUNTRYSIDE CENTER FOUNDATION FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT - JULY 26, 2005

The O'Hare Chapter of Clipped Wings & Countryside Center Foundation will host its fifth annual golf benefit fund-raiser on Tues., July 26 at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. In addition to 18 holes of golf with cart, a delicious lunch & dinner will be served. Check-in starts 11 AM, shot gun start scramble 12:30 PM. Cocktails begin 5:30 PM, dinner 6:00 PM. A raffle & silent auction will be taking place as well. Cost for golf, lunch, & dinner is \$175.00 P/P, \$50.00 for each non-golfer. For tickets & more information, please contact Clipped Wings co-chairs Jan Lohr - 847-884-8350; Larry Kinchion 773-889-5657, Rosa Fitch 630-762-8202, or Susie Joailier 847-382-4330 or email her at petunia847@aol.com.

NRSA TRAVEL POLICY REMINDERS

As the busy summer travel season draws near, we offer these travel policy reminders for retired travelers:

- Listings must be made prior to arrival at the airport for all non-revenue space-available pleasure travel. Use Apollo, WebList, or 1-800-UAL-LSIT to make your listings at least 4 hours before domestic flights & 12 hours before international flights.
- After listing for NRSA travel, check in for your flight using EasyCheck-In Online, EasyCheck-In kiosks or curbside check-in.

Check-in for U.S. domestic trips can be done using EasyCheck-In Online up to 24 hours in advance of scheduled departure at www.united.com/employeeetravel on a computer with an Internet connection & a printer. In order to use EasyCheck-In Online, the initial listing must have been created by the retiree.

Check-in for both U.S. domestic & international travel can be done using EasyCheck-In kiosks, regardless of who created the initial listing, as long as the PNR is authorized for travel.

NRSA travelers with bags also can check in using EasyCheck-In Curbside SkyCap service at 82 U.S. domestic United and United Express locations.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for July are due in DEN by Mon. June 6, Aug. reports by 7/6, Sept. reports by 8/5. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by US Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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The Re-United's April meeting, our annual picnic, was held at Red Mountain Park on April 13. Great weather, great food & wonderful friendships were enjoyed by all. Special thanks went to Bud Hubbard for arranging the picnic, also for arranging for the printing of our new directory which was distributed to the members attending.

New officers for the next term were elected: Skip Ward – Pres., Henry Falk – VP, Jo Anne Gaudioso – Secy., and Fred Rockenhauser – Treas.

New members joining us were: Bess Rodriguez, Leon Baldwin & his wife, Ann.

Jim Fauber reported that membership has reached 12,723.

Bud Hubbard reported on the upcoming convention. Hotel rooms are nearly sold out. It promises to be a great venue, good entertainment also a chance to renew old friendships.

During the summer months we will be meeting for breakfast at Ollie's Omelettes the 3rd Wed. of each month. Regular luncheon meetings will begin in Oct., the 1st Wed. of each month.

TALL PINES

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Our April 26 meeting for the Tall Pines group was held at the Lone Spur restaurant in beautiful downtown Prescott. We had 16 members present, also new members Brian & Janice Underhill. Brian hails from SFOMM - a big welcome to our group.

Congratulations are in order to Nikki Krause who recently became an Ambassador for the Prescott Chamber of Commerce. We know Nikki will do a marvelous job.

Calendar

June 28 - Annual Potluck

July 26 - Lone Spur Restaurant

Aug. 23 - Potluck at Nikki Krause's home

Sept. 13 - All Arizona Chapter Annual Picnic - Goldwater Lake - flyers will be mailed to all chapters.

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For our April meeting, we had lunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch where we mingled with the horses & the dudes. There were 30 of us, including 5 guests plus 2 new members, Carol & Bill Straw.

A memorial service was held May 9 for Ed Piper.

Calendar

June & July - Meeting at the Thunder Canyon Brewery at Foothills Mall

Aug. 18, 19, 20 - Meeting in Pinetop, AZ, in the cool White Mountains

CALIFORNIA

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Bill & Dana Noyes hosted the festive April luncheon at the Elephant Bar and Grill in Goleta, with 28 members & guests in attendance. Since it was Dana's birthday month, they had a beautiful birthday cake for dessert in her honor, also for all of the April celebrants. We welcomed retiree Arthur Jacobs as a new member. Special guests were retiree Jim Micaleff; Al & Marilyn Rybar brought Al's brother, Dave Rybar. John & Barbara Stilwell brought their son, Jason, also his friend, Jolie Joy. Betty Rupp brought her daughter & granddaughter, Georgeanne & Arica Lubin. Bob Stanger brought his mother, Isabelle - Marcia was away on a trip. We missed her & Esther Bartlett, who was also traveling. Bob & Pat Wagner sent e-mail greetings to the group as they are in Iowa for lengthy stay.

A birthday card was passed around for everyone to sign for our former charter member, Uel Soward, who now resides in Black Earth, WI. He is celebrating his 95th birthday, still going strong. He is very special to all of us he left behind here in the west.

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BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' April meeting was hosted by Helen Follansbee who handled the program very well; Curt was absent recovering from pneumonia; all members hope he'll be back with us next month. We were honored by visits from two prospective new members: Dennis Lear & Dick Hayes; Dennis worked at a variety of maintenance bases, Dick worked at a number of stations. Reuben & Elida Rivas were off traveling - again. Bob & Ethelda Frost were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary. Bob Frost entertained with one of his many stories.

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Mike Bailardo missed the April meeting as he was in Santa Rosa, CA, to attend his first prom in years. No dancing, however, as he was performing his magic for the prom goers.

Louise Hammari has left the desert area; we haven't received her new address. Says she'll be thinking of us on the 2nd Wed.

Al Beuchel recently had radioactive seed implants for prostate cancer. We wish him continued progress.

Kathy Thorne & husband are now in France until early fall.

George & Loraine Lantz have both experienced some health problems. Loraine's son stayed with her so he could join us for the April meeting.

Lynn Morrow made it to the April meeting but reported that Dave Podnar is working in an antique store. He said they have 10 or 12 cars now. Good thing Dave's working!!

Bill & Donna Eads were with us as well as Louise Robillard & Janis Ward. Gil & Marianne Patterson were in attendance, but about to leave for their summer home in CN. The Whites were leaving for their summer place south of Reno. New member, Ron Napier, retired Jan. 1 out of LAX. Donna Dews of the Sacramento Gold Diggers was a guest.

Elaine Aggson reminded us to save our hotel soaps, etc. for "Shelter From the Storm" - an organization she works with.

Message to Jean Moore (wife of Art). It's okay to pray for rain for us now. She almost got carried away for a while!

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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The April 2005 meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at Josef's Restaurant in the Hotel LaRose, in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square area with 51 members & guests attending. Brandon & Pat Maus were the hosts for this meeting.

VP Norm Burnette was unable to be at the meeting as he is recovering from recent surgery. Treas. Oscar Chambers donned Norm's hat to introduce our guests: Clem Shanahan, guest of Barney & Clare Hagen; Jim & Jan Baer, guests of Tim & Kathy Staples; plus Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell. Treas. Oscar Chambers reported expenses & income for the past month. We are solvent & the Charity Fund is growing.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the anniversaries for the month. Of special note were Helen & Bill Furber, 64 years; Wilma & Sandy Garver, 59 years, Marge & Bob Fulkerson, 55 years. Cards of concern were sent to Charlie Anderson, Helen Furber, Vic & Elaine Kristin. Verda also read a thank you note from Naomi Tolf for the gifts & flowers presented to her.

Brandon Maus & Maria van Kruining conducted the raffle, prizes were distributed by Nicolaas van Kruining & Harry Rogers.

Thought for the month:

INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED!

Calendar:

July 14 - Chalet Basque, Santa Vanetia - Joan & Oscar Chambers

Aug. 11 - Picnic, Anderson Grove - Verda Burr

Sept. 8 - NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Re-LAX-ers

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Some may remember Ginnie Roberts Tafini (who was a keypunch operator in the days before computers) during the 50s & 60s in the Rez. Office on Wilshire. Ginnie passed away not too long ago. You may wish to send your condolences to her family - Roger Tafini, 113 Village Court, Columbiana, OH 44708.

In Feb., Alice & Pete Lopez lost Pete's father who passed away quite suddenly. He was buried with full military honors at Ft. Benning, GA. Address for Pete & Alice: 7314 Quill Dr., #152, Downey, CA 90242-2023, email: trekkersforever@comcast.net.

Several ReLAXers members have dropped notes to secy. Donna with (for the most part) good news. Dick Hopkins (believe he is reinstating membership) who has battled cancer for some time, reports of his latest visit to UCLA medical center; tests showed positive results, & they gave him a clean bill of health. Drop him a line, 1410 Philmar Ln., Vista, CA 92083.

Mitch Mitchell reports that he & Mary Louise are feeling fine, keeping a low profile & not venturing out too much. We miss them!

Candice Kelly emailed many of her friends on the 8th, asked for prayers for her sister who is in the hospital very seriously ill. She had surgery to remove a tumor from her adrenal gland with further serious complications. Candy thanks her friends for their help. Write Candy at 1920 Carmelina Av., #2 L.A., CA 90025; (310) 207-5216, candicekelly@aol.com.

Bob Owens, our Regional Director, had surgery on a skin tumor at the front of his hairline. It had developed quite rapidly, doctor thought it would take 2 surgeries to get rid of it, fortunately, 1 surgery was all that was needed; it went well & he is doing fine.

Al Tschirhart has been suffering with a lot of pain in his legs. The treatment was surgery on veins of both legs. His surgery went very well, & he was at the Convention Planning Committee meeting 5/10, looked great.

Jackie Abel beat lung cancer quite some time ago, but it has recurred. She is now undergoing radiation treatment & swears she will beat it again. I'll bet she'd love a card - 16682 Bolero Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92649 or (714) 846-2119 or Jacquelineabel@aol.com.

George Marinoff is still having health problems. Kay has been driving every day to the hospital. Send a card - 5027 Emerald St., Torrance, CA 90503, (310) 542-8490.

A memorial service was held for former LAXTO & LASTO agent, Don Burkhart on April 30 which was attended by fellow employees from LAX, LAS & PHX.

Our thoughts & prayers to the ailing members & families of those we've lost.

Several of the hardworking members of the Convention '05 committee took an evening off to let off steam at a great German restaurant near LAX where there is polka dancing & lots of fun. Ester & Louis Horompoly, Barbara & Pete Schuster & Hal Klobe (Donna missed the fun 'cause she had to stay home to nurse a nasty cold). They had a great time dancing for hours. One teeny problem - Hal's still recuperating from a cracked hip bone. The healing bone apparently didn't think that was such a swift idea; he paid for it the next day with aches & pains.

The last planning meeting of the '05 Convention Committee was held 5/10/05. The convention will be history by the time most of you receive this Newsletter. Jim Ferrance, our publicity person already is working on the post-convention news. If today's visit to Hollywood is a good introduction, I believe it will be a fun time. The costumed characters in front to the Kodak & Egyptian theaters were out in force handing out flyers to a fairly large group of tourists. It will be fun seeing everyone again, but don't look for us in June - most of the committee folks have plans to "get outta town!". We do need a rest!

We thank you for coming, for not being put off by exaggerated horror stories of travel, exaggerated stories of driving LA freeways, the high prices of the 2 most important things - gas & bar

drinks, plus too many chickens! We were sorry some of the tours you wanted were sold out or oversold; hope you'll mail earlier next year to avoid such calamities.

Thanks for coming. And now, keep tuned for ReLAXers tours later in the year.

Calendar:

June 9 - Luncheon

Aug. 11 – Famous steak on the barbi picnic

Re-Sans

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We took pleasure from a good turn out for our lovely luncheon at Carvers Restaurant. 40 of our members enjoyed the luncheon. The staff was friendly & happy to address our every need.

Bob Owens did not have anything new to report on the status of UAL negotiations.

A count of people who plan to attend the convention in May was taken; 7 from ReSans will attend.

Bill Lindsay will continue to work on a group of ReSans members attending a day Padre Game. The difficult part is trying to arrange for a tailgate of any kind. We will continue to update you as we receive word from Bill.

Our next meeting will be our Oktoberfest, Marian has requested a volunteer to assist in making these arrangements.

Calendar:

Oktoberfest - Date and location to be announced

Christmas Party - Tom Hams Lighthouse - date to be announced

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RETIREES - SFO AREA

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Don & Mary Hughes were our greeters for the April 25 meeting. We had 146 members & guests present which included 3 new members, Howard Fong and Ben & Linda Vietz. After Ralph Trullinger called the meeting to order, Helen Cain read the minutes, Gene Walter gave the Treas.' Report, Carol Walter introduced our new members. We congratulate Carol & Milt Peterson who celebrated their 56th anniversary.

Cards were sent to: Ross Turner who had cataract surgery followed by gall bladder surgery this month, Bob Baron who will be having back surgery, & Elenore Linquist who had eye surgery May 11. Ross was at the meeting, seems to be doing fine. We hope & pray that Bob & Elenore had successful surgeries.

James Goodwin, our Historian, announced that we have been a chapter for 43 years, starting in April 1962. He brought a very interesting scrapbook for us to view, that had items from 1962 to the present.

Kitchen Coordinator, Vera Kina, announced that we will have a \$5 luncheon at our July General Meeting; asked for a vote between a chicken wrap from KFC or a chicken burrito from a local Mexican

Restaurant. The Chicken Burrito won. The Chinese lunches have been very successful but we thought we would try something different this time. Be sure to buy your ticket.

Are you uncomfortable about leaving your baggage unlocked so security can open them? Helen Cain told us about some plastic circle locks that she has used. These are very inexpensive & can be cut by Security, who will leave a Baggage Inspection card inside the luggage. Helen also told us about some combination metal locks that are reset-able & can be opened by Security. These can be purchased at Luggage shops also AAA offices.

Our program today was the "Bay Bells", a local group of 5 bell ringers that are a part of a much larger group of 12 to 14 people. These 5 people entertained us with some beautiful music. A little trivia - the biggest bells weigh between 3 - 4 lbs. The largest bell takes 2 hands to play & weighs 9 - 10 lbs. Good exercise for the arm & shoulders.

Travel info.: The April 27-29 Yosemite trip was a big success, even with some rain & a little snow. We had wonderful accommodations & good food. The guided tour of the park was great. I have been to Yosemite several times but never had anyone tell me what I was looking at, not to mention some of the history. We stayed at an Indian Casino & visited another Indian Casino on the way home. Some of our group even won a little money. There were 54 of us, we had a great time. Betty Garner still has available space on the New Year's Mississippi River Boat Cruise Dec. 26 - Jan. 2, 2006. Give Betty a call, 650-355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com.

Ginger has booked 56 people for the Sept. Baltic cruise between Copenhagen & St. Petersburg, now has a wait list. She has asked the members for suggestions on where they would like to travel next. If you would like to make a suggestion or want more info call Ginger, 650-224-1865 or email gingersgo@aol.com.

Calendar:

You may notice that there is a change in our calendar. Pres. Ralph Trullinger, announced that the SFO UAL Retirees Singles Club has disbanded. We want to thank Ellen Pearce for the many years she has worked with this group.

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. each month, business meeting 11:30 AM at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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We had one major wedding anniversary this month - Russ & Joanne Currier who celebrated their 55th. Russ attended our April 22 meeting, Joanne is still very ill. Our congratulations to both of them; our prayers & best wishes to Joanne.

Several of our members have been out due to surgeries this month - Jack Fredricksen had a hernia operation; Gerald Frisch had an angioplasty & a stent inserted; Marion Gaeverd had an appendectomy. They are all coming along well; Marion, Gerald, & Jack have made it back to the meetings already. Lee Suit was in the hospital due to a fall, Barbara Ferrell is back in radiation; Vi Mattscheck was back after recovering from a fall. Bill Reichert continues to recover from a broken foot, & was at our April 29 meeting. Elaine Kristen is hopeful for answer to leg problem. Dwayne Howze is improving - hoping to be at our June picnic.

We welcomed Don & Dolores Burda back at our April 1 meeting; also Bill Arredondo. Visitors this month included Jose Camacho, now living in Costa Rica; Robert Ingram, guest of Bill Arredondo; plus Willard & Ethel Olson from NE. Willard shared some interesting information about Nebraska! It was nice to see Billie Cramb, wife of Sam Cramb, who attended our April 22 meeting for the first time.

Coming up, on June 14 (Flag Day), is our annual picnic. Call Tony Urso at 408-264-8580 for more information.

Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:00 am, meeting convenes at 8:20 am. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

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The East Bay Diablos held their May meeting on the 9th with 26 members & guests (brave souls to brave the rain & hail).

We have 2 new attendees, Richard Spirock (SFOCG) & Howard Grote (SFORR).

Good to see Ed Sloat and Norman & Lee Larson back. Marion & Marie Klosinski were unable to attend again because of ill health, cards would be most welcome.

A special thanks to Ed Lewis for all his wonderful (and funny) reminders by email to all of us for each meeting. He & Marian aren't able to attend as regularly as they would wish since they are in-home caregivers to her 105 year old mother.

Just a reminder for all you travelers that (unless changed) the US Government will require Americans to show a valid passport to reenter the US from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America by Dec. 31, 2005 & Canada or Mexico by Dec. 31, 2006. Renew your passports early as the Passport Bureau is very busy.

The June 13 meeting will be a catered western barbeque at the same location as last year (Pleasant Hill Park). We are asking for each of us to bring a dessert (for 4). Contact Howard Payne or Diane Griego if you need directions. We will not have a meeting in July.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 - lunch & business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

Calendar:

Aug. 8 - Meeting

Sept. 12 - Meeting

Oct. 10 - Meeting

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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We welcomed Pete Mason as a first-timer to the 4/30 mailing team session.

Breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course on May 4 was attended by 46 retirees & friends. We did not have any first-timers, but we had some "old-timers" we have not seen in a long time.

Lynn & Joe Pittrow brought Lynn's father, Steve Wasuta, retired from SFOMM. We have been told Steve's nickname is "The Old Goat"! We have not seen Don Osborn for a long time. Don, come again soon & bring a fellow retiree.

Five attendees returned their 50/50 winnings to the stamp fund. They were: Lynn & Joe Pittrow, Bob Hagedorn, Vic Andreatta & Larry Livingston. Thanks to all of you.

Tom Goodyear reported that United has received a contract to train Evergreen pilots on B747, also received a contract to train Russian pilots for Air Siberia. Air Siberia just purchased some B737-500 aircraft from United.

Have you heard about "Mother Goose"? Mother Goose has a nest in the courtyard area of DENTK. She is very BIG and her eggs should hatch about May 30. "Father Goose" is always very close. A red fox came to visit, but - "Father Goose" quickly chased him off!!

The Mile-Highers' picnic will be held July 13 at Heather Gardens Blossoms, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Social hour 11:00 AM, lunch (picnic) 12 Noon - \$12.00 P/P. Send check payable to RUAEA-Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, phone 303-477-2918. Cut off date 7/8/05.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

July 13 – Picnic - Details in column

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on April 28 at the White Swan Café, in Ocala. We had 20 members & 2 guests attending. Our guests were Oscar & Lilly Beuerly from BOS. We enjoyed their company. Our Treas., Charlie Wirth & wife, Lydia, were away on a cruise. The Dulans will be at an Army reunion some time in June. The Warners will be taking a cruise to Nassau. Wilma Martin & her husband graced us with their presence. Wilma had back surgery; was finally released by her surgeon.

The June meeting, which was supposed to be in or around Leesburg, had to be moved because Betty Smith was away in a trip & unable to make arrangements, therefore, the June meeting will take place on the 23rd, 11:30 AM, at Frankie's Grill, 1674 N US Hwy 41, in Inverness.

THE SAND DOLLARS

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On April 14 the Sanddollars met for their annual picnic at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. The weather was beautiful, food was superb. A heartfelt thanks to everyone for their hard work.

As always, Dick & Gretchen Bulin were the hosts for this event. We thank them for another successful picnic. There were 34 members & guests present -- no complaints from anyone! We welcomed many guests.

Pres. Tim O'Donnell, reported that his wife Bette could not attend due to illness; we missed her smiling face & expertise with the camera. Charley Johnson is not well; we wish them a speedy recovery. Tim is looking for someone to take over the reins of the Sanddollars, so members - please come forward & volunteer. It's a great job, because there are no customer complaints to deal with.

We also thank Alice Parker for being the food coordinator for the picnic, she did such a great job, will probably have to volunteer again!

Our Pres. touched on the upcoming season, which will start in Oct. Many of our Sanddollars go north for the summer. We are planning to have a guest speaker at the Jan. meeting. He is a retired

law enforcement officer & will speak about several issues, concerning personal safety & identity protection. He comes highly recommended by Michael & Loretta Marvett.

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This portion of the report is submitted by: Carolyn Lodge - Acting Secy.: Our picnic took place April 4 at Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs.

A discussion was held on the pension plan; it was stated that nothing has been done yet.

A discussion was held as to whether we would want to hold the annual convention for May 2007 or 2008. Terri Breslin suggested that before any persons volunteer to do the work on the convention that they attend one first. There is a lot of work that goes into having the convention. Art Reveillac stated that he worked on the last one that was in Orlando. It is a 2 year job. Jim Hottel gave his insights & stated that we do not have enough open flights to accommodate the attendees. It was also stated that 2007 was to be the site of the Shriners Convention. Mike Rice made a motion as to whether we wanted to host the 2007/2008 annual convention. It was an unanimous vote not to hold the annual convention in Tampa Bay at this time.

Pres. Mike Rice thanked Beverly Alderdice, Terri Breslin & Jon Wilkerson for their work on the picnic.

Terri Breslin stated that Dick Riedl had cataract surgery, Jim McGuire had foot surgery & Elsie Morris had recent surgery.

Mike Marvett reported on the West Coast Luncheon for 2006, stated they have reserved Pappas Restaurant. After some discussion it was decided to also look into Spartan Manor for the luncheon. Jim Hottel stated that we should make sure that it would not coincide with Super Bowl weekend.

Terri Breslin announced that the Christmas Luncheon will be at Spartan Manor 12/5/05.

Mike Rice stated that if you have an e-mail address to let RUAEA send your newsletter by the Internet; that will save some money.

This portion of the report is submitted by: Edith Polito:

Pres. Mike Rice opened the May meeting with 29 members present. Many of our northern/snowbirds members have flown north to their summer homes. Terri Breslin reported the April picnic was a big success with 62 attending. Mary Martin has volunteered to make our name tags in the future. Birthdays were celebrated in May by Bob Lindstrom & Larry Eppard. Les & Peggy Manuel celebrated their anniversary. Sunshine Lady Terri Breslin sent a card to Jon Wilkinson as his mother died recently. Also, a get well card was sent to Audrey Walton. Our Southeast Region Director Harry Walton resigned; Loretta Marvett is filling that position.

Jim Hottel & Edith Polito reviewed their recent flights to IAD recently, some comments were of their success & some not so good.

Members voted NOT to have a July meeting, it falls on July 4th! Our Chapter dues are normally due in July, Mike advised we can turn them in Aug. Hope to have a speaker for our June 6 meeting.

Our Oct. 3 meeting will be a picnic at Anderson Park; the Christmas party will be Dec. 5 at Spartan Manor.

Calendar:

June 6 – Buddy Freddy's Hwy 19, Holiday, FL 10:00 AM

July 4 – NO MEETING

Aug. 1 – Buddy Freddy's Hwy 19, Holiday, FL 10:00 AM

TREASURE COAST

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Our next to last meeting was our annual picnic. Due to inclement weather, the picnic was held indoors; we had lunch at Johnny's. Pres. Allan Popek donated a bottle of wine which was included with the 50/50. Ron Brodis won the wine, the Popeks won the money. The Liebisch's and Dodenhoff's 21-day cruise was interrupted when Gus Dodenhoff contracted pneumonia. He & Barbara were removed from the ship; after a short stay in a Cartagena, Columbia hospital were airlifted back to the States. He is doing much better & will be home from the hospital soon. Here is the last answer to our trivia quiz for the year. Question - In 1954 a record breaking flight of 16 hours 51 minutes was from where to where & introduced what airplane to United's fleet? Answer - New York to Waikiki in a DC-7 Mainliner.

Calendar:

June 7 - Our last meeting of the year is scheduled for Johnny's 11:30 for lunch.

GEORGIA

DIXIE FLYERS

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33 Flyers were present for the meeting & lunch at the Fire Mountain Restaurant hosted by Richard & Dayne Thompson. Bob & Carol Faust were our guests. Carol is the RUAEA representative for the Mid-West Region. Bruce Brodersen invited Carol to our meeting to represent RUAEA to the membership also to answer questions. We were given a private room for the meeting at the restaurant, everyone served himself/herself from the bountiful buffet. Don & Marge Shelley hosted an Employees & Retirees Picnic at their home in Locust Grove on April 16. This was the 5th year that they have planned & held this event. Everyone looks forward to the picnic, many coming from out of state as well as local residents. It was decided by Sandy Lis, Jane Brown & Bruce that the picnic scheduled for next month be changed to a restaurant due to the increased cost for rental of a pavilion at High Falls. We are looking for a new location for the picnic in the fall since the cost has become prohibitive for our group. From an article in the DEN newspaper we learned that bonuses for over a million dollars was awarded to United Management (while the company asked the court for an extension to the continuation of pay-cuts for United employees). Carol Faust, our Regional representative for RUAEA was given the floor to report & answer questions from the membership. Discussed was outsourcing of jobs, pension termination; problems with travel benefits regarding payments & difficulty in travel; problems between services with Sky West, Air Wisconsin, United Express regarding services & US Air. Also discussed were medical insurance costs & alternatives (RUAEA cannot offer insurance as a group as originally thought) & the role played by RUAEA in representing its members with United in these times. There is information circulating about alternative medical insurance, however, we do not have complete information at this time & will inform the membership when available.

One more of our long time members, Joe Mahoney passed away on March 22, 2005 after a long illness with Chron's disease & Cancer.

Spring has Sprung in GA!

April 16, 90 active, retired, & associated United people showed up at Don & Marge Shelley's Fifth Annual United Airlines Ensemble in Locust Grove, GA. There was plenty of good food & fellowship. We missed some of the regulars this year, but some new first time attendees were present. The weather cooperated nicely; many former friends & acquaintances were renewed.

36 flyers & 5 guests were in attendance at Logan's Roadhouse restaurant on May 4 in McDonough, GA. The lunch was hosted by Sandy Lis & Jane Brown. Service was excellent. The meeting room was bright with tables that could be easily moved to accommodate all those that wanted to sit together. Bill Doherty, who came as a guest, joined the Flyers during lunch. Welcome Bill, we are all glad to have you aboard. Bruce Brodersen had a brief business meeting. We are still trying to find a suitable & reasonable State Park for a picnic this Fall.

Gene Heider, brother of Ron Heider passed away April 26, 2005 in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Our condolences, & prayers to Ron & his family on their loss.

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Rocky's Pizza in Kona was the place of choice for 21 members & new members for our April 19 lunch. Maggie Chang passed out comment sheets for service & food. There was a resounding good response - a unanimous "let's do that one again." Ralph & Dottie Meurer won the 50/50 raffle & rejoined "Pau Hana Kupuna". Ralph spent 35 years in DEN at the tech center with reservations ending his career as supervisor of computer operations, retiring in 1986. He & Dottie have been volunteering their time ever since to: University of the Nations. At their own expense they traveled to Honduras, then with Impact Team Int'l, teaching English in impoverished areas; also to a remote town in China near the Tibetan border. Currently they are planning a trip to Brazil to continue their work.

We all had lots of fun at Rocky's laughing at our new Pres., Art Chang's jokes, also planning future meeting lunches. Everyone agreed we must continue the "raffle". Please bring a "white elephant", wrapped or unwrapped, which could be hilarious.

Ed Dawes reported that Hal Smith has returned home after surgery & convalescence in HNL. He would welcome notes or calls: 15-2817 Maiko St., Pahoa, HI 96778; 808 965-9503.

Pam Jones is in charge of Toys For Tots. Please keep them coming! Mahalo & Aloha.

Calendar:

June 16 – Aloha Angle Café, Kainaliu Town.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Ned Yundt called our meeting to order on May 2, reminding all in attendance, that services for Frank L. Schell were held 5/2 at the Cloverdale Funeral Home. We offer deepest sympathies to Wilma & the Schell family. The day coincidentally marked Wilma Schell's birthday.

June 14. Other announcements included a reminder on our special old-timers' dinner commemorating one of our senior seniors, to be held at Jaker's restaurant on Park Center Blvd., starting at 6 p.m. Don't miss this one. There will be some surprise visitors & don't forget to *Wear Your Name Tags*, please.

July 23. We'll have our Memorial pot luck picnic in the afternoon – especially planned to include those members who work during the week. But it won't be at the park this year. Our hostess will be Flora Tanguay; the event will be in her yard in Meridian. Further details will follow; again, don't forget to wear your name tags. Flora has been commuting to BOS to attend her 2 sisters there who need her help.

Aug. 22. This is the date for the Starlight Mountain Theater show at Garden Valley. Those interested should contact Joan or Joe Varady as early as possible. Their phone number is 208 462-4063, or email them at idahojoejoan@msn.com.

After commuting to SFO to baby-sit for several years, Piet & Dorothy Trock are finally home to stay. Their daughter Julie, husband Scott Cortez & baby Samantha have moved to ID. The Trocks will still baby-sit, but it will be here rather than there.

Bud & Pat Peters are back from a long drive to St. Louis to be with his ailing mother. On the way home, they celebrated their 37th anniversary in Rock Springs, WY, which they found to be not the most exciting place to celebrate anything.

After celebrating a 50th anniversary with Chic on Apr. 9 & a birthday on Apr. 12, Roni Adams flew to Green Bay, WI, to visit family. While there, she attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. She also visited & ate lunch at Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers. Jerry Kramer of Parma, ID, is one of those honored in the Packers' Football Hall of Fame.

Holbrook Maslen & wife Evelyn are again in Boise, after an exciting trip to East Africa. They were intrigued with Ethiopia & the friendliness of the people. Aviation is important there, with the basics being taught to school students in their pre-teens. Mike became acquainted with some of the people at Ethiopian Airlines & offered to act as a consultant. He may well return to Ethiopia when called upon.

Ray & Adrienne Davis have moved back to the LAX area. When we have their new address, we will pass it along.

Calendar:

June 6 - 9 a.m. breakfast at J.B's in Meridian.

July 4 - 9 a.m. breakfast at J.B's in Meridian.



ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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It was a sunny & brisk morning that 25 attended the South side breakfast. One unexpected visitor came from the North side, Rich Surma, who raffled plastic hand rakes & gave out some pens. There were 4 winners in the monthly 50/50 raffle.

Darlene Wank (Stan's widow) spent 4 wonderful days sight seeing in Sedona in April, commented on the beauty of the Red Rocks she had seen.

Helen Collins from Load Planning had hip surgery in May. We all send our best wishes for speedy recovery as she goes through therapy.

Northsiders group was also well attended with 3 new comers: Sharon Gulino who retired in Dec. 2004 from WHQBO. She commented that she loves retirement; retired Jan. 2003 from WHQWS. The latest & newest retiree, Marlene Fulton, retired from ORDCS March 2005 from Customer Service; is really looking for a life of fun & happiness.

The Loop group had a good turnout at their luncheon in May at the Palmer House in downtown Chicago.

Ceil Yates & Pat Muha flew to Thailand after the Sunami to romp around on the beaches for 2 weeks. For an update call Pat (630) 595-7825.

Thanks to Hal Predovich who gave a wonderful Invocation that 'Warmth our Lives' at the Spring Luncheon – (815) 372-1426.

Received word that Glen Gibbs is in the hospital – Phone (708) 424-8435.

Angelina Romeo, wife of retiree Nick Romero is home after having Pneumonia, falling in the hospital requiring a cast on her wrist; later falling at home is now recovering slowly. Address is 308 Highland, Elmhurst, IL. 60102, phone (630) 833-1197.

Our Sunshine Lady, Angie Waunn, was in the hospital, now is home improving. Address is 56 Forest Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL. 60007, phone (847) 439-1725.

Our best wishes for speedy recovery to all our associates. A call or card would be appreciated by all.

Calendar:

June 8 – Breakfast with the Northsiders Group, 9:00 a.m. at Artemis Restaurant at Golf & Busse Rd. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

June 28 – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House for the Southsiders Group, 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

July 19 – Hawaiian Luau Luncheon in Bartlett, Illinois (Flyers will be sent).

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The April meeting, a gambling cruise, took place on a ship out of Lynn, MA, with 36 members in attendance. Short on news about cruise, as yours truly doesn't like getting on ships that go out on the open ocean. Will fill in details in the next installment. The new members name list was sent out last month. So far, I've only been called on one correction. If you need a correction on your printed info, please call or e-mail me & advise. Corrections will go out accordingly.

John Campbell hadn't been to meetings in over a year; June Alberino advised me, John passed away in Jan. John had grown children, but we have no contact for them.

Our newest member is Lesley Brynjolfsson from ORDSW. Welcome Lesley.

Calendar:

June 12 – North Shore Music Hall – Fame

July 27 – Cape Cod Canal Cruise

Aug. – 5th annual summer picnic

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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April 7, 19 Escapees gathered at Atlantis hosted by Gwen Schwendenmann. We welcomed first timers & new retiree Janey McCauley with hubby Ron. It was also a first time for Roy Linenberg, whom Sue convinced to come along.

May 5, 23 Escapees rendezvoused at Antonio's in Dearborn Heights. We welcomed Carol Faust, Midwest RUAEA Director, along with husband, Bob. Their flight was an hour late due to a mechanical but still made it in time for lunch, the important part of our meetings. We also welcomed back snowbirds Sharon & Rod Jacob, sporting a new red Crossfire. Even with the cold weather Sharon was happy to be back. She claimed her aches & pains were much more at peace, than when she was in FL.

Once again we headed for a busy May with the Loonies in Mackinaw City & the convention in Hollywood. Hope to see ya all there...

Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or email.

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

MSP/St. Paul
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Pres. Lee Storlie opened our April meeting with a welcoming gift of the newly minted Minnesota quarter for 38 members in attendance. Thank you, Lee, for your thoughtfulness!

We were happy to see Cindy White, Don & Dorothy Wood, Lyle & Sonja Gunderson back after a winter absence. There are still a few snowbirds missing.

We were saddened to report the passing of Gerry Wilmes, MSPFF, March 2. Cards may be sent to Barbara Wilmes, 220 Walnut St., Apt. 202, Chaska, MN 55318.

Wes Briest remains on our sick list. He is in rehab at St. Gertrude's Nursing Home in Shakopee. Duane Cater & "Mort" Morton are regaining their health. We pray & wish them a complete recovery. Donna Gray is resigning her Treas.' job, as her mother has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Donna's mother, who lives with Donna, has been a frequent guest at our luncheon & outings. Our care, concerns & prayers are with Donna.

Jan Hannah resigned as our VP, Ethel Johnson was nominated & accepted this illustrious position! Now: A volunteer to fill our Treas.' slot - Anyone?

Joe Eyestone will bring a rep. from Humania, Inc., as a guest speaker in June. This could be a supplemental insurance for us. Please join us for a good turnout!

Pictures of Jack Dokes's latest airplane building endeavor were passed around. He is working every day at his hangar & loving it.

Our summer picnic will be hosted by Jim & Mary Brennan, Wed. July 13 in Danbury, WI. Map & details to follow.

Calendar:

2nd Wed. of month - Lunch at Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy 110 & Robert St. in West St. Paul - 11:15AM.

June 8 - Meeting - Insurance Rep from "Humania, Inc." as guest speaker.

July 13 - Summer picnic at the Brennans, Danbury, WI

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 45 attending a great buffet at USA Steak. Thanks to Larry & Sharon Farrell for hosting.

Dorothy Glover called & said that Bob was now in the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home. Bob has been suffering from Alzheimer's, it was getting to the point where Dorothy could no longer take care of him.

Theresa Dugan had a minor stroke last May & was in a nursing home until Dec. She is now home & able to be by herself. She said the stroke left her right arm & right side very weak.

Kathleen Much advised that her gout is about gone. In order for it not to come back, the doctor recommended she stay on the medicine probably for the rest of her life. If anyone gets gout, the medicine that finally helped her was called "Allopurinol".

Denny Jones is still having trouble with his eye - described it as a gray cloud. Doctor said there was a medication they could try but the side effects are quite bad. He has made the decision to live with it & not try the medication.

Had an Easter card from Jake Hutchinson. He said the move to MN went okay; he is close to all his kids & grandkids, but he does miss his friends in CO. He plans to go back there on Memorial Day.

Paul Steuri is now home, is happy to be there after his hospital & rehabilitation stays. It was almost 2 months being away from home after falling & breaking his hip.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS **GAMBLERS**

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Our April meeting had no big surprises, the meeting was started by Pres. Zelma Kibler & financial report was given with a balance in the bank by Treas. Rosie Rosenthal.

Zelma showed us a step by step tape on how the Monthly RUAEA Newsletter is made & mailed, very informative. We learned to appreciate all the work & effort that goes in it. We thank the RUAEA staff involved in all their endeavors.

Fred, spouse of Winnie Stone (702) 361-5839, had 2 heart attacks 2 weeks ago, stayed 6 days in the hospital. He is at home with all his problems held under control with medication & a daily visit by a nurse. We wish him a fast recovery. Winnie worked at LASHH before she retired.

Not much else to communicate other than the Grand Opening of the \$2.7 billion "Wynn Casino & Resort"; it is something to see.

Calendar:

Luncheon Meeting - June 14, Aug. 9, Oct. 11 - Place: The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109, (702) 733-8901. All meetings start at 11:30 am.

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury balance as of April 21 is \$541.56. Please send renewal dues to Mary Withers or me. There were 30 members in attendance, with no new members or guests in attendance.

Maurine Williams is unable to continue maintaining the Sierra Roundup scrapbook & has asked for a volunteer to continue her work. Please contact Maurine directly, or John Zoboli, if you are interested.

Pat Zoboli had announced her resignation due to her recent employment. The membership voted to change the meeting date to Mon., which then enables Pat to continue as secy. The annual picnic, will remain unchanged on Aug. 18, as well as the Christmas Party on Dec. 15.

Calendar:

Meeting - June 20, July 18, Aug. 18, Sept. 19 - Place: The Red Lobster on S. Virginia St. - 11:30 A.M.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The monthly meeting of the Gardenstaters was held April 27 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Pres. Richard Confer opened meeting, with 59 in attendance.

Starting in 2005, Passports are needed for each child when going to Aruba, Bahamas, Central & South America, 2006 Canada, 2008 anywhere outside of United States. If there is a group passport, everyone has to be going. Passports for group will be \$97 and for individuals \$67.

Pension Funds changes from day to day. You have to keep up with it from the news.

Charlie Donnelly reported on total membership at Newark, CSA – 69, RSM – 89 (63 full time) & MM – 34. Total Flights 16 Mainliners & 7 Express. Gate changes, Gate 11 & 12 Air Canada & Gate 18 American West. IAM "Day of Action" (Rally Day) will be held at World Trade Center noon time. UAL Hangar #14 & the Air Freight buildings are up for sale.

IAM submitted 7 proposals to the Company, 6 were turned down. The Bankruptcy has cost \$150 million dollars in Lawyers fees. The company has submitted 6 times to get out of Bankruptcy.

Minutes were read by Violet Etler, to date we have 43 e-mail addresses, which cuts down on the expenses of sending out meeting notices.

Calendar:

June 22 - Gardenstaters 1st annual golf outing - 10:30 A.M. at the Cruz Farms Golf Course, 55 Birdsall Road, Farmingdale, NJ. There will be prizes to winning foursome, food & drinks at turn & cookout afterward. Total cost will be \$70.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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Once again the "New York Metros" moved to another catering hall, Antun's of Hicksville, on Old Country Road, is centrally located for the majority of members on Long Island. The price is excellent, too.

After the pledge to the flag there was a moment of silence for the passing of Mike Maddi's son Charles. Also, a prayer for Jack Dowling, who is back in the nursing home. Jack is unable to talk, but a note or card will cheer him. Better still, a visit: Carillon NR, 830 Park Ave., Huntington, NY 11743.

We had 85 people attending this month's meeting, including 1 guest, Nadine Cordes, driver for her aunt Mabel Bittar & Yvonne Guella & 1 new member, Jeanne Taylor who retired Dec. 2002. Jeanne worked at NYCRR, IADRR & HNLRR. Welcome Jeanne. Don't forget, friends & relatives are welcome.

We have 10 members celebrating birthdays in May & 10 couples celebrating wedding anniversaries. Marie & Anthony Manfre 56 years married on the 30th, Madaline & Albert Sudulich 40 years also on the 30th, Eileen & Stanley Blonairz 35 years on the 2nd. Many more years to of wedded bliss, folks!

Correction to last month's minutes ... Frank Zabarouskas celebrated his 83rd birthday on April 15 not Madaline Sudulich. For that error, I deserve 20 lashes with a wet noodle!

Charlie Kaczinski is away at his U.S. Marine Corps reunion at Myrtle Beach, S.C. No news or update on the happenings of United Airlines, Cassie Manelski substituted in the comedy dept. for Charlie. Thanks Cassie!

New telephone call lists were given out & explained to the members who attended this month's meeting. If you live in the following counties:

- Suffolk county, 631 area code, see Charlie Kaczinski,
- Nassau county, 516 area code, see Rose Schneider,
- Queens/Brooklyn/Bronx, 718 area code, see Paul Cohen - for the updated copies of the call list.

Paul Cohen collecting annual chapter dues \$5.00 P/P.

I almost forgot, welcome back Ann Meartz! You're looking great, especially after your stay in the hospital.

Calendar:

July 6 – Annual picnic at Wantagh county park, off Wantagh Parkway & Merrick Road. Catered by Paul Cohen & Charlie Kaczinski.

OHIO

BUCKEYES

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May 5, The Ohio Buckeyes met at Sterle's Slovenian Country House in downtown Cleveland with 63 people in attendance including 3 guests. VP Sharon Minelli welcomed all & opened with a prayer. A big "Thanks" to John & Carrie Kercel for hosting this event.

Members & guest started arriving around 12 PM, we had a nice social hour which included live entertainment by one of our talented members, Rudy Pivik. Guests were Gymm Kalista & Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mikusevich. Many members were able to spend some time visiting with our guests. It was a pleasure to have you attend.

5 members are having birthdays this month, as well as 3 couples celebrating anniversaries. Our hardiest congratulations to Victor & Betty Taylor celebrating 58 years.

Pres. Carol Hacker has received tickets for our Annual Northfield Trip. Remember that friends & family are invited & encouraged to attend this event. This will be our TWELFTH year. Annual dues are still outstanding for some local chapter members. If you are not current, please mail them as soon as possible to our Treas. Dolly Taucher, 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. If you do not receive your next semi-annual packet you will know that your dues are not up to date.

I spoke with Bill Gatesman, who is keeping the chapter abreast of his Brother's condition. Mark received the results of his recent CAT scan which found no new lesions or cancer. He is now on new medication to increase his platelets. They are trying to increase his platelets to 100,000. Once this happens they will be able to perform surgery. Mark enjoys reading the cards that he has received from our members. His address is 1601 S. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212-3800. He & Sharon thank everyone who has said prayers. They truly believed they have helped him to pull through the rough periods.

We are saddened to report that Nick Brodella passed away April 22. He retired from Cleveland Reservations. A donation from the chapter has been made to The Beck Ctr. Many of you might remember Charles Dolivier who passed away May 2, in Belgium. He was Manager of Catering for the Eastern part of USA with an office at Cleveland Hopkins.

I was delighted to see & talk with Dave & Emily Robinson. Glad to hear you are both doing well. Hope to see you more often. Nick & Mary Jane Penick were also in attendance. Glad you're feeling better Nick.

Please continue to keep Bill & Mark Gatesman & John Taucher in your prayers.

I thank Sharon Minelli for filling in for Pres. Carol Hacker. Nice Job.

Calendar:

July 13 - Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area, 12 noon

Aug. 10 – Twelfth Annual Northfield Night, 6:00 p.m. Pre-paid.

Sept. - SWEETWATER LANDING

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There were 108 members at our April meeting. There wasn't a speaker; however Angie Brown, CSR from PDX, Cinda Belozar & Mick Watson with UAL came to the meeting to talk about our group's participation in the Fantasy Flight & why it has not continued at PDX. They thanked the group for the dedication they made to make the program a success. Angie brought photos & videos from the flights for anyone to take home with them. Adrienne Simmons, PDX Station Manager was also a guest at the meeting.

It was voted at the April meeting to have a Christmas dinner & entertainment on Dec. 14 instead of a luncheon.

Our sunshine committee did not have many calls this month. Johni Wilson had surgery, Bob Tibbetts was badly bruised in a fall, Jack Harper has shingles. Let's hope that this streak of good health continues among our members.

There was a board meeting on May 4 where the picnic, Christmas party & several other agenda items were discussed. One decision the board made was to have members bring a food item (canned or nonperishable) each month to the meeting to be given to a needy charity. The board feels that there are many programs in the area that could use our assistance. Please let your officers know how you feel about donating to a good cause.

I will have more information on the July picnic in my next column. John Donaldson, chair & his committee are working hard to make it a success. It will again be at the North Clackamas Park in Milwaukie. There will be good food & lots of prizes.

Thank you to those who have contributed money to the travel desk. There have been several donations since installing the 800 number. Those working at the travel desk say retirees are happy to hear a "real voice" when calling to list or receive information on flights.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Mon/Wed/Fri tel# (503) 249-4142 and 249-4143 to assist you with listing & load information. Please remember that those outside the PDX area can call the new 1-888-278-7038 for assistance.

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise

June 8 - Social

July 13 - Annual Picnic

Aug. 10 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

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Have you ever invited 46 good friends over for lunch, friends that started as co-workers many years ago? That is how our April 11 luncheon at the Ramada Inn near the Philadelphia Airport turned out. Our speaker from the PBGC was unable to make it at the last minute so there was some time to officially acknowledge some of our first time luncheon guests.

Pres. Joe Bradley welcomed 1st time attendees, Kathy Sigerson & MaryLou Carbino. They were both delighted to see so many friends from years ago.

VP Bernie McNamee extended a special welcome to Sam Schwartz, 92 years young, who retired in 1972. Sam started with Capital Airlines in 1934 as a Mechanics Helper. He went on to become a Lead Mechanic & Maintenance Manager. United merged with Capital in 1962, Sam stayed on for another 10 years. I asked Sam what one of his memories was. He told me about a favorite airplane, the Kohler Amphibian, that he worked on when he started in 1934. For those of us who didn't know, Amphibian aircraft are those able to land on water & land. This was Sam's first luncheon with the Independents. We hope to see him many more times.

Bill Carman, IAM AGC shared with the group some of the latest information available from the IAM. In Dec. 2005, United will have been in bankruptcy 3 years. Pay cuts for active employees are now 11½%, employees receive only 70% sick pay for I&N time. Bill advised only 4 Philadelphia SORs (Load Planners) remain, as all load planning is now being processed in WHQ.

The future direction of the Pension Plan is still being discussed. One additional bit of information Bill shared was the top United officers receive salaries from \$203,000 to \$750,000 plus bonuses & bankruptcy attorneys receive \$900/hour. As always, our retirees appreciate company & industry updates.

Frank Eggles encouraged everyone to join the 20 week club for \$20 or \$1 a week. Grand prize is \$500, there is a \$25 drawing each week.

Dee Burrs, our newsletter correspondent, will be back in action soon. She is recuperating from hip replacement surgery, will be happy to "go" shortly.

The following report is submitted by Dee Burrs:

Well, I am happy to be back. Thank you Carol Rose for filling in for me. My new hip seems to be working just fine. I am now totally bionic with my 2 metal knees & 2 metal hips. I can't wait to go through security on my next flight. Thanks to everyone for cards, thoughts & prayers. They worked.

May 9, what a beautiful spring day for our next-to-the-last meeting before summer break. We had 39 retirees attend. Pres. Joe Brad offered a blessing before the meal. Then all of the ladies received a lovely surprise of a long stemmed, red, American Beauty Rose in honor of Mother's Day. The Ramada served a delicious buffet.

May being the month of Memorial Day, Joe Brad began to read the names of the co-workers that we have lost. Each table took turns reading from an alphabetical list. Several of us were moved to tears. We fondly remember these wonderful people with whom we spent countless hours at work. A lot of us socialized with them & their families after hours or on days off. Too many never were able to join the retirees as they died so young & left us much too soon.

Frank Eggles suggested that we all get a friend to join the 1/20 club or else we will have to turn it into a 50/50. We need 100 people to join for the program to work.

We welcomed Frank Purcell, a new addition to our group. Welcome, Frank. Hope to see you again at the next meeting.

Treas. Tom Lyons, read the treasurer's report. We held 50/50, drew for the free lunch & gave away creative & beautiful centerpieces. Ken Medrow presented his centerpiece to Joyce Lindenmuth, Ron's widow. That was so thoughtful, Ken, glad your ankle healed.

Carol Rose announced an offering from Southwest Airlines for a \$25 OW fare for retirees. You need your UA retiree ID plus your photo ID to obtain it.

Our speaker for the June meeting will be Linda Anderson, JD.ILN, LL.MCELA. Linda is the principal attorney for Elder Law & one of only 37 certified in the state of PA.

Calendar:

June 13 - General Meeting -1:00PM at the Ramada Inn - picnic

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The April 15 luncheon proved to be a great success. 48 attendees enjoyed a lovely luncheon capped off with our Pres. Marlin Lade bringing us up-to-date on the "state of affairs". Marlin & Marilyn were warmly received as our guests, Sam Mc Dermott & Marlin managed to catch up on all their "did ya knows" & "do ya remembers". It was also great to see our "long distance" member, Mac Campton. Gwen & Dave Detwiler drove in from Connellsville. Jim Weber won a bottle of wine - maybe we'll see more of him now. Paul Musko & Tami Yeager managed to take time off from their busy schedules to attend.

The Golden Girls Spring Fling was enjoyed by all. Treatie Karworski said it was a little more expensive than she had thought - something about a "phantom" no parking sign (she'll have to explain that one to us).

Patti Ellis' treatments were put off because of another setback. Patti thanks all of her friends for their continued prayers & get well wishes.

Word has it that our friend from up north, Bill Weifenbach will be undergoing treatment at an Erie hospital. I'm sure Bill would love to hear from his many friends at 12815 Douglas St., Conneave Lake, PA 16316 - Phone (814) 382-9892.

Ray Davis will also be undergoing treatments - we certainly wish him well. Cards can be sent to Ray at 1053 Butler Rd., Springdale, PA 15114 - Phone (724) 274-6717.

Condolences to the Pfannenschmidt family on the passing of Kathleen, wife of former senior agent, passenger planner Chuck Pfannenschmidt.

Word has it that little Emma Nicolette Redlinger (granddaughter off Lois Varnenti) is already a pro at cleaning. Lois presented her with her own little dust cloth (monogrammed, I bet).

Calendar:

June 17 – Heinz Center

July 15 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

TENNESSEE

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There were 20 attendees at our April 21 breakfast gathering at Shoney's, our new best friend in terms of a good old-fashioned breakfast buffet. This new meeting place, with its semi-private alcove, is working out very well.

We were pleased that Jerry Kozik (who retired from UAL last year) & wife Joanie of Schaumburg, IL could join us. The previous day Jerry had worked with some Tellico Village people in building a lakeshore hiking trail. Over a three-year period almost five miles of trail have been built along the scenic shoreline of Tellico Lake.

Let's talk money. Dues are past due for a few local members. If you're merely late & still want to receive invitations about our meetings & breakfasts, send a check to Mike Chapin at 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922. (Checks should be made out to him at \$5 P/P).

Calendar:

June 16 - 10 am EDT, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

July 21 - 12:30 pm EDT, luncheon/meeting to be hosted by Mike & Barbara Chapin (865 675-3511). Details to be announced.

Aug. 18 - 10 am EDT, breakfast at Shoney's.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On April 20, 26 chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Ctr. To enjoy each other's company & nibble on Geo. Dalton's Krispy Kreme donuts - but without the usual delicious coffee! This correspondent & her "coffee-brewer" labored under the mistaken impression that today's meeting was to be in the afternoon at a nearby restaurant. Both offer a big apology for the "Oops!"

The secy. still made it to meet most of the members - albeit late - to catch up with chapter news. The group had welcomed Ernie/Marjorie Rowbotham & Norm/Shirley Scown; Aletha Cannon - recuperating well from a recent knee surgery - also daughter Shirleen Kohnlein were visiting.

For those who worked in SLC with Chic/Roni Adams: the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (3/30). Congratulations, Roni & Chic!

During the past month, a visit was made to Marge Ringer as well as Leoma Williams, both in their early 90s; they were in high spirits, cared for by good friends & loving relatives.

For a number of years, Lila Straley had worked as our chapter historian, keeping local records in great shape. We regret that she will give up this "lucrative" job - too many other obligations. Thanks, Lila, for your help!

Congratulations to Dorothy Brown on her 80th birthday! Her children gave her a great party & invited friends & relatives; for Frank Murdock it was like an Ogden, UT reunion: he enjoyed meeting Dorothy's & Tony's hometown friends some of whom he had not seen in 65 years since high school days.

Down Memory Lane - The first RUAEA Newsletter was published March 1, 1975 & signed by Tom Plunkett, Chas. Urbach, & Royal Bartlett. In the 'President's Message', they greeted the 2,600, or more, retirees "*with the sincere wish that it will fill a need in your lives, & that UAL retirees will desire to participate in achieving the modest goals of the organization: Good fellowship, pleasant hours of association.*" The message further said that "*we share a proud heritage - the growth of our company from a fledgling airline in the 1920s to world leadership among the commercial airlines*" - (in the 1970s). That was then, things have changed quite drastically! Not, however, the good fellowship among retirees & their reminiscing about the good times.

Calendar:

June 15 - Potluck Lunch - 1pm - Island View Pk., Centerville, UT.

July 20 - Lunch 2pm - Chuck-A-Rama - 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful, UT

VIRGINIA

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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April 8, the Blue Ridge Chapter met at Evers Restaurant with 24 present. We welcomed several visitors. We missed several regular members, the Gartzkes, Constantinos & Meadows who have all had illnesses; also the Sarsfields who were away. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Martha Rice Rademacher, sister of John Rice & a former visitor of our club. We send our sympathies to the family from our group.

Our business meeting was a discussion about our June meeting & distribution of information to all for a cruise on June 9 at Smith Mountain Lake on the Virginia Dare along with lunch. Please send RSVP's with checks (\$32.00 P/P) before June 7 to John Rice so we can qualify for the group rate.

Several of us enjoyed a visit to the Dayton Market nearby, which is a great place to spend an hour shopping & visiting after the meeting ...

Calendar:

June 9 - Cruise

TIDEWATER SEAGULLS

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Luncheon held at Locks Point Inn with 14 in attendance. Pearl Drake could not make this luncheon but sends her regards. Letter to employees concerning UA sent around for all to read. Not all retirees received this notice. Son of Jane Williams gave us the latest information about US Air. He will be let go in 3 days with 26 years seniority. Vi Hildibrand hosted this luncheon with flowers & candy on the tables. Jokes were told by Bob Collins, Dick Temple & Hank Gilbert.

Hank Gilbert & other senior retirees exchanged stories of experiences in years gone by. A birthday cake with candles for Dick Temple & Zeke Drahiem celebrating 80th birthdays.

We meet every 3rd Thursday of all months except June, July & Aug. If interested in attending, please call Mario Quaglietta, # (757) 490-7326.

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The April luncheon at Fairwood Golf and Country Club had 77 attendees. Thanks to Lyle & Joanna Myers for hosting this popular location. George Weseman asked Lyle to reserve both Sept. & Nov. for meetings.

Hank Gosselin encouraged people to attend the convention in LAX at the end of May. He also spoke of his candidacy for Northwest Regional Rep. reminding us to mail in the ballot at the back of the April Newsletter.

We welcomed Marv Mathew's guest, Irene Barrett. Two snowbird couples came back to the fold, Phyllis & Herold Bowman and Edna & Sid Harris.

Lucky Charlotte Binkerd won a door prize as well as the 50/50. This special lady won the same last month.

Bob Howard, coordinator for the June Golf Tournament at Allenmore Golf Course in Tacoma June 22 handed out flyers. Contact Bob (425) 228-5290.

Sickbay:

Don Speckhals is still in a nursing home. His wife Delores says he loves receiving the National Newsletter & cards that she brings to him at 4001 S. 173rd St., Seattle, WA 98188.

Charlotte Rousso is making great progress, hopefully coming home within a few weeks. She can have visitors & phone calls at the nursing home on Mercer Island. Cards to 13029 N.E. 73rd St., Kirkland, WA 98033. Ed will deliver them to her as he goes daily to visit.

Guy Lamond - still dealing with Pneumonia. Cards will be forwarded from St. Francis Hospital, 34515 9th Ave., Federal Way, WA 98003.

Carol Soffel lost a brother. She & husband Kent flew back to BDL for the service.

A week later Lu Gardiner, our editor of local monthly newsletter, also lost a brother in Alaska. 14047 Densmore Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133.

Don't forget our Travel Desk is open Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. Pacific Time. (206) 433 4218. We are hoping to get a -888- like PDX has later this year.

Calendar:

June 22 – Retirees Golf – Allenmore Golf Tournament -10:00A.M. Contact Bob Howard (425) 228-5290.

Aug. 9 – Picnic to be announced.

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Our May get-together was held at Percy's Americana in the City of Spokane Valley. It was graciously hosted by Gary & Sharon Holmes on May 15.

We lost one of our members, K. D. George of St Maries, ID to cancer on April 21. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Elsie. K. D. as he was called retired from the bay area as a mechanic. Several of us, including the Smiths, the Grahams, the Nearings & ourselves were able to attend the service which was April 25 at the LDS Church in St. Maries. It was such an absolutely gorgeous day that the drive of approximately 60 Miles was awe inspiring to those of us that made the drive. St. Maries is located on the St. Joe River which flows into Lake Coeur D'Alene. The countryside is breathtaking. That is what brought the George's to this beautiful area. Those that knew him including the community of St. Maries will miss K. D. as he always was there to lend a helping hand & always had a smile. We hope to see Elsie soon at one of our monthly dinners.

Dan Wynia, a retired airline pilot that attends our functions several times each year, lost his mother on May 1. She was 93 & had lived an inspiring life. Dan, our thoughts are with you & your family. It is never easy to say good bye.

We also received an e-mail early in April from Bill & Lois Stookey of Hayden Lake, ID. They were involved in an automobile accident & are in the process of healing both mind & body. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We have a new member, Ed Espicha of Coeur D'Alene, ID, and many of us have not had the pleasure of meeting him & welcoming him to our chapter.

Pauline Miller is still recuperating from her total knee replacement surgery. Hang in there Pauline, the recovery is not a quick one & the therapy is tough. That is why they tell me you have to be tough to get old, I believe it!

We have been blessed with warm temperatures & bright sunny days this Spring. Many of us have done a fair amount of planting already. We also hope we don't have an unexpected freeze, which can happen. We will keep our fingers crossed.

Lance & I finally got the fountain we purchased in PSP set up & functioning. Water is a comforting sound & the birds will love it too.

I received a letter for Jeanette & Sandy Johnson from Stephen Wasuta of Centennial, CO. I gave it to Sandy at the April Dinner. He enjoyed hearing from one of his buddies from the working days. Thanks for writing, it was delivered & appreciated.

It is great to be back & there was a lot of catching up to do at the April Dinner. We are very fortunate to have such a great bunch of people all with the same thing in mind, that is getting together & having a good time.

Next year's convention will be in Washington D.C. God willing we will try & make our appearance.

Frank & Willi Storey just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Another anniversary was celebrated by Dave & Theresa Reisenhauer.

Dale Burgess is on his way to Europe again. Have a great time Dale.

It was learned that Wanda Lipscomb lost her daughter-in-law a few weeks ago. She had complications associated with cancer. We hope to see you soon, Wanda, at one of the upcoming dinners. Our prayers are with you.

Our little corner of the world has been discovered. Spokane is growing, housing prices are skyrocketing, traffic is becoming congested. We always knew sooner or later they would find us!

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Note: Ray Graham, Life Member has made two contributions to Postal Fund, but because of a computer glitch he was not listed. Accept our apology, Roy, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

OBITUARIES

Retiree- **AGNEW, Robert Q.**, SMF, on 4/6/05

Retiree- **BECK, John H.**, ORD, on 3/25/05, husband of Irene, 307 East 5th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769

Retiree- **BOWMAN, Joseph B., Jr.**, SFO, on 1/16/05, husband of Ethel G., 401 Goldfinch Ln., Fountain Valley, CA 92708-5816

Retiree- **BRODELLA, Nicholas C.**, CLE, on 4/22/05

Spouse- **BROWN, Diana L.**, on 3/14/05, wife of Richard O., SFO, 190 W. Continental Rd. Suite 220-308, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Retiree- **CASTELLANOS, Luis A.**, SFO, on 3/31/05, husband of Maria C., 2620 Leix Way, S. San Francisco, CA 94080

Retiree- **DALMADGE, Gary**, DEN, on 10/7/04, husband of Wava, 13618 E. Bethany Pl., Apt. #407, Aurora, CO 80014-3659

Retiree- **GODFREY, Richard W.**, ORD, on 3/17/05, husband of Barbara J., 6537 Crescent Lake Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813

Retiree- **HUGHES, Alan D.**, EXO, on 4/15/05, husband of Sherrie A., 610 Granville, Roselle, IL 60172

Retiree- **HURST, Milton R.**, ORD, on 4/20/05, husband of Patricia A., 6716 Keystone Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231

Retiree- **JENOVAI, Katherine**, SEA, on 3/19/05

Spouse- **JOHNSON, Bettye R.**, on 4/7/05, wife of R. Lee, EXO, 6125 Kilkenny Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Retiree- **LA MANTIA, Angelo R.**, JFK, on 4/19/05, husband of Joyce M., 3343 Emerald Blvd., Long Pond, PA 18334

Retiree- **LAMPHIERE, Edward W.**, SMF, on 3/22/05, father of Jayme Ruyle, 5865 Diamond Ridge Dr., Redding, CA 96003

Retiree- **MAHONEY, Joseph A.**, RSW, on 3/22/05, husband of Theresa M., 104 Northfield Dr., LaGrange, GA 30240

Retiree- **MC GUIRE, Fred A.**, LAX, on 3/18/05

Retiree- **MORRA, Lynne E.**, SFO, on 3/31/05, wife of Arthur B., 361 Grunion Ct., Foster City, CA 94404

Retiree- **NAKAHARA, Frances C.**, HNL, on 4/2/05, wife of Dennis T., 2620 Apapane St., Lihue Kauai, HI 96766

Retiree- **OHR, Abraham**, DEN, on 4/13/05, husband of Hanna E., 1476 Wheeling Circle, Aurora, CO 80012

Retiree- **PECANIC, John F. Jr.**, SFO, on 3/9/05, husband of Rosemarie A., P.O. Box 207, Mount Hermon, CA 95041

Spouse- **PULTZ, Ethel L.**, on 4/21/05, wife of Lawrence, LAX, 25815 McBean Pkwy - Apt. 159, Valencia, CA 91355

Retiree- **RUARK, Jessie B.**, SFO, on 4/8/05, wife of Blaine R., 486 Lakeview, Brentwood, CA 94513

Retiree- **SEALEY, Robert D.**, DEN, on 10/8/04, husband of Sue, 7760 S. Buchanan Wy, Aurora, CO 80016-7052

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Retiree- **SULLY, James A.**, PDX, on 4/15/05, husband of Ruby B., 1767 20th Ave. Apt. 614, Longview, WA 98632

Retiree- **TOOTHMAN, Nancy A.**, BUR, on 3/9/05, mother of Bradley R., 2056 Loma Vista St., Pasadena, CA 91104

Retiree- **WAGNER, Richard W.**, ORD, on 4/8/05, husband of Ilene E., 14310 Braun Road, Golden, CO 80401

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Retiree- **WILMES, Gerald G.**, MSP, on 3/2/05, husband of Barbara A., 220 Walnut St., Chaska, MN 55318

Retiree- **WYERS, Ronald G.**, SFO, on 4/1/05

LETTERS

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

H. Charles Moore, Leon Placzkowski, Arthur J. Reveillac, John F. Ciesla, Betty & Art Cartlidge, Rosemarie P. Redwood, Paul Gajdosik, Jack M. Ercanbrack, Carol J. Maday, Rosemary T. Benedetto, Joe Hegner, Susan Thornton, Lynette Conrad, Betty Humphries, Carol Gebelt, Patricia Bell, Bert Schultz, Bob & Judy Berger, Ted & Mary Polinski, Carita Paret, Rowell S. Balingit, Betty L. Pyle, Kris Ince, G. Mcpeak, Arlene McGuire, Jan Kessler, Louis Suter, John D. Stewart, Emil H. Koskela, A. R. Tabacek, Clark Woodward, Bob Cardell, Fred S. Wise, Elisabeth Armstrong, Joan Rohrer, Edward J. Brown, Joseph T. Kleponis, John Beveridge, William D. Groundwater, Judy Ferruti, Vanita Gallo, Joan Palumbo, Mary Helen Kloter, Ruth H. Bauer, Edward Lambert, Bernice Aaron.

Correction:

In the April 2005 Newsletter under "Letters" (Pg. 41) was printed a letter from Charlotte Archer Schultz, 8068 Hedder Harbor, W. Hallard, OH 43528. This should have been - *Charlotte Archer Schultz, 8068 Hidden Harbor W., Holland, OH 43528*. Please accept our apology.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Marty Conn, "mconnwriter@copper.net"

When the RUAEA Newsletter published the article about the New Retiree Travel Desks in PDX & SEA, I very carefully made a copy of the pages & filed the information in my vacation file; I am so glad I did. Recently, my husband Bill & I were planning to go to Disney World with our son & his family. I tried to list online with my new computer, but couldn't get anywhere - I'm still having a hard time getting used to how different it is from my old PC. From experience, I knew I'd have difficulty

getting the recorded voice on the employee reservation phone to understand what I was saying. Then I remembered the Retiree Travel Desks so called them. How wonderful it was to speak to a real person! They all lived up to your promise of a "Friendly voice" They listed our trips down & back in no time.

Later, when our son, who works for American Airlines, was having trouble finding room on AA flights back from Orlando, we called the Retiree Travel Desk; they helped us to list him, his wife, baby & his father-in-law on TED on our companion tickets. They even checked for us what the cost would be. This is a wonderful service!! If there is any way we can contribute to keeping it going, we would be very happy to do so. Many, many thanks to the kind volunteers who helped us (I wish I had made note of their names), also to RUAEA for their support of the project.

Paula Zuppar, 3260 Highland Way, Gardnerville, NV 89410

Thanks to the committee who puts together the newsletter. It is always fun to read & keep up with who's who & where they are.

I am a retired Flight Attendant – Jan. 2004 SFOSW; my husband Michael J. Zuppar is also retired CSR RNOOZ – Jan. 2003. We just completed our dream home in Gardnerville, NV. My father, 747 Captain Robert W. Tappan, retired in 1982. My Mom & Dad came to live with us in the country, however, sad news, Dad passed away Feb. 10, 2005, prostate cancer. He was 82 years old & had many fabulous years especially the very proud 37 years flying for United Airlines. He is very much loved and missed. Anna (Mom) is doing remarkably well under the circumstances.

Life does go on. We all hope & pray United will make it.

Thank you again for great work!

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

Thanks so much for all the info in the newsletter. I really feel connected to the whole UAL retiree community.

I have used the SEA & PDX Retiree Travel desk several times; can't thank the volunteers enough. What a terrific service they provide!

We are off tomorrow to visit our son, daughter-in-law & 3 granddaughters in Angers, France. Couldn't have gotten all the flight info etc. without the Travel Desk.

Many, many Thanks.

Ed Hall, 4272 W. 227 St., Fairview Park, OH 44126

Enjoy the newsletter, good information & thanks to the officers for "getting into" & passing information on what is happening to us. I have enjoyed seeing names of those I have run across in my 42 active years at United. I joined RUAEA late in 2004 so I perused through all those other "new" members in the last few issues. Is there a total membership list available anywhere?

I am trying to remain positive about the company I spent such a chunk of my life with. I know that the majority of us made many personal sacrifices for our "family-United". It is just disappointing to see that it doesn't seem to matter to the current leaders. The "family-United" attitude is alive with RUAEA; that is a very good thing. Thanks again to the officers of this organization. Good job!

*Ed Note: RUAEA does not have a "total membership available".

Jackson H. Kearns, 7558 Newcastle Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014-5221

Oops! Realized it was my birthday this month & looked at the newsletter label; sure enough – dues time.

Thanks to the RUAEA staff for a job well done.

Hi to all my friends at United who I do not get to see very often.

Kay Towns, 196 19 Edgebrook Ln, Tinley Park, IL 60477-7016

To the entire staff,

Just another thank you for your dedication to the great organization.

Most of the members have spent half their life with United, now your newsletter is our only connection with the company.

Truly there is a kindred spirit among all of us.

We must keep the people that are making important decisions in our prayers.

Wayne & Eunice Langton, 28131 Lexington, Rd., Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Thanks for the newsletter – I read it cover to cover. Miss my United pals.

Greetings to all.

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

Enclosed is my check for dues, postage & for the 800# in PDX. Since I don't have a computer this helps me get through this electronic mess.

Jo, we sure struck a gold mine when you & your dedicated staff came on board. Your time is sincerely appreciated in publishing our valuable newsletter. A BIG "THANK YOU".

Won't be attending the Hollywood Convention this year. Have a real super time. I will miss all the great tours. "Hooray for Hollywood" & my co-workers.

John F. Boyle, 717 S Lombard Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304-1607

I just passed my Eighty-Eighth birthday in good health & enjoying my 26th year of retirement.

Don't see many of my working pals in the newsletter anymore.

I appreciate the fine work done by all who work on the publication.

Linda Robbins, 6035 Bellingham Ave., N. Hollywood, CA 91606-4603

Here in LAX we are working very hard on the May RUAEA Convention in Hollywood. It is going to be the best yet! We're hoping to see a lot of people there.

Shirley R. Dickinson, 620 Barbara Way, Hillsborough, CA 94010

Looking forward to the convention. Been to them all since 1980 – keep going & going also enjoying & enjoying. Thanks to all, who keep this wonderful organization going & going.

William Roy, 1809 Rollins Dr., Alexandria, VA 22307

Again it is time to send in our dues for another year & to say a big "thank you" to you & your volunteers for doing such a great job in keeping our Retirees Association going year after year. Wonderful!

Come May 27 I will be 83 years of age, on Sept. 4 – Sarah will be 81. How the years fly by. Slowing a bit but we are both keeping quite well. Enjoyed a lovely practice-day at the Masters golf Tournament recently; my favorite course for beauty.

The best of everything to you, your helpers & to all our fellow-retirees.

Harry & Nancy Mitchell, 747 Bockman Road, San Lorenzo, CA 94580

How time flies, seems like only yesterday since I retired; 22 years of this good life has already flown by. My wife & I met in Scotland in 1940 both of us serving in the Royal Air Force, got married in 1944, have been together 61 years. We both worked at SFO, Nancy in SFOEG & I in SFOPI. Both had 20 glorious years at United, loved every minute of our time at SFO. We also had 22 years with the Royal Air Force & the Canadian Air Force, retired on the same day April 30, 1983. Both of us still active in the Legion & Air Force Assn. in SFO. Always seem to have our Air Force reunions clash with the United conventions, can't be in 2 places at once. Sure hope United gets out of bankruptcy & rises to heights higher & nobler than United has ever been before in her history. What a great job you people do by keeping us informed about the present day activities at UAL.

David Detwiler, 3165 Country Club Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425-9747

No Red Stamp again this year, but I'll send my dues in anyhow.

Still living deep in the PA woods where I hardly ever see or hear an airplane. But that's okay, I've seen enough to last a lifetime.

Thanks to you RUAEA folks for keeping us people in the "sticks" informed.

I think I'll go throw another log on the fire now & maybe make some popcorn.

Talk to you all next year.

Laura E. Clair, 13800 E. Marina Dr. Apt 101, Aurora, CO 80014-3784

I read the letter written by a grandfather who didn't enjoy his visit with his family.

I have 14 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren & 2 on the way. I am fortunate to have some of them in the Denver area. My primary travels are to see as many of them as often as I can. Thanks to United I make it to each family almost every year.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Marilyn Hallihan, 2803 N. Brighton Place, Arlington Hts., IL 60004

Enjoying my 4th year of retirement. My husband & I were so fortunate to accompany our daughter, a State Farm agent, on a State Farm trip to the Canadian Rockies.

The trip started in Calgary, we drove to Banff & Lake Louise; there were lots of hiking opportunities plus scenic drives.

The scenery over every inch of our travels was just like the best postcard you ever saw. Grateful to have seen this part of the country.

A hearty "thank you" to Marlin Lade & staff for providing positive leadership to United & for helping RUAEA go in a meaningful direction.

Dominick Rizzo, 1843 Hunt Ave., Bronx, NY 10462

Fellow retired employees,

Great hearing the different news from the people you worked with for so many years. Hoping more good news will come in the future.

Thank you for the great job your group is doing.

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

Once again the red stamp has shown up in my mail box, a sure sign that it's time to pay my annual dues.

I really enjoy receiving the newsletter & looking for names I recognize. There hasn't been a time that I haven't seen the name of a person that I either worked with or knew from my time at United.

It was interesting to read the letters & comments in the recent edition about the state of United Airlines. There were several comments about employees & retirees sharing in United's recovery. What I didn't see was any comments about management's failing at United. The upper echelon has no problem with providing themselves to bonuses & raises while expecting current employees & retirees to pay for their mistakes.

One writer wrote about going to work to recruit laid off UAL mechanics to work in a third party chop shop in AZ. This company is doing maintenance on United planes. United started farming out maintenance before I retired 8 years ago; I was able to witness the shoddy work of third party chop shops. Almost everything that they did had to be either sent back or repaired by United mechanics.

The current management has demoralized the workforce at United that I can see no way that they will ever recover. It saddens me, as a second generation United employee, to see this fine old company being ruined by the bunch of non airline people that are running it today.

Vincent A. & Anne T. Iuorio, 513 N. Willow Wood Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-3833

Thank you for the reminder. I'm always happy to celebrate another birthday & to feel good. It has been 7 years since I had cancer; I am currently cancer free. Thank God for my wife, my family, my relatives & my friends because I could not have done it without their love & support.

Having 7 children & 10 grandchildren has given us a very happy, full life. It has been 15 years since I retired. Anne & I, also the family, have enjoyed every minute. In fact, the time has passed so quickly, it feels more like 15 months.

Thank you for the newsletter & all of the work you do. It has been said over & over again, it is wonderful to be able to continue our ties to UAL.

Except for the last years of my working days, it was a good company to work for; I am reaping the benefits now. I continue to pray that the current employees will be able to reap the benefits today, also in the future.

United must go back to being a company that the employees will be proud to work for.

I do believe in miracles, so we should all be praying for United to recoup even if it will be a miracle.

Keep the faith! Hang in there!

William Wimmer, 2848 E. Chartwell Cir., Hernando, FL 34442-5458

Thanks for all your hard work – it's really appreciated! Small world – the man who hired me at ORD in 1964, Frank Wood, is also a long time member of the CITRUS Groupers (FL). I see him at our monthly meetings.

Beth Raphael, 75-261 Malulani Dr., Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Retirement is too busy. I couldn't stand being away from flying so I'm giving tours of the Big Island in a Piper Chieftain. Life is good.

Frank & Nancy Thomas, 837 Pelican Bay Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32119

Thanks to all of you for your dedication and continued hard work with our newsletter. We look forward to receiving it each month.

I retired after 41 years & 14 moves 3 years ago. I do enjoy retirement but also miss the numerous fine people I worked with in the OMA, SFO, LAX, SJC, MRY, LIH, SMF, HNL, MEX, RIO, GUA & probably others that I can't remember.

It was a good life for me & my family. I am so sorry to see the present state of our company; can only hope that we survive as a company that prospers once again.

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

Things remain the same with me - routine meetings - 3 with Secretary jobs, several committees with the Rebekah Lodges, various church, AARP, house & yard work; occasionally a day trip with AARP or our SFO Retiree Group.

I add my special thanks to all for the work your staff puts into the monthly newsletter.



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