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HERE WE GO RUAEA – If you joined us in Pittsburgh May 18 - 24, when you read this newsletter, it will be a memory forever! “America’s Most Livable City,” a city that loves sports, ethnic foods, and fireworks! For those of you who were unable to attend and wanted to be here, we would have loved to meet you. Many of you will have had many happy moments and a pleasant vacation shared with your RUAEA friends and acquaintances in the historic landmark, **Omni William Penn Hotel!** Those of you who travelled by plane, bus, car, van or train, hopefully, had a safe and pleasant trip: **Let’s Go RUAEA – Let’s GO to Pittsburgh!**

For those of you who enjoy watching sports, you probably will think of us when you watch the **Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins** - win or lose! The tours that you decided to see were surely great experiences; the Oldies night, Sport’s night, Friendship Dinner, and the Banquet Dinner were happy times for RUAEA and guests! It would be great if some of you are able to keep in touch with our committee whom we met through the Pittsburgh Convention. RUAEA’s National Board members demonstrated above and beyond cooperation to help our Pittsburgh Convention Committee. This was the first time ever for Pittsburgh to have the honor of hosting a RUAEA Convention. ***It has been truly a great experience for all of us involved!*** Last but not least, stay tuned for the **2009 RUAEA Convention** as the location will be announced at the Pittsburgh convention.

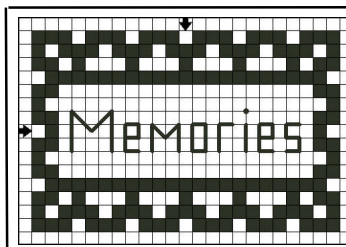
Spotlight On Lights! Camera! Pittsburgh Airport! The movies “**Smart People**” and “**The Mysteries of Pittsburgh**” were filmed right here in Pittsburgh. The ‘burgh is not Hollywood but Pittsburgh’s motion picture industry is on the rise. Another Pittsburgh based film is in action: “**She’s out of My League**”, starring Jay Baruchel & Alice Eve, will be filming at the Pittsburgh International Airport! Imagine that during Pittsburgh’s 250th Birthday Celebration!

Burghwood! On *The Fly*’s list of the 10 best movies filmed right here in Pittsburgh:

1. **Dogma** – Pittsburgh International Airport (1994)
2. **The Deer Hunter** – The effect of the Vietnam War on soldiers from Clairton (1978)
3. **The Silence of the Lambs** – Anthony Hopkins “chowing” down on Primanti Sandwiches (1991)
4. **Night of the Living Dead** – George Romero’s cult classic (1968)
5. **Wonder Boys** – Michael Douglas and Frances McDormand bring Michael Chabon’s novel to life (2000)
6. **Kingpin** – Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid and Bill Murray bowling in Mars, PA (1996)
7. **The Mothman Prophecies** - Pittsburgh plays West Virginia town suspense thriller with Richard Gere (2002)
8. **Flashdance** – What a feeling? (1983)
9. **Angels in the Outfield** – Pirates are a losing team until angels in the outfield giving players a hand (1951)
10. **Houseguest** – Sinbad and the great Phil Hartman.

One last tip, if you travelled through Pittsburgh International Airport, note that free wireless internet service is available! Look in the RUAEA July newsletter for convention news and pictures of fun times with RUAEA at The Point.

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GENERAL NEWS

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RUAEA WEBSITE ACCESS IN 4 SIMPLE STEPS

For those RUAEA members who haven't as yet utilized the RUAEA website, it offers you many additional features, in addition to the RUAEA Newsletter that you are currently receiving. And if you desire, instead of receiving your RUAEA newsletter via US Mail, you may obtain it early online and have online access to previous versions of the newsletter.

The website offers Travel Desk information, along with 16 Different Travel Links. In addition, Special Interest Links have been set up for 12 different Retiree Categories with over 21 separate areas of interest. **Come check them out!** Of course, there are **Online Convention Information** and **Online RUAEA Election Voting**. All of the website features are available to you at no additional cost.

- ➔ If you wish to continue receiving your Newsletter by US Mail and want to utilize the additional website features, choose **Level 2**.
- ➔ If you wish to receive the Newsletter online and want to utilize the additional website features, choose **Level 3**.

To take advantage of the website and all of its features, merely type www.ruaea.org into your web browser. First time visitors to the RUAEA website will see the following on their screen:

Welcome to the RUAEA website!

Are you a RUAEA member, but not signed up for online access yet? Please [click here](#) to establish your appropriate access level.

Not a member yet? [Click here](#) for information on how to become a RUAEA member.

The [May Newsletter](#) is now available - posted 4/10/2008 **new!**

The 2008 RUAEA Convention will be held in Pittsburgh May 18 - 24, 2008. [Click here](#) to join RUAEA.

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From there, one can access limited portions of the website, and may sign up for access to the many website features.

Step A. On the second paragraph, click on “.... [Please click here](#) ...”

Step B. The user is then presented with a screen where they are given an introduction to the 2 Levels of access and their respective features. They then can choose to request either **Level 2**, or **Level 3** access.



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The RUAEA website now offers two levels of secure access:

Level 2 Features:

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Who Can Join
Contact RUAEA
Chapters
Membership Registration
Current News Items
RUAEA Online Ballot
Links
Travel Features
Convention News
Support: - All Support features

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Level 3 Features:

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Online Newsletter available 2-3 weeks earlier
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IMPORTANT: Do not request access to either level if you already have a user name and password. [Click Here](#) to retrieve your user name and password.

Step C. Next, the user is presented with a screen that is used to verify that they are a RUAEA member in good standing. They must enter their **Last Name**, **Zip Code** and **E-Mail Address** in the appropriate boxes.



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RUAEA website access signup - Level 2

You have elected to sign up for enhanced RUAEA website access to the website. Please enter the required information below and then continue to Step 2:

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Last Name:

Zip Code:

(first five only)

Email:

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Step D. After the information is properly verified, the member is asked to provide a User Name and a Password to complete the signup process.

Finally a confirmation screen appears indicating that the sign up process was successful. Confirmation e-mail is then created when this screen appears and is mailed to the member with their user name and password. The member should retain that e-mail for future reference with regards to their username and password.

RUAEA website access signup complete

Your user name and password have been successfully created. An email with your login information has been sent to you. Please keep this for future reference.

You will now be redirected to the login page. If you are not redirected, [click here](#).

It's just that simple!

Jim Sommerfield
RUAEA Website Manager

ASK THE DOCTOR - A VITAMIN A DAY KEEPS ...?

In the 25 years I was the Regional Flight Surgeon for United at Los Angeles, I encountered many employee/patients who consumed large amounts of various vitamins and supplements each day. Each of them had their own "cocktail" of pills, capsules, and extracts that presumably made them and kept them healthy. Yet, I often found that these same employees had poor sick leave records, several occupational medical problems, and often applied for FMLA for personal medical conditions. How could this happen if the large numbers of supplements were to keep them healthy? Here are some thoughts I have about the voluminous number of supplements that fill the shelves of Health Food Stores, Nutrition Centers, as well as discount warehouses and our neighborhood grocery stores.

First, let me stress that maintaining a balanced diet of carbohydrates, protein, and fat will satisfy the nutritional needs for most people. Low fat, unsaturated fat, elimination of trans fat, green vegetables, lean meats, fresh fish, and an adequate amount of water each day will eliminate the need for most of the supplements we see on store shelves. Of course, many of us have special needs because of medical conditions. Allergies, certain intolerances, and existing medical conditions will necessitate advice from your physician. Most of us, however, can follow the Center for Disease Control, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, American Dietetic Association guidelines & lead a healthy life, without the added costs of supplements & vitamins. The problem is we don't comply with the guidelines on a 24/7 basis. All too often, patients tell me they are starting a certain diet for Lent, for a New Year's resolution, before summer, etc. In reality, we are on a "diet" each day of our lives. Whether it is the best diet for us is the key question. Assuming we follow a balanced diet each day, what supplements and/or vitamins are important?

Assuming you have no allergies or other contraindications, **ASPIRIN**, 81mg, per day is essential. This amazing all-purpose wonder drug has proven to lower the risk of stroke and heart attack. It lowers the risk of blood clots that can move through vessels in the legs to the lungs. Without a doubt, a valuable and vital daily supplement.

To protect and assist in joint health, **GLUCOSAMINE** and **CHONDROITIN** at maximum strength have been associated with helping alleviate joint disorders. It does **NOT** cure arthritis or prevent it. It seems to be associated with overall joint health. For those of you with proven arthritis, they will probably give limited help. For the vast majority of us that have typical arthritis normally associated with aging, they may help.

For your eyes, the choice recommended is **LUTEIN**. There is some research to suggest that Lutein has a beneficial effect on the retina of the eye. The scourge of aging for the eye is macular degeneration (MD). There is no agreement about the cause of MD. There is no cure. The treatment is expensive, intimidating, and not guaranteed. Lutein may have some benefit in nourishing the retina and thus delaying or protecting against MD. This vitamin is available in several over-the-counter preparations. *Ocuvite* and *I-Caps* are two of the more popular brands.

For men, **SAW PALMETTO** may have some benefit for the prostate. With aging, the prostate gradually enlarges with varying effects. For some men, there is minimal interference with normal urinary and/or sexual func-

tion. For others, the enlarging prostate causes many difficulties that create embarrassment, urinary disorders, and frequent visits to the doctor. There is some indication that Saw Palmetto may have a favorable effect on the prostate by slowing its growth and delaying the complications, a rapid enlargement can cause.

For women, the fear of osteoporosis is very real. Most medical providers believe that the common incident of an elderly woman falling and breaking her hip is NOT what really happens. A lot of us believe, the hip breaks because of osteoporosis and then the woman falls. What can we do about osteoporosis? First, have a bone density study to determine if there is a problem. After that, follow the recommendation of your physician about the next step. If your doctor says everything is fine, you may want to consider taking something as simple as over-the-counter **TUMS**. Believe it or not, *Tums* has a high concentration of calcium and helps nourish our bones. Proper exercise will also be of benefit to the bones.

Finally, if you are over 50 years of age, a good **MULTI-VITAMIN** is a good choice. A multi-vitamin is the best way to make up for any dietary deficiencies we might have. The choice of a vitamin for seniors is wide open. Centrum Silver comes to mind, but there are several others that are equally as good for much less money.

There they are. Not many to choose. Very reasonable in price when choosing a generic equivalent. Just remember, these are **SUPPLEMENTS**, not replacements. The foundation of our daily life **MUST** be a balanced diet with regular exercise. I strongly advise **AGAINST** taking multiple types of the huge selection of OTC preparations available. If we eat properly, we can save money, maintain a healthier lifestyle, and truly enjoy our well-earned retirement.

Till next time, be well and fly safe.

Daner R. Reider, MD
LAXMD, Ret.

MEDCO COVERS SHINGLES SHOTS

Medco covers the shingles vaccine **Zostavax** when obtained at a store pharmacy such as in a grocery store or drug store whose computer system is linked to Medco. It won't be covered for shots received in your doctor's office. There is a \$34.11 co-pay and you will probably also have to pay the administration fee of \$20-30. This is new and most pharmacies are unfamiliar with the Medco program, so show your BlueCross BlueShield/Medco insurance card and ask them to check in the computer for the coverage and find out how much out-of-pocket you will have to pay.

LET MEDCO HELP YOU SAVE ON INSULIN AND ANTIDEPRESSANTS

You may be aware that your prescription drug benefit, managed by Medco, already has a set limit on the number of times you can receive coverage for long-term medications (such as those used to treat high blood pressure or high cholesterol) when you purchase them at a participating retail pharmacy. As of May 1, 2008, this limit will also apply to antidepressants (such as *Cymbalta*[®], *Paxil CR*[®], and *Zoloft*[®]) and insulin (medications only, not supplies). Here is what you need to remember:

➤ The first three times you purchase an antidepressant or insulin at a participating retail pharmacy, you will pay your participating pharmacy coinsurance. After that, you will pay the entire cost of each long-term medication unless you choose to order through **Medco By Mail**.*

(*) If a retail pharmacy's cash price is lower than your retail coinsurance amount, your cost will not exceed the cash price regardless of the number of fills purchased at retail. In some circumstances, this price may be less than either your standard retail coinsurance amount or mail co-payment.

To save money on antidepressants, insulin, and other long-term medications, use Medco By Mail, your mail-order pharmacy, and pay just your mail-order co-payment for typically up to a 90-day supply. Your medications will be delivered right to you, and standard shipping is free.

Please be assured that **Medco By Mail** has extensive experience in delivering temperature-sensitive medications (such as insulin) through the mail. Medications that are sensitive to extreme heat or cold are shipped in special packaging designed to keep the contents at the correct temperature throughout the delivery process. Additionally, Medco will expedite the shipment of temperature-sensitive medications to you at no additional cost.

There are two easy ways to start saving with Medco By Mail:

1. *By mail:* Ask your doctor for a new prescription for up to a 90-day supply, plus refills for up to 1 year (if appropriate). Mail the new prescription using the order form available on www.medco.com.
2. *By phone:* Call Medco directly at 1-800-864-1425 and a representative will take care of the rest. With your approval, we'll contact your doctor to make arrangements to get your new 90-day prescription through mail order.

Your medication will usually arrive within 8 days after Medco receives your order. If we speak to your doctor and ask him or her to fax the prescription, you

will be billed later. Please make sure you have a 2-week supply of medication on hand while waiting for your new medication to arrive. If necessary, ask your doctor for a 14-day prescription that you can fill at a participating retail pharmacy. Once you get started, you can request refills easily online, by mail, or by phone.

For more information, visit us online at www.medco.com. If you are a first-time visitor to our website, take a moment to register and have your member ID number and a recent prescription number handy. As a registered member, you can order refills, check the status of your order, and use Medco's exclusive **My Rx Choices®** prescription savings program to find potential lower-cost medication alternatives to share with your doctor.

You can also call Member Services toll-free at the number on your prescription drug ID card.

Another advantage to using **Medco By Mail** is that you'll have access to nearly 1,100 specialist pharmacists who are trained in the medications that treat specific chronic conditions, such as diabetes and depression. That means if you have diabetes, you can talk to a diabetes specialist pharmacist who focuses daily on the treatment of diabetes in other patients. This pharmacist has extra training in medications used to treat diabetes, and he or she will take the time to answer any questions you may have. Specialist pharmacists also work with your doctor to avoid treatments that may be unsafe for you, and they even suggest additional cost-saving options. With the convenience of having a specialist pharmacist at your fingertips 24/7, why wouldn't you switch to **Medco By Mail**?

UNITED INTERLINE PLEASURE TRAVEL PROGRAM ADDS ANA & SAS

Beginning **April 15**, United added Star Alliance partner All Nippon Airways (ANA) to its portfolio of Employee/Retiree Offline Travel Privileges.

Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) fares take effect April 15th for all United employees/retirees on All Nippon Airways (ANA). Headquartered in Japan, ANA is the country's second largest international carrier and the country's largest domestic airline with services throughout Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe.

ZED fares are an interline fare program used by many carriers worldwide for space-available travel, replacing industry discount (ID) 90/95 fares for interline travel on specific carriers. ZED pricing simplifies and significantly reduces the cost of non-revenue, space-available interline pleasure travel.

Beginning **May 5**, United added Star Alliance partner and founding member Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) to its portfolio of employee offline travel privileges. SAS is the multi-national airline for Denmark, Norway

and Sweden, operating services throughout Scandinavia, North America and Asia. In the case of SAS, United has signed an agreement that offers fares in both economy and business class.

United is constantly increasing the number of employee/retiree travel partnerships as well as making enhancements to existing agreements to ensure its Employee/Retiree Offline Travel Privilege Program remains competitive and brings value to employees/retirees for leisure travel.

For more information about all elements of United's offline employee travel privilege program, including new and existing agreements with other worldwide carriers, visit the Interline Travel Privilege page in SkyNet's Travel section and click "Individual Carrier Agreements".

UNITED ANNOUNCES PLANS TO LAUNCH NONSTOP SERVICE TO DUBAI & MOSCOW

We plan to tap into two thriving economies with new daily passenger and cargo service to Dubai (**DXB**) and Moscow (**DME**) from our Washington Dulles (**IAD**) hub. Pending government approvals, United plans to begin both of the services on October 26. The aircraft to fly the Dubai and Moscow services will be available as a result of our decision to delay our San Francisco-Guangzhou service, as well as our seasonal schedule changes.

Dubai, a key Middle East trade port, real estate haven and major world hub for IT and financial services, will become the second, fast-emerging Middle Eastern city United serves. In October 2006, we launched three weekly flights between Washington Dulles and Kuwait, and in December 2007 we increased this schedule to daily service.

Service to Moscow, Russia's prime financial, scientific and cultural center, will mark our fifth new capital-to-capital service in the last two years, bringing the total to 12.

With our first-ever flights to Dubai and Moscow, our Washington Dulles hub now will serve 24 international destinations, including five that began operating in the past two years: Beijing, Kuwait, Rio de Janeiro (seasonal service restarts in September), Rome and Tokyo. Washington Dulles also offers customers traveling from Dubai and Moscow onward connecting service to 88 destinations in the US, Canada and the Caribbean.

The proposed schedules are:

- ✈ United Flight 976 (Boeing 777) departs IAD 10:02 PM and arrives at DXB 6:50 PM (*) the following day. United Flight 977 (Boeing 777) departs DXB at 11:30 PM (*) and arrives at IAD 6:44 AM.
- ✈ United Flight 964 (Boeing 767) departs IAD

4:45 PM and arrives at DME 9:30 AM (*) the following day. United Flight 965 (Boeing 767) departs DME at 11:20 AM (*) and arrives at IAD 3:35 PM.

All routes and frequencies are subject to change.

(*) Scheduled departure times are for October 26 - November 1. US Daylight Saving Time ends on November 2, and flight times will adjust accordingly.

Both aircraft will undergo United's multi-million-dollar product enhancement that brings to United First and United Business true flat-bed seats, on-demand entertainment and other spruced-up amenities that create the optimal space to work, sleep or relax while traveling to Dubai for approximately 13 hours and Moscow for approximately 10 hours. United remains the only U.S. airline to offer customers a choice of four different seating sections - United First, United Business, Economy Plus and Economy.

The new route is expected to serve as an important cargo entryway for the Middle East region's high demand for petrochemical, construction and consumer goods and for Russia's growing demand for industrial and consumer commodities. Mail also is expected to represent a significant amount of cargo volume on these flights.

YOU CAN NOW RESET YOUR OWN SKYNET PASSWORD

Starting April 28, you are now able to reset or change your SkyNet password without having to call the Service Desk.

The new password management tool gives you more control over your password, while adding security to SkyNet's important applications and information. To use the password tool, follow these four steps:

1. Log into SkyNet. Go to the password management tool through the [Change Password](#) link under Quick Hits on the homepage.
2. Click on the link for "**Change Answers to Authentication Questions**". This opens a list of 20 security questions - choose four of them as your "*challenge*" questions.
3. Type in the answers to your four challenge questions and click on the "**Save**" button at the bottom of the screen. Once registered, you will be taken to a separate screen to validate your questions and click on "**OK**".
4. Next, you'll be asked to change your password. Type in your new password and confirm it by retyping the new password. Click on the "**Change Password**" button. This will now be your SkyNet password for the next 90 days.

If You Forget Your Password - Once you have com-

pleted these steps, you can choose to reset your password or change answers to your challenge questions at any time by using the Change Password link on SkyNet. If you forget your password:

- Enter your user ID on the SkyNet log-in page and click on the "**Forgot Your Password?**" link.
- You will be asked to answer the four challenge questions that you selected in the password management tool. If you answer all four questions correctly, your password will be reset.

If you have forgotten your SkyNet password and have not yet answered your four challenge questions, you will need to call the Service Desk to reset your password.

You cannot use the password tool to reset a forgotten password until you answer at least four challenge questions.

When you log in with your new temporary password from the Service Desk, you will automatically be redirected to the password management tool to answer your challenge questions and reset your password.

If you have any questions about the password management tool, please call the Service Desk at 1-800-255-5801.

UNITED & FEDEX DONATED RETIRED DC-10 AIRCRAFT TO ORBIS INTERNATIONAL

On April 7, United celebrated its 25-year partnership with ORBIS International and reaffirmed our commitment to ORBIS' future success. United, in partnership with FedEx, donated a DC-10 aircraft to enable ORBIS to continue its important mission well into the future.

ORBIS International, a nonprofit humanitarian organization, strives to eliminate avoidable blindness and restore sight in developing countries. According to the World Health Organization:

- 37 million people worldwide are blind, and 90 percent of the blind live in developing countries
- 1.4 million children under the age of 15 are blind
- 75 percent of blindness is treatable and/or preventable

United donated the first plane to ORBIS, a DC-8 aircraft, which was subsequently converted to a fully-equipped teaching hospital. Since its first flight in 1982, ORBIS has treated more than 6.8 million people, trained 195,000 medical professionals, and flown over 900 programs in 86 countries.

United has been there every step of the way with sponsorship over the years through the United Airlines Foundation and with more than 300 employees or retirees who have volunteered in support of ORBIS pro-

grams. A United employee or retiree has supported practically every single ORBIS program.

The DC-10 aircraft, which United retired in 2001, will be converted into the next generation, state-of-the-art Flying Eye Hospital. The ORBIS founders - who originally approached United CEO Ed Carlson in the 1970s for their first plane donation - attended the celebration on April 7 at HDQ to mark this historic and continuing partnership.

"At United, we work to support the communities in which our employees live and work," says Pete McDonald, executive vice president and chief operating officer. *"ORBIS represents the best that aviation, and people, can achieve for humankind. That is why we are so proud to partner with them."*

For a first-hand account of the impact of ORBIS' work, read Ken Holder's column, ***"Let There Be Light"*** under UA Connections on SkyNet.

For more information on ORBIS and the Flying Eye Hospital, please visit www.orbis.org.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

This may have happened to you.

Upon arriving at your destination and obtaining your luggage, you notice something is wrong. The TSA approved locks are open or broken, the zippers are damaged beyond repair and there are all the signs present that your luggage is not intact. Upon closer scrutiny, you discover your suspicions are correct. Your luggage has been pilfered and some items that are near and dear to you may or may not be missing. You are very upset and wonder how this could happen! You report it to the Baggage Claim people, fill out the lost/damaged baggage forms and submit them. If you are fortunate, you get reimbursed for the damage and in some cases, for the missing items. The problem is that this incident seems to quietly get covered up and it continues to happen.

If this happens to you, you are being asked to help attack the problem and hopefully put an end to it. We should understand that we are not talking about accidental damage or a bag that just mistakenly gets misplaced. This is about what appears to be premeditated, unauthorized entry into luggage resulting in the damage to TSA approved locks, zippers being damaged beyond repair, your privacy being trampled and possibly items stolen. This problem is not peculiar to any one airline, it is happening on all of them. It is unknown if this problem is with TSA, Customs, FAA, airline personal or a combination. It could be happening in bag transfer areas by handling vendors. But, the point of my article is that we should understand that we have avenues of recourse that may help.

If this happens to you, your first stop should be to

the baggage claim department of the carrier that you traveled on. Fill out the required paperwork, submit it but don't stop there. This problem needs to be reported to a higher level than baggage claim. It needs to go up the chain to the top. I suggest you report/write to a number of agencies, including:

- ✈ The airline/s you were traveling on when the problem occurred. Your complaint should be in writing (with particulars) and addressed to the appropriate department i.e., VP of Baggage Services and etc.
- ✈ Send copies to The Department of Transportation (FAA), US Customs Service, if applicable, TSA, Airport Authority/Management, where the problem occurred and don't forget your Senators and Representatives.

Emails seem ineffective. Signed letters are the most effective, because it lets the recipient know you are passionate enough about the complaint to take the time to personally address the problem. Always request a response. The response can be used to continue addressing the problem up the ladder. Also your complaint letter should have a reasonable solution/request to help prevent the problem. It could be something as simple as providing adequate security to assure the proper handling of your luggage.

I'm confident that if enough pressure is applied to the airlines, government agencies and politicians we'll see some changes. Just filing the initial complaint and not pursuing it up the ladder will not get the job done. This problem has to be raised to higher levels!

Some references for contacts:

- ✈ Look in the phone book for the 800 number of the affected airline(s), call and ask for the address of the Executive responsible for baggage services.
- ✈ **U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration** - 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591. Attn.: Report Travel Problems, Concerns & Complaints
- ✈ **Transportation Security Administration, ATTN: TSA-9 CFO - Claims Processing.** Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220
- ✈ **Transportation Security Administration, ATTN: TSA-1 Administrator.** Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220.
- ✈ **Website address for TSA** - <http://www.tsa.gov/>
- ✈ **US Customs Service** - Go to <http://www.cbp.gov/> click on the "contacts" tab and look for **"Locate a Port Of Entry - Air, Land, or Sea"**. Click on it and locate the address for the airport where the problem occurred.
- ✈ Look in the phone book or go on line for the

Airport Authority address where the problem occurred.

- ✈ You can also use the phone book or go on line to www.senate.gov to find your Senator's addresses.

Happy Traveling,

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NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

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Our last luncheon of the season was held at Luke A.F.B. on April 12. The turnout was a little less than usual but it was a good time and good food as we "grilled-our-own" steak or chicken. And, Sally, thank you for my favorite dessert ... cherry cobbler. It sure was good!

Congratulations to **Ziggy Butkiewicz** who celebrated his 80th birthday with friends and neighbors on April 26. When you look and feel that good, you don't mind celebrating birthdays! Many, many more, Zig!

We were sorry to hear that **Joan Aaronson** fell and fractured her leg a few weeks ago and we wish her good healing. And, on another sad note, **Ed Bobrik** had a nasty fall at the **Bergstrom's** patio party and had to go to the E.R. for stitches. He is healed and feeling fine now. **Vivian Klick** had a trip to Cleveland to visit one of her daughters and family in April; however, the weather was pretty cold ... the usual for the Midwest in April. And, **Frank & Roxanne Grona** reported their trip to visit relatives in Iowa a few weeks ago was the worst "year" for weather that they ever spent. Pretty cold, huh?

Sherry Muoio is working on getting groups together for a couple of musicals at the Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria next fall. Members should contact Sherry for details.

The Board is working on the luncheon/activity schedule for the 2008/2009 season and will meet sometime this summer to firm up the dates, places, prices, etc. Again, we are always looking for "entertainment" suggestions and have a few special guests in mind.

Our breakfasts seem to always have about 19 or 20 in attendance. Don't forget to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Monday before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary if you are not attending.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell Road

June 10 - Breakfast at Coco's

June 24 - Breakfast at Coco's

October 11 - Beardsley Park picnic - S.C.W.

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We hope those attending the Convention in Pittsburgh had a great time. We will be anxious to hear all about the Convention and hopefully see some pictures too. I'm sure those members not able to go will look forward to next year's convention after hearing about the tours, meetings, and dinners that everyone enjoyed.

At our April 10th spring picnic, new membership books were distributed. There were a number of corrections to be made in the book. Election of officers was held, with **Skip Ward**, announcing the nominations. The officers elected were: **Jim Zarek**, President; **Peg Homfeldt**, Vice President; **Bud Hubbard**, Treasurer, and **Liz Tollefsen**, Secretary. **Peg Homfeldt** talked about the Fantasy Flight in December, and asked members to start collecting bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls and stadium blankets.

At our April 23rd breakfast meeting, President **Jim Zarek** asked for suggestions on ways to raise money for our chapter. **Fred Rockenhauser** motioned that we start fining people that do not wear their nametags to meetings and events. **Joel Matteson** seconded it. Discussion followed and the \$1.00 fee was suggested, which was approved. We will start this in October.

Another item brought up was that we should start charging for our annual picnic. The only members that will be free will be the members that attend at least 6 functions between April 1 and March 31 of each year. This will take in effect starting on April 1, 2008. For example, if a person attends six functions between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009, he/she will get a free picnic meal. Everyone else will be charged the same as a guest. This also was voted on and approved.

We are proud to announce one of our members, **Bill Norwood**, received on April 26, the Order of Lincoln Medallion award at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that six world famous Illinoisans, who have excelled in law, business, education, and social service, will become Laureates of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, the highest honor for outstanding achievement the state can bestow to persons who were born in or have resided in Illinois.

The life of **William Norwood**, a native of Centralia, IL, has been marked by a number of "firsts". He was the first African American quarterback on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale football team, and the first African American pilot to fly for United Airlines.

Norwood was included in "Black Wings", a permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution, and his name is painted on a United Airlines aircraft displayed at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Norwood has received numerous awards from his alma mater, SIUC, and was on the school's Board of Trustees for 27 years.

"The Statement of Purpose is to honor individuals whose contributions to the betterment of mankind have been accomplished in or on behalf of the State of Illinois, or, whose achievements have brought honor to the state because of their identity with it, whether by birth or residence, or by their dedication to those principles of democracy and humanity as exemplified by the great Illinoisan whose name we bear."

We heard President **Jim Zarek** got an early birthday present from his wife, **Rita**. On May 17th, he went for a ride in a World War II B25 bomber aircraft, out at Falcon Field in Mesa. We'll look forward to hearing his story about that ride.

Calendar:

Breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 - hhfalk@juno.com or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - jzarek1@msn.com, by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.



TALL PINES

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Our Tall Pines retirees, 16 to be exact, held their April 22nd meeting at Coco's. We had a very nice luncheon, but we could not figure out why **Jeff Lewis** was beaming from ear to ear until he mentioned that the lovely lady to his left was his new wife - "**Gail**" - congratulations to you both and many, many happy years of marriage!

Missing from our group was **Blas Arriaga** who is recovering from an appendectomy. We wish him well and a very speedy recovery.

Also, **Pat Pearson** mentioned she will be having a knee replacement in the near future - we wish Pat a speedy recovery.

Our June 24th, meeting will be a picnic at Goldwater Lake at 11:00am. Please bring a brown bag lunch and beverage - hope to see a good turnout. Our July and August meetings will be announced at our June Meeting.



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The Roadrunners had another wonderful luncheon at the home of **Jim & Gail Rudolph**. We met on the 17th of April and with the help of the Rudolph's friends and new Roadrunner members, **Marie & Grieg Pederson**, a good time was had by all. There were 42 Roadrunners in attendance and all enjoyed the good food and conversation. **Ed Kokot** had **Pat Carera** (a former American Airlines flight attendant) as his guest. A big thank you is given to the **Rudolphs** for opening up their home to so many people.

Rich & Pat DiLallo had to cancel at the last moment as Rich started having trouble with one of his eyes. After having it checked out, it was not too serious, just the start of a cataract.

Hank Belzer had surgery on his neck to remove a lymph node but seemed to be in good spirits.

RUAEA Executive VP and Roadrunner member **Gordon Starr** mentioned that our Roadrunner chapter has nearly a 100% participation in the E-mail version of our local newsletter.

Lyn and I will be looking forward to the Pittsburgh gathering and hoping to see some old friends from yesterday.

Calendar

June 19 - Claire & Jerry Byle
July 17 - Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin
August - Pinetop - Howard Hunter
Sept. 18 - Mary & Bill Howard
Oct. 16 - Shirley & Ron Robertson
Nov. 20 - Pat & Rich DiLallo
Dec. 11 - Oro Valley Country Club - Beverly Goodlow

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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I was unable to attend our meeting at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home on April 16th. We attended our granddaughter's wedding in Orlando, FL. Thanks to **Dana Noyes**, she was able to send me the news that we

missed. There were 21 attending the meeting and enjoying the barbeque. There was chicken and tri-tip with other goodies and topped off with chocolate pie. Their yard was beautiful, thanks to **Marcia's** loving care.

The 50/50 drawing was shared by **John Stilwell** and **Wayne Foster**. **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** were to leave the next day for Las Vegas to watch their granddaughter play in a volley ball tournament. We will be waiting, at our next meeting, to see just how much the Cunninghams made off with Las Vegas' money.

Peter & Joan Schaefer just returned from a long drive to Texas to visit their daughter.

Bob & Pat Wagner are off again to visit relatives and friends in Iowa.

John Stilwell reported some alarming news. On April 22, UAL reported that they lost \$537 million in the first quarter. That is about \$6 million loss per day for 90 days. They also reported that they took in \$4.71 billion verses \$4.37 billion. That is \$52.333 million per day income and at a \$6 million per day loss; it cost ~\$8 million per day for UAL to operate. These are interesting statistics and also disturbing ones too.

As I said earlier, we were in Orlando, FL. We stayed at the Hacienda hotel in LA and with one nights stay, we were able to leave our car parked in a secure, outside parking lot, for no extra charge. We were shuttled to and from the airport with little delay. It didn't take too long to go through the check in and security which I was happy about. The flight to MCO left on time and when it came to boarding, the agent asked if sitting by the emergency door was a problem. We needed to get to MCO, so I told him that it would be OK with us and it turned out fine. The seats were right behind the first class bulk head with extra leg room. If we have to fly coach, those were not bad seats. Returning from MCO was just as nice. I checked the loads about two weeks before and there was plenty of seating in first class and coach, until the day we returned. At check in time, a group of young girls that attended some sports event showed up and I thought for sure we would not be able to get on since the agent was turning away dead-heading flight attendants and others saying the flight was over booked. After everyone was boarded, my name was called and the agent was able to get us on first class, but not together. Naturally, I told him that it was no problem and after boarding a gentleman noticed that we were together and gave up his seat so we could sit together. How often does that happen?

I'll tell you about our Disney World experiences next month in case anyone is interested.

"Marriage is a lot like the army, everyone complains, but you'd be surprised at the number that re-enlist."

James Gardner

BRAZEN RAISINS

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Don & Donna Nessling hosted the Brazen Raisins' April meeting, presenting the members with fancy plastic champagne glasses filled with nuts and M&Ms. RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** attended and spoke of various possible airline mergers and of various good deals on flying; Ron also discussed the upcoming RUAEA Convention and the RUAEA election of officers - he is running for the Executive Vice President position.

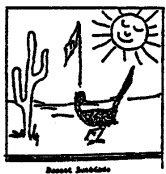
President **Don Nessling** presented Ron with a gift from the chapter - a picture of a UAL 767 and the seating arrangement nicely framed by Don, Don also showed a first-place trophy he had received from his stamp club for his UAL exhibit. **Lincoln Jones** told of receiving a letter from the E.S.O.P. including a check for \$.06. Then, of course, joke time!

2nd Report:

In his usual fantastic and magnificent manner, **Dick Shryock** hosted the Brazen Raisins' May meeting, all eight members. Before the meeting was called to order, **Dick & Hazel Hayes** talked about a PBS program featuring aircraft carriers; that inspired **Jack Hartman** to tell about his experiences training taking off and landing onto aircraft carriers.

Dick Shryock read a magazine article reporting that UAL was considering spinning off its frequent flyer program Mileage Plus. Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** reported having talked to **Helen Follansbee** who said that **Curt** was improving and that they hoped to attend the June BR meeting; Donna also found out why she was sick all last year - some source of carbon monoxide in her home.

President **Don Nessling** read a letter from RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** concerning the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. **John & Peggy Oakshott** told about their trip to Israel; **Dick & Hazel Hayes** told of their trip to Pennsylvania.



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April found the Desert Sunbirds at the Morongo Casino for a great buffet, a little fun and shopping after the luncheon. We had **Howard Lackey** as a guest as well.

He discussed the southwestern region and helped answer some questions regarding ZED fares. PS airport can not issue you a ZED fare since United no longer has a station at the airport.

A couple of Sunbirds are dealing with health problems, but are making progress - **Jan Kellnerhals** and **Marge Lenz**. We hope for their continued improvement. **Mike Bailardo** had the fun of jury duty, only to spend 5 days in a hung jury. **Maureen Williams** will be attending the convention and will report back to us next month.

Our monthly winners for the birthday lunch was **Patti Sica** - welcome to Medicare & the 50/50 was a new member, **Brad Sydow**. Nice to see some new faces for our lunch.

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SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 30th at the Gray Goose Restaurant in Grass Valley. This was hosted by **Stephanie & Ken Norton** and **Judie & Ron King**. We had 57 Gold Diggers and 2 guests; **Jim & Carla Moss**, guests of the **Sinclairs**. Chapter President **Bob Fulkerson** welcomed those attending and thanked the Nortons and Kings for hosting.

Bob talked a little about **Shirley Drumheller** passing away last weekend. He had known both Shirley and Vic for at least 40 years. She was a great lady and a great member of the Gold Diggers. Shirley was a great positive person and a great friend. She will be missed. Shirley was the Gold Digger's Historian. Services was held in Vacaville, CA on May 2, 2008.

Sonda Sandstedt talked about our next luncheon which will be held on June 25th at the Empire Mine State Historic Park. There will be a miner's luncheon and a couple of tours to pick from. She needs to know by June 10th which tour we would like to go on. We have a choice of taking a Cottage/Mineyard Tour or the Gardens Tour.

Officer's Reports:

VP Francis Domaratius - Francis is still waiting to hear from us about hosting for 2009. In July, we will be at the Sierra View Country Club hosted by **Francis & Veronica**.

Secretary: Colleen Esola - She read a thank you note from **Janet Micalizio** from the Empire Mine thanking us for the donation of some of the ore carts that we had for our table decorations at last year's convention in

Sacramento. Colleen read the anniversaries for the months of April and May. Those 50 years and over: **Dale & Dorothy Volker** – 52 years; **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud** – 52 years; **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** – 58 years; **Len & Laverne Haubl** – 50 years. **Bob Eggert** lead us in the Anniversary song.

Treasurer: **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine: **Angie & Frank Dellinger** - Angie sent a sympathy card to the family of **Jean Caldwell**; a sympathy card to **Lucy Reller**; and a sympathy card to **Vic Drumheller**.

RUAEA Director for Northern California, **Ron Bertacini** talked about airline earnings for the 1st quarter. All but Southwest lost money due mostly to increased fuel costs. American is going to start charging for the 2nd bag along with UA, DL and NW. Southwest still allows 2nd bag free. Mergers: Delta/Northwest - Justice Dept. is looking it over as Minneapolis is looking for \$1 million to cover concessions made to Northwest. Express Jet turned down an offer from Skywest. Continental/United merger is off. United and US Airways are talking (here we go again). United mechanics have now joined the teamsters effective 4/1. Skynet has new password procedures – check it out!

Ron reminded us of the convention coming up in Pittsburgh, PA in May and also the RUAEA election of Officers. The RUAEA website has been improved.

Old United Airline news: 1938 – UAL flew 5,519 miles of operation; flew to 16 states, 38 communities, had a fleet of 52 airliners, operated out of 36 stations and had 2,148 employees. 2008 – United operated worldwide in 50 states, 30 countries, 210 destinations, a fleet of 460 aircraft and about 56,000 employees.

We concluded with our raffle.

Calendar:

June – Empire Mine State Historic Park, (Empire Clubhouse), Grass Valley



THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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The Hangtown Miners held their monthly luncheon/meeting on May 5th at the Elks Club in Shingle Springs. The luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Dorean Ames** and **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**. Callie's Catering did an outstanding job as the food was delicious. There were 41 members and four guests present. The four guests left the gathering as the newest members of our chapter. They are **Doug** (SFOWR) & **Linda West** and **Joe** (SFOLX) & **June McClain**.

VP **Suzie Quinnell** called the meeting to order and started on a very sad note. In the month of April, we lost two very special ladies. **Jean Caldwell** passed away on April 9th after battling pancreatic cancer for several months. On April 26th, **Shirley Drumheller** passed away peacefully in her sleep. Shirley had had heart surgery last September and had been doing so well. We observed a moment of silence to honor and remember these two fine ladies.

Suzie conducted the meeting in the absence of President **Rosemary Heier** who is traveling with her husband **J.R.** in their motor home. The last we heard, they were in Corpus Christi, Texas, and were heading east to Georgia. There was no new business. Under old business, there was a discussion as to what we would do with the proceeds of the raffles we hold each month at our gatherings.

Suzie announced that the next luncheon/meeting would be held on June 2nd at Ed Akin's Ranch near Placerville. We did not have anyone to host the December 1st luncheon but **Ann & Dick Czapkay** came to the rescue and volunteered.

Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** reported on the financial status of the chapter. Orders are still being taken for name badges.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** reported that he and **Sherrie** had attended the funeral for **Shirley Drumheller**. He said that **Vic Drumheller** was doing okay and was grateful for all of the moral support and love shown by the Hangtown Miners and Sacramento Gold Diggers.

RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** gave his report. Ron told of the gloomy picture of the Airline Industry. There were incredible first quarter losses due to increased fuel costs except for Southwest Airline who had a \$34 million profit. Most of the large airlines are now charging for checking in a 2nd bag. News and rumors of airline mergers are still in the news. The United Airlines mechanics have voted to change from representation by the AMFA to the Teamsters Union. SkyNet has changed its password procedures. The RUAEA convention is coming and the results from the election had not been yet announced.

Wedding Anniversaries for May - **Mary & Jerry Juba** - 51 years.

Happy Birthday was sung to **Tom Biro**. The meeting was adjourned and we had our raffle.

Calendar:

June 2 - Ed Akin's Ranch, Placerville hosted by **Ed & Lindalee Akin** and the **Quinnells**

July 7 - Olive Garden Restaurant, Folsom hosted by the **Ames** and the **Blazius**

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REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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There were no April showers, just lots of sunshine as President **Judy DeFord** welcomed Redwood Empire Retirees to another reunion overlooking the golf course in the Quail Inn dining room at Oakmont, Santa Rosa. **Norm & Ann Burnett** hosted the event with the couple arriving in their meticulously restored Packard from the 1930's.

We welcomed new members **Tom & Caroline Murphy**. (Tom retired from the Machine Shop at SFO Maintenance Base). Also in attendance were prospective members **Ernie & Dona Stuke**. (Ernie did his time in the Welding Shop, also at SFO). The officers have been doing a yeoman's job of recruiting new members. We've heard from **Sam & Mickey Orchard** (pilot) and **Richard & Maria Southon** (Maintenance Technician) who hope to join us in either May or June. Also any flight attendants out there, **Diana Skelton** wants to start a flight attendants' group in the Sonoma/Marin area.

We sang a hearty congratulations to **Mattie & Marge Matschinegg** for 44 years of wedded bliss.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH from Ronald Reagan:
"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are ... I'm from the Government and I'm here to help."

Calendar:

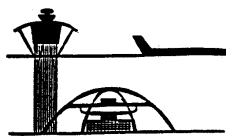
June 12 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

July 10 - Chalet Basque, San Rafael, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

August 14 - Picnic, Armstrong Grove, Russian River - **Verda Burr & Crew**

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In mid April, we heard from Nancy Atkinson Clemmons, **Jack Atkinson's** daughter, telling all Jack's friends of his very sad and serious health problems. She said he weighs about 110 lbs, has lost most of his hair and is very frail. He has been undergoing radiation and chemo treatments for brain/lung cancer. The doctor

won't let him drive for fear of seizures caused by the brain tumor. Nancy says he remembers and talks frequently of friends from UA (he was a Sales Manager, you will recall) and the folks at his post-UA-retirement career at the LGB Press Telegram. He would love to hear from you all and she recommends cards - his hearing aid squeals on the phone! Jack's address is 6702 Locklenna Lane, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. His email is uaheavy@aol.com, Nancy's is latcloomr@aol.com and her brother, John's is ja6345789@aol.com. They are both staying with Jack at his home.

Sandy Ortiz sent news about **Charles (Chuck) Ross** (ret from LAXJL) who died on 4/9 of lung cancer. He started his airline career with TW, but switched to UA in 1958 and retired in 1993. He is survived by his mom, Ruth, sister Sue (LAXFO), his former wife Aileen (also UA employee) and a number of relatives. There was a memorial service on the 27th in Hawthorne, CA. Cards can be sent to Mrs. Ruth and Ms. Sue Ross - 5011 W. 134th Pl., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

Linda Muche has great news that the tests show that the malignant tumor she's been battling is completely gone! She has a long way to go, but feels the worst is over. She will still need the feeding tube 'til about mid-May followed by tests in June to determine future treatment. She can now have visitors and will be so happy to receive cards - 411 Franklin Av., #1, El Segundo, CA 90245. Email elem226@aol.com.

I reported **Dee Miller's** health problem last month. In the meantime, **Jim Ferrance** talked with her. She has permanent lung damage having to use O₂ most of the time, but can get along without it for short periods. She is spending a great deal of time with her kids and other family for a month or so at a time, but is in great spirits and sends love & best to all. Dee advised Jim of **Mary Ann Mueller's** health and reports she was removed from life support about a couple of weeks ago. She is/was in rehab before being allowed to go home. Dee will advise Jim when Mary Ann returns home.

LAXRR (including LAXTO) Reunion (for those in LAXRR/TO from 1942 - 2002) is in the planning stage and will be Sat., Oct 11, 2008 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo. Bulletins and flyers are to follow.

And how are you all faring with the gas prices? **Gary Kellogg** reported about his recent trip to Death Valley - \$4.18, \$4.58 and \$5.16 along the way. And we thought our Orange County prices were bad enough at \$3.86 last week. Our weekly trip to LAX is a 54 mile jaunt. My '01 Olds Alero has average gas mileage, which translates to (I'm sure) using over 2 gallons per trip. We are using the alternative more often - a combination of bus and train for \$2.80 - can't get much gas for that amount, can ya? It takes twice as long, but the buses from here always have seats and the Metro-Rail

trains are very nice. If the trains are full (happens on the way home at 6pm) we never have to stand. The train riders are pretty much blue-collar, but we find that young or old, male or female, they always offer us seats. Restores your faith, doesn't it?

Some of you may have received the email forwarded by **Dale H.** from a retiree who had a really bad experience with the TSA folks in LAX. Can't say I can remedy that, but I did find a website for everyone to keep in case they have TSA problems. It is www.tsa.gov, then go to "Contact us" > "Select one" > "Complaints". Might work.

About had it with the politicians with a long summer of yammering ahead? This will give you a little laugh and relieve the stress. A bulletin posted in a USMC office in Iraq, "America is not at war ... the Marine Corps is at war ... America is at the mall" ... to which someone added: "and Congress is out to lunch!"

So we will see you all at lunch on --

Calendar:

May 18-24 - Convention in PIT. (Hope to visit my birthplace in Warren, PA after convention).

June 5 - Luncheon at the Petroleum Club in LGB

August 7 - Annual steak fry (and my birthday!)

Re-Sans

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We are delighted to announce that we will enjoy an early summer luncheon meeting. **Betty Tomaino** and **Deborah Taylor** are hard at work on the plans for this luncheon, so it will be convenient for all to attend with lots of good food. Just as soon as your secretary has full and final information, I will send out your usual flier listing all of the necessary information, i.e. name of restaurant, address, telephone and, of course menu choice and cost.

I would again plead with our members for your help in keeping this column alive. I cannot pass along information on our members without your assistance. It would be wonderful to hear all about a trip when you return. Also the state of health of other members. Please help with this.

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."

Ronald Reagan



GOLDEN GATERS

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Wheeee! Convention time in **Pittsburgh, PA** but it will be over by the time this column is viewed. How many of you know just how much fun these conventions are? You can reacquaint yourself with other friendly retirees that you have enjoyed in the past and maybe wished they lived closer. The myriad of tours offered are always great because the host chapter tries so hard, and succeeds, in pointing out their city's best and brightest attractions for us to see. **Dinah Shore** used to have a TV commercial where she sang, "See The **USA** In Your **Chevrolet**". Don't have a **Chevrolet**? Never mind: Our conventions held each year in a different city are a great way to see the **USA**. Please keep this thought for next year!

Our local membership is now **495**, down about **200** from a few years past. The whole of the **San Francisco Bay Area** isn't the warmest place on earth, Folks. So we've lost some of our people to warmer climes with less traffic. For those of us still here, we would encourage you who have **UAL** retiree friends not in a local chapter to promote their joining one. There is great value in communicating at least monthly with **UAL** people your own age and in similar situations in life ... great value to your health and to your heart.

A very happy moment at our last general meeting was learning that members **Milt & Carol Peterson** were currently celebrating **59** years of wedded bliss ... congratulations! This is quite encouraging to all of us!

About one year from now, be prepared: Our International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** will have an "**Alaska Land-Cruise**" ready to go, that's **May** of **2009**. A trip she's offering right now is the 16-day **October 9th "South African Safari"**. Contact **Ginger** promptly at (650) 224-1865 or email: gingersfo@aol.com

Domestic Tour Coordinator **Betty Garner** is no slouch either: **Monday, July 14th** is the day "**Hollywood-Meets-San Francisco**". Leaving from either **San Mateo** or **Pacifica** at approximately **9 am**, this will be a comprehensive and fun motor coach tour of the movies made in and about **SF**. After the first 1½ hours, you will have lunch at **Pier 39's Fog Harbor Restaurant**, then back on the bus for another hour. Dessert time is next at **Mel's Drive In** on **Geary Boulevard**, site of the movie "**Guess Who's Coming For Dinner**". Tour returns at approximately **4:30 p.m.** Please telephone **Betty** at (650) 355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com.

With **summertime** fast approaching, so is “white shoe time”. As you’re applying white shoe polish to your sandals, are you finding nicks in the shoe material that regular shoe polish won’t hide? Try fixing your cut or tear using the brush inside a bottle of “**Wite Out**”, a quick-dry correction fluid you can find at office supply stores or at your local drugstore in the paper supplies aisle. Remember the commercial, “A little dab’ll do ya” ... well, it works! (The **Wite-Out** correction pen is not as good.)

And remember that valuable tip one of our national newsletter correspondents gave us a while back: When you’re flying across the **USA** this summer, bring along your passport just in case you have to come home through **Canada** or **Mexico**.

Personally Speaking: Speaking of **Mexico**, this correspondent recently spent a lovely (not long enough) week in **San Jose del Cabo**, the southernmost tip of the **Baja Peninsula**. The people in the various towns we drove to were smiling and friendly with many wonderful little hidden places to eat and extraordinary scenery. Packing up to return home again, I locked my suitcase with 4 pretty little pink “**TSA-approved**” dial-combination locks. **Mexican** security was fine; they had their official **TSA keys** to unlock anything they wanted. But changing planes in **Los Angeles** en route to **San Francisco** ... that was where the damage occurred. There was obviously no security as I surrendered my reclaimed checked luggage, as instructed, once again to a “baggage” (?) person. Upon arrival at **SFO**, I watched my suitcase tumble down the carousel, noticing that all of the locks and the zipper tops themselves were missing. I regress: One badly twisted lock had been inserted into the suitcase’s inside compartment. However, that little green paper notice that the security people usually put in your suitcase to indicate they had opened your suitcase, that was missing. Another traveler beside me had his suitcase zippers broken.

I was angry. I wrote **Dale Harper** of our daily **NewsReal** and have since heard horror stories, much worse than mine, from many **UAL** travelers. With my trusty computer, I pulled up the **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** website which sent me to <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler/customer/claims/index.shtm> and in turn, by email to TSA-ContactCenter@dhs.gov. They were prompt in sending me a form letter with attachments that I printed out, 6 pages in all, plus another page with instructions to assist me. I looked at the pages with many narrow and very small boxes needing answers. I think they thought this would discourage me. Wrong. I am filing this claim. Happy traveling, Friends.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. busi-

ness meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

Our Spring Luncheon, held at the Mandarin Gourmet in San Jose this year, went very well. Fifty-three people attended. Thanks were given to the hosts this year, **Cheri Scales** and **Alice Rostirolla**. I would like to thank Cheri in particular, who did a lot of research, which involved having her husband take her to several restaurants to eat; but like Cheri says, someone had to do it!

Visitors in April were **Carol & Bill Copley**’s granddaughters, here from Germany. Also visiting was **Mike Shahin** of Tate Family Auto Clinic of San Jose, friend of **Sally & Tony Urso**. And last but certainly not least, **Howard Paine**, Western Director who was with us on April 25. Howard will be leaving his post in June. We will definitely miss having Howard as our Director and hope we will see both Howard and his wife Jo at our future functions.

We welcomed back **Alice & Jim Shelton** on the 4th. It was also nice to see **Larry Jorgensen** back on the 11th.

LaDonna Eggert has graduated from the oxygen, no longer has the tube. **Vic Kristen** is about the same and so is **Garver Sandy**. We are sorry that the **Sandys** missed our Spring Luncheon.

Our best wishes for a fine recovery to **Len Haubl**, RUAEA Treasurer, who recently suffered a heart attack.

Condolences to **Nancy Walb** on the passing of her mother. Condolences also to **Ruie Bradley** whose sister passed away, and to **Jeanette Fredricksen** who lost her brother.

Our annual picnic is coming up, June 17th. Call our President and picnic host, **Tony Urso** for more information.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.





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The San Joaquiners had a wonderful luncheon and meeting at the East Sonora Conference Center on April 10th. The food was excellent as it always is when we go there. There were 41 members and several guests; **Ron Bertacini** and **Carol Valdez** joined us again and so did **Mike Millard**. Mike is retired from United Airlines and he came as a guest but joined our group. Welcome Mike, and we hope to see you again and again.

We were all so happy to see **Doug Daniels**. He is home again in Sonora and he came and joined us at the luncheon. He was one of the last members to arrive and when he walked in, everyone applauded and welcomed him back! He was thrilled to receive such a warm welcome and we were thrilled to see him.

Ron Bertacini was our guest speaker and we are all very happy when he is able to join us and bring us up to date on things happening in the airline industry. He talked about the new check-in policy at United Express, the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, the election of Officers and Directors of RUAEA, and the checked baggage policy at United. He also talked about the cancellation of flights by Southwest and American, possible mergers, and the mechanics voting to change from AMFA to Teamsters. Ron did say that United employees, retirees, and companions are exempt from the fee charged for checking in an additional bag.

At the end of our meeting, we had our raffle and there were many prizes of potted plants and wine. The wine was made and bottled by our hosts under the "Ver'Baere Winery" name. I was one of the lucky winners! And a big "thank you" to **Fred & Joan** for hosting the luncheon and providing the wonderful prizes.

Joan is our Vice President and she and her husband, Fred, stepped in for **Skip & Betty Sonderman** who had originally signed up as hosts. We are sorry to report that Skip is not doing very well, cards and phone calls would be appreciated. Address is 19859 Via Redondo, Sonora, CA 95370; (209) 694-6957.

We had many members celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in the month of March. Our president, **Bob Brooks** and his wife, **Sandy**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve, 2007. On April 26th, they are flying to Honolulu to board a luxury liner to cruise around the Hawaiian Islands and we know they will have a wonderful time. Again, congratulations to everyone.

The San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of

each month. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends. If you know of anyone planning to retire, it would be a nice gesture to invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. New retirees are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact me or President **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814.

CALENDAR

May 15 - Kelley Brothers Restaurant in Manteca, hosted by **Pat & Charlie Passarell**, (209) 825-1841.

June 12 - TBA

July 10 - TBA

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Submitted by **Howard Payne**

We enjoyed a good crowd at our April 14 meeting with 26 members and guests, who arrived for lunch and conversation. We were particularly happy to have **Judy Tiu** and **Don Rutkowski** back with us after having surgery and missing the last two months. Sunshine Lady **Vilma Patrick** has been in touch with **Manny Kessler** who has also had some medical problems but says he will return in a month or two.

We missed our correspondent **Diane Griego** who had to be in Los Angeles following the recent death of her brother. He had been ill for some time and our thoughts and prayers have been with her for several months. **Hoagy Harguth** volunteered to take wife **Marilyn's** place as greeter and cashier, as she was home with the "bug". He now has a greater respect for the fine work done by Marilyn each month, after filling in for her.

Our keeper of the funds, Treasurer **Tom Costa** finally won the 50/50 and took home some personal money.

We encourage any retirees living in the East Bay to stop by and get acquainted on any of these dates. No advance reservations are required.

Calendar:

June 9 - Annual picnic - Pleasant Hill Park

July - No meeting

August 11 - Meeting





CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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At the March meeting of the California Northstaters, the treasurer reported that we have 36 Charter Members, and several others have also joined us. President **Merritt Odor** reported from **Ron Bertacini** about our need to vote for Officers of RUAEA. He also reminded members of the May 18-24 RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh.

There were quick introductions of new people, and a short talk by each member about their hobbies, now that they are retired. We also voted to have a 50/50 raffle at each of the meetings.

The next meeting will be on May 29 and will be in Chico at Marie Callender's at the Chico Mall. We will have a speaker for that meeting and hopefully some entertainment. Anyone new to the Northern part of California is very welcome to join us at 11 a.m.

COLORADO

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

The Denver Mile Highers gathered at the UAL Training Center on the first Saturday of May for the monthly breakfast. There were 45 attendees.

We had one new face, **Jack Hargrave**, a first timer; and one we hadn't seen for some time, **Wayne Miller**. Both expressed a desire to join RUAEA. Way to go! Many thanks to **Victor Andretta** and **Burton Dietel** who returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter.

Bob Hagedorn reported that **Lyle Burkholder** was in the VA facility at Fitzsimons Rehab Center with heart problems. **Tom Goodyear** was happy to report that Lyle plans to return home on May 9. If you want to send him a card or give him a call, his address is 1190 Florence St., Aurora, CO 80011 and his phone is (303) 366-6789. It was good to see **Jo Madden** at the breakfast. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Brighton Gardens, 2500 South Roslyn Apt 223, Denver, CO 80231. It was also good to see **Bert & Case Hanou** and **Elaine Fluegel**.

Many retirees commented on the DC6B prop which is on display by the UAHF in the United Training Center Cafeteria. A special thanks to retirees **Wayne Miller**

and **Burt Dietel** for their help in assembling the prop as well as **Ken Dresel** and **Thom Rowland** for manufacturing the prop stand. All of these good folks worked at Denver, either in Aircraft Maintenance or Building Maintenance prior to retirement. Retired Aircraft Maintenance Foreman **Lee Reese** was also scheduled to come out and help, but had some medical needs that didn't allow him to participate. There were many others that helped and a hearty "thank you" goes out to all. The picture and history of the prop is covered in the UAHF column of this newsletter.

To everyone's pleasure, the chapter purchased a new PA system and for the first time in years, everyone could hear what Tom had to say. Be careful what you say, Tom, you are on center stage!

Watch the July issue of the Newsletter for the date and time for the summer indoor picnic.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM (**Note:** This new time is effective with the April Breakfast), Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!



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Our second organizing meeting was held on April 21st at The Village Inn, 1430 Harrison Rd., near the Doubletree Hotel - World Arena. **Del Hall** presided and special guests were **Tom Goodyear** President of UAHF and his wife **Nancy**. **Warren & Noria Gerig** just returned in April from England. They took a side trip from London to Wales capital city of Cardiff where they visited the Cardiff Castle. It is complete with a moat built on the grounds inside the walls of an ancient Roman fort. Just a two hour train ride from London.

Our meetings are the third Monday at 0830. We are looking for all Pikes Peak area retirees to contact us via e-mail at UALCS35@Q.com for an invitation to our summer picnic at the home/art studio/727 museum/Wild Life Sanctuary of artist **Rick Broome** (formerly LAXMM). **Wendie (John) Holody** is our phone tree contact volunteer and **Fran Austin** is our food and beverage chair. **Michelle Haugen** will serve as the correspondence person. Historian is **Joe Poole, Jr.**

Calendar:

May 19 – Regular meeting for nomination of officers

June 16 – Regular meeting
June 28 – Summer picnic (tentative)
July 21 – Election of officers

FLORIDA

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It was a beautiful sunny day here in Florida when fifteen of us Sand“DABS” and guests gathered at the Red Lobster in South Daytona. As there were so few of us, it was another nice intimate meeting where we got to talk more with more people.

President **Dick Coughlin & Frieda** were busy getting ready for their big 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Their son was in so Dick and he were going to go fishing. VP **Steve & Lillian Moddle** were away, and Treas. **Penny Logan** was attending a funeral of a friend, so that left only me to carry on for the meeting.

Our guests were **George Parker**, friend of **Jane Kress** and **Ron & Cheryl VanBerkel**, my daughter and son in law from Kentucky. Ron works for Delta, but everyone was kind to him. We had no name tags at this meeting so people had to introduce themselves. There were no birthday celebrants present nor company anniversary celebrants present; although we had a sheet going around for everyone to sign, to wish Frieda and Dick a Happy Anniversary.

There were no tickets available so there was no 50/50 drawing. I found two jokes to read so that broke the ice. **Lowell Johnson** and **Herb Gardner** told what they knew that was going on in the company. A lot of merger talk. Ron told what he knew of the Delta and Northwest merger talks.

My son in law Ron, told of an experience he had when landing in Daytona before the passengers deplaned. The flight attendant on Delta announced that there was a real hero on board, 23 year old who was returning from duty in Iraq. He was to meet his family he hadn't seen in a year, and she suggested that the passengers let him get off first. As he came down the aisle, everyone was clapping and thanking him for his service to our country. Ron said it was such a nice experience. The pilot opened the cockpit door and came out to congratulate the flight attendant for doing such a nice gesture. Even Delta people know how to do kind things for people. We all clapped for that.

That incident spurred **Ann Johnston** to share with us an organization she is involved with. Anyone can go online if you are interested in sending a goodie box or

letters & cards to servicemen overseas. Just go to www.AnySoldier.com, click on “Where To Send”. I understand the post office has special boxes for this purpose. She told us that servicemen like to get drawings and letters & cards from children especially.

Marion & Rick Johnson are off again tomorrow. This time they will be driving up to Atlanta, GA to a graduation and then on to Biloxi, MS to try to win some money. And that ended our meeting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *The only difference between a yard sale and a trash pick-up is how close to the road you place the stuff.*

Calendar:

June 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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President **Paul Brown** was welcomed back by all the members present at the luncheon – 22 in all, along with guest, **Lisa Langan**, daughter of **Joe & Barb Fitak**. Paul's son, Clay, returned to work this week after two scary months of cancer treatments – the power of prayer at work in our lives!

Rich & Cathy Llewellyn will be going to convention this year in PIT to represent the Real McCoys, and **Paul Brown** ran for a regional director position. **Go McCoys!**

Prayers and well wishes are needed for some of our retirees with health issues including **Matt McNeill**, **Mert Lawry**, **Jim Weeks**, **Dave Adam**, **Al Mollet** and **Lee Cahoon**.

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

June 4 – Luncheon meeting

July 2 – Luncheon meeting

August 6 – Luncheon meeting

September 3 – Luncheon meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nite.

June 18 – Wednesday at FishLips at the Port Canaveral Pier. Meet at 4:30 pm. SunCruz Casino sails 11am – 4pm. Reserve a seat & then meet for dinner. Plan a day trip to Port Canaveral. Just 40 minutes from the airport!

July 23 – Wednesday at Dixie Belles (at Orange and Nela) meet for lunch at 1pm. (Only open for breakfast and lunch)

Call **Stan Halterman** if you are interested in a great 7 day Eastern Caribbean Cruise, November 23 – 30 In/ Out/Bal \$632/ \$746/ \$926. Sails from MIA and visits ports of San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. What a deal! (407) 852-6773.

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The April gathering found 25 of us at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Bradenton. **Phillip Miller**, retired from DENTK was a first timer, who plans to be back with us again next fall. **Pat Bell** is getting ready to head back up north. Her brother and sister-in-law, **Bill & Ileen Maxwell** came to pick her up and joined us for lunch.

Also visiting were **Mike Hyde's** niece Heidi and her family, husband Jay and children Jack and Emma.

Congratulations to **Dick & Gretchen Bulin** on the birth of their first grandson, Griffin Root, born April 3 in Cleveland, OH.

Marion Deckrow is home from rehab after her knee replacement. **Tom Sherlock** had eye surgery last week. **Vivian Rucker** was not able to be with us due to a medical procedure - and more are being scheduled. **Pat Trice** received a note from **Tim O'Donnell** and he seemed in good spirits. All our best to all of them.

It was with great sadness that we learned that **Jackie Howells** passed away on March 6, 2008. She was a sweet lady and a gentle soul, we will miss her. **Pat Trice** had repeatedly tried to contact her, and after being unable to do so, and not knowing whom to contact, we decided that it is of the utmost importance to have an emergency contact list. Pat is in the process of putting one together.

The annual picnic on May 8th is the last official function of the Sand Dollars for the season, however, it has been decided to once again have informal meetings during the summer at the Olive Garden, 4420 14th St., W. Bradenton, on the second Thursday of each month. We will try to be seated by 11:30 am.



TAMPA BAY

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We had 35 members present and no guests at our May luncheon. Birthdays for May are: **Ron Wilkerson** - 5/14, **Bob Lindstrom** - 5/16, **Barbara Riecss** - 5/18, **Dave Lodge** - 5/23. Anniversary: **Bill & Jean Linehan** - 47 years on May 6.

Travel: The **Lodges** took a tour with Grand Central Tours and would recommend them to others, **Ken & Deborah Wilson** flew to Valparaiso, Chile and cruised up the west coast of South America and through the Panama Canal on NCL. Would not recommend NCL to anyone. Holland America was mentioned as one of the favorites.

President **Lindstrom** stated that we needed to amend our bylaws to coincide with UAL:

➤ **Proposed changes Amend 5-1.** Membership will include United Airline Retirees and/or spouse. A spouse shall be defined as any domestic partner, married or unmarried, male or female, meeting UAL benefit eligibility requirements.

➤ **Amend 2-1.** Social Organization is defined here as a group of UAL Retired Employees and/or spouses meeting for fellowship, social gatherings, entertainment or information concerning company activities and other information, which may affect retirees to the same definition of spouses.

A vote was taken and the amendments were approved.

Sunshine Committee: Get well cards were sent **Jon Wilkenson** and **Lillian Sawyer**. A card was signed by the members to be sent to VP **Bob Taylor**, who just spent 2 weeks in the hospital.

Pres **Lindstrom** introduced several articles on proposed mergers and other articles regarding airlines.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 followed by lunch at Buddy Freddies. After lunch, 27 members went to New Port Richey for a 2 hour cruise of the river and out into the Gulf of Mexico. Everyone enjoyed the outing and we give thanks to **Barbara Riecss** for attending to the details.

Calendar

June 7 - Buddy Freddies 10 AM



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Well, our May meeting was attended by 13 members and you can tell our Snowbirds have gone North with the low count of attendees.

Al, Janice, Paul, Wane, Artie, Judy and Barbara arrived home from their trip to Poland 1AM the night before our meeting and didn't get to bed until 3AM, I guess you know what condition they were in at the meeting with lack and sleep and jet lag! They all had wonderful stories to tell about the trip and needless to say, they all had a wonderful time.

Millie Ross has rejoined us but couldn't make this meeting. We hope to see her soon.

Would you believe **Frank Wise** won the progressive drawing but was not in attendance so the money goes back, what luck he has, he won in March, was not at the meeting, came in April but did not win and he wins again in May but was not there. What luck you have Frank! You must realize the moral of that story is, you had better attend all the meetings! **Barbara Dendenhoff** won the 50/50, it seems the same people keep winning, but hopefully some day I will win. Stay tuned!

President Al reminded everyone that the June meeting will be the last until September and we will have voting for a new board at the June meeting. So, we hope as many members as possible can attend so they can cast their ballots.

We also discussed and tossed some ideas around about doing something exciting in the fall instead of our usual picnic. Perhaps attending the theatre or visiting some exciting areas etc. Will let you know what we decide and if anyone has ideas, please let Al know so he can present it to all at the next meeting in June.

If you live in and around the Treasure Coast, please come join us and mingle with your fellow retirees. We would love to welcome you into our group and enjoy the food, it is not only economical but delicious.

Calendar:

June 3 - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting and Elections

July – September - On Vacation – Have a safe and happy summer, Stay cool!

**"It would not be possible for Noah to do in our day what he was permitted to do in his own ...
The inspector would come and examine the Ark,
and make all sorts of objections."**

-Mark Twain

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Twenty six Flyers and one guest were in attendance May 7 at Logan's Road House Restaurant in McDonough, GA, hosted by President **Sandy Lis**. Our guest **Gene O'Barr** is retired from Atlanta and every one was glad to see him.

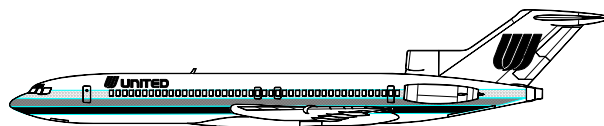
We had a nice meeting room known as the "Garage" because all the doors are garage doors and can be opened to the outside. The food was good and the service was better this time since our last visit. **Sandy Lis** held a short business meeting telling of the Promise Place. Since they have moved to the new facilities in October last year, they have helped 60 women not counting the children to get back on their feet and return to making their own way. Some of the former residents have returned to do volunteer work and contribute resources to the shelter. They depend and very much appreciate our donations every month.

Sandy also reiterated previous warnings about telephone fraud. She has had some fraudulent calls from people representing credit card companies and financial institutions asking for checking account numbers and social security numbers. All are warned not to give out any information over the phone, and report fraud to the individual business and the police.

Fred Cron, with the help of **Tom Wheeler**, ran our 50/50. **Gene O'Barr** drew the winning ticket held by **Ray Owen**. We are trying to get a picnic organized by October and maybe we can get our Master Grill Chef **Ray Owen** to cook for us. **Richard & Diayne Thompson** are expecting their 10th grandchild from their son's family who lives in Denver. **Ron Heider** announced that his daughter recently presented them with a set of twins. **Wormie Bowling** has had successful cataract surgery on one eye and will have the other one done in a few weeks. **Bill Bowling** didn't make the luncheon because of a broken tooth and was looking for his dentist at the time. Hope he found him and is doing well.

Calendar:

June 4 - Lunch at The Golden Coral in Newnan, GA - 12 noon hosted by **Sam & Eva Mace**



IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Sadly, we lost two very good friends last week. **James A. Kennedy** died in Sun Valley on May 2, after a series of heart attacks. Memorial services for Jim was held on May 19. **Charles Adams** passed away on May 3 at his home in Boise. Arrangements pending: Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel. Our heartfelt condolences to both families.

Marge Redford suffered a stroke in October but is recovering nicely. She will move shortly to Knoxville, TN, to be near her son.

Rick & Shirley Dempsey said they had a great time on their food & wine cruise in Europe: 10 ports-of-call in 10 days. Lufthansa & Air France's services were great, they added. Following their return, they spent a week in CA. After six weeks at home, they are off again, this time an Alaska cruise from YVR to Anchorage, and back to YVR.

Bernadette Juanich-Llanes is happy to make it back to Idaho from Kona, after the sudden cancellation of all Aloha flights. ATA collapsed shortly after that, leaving a shortage of HWI service, and oversold conditions on UA and Hawaiian Airlines. Then came the grounding of AA's MD-80s & UA's 777s, due to the mandatory FAA audit of the aircraft. She was island-bound from April 1-23. Finally, on April 24, she was able to get a seat on a flight to the Mainland. Since then, Bernadette has been happily busy landscaping their one-year-old home. She says, *"I love springtime in Idaho, with the flowering trees, and cool crisp air. Glad to be back!"* Her husband, you may remember is Capt. **Kenny Llanes**, owner and operator of the Lehuanani Charter Fishing service out of Kailua-Kona.

Charles & Shirley Perkins abandoned UA, driving their Subaru and 13' trailer all through Utah. They say they saw every canyon in the state, and enjoyed 2,000 miles of spring scenery. *"Great journey!"*

Good to hear from **Audrey Kutilek**. She served UA well as a consumer affairs specialist in EXO. Audrey is a fine person, a golfer, who is now living in Florida. She was one of the best letter-writers in the airline business - when the skies were still friendly. (Like so many of us, I assume she realizes that retirement came at just the right time.)

Our thanks to **Ned Yundt** for arranging a luncheon at Louie's on May 13.



Calendar:

June 2 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

July 7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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Well, winter is finally losing its grip in the Chicago area. Now we are having the rain that precedes the flowers. Evidently, it was the same in the 50's as shown by the anniversaries of **Marlene & Marvin Anderson** (50), **Dorothy & Mike Obert** (50), **Ruth & Paul Cord** (54), and **Pat & Bob Kalicki** (50). The children of Pat and Bob had a surprise party where the wedding vows were renewed.

We welcomed **Mary Beth Guthman** who retired the first of April from EXOKA. Visitors were **Gail Edgren** (Nov. 2001 retiree) and daughter Kathleen Conway. They were the original people featured for United Way charity posters in the 60's.

The Travel Desk is currently ironing out a few snags but still accepting volunteers. Call **Pat Muha** (630-595-7825) or email her at pokeypat@comcast.net

The Southside breakfast had 24 groupies present. Several we were happy to see again were **Robert Parr**, **Betty Doran**, **Lavonne Halach**, **Sylvester Gant**, and **Barbara Kavouras** & her companion Julia.

Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal and **Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo** took a ten day Mayflower tour to Croatia (old Yugoslavia). While the wine was inexpensive, the food was very expensive. They found the towns and weather in the upper 60's to be beautiful. Their final escapade there was to line up under the sign marked "English" for a cave tour. The tour was 2.4 miles long with water dripping on their heads. They needed 2 hours to meet UA connections, but they managed the 2.4 miles in 40 minutes.

Just to make sure retired ramp serviceman **Bibiano Gonzalez** felt welcome to the group, he was a winner in the raffle. The winners' circle also included **Mary Brandt**, **Robert Parr**, and **Bill Brookins**. While in a jolly mood, we sang "Happy Birthday" to the four "everybody's" of this month.

Several of the Northsiders are joining the Loonies the first part of May. Will report on that next month.

Did you vote? Hope to see you at the convention.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pan-

cake House (**June 24 & July 29**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**June 11 & July 9**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**June 3 & July 1**).

July 22 – Summer Picnic at Chandlers Restaurant, Schaumburg Country Club

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You will note that there has been a change in our masthead as I have volunteered, as Roe's wife to write the Loop Group column after Roe's death. Since I am a spouse and not a retired employee, it would probably be better for an employee to be writing this column. In the meantime, I will continue to write this column and attend the fun luncheons so I can tell you about all the news of our lively group.

Our luncheons are scheduled for odd months on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with exceptions depending on any conflicts that may come up. Therefore, our next luncheon is scheduled for July 16.

Calendar:

June – No Luncheon scheduled

July 16 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (the Great Street Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.)

MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters first luncheon meeting of 2008 was held on April 16 with 48 attendees. **Treatie Karwon-ski**, our Northeast Regional Director, who seems to have attended several chapter meetings last month also attended. She worked in PIT with our own **Mary Beth McDermet** and our now deceased **Jane Baarrett**. Treatie enjoyed her sea food lunch, seated with **Bruce Cassasa**, both ex Capitol, reminiscing about the old days. After talking about the PIT convention, new in-

surance coverage and the necessity for all of us to vote in the up coming RUAEA election, she was questioned about dental insurance and companion passes.

The 50/50 winners were **Sue DePippo**, **Horace Smith** and **Helmet Umbley**. **Josephine Pizzano** donated a ceramic house to be auctioned off, to add to our treasury. Thank you Josephine! Everyone had a good time, except yours truly, who was driving back from FL. At least I missed the snow and, I got to spend a few days with **John & Carol Ponte** in Ormond Beach FL. John, formerly BOSOO, asked me to say a warm Florida hello to all his BOS friends.

We are going to lose a long time Nor'Easter, **Esther Smith**. **Esther & Dick** are moving to WV to be closer to their children. Our loss could be a great gain for a chapter in that area. **Bob Boyle** had a hip replacement, is home and doing well. **Frank DeStefano** had knee replacement, feels good and is getting around. **Bill Dwyer** had been battling esophageal cancer. Because of his prior extremely good health, he had been undergoing aggressive chemo treatments. The cancer is gone from the esophagus, he is doing better, feels good and gained back some of the weight he lost. Keep it up Bill! **Jayne Reagan** was contacted by her NH doctor while she was snow birding. She was advised she had lymphoma cancer. She started treatment while in FL and is now continuing at home. Although tired most of the time, she is feeling better and seems to be on the mend. In late May, she will attend a family gathering in CA, for multiple birthday and graduation celebrations. Jayne isn't risking a pass, with confirmed seats on AA. During our conversation, I found she spent three years in Saudi Arabia in the 70's, then Florida & Hawaii. Stay well Jayne and keep getting around! **Don Latter**'s mother passed away the last week of April. My thoughts are with **Don & Kathy**, I know how that feels.

As chapter secretary, I literally read the RUAEA Newsletter from cover to cover, gleaning information, therefore, my need for a paper copy. With the new year chapter elections, I see a lot of new names of correspondents, but still recognize the regulars. I noticed the SFO/SJC South Bay Retirees have a **George Sousa**, as does the Nor'Easters. Could our George be hopping across the country? Also noticed complaints about USPS delivery time. I use to receive the Newsletter no later than the eleventh of the month. Well, May's issue arrived on 28 April. Good show!

Being away the first quarter of the year, I'm just beginning to contact the many members who haven't yet renewed for 2008. Dues were due by January. Unfortunately, there has been little response to my e-mails or telephone calls for a year or nay!

Please note, whenever I send e-info about the chapter, the title always begins with the word Nor'Easters, so you'll know it's chapter business. Also, PLEASE re-

member to advise your secretary when you change e-address, phone or home address.

Our June birthday members are **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Frances Mathews**, **Paul Newcomb**, **Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**, a crazy Gemini. Anniversaries are **Pat & Bob Austin** and **Bill & Norma Beters**, 50 years; **Joe & Albina Duda**, 52 years; **Helmet & Pat Umbley**, 43 years; **Jayne & John Regan**, 17 years and **Dick & Delores Woodworth**, 48 years.

Finally, from our own **Bill Vanderwal**, "Have a Happy Flag Day"!

Calendar:

June 11 - Spirit of Boston luncheon cruise

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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May 1st, 16 Escapees gathered at Pat O'Briens in St Clair Shores, hosted by **John Schick**. We welcomed new retiree and our newest Escapee, **Mary Moir**, for the first time ever. Mary really loves this new life and had no problem adjusting. We also welcomed for the first time ever **Joe Dougherty** from maintenance at both YIP and DTW plus several other stations. Hope they both make us a habit.

Bernie McManus and **Fred O'Keefe** will be representing us Escapees at the convention this year. Thanks to both these guys for stepping in for us.

We were all saddened to learn of the sudden passing of **Agatha Kelley** (retired DTWRR supervisor) on April 8. Agatha was 86 years old. Agatha has been cremated per her request. I have no "next of kin" information. They are planning a memorial mid-May. Agatha will be missed at our luncheons as she was a frequent participant. Also, **Shirley Feight** lost her long battle with cancer. Shirley worked at YIP and DTW in Personnel and was secretary for several managers for both United and Capital. Condolences to husband **Richard @ 2333 Staib Rd., Tecumseh, MI 49286-8717**.

Lastly, please keep **Betty Martinez**, **John Leroy** and **Marlene Presnell** in your prayers. All are fighting that struggle with cancer. Betty is now in hospice care. Love and prayers to Betty @ 17992 N. Fruitport Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456-1568; John @ 6911 Edwards Rd., Belleville, MI 48111-1135 and Marlene @ 8016 Pardee Road, Taylor, MI 48180-2322.



Calendar:

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

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

MSP/St. Paul

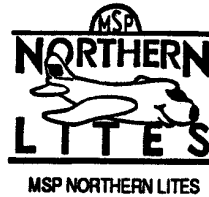
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What a grand turnout we had for lunch in April! Some folks we hadn't seen in years showed up ~ **Tessa Leseberg**, **Shelley Hagen**, **Maureen Bain**, **Virginnia Swenson** and her sister, Marge. **Andy Holen** was back from his winter digs in AZ & active UAL-er's **Pat & Mark Juberien** came for a visit. **Bud & Jo Ayers'** friend **Tom Cafilisch** came again & since he had enjoyed his last visit, his wife, **Judy** made him bring her, too! **Janet Meyer's** 3-yr-old granddaughter, Anna, charmed us all.

Look for your rebate checks from Uncle Sam anywhere from mid-May to late July, depending on whether you E-filed your taxes or sent them by snail-mail.

One of our group subscribes to "Chicago" magazine & a recent article outlined the daily take of some of Chicago's wealthiest individuals. Guess how much Glenn Tilton rakes in *every day*? A whopping \$108,891, is all. One would think he could take care of his family on about \$10,000 per day, eh? And they wonder why we employees & retirees grumble about the concessions we've all made ...

Virginnia Swenson recommended a television show called "Know the Cause" hosted by Doug Kauffman, who has determined that diet is linked to most illnesses. His theories are based on his own experiences & research.

Our copy of "Age of Flight" is available to borrow by any of our members. Just speak up at one of the meetings & sign it out for a month.

I got a call from **Tom Krieger** who promises to come to the May lunch. We'll see ... It was certainly nice to visit with him by phone, but it would be more fun to see his funny face in person. His wife, **Bev** is still working, bless 'er, so she may or may not be able to come.

Another long-absent member, **Darrell Schueler**, was given strict orders to show up which he ignored. He hasn't given any excuse yet; you don't suppose he's ignoring me, do you?

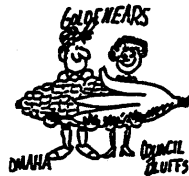
Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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Gary Procopio fed 52 people his pasta and **Linda** made Italian Cookies. How good is that? Thank you Gary & Linda.

Toni Longmeyer passed away April 19. She had just found out a couple of weeks earlier that her cancer, which had been in remission for 12 years, came back. It was just on April 13 that she and Stan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary which so many of us attended and it is hard to believe within a week she left us. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Stan and his family.

In talking with **Jim Braden**, I asked how **Dorothy** was and he said she was getting along pretty well. I had forgotten that she had knee replacements – one in November and the other in February.

Doc Savage passed away April 13 after suffering from Parkinson's disease for many years. A private family service was held.

Barb Soseman had surgery on her ear and found that the doctor did not get all of the tumor on the first surgery. She said it is a blessing they re-did the surgery as she thinks now she can hear a little but won't know for sure for a few weeks. In the meantime, **Claire** has been taking very good care of her (she says).

Dottie Lewis advised us that her brother-in-law, **Ray**, (husband of Dottie's sister Midge) passed away and his service was held in Creston, Iowa April 4. Our sincere sympathy to Dottie and her family.

Calendar:

June 3 - Chalco Hills, hosted by the **Mahoneys & Paytons**

July 1 - Piccolo's, hosted by **Tony & Jackie Sortino**

Aug. 5 – Fish & Game – Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**



NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Greetings from windy Las Vegas! Seems like the wind has not taken a break this year! Considering all the late snow, earthquakes, tornados, etc. throughout the United States, I shouldn't complain; although I am surprised that there is any dirt and sand left in the desert around us (it's all drifted into our yards and patios!) The desert flowers have been beautiful this spring; the cactus are all in bloom with bright fuchsia, yellow, and white flowers.

I had the opportunity to drive across the Hoover Dam the other day, and was amazed at the new road and bridge that is being built across the Colorado River. When finished, it will truly be an amazing engineering feat. I hope that some of you retirees living in the Vegas valley have had a chance to drive out and see this. On a sadder note, the water level in Lake Mead has dropped considerably the past few years. We hope it rises somewhat with the snow melt from the Rockies and northern Utah mountains.

We've lost two more of our past members; **Jack Green** (CLEMM), spouse of **Helen**, and **Virginia (Ginny) Gilbertson**, spouse of Capt. **Hank Gilbertson** (LAXFO). It's been quite a few years since we've seen these two couples, due to their travels and illnesses. I don't have a current address for Capt. Gilbertson, but Helen Green is at 1240 Mt. Hood Street, Las Vegas, NV 89115. Some other previous members that we haven't seen for some time (due to illness) are **Thomas Kishiyama** (DENC), and **Jim & Ellie Shibata** (DENTK). We sure miss these nice people at our luncheons, and wish them the best. **Winnie Stone** (LASHH) received some bad news that her cancer had returned after 9 years. She had surgery yesterday, and will probably be hospitalized for a few days. I'm sure she would appreciate a card: 7750 Royal Oaks Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

Well, all the excitement of the PIT Convention is nearing. I can hardly wait to go and meet all these wonderful folks that have been working so hard. You'll hear all about it next month. Until then, be safe, be happy, and treat others as you would like to be treated.

Calendar:

June 10 – Meeting



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury balance as of April 14th is healthy enough to cover the picnic expense coming up in August. Please send renewal dues to **Mary Withers**, **Kathy Robinson** or myself. There were 23 members in attendance at our April meeting.

UA – Pass passengers can travel with 2 bags without extra charge. UA Connections is a new item on Skynet and includes more links about United. UA mechanics dismissed AMFA & voted in the Teamsters Aviation union. If you are stranded at the airport after 6 pm or the last flight to your destination has left, you can go to the Customer Service Center and request a Distressed Passenger hotel list. You will be given a code that you use to find a place to stay at a set rate. You can now also buy the 20% discounted tickets off the computer.

Passages – **Elizabeth Haws** has died. A few members were able to attend her service in Carson City. Elizabeth had a long and varied life. She was one of the original organizers of the Candy Dance in Genoa. A sympathy card was sent to her family. We also lost a fellow MOC employee, **Ozzie Schmidt** on March 3rd. Some members worked with Ozzie and were sad to hear the news. We are also sad to report the death of **Harry Caldwell's** widow, **Jean**. Harry had attended our summer picnics for several years and always invited us to the picnics he had at his place. He recently passed away. We have sent a sympathy card to their family as well. We received words that **Amy Mackie** has passed away. She retired as a lead timekeeper at MOC. We also hear that her husband, **Marv**, is very ill.

Jim Compton wrote a letter to the TSA because he had experienced different rules at different airports as he processed through security. The TSA's response is that the inspectors can interpret the rules any way they want.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Pat Nettles**. April birthdays were celebrated by: **Vic Swanson** and **Jim Meek**. The **Robinsons** are off to Vegas. We had a guest, **Greg**, the **Perkins'** son.

Calendar:

May 12 - Meeting, 11:30 at Heidi's.



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Submitted by Lena Confer: The Gardenstaters met on April 30 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence was held for members deceased & ill. United is to lay off 1,100 workers this year. The merge with Continental Airlines is off but United is talking with US Air.

The annual Career Expo at Newark Liberty Airport is being held May 14th - 15th. All Ambassadors who are going, must be there at 7:30AM in the parking lot at Bldg 79 in order to catch the bus to the Port Authority.

John Murphy gave the treasurer's report. Secretary **Violet Etler** was absent due to surgery. RUAEA North East Region Director **Treatie Karwowski** came in today from Pittsburgh. She provided information about UAL retirees' benefits and policies and issues of interest. She also recruited several Gardenstaters to join RUAEA. She spoke with some of the members who are going to attend the convention in Pittsburgh.

Calendar:

May 28 – Next meeting

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

April 9th, 17 Chippers met at the Valley Inn, Clarence, NY, for the first luncheon the group has had. This was a good attendance for this time of the year when many Snowbirds are spending time in Florida or other warm spots. Originally, this meeting was scheduled for March but delayed due to the early Easter. A survey conducted early this year indicated that we could add attendance if we had some luncheon meetings, the numbers indicate success.

We welcomed back **Dot & Clyde Butcher**, **Maureen & Norm Scheaffer** and **Ed (Bear) Fauth**. Great seeing you and put us on your calendar for the future.

Discussion centered on the loss of several members

and the difficulties UA is presently going thru with high fuel prices, etc. Everyone had a solution with some not being very complimentary to present United officials.

One source of complete agreement was the difficulty of using United to get to and from Buffalo. Donna & I can attest to that, 9 of our last 10 trips have ended in either Rochester or Toronto. The latest in mid March caused us to purchase Sr. tickets at the last minute on Southwest not only departing Buffalo but on the return as there was no space available to the alternative cities.

Our next meeting will be June 4th at the Burgundy Room, in Clarence, NY. It was suggested at lunch that we might continue dinners during the summer when the weather is good and there is an abundance of daylight. The suggestion was followed.

Calendar:

June 4 - Meeting



NEW YORK METROS

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The N.Y. Metros' custom is to start each meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a silent prayer for members who cannot be with us due to illness and those who recently passed away.

Our May meeting at Per Un Angelo started promptly at 12 noon. President **Jim Richardson** is still under the weather since Easter so he had a short agenda plus he is still finishing up loose ends for our July meeting at Belmont Raceway.

There were 41 members and 2 guests at the luncheon. The Chapter was overjoyed to see **Dave & Joan Curtin** rejoin their "Ole Buddies" after a six month absence. Welcome back! Many thanks To **Lou & Lee Ricci**, they extended themselves by driving the Curtins to the Restaurant.

Another member we haven't seen since the Christmas luncheon is **Yvonne Guella**. Yvonne, for those who don't know, is the younger sister of the late **Ed Namen** (LGAMM). Yvonne has to depend on family & friends to chauffeur her to and from Brooklyn to attend our monthly meetings. Guest **Carson Baker** drove Auntie Yvonne today. It was good seeing **Frank Ferrara** after the loss of his beloved **Maryanne**. Our other guest **Dale Deuber** has finally consented to become an associate member. She paid her \$5.00 and is now officially a N.Y. Metro.

Mary Lou Ellis has a birthday on May 19th, will she celebrate the day by skydiving from an air plane? **Rosemary & Joe Totaro** celebrated their 50th Wedding

Anniversary on May 4. They flew down to North Carolina for their oldest granddaughter's college graduation. A very large accomplishment for Andrea who is autistic. The next morning the Totaros' sons hosted an all family brunch at the Marriot Hotel in Durham to honor their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

Marie & Anthony Manfre celebrate their 59th anniversary on May 30th. Many more years together!

Remember our sick members with a phone call and/or a note: **Ann Lyons** – (516) 775-3558, **Mike Schroeder** – (631) 472-1553, **Mabel Bittar** – (718) 238-2944.

Calendar:

June 4 - 12 noon Per un Angelo

July 2 - 10 am - Belmont Raceway

Aug. 6 - 10 am, Wantagh Town Park

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BUCKEYES

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Our monthly luncheon was held on May 7th at Bucci's Restaurant in Berea. **Barbara Vauls** and **Carol Seifried** were hosts to 73 Buckeyes. Barbara and Carol have hosted previous luncheons at this delightful restaurant. Thank you, Barbara and Carol. President **Carol Hacker** and Vice-President **Sharon Minelli** were unable to attend; so Treasurer **Dolly Taucher** presided over the meeting. We missed your smiling faces. We are all looking forward to seeing you next month.

We acknowledged birthdays along with anniversaries. We had a multitude of May anniversary. Congratulations to: **Andrew & Mary Striegl**, 58 yrs.; **Jack & Kay Preston**, 49 yrs.; **Steve & Cathy Pytel**, 48 yrs.; **Dave & Marie Placko**, 47 yrs.; **John & Dolly Taucher**, 45 yrs. and **Ray & Carol Hacker**, 44 yrs. We wish you many more years of married bliss.

Dave & Marie Placko do such a fantastic job of taking care of the 50/50. The number of members participating in the 50/50 over the years has increased. **Bernie Garrah** won the 50/50 this month along with another Buckeye whom I failed to hear his name. I do apology.

Welcome back snowbirds **Leo & Doris Schuler** along with **Dick & Jean Foster**. The "Travelers" **Joe & Shirley Moses** are also back in town. Glad to have you back. We look forward to seeing you all during the summer months.

Dolly Taucher was busy snapping pictures to post

on our website. Check the site to see if your smiling face appears. Thanks Dolly & John.
www.ualohiobuckeyes.org.

Our Treasurer wanted to remind members that our yearly dues are now due. Make check out to Ohio Buckeyes and mail to: Dolly Taucher, 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

Calendar:

June 4 - J- Bella 12201 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Gather at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

July 10 - Annual Picnic - Second Thursday. Gather at noon at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks.

Aug. 13 - *The Fifteen Annual Northfield Night*. Doors open at 5:45pm with buffet at 6pm. Pre-paid.

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We were fortunate to have two people from Elders in Action, a non-profit organization, at our May meeting. They were Tom Daniels and Leslie Foren who spoke to us about the kind of services they offer to the elderly in this area.

The prize winners this month were **Bobby Ogden**, door prize; **Jeri Blodgett**, birthday, **Dave Smith**, 50/50 and the anniversary prize went to **Ed & Marilyn Micaleff** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in April. We welcomed a new member **Ed Edwards** who was accompanied to the meeting by his daughter **Phyllis Lovendahl**.

What a surprise to see **Bobby Ogden** looking so good after having open heart surgery just three weeks prior to the meeting. It is amazing how quickly our bodies heal after surgery because of the advances being made in medicine.

Our own Sunshine Committee gal, **Lois Pitman** had surgery on her nose (with a few stitches) and **Glen Swanson** had prostate surgery and some post op complications but is doing fine now. **George Witt** is scheduled for kidney surgery on May 15th. **Eric & Joan Brotherton** are experiencing some health problems.

It is time to begin thinking of nominations for new officers as the election will be held this fall. Members are encouraged to volunteer for one of the positions open which are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Board member and a Membership Chair.

Please contact **Charlie Stemper** if you are at all interested in one of these positions. We need new people to step up and become involved in our chapter.

Don't forget to mark July 9th on your calendar as the picnic committee is putting together a delicious luncheon and it will be nice to go back to Lewisville Park in Battle Ground, WA.

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

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

June 11 - Social

July 9 - Annual Picnic

August 13 - Social

OUR CLUB

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The May OUR Club luncheon was hosted by **Robert & Judy Machado**, who did us all a favor by choosing Grants Pass' newest restaurant for our meeting. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to try out Blondie's Bistro, the food was excellent and the turnout of 19 members was great fun.

We were pleased to welcome first timers **Tom DelCorso** and **Steve Austin**, both of whom retired from SFOMB. **Mary Crees** brought her friend, Linda, and they looked snazzy in their spring finery. Expounding on that, it made for an even nicer spring day to see chapter members arriving at the luncheon without winter coats. Finally.

Alberta & Russ Randall pulled up in their sporty red convertible, and we were all especially glad to see Russ doing so well. He recently suffered a mild stroke while at their home in Myrtle Point, OR and spent several days in the Roseburg, OR hospital. It's a relief to report that Russ is out and about, and we all hope his recovery continues to be speedy.

Laurie Jordan has been working on designs for permanent name badges for the OUR Club members and passed out pictures of the various choices. We'll be voting soon via email.

Shortly before the May luncheon, I spoke with **Yvonne Vigil** on the phone. She is steadily recuperating from a fall (the dog knocked her feet out from under

her) that left her with three cracked vertebrae, and she and **Lon** hope to be able to attend OUR Club luncheons again soon. We've missed them and are anxious to welcome them back.

Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels will be hosting the June 6 luncheon and business meeting at Habaneros restaurant in Medford. Lunch and social hour will begin at 12:00 noon followed by the quarterly business meeting. OUR Club is always glad to welcome new or visiting UAL retirees, and reservations for the June luncheon can be made with me by May 29.

Calendar:

June 6 - Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels, details in column

July - Date & place TBA - Doe Pope

August 1 - David & Lorraine Presley - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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Pres. **Joe Brad** opened our April meeting with a prayer & the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that Past Pres. **Jim Fanto**, is recovering from some pretty extensive surgeries and is doing well. May 12th will be our last general meeting before the summer break.

Our buffet today featured a selection of sugar free desserts. What a nice treat for some of us that cannot enjoy those wonderful sweet, sugary treats.

Our speakers at this meeting were Rick & Phyllis Panico. They are volunteers who serve one day a week at the Ronald McDonald House in Delaware. They gave us a lot of information on the Ronald McDonald program. The very first Ronald McDonald House was opened in Philadelphia in 1974. In 1973, Fred Hill, who played for the Eagles approached his manager, Jim Murray, with an idea to help families that had critically ill children that were brought to Philadelphia for medical care. Mr. Hill, whose daughter was receiving treatment for leukemia, noticed that some of the families were sleeping on the hospital floor. Mr. Murray realized that Fred's idea would take a lot of money. He contacted McDonald's Charities and offered to match any funds they would provide to build a facility to house these families of critically ill children. Hence the name, Ronald McDonald House. Today there are 271 of these facilities, 159 are in the USA, 67 in Europe, 23 in Asia, 12 in Canada and 10 in Latin America.

There are many and varied opportunities to volunteer for this program. Several of our local retirees are planning to make casseroles, cook meals, help with filing and some of us are taking a tour this coming week. Sounds like another opportunity for us to "give something back" and show our gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy. President **Joe Brad** entertained us with some trivia questions.

Donna Lynn won the 50/50 & **Kathy Edwards** won the free lunch. **Frank Eggles** asked that anyone planning to make a contribution to the Flight 93 Memorial that the checks be made payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mailed to: Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name & address are on your check. We would like to thank **Shirley & Lee Francis** for their generous donation.

Our committee met at **Kathy & Al Edward's** house on April 21st. We set a date and planned the menu for the November 21st date to serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

Please note the corrected date for our June committee meeting is now June 16th, 2008.

Calendar:

June 16 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards

PITTSBURGH

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I hope those of you who attended the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh enjoyed yourselves. Since the chapter report for the Newsletter is due on the 7th, we will cover all of the festivities next month.

Roving reporter **Ken Wolfe** reported the "1st Sat." breakfast which had 17 members in attendance. They welcomed **Joe Petrie & John "Cippy"** back to the fold.

Our condolences to **Ray & Julie McConaghy** on the untimely passing of their son Matthew. Ray was formerly CS supervisor in PIT. Condolences & prayers to **Dick Brinza & family** on the recent passing of his wife, Dick was in PITMM. Send cards to 9 Essex Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Condolences also to the **George Kraynak's** family on the recent passing of their mother and wife, George was a former PITCG manager.

I'm happy to report that **John Schiralli** is up and about after a recent stint in the hospital. It proves you can't keep a good man down.

Belated best wishes to our Chaplin **Carl Chiocchi**

on his recent 80th birthday on May 8. Belated cards can be sent to "**Duke**" at 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061.

On a happier note, my better half, **Bernie**, and I will have celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary on June 2nd. How time does fly!

Bernie & I would like to personally thank the Pittsburgh Convention Committee, all of the Pit-Stoppers and their families for their hard work and dedication in making the 2008 Convention possible. Thanks also to **Hank Gosselin**, **Bob Hallden** and our own **Rich Surma** for their hard work and their monthly commutes.

Calendar:

July 17 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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Our Breakfast Group met at Shoney's for our April get-together. It was a small turnout but enjoyed by all. Airline mergers and bankruptcies were one of our main topics since Delta and Northwest had just announced their merger and Aloha and 3 other airlines had just announced that they had ceased their operations effective immediately. How this will impact our travel plans remains to be seen. Several of our members are heading out in May to attend graduation ceremonies for grandchildren and others of us will be leaving for vacations. We will be leaving for Florida and then on to St. Thomas for two weeks. Needless to say, we are looking forward to exploring the beaches, snorkeling and all those good seafood restaurants! However, we'll be back just in time to attend the Luncheon and Cumberland Playhouse trip planned for May by our hosts **Robbie & Joe Corbin**.

Calendar:

May 20 - Note change of date - this is a Tuesday! Hosts are **Robbie & Joe Corbin** (931-456-2790). Lunch at Beef & Barrel with a 2:30 PM CST matinee performance of Flight of the Lawn Chair Man at the Cumberland Play House at 2:30 CST.

June 19 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I-40/75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

July 17 - Hosts **Jackye & Don Jeacock** (865) 995-9367. Time & Location to be announced. They will be hosting a "One Women Art Show" by our very own

Mary Lou Barr.

August 21 - 9:30 AM ET - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On **May 6**, 22 chapter members met for lunch at the Golden Corral restaurant in SLC. Even though dessert was included, **Bill Ottman** & wife **Shirley** went out of their way to pick up a whole box of "*Mrs. Fields*" cookies from the store, for those of us who wanted to take some home. Thank you, Bill & Shirley!

We welcomed a newcomer, **Ron Jensen**, who was enticed by **Rich Papworth** to join us. It is hoped that Ron will visit with us more often. **Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown** cut out a local newspaper notice on 4/30/08 about a "*Hole-In-One*" for our very own golfer **Patrick Byrne**. Congratulations, Pat! **Maureen Seikaly** joined us, but husband **Simon** stayed home due to health issues. **Nancy & Keith Tronier**, **Lila Maughan**, and **Pete & Jackie Loyola** were a welcome sight. Thanks, Pete, for reserving the Sugar House Park time slot for our summer picnic on Aug. 5. **Sandy Cantonwine**, his daughter **Judy** & her husband, UAL retiree **Clair Anderson**, joined us - and so did **Doug Peterson**. **Carl & Lorraine Olson** drove in from Layton, and we always appreciate their efforts to visit with us, as they face very heavy traffic along I-15, our main highway along the mountain range.

We missed **Bettie Davis** who was with relatives in Colorado, as well as **Art Scott** & friend **Carol** who were touring the countryside. **Doug Roberts** is still at the Veterans Hospital - he is well thought of by his former colleagues.

Recently, this correspondent encountered a pleasant surprise: she received a letter from one of our UAL retirees, **Wilbur Gloe** of Burlingame, CA, who had read our RUAEA May 2008 Newsletter & felt moved to address a few points mentioned in the SLC chapter's recent RUAEA report. He also remembers certain names of retired UALers/Airlifters - one of which is UAL retiree **Jim Vaughn**. Wilbur included a copy of the 1994 Berlin Airlift Veterans Assoc. Newsletter ("*The Legacy*") and hopes that Jim will enjoy those memories about their time together in Faßberg and Celle, both cities in West Germany where these Airlifters spent some hair-raising times during the Soviet shenanigans in the late 1940s.

It is safe to say that there are only a few companies, like our **United Airlines**, that enjoy such strong loyalty of so many of their erstwhile employees from all departments and in all job categories! Let's remember those good old times!

Calendar:

Jun. 3 – Lunch 2pm, Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful;

Jul. 1 – Brunch 10am, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

Aug. 5 - Potluck Picnic - 5pm, Sugar House Park - approx. 21st S./15th E., SLC.

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Spring is really here in the East so we were happy to have 16 members and 2 guests at our meeting on April 3 to begin our spring and summer meetings. We missed **Jim & Margaret Sarsfield** and **Tom Melgaard** who will be hospitalized for heart problems. We wish him well.

Our meal was very good and enjoyed by all while rain fell all day outside. **Bob Carter** entertained us by wearing his former United Airline uniform; he said it was a bit tight but still he looked good, we thought. **Gene Calvert** told us all about his grandson who made Eagle Scout just recently. Of course he and **Catherine** are really proud grandparents. Congratulations to him for all his hard work.

During our meeting, **Bob Carter** discussed the new United Airlines regulations for one bag and one carry-on per person for each traveler. Another subject was the current prices of medicine and about requesting generics; also he found that medicines are sometimes cheaper at the drug store. Another reminder, signing up for Medicare D will result in losing your United Medical coverage.

Bob also gave us the number to call for the TV Converter Box Coupon Program during the digital television transition - (1-888-DTV-2009) or click <https://www.DTV2009.gov> on the computer. Up to two coupons are available for each household.

Calendar:

June - Date and place to be announced.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Lyle & Joanna Myers hosted our April 8 luncheon for 53 members & guests at Fairwood Country Club in Renton. We welcomed new member **Chris Thompson**, (SEARR), who was attending his first meeting and also **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen**, who, although members, were attending their first meeting also. We also recognized a couple of members who had been absent for a period of time, **Margaret Smith**, who was present with her nephew **Harry Hamlin**, and **Anne Good**.

Pres. **John Haferbecker** called our attention to letters from retirees that appeared in the latest issue of the RUAEA newsletter that were of local interest: - **Per "Pete" and Pearl Fjugstad** of Randle, WA wrote about their many charitable causes they have been active in over the years, - **Tim Joslin Sr. & Cheril** of Redondo, WA wrote about the late **Ken Mayne** who worked in SEACS and whose son **Kenny Mayne** is now an ESPN-TV sports personality, - **Matt & Norma Stillman** of Petaluma, CA writing to say that Matt is 91 years old now and going strong. Matt used to work in SEAGQ, and - from a retiree in Berryville, VA who wrote in praise of **Bob Brumfield** for the good information Bob provides in his "Travel Tips by Bob," and the fact that Bob responds quickly with answers to any questions posed to him. We applauded Bob for his good work.

Hubert Malco underwent surgery to have a heart defibrillator implanted, and he has noticed some benefits from having the implant. **Hubert & Anita Malco** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April.

Bob Brumfield reminded our group of the benefits of using the "distressed passenger" discounted hotel room rates when traveling. These are found on the pink slips available at the United ticket counters and in Red Carpet Rooms. Bob also reviewed the recent change in United Express (UAX) boarding priority for SAs that puts United employees, retirees and travel eligibles in the second category (after UAX employees) based on company hire date or years & months of service. Bob pointed out, too, that Skynet has a link on the Travel page to the Discount 20 Program where we can book 20% discount tickets online on United, Ted and UAX.

Ever wonder how to book two mileage plus tickets drawing miles from two different accounts without using an agent so you can avoid the ticketing fee? It's easy, call Res and use the automated Voice Recognition

System and you can even select the routing you prefer and get your seats assigned – assuming you book far enough ahead. It's a good system and lets you book two or more persons on one reservation record and use miles from more than one account.

Door prize winners were **Jerry Gogulski, Bob Paul, Sidney Reed, Herald Bowman, Noreen Krawczyk and Don Anderson**. The 50/50 winner was **Adelaide Haferbecker**. **Bob Brumfield** assisted with the drawings. Many nice prizes were donated.

We want to thank member **Kenneth Case** for calling us with the information that Medco covers most of the cost of shingles shot. Until Kenneth called, we weren't aware of Medco's coverage. Thanks for sharing this information with us, Kenneth.

Michael Dodd, husband of **Voula**, passed away suddenly April 9. Voula is retired from SEARR. Michael is survived by their son **Christopher**, and his mother and a sister.

Long-time member **Wes Ebert** passed away April 20 following hospitalization after a fall outside his home in Ellensburg, WA. Wes and wife **Helen** were married 72 years and are survived by their daughter **Jan** (husband **Bruce**) and son **Jerry** (wife **Shari**), 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Wes was 95 years old and retired from SEAHH in approximately 1974.

We learned of the passing of **Dick Ravet** on April 16 at his home in Palm Desert, CA. Dick had worked in SEACS from 1958-1980, and had engaged in a number of business activities during his life, including running a tire business, growing and selling hay and operating a hay tarping business. Dick is survived by his wife **Trudy Ann**, sons **Jeff, Tim** (wife **Julie**), daughters **Michele** (husband **Dan**), **Laurie** (husband **Bill**), **Shannon** (husband **Aaron**) and **Terri** (husband **Thomas**), as well as sisters and other relatives.

Calendar:

June 18 – UAL Retiree Golf Tournament, Allenmore Golf Course, Tacoma, WA

June & July – No meeting scheduled

August 12 – Annual Picnic, Home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA

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Hello from Clipped Wings®!

I enjoyed reading the May issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. You do such a great job, Virgil and the entire staff.

In last month's article, I mentioned there is a good possibility of a new chapter forming in Tampa, Florida. Low and behold, **Jeanne "Tibbo" Wessner** called me, and said her husband, a retired UAL Captain, was reading the RUAEA newsletter, and told her she might be interested in the Clipped Wings® article. After reading the article, she called and said she would like to help form a chapter in Tampa. Thank you RUAEA for allowing Clipped Wings® to be a part of your great newsletter. If you know of anyone in the Tampa area, please call or email me.

Clipped Wings® Chapter Charity News: The **Baltimore Chapter (BWI)** continues to volunteer at The Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. Three members throughout the year planning a menu and serving dinner each month to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. **Denver (DEN)** had a huge contingency of members, and family members, volunteer to help the annual Special Olympics Mardi Gras Fundraiser.

Des Moines (DSM) continues to work the Ambassador Program. They assisted at the DSM International Airport with the "Spring Break" travelers. Also, working on the Special Olympics Play Activity Day in February making sandwiches. A group of DSM Clipped Wings® Members helped out answering telephones at the annual Variety Club Telethon in DSM. What a great honor for DSM, a luncheon for them at the DSM International Airport was put on as a "thank you" for their services as Ambassadors! They will be busy volunteering in May with the Unified Sports Day at Drake University, assisting Iowa Special Olympics' roller skating competitions. After that, they will travel to Ames to host a family picnic to be held at the Hilton Coliseum before the Opening Ceremonies of the Iowa Special Olympics. A very busy chapter volunteering for a wonderful cause.

Phoenix (PHX) volunteered at the Special Olympics on the Arizona State University campus, serving athletes their lunch. **New Jersey (EWR)** contributed to Father Al and Freidreich's Ataxia to purchase trees for the monument in Shanksville. They continue to support **Ronald McDonald House** as a philanthropic cause. Proceeds from their annual Bowl-a-Thon will primarily be used to support our troops and the developmentally disabled. That is what some of our chapters have been involved in the past few months. I will let you know more about other chapters next month.

LAX, OCC & SAN continue to work very hard on our convention this year in Pasadena, California on Sept. 24th - 27th. Surfs Up, Hooray for Hollywood, Evening of Wine & Roses, a golf tournament, and several

other side tours are just a taste of what is happening. I'm sure there are more events that are going to keep us entertained and laughing. As always, we will all enjoy the camaraderie with so many stories about the good old days of flying.

Members: More first time members this month; **JoAnne Adams Collins (OAK), Barbara Blommet LeCompte (CHI), Kathleen Karp (CHI), Carolyn George (DTW), Kate McNamara (OAK), Joanne Adams Collins (OCC), June Yeardye Wexler and Paula Tappan Zuppan (RNO), Marian Martin McKean Wickersham (STL).** Welcome to everyone!

Next month, I will report on more chapter doings. Until then, if you are interested in joining Clipped Wings®, or starting a new chapter, please write, email, or call me at the above address.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Retiree – **BOWERS, Don**, on 3/4/08, EXOPP, husband of Ann, 7501 E. Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Retiree – **BUSCHMAN, Martin**, on 2/27/08, OAKIQ, husband of Maria, 7018 Rosado Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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Retiree – **GLYDON, Joseph B.**, on 12/28/08, EWRCG, husband of Josephine, 88 Dartmouth Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001

Retiree – **MALLSTROM, Roe E. Jr.**, on 3/23/08, ORDSW, husband of Lillian, 1109 Cleveland Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

Spouse – **MARVETTE, Michael E.**, on 1/26/08, husband of Loretta, SRQOZ, 3076 Eastland Blvd 402, Clearwater, FL 33761

Spouse – **SCHULTZ, Arthur A.**, on 2/28/08, husband of Charlotte, DENRR, 750 E. Shoreline Dr., Holland, OH 43528

Retiree – **SNYDER, Raymond J.**, on 5/7/07, husband of Marilyn, 104 Darnley Dr., Moon Township, PA 15108

Retiree – **WEBBER, Helen A.**, on 3/16/08, SFOKM, survived by daughters: Joanne West & Jeanne Pfeiffer, 5736 Creel Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338

LETTERS

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

John Barlow, Dean Barr, Ruth Bauer, Mary Benadum, Elizabeth Bergbower, Jaine Berdal, John Beveridge, Sharon Boettcher, Kathleen Brown, Jean Cali, Alice D'Souza, Terry Davies, Tom Dunn, Marilyn Etchingham, Dolores Evenson, Sean Foley, Frank Frisone, Carol Garibotti, Eugene Gawenda, Don Hayden, Evan Holly, Diana Huffman, Nancy Ink, Kristen Ince, Barbara Isola, Jenny Jacobs, Ted Jarvie, Robert Kapp, Lorainne Karpen, Ken Killmon, April King, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kundit, Sr., Lynn Kretschmer, Donald Latter, Manley Lokken, Ruth Merriman, Patricia Mix, Jay Plank, Anne Priest, Christine Rang, Dominick Rizzo, James Rosen, Mary Scharian, David Shea, Judith Slover, Phyllis Smith, James Wallace, Luis Vega, Judith Wright.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Ken Lee, 107 Sand Trap Ln., Greenwood, SC 29649

Thank you again for the informative newsletter every month. I always look forward in the mail since retiring 15 years ago. Last year we were lucky to be boarded in First Class "Plus" (Deluxe) on a 777 from DEN to ORD. What a great ride. We did not feel like making our connections on UA Express after landing.

Best regards to all.

Harry Mitchell, 747 Bockman Rd., San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2903

Both my wife Agnes (Nancy) and I have been retired 25 years. Nancy will be 88 years old next week.

Our medical bills are killing us. We have been Kaiser Members since 1963; when it was 1\$ for a doctor's visit. When we retired, United would not pay our Kaiser, so we had to drop United's HMO because we couldn't afford to pay for both. Now Kaiser is \$30 each for a doctor's visit. It costs the earth for the prescription drugs, besides paying \$148 a month for our Kaiser Part A&B. But we do manage to get along somehow.

We both have been accepted to enter the Masonic Retirement Home in Union City. It will be a while yet before we get in but are looking forward to it. It is getting to be a hardship for us living at home.

Jerry Herbers, 2264 W 230th St., Torrance, CA 90501

Thanks so much for all your work to get the newsletter out each month.

My 42 years working with United went by fast but my 6 years of retirement are going by just as fast.

Every day is a good day!

John Hughes, 31 Grand View Ln., Bellingham, WA 98229

We will be in Buenos Aires for two months, from the middle of April to the middle of June.

This is our fourth trip. We think this beats the UK and most of Europe, except for Austria and Slovenia.

Bettie Boehme, 171 Oak Island Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409-6333

Hi to everyone, especially the Communication bunch my husband, Max, belonged to from 1946 to 1995. Drop me a line and tell me of your news. I still wonder what has happened to most of you. I want to thank those of you that still faithfully keep in touch. My phone # is (707) 539-1162.

Life is in the slow lane for me physically, but there is always something to do mentally such as, taxes, bills, schedules for my caregivers, reading, phoning, visiting with guests and an occasional addition to my genealogy. I always try to figure out what meals can be prepared and make out a shopping list.

Besides my caregiver, I am fortunate to have my daughter living with me. She takes care of most of my business especially those requiring endless phone calls and MATH!

Some of the old timers might remember our son, Michael Boehme, if they worked in Dining Services. He is still an Exec. Director of the State of Virginia's Aviation Museum, and is still playing with airplanes.

When Michael was a college student, he worked for Dining Services at United part time and in the summers he worked full time. So United helped pay for his flying lessons and college expenses. When he graduated from San Jose State, he flew rescue helicopters and F-15's for the Air Force. After retirement, he went into the mortgage business but did not like it so he went back to his first love, airplanes at the museum. His step-daughter, Megan is in the youth Civil Air Patrol. Who knows, the cycle might continue on as she gets older?

Travel as much as you can. Memories are great. We have definitely lived in the "Golden Age". Thank you for all of the information you gather for us.

Virginnia Swenson, 26088 145th St., New Richland, MN 56072-6004

I just returned from my third trip to North-Northeast India. It was just wonderful to see the growth of the Christian Faith in Chandigarh and NE India. As the Hindus don't want Christians coming to NE India, they delay permits and cause lots of problems. Even though the areas are 90% Christian, the politics are controlled by the Hindus.

We did get in, however, and I had quality time with 4 of my 6 sponsored children. Some of the families walk for two or more days to meet the sponsors. The two others I sponsor are in the area devastated by the rats, and couldn't come. On your computer, do an India rats search. It is very interesting.

We take so much for granted here in America. We have truly been blessed.

John Bateman, 95 Pioneer Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583

Greetings from the East Bay,

It is hard to believe that I have been retired for 20 years. But it beats the alternative. I still have pretty good health. But my wife, Irene, is still recovering from left knee surgery, which has slowed us down a little.

We appreciate the newsletter, so keep up the good work.

I still do not think United is going to make it, as they have not ordered any new aircraft. They continue to outsource everything with attended problems, no parts and no handle on when the plane will be available. They lack aircraft that are able to step in and fill opportunities that occur frequently, like the OAK-HNL route

that is empty because of the folding of Aloha and ATA.

We hope to attend the PIT convention. We expect to see some old friends and make some new ones.

Arlene McGuire, 17742 Silverstream Dr., Canyon Country, CA 91387-4216

Thanks again for all you do. I enjoy all of the news. I especially like the new "Ask the Doctor" column. I find the "Travel tips by Bob" very helpful.

Kathleen Towns, 19619 Edgebrook Ln., Tinley Park, IL 60487-7016

Thank you for your dedication to "Our Newsletter".

We are all anxious for any information about our fellow employees and our "Beloved United". The common denominator in all the letters I read is how blessed everyone feels to have been a part of United.

Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596-5736, hendricjoy@aol.com

Thank you for your continued fine job of informing all of us retirees. As years go by, it is sad to see friend's name in the obituary column.

It has been almost two years since my breast cancer surgery. Unfortunately, on July 22nd, I had my spleen removed because of an allergic reaction to the Arimidex cancer fighting medication, a condition called ITP. The good news is I feel wonderful and am very busy. Hello to all of my friends in Los Angeles.

Patricia Bantz, 1961 Carlton Pl., Lancaster PA 17601-3600

Thank you for your continued hard work in getting our newsletter out each month. Although some of us do not recognize too many names any more, it is always nice to keep current in company news and events.

Your efforts are very much appreciated.

John Stewart, 2926 Old Post Rd., Slatington, PA 18080-3213, jste107176@aol.com

Another year has gone by and it was a busy one for Linda and me. In June, we flew our Cessna 182 to Rapid City, SD, Edmonton, Alberta, and Whitehorse, YK and on to Fairbanks, AK, and home. During September, we visited friends in Rogers, AR, and attended a fly-in breakfast at Independence, KS, with a tour of the new Cessna aircraft factory. Then we were on to St Joseph, MO to spend some time with friends. In November, we were off again to Boerne, TX (near San Antonio) for a week. Next, we went to Roswell, NM for a few days; didn't see any little green men. Our next stop was Bakersfield, CA to spend some time with my aunt and uncle. The scenery in the southwest was great. On our way home, we stopped at Winslow, AZ and Liberal, KS where we took in the Liberal Air Museum.

We enjoy receiving the RUAEA newsletter and thank everyone for their hard work.

Robert Gordon, 4931 E. Windstone Tr., Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Just to let you know that **Bob & Jayne Gordon** are doing fine! Bob retired in 1984 from SFOPI and is still busy with our home in Cave Creek, AZ, our condo in Hawaii Kai, our 4 kids and 9 grandchildren.

After 9 trips to Australia and New Zealand, we find that going back and forth to HNL, SFO and DEN to check on the kids and grandkids is enough travel for now. We have had good luck getting on the planes, thanks to the computer and being able to check on flights. It was great to hear that old friends like **Joe Butera** and **Thom Biro** are doing well. We hope to make it to one of the Bay Area meetings this year.

We always read the newsletter from cover to cover and appreciate all of your work.

Shirley Elrod, 125 Harper St., Louisville, CO 80027

Thank you one and all for all of your hard work. The newsletter sums up such a vast amount of valuable information that I can't imagine being without it.

A great big thank you to all the people that man the Portland and Seattle Travel Desks. While I was in Lihue, Kauai, I tried calling the VRU and the robot absolutely could not understand Lihue, Kauai, so I waited until the next morning to call the Seattle Travel Desk. The friendly voice on the other end of the line was most helpful.

We are very fortunate to have such a great bunch of people that give so generously of their time. You are all very much appreciated!

Gary Mills, 1555 Aberdeen Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33881-9705, gmills001@tampabay.rr.com

Thanks for the past years of the RUAEA Newsletter on-line. Thanks too, for keeping everyone up to date on the latest changes at UAL. It is good to know where to find information and phone numbers about our retiree benefits. Also thanks for putting the department codes on the Obituary column.

Keep up the good work.

Elizabeth Armstrong, 2408 SW Brookwood Ln., Palm City, FL 34990-4751

Although, I recognize very few names, I do enjoy the monthly newsletter.

We love living in Florida and will return to Long Island later than usual due to health problems.

Aside from my trip to Germany, we have not done any travelling.

Thanks for your good work.

Michael Pasquerelli, 5145 Barcroft Dr., Hoffman Estates, IL 60010

Like all RUAEA members, I am very thankful for the Newsletter. And I thank you for the Happy Birthday greeting and the reminder to send in my annual dues! All in RED INK. I love it.

More than ever, the monthly RUAEA NL is a critical link to keep all of us retirees informed. It is very gratifying to know that everyone of us has a common bond; no matter what organization we worked in. Also, all the good people staffing the Newsletter are the best.

Annette Teichner, Apt. 6C, 24520 Grand Central Pkwy., Bellerose, NY 11426-2751

RUAEA and United Airlines were so much a part of my husband's life (**Louis Teichner**), that I would be devastated if the membership lapsed even for a day. It is so easy to become involved in day to day chores and activities; that one might overlook membership dues.

I always like to remind Jo Madden that Lou came on board at United the same time as she did. I believe Lou had one week of seniority over her.

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

It has been nearly eleven years since I walked out of the back gate of the MOC after 36½ years. There have been a lot of changes to United Airlines since I left. Sadly to say, none have been for the better. Thousands of jobs have been lost and many lives have been ruined due to greedy and uncaring management the company has. We, as United employees, have a lot to be thankful for now that we are gone. We have our pensions, even though some have been reduced and most of us still have some type of health benefits.

I love receiving the newsletter to see the correspondence from some of my old friends. I recently read a letter from **Colin Cook**, who was one of my comrades from the old days at SFO. It is nice to see that some of the old folks are still around and surviving what's happened at United Airlines.

Herb Roth, 8419 N. Calle Tioga, Oro Valley, AZ 85704

Here we are again at my annual attempt to beat the RED STAMP, while getting my income tax finished. It is actually the tax filing deadline that triggers the memory to beat the red stamp.

And speaking of memories, that is what I enjoy about the newsletter. The memories of working with and knowing the wonderful colleagues, it was my good fortune to be acquainted with from 1957 through 1987. I guess that means that I have been retired for 21 years now. My oh my, how the time does flit and flicker on by.

Susan Harrison, 2130 Upper Pack River Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864

Aloha! I'm late with my dues, but at least it is still my birth month. My good excuse is that my beloved Hanai ("adopted" in Hawaiian) Mama, known to all as music Icon, "Auntie Genoa Keawe", passed from this earth peacefully at home at the age of 89. I was able to be with her and our Ohana (family) during her last days. She sang and played her ukulele till the end. I also walked the "Great Aloha Run", as always on President's Day. That was my best time spurred on with her best wishes.

I spent quality time with my fellow HNL retirees, **Phyllis Okawa, Maureen "Ollie II" Torres, Susie Sutton Park, Loretta Gamurot & Healani Paaluhi**, plus our yearly reunion with the mechanics and ramp gang at the Treetops restaurant in beautiful Manoa Valley.

This year I am enjoying the benefits of a "reverse mortgage", something those of you who are cash poor and land rich, need to look into.

Mahalo Denver newsletter folks for keeping us retirees "United"! Bless us one and all and aloha.

William Hoygaard, 12182 E. Amherst Cir., Aurora, CO 80014-3302

We are doing well. I enjoy lunch with the old group from TK and also RUPA. We will try to make it to a Sat. Denver Mile Highers breakfast sometime soon.

Our travel these days seems to more often involve driving rather than flying. I doubt that I am the only one who finds air travel, less fun than in the past!

Thanks to all who work to produce the newsletter. I enjoy reading it.

Bill Hughes, 4529 Middleton Park Cir. E, Jacksonville, FL 32224-6607

We are having fine spring weather here.

We are both quite active with church, Symphony Guild and Alpha Phi society. I garden and swim a lot. We both work at the Players Golf for the Muscular Dystrophy.

We are planning to go and play for Boston University in May and visit relatives in Arizona in July.

All of the Boston snowbirds know where we live when it snows. Ha Ha!

William Speicher, 18824 Derbyton Way, Davidson, NC 28036

Sorry my dues are late. We have had a lot of things going on. My mother-in-law has been ill and just passed away. So we have been dealing with that.

Thanks for all the news you bring to us retirees.



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

Last year, after four years of retirement, I returned to JFKMD to assist in the closing of the Medical Department, as I knew it for 32 years. The good part was in seeing many old co-workers again. The sad part was in being the "last one out, turn out the lights".

It is good to see a part of the fine tradition of the Medical Department will continue with Dr. Reider's column. I look forward to it and congratulate RUAEA on this valuable addition to the newsletter.

Many thanks, of course, to all connected with keeping our retiree skies friendly.

Douglas Cowan, 40 Creamer Dr., Sayreville, NJ 08872, ucowan@msn.com

I got the red sign, now it is 12 years retired. I so much appreciate the work of the organization on our behalf, and even more the news and memories contained in the newsletter.

We continue in good enough health to travel and have enjoyed a trip to Paris and a chateau in southern France, this past year as well as our annual 2 winter months in Kauai and a week on the North Carolina beaches with the children and grandchildren.

Bill & Betty Gloe, 1801 Castenada Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010

We both retired in 1981. We are still getting up every day and morning very slow. We still enjoy the Newsletter very much, thanks to all of you.

Happiness to each of you.

John M. Buttici, 1810 Diamond Springs Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513

I would like to thank everyone who has something to do with our Newsletter, for an outstanding job getting this large job out to all the RUAEA members.

I have been retired for 11 years now, time sure moves on. I got a jump on my dues this time, 2 years if possible. I read all the RUAEA news in every issue, don't want to miss anything.

I started in 1974 in SFOOV and ended up in SFOGS. A big hello to **Gen & Dorothy Gilmore** and of course **Big Ben Williams** and family. One more, God Bless and again a big thanks to the RUAEA staff.

"Analyzing humor is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested and the frog dies of it."

E. B. White

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United DC-6 Propeller in the DENTK Cafeteria



Thom Rowland and **Ken Dresel**, DENTK UAHF, designed and constructed the stand. The set-up crew consisted of **Thom Rowland**, **Howard Tress**, **Gary Price**, **Ken Dresel**, **Burton Dietel**, **Wayne Miller**, **Virgil Gooselaw**, **Ed Gray** and **Lee Reese**. Thanks are also due to **York Swanson** and **Bob Ireland** of DENTK.

The DC-6 Propeller Display history:

In the early 1970s, a new Supervisor-of-Stores at the SFO Maintenance noticed this propeller among a half-dozen unserviceable propellers in an engine test-cell room. He asked Plant Maintenance to construct a stand for it.

WHQ heard of the DC-6 propeller and requested it be sent to Chicago. Following a few years in the Chicago O'Hare "Tunnel-

of-Lights", the prop display was "displaced" by a concession stand. It was then moved to a Chicago warehouse and left completely uncovered for several years.

Following **Jerry Baxley**'s "rescue" from the warehouse it was returned to SFOMC. **Eric Driggs** and **Gary Young** worked for weeks sanding and polishing the blades, removing the "etched-in bird-droppings". The tips were painted red, white & blue, "Hamilton Standard" decals applied and the stand was repainted.

Peter Lopez, **Eric Driggs** and **Gary Young** then set-up the display at the SFO Domestic Terminal, the SFO International Terminal, the SFO Maintenance Base and also at the Hiller Museum.

After the display had "run-its-course", **Jerry Baxley** and **Ron Utecht** decided to remove the stand and hang the prop in the main-entrance stairwell at SFOMC.

9/11 happened! ... The DC-6 propeller again went into storage. The blades and the hub were boxed-up and shipped to Chicago. **Barbara Hanson** wanted to mount the prop on a WHQ wall, but **Chapter 11 was filed** ... and the prop was placed in the WHQ basement.

In 2007, the efforts of **Barbara Hanson** and **Tom Goodyear** brought the propeller to Denver and now into the DENTK cafeteria.

Thanks to **Jerry Baxley** for the "DC-6 prop history".

For **Marv Berryman**'s photos of the set-up, see: <http://rides.webshots.com/album/549921746szLpLh>

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