



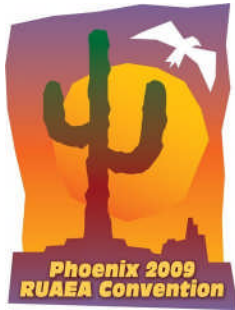
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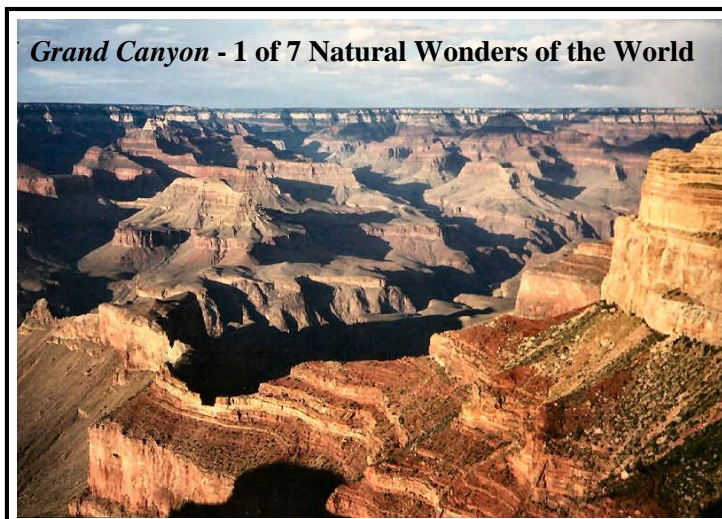
**May 17 - 24, 2009  
RUAEA Convention,  
Phoenix, Arizona**

***The Valley of the Sun!***



If you joined us in Phoenix, May 17-24<sup>th</sup>; when you read this newsletter, the experience of being at the 2009 RUAEA Convention will have been added to your memories forever! Phoenix and “*The Valley of the Sun*”, a city bursting with sports, great restaurants, spectacular sights and a variety of entertainment.

You may have shared quiet moments reminiscing with friends and acquaintances, made new friends, or shared



discoveries on one of the fascinating tours. Whether you traveled by plane, bus, car, van or train, hopefully you had a safe and pleasant journey home.

For those of you who enjoy watching baseball, you will probably think of us, when you watch the *Diamondbacks* play at **Chase Field**. The tours were adventures shared with friends to some of the most beautiful and interesting places in Arizona. Many of you learned about our deep Indian Heritage with a visit to the *Heard Museum*. And some of you made the tour to witness the awesome views of the *Grand Canyon*. And, do not forget the fun had by all as you sang some of those old Cowboy Ballads with *Ken Willis* or swayed to Mariachi music.

Some of you may have also seen Phoenix's latest addition to the city, making its debut in April. A giant floating sculpture, “*Her Secret is Patience*” is a hanging

fabric sculpture reaching 100 feet high in the air, and floating over a 3 acre downtown park. This sculpture was designed by Janet Echelman at a cost of \$2.5 million and will define Phoenix as a destination for public artworks.

The Phoenix Convention Committee would like to thank the RUAEA National Board members, who went above and beyond to guide us through the planning. And most importantly, thank you to all who attended and we sincerely hope you enjoyed our Western hospitality. Watch your next newsletter for the destination of the next convention to be announced in Phoenix.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



**Ron Robertson**

The June issue of the Newsletter will be available via the Internet just about the time our Phoenix Convention starts - the paper version will be delivered after it's over. Regardless, I know all the attendees will/did have a great time and cherished memories. **Rita & Jim Zarek** and all involved Arizona RUAEA members, **Hank Gosselin** and the national organization, the Denver Office, and the Hyatt organization, all had major roles in preparation for a successful Convention. Thank You All!

As established last year, RUAEA now has the opportunity to meet on a scheduled quarterly basis with United Airlines Senior Officers. This is in addition to our being active members of the company Travel Committee and access to United representatives on issues as needed. In April, **Ed Tolle** (our retiree Corporate Headquarters Representative) and I met with Marc Ugol, Senior Vice President of Human Resources. Items of discussion included all pertinent subjects of the day.

One subject of interest was United's financial results for the first quarter and outlook for the balance of the year. Performance was brutal - as it was for the industry - with a loss of \$382 million. United aggressively cut costs by reducing flying over 11% but traffic fell 13% - especially first class and business class by 30% which has been a strongpoint. Additional capacity cuts will be 8-9% in the current quarter and 7-8% for all of 2009. With expenses curtailed by \$1.1 billion overall, compared with the same quarter last year, revenue generation is the key for the balance of the year. United collected \$259 million during the quarter for things such as charging more for desirable Economy Plus seats, checked bags, and ticket changes - and expects to collect over \$1 billion in such fees this year.

Another timely subject discussed was labor negotiations. The United Airlines union labor agreements are all in various stages of opening negotiations. Some of you may have heard earlier rumors of negative issues concerning retirees and the company's opening letter to the IAM. RUAEA had previously and quickly determined that the rumor was totally without basis, nothing in the opening letter concerning retirees. Marc took this opportunity to assure me that any subject ever relating to retiree benefits will always be on a direct first hand basis with retirees and RUAEA, never through a third party. As far as employees and their representative unions, these contracts have been in place since bankruptcy, the history and future are complex, and will likely go through a number of steps before ultimately presented and ratified. To keep up with the ongoing status, log on to Skynet, United Negotiations.com - Fact Check.

The timing was such that the H1N1 Virus or Swine Flu effect on operations was a point of concern; not knowing the eventual outcome at that time, Marc qualified the issue by stating that United's Mexico flights were something less than 2% of the schedule. RUAEA is privileged to have a working relationship with Marc, Glenn Tilton, and the Senior Team.

We are also looking for opportunities to increase our national membership and our representation impact. In May we had a mailing of over 5,000 to most recent retirees who are not yet RUAEA members. The letter, a new color brochure, and application form offers the reasons and benefits for joining RUAEA.

At the Convention Business Meeting, there is a recommended By-Laws change that has the potential to increase our membership. In brief, all **former** employees of United Airlines who have reached retirement age, are eligible to become members of RUAEA. Also spouses of retirees may become a regular member. Widows/Widowers of deceased members will become regular members as opposed to associate members. (Full details in By-Laws Article III).

Lastly, our dues increase effective June 1, 2009, has been well published. Two facts I would like to emphasize: 1. Although there is an increase, for the 12 month period 6/2009 - 6/2010, there is a three year option that is NO increase, and, 2. For the first time ever, domestic membership is available with both electronic AND paper copy for an additional \$5 per year.



If you're reading this, you are probably a national RUAEA member. If you live in an area with a local Chapter and haven't yet joined - check them out. Together, the local Chapters and RUAEA make a positive team and will enhance your retirement life.

**Ron Robertson**  
**President - RUAEA**

**Letter from the Executive Vice President -**  
**Your Pension and the PBGC**



There have been many questions lately regarding pensions and the PBGC, or Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. The main question is about getting a "Final Determination Letter" from the PBGC.

There are four separate plans that are now administered by the PBGC:

- 1) **Management, Administrative & Public Contact Defined Pension Plan (MAPC)** which was taken over by the PBGC on June 30, 2005 and has approximately 42,683 participants;
- 2) **Ground Employees' Retirement Plan** which was taken over by the PBGC on May 23, 2005 and has approximately 36,113 participants;
- 3) **Flight Attendants Retirement Plan** which was taken over by the PBGC on October 26, 2005
- 4) **Pilots Fixed Benefit Income Plan** which was taken over by the PBGC on June 30, 2005.

The status of each plan is as follows:

**MAPC** – PBGC has finished reviewing and verifying plan and participant information. They are now calculating the pension benefits, subject to the legal limits, owed to everyone in the plan.

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**Flight Attendants** - PBGC has finished reviewing and verifying plan and participant information. They are now calculating the pension benefits, subject to the legal limits, owed to everyone in the plan.

**Pilots** – PBGC is verifying plan and participant information to calculate pension benefits. PBGC has sent letters to notify all participants and beneficiaries that they have taken over as trustee of the plan.

In each case, if you are receiving benefits from the PBGC, they will continue without interruption. These payments are estimates of your benefits until a final determination is made and you are notified by mail of that final determination. When the calculations are complete:

1. If the estimate of your benefit was too low, the difference will be made up in a single payment with interest.
2. If the estimate of your benefit was too high, future payments will be reduced until the overpayment has been repaid.
3. Only in rare circumstances would the PBGC reduce the monthly amount you are due by more than 10% to collect an overpayment.
4. PBGC does not charge interest on overpayments.

We have checked with the PBGC on the current status of each plan with the following results. *"PBGC has completed the audit of the participant data for all plans except for the Pilots plan. The participant data audit for the Pilots plan will be completed in a couple weeks. This is a major part of the plan termination process. We are also currently working on the valuation of benefits for all four plans. We expect to finish the evaluations and start issuing benefit determination letters for the Flight Attendant, Ground, and MAPC plans later in this calendar year. We expect to finish the valuation and start issuing benefit determination letters for the pilots plan in the first half the 2010 calendar year."* Some retirees may have already received their final determination letter, especially if the amount they were being paid did not change.

On the PBGC website, you can setup and register what they call your PBA Account. It is quite easy; just follow the prompts for filling in the necessary information. Once the account is set up you can then electronically change direct deposit information, withholding information, change of address or contact information and designate a beneficiary in some cases.

Contacts for the PBGC are - website [www.pbgc.gov/united](http://www.pbgc.gov/united) , phone 1-800-400-7242, TTY/TDD users call 1-800-877-8339 then ask for 800-400-7242.

Ron Bertacini  
Executive Vice President - RUAEA

### **Unimatic Reunion**

A few demented individuals are working towards a Unimatic reunion before everyone is gone. The biggest hurdle in this effort is finding the names and e-mail addresses for candidates, since there is no definitive list of UNIMATIC-ians, so your assistance would be helpful beyond belief. Now bringing this to a successful conclusion is a long shot. However, having a more or less complete list of names and e-mail addresses would be huge improvement over where we are today, even if that is all that ever happens.

As a focal point, there is an e-mail address [unimatic.reunion@gmail.com](mailto:unimatic.reunion@gmail.com). We also have a website <http://www.unimaticfriends.spruz.com>, which is ours to use indefinitely. For the long term, this can develop into a useful way for groups of us to stay in contact.

If you worked on Unimatic at any point in time in your career as an applications developer, a programmer, or in operations, or know someone who did, and you, or they, would be interested in making that fact known to those collecting the data, please respond to [unimatic.reunion@gmail.com](mailto:unimatic.reunion@gmail.com) with your name and e-mail address.

Submitted by **Ruth Slayden**, a former Unimatic developer and wife of RUAEA member **Skip (A.W.) Slayden**.

### **United/Star Alliance Antitrust-Immunized Alliance Receives Tentative DOT Approval to Add Continental Airlines**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) informed United recently that it has tentatively approved Continental Airlines' application to join the antitrust-immunized alliance of United and eight other Star Alliance member airlines. The department also tentatively approved United's and Continental's request to form a trans-Atlantic alliance including Lufthansa and Air Canada.

*"The DOT's decision today will enable United, Continental and the other Star Alliance members to offer travelers greater choice, lower fares and improved access to more of the world,"* said Glenn Tilton, chairman, president and CEO. *"Final approval of the application will also enable the carriers to establish more efficient and comprehensive global networks, helping to level the competitive playing field in our industry. We would like to thank Secretary LaHood and his team for their extensive review and tentative approval."*

With antitrust immunity, United and Continental and the other immunized carriers can work together to deliver competitive flight schedules and fares in trans-Atlantic markets and improved access to new routes, benefiting customers and their communities. In addition, this decision will establish a framework for similar joint ventures in other regions, further encouraging global airline competition.

*"The support we received from members of Congress, community leaders and civic organizations was instrumental in securing the timely approval of the application,"* said Mike Whitaker, SVP-Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs. *"We were delighted to work together to achieve this outcome that is so critical to improving customer choice and convenience."*

In addition to United, the eight other Star Alliance member carriers that have received DOT approval for antitrust immunity are Air Canada, Austrian, BMI, Lufthansa, LOT Polish Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines (SAS), SWISS and TAP Air Portugal.

### **Outcome on Ground Handling for United Express Conversions**

United has completed notification to its employees about the final decisions regarding ground handling for the five United mainline stations transitioning to United Express.

The five stations are: Burlington, VT (BTV), Dayton, OH (DAY), Indianapolis, IN (IND), Miami, FL (MIA) and Tucson, AZ (TUS).

United conducted a complete and thorough analysis of the options by each location, including a *"total cost of ownership"* (i.e., fixed and variable costs plus the quality of available service).

TUS and MIA will continue to be ground handled by United employees. BTV and DAY will be awarded to Comair, effective May 19, and IND will also be awarded to Comair, effective June 16.

While a process was established with IAM leadership for all five stations to submit competitive bids, TUS and MIA were the only locations where retaining United employees to ground handle the United Express operation made the most business sense.

*“A thorough and collaborative process was developed between the IAM and United to review United's ground handling costs at each of the five locations,” said Dave Schneider, managing director-Line Operations The Americas. “The outcome of this good work showed that United was cost competitive in two of the locations and will continue to ground handle the United Express operation. While it is unfortunate that some furlough activity will still be necessary in Miami to completely adjust to the United Express June schedule, overall we feel we were able to achieve a winning outcome for the company, the IAM and the majority of the employees in Tucson and Miami.”*

### **Transition Date Set for Cash-free Cabin in North America**

After beginning worldwide credit-card and debit-card acceptance for in-flight purchases on March 23, United will become fully cash-free on flights within North America - with the exception of United Express (UAX) flights -- on April 20.

With EasyPurchase, customers - including employees on space-available or positive-space travel - may use major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diners Club, as well as debit cards bearing the Visa or MasterCard logos for all onboard purchases.

On UAX, cash will continue to be the accepted form of payment.

*“In the two weeks since we began accepting credit and debit cards for onboard purchases, flight attendant and customer feedback has been overwhelmingly positive,” said Alex Marren, SVP - Onboard Service. “Customers enjoy the convenience of paying with plastic and, by eliminating cash on our mainline flights in North America, we are able to simplify procedures for our flight attendants as well.”*

Users of United Mileage Plus Visa cards from Chase earn 10 miles for every dollar spent on in-flight purchases. Travelers who apply using an onboard application and are approved for a Chase Mileage Plus Visa card will earn 30,000 Mileage Plus bonus miles and receive 25 dollars off their next United Airlines ticket, after their first purchase.

### **United Introduces Washington, D.C. - Geneva Service**

United's launch of nonstop service between its Washington Dulles (IAD) hub and Geneva on Sunday, April 19 is an important element of its strategy to add service in markets where United believes there is adequate enough demand to be successful.

As the headquarters of several agencies of the United Nations and the Red Cross, Geneva is a bustling government and commercial center and home to some of the world's largest non-governmental organizations.

With the new International Premium Travel Experience on its B767 aircraft, United can capitalize on year-round premium demand between the U.S. and Geneva.

Like the recently launched Dulles-Moscow service, Dulles-Geneva initially operates five times weekly, with IAD departures on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and beginning return service on April 20 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On May 29, United will begin daily service.

To support a successful launch, United have offered special fares and Mileage Plus bonus offers.

Currently, the only nonstop services between the U.S. and Geneva are operated by Continental to/from Newark and Swiss to/from JFK.

### **The Family That Flies Together**

There have been numerous times over the past 10 years when Barbara Stockstill has sat back and shaken her head in amazement.

While it's not uncommon for a child to take the same career path as one of his or her parents, it is highly unlikely that an entire family would choose the same career path and work for the same non-family-owned business today.

With that in mind, it's easy to understand why Barbara is amazed each time she talks about her role as a United flight attendant, because it's the same role her husband Charlie, sons Kalei and Kalani and daughter Kristin also know very well.

*“It really is a special story that all five of us are or were flight attendants for United,” says Barbara, whose mother worked at the Operations Center in Elk Grove back in the 1960s. “Four of the five of us are still working for United today. Kalei left United three years ago, but before he left, he met his wife Cheryl, who also was a United flight attendant. I’m very proud of my entire family, and I’m very thankful for United because it has given us a chance to see the world. We love the company.” Here is the family breakdown:*

- ✈ Charlie, 66, is based out of San Francisco (SFO). He became one of the first male flight attendants when he joined the company in 1966.
- ✈ Barbara, 60, joined the Onboard team in 1990 after raising her three children. While she and Charlie officially reside in Hawaii, Barbara also flies out of SFO.
- ✈ Kalei, 35, was based out of JFK and spent 10 years with the company before leaving in 2007.
- ✈ Kalani, 33, started with the company in 1999 and is based out of SFO.
- ✈ Kristin, 31, joined United in 2007 and flies out of SFO.

*“I watched my husband fly all around the world while our children were young,” says Barbara, who has only flown with Charlie and Kalani a handful of times. “I thought it was a great profession, because of all the countries you get to go to and the flexibility. Charlie and I still fly a lot every month, and I think we’ll do it until it’s not fun anymore. My goal one day is to have my entire family work a flight together. I think that would be one of the proudest moments of my life.” While some people might think a one-hour commute to work is tough, Charlie and Barbara’s trek is a little bit longer.*

*“Our commute from our home in Hawaii is five hours to work,” Barbara says. “We have an apartment we rent in San Francisco with one other flight attendant, so we pretty much live in both places now. We taught our kids to look at the world as their home, because that’s the way Charlie and I look at things. It may seem like we live a crazy life to some, but we all love what we do. It’s still an honored profession.”*

### **Daily Service Between PIT-SFO, PIT-LAX**

Beginning September 2, United will offer daily service between Pittsburgh and its hubs in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

*“Our new transcontinental flights between Pittsburgh and the U.S. West Coast ensure Pittsburgh residents have convenient, daily service across the country and one-stop connections to Asia,” says Greg Kaldahl, VP-Resource Planning. “With United now providing service between Pittsburgh and all five of our U.S. hubs, our customers have numerous options for the best service that gets them where they need to go.”*

<i><b>Schedule</b></i>	<i><b>Depart</b></i>	<i><b>Arrive</b></i>
UA 237 (PIT-SFO)	08:30	10:58
UA 480 (SFO-PIT)	13:00	20:49
UA 265 (PIT-LAX)	18:00	20:16
UA 458 (LAX-PIT)	09:40	17:17

Note: All routes and frequencies are subject to change.

United has 32 flights a day between PIT and five cities, including Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. With service to these five cities, Pittsburgh customers have easy access to more than 200 other cities throughout the U.S. and to the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and Latin America.

### **Ask The Doctor - 220 (or 210) Minus Your Age Multiplied by 70%**

No doubt, very few of you know what this formula is. How does this figure into a comment about your health? Is this really a medical formula at all? The answer to both of these questions is yes, this does apply to your health; and yes, it is a medical formula.

Everyone advises us to exercise regularly to maintain our health, to control our weight, to help treat heart disease or diabetes, and many other suggestions. It is appropriate to ask, what exercise should I do? How can I exercise and not cause any further problems? What about those media reports of people dying while exercising? Finally, everyone remembers how the guru of jogging, Jim Fixx, suffered a fatal heart attack while jogging. That scares everyone. Well, there is a way to exercise safely.

Here is where the formula enters the picture. **After** you check with your personal physician and get his/her clearance, you should ask them what is safe for you. What should you monitor to protect your health? Admit you have concerns about suffering a serious medical complication while exercising. **After** you feel secure with answers you receive from your physician, then you can start your program.

Using the above formula, here is how to proceed. Let us assume you are a male, that you are 65 years old, that you are about 20 pounds overweight, and that your cholesterol is 225 mg/dL. **But**, you have no heart disease and are not diabetic. Here is what you do:

**220 – 65 = 155:** The number 155 is the **maximum** heart rate for you. This rate is the one used by your physician when you are on a treadmill. It is the rate your physician would like to achieve with you on a treadmill. **Under no circumstances should you attempt to achieve this rate during your at home exercise program!** Now, for the next step.

**155 x 70% = 108.5:** Using 108, this number is the **maximum** heart rate you should achieve during your at home exercise. **Start** with this number as a goal. You should achieve this goal over a period of weeks, assuming you exercise three times per week. You will know you are doing well when you can achieve this heart rate without becoming breathless and weak. If you can talk normally and have a heart rate of 108, you are at the proper level of conditioning.

Now, what next? Continue at this pace as long as you remain symptom free. That is, no chest pain, normal heart rhythm, no leg pain, able to talk normally while exercising. Using this number as your goal is where you want to be. You are set. If you stop exercising for any reason (illness, lack of interest, travel, etc.), **start** at the beginning and move up to the 108 rate over a period of several weeks.

When you celebrate your 66<sup>th</sup> birthday, do another calculation. As you age, you will notice that the maximum heart rate gets lower and lower. That will protect you from over exertion and over stressing your body. It is a safety valve. It is **always** appropriate to ask your physician if you are doing well, if you should change your goal, and if you are having any symptoms.

No, I am not a chauvinist. Ladies, you need to use the same formula to calculate your **maximum** heart rate for your exercise program. The only difference in your formula is this: Use the number 210 instead of the number 220. Everything else is the same. Everything else discussed applies to you as well.

There you have it. A simple formula that will work for almost any exercise program you want to use. No matter if you walk, jog, cycle, treadmill, Stairmaster, rowing, swim, or skate. Remember, start slow, progress to your max heart rate at home over a few weeks, be sure you can talk easily while you are exercising and avoid breathlessness and weakness, return to square one after a period of inactivity, and always recalculate your numbers on your next birthday.

Until next time, stay well and fly safe.

*“Ask The Doctor” column is featured every other month. We hope you’ve enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net).*

### **RUAEA Membership Dues Increase**

**(Please Note that this policy is effective starting JUNE 1, 2009)**

RUAEA, like any other organization that provides a service to its membership has to weigh the expense of providing the service relative to its income. Our source of income is primarily from membership dues and a nominal amount of income from savings accounts. Another source is from contributions, of which we are grateful. In view of the fact that our costs have gradually increased over the last ten years (since our last dues increase) we feel it necessary to make an adjustment. At our last Board of Directors meeting, an increase in dues was recommended. The recommendation was weighed and after due consideration the board approved a nominal increase. In addition to the increase, a multi-years’ choice (**at a discount**) was also approved, for a limited period of time, and an option to receive both the web/internet and paper versions. The new dues structure (**effective June 1, 2009**) is as follows:

#### **Domestic Members:**

- \* One year - \$25.00
- \* Two years - \$45.00
- \* Three years - \$60.00

Domestic and Foreign Regular members can receive the monthly RUAEA newsletter either via the U.S. mail or the Internet (*usually available 3 weeks ahead of the mailed edition*). If you would like to have both Internet and US mail, you can get it for an additional \$5.00 per year. **NOTE:** **The option of both paper and Internet is not available for Life Members.** You can have one but not both.

#### **Canadian Members:**

- ☞ One year - \$45.00
- ☞ Two years - \$85.00

☞ Three years - \$105.00

Foreign Members:

✈ One year - \$50.00

✈ Two years - \$95.00

✈ Three years - \$120.00

Regular Members from Canada or Foreign locations may receive their Newsletter by the internet only at the Domestic yearly rates. **NOTE:** Once this option is selected, you cannot revert back to the paper Newsletter until the membership expiration date.

**NOTE:** The two and three year options listed above will be available for one time only beginning **June 1, 2009** and ending **June 1, 2010**. After that, the dues structure will revert to one year increments.

Thank you for your understanding and continued commitment to RUAEA.

## **RUAEA Board of Directors**

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

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

**Chapter Correspondents:** If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/2008) and the minutes of the Correspondents’ meeting from the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you would provide any newly appointed Chapter Correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

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

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



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Our April meeting was a wonderful gathering of United Retirees, and we added to our agenda a “Getting to Know You” session.

**Charlotte Gibson**, Retired Flight Attendant, and **Travis Glass**, Retired Personnel Rep/Station Manager talked about their colorful careers with United. Brought back a lot of memories.

18 of our members noted that they would be interested in an RUAEA Convention aboard a cruise line.



Summer is ahead of us in the deep South and things are slowing down. Our May meeting will be held in Trussville, Alabama.

## ARIZONA

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Hi again, it's been a little over 2 years since I last wrote a newsletter and I feel like it's all new to me. I have enjoyed the intervening time working with the past president and his officers and look forward to working with our new crew. Our new slate of officers:

- ☞ President – **Eldon Hostetter**
- ☞ Vice Pres – **Carol Liltz**
- ☞ Treasurer – **Joe Hopkins**
- ☞ Secretary – **Sherry Muoio** (me)

We can't do it alone, so I also look forward to working with everyone involved in keeping the chapter events interesting and fun.

Our snowbirds have left for the season and they will be missed. They were so faithful in attending our breakfast and luncheon meetings. Have a great summer!

It's really good to see **Jim Bectold** recovering so well from his knee surgery. He and **Marlene** spent time in Pennsylvania this past month.

**Tim Everhart** also was traveling in May – out to SAN to visit his son.

Welcome back to **Barb & Sonny Carns** – they have been down in Sierra Vista visiting family and house sitting.

**Jean Kerman** is getting away from this heat wave by visiting friends in NYC.

We would like to invite any RUAEA member who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future.

I would love to hear from any of you that have travel plans for this summer and throughout the year. Just e-mail me at [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net) and let me know what you are up to. Also if you have any significant birthdays and/or anniversaries, we can celebrate with you.

### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Roads

**June 9**

**June 23**

**July 7**

**July 21**

Our fall and winter events are being organized over the summer and we will have the schedule soon.



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We hope everyone had a good time at our RUAEA Convention here in Phoenix in May. It's always great to meet new and old friends, enjoy the tours, programs, speakers, meetings and of course, the dinners! If you didn't get a chance to go to the Convention, you missed a good time. We thank everyone responsible for helping to make the Convention a success. We appreciate all the hard work of all the committees. Good job!

Our picnic in April was really special as we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Re-Uniteds Chapter. There were 57 members present at the Community Room of the Crescent Run RV Park in Mesa. The food from Waldo's was very good, plus we had a special cake decorated for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Our chapter was started in March of 1989, by four couples after getting together at an All-Arizona Luncheon at Luke Air Force Base. They started meeting at the Fiesta Mall in Mesa. Three couples, **Jim & Bonnie Fauber**, **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** and **Bud & Lynn Hubbard**, who are our Charter members, shared picture albums and memories of past get-togethers with us. What wonderful stories they shared. A Certificate of Appreciation, plus an attachment for their name badges was given to each of the couples, with our thanks for all their time and efforts given to our chapter.

Our Breakfast meeting in April was attended by 21 members at Crackers in Mesa. We were informed about the death of two of our long-time members; **Chester Kamensky** on April 9<sup>th</sup> and **Bill Van Sant** on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Our deepest sympathy to their families. Sympathy cards were sent by **Tony Ribeiro**, our Sunshine Person, on behalf of our group.

**Rich Vehring** updated us on the meeting he and Capt. **Bob Miller** had with some of the executives at WHQ, regarding the Fantasy Flight we have here in Phoenix in December for the deserving children. They presented them with a video plus showing them the Treasurer's books, and advising them of the work done on this project throughout the year, including the raffle, and donations of gifts for the children, which help to make this project such a worthy event. The executives were very impressed with all we do here for the Fantasy Flight and gave Rich and Capt. Bob their approval to continue with this worthwhile event.

Our President, **Jim Brigante**, is working with **Ginny Rockenhauser** to establish and maintain a history of our Chapter. Our Charter members have given us many items to include with our history.

June Birthdays are: **Jay Hartough** (6/5), **Agnes Warthen** (6/15), **John McFarland** (6/16), **Natasha Schmidt** (6/20), **Liz Tollefsen** (6/26), and **Joel Matteson** (6/29). Happy Birthday to everyone!

June Anniversaries are: **Ann & Tom Carroll** (6/1/57) and **Molly & Bill Norwood** (6/18/60). Congratulations!

#### Calendar:

**June 26** - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m, located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), by the Wednesday before the breakfast.

**July 24** - Breakfast at Crackers.

#### TALL PINES

Prescott, AZ

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Our luncheons at Pete's, our recently changed meeting location have been working out well. Thirteen and eighteen members were in attendance in March and April respectively. Chatter was lively as it usually is with reminiscing on our past and current travels. Ah, the great places we get to visit. We realize that it's the best part of where and why we are part of this United team for so long and still.

This is the time of year our RV'ers get out like **Bill & Linda** who just came back and now off to another, this time cross country. Linda's hearing is much more improved, she's happy to report, since receiving and adjusting to her new cochlear implant. Patti, the "mail girl" says "Hi" to all in LA.

**Dave & Idee** returned after Dave had back surgery. We're glad he is doing better as with the rest of our fine members in good health and in many years to come. We welcomed back our part-timers **Tony & Suzanne Geraci** from SFO, and **Esther Tournay** from Davis in Sacramento.

Getting ready to go into summer means planning for our all area picnic in June, anyone who wants to attend, please contact us for location information. Prescott's EAA chapter hosted a free "Wings and Wheels" fly-in combo along with the classic car collectors' and what a treat for the community. Events included a Pancake Breakfast, OJ Casa de Aero R/C Flyers: Aircraft Displays: Vintage, Warbirds, Contemporary Static aircraft displays including: P51D "Miss February", Wacos, CJ6s, Yak 52s, Nanchangs of Vector Warbirds, Cirrus SR22, Diamond, Jabiru & Paradise LSA's, Jets and others! Fly-bys Classic Car displays, R/C Aircraft Vendors, Tour Legend Aviation's New Facility and the flying gals of the 99's. Plans are to host the event each year so put it on your calendar and we'd love to see all there.

At Pete's though, it's about flying French fries and hey, no crash landing there as they swooped in to park at their special hangar ready and waiting!

Calendar:

**May 26** - Meeting at Pete's, 11:00AM



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Michelangelo's Ristorante was the place to be on April 16<sup>th</sup> as 39 Roadrunners met for lunch. **Roger & Lyn Callihan** hosted the event and invited guests, **Jean & Roger Sax** who were representing the Senior For Kids program at Sun City. Jean who is president of the program, explained just what the program does and how it brings so much happiness to those who are in need. Rebuilding donated computers, sewing blankets and other garments and refurbishing old donated bikes are what it's all about and keeps many volunteers busy through out the year. Our thanks go out to Jean and her volunteers for providing the computer for our adopted family this past Christmas.

We welcomed a new member to our group as **Carole McLean** joined us for her first lunch and plans to become a regular member. Good to have you aboard, Carole! **Barbara Johnson** introduced her guest, **Fran Christensen**. Fran's husband, **Ken** passed away a few months ago. He worked in the planning center at SEA-TAC. Looking forward to seeing you again Fran.

**Ron Robertson** is going to meet with company officials to clarify a rumor circulating that could affect our passes and health benefits. He will be getting back to us on this later. The 50/50 drawings were won by **Lu Dykhuis** and **Pat Carera**.

The convention is just around the corner and we hope that it's as successful as those in the past. There are many good tours to choose from and old friends to meet again. I think a good time will be had by all who attend. Remember, May 17-24 in Phoenix AZ. It's the place to be!

Our June 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be held at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 4270 N. Oracle Rd. just south of the Tucson Mall. The restaurant opens at 11:00 am and lunch will be served at 11:30. You will order from the menu. **Pat & Rich Dilallo** will host the luncheon and will need a head count by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Their phone # is (520) 825-7370.

Calendar:

**May 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – RUAEA National Convention in Phoenix

**June 18** – BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Oracle Rd., hosted by **Pat & Rich Dilallo**.

**July 16** - TBA

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We had a very delightful meeting at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home on April 15. Marcia made up the menu and Bob prepared an excellent lunch. He is quite the gourmet cook and Marcia said she stays out of the way, since he enjoys cooking so much. Everyone enjoyed the food and I don't believe any caterer could have done better.

**Mike Zoldak**, our President, opened our meeting that included 16 of us. We missed **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer**, who said they were unable to attend. We hope they catch up with us next time.

**John Stilwell** will be attending the Convention along with **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. John will go to the Saturday morning meeting, which will include information on our benefits. One of the things he wants to know about is if UAL goes into bankruptcy a second time, what will this do to our medical insurance? I'm sure he will fill us in at our next meeting.

**Nina Powers** shared with us an article that she took out of an airline magazine that quoted, "*Southwest clobbers United in the Denver Market*". It also said that SWA gained nearly 18% and Frontier increased its share from 15% to 22%. UAL dropped from 45% to 32.9%. Our airline is shrinking to about 375 airliners with no new planes on order. Our leadership and strategic advice seems to be in a tail-spin.

Toward the end of our meeting, a thought arose suggesting that we, as a group, should visit one of our neighboring chapters when they have their meeting. Many of us still have friends in the SFO area as well as LAX. We have a very social membership and we will be looking into a bus ride that would take those interested in going. We may have more information at our next meeting.

As we were leaving the Stangers, Marica presented each of the women with several roses. Ours kept for several days and were very beautiful while they lasted.

This past week, I was saddened to read that **Ginger Dahlberg's** son died. I worked with Ginger for several years in SFOXX, however I never did know her son. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Ginger.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak** on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Another saying from Airline Announcements: "*There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane.*"

### **BRAZEN RAISINS**



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The Brazen Raisins' May 2009 meeting was hosted fabulously by the one and only **Dick Shryock** (and one is enough). **John Oakshott's** granddaughter-in-law Cecelia and great grandson Alex were guests. **Don & Donna Nessling** had changed their minds and will not attend the RUAEA Convention; **Dick & Hazel Hayes** and **Reuben & Elida Rivas** will attend.

**Elida Rivas** described her and **Reuben's** 32-day cruise starting in Rio de Janeiro and ending in San Francisco, visiting eleven countries. Jokes were contributed by **Bob Frost, Dick Hayes, Dick Shryock, Nile Jones** and **Elida Rivas**.

### **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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### **SACRAMENTO**



Vice President **Frank Dellinger** filled in for President **Francis Domaratius** as Francis and wife Veronica were away in Florida for a special family occasion. Frank thanked **Dan & Rosemary Figueroa** for hosting the April 29<sup>th</sup> Sacramento Gold Diggers luncheon meeting at the Houston Steak House in Penryn. A total of 47 attended which included **Sonny Costello's** guest, Skip, and **Ken Stephenson's** guest **Helen Kalecnski**.

VP **Frank Dellinger** started the officer's reports stating that there will not be a May meeting due to the convention in PHX. Our June 24 lunch meeting will be at the Stage Door Café, Magic Circle Theatre in Roseville hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. This is a meeting which you will want to be sure to attend as the Café will be opened only for the Gold Diggers along with special entertainment.

Recording Secretary **Barbara Bertacini** was away at the last minute for two days in Chicago. Husband Ron filled in and announced the April anniversaries which included **Len & La Verne Hauble** with 51 years; **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud** with 53 years; **Dale & Dorothy Volker** also with 53 years; **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** happily 59 years. **Bob Eggert** led everyone with the Happy Anniversary song. Ron also mentioned



a letter we received from **Bob Hallden**, Assistant VP of Conventions, regarding the PHX Convention. Bob encouraged all to consider coming to PHX for the 2009 RUAEA Convention and stated that there are various airline discounts and ZED fares which we as UA retirees are eligible to use. For those of you with computers, go to the Travel section of SkyNet for answers to most questions and those without computers may contact one of our three Travel Desks for help in making arrangements.

The seventh annual United Airlines Maintenance Get Together, August 21-23, 2009 will be at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. Contact **Jack Raynor**, [Raynor-news@softcom.net](mailto:Raynor-news@softcom.net) for details about this fun get together.

Treasurer **Judie King** stated our bank balance and mentioned that the September picnic social at Lake Wildwood will be subsidized, costing very little for those planning to attend.

Sunshine **Darryll Stroud** sent a card to **Geneva Lockwood**, wife of **Al Lockwood**, SFOMP, before her surgery. They found no cancer and she is home and using a walker. A card was sent to **Irene Fechter**, wife of **Jack Fechter**, SFOOV. Irene has been home for a couple of weeks and is using a walker. She still has a lot of pain and problems with medication. Jack and Irene are having a difficult time with their health issues. **Bob Hallden**, SJCOZ, is recovering from recent gallbladder and hernia surgery and is busy with Convention plans. **Bill Hopkins**, SFOFO, was in the hospital, received a stronger pacemaker and is home now on oxygen and medication. Our best wishes to all with their recovery process.

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** reported on current information from the PBGC regarding pensions and a letter concerning final determination of payments. If you have not already received a letter, you will by the end of this year unless you are under the pilot's retirement plan and in this case, you will receive a letter during the first half of 2010. More information is found in the General News Section of this June RUAEA Newsletter.

The Gold Diggers have been invited to attend The Hangtown Miners' Luncheon, Monday, June 1 at the Akin Ranch in Placerville starting at 11:00 am. Reservations must be in by May 27<sup>th</sup> with checks payable to **Suzie Quinnell**. For further information contact Suzie at [squinnell@prodigy.net](mailto:squinnell@prodigy.net).

The Sacramento Gold Diggers 2009 Membership Roster was distributed thanks to **Jack Raynor**, Roster Keeper. Thank you Jack!

**Frank Dellinger** was very busy today opening and conducting the meeting, asking for officer reports, giving his VP report and along with his wife **Angie**, conducted the Raffle Drawing before closing the meeting.

#### Calendar:

**June 24** - Stage Door Café, Magic Circle Theatre, Roseville hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

**July 29** - Hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**

**Aug. 26** - Hosted by **Velma Stough**

**Sept. 30** - A picnic social at Lake Wildwood hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

**Oct. 28** - Hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

**Dec. 9** - Holiday Social hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

**January 2010** - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

**February 2010** - Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**



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*April Report:* Our April 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting was held at the beautiful Cold Springs Golf & Country Club. The meeting was hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**. All 40 Miners (and guest **Bob Sample**) agreed it was a gorgeous spring day in the foothills.

President **Jeanette D'Amico** called the meeting to order after a great lunch. She announced that thanks once again to **Jack Raynor**, the new rosters were available. She talked also about ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares. Several of our members have taken advantage of the program and commented on the process.

Vice President **Jon Somplack** acknowledged **Ann Czapkay**'s expertise at selling the tickets for the Drawing of Opportunity.

**Dick Czapkay**, our treasurer reported that we apparently have our own stimulus package and the treasury balance is looking good.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** reported that **Geneva Lockwood** will be undergoing surgery in April. Historian **Sherrie Wolfram** was passing around the albums for all to look at.

RUAEA Director, **John Zoboli**, talked about the re-painting of the fleets and the Star Alliance colors. John reported on the on-going negotiations with six unions as well as news and updates on other airlines revenue issues. He also reminded everyone of the annual maintenance get-together in Minden, Nevada. The event will be held at the Carson Valley Inn and **Jack Raynor** should be contacted if you need more information.

The notable anniversaries in April are **Connie & George Rivas** (52 years) and **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud** (53 years). We also recognized the April birthdays.

*May Report:* Our May 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting was held at Casa Ramos in Placerville where we got a jump start on Cinco de Mayo. The meeting was hosted by **Paul & Bernice Ambrose**. There were 33 Miners present.

President **Jeanette D'Amico** called the meeting to order after a great lunch. After reporting on who still had room for ice cream, she asked for any new business/old business or monkey business. The third option was the only one that got a response.

Vice President **Jon Somplack** acknowledged and thanked **Jeanette D'Amico**, **Rosemary Heier** and **Suzie Quinnell** for their continued efforts in organizing and running the Hangtown Miners.

**Dick Czapkay**, our treasurer, reported that the treasury balance is looking good.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** reported that **Geneva Lockwood** is recovering from her recent surgery. We are looking forward to her joining us again soon. Historian **Sherrie Wolfram** was passing around the albums for all to look at. It was agreed by all that she has done a fantastic job and that History marches on.

RUAEA Vice President, **Ron Bertacini**, reported on United's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter loss while increasing their cash on hand. We were all curious about that process and how we might apply it to our own situations. He commented briefly on the differing opinions of the CEO's of Southwest and American Airlines about the state of the economy. He also talked about the letters from the PBGC regarding final determination of benefits. Several groups have received letters and others will receive them next year.

The notable anniversary in May is **Jerry & Mary Juba** (52 years). No one admitted to having a birthday in May.

#### Calendar:

**June 1** - The Akin Ranch, hosted by **Ed & Lindalee Akin** and **Jerry & Suzie Quinnell**

**July** - No meeting.

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE

##### RETIREES

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Redwood Empire Retirees enjoyed another luncheon at our favorite French restaurant, La Gare in Santa Rosa on April 9. Hosts **Barney & Clare Hagen** were assisted by **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**.

We were pleased to hear from President **Oscar Chambers** that the choral group from Maria Carrillo High School, which has entertained us for the past two Christmas luncheons, was a grand prize winner at a recent national music festival held in San Diego.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** reported that **Matty & Marji Matchinegg** celebrated 45 years of marital bliss this month, she also announced two very happy events: **Judy DeFord** won a \$10,000 Scratch-Off ticket allowing her to have her house painted and **Bernice Anderson's** cancer is in complete remission. Hurray!

Our autobiographical moment this month was from Treasurer **Ted Bell** who joined United after leaving the service of the U.S. Navy. His entire 33-year United career was spent in the Electric Shop where among other duties, he worked on ovens. "Exciting stuff", he said.

#### Calendar:

**June 11** - La Gare, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Grover & Janice Blackburn**

**July 9** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Nick & Maria van Kruining**

**August 13** - Picnic, Armstrong Grove hosted by **Verda Burr** and crew.



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I hope you're all having as beautiful spring as we're having here in SoCal. The bougainvillea is really spectacular this year - and we have a lot of it here in Leisure World. The jacaranda trees are beginning to show their wonderful purple flowers and - well, color everywhere.

I heard just a little late to add to last month's column that **Betty Kopp** is doing very well after surgery to replace a heart valve. According to my source, she was waltzing down the hall on the day after. Fantastic! Keep it up, Betty. And in a note on 5/5 from the IAM newsletter, she is very happy with the get well cards from you-all.

One other note from that newsletter - **Norm Dugas** has been battling some darn "bug" that caused him to lose weight and having so little energy. Hope the problem is resolved soon and he's back to normal, and he will re-enlist with ReLAXers.

**Dede Utzinger** went to the ER one Thursday in early April and ended up having a bypass operation! She did very well and was home on the following Monday. Although I'm a month behind on this info, cards, notes and phones are still nice - 41620 Baraclava Dr., Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203, (c) 310-890-2264.

For those of you who may have missed it, in April, the DEN column noted the passing of **Warren Roper**. Rope was one of our supervisors at LAXTO back in (I think) about the 60s, before he moved on to bigger and better things in DEN. We had such fun with him as one of our bosses and missed him a lot when he moved. Although I doubt that many of the small crowd of city ticket agents had a chance to keep up with him and his family, just the thought of his final move means we miss him again. Our sincere condolences to his son Alan and family.

Last month we heard that **Pedro Sanchez** had been badly injured from a fall and was in an induced coma to help reduce his brain swelling. Sadly, his condition was too severe and he passed away on 4/16. Services were held on April 20. Family contact is in the April column.

**Betty Slaughter Buckingham** died April 23 of respiratory failure. She had been in the Barlow Respiratory Hospital since the middle of February and had returned to her new Retirement Center home, Bethany Towers in Hollywood recently. She was so happy to be there, but her breathing became more difficult, even with 24 hour oxygen, and she finally gave up the fight.

I hope I haven't missed news of anyone. I heard from **Eleanor Jones** who said she hoped to see me at the convention. I will be there for a few days and happy that she'll be there as not too many ReLAXers are brave enough to go into the desert heat! Not my favorite weather condition, but I'll stay inside!

And what have you done for your community (and the world) lately? **Ray & Peg Ginocchio** have had solar electricity panels installed! Ray reports it is cutting his electric bills by better than half. They are not only smiling all the way to the bank, but they're pretty proud of themselves for their contribution to improving the infamously bad LA basin's air quality. If interested, call Ray - I'm sure he'll be glad to share details and make recommendations for you (310) 676-8634. He reports his last electric bill was \$6.93 for the month! At the LAX U.S.O., we have another UA volunteer! **Ester Horompoly** has joined our Thursday afternoon group, taking **Betty Houck**'s place. She shows me up - is a much better worker than (lazy) I! She also helps me get home a good 45 minutes earlier by driving me to the Metro Green Line Station vs. my waiting for the airport shuttle.

Calendar:

**May 17-24** - Hope to see some of you in PHX!

**June 4** - Luncheon at Proud Bird

**Aug. 6** - Our famous Steak Fry picnic is on again this year at the park in El Segundo. Be sure to reserve because the City of E.S. says no more than 125 per event.

**Oct. 10** - LAXRR Reunion - Hacienda Htl, El Segundo, 11am-4pm. Details from **Jim Ferrance**, [resrat@aol.com](mailto:resrat@aol.com)

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**Marion Gebert** informed us that **Vera (Scotty) Rowlette** passed away. Just a tidbit that Vera shared (per **Betty Tomaino**) - Vera is the one who named her friend's restaurant in SFO called "*The Hungry I*" which was a very popular restaurant in the 60's and 70's and may still be there.

Also, **Tom Sturgeon**, who retired from San Diego Customer Service and moved back to Cleveland, comes to San Diego during the months of February and March. **Helen & Al Soderberg** hosted a party for them, which was attended by several retirees.

SANCS retiree, **John Wilcox**, passed away on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. I understand he started out in New York in in-flight and worked in Anchorage for awhile, before transferring to San Diego and retiring from here.



## **GOLDEN GATERS** **SFO - BAY AREA**

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Greetings from those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the May 2009 RUAEA Convention in Phoenix, AZ. In addition to all of the other pleasures, a special treat after the Friday night Friendship Dinner was to meet, greet and listen to guest speaker Joe Arpaio, popularly known as "The Toughest Sheriff in the West". What other peace officer would dare to put all of his prisoners in pink underwear? Only **this** brave man! And thank you very much, Phoenix retirees for the great welcome and your hard work to keep the rest of us happy.

Now we must congratulate our sister RUAEA chapter in **San Jose/Southbay** who was able to send 16 convention attendees this year ... WOW! (Consider this a "virtual" pat on the back!)

As for we "Golden Gaters" of the SFO-Bay Area chapter, Historian **James Goodwine** advises that we celebrated our 47<sup>th</sup> birthday last month: "Happy Birthday" to us! That's probably why we all look soooooo young!

Sadly, two beautiful souls were recently taken from our sight: **Bob Ahrens'** lovely wife **Virginia** passed away Easter morning. Cards may be sent to **Bob** at: 3914 Christian Drive, Belmont, CA 94002. Another loss was **Darren Dahlberg**, beloved son of our wonderful International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg**, who passed away on April 19, much too young. You may send condolences to **Ginger & Family** at: 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404 or email: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com)

Our chapter is proud that we have a young almost-96-year-old member who can still handle a typewriter quite well: **Guy H. Ackley**, formerly of San Carlos, CA. He started working for UAL on September 27, 1943 and retired in 1978. An interesting note: His first job was recording flight times for the cockpit crew and stewardesses for their monthly paychecks. He spent the rest of his 35 years in the Customer Service Manager's Office. **Guy** now lives in Washington State: 1040 S.W. Kimble, #213, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, if you are able to drop him a sunshine note.

Don't forget to buy your tickets from one of our Auditors for our "Early Fourth of July Lunch" (thanks to **Walt & Vera**) which we will celebrate at our **Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** General meeting. No potluck this month. We'll be having typically American hot dogs and other all-American treats! (If you prefer, of course, you can bring your own sandwich or whatever.) And do have some community fun: Dress in red, white and blue and show your spirit.

International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has an April 12 – 19, 2010 **Dubai (Persian Gulf)** cruise planned and would like to hear from you **now**. Also in the works for Year 2010 is **Oberammergau, Germany** to see the "Passion Play", only performed every 10 years. Please email **Ginger** at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865 if you are interested.



Our Mainliner Club representative **Jerry Underhill** would like to remind you that Bingo games in the Burlingame Union Hall will resume in September. In the meantime, you are invited to their annual picnic on Saturday, July 18 at “**Great America**”, a campout in **Gilroy** from August 28 - 30, and a **Reno** bus trip October 16 – 18. You may contact the **Mainliner Club** at (650) 634-4158 or **Bob** at (650) 799-7577 for further details.

We know this reminder is early but the days seem to fly by so quickly and we don’t want you to miss anything! For members and those of you who might like to visit us, we do **not** have a General meeting in **September**. This is the time to kick up your heels (for those of us who still can) and gather for our annual picnic at Flood Park on Monday, **September 28**, 215 Bay Road in Menlo Park, CA 94025-1730. The tickets have not been printed as yet but rest assured; we have already reserved that lovely picnic area. The weather is always gorgeous and our old and new family of UAL retirees are always smiling and ready to greet you. The food is delish and the games are always fun, too!

Our Official Door Greeter **Mike Mewkalo** reminds us not to fall for a “Million Dollar Scam” that is currently making the rounds, i.e.: You are notified by a fictitious publishing house that you have “Won \$1,000,000 dollars”. To claim this sum, you must send them \$2,000 by Western Union (no personal check that can be traced). Both local banks and police departments will inform you that this is just another scam (as if our bright UAL retirees had any doubts)!

We have sent in our responses to requests by **Hank Gosselin**, VP of Conventions and to the Convention Site Selection Team. Regarding a 2012+ RUAEA convention aboard a cruise ship, a large percentage of our members favored this possibility and thought it might be a fun 7 days if pricing can be made affordable.

**Personally Speaking:** I’m very appreciative of receiving your emails but with the currently heavy influx of “Spam”, threats of identity theft and other vulgarities, for safety’s sake I now find it necessary to instantly “delete” any incoming emails **whose addresses I do not recognize**. If you and I are not frequent email buddies, please do me a great big favor and add “UAL” or “UAL Ret.” to your email’s **Subject line** so that I can feel secure in opening your communication. Bless you! **P. S.** Last minute note by an anonymous author: *“It’s important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle!”*

#### Calendar:

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

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

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We had 25 pictures submitted for the “Then & Now” contest on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time trying to guess who these adorable children were. **Sally Urso** won by getting 15 correct, **Rosemarie Reichert** came in a close second with 11 correct. The grand prize was a whole Drambuie cake, but everyone was a winner with a slice of cake for all who attended.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, our second “Ladies Only” luncheon was hosted by **Marion Swanson** and **La Donna Eggert**. It was held in Marion’s beautiful garden at her home. What a lovely and relaxing event! We were treated to several different salads, green, fruit and jello which were all yummy. Dessert was an assortment of cupcakes. We were so happy to see **Delores Burda** and **Goldie Purdy** again. Thanks again, Marian & La Donna for such a wonderful day. We should also thank Joan Dahl for suggesting that we hold these quarterly “Ladies Only” luncheon.

Our summer Bar-B-Q will be held on June 16 at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. We would like to invite all RUAEA members and their families to attend. The cost is \$21.00 per adult, please call **Tony** or **Sally Urso** for more information, (408) 264-8580. Bring your kids and grandkids!

President **Dave Saso** announced that he has arranged to have several guest speakers come and give us information on healthy senior living. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the subject will be Senior Nutrition and on a future date, a chiropractor will be here. Please call Dave for more information, (408) 266-9347.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we welcomed RUAEA Treasurer, **Len Haubl**, his wife **Laverne** and their grandson Stephen Hilliard to our meeting. Len gave us some information on the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Phoenix. Thanks Len and it was great to see all of you.

Next month, I'll report on our trip to Phoenix. We have 16 members attending the convention, so I know we will have a lot of fun! We are all hoping for cooler than normal temperatures so we can enjoy some outdoor activities.

The following people are under the weather: **Vic & Elaine Kristen** and **Gerry Frisch**. Your calls, cards and prayers will help them back to sunny skies soon. We are very happy to report that **Marion Gaever** is back buzzing around and ringing her bells!

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**June 16** – Summer Bar-B-Q at Vasona Park, Los Gatos. Please call **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for more info.

**August** - "Ladies Only" Luncheon, hosted by **Sally Urso**. Date to be announced.



#### SAN JOAQUINERS

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*March Report:* We went to the East Sonora Conference Center on March 12<sup>th</sup> for a delicious buffet. Our luncheon was hosted by **Doug Daniels** and assisted by **Nancy Buddington**. At the time of our February meeting, we did not have a host for March and we all want to thank Doug again for stepping up in a time of need.

There were 36 members who attended and one guest who was **John Zoboli**, RUAEA Director of Northern California and Northern Nevada. And John, we all want to thank you for coming to our meeting and driving over the mountains from Reno. We all appreciated the information you gave us about UAL. Listed below are some of the topics John spoke about:

- The National RUAEA Convention in May in Phoenix, AZ. He is looking forward to seeing many of our members at the convention.
- Space Available Travel: It will be harder for employees and retirees to fly space available. United is reducing the number of seats available for non-revs. If any UAL retirees need assistance with travel arrangements contact the toll-free numbers for the Seattle, Portland, or Chicago Retirees Travel Desk.
- The upcoming UAL Maintenance Get-together will be held in Minden, Nevada on August 21, 22, and 23. This is a great time to see old friends.
- British Airways is offering enhanced travel privileges to UAL Retirees.
- UAL will not accept cash for food or beverage purchases on their airplanes; debit or credit cards only.
- UAL has cancelled their off-shore customer service accounts due to many complaints from customers that they could not understand the individuals.
- Free parking for retirees at the Maintenance Base at SFO. There are currently 15 spaces available for a 21 day period. Obtain a parking pass from the security guard on duty.
- Increase in yearly RUAEA dues effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. A discount is offered if you pay for dues upfront for either 2 or 3 years.

Some of the above information is available on Skynet or in the RUAEA Newsletter. But of course, we want to thank **John Zoboli** for joining us and giving us the information.

**Bill & Jane Camin** joined us on March 12<sup>th</sup>. They are members of our chapter and have not been able to attend for awhile. Welcome back and we hope to see you again.

*April Report:* Jack and I missed the April luncheon because I was home recovering from open heart surgery. But our illustrious leader and president, **Joan Verbaere**, gave me some information about the meeting. I heard we missed a wonderful luncheon/meeting and a good time at the Perkis Restaurant in Riverbank. It was hosted by **Nancy & Guy Hoffman** and there were 44 people in attendance. I was informed that there were

many lucky winners of the very nice raffle prizes. Darn, I wish I was there because I'm usually pretty lucky but I know everyone had a great time and enjoyed the luncheon. The food was good and the service was great!

**Evelyn Price** attended the luncheon and she brought her guest **Blanche Tardif**. I remember meeting them at a past luncheon and I know them as the "golden girls" and they are great!

**Keith Hudson** spent several days in the hospital at Mercy General with congestive heart failure. He was released after a pacemaker was implanted in his chest to make sure his heart rate stays in normal rhythm. He is home now and I understand he is doing very well.

Next month we will be meeting in Ripon at La Mesa Mexican Restaurant and it is going to be a buffet. I love buffets because there is always such a wonderful assortment of foods, but I always eat too much.

Oh, again, I want to remind everyone about the UAL Maintenance Get-together in Minden, Nevada. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> annual gathering and a fun time to see old friends and co-workers. The reunion will be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada on August 21, 22, and 23. Jack and I will be there as we have attended the last 6 gatherings and we have had a great time. We hope to see you all there.

The San Juaniners Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in various locations. If you have any questions, please call our president, **Joan Verbaere**, at (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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Our April meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 20 members and guests present. We tried a few new menu items and they were very popular. **Roger Casterline** and his friend **Donna Sparks** were there. It was great to see the RR group back (**Carolyn Davis**, **Tracey Blanchard** and **Caryl Payne**).

Some of our regulars (the **Bouskas**, **Harguths**, **Cunninghams** and yours truly) were unable to attend. I was on a trip and **Howard Payne** kindly kept notes for me - thanks, Howard.

**Donna Sparks** won the 50/50. We reviewed the new pass opportunities due to the added flying to the beautiful cities of Saskatoon, Quebec, Ottawa and Regina as well as others in the U.S. and Europe.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

### **Calendar:**

**June 8** - Annual barbeque and picnic

**July** - No meeting - It is our vacation month

**August 10** - Meeting

**September 14** - Meeting



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On March 26, we met for Chinese Food in Chico. We welcomed back **Jim & Caroline Geiger**. We had missed Jim due to illness. **Carl Franke** introduced a fellow retiree, **Peter Boch** who was visiting the Frankes. **John Zoboli** filled us in on UAL information. After the meeting, **Kent Jorgensen** gave a talk on his trip to New Orleans to help out Habitat for Humanity in the Ninth Ward. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Klaren Odor**.

The next meeting will be May 28, in Red Bluff, CA at the Cowgirl Café at 11:30am. If you are new to the Northstate, please come join us.

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The months of April and May were very busy for the Mile Highers. April 22 was the Mile Highers spring luncheon at Bennett's Bar-BQ Restaurant in Aurora with 61 in attendance. First timers were **Don Clark, Doris Hall** and **Mike McGuire**. **Jean Thorne** was **Harvey Collin's** guest; **Carl Stevenson** was **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** guest; **Dave & Marilyn Hanson** were **Walt & Vee Hanson's** guests and **Grace Mumford-Moe** was **Tom Moss's** guest. We hope the first timers and guests come back and see us soon.

We sang Happy Birthday to **Barbara Barlett** and **Elizabeth Hierzer**. The food and fellowship was great. We thank **Harriet Ahr** for arranging the luncheon.

May 2 was our monthly breakfast at United Air Lines Training Center (TK). 60 members came out for breakfast and fellowship. **Tom Goodyear** reported that **Gary Turner** and **Warren Roper** passed away, **Lola Wallace** had cataract eye surgery and is doing fine and **Charlotte Frey**, **Del Frey's** wife, is now in an Alzheimer home in Aurora. If you want to send Charlotte a card, send it to their home at 8122 South Biloxi Court, Aurora, CO 80016-7066.

**Jim Ogden** brought his sister **Mary Nick**. **Nancy & Tom Goodyear** brought their grandchildren **Lauren** and **Sam Goodyear**. It was good to see **Bob & Irene Davey**, **Tom Urhida** and his wife, and also **Irma Atanasio**. **Lynn & Joe Pettrow** brought Lynn's father, **Stephen Wasuta**. **Martha Gooselaw** brought their daughter **Dianne Adkins**.

**Jeantte Clanton**, our guest speaker from Alliant Credit Union explained the new program called "Shared Banking". The following fellows returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Marv Berryman, Bob Davey, Charlie Hassler, Joe Pettrow** and **Ray Shoults**. Thanks again.

Tom & Nancy will be going on vacation and will not be at June's breakfast. They will see you in July.

### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** at 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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*This report is submitted by: **Noria & Warren Gerig***

A group of retirees from the Pikes Peak Region gathered for lunch at Carino's Italian Restaurant on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They enjoyed the great food and fellowship; swapping tales of past experiences while working for United Airlines. A good time, fun and laughter was had by all. A few ideas were floated regarding future activities. Some expressed a preference for lunch vs. a breakfast meeting, and all were enthusiastic about a summer picnic. Several were interested in a field trip to DENTK to visit the "Halls of History". I passed the RUAEA Newsletter around encouraging those who were not members to join in order to receive the newsletter for the valuable information on retiree benefits and the medical advice. Thanks for getting the article on **Hyde Heath** published. One pilot at the luncheon knew him well. We will give a copy of the RUAEA Newsletter to Hyde. He is home-bound now but will enjoy reading the entire newsletter.

Let us keep **Paula Bayer**, COSOZ in our thoughts as her father passed away, her friend and neighbor passed away and her uncle in Houston, TX passed away all in early April! [pdbayer11@yahoo.com](mailto:pdbayer11@yahoo.com). **Chuck Stuller** had a successful trip to DC and stopover in Detroit to see his parents, both in a MediLodge Home. He took GoJet (United Express) home and rode first class. "When they passed out the snack box, I thought it was for everyone



*in first class but it was just for me! A nice box of fruit, cheese, crackers and a mini Hershey bar for everyone in first”!*

Our regular meetings are held the third Monday at 0830 at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.

Calendar:

**May 18** – Regular breakfast meeting

**May** – **Warren Gerig** to plan a trip to the UAHF Museum

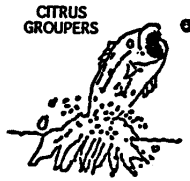
**June 15**- Regular breakfast meeting

**June or July** – Summer Picnic

**FLORIDA**

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UAL retirees met at the Golden Corral Restaurant on 5/22/09. The meeting was conducted by **Mandy Ocampo** in the absence of President **Jerry Bell**. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mandy asked for someone to step up and volunteer to take the Office of Vice President. Hopefully, someone will volunteer at the May meeting.

Mandy asked members to contact Jerry Bell with suggestions of topics for discussion and/or speakers for our meetings. We also discussed inviting other retiree groups to visit, and it was suggested that Daytona Beach be contacted to visit with our group in the fall.

A vote was taken regarding summer meetings; it was decided we will meet in May, but disband in June, July and August, and resume meetings in September 2009. A Christmas Party is planned for our December meeting; **Jo Beck** will keep us posted on this. A gift package will be presented to either a homeless person or a person in a nursing home in lieu of exchanging gifts among our members.

Our April birthdays are: **Bill Wimmer** ORDMM, 4/4; **Joy Fernandes**, spouse LADFO, 4/21; **Jim Dickinson**, DTWFF, 4/3; **Claus Brinnitzer**, JFKGQ, 4/21.

Member **Ralph Mardone**, BOS had leg surgery in April. The 50/50 winner was **Joe Cantillo**, LGAMM.

*Life, however short, is made still shorter by waste of time – Johnson.*

Calendar:

**May 28** - Golden Corral, The Villages, 11:30 A.M., Private Room



**SAND“DABS”**

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As President **Dick Coughlin** called the meeting to order, we counted seventeen Sand“DABS” and guest gathered at the Red Lobster on this beautiful day in the Sunshine State. It was also the Annual National Day of Prayer for our country. Lots to think about these days. Our guest was **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Regional Director for our area.

It was good to see **Nelson Funkhouser** and his wife **Honeylou** as well as **Bill Oliver** and his wife **Mary** again. Many of our members were either away from the area, visiting family, or having house company, keeping them all busy. Believe it or not, **Jo Sanders** was working! We heard **Karen Gammill** was home from the hospital, but was still having some pain problems. We hope the doctors will be able to find the problem and bring her relief and healing.

Birthday celebrants present were **Frieda Coughlin, Bud Gammill, Lillian Moddle** and **Bill Lowry** (who admitted to 82). Anniversary celebrants present were **Dick & Frieda Coughlin**, 51 yrs. Company Anniversary celebrant present was **Nelson Funkhouser**, 56 yrs.

**Anne Johnson** forwarded an e-mail she received to warn us about a scam of a traveler who misplaced a wallet and was looking for someone to transfer money to London to help out. Fortunately, she didn't succumb to it. That sparked more conversation on scams going on and how to detect their ploys. **Never** give money, or any account numbers, or Social Security number to anyone you do not know personally, and even then, be careful.

After our lunch, Prez Dick resumed the meeting with a few funny jokes. Our Treas. **Penny Logan** was away but e-mailed a report. Our treasury is slowly building again. **Rick Johnson** won the 50/50. Those Johnsons sure are lucky people and win often.

Director **Paul Brown** gave us some up-dates on our RUAEA Organization and information about the company. None of our group is going to the convention. We'll look forward to next year. Prez then gave us news he had of other things going on in the airline industry.

VP **Steve Moddle** gave us some information about the Citizen's Police Academy, that he and **Frank Thomas** have been attending. The general purpose of this is to inform citizens in what types of training the police go through and the various areas of service such as police laboratory, canine units, SWAT teams, gun handling and practice as well as patrol beats, etc. Part of the information is about the hiring requirements, etc., interesting!

Since Prez Dick & VP Steve will be away, and other summer activities going on, our June meeting is cancelled. We will meet again in July unless otherwise advised.

Thought for today: *Kind people are the best kind of people.*

Calendar:

**June 4** – No meeting

**July 2** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**August 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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President **Rich Llewellyn** called the meeting of 37 Real McCoys to order and our own **Paul Brown**, FL Regional Director, took the floor to update on the latest UAL happenings. First was an apology from **Wally Huntley**, retired ORDF, regarding an insurance rumor that WAS NOT factual. WHQ/EXO may be relocating. UAL has sold off several properties, increased the cash balance by 500M and currently has 1.7B in unencumbered assets. PIT will offer non-stop service to LAX & SFO effective Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paul, **Marlin & Marilyn Lade**, and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** will be heading to PHX for the RUAEA Convention later this month.

We all welcomed back **Sid Edelman, John Nelson** and **Keith Matthews** to our lunch group. A special welcome back to **Lou & Joan Gaydos** whom we hadn't seen since December! Lou has been heart-doctoring, dropped some lbs and is lookin' good!

Members in need of prayers and get well-wishes include **Matt McNeill** and **Al Mollet**.

Happy Birthday to **Paul Brown** - 24<sup>th</sup>, **Obie Taylor** – 13<sup>th</sup>, **Cathy Llewellyn** – 15<sup>th</sup>, and **Bob McNeill** – 29<sup>th</sup>.

Very special Happy Anniversary wishes go out to these special "Loving Couples" – **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** – 48 hears on May 5<sup>th</sup> ( Cinco de Mayo), **Sid & Linda Edelman** – 42 years on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and **Paul & Helga Brown** – 48 years on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Stan Halterman's** traveling opportunities include: November 7-15, 2009 – Branson, MO - 9days/8nights @ \$803.00. We have brochures! Make your deposit of \$75 by mid-June. Contact Stan at (407) 852-6773.

Calendar:

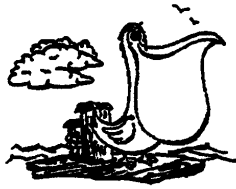
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

**July 1** – Luncheon Meeting

**August 5** – Luncheon Meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights have begun again!

**June 17/18** – We're going back to Port Canaveral to have an early dinner and watch the largest ship sailing cruise right by us as we dine – RCL's Freedom of the Seas! Call Elaine after the June meeting!



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On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Pelican Drop-Ins had a fabulous rib eye steak fry in the woods of Burnt Store Lakes. All the steaks were cooked to order by **Mel Volz**, who did most of the planning and execution for this wonderful party. All who missed it really gave up a terrific day! Twenty members attended along with three guests. Nancy Disterhoff was a guest of **Mel & Linda Volz** and Bob & Joni Gainer were guests of **Bill & Marge Burg** and **Jerry & Sandy Pryde**. The location of the picnic spot was in the woods with a nice cement base and a roof with all the sides open, so the beautiful breeze off the lake came gently through the pavilion. We had an ideal setting with perfect weather. We each had a huge delicious tender rib eye steak; the members and guests brought a dish to share and the food was delicious. We all wanted recipes.

**Mel** had made maps with excellent directions. He even had a car parked at the turn off with a large **UAL** sign in the window. No one got lost. There was also soft music playing. It was a great send off for all the "snowbirds". We will be resuming our breakfast get together at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers for the summer on the first Friday of the month.

**Sandy & Jerry Pryde** will soon be leaving for their home in Elgin, Illinois. **Sally Sciple** and **Mike Sherer** are planning an extended trip to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Mike is an interpreter and knows German well. **Bill & Marge Burg** will be on their way to Park Ridge, Illinois for the summer. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** are leaving for a driving trip to see family in Tennessee and Wisconsin for a few weeks. I will be taking **Sandy Pryde's** job as editor until she returns in the fall.

#### **Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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The May 5 meeting was attended by 27 members and no guests, our guest speaker canceled.

Birthday celebrants are: **Ron Wilkenson** (5/14), **Bob Lindstrom** (5/16), **Barbara Riecse** (5/18), **Dave Lodge** (5/23). Anniversary celebrants are **Bill & Jean Linehan**, 48 yrs. on 5/6.

Travel - **Loretta Marvett** went to IAH using CO ZED fare. She ordered her tickets thru the DTW Res. desk. No problems. The **Linehans** flew to Colorado. **Barb Riecse** went to ORD, space was tight. **Jon Wilkenson** reminded everyone that when retirees travel with a companion, they drop from a 6B to an 8A.

Committee reports - **Mary Martin** reminded us that dues should be paid by July 1, 2009 and that she will be accepting them starting now.

The fall picnic set for October will be held at Anderson Park and Jon will make the reservations and pay the usage fee.

Sunshine - **Lillian Sawyer** had knee surgery. **Bob Taylor** remains the same and is under Hospice care.

It was moved to change the times for our monthly meetings to start at 10:30.

The vote was taken and agreed upon. President Lindstrom had his usual items of beneficial news for everyone. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

#### Calendar:

**June 1** - Tiffanie's 10:30 AM

**July 6** - Tiffanie's 10:30 AM



#### **TREASURE COAST**

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We had 12 members and no guests this hot day in FL. Our President **Al Popek** and his wife **Janice** gave the meat tenderizer to **Paul Liebisch**, who chaired this May meeting and brought the meeting to order, Al & Janice had travel plans and couldn't attend the meeting. Unfortunately, their trip to Boise took a turn farther west, and they are now in San Francisco. They received notice that Janice's aunt was seriously ill, so to San Francisco, they went. Our prayers are with them all. If all goes according to plan, they will be back in FL soon.

You would not believe, a hand of applause greeted me when I walked into the meeting room at Mulligan's. Now mind you I was on time at 12:30PM which is our meeting time but they just can't wait to give me the business. At about 1PM, our lunch order was taken and after the delicious meal, par for the course, with lots of conversation about different subjects and the fact that **Diane Liebisch** dropped the 10 lbs she gained on her recent cruise, and **Judy Frage** gained 10 lbs. Judy just gave up smoking, which isn't easy and bet your bottom dollar, we will give her all the encouragement she needs, but the 10 lbs she didn't want to gain. The lbs will come off in due time and your health will be improved greatly.

**Paul Liebisch** brought the meeting to order with the notorious meat tenderizer gavel, to fully explain our plans for the gambling cruise in June instead of Mulligan's. All attended members agreed that it would be a good change and voted to go ahead with the plan; a notice will be mailed to the rest of the members. The total cost is \$15.00 which includes a buffet lunch and round trip transportation from Port St. Lucie. Not a bad deal, and if we should go again, it drops \$5.00. While gambling, you receive free drinks and they also have live entertainment. If you want to check them out, go to [www.lasvegascasinolines.com](http://www.lasvegascasinolines.com). If you would like to come, please call **Al Popek** after May 10 or me at anytime soon to reserve a space. The cruise leaves from Port Canaveral, FL.

Happy Birthday to **Diane Brodis** on May 13. **Janice Popek**, **Ron Brodis** and **Chris Taylor** will celebrate Birthdays in June. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

The winner of the 50/50 was **Millie Rossi** and the progressive was won by **Michael Carragher**, too bad Michael, you weren't here to get the winnings, so the money goes back into the vault for our next meeting.

We offer an open invitation to anyone from other chapters that would like to share our fun, let us know. We would love to meet and have you as our guests. It would be nice to share stories and meet you all personally. Think about it!

Until we meet again, peace and love be with you all, drive carefully and stay well, wash your hands constantly so you don't get the flu.

On the lighter side, I am sure you heard some or maybe all of these when growing up - "*I owe my mother*":

*My mother taught me "Logic" - "Because I said so, that's why".*

*My mother taught me "More Logic" - "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me".*



*My mother taught me "Foresight" – "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident".*

*My mother taught me "Religion" – "You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet".*

*My mother taught me to "Appreciate a job well done" – "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside, I just finished cleaning".*

*My mother taught me "Irony" – "Keep crying, and I'll really give you something to cry about".*

*My mother taught me "Stamina" – "You will sit there until all that spinach is gone".*

Calendar:

**June 2** – Gambling cruise

**June & August** – On vacation

**September 8** – Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

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Thirty seven Flyers and two guests were in attendance on May 6 at the I-Hop Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were Tina Meyers and Melissa Lane, **Lyle & Joanna Myers'** daughters. This was a very good turnout as we are preparing to break for summer vacation. We had three retirees who came as guests and left as new members today: **Roy Cross**, retired from Ramp Service, who worked in Atlanta, Orlando, and Tampa to name a few stations. **Cheryl & Jack Souza**, retired from Atlanta CSA and Ramp Service. All the Flyers gave them a warm and hearty welcome aboard. We are all glad to have them with us.

**Bill Elk** held a business meeting after everyone had enjoyed their lunch. **Don Shelley** gave us a report on the picnic at the Shelley's home on April 18. There were close to 80 people in attendance that day. The weather was most co-operative, pleasantly cool, and the rain held off until later that evening. The food was excellent and every one had a good time visiting and renewing friendships with former co-workers, vendors, and contractors.

Many thanks to **Eric Shelley** who was again on hand to, take photographs, direct parking, and generally help Mom and Dad. He definitely helped make this event a great success. **Bill Elk** asked the membership present if there was any interest in having a picnic or a day trip later on in the year as we have in the past. Not too much response, as the cost of fuel and transportation appear to be going up again as we head into summer, and vacation travel starts to increase. As always, we are open to creative suggestions.

**Bruce Brodersen** gave a report on what is happening with RUAEA and the upcoming convention in Phoenix. Also members shared reports of what has been happening in the airline industry as this affects us all. This years travel is off industry expectations, and is thought to be by members present, because of the economy, reduced flights to Mexico, due to the health concerns over the flu epidemic, fuel costs, new rules and service charges being added, and security concerns. On the other side is that, two new flights will be added from Pittsburgh. Daily non stops to San Francisco, and Los Angeles. We have many former Pittsburghers interested in that news. General consensus was that now is probably a good time for retiree travel.

**Fred Cron**, our 50/50 director conducted the drawing that was won by **Marge Shelley**, who generously donated her winnings to The Promise Place. Fred, who is also our Flyers Historian, reported that, for those who remember, Doctor **Tucker**, who was the local United station doctor from in the early 1950's to the late 1960's recently passed away at the age of 94. Quite a distinguished career. **Jack Souza** reported that the recently formed Aviation Museum near the airport is already moving to a larger facility as it has outgrown its present location.

Flyers are reminded that there will be no lunch meeting for June or July this year. The lunch will resume on Wednesday, August 5, 12:00 Noon at the I-HOP Fayetteville, GA.

**Ron Clayton** (retired ATL ramp service) is presently at Henry Medical Center undergoing treatment for cancer. We are all keeping Ron and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Until August, here is hoping everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Calendar:

**June & July** - No lunch meeting.

**August 5** - Noon I-HOP Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA

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Only 17 GEMS showed up for our breakfast meeting on May 4, but you must remember that it is springtime in the Rockies with lots going on around Idaho. And most of that is outdoor activity. There is still good skiing in the high country. At the lower elevations, rafting, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, trail biking, mountain & rock climbing, spelunking, hang gliding, ballooning, or just relaxing in a multitude of hot-spring spas. Shrubs that grow wild in the mountains, high plains & valleys include dogwood, elderberry, huckleberry, ocean spray, purple heather, snowberry, thimbleberry and syringa (a form of mock orange).

What do our retirees do for excitement? Mostly, they spend time with family – kids and grandkids, gardens, doctors, their financial advisers, & keeping in touch with old UAL friends. Most keep busy walking, exercising, traveling, sightseeing, reading, & doing all the things they couldn't do while working for a living. Those in Boise may attend the Boise Philharmonic rehearsals Sat. morning (only \$7 for seniors), for two hours of wonderful music), go out to eat at one of our many fine restaurants on an average of once a week. Several have victory gardens. All treasure memories, & count their many blessings. What do other chapters do?

**Rick & Shirley Dempsey** just love airplanes, ocean cruises, visiting other countries, meeting new people, & eating well. **Dave Adams'** favorite sport is driving his tour bus, enabling his passengers to see parts of the country they haven't seen before. **Walt Anderson** likes to fix old broken things, & make them work like new. **Marlene Croghan** likes nothing better than to keep in touch with her scattered family, & be the camp cook during the elk-hunting season. **Joyce Saunders**, a retired F/A with loads of international experience, & in-flight tales (some of which are rated), should consider writing a book, her friends tell her. **Marilyn Taylor** keeps in touch with her daughter, by visiting her in the PDX area as often as she can. (Both are planning on attending the Convention in PHX.) **Denny Snyder** is happiest flying his Cessna 172. **Charley Perkins** is just glad to be home from the hospital, after a bad bout of pneumonia. **Gloria Trotter** (also attending the RUAEA Convention with friend Eddy Dent from CHI) is enjoying retirement in Kuna, & looking forward to having her first taste of Philadelphia scrapple. **Roni Adams** spends time volunteering at the Warhawk Air Museum, & being active in the Clipped Wings organization. **Ossie Haugen** enjoys spending time with his vegetable garden, & sharing much of the produce with his friends. **Marion Odom** is happiest when tending her horses, & working at the airport when needed. **Lil Jolly** is content keeping her home & yard looking like right out of *Better Homes & Gardens*. **Ned Yundt** likes playing the piano & organ for senior citizen events. **Bud Peters** loves his golf & his wife (not necessarily in that order), even when **Pat Peters** is driving her antique VW. Your truly has a 17-year hobby of editing & publishing his *Idaho Update* (never more than 1,200 words per issue) - a cyberspace publication, sent out to readers in 31 states (not including Idaho) 3 & 4 times a week. Subject: top current events worldwide. If interested in receiving a sample, or subscribing, just ask. No charge. His motto is: "*We do your surfing.*"

**Ozzie Haugen**, by the way, flew to DEN to attend a Buddhist memorial service for a dear friend, **Kay Myahara**. Ossie worked with him for several years at UAL in DEN. Kay & wife **Peoni**, along with **Aki & Chiko Nakamura**, took the Haugens on a fishing trip out of SFO. Ozzie caught a large salmon. He was so excited, that "*we failed to get a photo, but we remained good friends after I retired in 1988. At that time, these four wonderful people flew to EUG to help us unload our U-Haul after a do-it-yourself move from SEA.*"

Calendar:

**June 1** - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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

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Our Northside chapter had a very full attendance which is unusual after the recent luncheon. Everyone was happy just to relive that delightful day. Little Patrick, grandson of **Tina Acoba** who visits us often doesn't want the toddler chair anymore. He wants a grown up one. His High-Fives with everyone gets his wishes granted.

We had a visit from **Susan Fuchs Holt** from Farmersville, IL. She is currently attending the Lawrence School of Business in Springfield.

May had three couples celebrating long lasting marriages: **Marlene & Marvin Anderson** - 51 years, **Dorothy & Michael Robert** also with 51 years and **Ruth & Paul Cord**, the winners with 56 years. Continued blessings to all.

A few of our Skyliners which included **Helen Calais, Pat Kellerman, Pat & Ron Altman, Rose Marie & Ron Prior** and **Lynn & Don Tufts** went on a fabulous trip, starting with three days of sight seeing in Buenos Aires before boarding a Carnival ship to Valparaiso, Chile. They encountered overhead skies and 15 fast swells thru the Strait of Magellan and around Cape Horn. Crossing the Atlantic to the Pacific and back to the Atlantic encountered 3 ocean currents, the Humboldt, the Drake and the Magellan. The Pryors and the Altmans continued cruising 18 days further to San Francisco.

Another cruising couple, **Judy & Carlton Hibbert**, also started in Buenos Aires and stopped in Montevideo, Uruguay, Stanley, the Falkland Islands and Chile via the Star Princess. They continued on to Antarctica seeing many glaciers and icebergs with sitting penguins and sea lions, also whales and dolphins in the water, besides birds gliding in the sky. They saw three Scientific Stations manned by the U.S.A., Poland, and Argentina. Great ship - no T.V. but E-Mail coming and going.

The Southside chapter had 21 at the last brunch including former members **Joyce & Ronald Berquist** visiting from their new home in Michigan. **Bob Pearson** did the raffle honors in the absence of **Carlyle Brandt** who with wife **Mary** and fellow Skyliner **Carmen & Javier Chavez** were off on a three day trip Union outing to Iowa. As a welcome, we allowed visitor Ronald to win the first raffle and **Al Broderson** and **Rudi Maki** winning pots two and three.

**Bill Brookins** returned after the last breakfast minus his gall bladder and **Yvonne Halach** returned with a new pace maker. **Helen Collins** sent a nice chatty letter read by all of us who miss her as much as she misses us.

Three Skyliners were called to rest this April. **Janet Larson** who was secretary to **Ralph Robertson**. A memorial service was held in Batavia. Also, **Frank Brennan** who worked in HDQ. Cards to wife **Kaye** at 1415 W. Miner St., Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

A word of caution to retirees traveling on passes especially if two or more flights to final destination. Make sure your billing is not coded "Companion". One couple had this happen to them and were billed almost 200 dollars and their ticket balance reduced. Attempted corrections thru protocol 800 number ended up in India with both agent and supervisor refusing to correct, refused a refund, said too bad and that happens a lot. Happy Ending. Gal in HR knew exactly what to do to resolve everything. S he is willing to help others. If needed, contact me and I will put you in contact with victim.

I received two phone calls on our recorder which we played upon coming home after 10 p.m. Due to the late hour, I figured I would return calls the next morning. Murphy's Law - Messages lost. I remember the names Barb and Fran and the notification of a mother's passing. I apologize for my phone and hope you will call again, speaking slowly and loud as I would like to assist you in any way I can. My apologies for the missed calls.

### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**June 30 & July 28**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**June 10 & July 8**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**June 2 & July 7**).

**July 27** - Picnic - Chandlers Country Club, 401 N. Roosevelt Rd., Schaumburg.



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As this is being written, the May Convention has not yet taken place, so any news re. the Phoenix event will be reported in the July issue.

Following is an update on the bus transportation from both the Union and Ogilvie train stations downtown to the Renaissance Hotel for the Loop Group luncheons: The best bus to take is the #124 Navy Pier on Canal Street northbound. This bus goes down Wacker Drive and there is a stop on State Street which is right across from the Renaissance Hotel. The #157 Streeterville bus now goes down Washington to State which would require a two block walk north when you get off on State. To return to the train stations, go to Madison Street and take any bus #124, 157, 56, 20 going west. They will all stop at the train station.

### Calendar:

**June** – No Luncheon scheduled

**July 15** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.)

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It is with sadness we report the death of our friend and member **David J. "Dave" Rihel**. Dave, 65, retired in 2002 from INDJJ after working 32 years with United Airlines. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, and stood Honor Guard at Pres. John F. Kennedy's funeral. He was a member of the Hometown Christian Church in Hometown, IL and a part-time fireman for the Burbank, IL Fire Department. He is survived by his wife **Dimple**; daughters Kimberly Kennedy and Traci Miles; son Thomas Rihel; sister Jean Tamayo; and grandchildren Mackenzie, Garrett Miles, Zachary and Joshua Kennedy. Our deepest sympathy to his family. He always made us laugh and was a bright spot at our meetings!

Members attending the new location at IHOP in Avon, IN seem to feel that the change was a good move. It prompted **Lenny Kurtz**, to return to the meeting, saying it was conveniently closer for him to attend here than prior locations. We had two guests attending our March meeting: **Denny McConnanghey**, cousin of **Cheri Innis** and **Gail Allen**; and Nancy, guest of **Jim Gibson**. Members **Elly & Bud Barnett** were traveling to California to visit with Bud's ill sister this month.

We missed **Mike Matlak** at the March meeting, only to learn later that he had been recovering from hand surgery.

Congratulations to **Cheri & Ron Innis** on their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. They were surprised when their sons and grandchildren arrived for the weekend from Oklahoma. They plan to continue their anniversary celebration and **Cheri's** birthday in Gatlinburg, TN. She's not talking about her birthday!

### Calendar:

**June 8** - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Road (Rte 36), Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3 P.M.

**July** – Picnic from 12:00 noon at Twin Bridges Lodge, 1670 S. 150 E. in Danville, IN. We will not hold a regular “2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting this month”.

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The Nor'Easters April luncheon, first meeting of the year, took place at the Ship Restaurant in Lynnfield, MA with 38 members and guests in attendance. First time at this venue with good food, room and service. Good to see **Tony Berardi**, **Horace Smith** and **Bruce Casassa**, who aren't always present. The 50/50s were won by **Don Latter**, **Lew Shakley** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. Don returned his winning to the chapter treasury. Talk is, Don doesn't need it! Yours truly, still sunning in FL, couldn't attend.

The Nor'Easters extend a welcome to RUAEA's newest chapter, “*Sweet Home Alabama*”, whose first meeting took place in January. You've joined a great organization!

Sad news, past member **Lennert Johnson**, BOSMM, passed away in March. He had been living in western MA and hasn't been seen for a few years. Also, sad to hear of the passing of **Herman Kline**, once BOSCG, of late, a member of the Sand Dollars chapter.

While snow birding, with no record access, I neglected listing birthdays and anniversaries for three months. This, after just getting info from **Joyce Heiseler**, advising I missed Ron's birthday last May. Well, I guess I did this year too! My apologies to members with special days in March, April and May. It will not happen again, my promise.

At last, I've returned to NH. FL was nice, warm and eliminated winter for me, but it's sure nice to be home. There is more auto traffic in the FLL area in one hour than I would see in rural NH in a week. And, they're all in a big hurry to catch up to and stop at the next red light. Talk about speeding. Totally crazy!

Got to talk to **Charlie Staula** and reminisced about old UAL days. Charlie cannot drive very far and is glad we meet at different locations, so he can get to some.

Talked with **Bob & Eileen Seibold**, whom we haven't seen in some time. Bob advises all is well except for all the aches and pains that come with age. Eileen's birthday is coming up. She advised her daughter takes her on a mystery trip each birthday. Eileen asked, “*Where are we going and what should I pack?*” Answered, “*Not telling and I already have your bag packed*” Good luck Eileen, let us know!

Also talked with **Joan Simard**. **Don**, one of our most active members will go through self stem cell transplant between the end of May and the end of June. Hopefully, this will help stem his multiple myeloma. Don is in good spirits and looking forward to some physical relief. I'm praying for you Don!

**Joe Coco**, formerly BOSRR says “Hello” to all his fellow UALers. His e-mail is [EJCoco@webtv.net](mailto:EJCoco@webtv.net). He would love to hear from his many old friends from BOS.

I got a letter from **Vinnie Velella**, BOSFF, retired, now living in Enfield, CN where he and **Margarete** just celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Vinnie says “Hello” to all his fellow retirees. Time to join the Nor'Easters, Vinnie. You are no farther a drive away than member **Jou Duda**, retired from BDLTR.

June's birthdays: **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Dick Mangino**, **Frances Mathews**, **Paul Newcomb**, **George Sousa**, **Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**, still a crazy Gemini.

June's anniversaries: **Pat & Bob Austin** - 35 years; **Bill & Norma Betters** – 50; **John & Lois DeYoung** - 42; **Joe & Albina Duda** – 52; **Jayne & John Regan** – 17; **George & Joan Sousa** – 55; **Helmet & Patricia Humbley** - 43 and **Dick & Delores Woodworth** - 49.

*Definition of Liquidity: When you look at your retirement funds and wet your pants!*

### Calendar:

**July** - To be announced

**August** - Annual picnic, Harold Parker State Forest

## MICHIGAN



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April 30, 11 Escapees met for the second time this month as our host **Marcie Vance** just couldn't give up a meeting as she will be in Italy for our June meeting. Marcie hosted for the second time this year, rather than us cancel the month and moved it up to April when this correspondent advised her she was going to be chief, cook and bottle washer, as I will be at the Loonie semi-annual affair. (They lost that great opportunity to talk about me by moving the meeting up - maybe another time, escapees.)

We met at Lapita Restaurant in Dearborn and was happy to welcome back **Marlene Jeffery** who has been MIA over a year due to caring for her Mom. We hope she gets a chance to visit again soon.

**Barb Miller** who had back surgery wants to thank all for their prayers. She is feeling good and hopes to be back with us soon.

### Calendar:

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

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There were 20 in attendance at House of Hunan, but even with the small group, we had a great time. **Tony Sortino** said he and **Jackie** will be attending the RUAEA convention in Phoenix.

I, along with all retirees, have received a letter from Medco concerning "*My RX Choices*" prescription savings. I did send for the information and was very glad I did as two of my medications are now generic. It lists your medications you are receiving from Medco and tells you what, if anything, you can do to save money.

**Clara Deaver**, although she is still taking chemo, bowled 170 the other day and also has signed up for golfing at her marvelous age of almost 90. She is really something and I hope she golfs as well as she is bowling. Go get 'em Clara.

**Midge Scurlock**, sister of **Dottie Lewis**, called and said Dottie passed away March 24. A memorial service was held on March 28 in Creston. Before moving to Creston several years ago, Dottie served as President of our Retiree Chapter. Each time I talked to her, she said she really wanted to come to one of our meetings and see everyone, but that didn't work out for her.

**Mildred (Millie) Wall**, passed away April 3 at the Montclair Nursing Home. Millie, mother of **Marva Dickinson**, was 92. She worked in the United Airlines Flight Kitchen for 13 years. The service for Millie was April 7. Our sincere sympathy to Marva, Emery and their family.

Keith had word from **M.J. Bruening** that her father, **Walter Malterre** of Hawaii, passed away on March 29. Since he lived by and loved the ocean all his life, his family scattered his ashes in the ocean on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Our sincere sympathy to M.J. and her family.

Here are more names who have been or are members of our United Retiree Group who may be deceased or, hopefully, alive and well. Do You Remember? **John Mitchell**, **Bill Harrison**; **John Conrad**; **Georgia Egr**; **Marion Henderson**; **Scott Peterson**; **Edna Plummer**; and **Joe Mangiamelli**.

### Calendar:

**June 2** - Narrows County/Park – Hosted by **Keith & Jan Cornish**

**July 7** - Jack & Mary's - Hosted by **Evan & Eileen Holly**

**Aug. 4** - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa - Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

**Sept. 1** – Cooper Farm, Hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

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The Gamblers luncheon/meeting on April 14 was attended by 39 members and guests. Guests were **Chris Earl** (LASCS), **Rosemary Restino** (ORDWHQ), and **Joan Boesvert**; new member, **Donald Baldwin** (SFOCG). I'm not sure on these name spellings, but will get the correct information to you ASAP.

Thanks to **Baldor Ziel** and **Winnie Stone** for taking notes for me. **John Albert** introduced **Tony Sortino**, RUAEA Mountain Region Director. He spoke about the contract negotiations with the IAM; UAL info on the Orange Book members; travel benefits for the Retirees; the upcoming RUAEA Convention in PHX, and other issues. Please read the contract proposals of UAL and IAM on [www.iamaw.org](http://www.iamaw.org). Our Chapter was very happy to have Tony and his wife attend our meeting and speak with us. Everyone enjoyed the Cordon Bleu lunch.

We had forgotten to mention the passing of **Helen Green** a couple of months ago. She and her late husband, **Jack**, were members of our Chapter some years ago. Jack used to make wonderful wooden pieces that he would donate for our raffle drawings. He passed away a couple of years ago. **Eleanor Vasko** said that Helen's nephew moved Helen back to Ohio, where she passed away about a month later.

**Willie Bullinger** has finished with her Radiation treatments and is doing well, other than being pretty tired. **MaryLou Littlefield** is still having problems with her eyes and legs, but she looks amazing for her 90+ years.

Only 5 members remembered the "Crazy Hat" event, so all were determined winners with a \$5.00 prize. Lucky winners of the 50-50 drawing were **Leila Albert**, **Felix Cicco**, and **Muriel Cummings**.

Congratulations to **Koji** and **Carrie Takeuchi** who celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Sorry we missed mentioning their big 50<sup>th</sup> last year. Congrats also to **Ingeborg & Robert Levy** on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 27<sup>th</sup>. By next issue, the RUAEA PHX Convention will be history, and we'll all be anxious to read about it. Have a great June!

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The Treasury balance as of April 13<sup>th</sup>, is healthy enough to cover the picnic coming up in August. There were 21 members in attendance at our April meeting.

RUAEA Business: Elections are under way for several director positions. Every member is eligible to vote even if the candidate is not for your specific region. **John** had bios and ballots at the meeting for those interested. It is important that all members cast their votes.

**The Hangtown Miners** have invited us to join them at their annual picnic on June 1. The picnic will be at The Akin Ranch in Placerville. Cost is \$17.50/person and will include entertainment as well as lunch. Reservations deadline is May 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact John if you need a reservation sheet.

Members – **Dorothy Burrell** sends greetings to everyone. While she is unable to attend our meetings, she does read the newsletter and enjoys hearing about what is happening.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Mary Withers** and **Bob Wagner** who won the surprise gift. April birthdays were celebrated by **Vic Swanson**, **Ernest Bacheller** and **Jim Meek**.

Trips: The **Perkins** enjoyed their Caribbean cruise through the Panama Canal from SAN to FLL. The **Wagners** had just returned from Puerto Vallarta.

Calendar:

**May 11** - Austin's at 11:30 a.m.

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President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting on April 29, 2009 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. A flag Salute was held. Dick spoke about the Expo at Newark Airport on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This is held every year for the school children in the Newark area. The volunteers will meet at 7:30 A.M. at building 79. At that time the buses will take all the volunteers to Ikea for breakfast. The school buses will arrive around 9 A.M. at Ikea and they will be escorted (one at a time) to the various locations at the Airport. Dick said Volunteers are still needed to be the ambassadors, so please try and help.

Treasurer **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

**Violet Etler** did not attend meeting due to **Marty** being in the hospital again.

A thank you note was sent to the Gardenstater from the Clipped Wings thanking us for the donation for the memorial at Shanksville., PA.

**Fred Lanspurg** will be going to the RUAEA reunion in May and will report back to us at the next meeting.

Calendar:

**May 27** - Meeting

## NEW YORK

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We had 44 members and guests attending the meeting this month, a little less than last month's get-together. The cooler weather has to be the reason for the slack in attendance. Come on people, we miss seeing your faces at the Millerridge Inn! Where are **Dick & Marilyn Holdsworth**, **Frank Kittle**, **Rocky Mongelli**, the **Vancleemputts**, to name a few people?

**Mabel Bittar** has had another set back. She fell and broke her hip while recuperating from knee surgery, she is in rehab and I'm sure she will love hearing from you. **Mabel Bittar**, Amsterdam House Room 711A, 60 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10025, phone (212) 316-7700, Ext. 5767.

**Al Vernillo** is looking forward to hearing from his fellow retirees. **Al Vernillo**, Arbers at Westbury, Room 110, 45 Jericho Tpke., Westbury, NY 11753, phone (516) 333-3595.

On a lighter side: Happy Birthday **Ed Vasta**! He turned 80 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. "Singing in the Rain" was the song everyone was whistling back when. **Diane Arena** will be 88 years young on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Her mom was singing "I'm Wild About Harry" by Eubie Blake & Noble Sissle.

Congratulations to **Justine & Frank Thomson**, married 50 years on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Rosemary & Joe Totaro** are still on their honeymoon after 51 years of wedded bliss.

Jimbo sends his apologies to **Frank LoPinto** for not announcing that Frank's wife, **Josephine** was operated on while down in Florida. The good news was Josephine was home in two days and is mending well.

Thank you **Carson Baker** for bringing Auntie **Yvonne** to this month's meeting. Yvonne is mending from her knee surgery this past winter.

**Laura Mueller** was hospitalized at St. Francis Hospital for a blood clot. Jimbo called John and was advised Laura is home and on the road to recovery. Good News!

**Stephanie Teufel** was in the Hospital for about a week back in February for issues with her heart. Her young doctor had corrected her problem and she is up and at them again. Stephanie, bring a friend and come to the next meeting. We love to see ya!

**Jim Richardson**, Jimbo, received a note from Past-President of RUAEA **Jim Fauber**, thanking our Chapter for **Jean Zito's** craft donation to be displayed & auctioned at the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix.

The new contact list is delayed a month. Jimbo will try to have it completed by the next meeting at the Millerridge Inn.

The New York Metros' treasurer **Paul Cohen** had requested the membership at this month's meeting to donate money for the memorial of Uniteds flight 93's that went down in Shanksville, PA on 9/11/01. Paul collected: \$250.00 from attending members & guests, \$200.00 from New York Metros Chapter, \$200.00 from **Charlie Kazinski** (Vice-president of the chapter), \$200.00 from JFK Mainliners, \$100.00 from IAM lodge 1322, \$ 50.00 from Lodge 1322 members for a total of \$1,000.00.

If you intend to join us at our July Picnic at Belmont Raceway, please let **Rose Schneider** know so she can put your name on the list to give us an idea of how much food to order. At this time, we intend to charge \$5.00 per Metro member and \$10.00 for each guest. Cool Breeze under the shaded trees. Bring a friend.

#### Calendar:

**June 3** - 12 noon – Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY

**July 1** - 11 AM will be "Post Time" for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Belmont Racetrack Picnic

**August 5** - Picnic at Wantagh Park

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Our monthly luncheon was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Bucci's Restaurant in Berea. **Barbara Vaults** and **Carol Seifried** were hosts. Barbara and Carol have hosted previous luncheons at this delightful restaurant. Thank you, Barbara and Carol! **Carol Vaults** had a guest present & I must apology that I didn't get her name. So happy you were able to attend. President **Carol Hacker** was unable to attend, so Vice-President **Sharon Minelli** did a great job conducting the meeting.

We acknowledged birthdays along with anniversaries. We had a multitude of May anniversaries. Congratulations to: **Andrew & Mary Striegl**, 59 yrs.; **Jack & Kay Preston**, 50 yrs.; **Steve & Cathy Pytel**, 49 yrs.; **John & Dolly Taucher**, 46yrs. and **Ray & Carol Hacker**, 45 yrs. Congratulations to all! There were also 4 May birthdays. **Lee Rak** and **Mary Lou Mack** won the 50/50 raffle.

Remember that August 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up for the Shanksville, PA trip. The cost is \$75 per person. We will leave Great Northern at 7am and return about 8pm. The check should be made to the Ohio Buckeyes and mailed to **Sharon Minelli**. Her address is: 4169 Story Rd., Fairview Park, OH 44126-1727. We hope to have a great turn out. Hope you can join us.

As of this date, Northfield is a go for the month of August. Carol is staying in touch with them and will notify the chapter if there is a change in plans. She does have a plan B if Northfield closes, that would be a Bar-B-Q cookout at the Old Oak Bible Church.

There have been many questions about the life insurance email that was circulated in the last few weeks. Carol has spoken to **Jim Simon**, our Midwest Region Director and his advice is for you to call Benefits to see if you are eligible. Once you get an answer, call back in about 10 days to make sure you get the same answer. If

you have a policy in your possession, you will have to contact the underwriter. This has to be done on an individual basis; the Chapter officers or RUAEA officers cannot do this for you. Call 1-800-482-5236 and ask for a Statement of Life Insurance Coverage. Jim will be coming to visit either the July or September meeting.

The RUAEA convention is in PHX starting 5-17-09. There is some concern about the lack of attendance at the conventions. They are proposing the conventions be held on a cruise ship where all expenses would be included. If you would like to voice your opinion about this idea, please contact RUAEA VP of Convention, **Hank Gosselin** at [hankgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:hankgosselin@comcast.net).

Many of our chapter members are facing serious health problems; please continue to keep them in your daily prayers. Prayers for **Ray Waldron** and **Bob Herman** are greatly appreciated by his family. I know personally that prayers along with my faith have continued to help me tremendously.

#### Calendar:

**June 3** - J- Bella, 12201 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Gather at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

**July 9** - *Annual Picnic*. Second Thursday. Gather at noon at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks.

**Aug. 11** - The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Northfield Night. Second Tuesday. Doors open at 5:45pm with the buffet at 6pm. Races start at 7pm and end at 11pm, pre-paid

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The April Easter table decorations were lovely this year with a champagne glass filled with candy and a decorated egg perched on top, plus candies scattered underneath. They were made by **Cora Harper** and **Anna & Harold Miller**. They consistently make beautiful decorations to be auctioned off and taken home by a winner at each table.

Winners of the monthly prizes were: Door Prize - **Betty Alff**, a free lunch and Lee Barnhart a United book; Birthday - **Jerri Blodgett**, No anniversary and 50/50 - **Veulah Lorts**.

Charlie presented **Jack & Nancy Hooper** with a \$100 gift certificate to McCormick and Schmick's restaurant for Jack's serving as President and with Nancy there beside him as his faithful "assistant." Jack was not present as he was on jury duty, but Nancy thanked everyone on behalf of both of them.

**Ted Thrailkill** (PDXCS) passed away on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and his funeral service was on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ted can be remembered as the lanky man with the plaid tam when he attended our meetings. We send our condolences to his daughter Tammy Haynie.

At our June meeting, John Neuman of The American Legion and Glen Swanson of the Blueback Council of the Navy League who is sponsoring the event will honor nine United Airlines WWII veterans with the Oregon Honorable Service Medal. There will also be a representative from the Disabled American Veterans, Mr. Jay Woodbury who will explain their benefits.

Plans for the annual picnic at Red Sunset Park in Gresham on July 8<sup>th</sup> are under way so please don't forget to put the date on your calendar. I will have a lot more information on this event in my column next month.

**Lois & Merle Pitman** informed me they haven't heard from anyone this month on the sick list. Please remember to call or e-mail them if you hear of any illness. Their telephone number and e-mail address are listed in the roster.

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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

**May 13** - Social



**June 9** - Honor WWII Veterans

**July 8** - Annual picnic

**August 12** - TBA

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May 1 was a nice day to take a drive in the country through the Applegate Valley for the monthly OUR Club luncheon. **Neal & Sonnia Appleton** hosted the luncheon at the Applegate Lodge and even arranged for the Lodge restaurant to open a day ahead of their seasonal schedule to accommodate all of us. Sixteen members and guests attended and seemed to enjoy the good company, good food and the scenic view overlooking the Applegate River.

We were happy to include **Marty & Denise Farian** this month and hope they'll be able to come back soon. **Russ & Alberta Randall** were sorely missed but their absence was understandable. Russ underwent bypass surgery a week ago. The good news, however, is that the surgery was successful and Russ is now home doing a fine job of recuperating amidst well wishes from everyone.

We also offer congratulations to **Bob & Miriam Lindberg**, who were out of state celebrating an anniversary and a birthday.

### **Calendar:**

**June 5** - TBA - **Lowell & Norma Ross**

**July 10** - TBA - **Ric & Gidget Walcha**

**August 7** - TBA - **Joe & Carol Bango**

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

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26 retirees and guests attendees showed up for our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Kathy Edwards** announced that President **Joe Brad** survived his surgery but is in a step down unit, he is very depressed and is not taking any calls. Kathy took some goofy photos of our entire group at this meeting. She will give them to Joe's wife, **Gail**. Hopefully, that will cheer him up - at least they are sure to make him smile.

Our speaker for today's meeting was Becky Ledva, from Crozier Senior Keystone Home Health Service and her message was, "*Laughter is the Best Medicine*". Her presentation was both informative and funny.

**Lew Meyer** gave us an update on the health of former PHL employee, the indomitable **Hal Zerbock**. Hal is now in SEA but is well loved and remembered from his days in PHL. We wish you well, Hal. Keep up the good fight.

It was so good to see **Dennis O'Neill**, **Steve King**, **Jim Fanto**, and **Bob Moyer** at the meeting and looking so well. **Frank Egges** is going in for some serious surgery in May. We will keep all of them in our prayers.

**Kathy Edwards** provided an Easter egg hunt and an Easter quiz with delicious chocolate candy prizes.

Kathy also announced that we made the newsletter of the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington for our efforts last Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to do a Thanksgiving dinner this November. We are looking for volunteers. Of course if you can't cook, shop or serve, a donation is always welcome. This is a worthy cause.

**Jenny Devinney** won the free lunch and **Jim Fanto** won the 50/50.

**Frank Egges** is still collecting donations for Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. To date, the United Airlines Retirees have contributed over \$7250.00. Thank you for your support and generous contributions to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville. Frank had the honor of ringing the Thunder Bell; this bell sits just to the right of the Chapel, and can be heard for miles. The Philadelphia Independents have contributed \$3000.00 to date for this project.

This is an ongoing project for Frank. He has been sending our donations to Father Al to be applied toward the expansion of the chapel. So if you can send some money, (maybe skip that latte one day), please make your check payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mail it to: **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address on your check. Thank you in advance.

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The April luncheon hosted by **Jeri & Bernie Juth** was held on Apr 17<sup>th</sup> with 45 Pit-Stoppers in attendance. Cards and get well wishes were signed by those attending and mailed to our many Shut-Ins mentioned in last month's column. President **Ken Wolfe** presented our customary plaque to our newest retiree **Charla Ritter McBride**. She, along with husband Bill, were our guests this month. Welcome to the group. Ken stressed the importance of getting more members involved in the organization.

**Cathy Matteson** was nominated and voted in to fill the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. We are still in need of an assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

**Treatie Karwoski** is looking great after her brief setback; she gave us an update on the National RUAEA affairs and asked for a vote on the possibility of having a future convention on a cruise. Our "Tour Conductor" **Lee Snuffer** proposed the idea last year at our Pittsburgh Convention and is happy to see that it is getting some consideration. Lee and husband David are currently cruising in Europe.

The donated food was taken to a local food bank by **Jack & Bettye Tinney**. **Barb Seaholm** gave her Treasurer's report and as usual, "You're in good hands with Barb".

Bernie and I hope to attend the convention in PHX and I'll report on that next month. We will also be celebrating our 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. Seems like yesterday (Ha-Ha).

We heard from **Kathi** that **Vic Szalajda** (PIT mechanic) is improving and would certainly love to hear from his many friends, address is 50 Vanadium Road, Apt 241, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of my dear friend **P. Alvin Larimer**, better known as Al. Al worked for United Airlines in Customer Service and operations for 25 years. He retired at age 55 and went on to be employed at Sam's Club. He started out as a greeter and later as the gas station attendant, he retired from there after 14½ years. Al was honored on numerous occasions by the Wal-Mart Corp for his volunteer work and generosity. Known and loved by all who knew him who can never forget his famous "handshake" and his many jokes, Al was my trainer when I was hired back in May 1959. Women were not working the counters at that time, so I worked the phones in "the backroom". Every evening after putting the headsets away, Al would hand me the broom and had me sweep the floors in the Res office, backroom, teletype room and even the bathroom. Finally, after a week of "training", he took me aside and said "*Uh Jeri, we do have a janitor*". That was Al, my trainer, my friend. Rest in peace! The world is certainly a better place because of him. Cards can be sent to **Roberta Larimer**, his wife of 47 years, c/o 2007 Kenzie Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

## **Calendar:**

**July 17** - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

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A small group met for our bi-monthly breakfast at the Shoney's in West Knoxville. We were all talking about United's new policy to charge overweight people for 2 seats on future flights. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

**Al & Jeanne Barkmann** will be attending a graduation in California and will miss our May trip to the Cumberland Playhouse. We also have good news to report. **Jackye Jeacock** is making good progress after suffering a stroke last month. Her family brought Easter dinner in and spent the day with her at the Patricia Neal Rehab Center. We spent part of the Spring Break in Illinois with family. It was great seeing everyone since we missed our usual Christmas/New Years trip. We also met **Jerry Kozik** and had a great visit over breakfast with him.

#### Calendar:

**June 18** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I40-75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**July 16** - Hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell**, (423) 745-9390. Location and Time to be announced.

**August 20** - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On May 5, 2009, 40 high-spirited SLC chapter members met at the SLC Golden Corral restaurant for lunch. We welcomed a number of retirees who, for reasons of health or other commitments, had not joined us for quite a while: **Andy Gallegos**, **Grey Lowery**, **George Nihipali**. **Grey's** son **Tom Lowery** & wife **Lisa** joined their father at our meeting; in a couple of days, they are planning on returning to their home in Preston/AZ. It was fun chatting with them.

Other retirees & spouses who attended the luncheon included: **Don & Pat Graves** who, as "snowbirds", spend their time between Yuma/AZ & SLC; **D. Oliver**; **Arthur Hayes**; **Janie** & husband **Kay Leishman**; **Shirley & Paul Scoville**; **Ron Halliday**; **Rich Papworth**, and recently widowed **Tony Brown**. And a hearty welcome to our regular chapter attendees who form the delightful core of our group.

**Aletha Cannon** & her daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein** promised in a later e-mail they would join us next time; we are looking forward to their visit. - **Lila Maughan** brought **Betty Davis**; **Betty** is still recuperating from a hip injury received in a Dec. fall; it was fun talking with the two of them. **Hank & Mary Bons** looked fit as a fiddle - a great accomplishment for **Hank** who went through some painful back problems. - **Hank** brought the obit about his lifelong friend and our UAL retiree/WWII veteran **Vernon O. Harrison** who had passed away April 8, 2009. Our condolences to the family!

A month ago, **Pete Loyola** suggested some raffle fun to augment the chapter treasury. The lucky winner (who wants to remain anonymous) donated the money to the kiddy. Thanks, **Pete**, for making the meeting even more enjoyable; he also encouraged each of us to offer our UAL story to the lunch crowd (we had a separate room), which turned out quite a source of wonder - especially, when considering the length of service of most of our retirees to our company!

Calendar:

**June 2** - Lunch 2pm - Joy Luck (Chinese Food), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful.

**July 7** - Brunch 10am, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., SLC.

**August 4** - Catered Picnic - 5pm - Sugar House Pk. (\$ & terrace to be announced).

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At our April 14 meeting at Fairwood Country Club in Renton, we had 51 members present. **Carol Soffel's** baby granddaughter **Harper** also joined us and was quite quiet during the meeting.

**Hank Gosselin**, our RUAEA vice president of conventions joined us and shared some interesting information. He stated that United now has 56,000 active employees and 40,000 retirees; this represents a striking drop in employees from a few years ago when we had about 96,000 employees on the payroll. Hank talked about the many benefits of belonging to RUAEA and the popular website at [www.RUAEA.org](http://www.RUAEA.org) that offers information on many topics and has a link to [www.airportrooms.com](http://www.airportrooms.com) that offers discounts on hotels, rental cars and golfing. He also talked about the May convention in Phoenix.

**Bob Brumfield** reported that if we encounter errors in billings by United for pass travel, we can get assistance in resolving them from the Benefits Service Center (BSC) at 1-888-825-0188, and we should be sure to keep all travel documents to help in resolving these problems. If necessary, we should pay the disputed service charges and then seek a refund, so as not to jeopardize our pass benefits by non-payment. Bob also reiterated that if we buy a revenue ticket, e.g., the employee 20% discount, we will be charged \$15 for the first bag checked. We're only exempt from the baggage charge when traveling as NRSAs. He mentioned the Enrolled Friend Program for single retirees in which a friend (or relative) can be registered with the BSC for a 12-month period and during that time can use passes and travel on the retiree's employment date for boarding purposes. At the end of 12 months, the friend's status must be renewed or a new one designated. The friend's travel will result in imputed income being added to the retiree's W-2 tax statement, so there are income tax ramifications for this travel.

**Evalena Hatcher** reported that Southwest has just started charging airport facility fees for through flight stations in which the passenger does not deplane, and this can add \$15-\$20 to the ticket cost. Evalena questioned Southwest management on the rationale for adding these charges, but they contended that this is now their policy and they plan to continue it. **Bob Brumfield** felt that these charges were inappropriate and should perhaps be discussed with a government agency.

**Jerry & Irene Opperman** have graciously made their home and lawn available to us again for our annual picnic on August 11. We're changing caterers and plan to serve barbecue chicken (not smoked), pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans. The price per person will be \$12 again this year. We're glad to have two key people returning again this year: **Maury Erben**, our genial bartender and **Theo Sluys**, our fine accordionist.

Door prize winners at our meeting were **Debbie Batchelor**, **Dona Westpfahl**, **John Luke**, **Ed Rousso**, **Jerry Barr**, **Charlotte Rousso**, **Helen Stanger**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Mary Lou Barr**, **Jeannine Anderson**, **Phyllis Lindblad**, **Marion Hafterson** and **Vivian Anderson**. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Jim Small**.

**Helen Ebert**, who now lives in Ellensburg, wrote a letter to our treasurer, **Helen Stanger**, and mentioned that while she misses her late husband, **Wes**, she's enjoying good health and getting along well. Mrs. Ebert says she does talk with **Dolores Steger** from time-to-time and likes to keep up with the news regarding our Chapter.

**Ruth Strange** has been recovering the last few months from a severe case of shingles. She's feeling better now, and recommends that anyone who has had chicken pox, get the shingles shot. As a reminder, Medco provides coverage for the vaccine at most grocery store and drug store pharmacies, but not through your physician. The pharmacist will administer the shot, but first make sure of the coverage and how much you will have to pay out-of-pocket.

**Kathy Centalia**, retired from SEARR, founded a cat-caring organization, Purrfect Pals, in 1988 while still an active employee. Purrfect Pals started out as a cat boarding facility that occasionally took in homeless cats, and has grown to the point where it houses hundreds of cats, has a cat hospital on the premises and is considered the world's largest cat-only adoption agency and sanctuary. Through its off-site adoption events and partner pet stores it places cats in quality, loving homes. Purrfect Pals, located in Arlington, WA has placed 23,796 cats in homes since 1988, and its hospital provides low-cost spay and neutering surgeries to pets of customers. Check out their website at [www.purrfectpals.org](http://www.purrfectpals.org). On June 7, the organization will sponsor a Cats 'N Garden tour in the Kayak Point Estates and Tulalip Shores areas north of Seattle. There will be cats available for adoption and a plant sale, with proceeds benefiting the shelter. One of the gardens featured on the tour belongs to **Meg Curnutt**, formerly of SEARR.

**Norma Miller** and **Jim Sundmark**, both retiree volunteers at the Seattle Travel Desk, received a nice complimentary note from a retiree traveler from Bellingham, WA, who was pleased with the travel assistance Norma and Jim provided him recently. The gentleman also enclosed a generous check to help support the Travel Desk operations, which was greatly appreciated. A thank-you card containing Norma and Jim's photo was sent to the retiree making the donation.

**Nancy Martin**, formerly of SEARR, who sings with the Seattle Peace Chorus sang in performances at the end of April and first of May at the University of Western Washington in Bellingham, WA and Seattle's Town Hall, respectively. Both performances were accompanied by the Western Washington University Orchestra and featured the masterpiece Carmina Burana, which has a rich tradition, with roots going back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Both performances received rave reviews from the audiences. The Seattle Peace Chorus' mission is to advocate peace through song.

**Wilma Bracken**, retired from SEARR, also sings with a choral group and participated in Gospel Fest 09 May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Seattle Pacific University. Five-hundred choir members sang in a mass choir, and were drawn from nine different gospel choirs in the Seattle area. Wilma has sung with the University Presbyterian Choir for the last four years.

#### Calendar:

**May 12** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**June** – No Meeting

**July** – No Meeting

**August 11** – Annual Picnic at **Jerry & Irene Opperman's** home, Kent, WA

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital! I am pleased to be your correspondent once again!

The famous Cherry Blossoms have blown away and the spring rains have arrived. However, the tourists are descending on Washington DC in great numbers and we hope they have flown in on United Airlines. This is an exciting time to be in the Nation's Capital!

Our Dulles Loungers continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm at the Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas, VA 20109.

We average 80-90 members and guests and we frequently have a guest speaker. However, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Dulles Loungers will travel to Charles Town Races and Slots in West Virginia to enjoy a special lunch and an afternoon of playing the slot machines and enjoying the card game of your choice! A report on this event will follow next month.

Please continue to check [www.dullesloungers.com](http://www.dullesloungers.com) for more news.

Our Chapter President **Linda Scriven** will be attending the Convention in Phoenix and we look forward to her complete report.

Please advise me of any interesting news as it pertains to retirees in the Washington DC area.



Calendar:

**June 10** – Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassa, VA 20109. 12:30PM casual Lunch, no speaker or program.

**July 8** – Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassa, VA 20109. 12:30PM casual Lunch, no speaker or program.

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Happy anniversary to Stewardess Service!

The following is an excerpt from the United Airlines website:

*“William A. Patterson, assistant to the president of Boeing Air Transport, decided to embark on what others in the airline industry considered a daring experiment. He gave his approval to hire eight nurses to work as stewardesses on a three-month trial basis. At 8:00 a.m., May 15, 1930, a Boeing tri-motor left Oakland en route to Chicago with Ellen Church, the world’s first stewardess, aboard.*

*At the end of the three-month stewardess experiment, Boeing officials enthusiastically endorsed it a great success. Church became responsible for directing and determining standards for the new job. In the station manager’s absence, she supervised food service, bought equipment and handled the passengers in and out of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Thus, Church pioneered another first; she was among the first women to work in a management position in the emerging aviation industry.”*

We are proud to continue to celebrate the passion and the courage that these women demonstrated.

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We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. We have recorded 57 new members so far this year. First-time members may join Clipped Wings after April 1, 2009 for one-half national dues, local dues and philanthropy assessment. Please check us out at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, Barbara Fisk Vincent (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com).

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## LETTERS

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

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### **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.)*

#### **Annette Teichner, 24520 Grand Central Pkwy Apt#6C, Bellerose, NY 11426**

I am the widow of **Louis Teichner** who came on board with United on November 18, 1943. United was such an integral part of Lou's life, and therefore mine, as well. I write each membership check with a sense of pride and belonging that will never change no matter what changes evolve in the company's history. The wonderful warm days of accomplishment will never fade.

My very best to all of the officers and members for continued, on going success.

#### **Judith Wright, PO Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115-0307**

The newsletter is terrific.

The phone help centers are unbelievable. I can not tell you how often the volunteers have helped into or out of a travel nightmare. I know I could not have gotten around the system without their help. Thanks to all of you.

#### **Joann Butler, 811 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Knoxville, IA 50138**

We have had to put my father who is 98 into hospice care, so we have been spending most of our time with him. He broke his hip last June and has not done well. He has almost stopped eating and drinking. We manage to get little into him but not much. We moved from Southern California 3½ years ago to help him so he has been our priority.

We really enjoy looking through the whole newsletter and finding people in other places that we know. We love the idea of putting the names in bold print; that really helps, too. Thanks so much for all the hard work you do. You are almost our only contact with old friends.

#### **Joseph M. (Brad) Bradley, 225 Elm Avenue, Glen Riddle, PA 19037-5740**

To all the guys and gals at PHL and THE INDEPENDENTS retirees chapter, I sincerely say "Thank You" for getting me here today. I could not have done it without you.

Thanks for your notes and cards.

Thanks for your phone calls.

Thanks for the flowers and delicious fruit.

But most of all ...

Thank you for your prayers.

God and the Holy family heard them and sent His Spirit to hold my hand all the way. You truly are beautiful children of God.

We are down to starting the final phase of Chemo now. It should be done around August 15<sup>th</sup>. Just in time to get down to the beach for a spell.

Just two things I ask; if you still smoke, put that cigarette box on the floor, crush it and don't light again for your own good. (I don't know how many times I was asked "*do you smoke?*"). Enough is enough if you do not want to go through this Chemo, Radiation, surgery, and more Chemo treatments. It is no fun and it takes over six months to overcome. It drains all of your energy!



Secondly; before we break for the summer, it would be great to see all of you at the June luncheon on June 8<sup>th</sup> (second Monday of the month) at the Ramada Inn, Essington. So mark your calendar now and let's get together. It's later than you think. How about it? Have lunch with us and bring a friend.

So with much love I say.

May God bless you all for your kindness in getting me through this and ever hold you in the palm of His hand, you are beautiful people.

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

Thanks so much for the fine work you all do.

I am in my 7<sup>th</sup> year of retirement and enjoying every minute of it. I keep so busy that the days and weeks just "fly" by.

I sailed on a Princess cruise out of NYC to Canada and back, down the New England coast for the fall colors in October. It was glorious.

We also flew to Maui and back (in coach class, naturally) during March and the famous Spring break with record numbers of travelers.

The non-stop flight ORD to OGG only operates on Sat. and Sun. now, which makes it harder to get on NRSA. Oh well, it is still a great benefit, to be able to fly.

Hello to any one who recognizes my name.

**David Cranfield, 11960 Tree Top Circle, Nevada City, CA 95959**

Rotator cuff surgery has kept me off the golf course since last September. The range of motion is returning little by little and I hope to be back on the fairways within a few months.

For the most part of last year, I worked for a French company involved with the disposition of end-of-life commercial aircraft. The best part of the job was two business/pleasure trips to France and surrounding countries. It was very enjoyable.

Other than that, life goes on and life is good.

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

Gwen and I decided to leave frozen Pennsylvania for a warmer climate during January and February, so we went to Naples, FL. We spent a month with friends. While there, we had dinner with **Jack & Ellie Teresinski**, along with **Harry & Dolores Good**. Much shop talk was discussed over some fine seafood in Ft. Myers Beach.

We are hoping to attend the convention in PHX this May and hope to enjoy a leisurely convention instead of working to help run it. Last convention in PIT was fun but it was also a lot of work.

For all those in DEN who keep the newsletter going, thanks to you because it is our only contact with the old firm. From some of the news I have read, it is being dismantled bit by bit and either sold off or parked in the desert some where. That is sad.

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

What can I say; I goofed again on paying my dues on time. Maybe it is because I don't want to recognize my birthday as the number creeps up, but then again it is better than not having one.

All is well, so I can't complain. I still see many FA friends from my days at SFOSW. Also a group of us from Capital days in MSP have a reunion almost every October in various places. This year it will be in Wisconsin.

Thanks to all who do the good work getting the newsletter out to us. Seldom do I see a name I recognize but there is a lot of good information for all of us.

**Donald & Elaine Fahrni, 9816 E. Sagebrush Dr., Prescott Vly, AZ 86314-7623**

Since my computer skills are not very good, we have missed the newsletter. Don is not well. He will be glad to get some information on the company he worked for so long (35 years, mostly at LAX) and to see if he recognizes any familiar names.

**Peter Donohue, 3056 Zion St., Aurora, CO 80011-2206**

I look forward to the monthly edition of the RUAEA news.

I can't believe that I have been retired since 1987. I am keeping busy volunteering as an ambassador at DIA and swimming three times a week. Keep up the good work.

**Paul & Johanna Gajdosik, 26673 Potomac Drive, Sun City, CA 92586**

It has been 15 years since Johanna and I retired from United. The time sure slips by.

Living here in Southern California, we don't have much contact with our old fellow employees in Denver. When we travel through DIA, we often look for a familiar face, but it never happens. I guess they are all doing the same thing we are doing, enjoying retirement.

I am happy to report that Johanna and I celebrated her 5 year breast cancer free anniversary on September 17, 2008.

We want to thank all the [people that work so hard keeping us informed and getting this newsletter out to us each month.

**Suzi Harrison, 2130 Upper Pack River Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864-5913**

A big mahalo for all that you volunteers do to keep us informed.

I have no computer, so I also want to give another big "shout out" to the ones who take care of listing us at the Retiree desks, SEA, PDX and ORD!

Once again I walked/jogged the "Great Aloha Run" in HNL on 2/16/09. This was another "Special One" dedicated to the sweet and musical memories of my hanai (adopted) Mama, beloved singer, Genoa Keawe, who went on "to sing in heaven" on 2/25/08 at age 89. My goal was to do it in less than 2 hours for her. I have never done it before. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GAR. But I did it in 1:57:49, just by the hair on my chinny-chin-chi! I spent my HNL stay at fellow retiree, **Phyllis Okawas'** comfy home. I got together with our UAL pals at 2 reunions, plus time and phone calls with **Susie Sutton-Park** and **Maureen "Ollie" Torres**. America will survive! God bless us all!

**William Hoygaard, 12182 E. Amherst Cir., Aurora, CO 80014**

As I approach 16 years of retirement, life is going quite well. I am still able to enjoy hiking, camping, etc., so no major complaints or restrictions. Health issues seem fairly minor. The sun damaged skin on my head and scalp, hearing loss and a diagnosis of macular degeneration (which luckily has remained quite stable for 16 years) are issues faced by many of us who spent lots of hours around or in aircraft.

Most of our travel this past year has involved driving trips. We are planning our annual car trip to Idaho that will include visiting several national parks. The camper will hopefully receive a significant workout this summer too. Colorado and Wyoming have lots of places to travel.

Thanks to all those volunteers who work to publish the RUAEA newsletter.

**Robert King, PO Box 562, Eleele, HI 96705-0562**

All is well in beautiful Kauai. We get to HNL once in a while to visit and have lunch with other retirees. They seem to advertise the fact in the newsletter.

I am district coordinator for the AARP tax aid program, helping seniors (mainly seniors at Senior Centers). This year was especially busy and most of us did at least 100 e-files each. I got into this by **Helen Crisman** (my first international ticketing trainer, way back). She resides in South San Francisco and does the same job as I do.

So there is no traveling from October to April of the year.

Bob King retired from HNL DV/HNLCS some 16 years ago.

We do not have house mail delivery but a PO Box is very convenient.

**John Kensinger, 925 Sunnybrae Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402-1966**

I still enjoy receiving the newsletter because it is one of the few ways that I can keep up with what is going on at United Airlines. It seems like senior management can always find ways to screw up a once thriving company. Can you imagine so many Vice Presidents? They fired all the janitors and cleaners and brought on more senior officers. Seems like a plan to me. What about sending maintenance to China? China poisons our pets with tainted pet food and tries to kill our babies with lead paint. What can this say about their maintenance of our aircraft? There is no FAA oversight and no UAL inspections.

It is going on twelve years since I left employment at UAL. From the letters that I can see in the newsletter, I am still a rookie at this retirement thing. I am just glad that I did make it this far because I see a very dim future for the folks that are still working there. Congratulations to all of us who were able to get out in time.

**Virginia Kildoyle, 5854 New England Woods Dr., Burke, VA 22015-2909**

Wow, another year just flew by. I have only been retired since 2006 when the Washington Reservations Office closed. I have kept busy visiting family in New York and volunteering for Travelers Aid at IAD. I really enjoy Travelers Aid and recommend it for anyone with some free time. I am usually on the C concourse where United gates are and see a lot of my former co-workers from Res. who transferred to IAD when our office closed.

Well, a big hello to anyone reading this who may remember me from my days in the Daily News building in 69-73, as **Ginny Madden**. I became Mrs. Kildoyle in 72. We are celebrating 37 years married this fall.

To those of you from DCARR/IADRR, some of my fondest memories of my career with United were spent with you. I hope you are all happy and enjoying good health in your retirement.

I enjoy the newsletter very much. Thanks for your hard work in publishing it.

**Kathryn Mazzola, 570 Sequoia Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024**

I want to thank **Roger Casterline**, our Western Region Director, for his note informing me of being delinquent in paying my annual membership dues. I have no excuse except to say the month of March came and went too quickly.

I very much enjoy reading the Newsletter and want to extend my big THANK YOU to all the people who make the newsletter possible.

**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 reminder to send in my annual dues. All in Red Ink! I love it! My copy arrived today, my birthday with the Red reminder. I felt happy to know my membership will continue.

The news from around the country is always interesting. The letter which document the History of United Airlines and the people, who made the Company, reach deep inside of me. I am proud to have been part of ORDMM and to have learned the Right Way from many of the people who were an integral part of the development of the Airline Industry.

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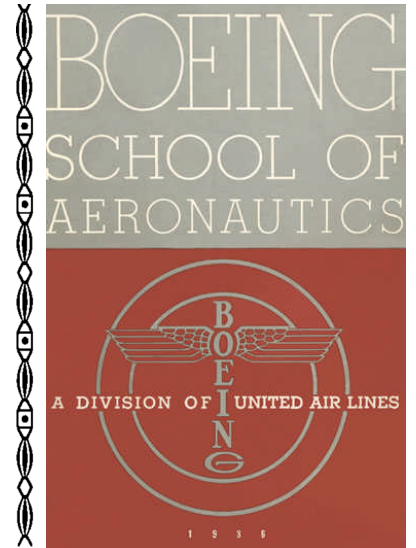
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