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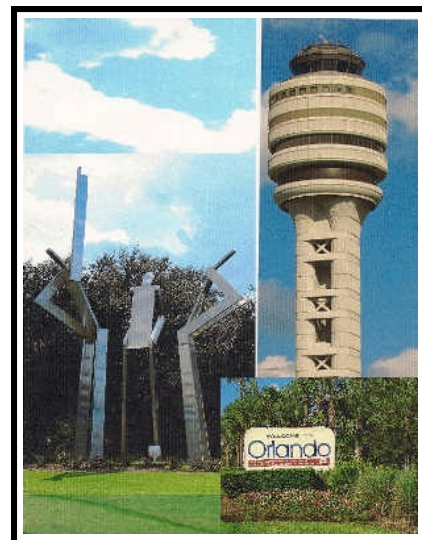
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*Did We See You
At The Convention?*



DID YOU KNOW ... That you can plan and plan for months and months, but the key to a great convention is ... are you ready? **Inviting the right people!** And we did just that! The 2010 RUAFA Convention committee sends all the members and guests who shared our convention week, a huge **THANK YOU FOR COMING!** We made the gathering possible and all of you made it a fun week of camaraderie, great sight-seeing, reminiscing with friends, old and renewed, laughter and lots of surprise moments - a truly magical time!

DID YOU KNOW ... That those of you who enjoyed the **Kennedy Space Center** tour will watch the next shuttle launch with a new knowledge and appreciation for the magnitude of our space program. And history buffs can impress folks with descriptions of the original settlement and fort in **St. Augustine** which still stands today! Those who joined our wild **Airboat Adventure** sure enjoyed the ride! Say, have you been able to "tame" your hair down since?

DID YOU KNOW ... That the **Arts & Crafts** we received from our fellow members this year were the best donations ever! And some of you went home a little richer from some high dollar **50/50 Raffles**. All the winners and many convention pictures will be share in next month's newsletter, along with that "**Well Kept Secret**" ... the site for the 2011 RUAFA Convention!

DID YOU KNOW ... We, the local committee members, along with the RUAFA National Board, extend a great **BIG Orlando THANK YOU** to all who shared in our **Magical 2010 RUAFA Convention!**

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GENERAL NEWS

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RUAEA Centenarian – Elmer “Eric” Errichson

Submitted by Veronica Errichson



Eric was born on April 9, 1910 and raised in Waterloo, Iowa, where he enjoyed fishing, baseball and visits to his relatives' nearby farms. He won his Eagle Scout badge and attended Iowa State University, earning an engineering degree.

After graduation, Eric worked for the John Deere Company and then was recruited to attend the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, California.

Upon completing that program, Eric was hired by the Training Department of United Air Lines in 1937. He worked at United for nearly 40 years and witnessed first hand, the growth of modern commercial aviation.

He is one of United Airlines oldest living former employees and trained pilots on aircraft from early propeller planes to modern jumbo jets.

During Eric's career he was stationed at various United locations around the country, finally settling in San Francisco. He met his wife Ronnie in Chicago and they have lived at their home in Belmont, California for 55 years. Ronnie & Eric are members of the Congregational Church in San Mateo, California and are proud second parents to several generations of children of their relatives, neighbors and friends.

Note: Veronica submitted this column on April 15th and Eric passed from this life on April 19th. Our condolences to Veronica and the family.

Letter From The President



Ron Robertson

As I write this article, May 6, 2010, to meet the publishing deadline for the June Newsletter issue, we have known about the proposed merger with Continental Airlines for four days. It's probably one of the most interesting as well as important current events in our lives as United retirees. By the time you read my comments - if electronically - just before the Convention, or - on paper - after the

Convention, more pertinent details will be known. However, it's still important to say these things **now** to assure you that RUAEA is moving as timely as possible.

The following information is taken from various printed sources* available as of May 6, 2010:



“United Airlines and Continental Airlines announced on May 3, 2010, that they are combining operations to form the world's largest airline in a \$3 billion merger. The new holding company will be named United Continental Holdings, Inc. and the name of the airline will be United Airlines. The marketing brand will be a combination of both companies. Aircraft will have the Continental livery, logo and colors with the United name, and the announcement campaign slogan will be “Let's Fly Together.” The new company's corporate and operational headquarters will be in Chicago and it will maintain a significant presence in Houston, which will be the combined company's largest hub.

The carriers expect to complete the transaction in the fourth quarter of 2010. The integration of the carriers will begin after the closing of the legal merger, and will continue through the operational merger, expected to be completed during the first half of 2012.

Unlike the earlier merger that United had contemplated with US Airways, this deal isn't expected to involve large scale cuts since United's and Continental's networks have little overlap. The carriers expect to continue serving the 370 cities in 59 countries where United or Continental currently fly, and will operate 10 hubs including bases in the four largest cities in the U.S., linking Continental's strong Latin American and Europe routes to United's connections in Asia. This will generate a surge of new international traffic and revenues.

On a pro forma basis, the combined company will have annual revenues of approximately \$29 billion based on 2009 financial results, and an unrestricted cash balance of approximately \$7.4 billion as of first quarter 2010. In the merger, Continental shareholders will receive 1.05 shares of United common stock for each Continental common share they own. United shareholders will own approximately 55% of the equity of the combined company and Continental shareholders will own approximately 45%. The merger is expected to deliver \$1.0 billion to \$1.2 billion in net annual syner-

gies by 2013, including between \$800 million and \$900 million of incremental revenue.

The combined airline will have the most modern, fuel-efficient fleet and the best new aircraft order book among major U.S. network carriers. It will have the financial strength to enhance passengers' travel experience by enabling it to invest in globally competitive products, upgrade technology, refurbish and replace older aircraft, and implement the best in-class practices of both airlines.

The merger, which has been approved unanimously by the Boards of Directors of both companies, is conditioned on approval by the shareholders of both companies, receipt of regulatory clearance, and customary closing conditions."

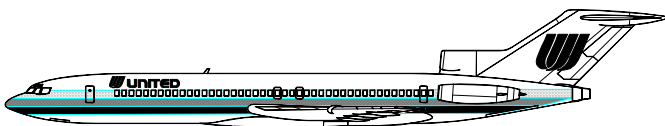
For the latest news on the merger, go to <http://www.unitedcontinentalmerger.com/>.

While recognizing the reality that the future airline industry appears only able to survive (profitable) through mergers and consolidation, we, i.e. retirees - as well as current employees - have a vested and deep interest as to how such things personally affect our lives. Your RUAEA leadership, Officers and Directors, are committed to representing all United Retirees in all matters of group common interest. Such things as Medical Benefits and Pass Travel are goals we spent years striving to attain - and rightly expect to keep!

We have had a positive relationship with United Senior management and have made our interest in merger personnel policy for retirees known. Although RUAEA has no legal/contractual position, we will do all possible to achieve positive results. This was true in July/August, 2008, when your RUAEA leadership played a defining role in restoring the BP6-B boarding priority for retirees.

Lastly, the Orlando Convention ends my official role as RUAEA President. I will remain on the Board as Past President for two years and will continue to represent you in these matters as long as I can make a worthwhile contribution. These past two years have been a tremendous experience and a sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve with so many fine fellow retirees. The chance to renew and work with old friends and make so many new ones is a lifetime memory. We've accomplished some important goals and had a lot of fun. Shirley and I have particularly enjoyed the Conventions and encourage everyone to attend one if at all possible.

Sincerely,
Ron Robertson
President - RUAEA



UAL Corporation Reports First Quarter 2010 Results; First 1Q Operating Profit Since 2000



United has reported results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2010 with an operating profit of \$58 million, excluding non-cash, net mark-to-market hedge gains and certain accounting charges, the company's first operating profit in the first quarter since 2000. United reported a GAAP operating profit of \$69 million. GAAP stands for Generally Accepted Accounting Prin-ciples and is the commonly accepted way of recording and reporting accounting information. United reported a first quarter net loss of \$92 million, or 55 cents per basic share, excluding non-cash, net mark-to-market hedge gains and certain accounting charges, narrowing its net loss by \$479 million compared to the first quarter of 2009. United reported a GAAP net loss of \$82 million, or 49 cents per basic share.

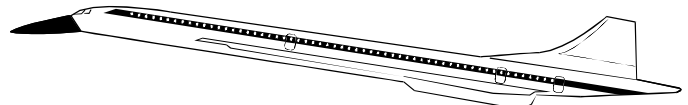
United reported a 19.0 percent year-over-year increase in consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) for the first quarter.

The company reported a 4.8 percent year-over-year increase in consolidated unit cost per available seat mile (CASM) for the quarter, excluding fuel and certain accounting charges, against a reduction in consolidated capacity of 3.3 percent year-over-year. Consolidated CASM, including fuel and excluding non-cash, net mark-to-market fuel hedge gains and certain accounting charges, was up 6.5 percent year-over-year. GAAP consolidated unit cost, including these items, was up 8.6 percent.

United closed the quarter with total cash of \$3.8 billion, unrestricted cash of more than \$3.5 billion, and restricted cash of nearly \$300 million and generated \$506 million of operating cash flow in the quarter. As of April 26, unrestricted cash increased to \$4.5 billion, including \$700 million in secured debt offering proceeds received in April.

United ranked No. 1 in on-time arrivals among the five largest U.S. global carriers for the first quarter based on preliminary industry results.

United finalized agreements for 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliner and Airbus A350 XWB widebody aircraft orders. The company filed an application for a daily nonstop slot from San Francisco to Tokyo's downtown Haneda airport with the U.S. Department of Transportation, an opportunity enabled by the pending U.S.-Japan Open Skies agreement.



Proud to Make a Difference: Expanding Onboard Recycling Across Entire U.S.

One ton of recycled plastic bottles can save almost four barrels of oil, while producing a can from recycled aluminum uses 95 percent less energy than producing a new one. Thanks to United's expanded onboard recycling program, United has the potential to recycle nearly 25 million cans and six million plastic bottles a year, about 600 tons of onboard waste - saving enough energy to power more than 3,700 homes in a year.



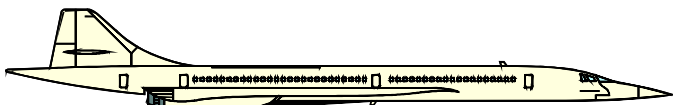
Although United has been recycling onboard waste at some stations for a while, the company is now recycling cans and plastic bottles at all of its eligible domestic stations.

"We worked across our teams and with our catering vendors to design the processes that capture the maximum amount of cans and plastic bottles," says Dan Tisoncik, managing director - Environmental Safety. "We're in a position to recycle all the bottles and cans that we can in the U.S. - which captures 84 percent of that waste, with the remaining 16 percent being treated as international waste that must be incinerated."

Recycling is just part of the equation. Reduce, reuse and recycle, as the mantra goes. Because the first step is using less, United is implementing a program for flight attendants to open a can and pour the beverage for customers but leave the can only if the customer requests it. *"We're pleased to team with our caterers and our flight attendants in this effort," says Stuart Benzal, managing director - Onboard Global Product. "Whether it's limiting the waste we generate onboard or recycling, we know that "Every Action Counts" and that we are all committed to doing our part."*

Keeping control of the can not only decreases waste (United throws out a lot of half-full cans) and helps ensure the can is recycled, but also reduces the number of cans used. Tests show this procedure, which is competitive with other major airlines, has no measurable negative impact on either customer satisfaction or service delivery times.

Additional phases of the program are under development, to include expanding the collection and recycling of newspapers and other paper products, expected to be rolled-out later this year. The onboard recycling program is planned to be cost-neutral, but should it generate a profit, the money will be donated to an appropriate charitable organization.



United Conducts First U.S. Commercial Flight with Natural Gas Jet Fuel



United conducted an engineering validation flight using an alternative, synthetic jet fuel derived from natural gas. This flight makes United the first U.S. commercial airline to use a

natural gas synthetic jet fuel that is approved and safe for use in flight and also highlights the company's commitment to the technological advancement of alternative fuels in commercial aviation.

The flight was operated using certified synthetic jet fuel - RenJet® - approved for commercial use in a 40/60 mix (alternative/conventional) with conventional Jet A fuel in one of two engines on an Airbus 319. Derived from natural gas and converted to liquid fuel, RenJet® is a drop-in fuel, which means that it can be used in existing engines with no modifications required.

Captain Joe Burns, managing director - Technology and Flight Test, led a team of 19 engineers and observers on board the flight, which departed Denver International Airport at 8:15 a.m. local time and climbed to an altitude of 39,000 feet. The onboard team collected data on the performance of the fuel during several full engine and fuel flow parameters - including taxi, takeoff, climb, cruise, auxiliary power unit start, descent and approach.

Results and analysis of the performance and environmental benefits of the synthetic jet fuel and the aircraft are expected within the next 10 days.

"In addition to confirming our assumptions about how this fuel performs on a commercial aircraft in a variety of situations, this flight represents the next step in our effort to stimulate competition in the aviation fuel supply chain, promote energy security through economically viable alternatives that also demonstrate environmental benefits and contribute to the creation of green jobs," says Joe Kolshak, SVP-Operations. "It is our intention to continue to do our part by supporting the use of alternative fuels, and we urge the U.S. government and the investment community also to do their part to further support critical energy opportunities."

Last year, United along with more than 15 other domestic and international passenger and cargo carriers signed Memorandums of Understanding that are intended to serve as a framework for future supply agreements for certified synthetic jet fuel and for jet fuel derived from camelina oil, a next-generation biofuel feedstock.



United Welcomes Team USA to Washington

Although the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver came to a spectacular finish more than a month ago, United's duties as the official airline sponsor of both the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams continue. Recently, United hosted a party at Gate C-17 in Dulles to welcome the athletes to Washington to attend several events in and around the city. First stop for the athletes was a visit to Walter Reed Medical Center, where they visited recovering troops and viewed a screening of a documentary film proudly sponsored by United, "Warrior Champions." Next, athletes participated in local school visits and attended a Congressional reception at the Supreme Court of the United States. The visit culminated with a trip to the White House to meet President Obama and the First Lady. The athletes were greeted at the gate by United employees and customers with applause and cheers. Many athletes posed for photographs and spoke with reporters about their great experiences flying United. United Dulles employees were happy to lend a hand to make the day a success.



"It's an extremely proud moment for us to host the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams as part of their journey to the White House," says Bill Watts, manager-hub terminal operations. "We are thrilled to be able to congratulate the team in person and we wish them well in the future."

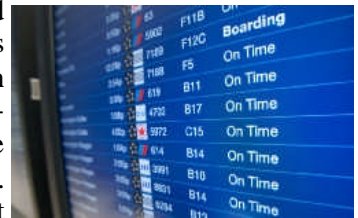
United has had the honor of flying athletes to and from the Olympic Games for the past 30 years. United has also been the official airline sponsor of the U.S. Paralympic Team for nearly a decade. This year, the company flew about 1,200 athletes, staff, and United States Olympic Committee officials from its stations in Denver, San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, and Salt Lake City to the Vancouver Games.

United's partnership with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams is an important and successful one, generating revenue for the airline while aligning the company with one of the best-known brands in the world. And while the next Games in London take place a few years from now, United will continue to fly both teams to national and international competitions and training events until then.

Why We Fly Where We Fly

Each day, United operates some 3,300 United and United Express flights, and, beginning in June with the launch of service to Accra, Ghana, United's network will cover six continents. The reasons that United flies

to these cities are as varied as the locations themselves - some are popular with business travelers, for example, and some are strong leisure markets. Many people throughout the company work together to make certain the company is flying efficiently and cost-effectively, driving as much revenue from each flight as possible.



In recent months, based on Planning's research, United has launched several new services that strengthen its hubs and offer new choices to travelers. New markets include Chicago-Brussels, Pittsburgh-Los Angeles, Pittsburgh-San Francisco and Washington-Pensacola. United also has announced plans to start services to Minot, N.D. - a new station.

Evaluating new markets and ensuring that the company is appropriately matching capacity with demand in existing markets are two functions managed by the 26 individuals in the Planning team. The team pours over route analyses, competitive flight schedules and changing market demographics to ensure United's resources are being put to efficient use. Before launching a new market, Planning often uses an existing service as a guide to better understand passenger volume, demand and competition. For instance, United added nonstop service between Kansas City (MCI) and San Francisco (SFO) after determining that a significant number of customers are flying between those cities via Denver.

United also examines the competitive landscape of potential markets to determine how it can offer a superior option and win additional business. In the MCI-SFO example, United discovered that a carrier offered direct service between those cities but had reduced the number of seats in the market. Because United can provide these travelers with greater access to the rest of the world via its connections out of SFO, it made sense for the company to operate in this market and was a good decision for the company.

Parts Manufacturer Approval Saves United \$45 Million in 2009



The team charged with finding United ways to save money on aircraft parts without compromising quality or safety has just approved its 1,000th such part since setting up shop as

a Continuous Improvement Lean cell three years ago. Actual savings for 2009 was more than 45 million dollars, and since the initial tracking of savings in 2003, Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) parts have saved

United a cumulative 223 million dollars.

Manager Michele Bassi-Degenkolb and her team in the PMA cell, part of the Engineering department at the San Francisco Maintenance Center, are credited with cumulative annualized savings of more than 20 million dollars a year since they became a Lean cell dedicated to providing superior customer service through continuous improvement. While the changes have improved the cell's output, Michele says, *"Our team ensures that all the PMA parts that get approved are form, fit and function that are the same as, or better than, what we would get from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)."* Those criteria mean that about 20 percent of the parts submitted for consideration each year are rejected.

The PMA materials that get approved range from seat, galley and lavatory parts to engine and landing gear parts. While these parts have the same quality and reliability as OEM parts, they are usually 35 to 80 percent less expensive. Ideas for PMA parts often come from mechanics, reliability/project engineers, project engineers, and Strategic Sourcing representatives, Michele says. Over the last three decades, United Services has approved more than 6,000 PMA parts.

In addition to supporting United's Focus on 5 core imperative of competitive costs, PMA helps United meet its industry-leading revenue goals. The PMA team works closely with the contract team in Strategic Sourcing to include penalties if PMA vendors cannot meet their delivery schedules or parts do not satisfy reliability requirements. Penalties are usually calculated on the difference between the PMA price and the OEM price, so even if a part is submitted late, United still realizes the savings.

United Services SVP Jim Keenan will present on United's PMA program later this month at the MRO Americas conference in Phoenix. He says while United may lead the industry, the overall savings represents a small percentage of the maintenance budget and there is much more opportunity for the PMA team to bring in additional savings. *"Maintaining competitive costs is a responsible way to run our business and help us improve our ability to manage the business through challenging business cycles,"* Michele says.

United Implements Travel Enhancements for Employees/Retirees



United is pleased to introduce two new travel enhancements for its employees, retirees, travel-eligible family members and other individuals.

"We recognize the importance of our pleasure travel programs for our people,"

says Doug Rose, VP-Total Rewards. *"These enhancements reflect our commitment to responding to employee feedback and ensuring our travel program is competitive and consistent with industry practice."*

Beginning May 1, 2010:

- ➔ Just as United does for its elite customers, the company will waive first and second bag fees for employees, retirees, and eligibles who purchase tickets for travel on United and United Express using the Discount 20 Program. Over-size and extra bags are not included. For information about the EMP20 program, please visit the Discount 20 Program on SkyNet's Travel page or Apollo profile S*PMO/EMP20.
- ➔ United is lowering the age requirement for international first class travel in three-cabin aircraft. The current age requirement is dropping from 18 years to 12 years old.

United continues to evaluate its programs to provide a simplified experience with more travel options.

- ➔ United recently introduced two new Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) carriers, Brussels Airlines and Oman Air, bringing the total number of carriers with whom United have ZED agreements to 41. ZED pricing is designed to simplify and significantly reduce the cost of non-revenue, space-available interline pleasure travel. Visit the ZED Fare Estimator under Easy Links on the Travel page for additional information.
- ➔ United has also enhanced the Travel section on SkyNet to make it easier for you to list for flights directly from the home page by clicking on WebList. You'll see a new emphasis and information on the popular locations that United serves. Before you travel, you can also check out the travel discounts located in the center of the page for the latest hotel, rental car and other special offers.

Contact the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188 with any questions. Employees/Retirees based outside the U.S. can call the United Benefits Service Center collect at (515) 457-9747.

Call to Action! Contact Your U.S. Senator to Support Oil Speculation Limits and Energy Price Relief

Over the past few months, NewsReal has occasionally featured stories about the impact of volatile oil prices, as well as United's active participation in the Stop Oil Speculation Now Coalition in cooperation with the Air Transport Association, its unions, and other industries impacted by this problem. The campaign is now at a critical juncture as the U.S. Senate is on the verge of taking action on the issue.

“The combination of higher prices and volatility pose significant risk to United’s ability to return to sustained profitability,”

says Pete McDonald, Executive Vice President. *“I urge every employee to get involved on this issue, so we can make our voices heard in Washington.”*



The Senate is expected to begin debate on financial regulatory reform, including new legislation called the “Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010.” This legislation will close loopholes, increase transparency and require strict limits on trading to address speculation in the oil markets.

The SOS Now Coalition is making a final push to educate lawmakers as they consider this legislation, and United is supporting those efforts. Please take just two minutes to e-mail your Senators and urge them to stop oil speculation now.

The final vote on the legislation is expected to be close, so the company needs all the support possible to convince the Senate to pass this legislation.

For more information, please visit www.stopoilspeculationnow.com.

IPTE Boeing 777 Makes First Revenue Flight



In April, United’s first newly converted **I**nternational **P**remium **T**ravel **E**xperience Boeing 777 flew its first revenue flights. United is testing the aircraft in U.S. markets before it begins service on its international routes.

While the lie-flat United First® and United Business® cabins are similar to what United already offers on the ITPE B747s and B767s, the B777 is unique in that the entire United Economy cabin® is brand new. Passengers in United Economy® enjoy on-demand, in-seat entertainment and two power outlets for every three seats, among other enhancements.

The seats are also laid out in a 3-3-3 across configuration, which many passengers prefer to the 2-5-2 layout on our other international and on our domestic B777s.

Look for additional coverage in NewsReal and on SkyNet.

Keep Updated on United Negotiations

This month marks one year since United began negotiations with all six of its represented employee groups: the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), the International Association of Machinists and

Aerospace Workers (IAM), the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA), The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), and the Professional Airline Flight Control Association (PAFCA).



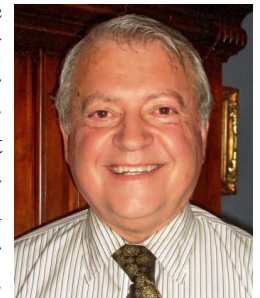
United continues to work with all of its unions to come to agreements that provide competitive wages, benefits and work rules for all of its employees.

As United committed at the beginning of negotiations, the company has regularly updated unitednegotiations.com with information about the status of its negotiations with each of these unions. Employees can sign up at the site to be notified when the site is updated.

For more information about negotiations with all of our unions, please visit unitednegotiations.com.

Ask the Doctor – Vitamins, Minerals, Supplements, etc. – Let the Buyer Beware

Not a day goes without some article or advertisement in every form of media in existence describing the merits of some form of liquid, pill, capsule, or gel cap that will improve one’s health, longevity, or alleviation of some medical condition without seeking consultation from a medical provider. The Internet is especially full of such ads that are tempting and appealing to many readers. I would like to propose that any of you who read such articles or advertisements to proceed with caution and great care. Many of these ads are designed to eagerly separate you from your money.



Dr. Reidner

A recent article in Military Officer elaborates on this very problem. The journal caters to military personnel on active duty and retirees. It has information about health care and benefits for all of the military. The article entitled “The Right Native” addresses several issues that interest me and should interest you in your retirement years. It is a natural tendency to wish for some “magic” potion to help sustain a healthy retirement. This article made sense to me and contains information you should know.

The **first point** addresses interference with treatment of many medical conditions. There is evidence that many of these supplements will interfere with the regular medications that treat many medical disorders. Before taking any of the popular supplements, check with your personal physician and advise him/her what supplements you are taking. It may be that your regular

medications and the supplements are incompatible and actually interfere with each other.

The **second point** addresses quality of production. Because the FDA has not control over supplements, vitamins, etc, it is very likely the amount of the active ingredient(s) in a supplement can vary from pill to pill or bottle to bottle. Unlike prescription medications or over-the-counter medications that have strict production standards, the supplements do not have that level of quality control. Take that under advisement when you purchase any supplement in a health food store.

The **third point** addresses the actual toxicity of supplements. For example, vitamin E and garlic may reduce the chance of the formation of blood clots **but** can be extremely dangerous for anyone taking anticoagulant medication already. Kava and Valerian can increase the sedating effects of prescription sedatives (sleeping medications). For many years, the media carried articles praising the benefits of vitamin C in the prevention of the common cold. Now, there is some evidence to suggest it might actually reduce the effectiveness of anti-cancer drugs.

It is only natural for one to want take supplements because of the increasing costs of regular medications and the fear that insurance benefits may be cancelled or reduced. Thus, supplements are attractive and readily available. Remember, many of the companies that make these supplements are very anxious to separate you from your money. So, **let the buyer beware**.

My suggestion is to be ultra careful when considering adding vitamins, minerals, supplements to your medication list. There are many that do no harm, several that **may** be beneficial, but there are others that can aggravate or actually cause unexpected medical complications for you and your medical provider. So, **let the buyer beware**.

Always advise your medical provider about **all** the medications, supplements, vitamins, minerals, etc. that you are taking. You may think they are harmless or beneficial, but your medical provider can advise you about the potential dangers of some or all of the ones you are taking. The bottom line of all this discussion is that your best dietary supplement is a steady daily nutritional diet. I am not aware of any medical complications from consuming a balanced diet of fresh fruits, vegetables, and grains with fresh fish and chicken as well as minimal red meat. So, **let the buyer beware**.

Until next time, stay well and fly safe.

Travel Tips by Bob

There is no "Travel Tips by Bob" article in this issue as Bob is preparing his presentation for the Retirees' Benefits Panel Meeting at the RUAEA 2010 Convention in Orlando, FL.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Virgil Gooselaw

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th 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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline**: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by one day for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

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LOCAL NEWS

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April's meeting was held at the Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama. Once again, we had a great lunch and caught up on news about friends and colleagues. **Bill Preston** led off our lunch with a wonderful blessing.

We started off the meeting with our cash/prize drawing conducted by our Treasurer **Joe Singleton**. **Klickie Thornton** won the cash prize and **Travis Glass** won a \$25.00 gift certificate for the Irondale Cafe.

President **Herb Wilbanks** brought up the possibility that United might be merging with U.S. Airways, but no information on the details were available. We also received notes of thanks for donations made earlier this year. Herb and his wife Carol are going to the convention this month. Needless to say, they are really excited to go and our membership is also really excited for them. Can't wait to hear about it next month!

Vice President **Bobby Cox** and his wife **Jean** were unable to attend our meeting due to a scheduled surgery for a family member. We missed them!

We were all very happy to see **Edna Mann Aronson** return to our meeting after dealing with some health issues. She looks great! Herb visited with **Gary Young** and says he is doing better. Herb ran into **Ellen Falkner** at the Cracker Barrel. She seems to be doing OK but can no longer drive.

President **Herb Wilbanks** shared some more of his memorabilia with us – a bumper sticker: Proud Owner United Airlines. **Anne Simmons** brought some beautiful artwork of Capital Airlines aircraft. We encourage our members to share about their careers.

March Birthday: **Carol Wilbanks** (4/29).

Secretary **Judy Slover** would like to thank her guest, **Rebecca Paulk**, for helping with the minutes. Not only is she my cousin, but she was head of TSA for Birmingham Airport and other airports in the northern part of our state. She really enjoys our meetings.

Calendar:

June - TBA - We are hoping to set up a joint meeting with a group of retired Eastern Airlines employees. For info contact - **Judy Slover**, (334) 593-2249 or email me at judyslover@mindspring.com.

ARIZONA

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We are so sorry to see our snowbirds leaving. We have to say goodbye for now to the **Neals, Lowell & Pat** as they set off for home. Hope to see you soon!

Please keep **Jackie Rosch** in your prayers. She fell getting out of bed and broke her hip. She had emergency surgery at Del Webb hospital and is now recovering in the Grand View Care Center – Room 114 B. The phone number is (623) 975 8223, she will be there for 3–4 weeks. Cards would be appreciated and may be sent to her home address.

Any UA retiree whether you were pilots, flight attendants, and ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads

May 25

June 8

June 22

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We hope all of our members are enjoying their summer. I'm sure many are taking off on various trips to get away for awhile. We all need a change from our normal routines occasionally, but always glad to get home too. If you're travelling, have a safe trip!

If there are any UAL employees or retirees, who are 55 or over, and are in the Phoenix area, please come to one of our monthly breakfasts at Crackers in Mesa the fourth Friday of every month. We would be really happy to have you join us. Contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. You won't be disappointed! The food is always good.

We had 57 people at our April picnic at the Crescent Run Adult Community building in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. It turned out really nice. The food was plentiful and delicious. **Christine Rang** donated a cake on a beautiful plate, which was raffled off. It was nice seeing **Arnie & Betty Schaetzke**, **Bob & Sharon Treasure**, and **Rich Vehring** once again. **Liz Tollefsen** had her cousin, **Ingrid**, from Stockholm, Sweden there also. We were brought up-to-date on **El Ailshie** and **Hank Falk**, and hope each day is getting better for them. We hope it won't be too long before they can join us once again. **Bob Hallden** had ballots to pass out for the RUAEA National Election for those members needing them. A number of our members are planning on attending the Convention in Orlando May 23 - 30. We look forward to hearing their comments when they return.

Rich Vehring also had chances available for this year's Fantasy Flight drawing, which will be held January 12th, 2011. Contact him at rvehring@cox.net, if you wish to purchase some tickets for this well deserved project. Begin to collect items for the children too, such as socks, gloves, blankets, toothpaste and brushes. They also will have another book sale of both hard cover and paper back at the airport, which went over real well last year. Contact **Peg Snowdall** if you have any questions regarding things for the Fantasy Flight.

There were 20 people at our April 23rd breakfast at Crackers in Mesa. It was good to see **Roger & Bonnie Veillette** again. Updates were given on **El Ailshie** and **Hank Falk**, we hope to see them at our breakfasts soon. We reviewed the items needed for the Fantasy Flight, which will be held Friday, December 3rd. The **Matte-sons** shared some travel information on the Exploritas, the new name for Elderhostel. There are many people who have gone on these trips, and have been very pleased with them.

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 all of you!

We have one Wedding Anniversary in June, and that is **Molly & Bill Norwood** on June 18. Fifty years! Way to go! Congratulations!

Look for the Convention Survey in the back of the May's issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. They need your comments.

Calendar:

June 25 - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Snowdall** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or phomfeldt@cox.net.

July 23 - Breakfast at Crackers

August 27 - Breakfast at Crackers

September 24 - Breakfast at Crackers

Luncheons start in October.

TALL PINES

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Our luncheons at the Lonesome Spur, our latest changed meeting location have been working out well. It is located right on the square downtown. Averaging twenty members attending most months and we are always looking forward to our visits with one another. Chatter was lively as it usually is with reminiscing on our past and current travels.

We welcome Denver guests, **Walt & Virginia Hansen** as they stopped for a visit while on their RV trip. 'Tis the season to get out on the road in comfort, as we have quite a few RVers in our midst. Congratulations to **Jeff Lewis** with a weight loss plan that is working great after losing 70lbs. We were also glad to see **Dennis Weller** able to break away from all his home toys and join us. We look forward to his continued participation as he continues his journey of healing after the loss of his wife, **Nadine**, close to Thanksgiving 2008.

We wish the best to **Marge Matheny** as she & her husband **Joe** work through repeated heart/chest pain complications. Get well soon Joe. **Norm Pearson** is recovering from Gastric-Intestinal surgery and well wishes are abound. **Jan Underhill** is doing well after foot surgery. And sadly, we want to mention the passing of our good friend **Vi Larson** who was one of the early members of our Tall Pines group. She and her husband were fun to have with us and remained members until they moved to Florida in recent years.

Please note: Our meeting day of the month has changed, currently assigned to the 3rd Tuesday to avoid any conflicts with schedules.

Come one, come all and let us know if you would like to attend one of our luncheons. Speaking of which, we were delighted to host **Michael Richards** recently where he updated us with the very latest news he had and informed us of the status of the RUAEA membership overall. We welcome Michael back any time.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our special members who are celebrating!

As always, if you plan to attend the meeting, please call ahead in the event of changes.

Calendar:

May 18

June 15



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Pat & Rich Dilallo were the hosts for our April 15th luncheon at the Amber Restaurant where 27 Roadrunners met and enjoyed a nice afternoon. Pat & Rich also were accompanied by a high school friend of theirs from Illinois. Their guest was **Georgeann Leigber**, also known as “pookey” to her friends. I hope I haven’t created an enemy by mentioning the nick name.

The Roadrunners were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our dearest members, **Sybil Collins**. Sybil died on April 7 from an apparent heart attack. Sybil was a long time member of the Roadrunners and was our treasurer for years. She was always there to collect your \$.25 cents if you were not wearing your name tag at the luncheons and always boasted about how she would be using the money toward her next cruise. We will certainly miss her and her fun story-telling.

A memorial service will be held for Sybil on May 20th at 11:00am at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino Del Sol, in Green Valley. The phone number is (520) 625-5023. Also on Friday the 21st, there will be a celebration of life from 3PM to 5PM at the Village Recreation Center at 400 W. San Ignacio in Green Valley. If you will be attending, please let **Ed Kokot** know by May 11th. His number is (520) 229-2058.

Pat Dilallo was elected to be our new treasurer.

Hope to see you all at the upcoming convention in Orlando May 23-30th.

Calendar:

June 17 - Thunder Canyon Brewery, hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**

July 15 - Thunder Canyon Brewery, hosted by **Claire & Jerry Byle**

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Our meeting was held at Andersen’s Pea Soup Restaurant in Buellton, CA with 25 in attendance, which was one of our largest turnouts. We missed **Kathy**

Shurtleff (who was out sailing on their yacht). If you saw the movie “Sideways”, you would have seen one of the places that included this one. They are famous for their soup and it is sold in many stores. We missed our regular guest, **Isabelle Stanger**. Bob said that they had to take her to the Emergency Room this morning, but she was released and was home.

The meeting was opened by our president **Marcia Stanger**, she reminded us that the next meeting will be held at their home with a Hawaiian theme. Marcia said that **John Stilwell** will attend the Orlando Convention and will be at various meetings. He will report to us what he learned at our next meeting.

Our hosts were **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Joan & Peter Schaefer** who provided very nice treats for us, and the lunch provided by the restaurant was enjoyed by everyone.

Our Vice-president, **Esther Bartlett**, displayed a book containing pictures she had taken over the years. It had to go back about 10 years and everyone looked about the same?

I had received an email from **Uel Soward** that I shared with our members. **Bob Wagner** has also kept in touch with Uel and read a letter from him. **Bob & Pat Wagner** were planning on attending his 100th birthday, but with other commitments, they had to cancel their trip. Uel said that he plans on about 50 to attend with several coming from far distances and one that he has never met. It seems his reputation has really gotten around.

Esther & Bob Bartlett will have celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. Bob was fortunate to be at the Santa Maria airport when the Russian fire-fighting plane was there on a good-will tour. This plane is designed to land on water and scoop up “several” gallons of water that can be dropped on forest fires. The capacity of water it can hold is more than the “thimble full” that our present water tankers can hold. He was able to take pictures of this plane while it was parked at the airport,. Bob was one of those at the right place and the right time.

John Stilwell said that he has contacted various restaurants for our Christmas meeting which John & Barbara are hosting. It seems that we have used the same restaurant since the beginning of our chapter, going back to 1994. **Bob Wagner** said that all our meetings were held at this restaurant and now, it has changed owners and name. John said that the current owner will require \$300 to reserve the room for our meetings; this is not in our budget, so John will continue trying to find some other places that we can use.

I had a lengthy conversation with **Joan Schaefer** regarding her experience being selected on the “Wheel Of Fortune”. It is hard to believe that there isn’t anyone who doesn’t watch this show, but the behind the scenes

is another story. She met the Wheel of Fortune mobile unit at a local car agency in San Luis Obispo and filled out a card that was put in a barrel where several names were drawn out. She was one of the lucky ones. From then on, it gets interesting.

She had to attend three short tests and was told if she was still considered, she would get a letter confirming her acceptance in about a year. It took about a year before she did get her letter. She also said that she had several papers to sign. She was told that it would be at her expense to get to Culver City, CA.

She did get a phone call that she thought was a "crank" or advertisement, and was about to hang up when the caller identified himself. He asked her if certain dates would work and she said any time is OK. He asked if she needed to check her calendar, and she said "no". She was ready to go at any time.

She and Peter checked on motel arrangements that weren't too far from the studio. Joan had to be at the studio at 7:30AM the day of the taping, and no guests were allowed in until 11:00AM. They taped 6 shows on the same day and how they are selected to appear is quite a procedure.

All contestants were in the same room and they were asked if they knew anyone else in the room. They wanted to make sure those that knew each other would not appear on the same program. After Joan and two others were to appear together, they had one of their team draw a ball out of a container to tell them what program they would be on.

Her team picked the number 6 which means they were the last to be taped that day. Also, they had to draw to see who was in number one, two, and three position on the panel. Joan was picked for number one, which means she was standing next to Pat Sajak. This did not make it any easier for her. She did say that Vanna White and Pat Sajak could not have been more hospitable. Apparently, they appear on TV as they do in person. During commercials, there was a crew that had to reset the wheel with various prizes and she said that it was done quickly. The contestants also had a break and makeup was applied if needed.

During this time, Vanna White and Pat Sajak would leave the stage and someone asked Vanna why she went behind the stage whenever she could. She said she was cold and was trying to warm up.

The contestants had to give a little information about themselves, and Joan said that she came from Scotland. During the introduction, she said that she came over from England on the Queen Mary. Pat Sajak said that she must have been very young, but she said "no", she was 22. She thinks he thought she meant the Titanic since Pat Sajak only remembers the Queen Mary in the Long Beach harbor.

I don't think he remembered that the Queen Mary

was used as a troop ship during WWII.

One of the requirements she had to sign, was not to divulge how much she won until the show airs. So we will all be watching on June 8th to find out. She did say that any money that was won, would be received in Oct. of this year.

There was a lot more that went on and I'll now be looking at the show a little differently. I think Joan could write a book on her experience.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by President **Marcia Stanger**. We will be meeting at their home on June 16th. Bob is quite the cook and we all look forward to their hospitality.

This was taken from a Restaurant Wine List: *A meal without wine is breakfast.*

Calendar:

June 16 - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

August 18 - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 20 - Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

December 15 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

BRAZEN RAISINS



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President **Dick Hayes** called the Brazen Raisins' April 2010 meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and thanked **Elida & Reuben Rivas** for hosting the meeting.

Dick Shryock read a note from **Mauricio & Carmensol Rehbein** thanking us for our concern about their relatives in Chile; they were shaken by the recent earthquake in Chile but all right. The Rehbeins are in the income tax preparation business, and as soon as the tax season is over, they will be back to the meetings.

Dick Hayes will be absent for the May meeting; and Vice President **Elida Rivas** will conduct the meeting.

Dick Hayes read some information concerning United selling their headquarters in Chicago and leasing it back; he also told about United having an emergency landing at EXO due to a faulty landing gear - no major injuries and Dick also spoke about **Frank Lorenzo's** taking advantage of the deregulation of airlines in 1977, buying Delta and other airlines causing all kinds of chaos in the airline industry.

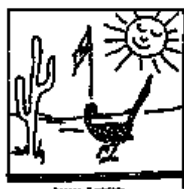
Elida Rivas brought some fun to the meeting by conducting a test of our memories.

A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be.

~Unknown

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The Casino Morongo in Cabazon was the scene of the Desert Sunbirds April Luncheon. Twenty six attendees enjoyed the fabulous buffet, hosted by **Joyce Bossio** who brought her often-times guest, **Wanda Grimshaw**. **Mary Butler**'s guest was **Flora Chavez**, and **Sharon Boettcher**, an old friend from LAXTR/CS, was the guest of **Ron & Melinda Lerg**. A new member, **Margo Montelongo** - SANCS retired, brought her mother, **Joyce Abdta**. Also attending was **Howard Lackey**, RUAEA Director - SW Region.

Mike Bailardo, our "Magic Man", won the 50/50. The birthday prize went unclaimed, as there was no one in attendance whose birthday was in April. We'll double the birthday prize in September, when I celebrate my birthday. Just kidding, Elaine!

On the health front, **Dick Gorman** is still having problems with his legs, and last we heard, has scheduled some vein procedures. **Joan Tate** advises that **Ron** developed an irregular heart-beat, and had to be "zapped" back into rhythm. And Joan is receiving therapy for lower back pain.

Jim & Vivian Rotella report that they are doing "pretty good" after their accident, and "we will get our act together and join the group soon." **Al Beuchel** turned a doctor's visit on 3/31 into outpatient surgery on - guess what? - April Fool's Day. Get well soon, Al!

Dede Utzinger is back in her RV and on the road again, after her nasty fall and broken ankle. **Maureen Williams** is again involved in the "Relay For Life" in Desert Hot Springs, May 1st & 2nd. She and her daughter are "Registration Chairpersons". And finally, **Ron Napier** has found time to join the California Desert Chorale, and appeared in concerts at the Indian Wells Theater on April 8, 10, and 11. How about that? Very busy, and talented too!

I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night, more kisses begin with Bud Light than Kay.

I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

Calendar:

May 12 - Shadow Hills Golf Club, hosted by **Gay Traber** and **Patti Sica**

June 9 - TBD - Hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**



SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Pres. **Ken Norton** opened the Gold Diggers meeting at Houston's Surf and Turf in Penryn. There were 37 members present. The luncheon was hosted by **Stephanie & Ken Norton** who said it only took one phone call to make the reservation and choose a menu.

Ken received a phone call from the McPeaks' son. It seems that our vice-president, **Alice McPeak** and her husband returned from their Mediterranean cruise to find they were going to be stuck in an airport because of the volcano cloud, so they opted to take another cruise instead of waiting! We welcomed a new couple to the group, **Karl-Heinz Hennig** and his wife, **Josie**.

There were several anniversaries for April, among them, **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson**, 60 years, **Dale & Dorothy Volker**, 54 years, **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud**, 54 years, and **Len & Laverne Haubl**, 52 years. **Judie King** gave the treasurer's report.

Angie Dellinger gave the sunshine report. **Margaret Eggert** has shingles, but we are glad to see that she is here today. **Bob Hallden** had to have a stent placed. The recent tests on **Dick Sandstedt** have been good. They are feeling very positive that things are better for him. **John Zoboli** extended an invitation from the Reno chapter to the Goldiggers to join them for their annual picnic at Sand Harbor State Beach on Monday, August 16th. Details will follow. He also discussed that merger talks between UAL and Continental are continuing. It was speculated that an announcement would follow soon. The Hangtown Miners have invited us to a picnic at the **Akin Ranch** on Monday, June 7th. RSVP by June 1st and send a check for \$17.50 to **Susie Quinell**, 3173 Perlett Dr., Cameron Park, CA 95682. Phone (530) 677-7347.

Jack Raynor announced the eighth annual get together of the maintenance group at Minden, Nevada on August 19-21st. There are RV sites on hold and rooms reserved at the Carson Valley Inn. Those wanting to attend can contact him for more info.

Ron Bertacini requested that members go to the RUAEA website and complete a survey concerning places you might like to see future conventions held at. There is still room if anyone wants to make reservations for this convention.

Calendar:

June - Tahoe Joe's, 1905 Taylor Road, Roseville, hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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The April meeting for the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at Quail Inn restaurant in Oakmont on April 8th. We had 43 members and guests in attendance.

After a delicious buffet lunch, President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order and thanked **Barney & Clare Hagen** for hosting. Joanne also thanked **Nick & Maria Van Kruining** and **Norm Burnett** for assisting. The March minutes will stand.

Maddy Mckinnis introduced our guests, **Jack Donahue**, guest of **Joan Olsson**, **Lee Trevelyan** and **Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** reported we are looking good financially. Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was off traveling, I reported the only birthday this month was **Elaine Kristen**. The only anniversary was **Matty & Marge Matchinegg**, 46 years. Congratulations to all!

Our autobiography of the month of May was **Pete Bilsich**. Pete was working at Moffitt field in Mountain View, CA, when he decided he should go to work for an airline. Pete almost stopped off at Pan Am, but stopped first at United Personnel. **Ray Dilts** interviewed Pete, and asked if he could start that afternoon. Pete needed a week and started at UAL on Sept 7, 1950 in the Overhaul dock, working for **Ralph Medefessor** and **Don Strombaugh**.

In 1956, while working on the Ramp, he mentioned to his foreman he wasn't checked out for that, his Foreman **Hank Mossman** said "*if you can do the job, you're checked out. Get to work.*"

In 1957, Pete earned his A&P license and worked in Plane Overhaul on the Ramp. He remembers working on the Convair, a puddle jumper and it was used to pick up all kinds of junk. One time it picked up some mercury, which spilled on the aircraft. They had to clean, they cleaned and cleaned, went to lunch and cleaned some more. Today, they would have to isolate the men and the aircraft for weeks.

Pete taxied the aircraft from the Terminal to the Base for maintenance. He worked on the Caravel and the 747 and everything in-between. In the last years, he never knew what aircraft he would be working on next. He also worked on the Emergency Fire Crew and had many different interesting experiences. Pete retired on 10/31/80, after 30 years and 1 month with UAL.

Joanne reminded us of our Charity Box donations.

We had a great raffle, which included table decorations of small pretty plants that everybody was anxious to win.

Calendar:

June 10 - Quail Inn, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

July 8 - Chateau Basque, hosted by **Richard & Maria Southon**

August 12 - Armstrong Park Picnic, hosted by the Officers

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Traveling is the thing this month. I've had several contact me about the discounts I've heard of, especially for Hawaii. While there are no ads/commercials in the RUAEA News, you might want to contact some folks from whom I've received recommendations: Email jimmynunu@aol.com; or **Jerry Formulak** in PSP -- formulator@juno.com or (909) 636-4836; or kathykorner@yahoo.com (808) 242-8833) - **John & Kathy Willis**.

And while we're on the subject of travel - parking for employees/retirees at LAX in the newly re-designated lot - Expanded Employee Lot E on 111th, next to Proud Bird Restaurant - is going well. It is the only employee lot now available. Price is \$30 a month + 5 days - if I do the leg work to get your tag, send me \$32. As I've said before - plan ahead because I may skip a week at the USO. Last minute deals are close to impossible, so you'd have to make your own trek to LAX to get the tag. **Selwyn Alexander** has solved the problem for what works for him - he buys a tag for each month whether he has travel plans or not. Odds are he'll come out even at the end of the year, which he found out the hard, hard way. Last month - no time to get the tag - he parked like a (perish the thought) full fare customer and ended up paying well over \$100 for parking for the duration of his trip!

Have you waded through the new Skynet? Well, **Ester Horompoly** and I worked on it together during a lull at our 5/6 day at the USO and found it - different. I guess all new stuff takes getting used to, right? Another USO note - newly on the roster is UA retiree, **Liz Hreno** who filled in for Ester one week. It was fun catching up on things with her.

Very little people news this time. Per news from **Ray Ginocchio**: **Norm Dugas** had a "hellish week" in the hospital. The good news is that he now has the newest pacemaker and he looks and feels much better. Now that he's up and at 'em, **Gert**; is feeling much better too - now that the stress has lifted! **Janice Marconi** was

moved from hospital to being under hospice care. They say she has a wonderful positive outlook and has high hopes of getting all well.

I'll now send this off and go into Skynet and try to get myself listed for the trip to Orlando. I hope to see you there!

Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111th and Aviation at LAX.

June 10 - Date change, remember! Donna will get flyers out before she leaves for ORL. Luncheon at the Proud Bird.

August 5 - Our terrific steak fry at El Segundo park. All welcome.

October 7 - Meeting and luncheon at the Proud Bird.

GOLDEN GATERS

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Opening our column today is a tribute to **Elmer "Eric" Errichson** who happily celebrated his **100th** birthday in April with many relatives and friends around him. His smile and eyes shone; this was *his* day! He is with the angels now and perhaps you would like to read just a little about this amazing gentleman? Born in Waterloo, Iowa, a sign of early character building was the acquiring of an Eagle Scout badge. An engineering degree was later earned at Iowa State University. Being recruited by UAL to attend the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, CA and completing that program, **Elmer** then went to work for the UAL Training Department. Continuing his employment with UAL in various stations around the USA for almost 40 years, **Elmer** was able to witness first-hand the growth of modern commercial aviation, training pilots on aircraft from early propeller planes to modern jumbo jets. Finally settling in San Francisco, CA and then Belmont, CA with lovely wife **Veronica (Ronnie)**, they accomplished a beautiful 60 year marriage. **Ronnie**: We salute you.

Another remarkable couple is **James & Helen Goodwine** who frequently donate two professional (SF Giants) baseball game tickets to our monthly charity raffle. This always encourage high spirited ticket purchasing from our membership! Thank you, Folks!

More remarkable couples you say? You know it! **Milton & Carol Peterson** just celebrated 61 years of marriage! Fantastic!

Our *2010 Membership Register* is out. If you didn't renew your membership or become a new member before the closing date (*we kept extending it, Friends*),

then your name won't be there ... So sorry!

Innovative Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** want to remind you to be patriotic and wear red, white and blue to our **June 28th** General Meeting. Because this meeting is actually before July Fourth, we're having a good old-fashioned American Hot Dog Lunch with all the jazz that goes along with it! If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, hurry and telephone one of our Auditors (beg if you have to): **Gene** 856-9738, **Ben** 589-2988 or **Judy** 593-8922. (And as always, you are free to bring your own lunch if you prefer.)

Can't make our next meeting? Well, let us entice you with the rest of the year's great after-lunch entertainment: July 26 - "Seniors Against Investment Fraud", August 23 - "San Francisco Banjo Band", (no September 27 meeting but a *great picnic!*), October 25 - "American Red Cross - Disaster Preparedness", and November 22 - "Jeweltones - Ladies Barbershop". (No December meeting. See you January 24, 2011).

It really isn't too early to *save the date* of 27 September, our annual fun picnic in the sun: Flood Park, 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Things usually start popping after 10 am or come earlier and help. The food is always delicious (steak etc.) and the love, hugs and new and old friendships acquired can't be beat. Tickets will be available for purchase in July.

I hate to tell you this but "did you know" there are already scam artists (that's "art"?) out there ready to sell you absolutely phony insurance policies? Unfortunately, many are buying due to fear and uncertainty of the new health care law. I hope you read and saved your May 2010 AARP Bulletin with an 8-page pull-out titled, "A User's Guide to Health Care Reform: Things You Need to Know About the New Law".

An inviting and valuable speaker at our March meeting was **Gary Nelson**, Energy Specialist, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, "Energy Partners Program", El Concillio of San Mateo County, CA. His telephone: (415) 755-8782. PG&E offers free house calls regarding weatherization measures to help lower your monthly bills, free energy education for your home, and information regarding replacement of old appliances with new, energy-efficient ones to reduce your energy use. You may also go online to schedule a free in-home appointment at: www.pge.com/energypartners. (Like the word "free"?)

Ready to fly/boat, even walk? International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is working on her 2011 trip to London, England and St. Petersburg, Russia ... sound fabulous? Call or email her right away! *Presently still available to you* is mysterious, glorious "Ancient Egypt": 15-days of absolutely daily sights beyond your belief! 5 days in Cairo, 1 night in Luxor, 7 day deluxe Nile Cruise. So much more, it can't be printed here. This is another "contact-**Ginger**-right-

away" tour. Telephone (650) 224-1865 or email: gingersfo@aol.com.

Our spirited Local Tour Coordinator **Jo Milligan** still has seats open for June 23rd "Private Boat Tour of the Navy Reserve Mothball Fleet", almost 100 vessels. You will hear first-hand stories from former crewmembers on what it was like being on the gun line during the Korean War. This 1¼ hour trip takes you within 500 feet of the battleship USS Iowa, then on to view one of the largest reserve fleet sites on the West Coast. (Warm jacket, hat and non-skid shoes are essential.) Lunch will be at Venticello's Ristorante in charming downtown **Benicia** and guess what: time for shopping! Telephone Jo right now at (650) 591-2194.

Personally Speaking: This was the first RUAEA convention I've missed in 10 years. It broke my heart not to be able to see and talk with our cross-country UAL retiree family (the key word) and the friendly smiles quickly presented. I could never remember everybody's names, but the hugs and openness of the love from all were always very precious to me. I love you all. 'Til next year, Hugs, **Helen**.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday of each month (except September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, followed by lunch (potluck or a "special") and entertainment, William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Jack & Jean Jenkin's son Richard and his wife Karen joined them for breakfast at our weekly meeting early in the month. Richard & Karen are both retired fire fighters from Gilroy. Since Jack & Jean had not been to our meeting since, it seemed time to make a phone call.

Jean on 4/30 had just come from her hospital stay since 4/21/10 because of phlebitis, cellulites, strep and infection in her leg. This started emerging after a routine biopsy on her leg on the 9th. It is a very serious situation, but there is never anything that can dampen her humorous side and she is getting better.

Our Sunshine Lady **LaDonna** has not had too many illnesses to report this month and for that we are so thankful. We are hoping that **Deloris Burda** will have better days soon as a result of her chemo.

Our membership is growing thanks to the Recruitment Committee headed by President **Dave Sasso & Stan Kolman** with volunteers pitching in. Lunch was served by Dave and the invitations went out. Their success and enthusiasm can be measured by the new members to our Chapter within the last six months. They are: **Maria & Theodore Boone; Charlotte & Jay Cacioppo; Josie & Charles Esqueda; Robin & Dave Garland; Rita & Bob Malkovich; Gayle & Phillip Moorehead; Georgia & Dan Nielsen; Mary Lou & Alvis Rogers; Maureen & Vernon Snyder; Merle & Boyd Sweet; and Barbara & Jerome Underhill.** The SFO/SJC Southbay is so pleased by the presence of your Company at our Friday Morning Meetings.

Bob Bradley passed away on the 7th of April. **Tony Urso** relayed the following at our Breakfast meeting regarding their long friendship and experience at United. Deepest sympathy to **Ruie**, our payers & thoughts are with you.

"I first met Bob Bradley, Lead Mechanic, in the machine shop when we had to have some new tooling extended to fit for the 7R4 engines that we purchased from Pratt & Whitney. Pratt & Whitney told us that our existing tooling we were using on our JT9 engines would fit. No way did it fit when we had our first engine overhaul. So I went to the machine shop and was introduced to Bob and explained to him what we needed. He told me, "no problem"! Do not go to engineering, just give me the dimensions and we will do it. So instead of two to three months of waiting for engineering to complete the paper work, we had our new tooling in about 10 days. Bob and I had been friends ever since, while we worked and after we both retired. He will be greatly missed! ~Tony Urso"

Tune in for the next newsletter as we will be spilling a few beans about our highly anticipated Ladies Luncheon which took place on May 13th.

The new RUAEA Treasurer is **Tony Seidl** and we feel privileged to have **Tony & Helen Rose** as our long time members. Tony recently retired for a second time from United.

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 15 - Summer Picnic at Vasona hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso**. \$21.00 per person - (408) 264-8580.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Spring has sprung and today was a lovely day. Hopefully, the April showers will bring us May flowers.

March flew by very quickly and now that we are all full of corn beef and cabbage, we can get our fill of Easter ham. Our daffodils were stubborn this year and never did blossom but our lilacs are in full bloom and very fragrant. I'm sure we are all enjoying the extra hour of daylight so we can all get out and work in the yard and pull out those weeds that always pop up.

On April 8th, we had our luncheon meeting in Sutter Creek at the 49'er Sports Grill. There were 36 members in attendance and we had a delicious buffet. The luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Joy Blair** and thanks to them, we all had a great time.

They held a raffle after the meeting and there were many happy winners who won beautiful bird houses designed and built by **Bob Blair**. Thank you to Bob & Joy for donating such great prizes. They also had Easter baskets as table decorations which were raffled off and everyone in attendance won either a bird house or an Easter basket. I was thrilled to win a bird house to set on my back porch.

We were very happy to see **Charlene Wood** at the luncheon. She is doing really well and starting to walk with a walker. Also, we welcomed back **Doug Daniels**, he missed last month's meeting due to a fall as he was getting ready to leave home.

We still have several members on the sick list. **Max Fountain** came back after several months of surgery and recovery due to a skiing accident. **Larry Brinsfield** is out of the hospital and going to outpatient rehab. **Burt Kent** is still in Arizona and continues to do better. **Sophie Feaster** is being transferred from Kaiser Hospital to a convalescent hospital. We are sending get well wishes to each of you.

The San Joaquiners meet on the second Thursday of every month in various locations. We would be happy to have anyone join us if you are in our area or visiting in the area. If you have any questions or would like to know the location of the next luncheon, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.

~Abraham Lincoln

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Our April meeting was held on the 12th with 18 members and guests. Many of our "regulars" were unable to attend. Thanks to **Vilma Patrick** for filling in for Diane as cashier/order coordinator!

We were pleased to welcome **Roger Casterline** and his guest, **Brandon Maus**. Brandon belongs to the Santa Rosa Redwoods chapter. Roger gave us an update on RUAEA and the Convention in particular.

Great to see some of our members back - **Red Klaren, Tracey Blanchard, Ken Price** and **Judy Tiu**. **Ken Price** won the 50/50 and **Carol Price** won the pie.

Don't forget the annual picnic on June 14th at the same location (Pleasant Hill Park on Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill). We will be using Kinder's Catering again, so let Howard or Diane know if you are attending and if you are bringing a guest. Delicious food!

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. No need for reservations. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

Calendar:

June 14 - Annual Picnic

July - no meeting

August 9

September 13

October 2 - Our Day at the Races

October 11

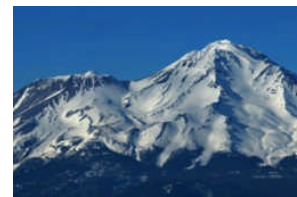
November 8

December 13 - Annual Christmas party & Toys for Tots collection

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The dogwoods are in bloom, azaleas are colorful and everything is certainly springtime in the Northstate. We had a great meeting on March 25th at the Cowgirl Café in Red Bluff. 29 of us enjoyed a wonderful lunch

and great friendship. President **Merritt Odor** welcomed new guests **Ronald Stein** and **John & Chris Isbell** and they decided to join our group.

I am sad to report the passing of **Wayne Molter** and **Eugene Mincks**.

Harold & Phyllis Burdick celebrated a wonderful 57 years together as **Harold** turned 82 years of age.

Merritt & Klaren Odor will be going on a wonderful European trip this month to enjoy the Passion Play. Several other retirees will be traveling across the country in the month of May.

The convention was still the hot topic of conversation. **John Zoboli** did a great job of mentioning the breakout sessions and the sights to see. He also talked about the upcoming elections of officers. We need to Vote! Vote! Vote!

Kent Jorgensen made a presentation on a small company in Chico called Flight Link. They are involved with flight simulators and Kent will be happy to give anyone a tour of this small but mighty company.

Congratulations to **Klaren Odor** for winning the 50-50 Raffle and to **Jim Stuart** (again) for the \$15.00 luncheon certificate.

If you want to come to the next luncheon, please RSVP Sharon through E-Mail or phone so we can get a better count for the restaurant.

Because so many people will be traveling in May, our next luncheon will be scheduled on Thursday, June 3rd. Hope to see you there!

Calendar:

June 3 – Meeting/Luncheon will be held at Scrambles Grill and Coffee House 880 East Ave., Chico, beginning at 11:30 AM.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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On May 1, the Mile High Chapter of RUAEA gathered at the United Airlines Flight Training Center for the monthly breakfast. We celebrated “May Day” with 58 retirees and friends attending. We didn’t have any “first-timers”. It was good to see **Joan Kemp**, **Lonnie’s** wife, come on back and bring Lonnie with you! Thanks to all who returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter.

Tom Goodyear reported that **Pat Rape** recently passed away. Condolences can be sent to 4056 S. Atchison Way, Aurora, CO 80014.

Tom also reminded all of the Summer Indoor Picnic

on June 16 at Dumitri’s on the Green at Heather Ridge; 13521 East Iliff Ave., Aurora Colorado 80014. It will be a Noon Buffet Lunch, Social Hour (Cash Bar) from 11:00 to 12:00 and lunch to follow. The picnic will start at noon. The menu will be BBQ Beef, Chicken, Pulled Pork, Home-Made Chips, Fresh Fruit, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cold Slaw, Condiments, Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Dessert. All for \$17.00!

If you want to attend and you paid for the Spring Luncheon that was cancelled, contact **Harriet Ahr** at (303) 477-2918 or mail your check (payable to “RUAEA Denver Chapter”) to Harriet at 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. If you are bringing a guest, please write their name on the check.

We’ll have an Honored Guest, **Ron Akana** and his wife. Ron started his career with United in 1949 as a Steward flying between SFO and HNL, he is still working and he is the senior Flight Attendant.

The Vintage Aero Flying Museum Fly-in and Platte Valley Airpark Open house will be held June 12 & 13. Their website address is: www.VaFm.org.

Something to plan and look forward to: Oktoberfest, this fall (Stay tuned to the local media for date and time). Everyone that has attended says it a “BALL!” Don’t forget the cans. See you the 1st Saturday in June.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st 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!

June 16 - 11.00 AM at Dumitri’s on the Green at Heather Ridge.

PIKES PEAK

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Chuck Stuller had a successful trip to DC and stop over in Port Huron, MI to see his parents, both in the Medi Lodge Nursing Home. He took CO Express (United Express) from IAD to DTW. **Chuck Turner** and **Carole Kowalski**, are returning from AZ this month to Peyton, CO for the summer. **Richard Franco** will return in June from Beijing. **Ken Hendrickson**, LAXFO is building a Rans S-19 Light Sport airplane. **Rob Schlenker** is completely healed from a hip replacement last year, he and **Cecille** are selling “Papa Murphy’s” and buying a house in Phoenix, AZ. **Tony & Jane Lopez** spent yet another weekend in LAS.

We are sorry to report the passing of the widow of

former supervisor **Art Read**, (YIPRR, SFORR, OAKOZ). **Genevieve (Barker) Read** Jan. 8, 1919 ~ April 16, 2010, a resident of Concord, CA. Genevieve passed away peacefully in her sleep at home, and joins her loving husband of 57 years, Arthur William Read who passed on Sept. 22, 2003. Genevieve was born in Open Hall, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland, Canada, and moved to the U.S. after WWII. She is survived by her 2 brothers, James and Larry, both of Newfoundland; her 3 children, Arthur "Jack", Paul, and Jean Kerns; 5 cherished grandchildren, and 3 adored great-grandchildren.

Our regular meetings are held the third Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.

Calendar:

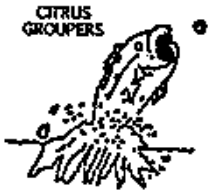
May 24 – Regular lunch meeting at TVI

June 28 – Regular lunch meeting at TVI

July 26 – Regular lunch meeting at TVI

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FLORIDA CITRUS GROUPERS



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Claus Brinnitzer led 18 of us in the Pledge of Allegiance at our monthly meeting. Claus asked for a show of hands of those planning on attending the RUAEA Convention in Orlando and four people responded. Others are contemplating going for a day trip. The Convention dates conflict with our monthly meeting, so it was decided the Citrus Groupers will not meet in May. We will resume the fourth Thursday in June.

While visiting The Villages, **Kathy Leonard**, a retiree from Connecticut, joined us for lunch. Hope to see you next winter, Kathy.

April Birthdays: **Jim Dickinson, Bob Anderson, Don Nellans, Bill Wimmer, Wilma Martin, Jack Spalding, Carol Bell, Joy Fernandes, Claus Brinnitzer**. We didn't have our regular 50/50 at the April meeting, we sold chances for \$1.00 and **Dick Elcik** won the pot, congratulations.

Common sense, alas in spite of our educational institutions, is a rare commodity. ~Bovee

Calendar:

The 4th Thursday of every month, 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)



SAND"DABS"

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It is April 1st - April Fool's Day. I arrived a little early and was told our group wasn't meeting today. I thought I read Dick's e-mail correctly that we would meet, but I hadn't been to the last two meetings so maybe I was wrong. I decided to hang around until 11:30 to see if anyone else would show up. Eventually fourteen Sand"DABS" finally showed up at the Red Lobster, so they had to arrange the tables for us. Don't know who was playing the April Fool's joke on whom.

Anyway, Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting. Penny Logan brought a guest, **Joan Nutwell**. Our birthday celebrant was **Rick Johnson**; Company Anniversary was **Dick Coughlin** who is retired now for 12 years. The **Moddles** were off spending family time together for Easter.

Penny Logan gave the Treasurer's report. Not too much money on hand as we gave two big gifts to two local charities. We received a nice letter of thanks from Hospice. **Frieda Coughlin** won the 50/50, **Jim Meyer** won the bottle of wine, and the little paper bunny basket went to **Molly Gardner**.

We said a little prayer for **Mary Oliver** whose husband **Bill** passed away March 21. We enjoyed having Bill in our group along with his good humor. He had an interesting life, and we were impressed with his award winning photography. We made a small donation in his honor to his charity of the Lion's Club of New Smyrna Beach. We learned that **Penny Logan** and husband will be going on a 14 day cruise from Florida to San Diego, going through the Panama Canal.

We were happy to learn **Rick Johnson** has recovered from his recent hospital stay. Our "hippies" **Dick Russell, Bud Gammill** and **Bobbie Rieck** are all recovering nicely from their recent hip surgeries. Great to hear that good news.

At joke time, **Rick Johnson** challenged Prez Dick to make him laugh. Rick said "If I don't laugh, the joke's no good." We all laughed at the one about the UAL pilots waiting for Happy Hour.

Prez Dick gave us information about the Convention. There is still a need for volunteers to work. Call Dick for the contact person. He then gave us what information he had about the company and the airline industry and the airports that are doing runway repair work. This got us talking about years gone by and working and flying in the "good old days". "Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end ..."

Many thanks to **Lillian Moddle** for writing the

RUAEA Newsletter in my absence.

2nd Report:

With so many regrets, Prez **Dick Coughlin** didn't know if we should have a meeting or not, but hooray for us, 19 Sand"DABS" showed up counting our visitors **Rick & Deborah Taylor** from SFO who come to our meeting whenever they are in this area. Of our absentees, we had **Penny Logan** sick, but the rest were busy with other various activities, the biggest is golf, and some were traveling.

Birthday celebrants present were **Bill Lowry, Lillian Moddle, Frieda Coughlin, Bud Gammill**. There may have been another name but it wasn't listed on my agenda (**Robert**). **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** celebrated 52 years of wedded bliss at Sea World. **Nelson Funkhouser** is celebrating his company seniority of 57 years. **Al Warner** won our 50/50. Our treasury is slowly growing again.

We had a note from **Mary Oliver** who appreciated our sympathy card and prayers and our gift to the New Smyrna Beach Lion's Club in husband **Bill**'s memory.

At joke time Prez Dick had some funny ones, especially the one about "What My Mother Taught Me". Lots of laughs.

Herb Gardner was not at the meeting but wanted us to know that the Balloon Fest he is busy working with will be held at New Smyrna Airport May 21-23. **Steve Moddle** will be flying the NAVION - Military Trainer which is owned by the Commemorative Air Force to the Balloon Fest. The plane will be on exhibit there. It sounds like a busy weekend as there will be airplane rides, helicopter and balloon rides, sky diving, Spruce Creek Gaggle flyover as well as music of various kinds and also entertainment. There will be demonstrations and exhibits and Antique Classic Cars to view. I'm sure there will be food vendors and there is a nice restaurant close by.

Prez Dick and some others talked a bit about the coming merger of UAL with Continental. Also he reminded us of the Convention in Orlando the end of the month.

Thought For Today:

- ☺ *Some people are like a good watch - open face, pure gold, dependable, quietly busy working. -*
- ☺ *The only problem with retirement is that you never get a day off or a paid holiday or time-and-a-half for overtime work*

Calendar:

June 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

July 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

August 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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Today, we gathered in a nice big room at the "Corral" and we had several surprise guests join us for lunch! **Carlos & Brenda Terrell** and **Bevan & Elaine Vice** joined many of us regulars - 41 in all, made for a lively group and great conversations! The rest of the crowd included: **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Stan Halterman, David Leighy, Ernie Vosges, Joe & Barb Fitak, Charlie Ringer, Joe Segarra, Lou & Joan Gaydos, Jane Houston, Linda Agnello, Patti Clark, Marilyn Ulmer, Corky Peterson, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Mary & Bob McNeill, Ken & Shelby Michels, Jim & Pat Hernandez, Keith Matthews, Nan & Jim Multeri, Paul Brown, Joanne Levell, Gary Mills, Julia Montalvo, Bobbie Gay, Ted LeGrand, Jim Mummah, Tom Cannata, Richard & Marjorie Vinson** and **Al Fields!**

May Birthday Best Wishes go out to: **Cathy Llewellyn**, on the 15th, **Paul Brown**, the 24th, **Bob McNeill**, the 29th, and **Pat Hernandez** on the 30th. A great big anniversary congratulations go out to our "loving couples", **both** celebrating 49 years together - **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** on May 5th and **Paul & Helga Brown** on May 27th!

Get Well Wishes to **Mack Chandler**, who is home resting and recovering from back surgery. Address: 2565 Skif Drive, Orlando, FL 32812 - (407) 208-1429

By the time you read this issue of the Newsletter, the 2010 RUAEA Convention will just be a "smile on our faces" and "many fond memories of the great gathering of friends, old and new and re-newed"! Thanks to all of you for coming and sharing in our magical time in Orlando - we loved hosting this year's convention!

Calendar:

Luncheon time has been changed to the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.

1st Tuesday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road.

June 1 - Luncheon

July 6 - Luncheon

August 3 - Luncheon

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.
~ Charles Wadsworth



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A picnic/cookout was held on Friday, May 7th for the last "in season" get together. **Mel & Linda Volz** hosted the picnic near their home in South Punta Gorda. Mel was the grill master, grilling steaks to everyone's order. The meal was wonderful - as usual. Everyone brought a "dish to pass." The desserts were endless! There was something for everyone. Those attending were **Wanda Schmoyer, Nancy Kopp, Tom & Marilyn McNabb, Joan Gilkison, Sally Sciple** and guest **Michael Sherer, Nancy & John Dainus, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Bill & Marge Burg, Ingrid & Paul Olson, Ray Winterhalter, Ron & Bibianne Schultz, Bee McCarthy, Maxine & Roy Brown, Mel & Linda Volz** and guest **Nancy Distelhof**, and guests **Bob & Joni Gainer**.

The summer schedule begins in June and runs through September. The persons who stay in Florida for the summer meet on the first Friday of each month at Perkins Restaurant in North Ft. Myers at 9:00 am. An invitation is extended to any UAL retirees visiting in the area on any of the first Fridays of summer (June 4th will be the first one) to join the group. Call **Joan Gilkison** at (941) 637-9367 to get further information about the breakfast meetings.

Calendar:

1st 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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Bob Lindstrom, Vice President, called the meeting to order for 18 members and 2 guests, **Bill Whitfield**

and **Fran Paci**, on May 3 at Tiffany's Restaurant. **Fran Paci**, Vice President of I.A.M. Local 2913, also District Organizer and currently Lead Ramp employee gave awards to the following union retired employees: **Bill Whitfield** for 40 years of active service with I.A.M., **Bill Linehan** and **Jon Wilkinson**, both for 45 years.

Bob suggested those working at the Convention in Orlando, to check with **Paul Brown**, as to whom to check in with before working. Anyone going to the Convention and staying Thursday night, contact **Barbara Riecss** to attend the Correspondent & Vice President meetings.

Chairperson of the membership committee, **Mary Martin** has 27 members paid. July 5, is the deadline for paying membership dues.

Jon Wilkinson has made reservations at Anderson Park for the October 4th picnic.

Sunshine Chairperson, **Terri Breslin**, sent a get well card to **Jan Kratofil**, who is in the hospital for a few days and hopes to be discharged this week after being treated for anemia.

Calendar:

June 7 – Tiffany's Restaurant 10:30 a.m.



TREASURE COAST

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The temperature in Florida is reaching the low and mid 90's now and it is only the beginning of May! This surely didn't burn out our meeting, even though we only had 9 regular members and 1 brand new member, and what a delightful person she is, hailing from Port St Lucie. Her name is **Mary Kay Wetherington**, a former stewardess, and was home based in Chicago and Miami, married to a retired pilot by the name of **Merrill**. Unfortunately, we did not have the pleasure of meeting Merrill but Mary Kay is just as delightful as she could be and **Al Popek**, our President said "*I wish you could be in uniform, then we might recognize you as one of our stewardesses on our trips*". Welcome Mary Kay, we are delighted to have you as the newest member of our chapter. Mary Kay also knew some of the employees that **Art Frage** knew from Miami and knew him, small world!

This meeting was quite informative, especially since we heard that the United-Continental merge was announced and we all were pleased to know that our name remains the same "United". We wish our new president Mr. Smisek much success in his new undertaking.

Al Popek had a long conversation with **Paul Brown** and advised us that we have no worries with PBGC and medical. The news line was referred to many times since some of the chapter members were not privy to all the news, so he read a lot of it aloud so everyone could be up to snuff.

We all cheered thinking about the nonstops from Newark and New York airports to Florida! Such little things make us so happy here in Florida, no more changes of planes and airports and no more other carriers for the most part. This merger controlled much of our meeting, needless to say.

Millie Rossi has a son living in Seoul, Korea, and since her daughter-in-law was visiting her here in Florida, she decided to make the trip back with her and visit for awhile. They were very fortunate to get First Class all the way to Korea. While visiting them in Korea, her son and daughter-in-law live in a four flight of stairs walkup, no elevator, she fell down the flight of stairs and ended up in the hospital requiring stitches in her head. Fortunately, she is fine now but not a good visit since most of the time she was either in the hospital or recuperating. On her flights home, she only got First Class from Korea to SFO, oh well! Her son and his wife usually visit about twice a year and she gets to travel to Korea as well.

Diane & Paul Liebisch were not able to attend our May meeting since they were hosting their daughter Suzanne from Las Vegas and their Berlin friend Thomas, for a week here in Florida.

Now more exciting news! **Diane & Ron Brodis** are not only going to the convention but between June 3 and 7, she and Ron will be going to LAX. Now mind you this is not just a trip to LAX, it seems that Diane has been an avid watcher of "Days of Our Lives" and is not only addicted since 1965, she has also gotten Ron in the past year, addicted! Now that's what I call doing things together. I am proud of you Ron and don't be afraid to admit anything, they are just jealous! Well, to get back to their reason for LAX, it seems that Days of Our Lives is having a charity breakfast to benefit Samantha's Friends, an organization that provides specially trained dogs to help people disabled by stroke, autism etc. The breakfast is being held at a restaurant called "Henry's Hat" in Studio City, CA, which is owned by a former DOOL, abbreviated, actress "Martha Madison" (Belle Black Kirishis Brady) and her husband, whose name I do not have. Many of the DOOL cast will be attending the breakfast. On June 5, they will be attending another DOOL charity event benefiting the "Leukemia/Lymphoma Society", this event is an evening cocktail party taking place at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City where they just happen to be staying! The cast members will be there also, so what a treat for someone so dedicated to their show. There is also a unique soap

boutique at the hotel with DOOL merchandise for sale, along with silent auctions, photos etc. Now mind you, this is not just to meet the DOOL cast, they will be donating to these worthwhile charities as well and how exciting this has to be for both of them. There aren't many times in ones life you get to do something like this and we all wish them a great and memorable trip. Diane and Ron are two of the nicest people you could ever meet and it is really a pleasure to know them. I'm lucky! More exciting news, Diane will be attending her 45th High School Reunion in Long Island on June 16; they return from LAX, celebrate Ron's Birthday on June 12 and then leave for NY. You know the saying, live and love life.

Mille Rossi won the 50/50 and **Gordon McCourt** won the progressive and since he was not in attendance the money goes back. Gordon, where are you?

What a great lunch and great conversation with all attending, you really have to be there to feel it. Like I have said many times, if you are in the area why not join us. Catherine, we missed you!

Live and love life like it's your last day here!

On the lighter side:

- ☺ *Read some of George Carlin's stand up comedy sayings: How to stay young.*
- ☺ *Keep only cheerful friends, the grouches pull you down.*
- ☺ *Keep learning, computers, crafts, gardening whatever. Never let the brain idle, "An idle brain is the devil's workshop" and the devil's family name is Alzheimer's.*
- ☺ *Enjoy the simple things.*
- ☺ *Laugh often, long and loud, laugh until you gasp for breath!*
- ☺ *The tears happen, endure, grieve and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves, be alive while you are alive.*
- ☺ *Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.*
- ☺ *Cherish your health, If it is good, preserve it, if it is unstable, improve it, and if it is beyond what you can improve, get help.*
- ☺ *Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.*
- ☺ *And Always Remember: Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways totally used up and worn out shouting ... "Man What A Ride"!*

Calendar:

June 1 – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Voting for New Board - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

July - August – Vacation! Enjoy the summer!

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Twenty Three Flyers and one guest showed up for our lunch on May 5. Our guest was **Tina Meyers, Lyle & Joanna Meyers'** daughter, a very loyal attendee most every month. The heavy rains and cooler weather that we have had over most of the country finally moved out and a beautiful sunny warm day co-operated for our luncheon.

Fred Cron had a new batch of old printed various airline time tables for those who wanted them. Fred will donate them to the new National Museum of Commercial Aviation near Hartsfield-Jackson Airport after the members had reviewed and procured the particular ones that they were interested in.

Bill Elk held a brief business meeting and of course, the main topic of interest was of the merger between United/Continental. Members fielded some questions, and all participated in trying to speculate what may be in the plans, as not too much information is available so soon after the official announcement on May 2. Bill referred those with computers, to go to the web site <http://www.unitedcontinentalmerger.com> for ongoing information updates.

One other topic that some members voiced is that they have received recent letters of recalculated final benefits from the PBGC in the mail. All have been in the positive direction so far. **Bruce Brodersen**, RUAEA South East Regional Director, and our treasurer, reported on the latest going on with the upcoming convention in Orlando.

Fred Cron, our 50/50 director, conducted the drawing and **Mary Lou Ryabik** drew the winning number held by **Gary Tuttle**. Gary graciously donated his prize to The Promise Place Shelter.

Calendar:

June 2 - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

July & August - No meetings.

September 1 - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

**To be a successful father, there's one absolute rule:
When you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two
years.**

~Ernest Hemingway

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Our May breakfast meeting was enjoyed by **Shirley & Charles Perkins, Dave & Carol Adams, Joe & Joan Varady, Denny Snyder, Ned Yundt, Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan, Palmer & Robert Sarnoff,** and **Rick & Shirley Dempsey.** **Louise Haugen** arrived a few minutes late with her daughters Verla Haugen and Tracie Wilcox. Everyone was so happy to see Louise (following the death of her husband on March 28) and to meet her daughters.

Ned Yundt said she was glad to be alive and breathing!

Dave Adams had a busy month of bus tours: 3 trips to Seattle in April, including the Harmon tulip tour, and Canyonlands tour in April for 8 days. Carol and Dave will see their daughter and her family near Portland in early June, and they have decided to drive this trip.

Joe & Joan Varady visited with their daughter in Los Gatos, CA. They were treated to private tour of a remodeled Eichler home (also in Los Gatos). Anyone who is interested in the "famous" (or infamous) Eichler, should go to www.Eichlervision.com to see this most unusual endeavor - a completely self-sustaining Eichler home even with a huge cistern to catch the rainwater for various uses.

Charles Perkins has recovered like a teenager after falling and breaking an ankle. He has planted his garden already, so we plan on good weather after the junk we have endured the past 2 months.

Calendar:

June 7 - Breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian.

July 8 - Independence Day Potluck on July 8th at **Marlene Croghan's** home (Details to follow at June meeting.)

ILLINOIS

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In May, the breakfast will be short since about a dozen members will be joining the Loonies in Petoskey,

Michigan. This is always a fun group, spending three days together, sharing tours, meals, and socials. They welcome any who would like to join their outings twice a year in the Midwest.

April showers didn't stop four couples many years ago from tying the knot. **Marlene & Marvin Anderson** with 42 years; **Rita & Joe Krist** with 50, **Dorothy & Michael Obert** with 52, and **Ruth & Paul Cord** with 56. Blessings to all!

The Northside had two new members in April. **Dee** (CHIRR) & **Clyde Randmark** (ORDRAMP). Surprising how many husband and wife teams United has.

There were only fifteen at the Southside breakfast this April. **Carlyle Brandt** had to re-enter the hospital after knee surgery to have cartilage removed. **Ernie Codilis** is still recuperating from his surgery two months ago. Both guys are still smiling and wife-nurses **Marge** and **Lydia** are still providing TLC.

We're sorry to report that **Roy Schmitt** died this past month. A wake and funeral were attended by many of the Southside members. He was well known throughout United Airlines for his Schmittmarks which he composed and read at various celebrations.

Bob Pearson took over the raffle duties for Carlyle and the winners were **Gwen & Bill Brookins** (talk about team) and **Sylvester Gant**.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**May 25 & June 29**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

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

Food depository - First Tuesday (**June 1**).

July 19 - Picnic at Chandlers Country Club.

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

There is no luncheon scheduled for June with the next one taking place on Wednesday, July 21st.

As a review and information for anyone making the trip downtown via the Metra trains from the suburbs, here are the buses to take to the hotel:

- ☛ The best bus to take is #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.

- ☛ You could also take the #157 Streeterville Bus which goes down Washington and would require a two block walk north when you get off at State.
- ☛ To return to the train stations, go to Madison and take any bus #124, 157, 56, 20, 60 going west and all stop at Ogilvie Station with bus #124, 157 and 60 continuing to Union Station.

Calendar:

June – No luncheon scheduled

July 21 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

INDIANA

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Many, many thanks to friends who called, sent cards of well wishes and came to visit me as I recovered from respiratory problems and diabetes complications for four weeks in the hospital and under skilled nursing care. For me, a repeat performance of four years ago. One of the blessings of growing old, I survived!

Other Indy Racers recovering from health issues are **Mike Matlak**, he recently had his second hand surgery; and **Mario Bregante** who had a stint implanted in his heart. Both should be recovered in time to enjoy wonderful summer events.

Elly & Ralph (Bud) Barnett had such a wonderful Hawaiian cruise; they are now looking forward to their next cruise, to Alaska, in a couple months. **Gail & Warren Allen** returned to Indianapolis from their winter harbor in Texas. Warren is already out on the golf courses around town. **Cheri & Ron Innis** will continue celebrating Cheri's birthday and their wedding anniversary as they head to Tennessee and the mountain of Chattanooga. They enjoyed their reprieve so much last year they felt it was worth the return trip.

Our entertainment committee recently sent out 100 invitations to United Airline retirees and former employees located in the area to share an evening at the lovely Rick's Boatyard on Eagle Creek Dam to learn about our group. We have also included a response as to what days and time might be better to meet, in an effort to increase our members.

Our deepest sympathy to **Ruth & Bob Duffy** on the recent loss of Ruth's mother.

Happy June birthdays to **Elly Barnett** and **Bob**

Duffy.

Calendar:

June - We will not have a regular meeting, but will hold our annual picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN on Saturday, June 26. Lunch will start at 12:30 P.M. Call for directions and food to bring.

July 12 - Regular meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. The room is available from 2 P.M. with the meeting beginning at 3:00 P.M.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS



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The Nor'Easters April 13 meeting was held on an 1800's three mastered sail ship, turned restaurant and located at its current spot some 50 years ago. We had 54 members present, occupying the bow room on the main deck. Good location, good food, good friends. **Joe Moise** made his first appearance as a new member, was greeted by all and seemed to enjoy himself. Happy birthday was sung to **Bill Shailor** and **Peter Fusco**, both our oldest members at 88 years young.

The 50/50 was large enough to offer 3 winners, **Bob Austin**, **Kate Robinson** and **Sue DiPippo**. Free lunches were won by **Horace Smith** and **Bruce Eddy**. **John Dellelo**, who took a bad fall during the winter, attended, navigating with a cane. John advised us, he's almost as good as new though. **Bill Betters** is at last, home from rehab and is doing well. However, Bill's mother-in-law, Norma's mom, **Edith Canton**, passed away peacefully on April 28. Edith was 94 years old and regularly attended our luncheons.

John Bosco returned early from his Florida snow birding, saying it was warmer here than there. **Ron & Joyce Heiseler** became great grandparents for the fifth time with a baby girl, Drielle Klair, born March 8. Needless to say, overly proud great grandparents! I didn't find out who was planning on attending the Orlando Convention, but we decided not to hold a May meeting so we wouldn't interfere.

June's birthdays: **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Thomas Dagle**, **Dick Mangino**, **Frances Mathews**, **Paul Newcomb**, **Anthony Postale Jr.**, **George Sousa**, **Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**.

June's anniversaries: **Pat & Bob Austin** - 36 years, **Bill & Norma Betters** - 51 years, **John & Lois DeY-**

oung - 43 years, **Joe & Albina Duda** - 53 years, **Jayne & John Regan** - 18 years, **George & Joan Sousa** - 56 years, **Helmet & Patricia Umbley** - 44 years, and **Dick & Delores Woodworth** - 50 years.

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever!

Calendar:

June - To be announced

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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31 Escapees gathered at Station 885 in Plymouth on May 6, hosted by **Joanna O'Brien**. This correspondent discovered that she had a very sneaky bunch of Escapees when she walked into the room to a loud hollering "*Surprise*". They got me this time as I had no idea that anyone knew I was celebrating a milestone BD this month. I think maybe a certain daughter may have squealed. I also enjoyed all the email wishes from as far away as CA, that were all read aloud by Joni. **Barb Miller** has put them all in an album which she is preparing and will be including many pictures for a forever memory of this day. I was also delighted to welcome **Nancy Madison Buell**, **Vi Thomas** and **Joan & Bobbie Rogers** for the first time ever since the Escapees were born 15 years ago. Hope to see them all again soon.

Once again, I sadly report that another of our United Family has gone to her eternal rewards. **Joyce Gilmore** passed away April 12 in TX following complications from surgery regarding the heart. She was buried in Baton Rouge, LA. There will be a "Celebration of Life" for Joyce on May 30, anytime between 5 and 7pm @ "*Homes for Black Children Agency*" 511 E. Larnard in Detroit, which Joyce was a member. Love and prayers to Joyce's sister, Carolyn McKee & family @ 5705 Georgetown Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

Likewise, **Allie Berry** had passed on April 23. He died of complications from diabetes. Allie, also known as "Popeye" was a workload coordinator in DTWRR. Love and prayers to his wife, Samira & children @ 14626 Lanson, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Also **Pat Klein** will be moving home to MI June 1. Pat is looking forward to once again being close to family and friends, which she desperately needs in these trying times. "Welcome Home to Pat".

Lastly, **Nancy Horn** is quite ill. She is surrounded by family and undergoing radiation treatment for brain and lung cancer. I am sure cards and prayers from her UA family would make this time a little easier @ 4635 282nd St., Toledo, OH 43611.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

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April in Minnesota is traditionally cool, wet & windy. That old saying about “*April showers bring May flowers*” isn’t applying this year. Weather has been setting all sorts of records in 2010, beginning with warmer-than-average temps in February & *no snow* in March! We’re enjoying tulips & daffodils in early April instead of early May. Nobody can figure it out, but believe me, we’re all enjoying it! Just hope we don’t have to pay for it by having an early autumn.

So in mid-April, 36 of us used our “Get Out Of Jail Free” cards & motored to The Old Country Buffet for camaraderie & visiting.

Jim Simon, our resident Midwest Director, reminded us about the survey that’s in the May RUAEA newsletter. Give our directors your thoughts about the future of the Association’s conventions & their venues.

Mary Brennan was incensed to have read a letter in the St. Paul Pioneer Press that morning from a reader decrying the use of fees by airlines for the use of pillows, bathrooms & carry-on luggage space. His theory is that the airlines are charging the general public when they should be charging the “freeloaders” (active & retired airline employees) taking advantage of an “outdated employee benefit”.

Mary shot off a reply that afternoon advising the writer & the paper’s readers that ridership by the employees & retirees is not entirely free, that they’re only boarded after all possibilities of paying passengers are already on the airplane. In addition, those employees & retirees have endured years of working odd shifts, week-ends & holidays for the privilege of possibly spending a day or more of their vacations on stand-by to try to be able to board their families in widely scattered seats after all the paying passengers have boarded. Grrrrrr!

Our Company started service in December from



Duluth, MN to ORD, making it much easier for us Northlanders to avoid the sometimes-nightmare of travelling out of MSP. The loads are respectable for a new service; we think ~

about 2/3 on any given day, even at 0554! It’s nice to see this billboard on I-35 heading to the Twin Cities, Northwest/Delta Airlines’ front yard.

We got a request from the EWR Clipped Wings for a donation to help the Flt. 93 chapel which has been maintained by Father “Al” who is dealing with some nasty health issues. The assembled members thought it was a worthwhile place for some of our funds & voted for a donation to the cause.

Don’t forget our revolving library ... several interesting books are available for loan.

We missed our pal, **Al Gunderson**, who was helping his daughter deal with some health problems. Put her on your prayer list, won’t you?

Arlene & Joe Kelley’s nephew owns some vacation rental properties in Colorado & Florida. He’s willing to offer a discount to our members. Check out his website ~ sandpiper.com. His name is Jim Kelley, phone (763) 427-3753 or (612) 799-7832. He also referred us to a condo owner’s association website (no rental agents to deal with) for properties world-wide ~ VRBO.com.

Lee Storlie, our apparent President-for-life since no one else will step up to the plate, modeled his old uniform jacket (a bit snug) & cap, wearing all the badges & pins he’d accumulated over 35+ years at UAL. Some were service pins, but most of them were badges we were required to wear because of some promotion that the Company was in the midst of. (Dangling participle?) Such as “Take Me Along”, “United First to 50”, “Proud Owner” (relates to the ESOP ~ owners? What a joke), “You’re the Boss”. Sure brought back memories.

That engendered a rash of funny stories that people remembered from their days of working with the public & how they or some of our colleagues handled the weird, funny, frustrating situations we all found ourselves in. It was so entertaining that we decided to include that segment in our future luncheon gatherings.

Several of us were again looking forward to the Northwoods Loonies’ event in Petoskey, MI. By the time this is read, it will be another pleasant memory of renewing acquaintances, seeing some neat places, visiting wine-tasting rooms, eating great food, cribbage & dominos tournaments.

Congratulations to **John Beveridge III** on 26 years of retirement! 50-50 Raffle winners were **Jim Simon, Cookie Delvaux, Diane Storlie, Donna Gray & Joe Kelley**. Come join us! You, too, could be a winner ... *of money!*

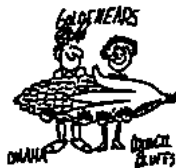
Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 35 for lunch at Old Country Buffet. **Marge Stankoski** advised that **Ruth Copp** passed away about the second week in March. Ruth worked in the Flight Kitchen and came back from Las Vegas about a year ago as she was suffering from Alzheimer's.

Many thanks to **Sydney Greenstreet** for sending a packet of pictures taken in his days of working here in Omaha from the late 40's and early 50's. I took them to the Old Country Buffet where people could look at them. He also sent a picture taken in January and he looks really good. He celebrated his 93rd birthday in January. Thank you, Syd!

There was a surprise birthday party held for **Harley Hughes**, who turned 75 on April 9, at the Elks Lodge in Council Bluffs. Congratulations, Harley!

Van Van Houten will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house hosted by his family on May 9. Van was actually born on Mother's Day and how apropos his party is on Mother's Day this year.

Our meeting in September is going to be held at the Prairie Crossing Wine Vineyard which is located south of Treynor, IA. It is very interesting and here is the address to go in on the Internet and see what it is about. www.PrairieCrossingWine.com. **Jim Braden** is making the arrangements, this is really a trip to look forward to. More later.

I touched base with **Mary Winkler** who lives in San Mateo, CA. Mary once served as Treasurer of this chapter. She said she just recently had a pacemaker put in and feels much better. After retiring, Mary moved to San Mateo and began a business of walking dogs. She has cut way down on that and only has one person she helps out. He is a doctor and he & his wife have been very good to Mary. Since she is originally from Iowa, I told her to think about coming back and going on the wine tour with us.

I was also in touch with the **Benders**. **Ken** emailed and said **Sandy** has 3 chemo treatments left. I'm sure she is happy to see the end of going for treatments as they have to travel to Orange County to get them which is a distance and, no doubt, very tiring for her.

Calendar:

June 1 - Cooper Farm, **Cary & Toddy Manson**

July 6 - Jack & Mary's, **Evan & Eileen Holly**

August 3 - Fish & Game, **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

September 7 - Prairie Crossing Wine Vineyard, **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

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LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Our April 13th meeting was called to order at noon with 30 members in attendance. We added a new member to our roster, **Melanie S. Hofilena** from LASCS.

We continued with our meeting after a delicious lunch served by the Arizona Charlie's staff. Emphasis was given on the RUAEA Annual meeting and deadlines for Hotel and events. All of us were given a ballot sheet for the RUAEA Board election.

Sunshine lady **Eleanor Vasko** reported that on April 13th, the day of our meeting, at about 7:00 am, our treasurer **Winnie Stone**; (702) 361-5839; had a stroke and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. She is home now and feeling better, only a bit tired.

Tony Tricoli; (702) 228-4614; had gall bladder surgery, and is doing fine. **Arlene Reed**; (702) 242-5833; had her last chemo treatment and will start with radiation treatments now, she is in good spirits.

Dora Coleman had lung area surgery on April 30. We wish all ailing members a speedy recovery.

For our June Luncheon, the menu will be Pork loin roast with roasted red potatoes, green beans and surprise dessert.

Calendar:

June 8 - Luncheon at 11:30 am, Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200.

August 10 - 11:30 am

October 12 - 11:30 am

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury balance as of April 12th is healthy

enough to cover the picnic coming up on August 16th. There were 18 members and 3 guests in attendance at our April meeting.

The annual "Maintenance" gathering will occur again this year at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden. The dates are August 19 – 21.

Members – **Lloyd Stephens** sends greetings to everyone. He is at home recovering from his recent fall. A card was circulated for everyone to sign. **Kathy Robinson** called him and he enjoyed getting the well wishes from everyone.

We had 3 guests today – **Gene Lee**, retired engineer from San Francisco, flew up to visit with some of the people he used to work with. It was great to see him. It was nice to also welcome **Judie & Doug Elliott**, guests of **Jim & Roberta Wagner**, to the meeting.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Duncan Scaife**. April birthdays were celebrated by **Jim Meeks**.

Trips: The **Perkins** were missing in action and we presume it was due to travel. The **Leusings** also missed the meeting – they were in Europe.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS



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The Gardenstaters gathered to hold their regular meeting on April 28. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a Flag Salute. A moment of silence was held for the deceased, **Emil Popadics**, **Dottie Green** and Pilot **A. K. (Beau) Ferguson, Jr.** He passed away at the end of March in Florida.

A model of the old Newark Airport is set up, everyone should take a look at it. Some of us started when it was still in operation. This was brought in by our new member **Frank Warzocha**, whom we welcomed to the Gardenstaters.

We received an e-mail from Father Al who runs the chapel at the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. He was seriously ill and is doing much better; he thanked everyone for the generous donations. \$8,500 was collected; much of it was from the Clipped Wings. He was overwhelmed and most appreciative. Dick reminded everyone to go to Shanksville for a visit, he has folders about the new memorial, and it is about 10 miles from where Flight 93 actually went down.

Violet Etler read the minutes from last month and **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's Report.

Dick reminded everyone that our family picnic will

be in August at the Merrill Park in Colonia.

Marty Etler gave a glimpse of *nostalgia*: Starting wage for a Ramp Man in March of 1956 was \$1.59 per hour, after 6 months it went up to \$1.81 that was \$72.40 per week, before taxes. Starting wage for Mechanics in March, 1956, was \$2.05 per hour, after 6 months that went up to \$2.37, which is \$94.50 a week before taxes. The fare on a DC-3 in April, 1947, from Newark to Los Angeles was \$130.00, round trip. As the song goes "If you can remember, you are much older than me".

John Deily advised everyone, he has order forms for those who want the Anniversary pins from UAL, and also Veteran forms for NJ free metals.

Calendar:

May 26 - Meeting

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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Another beautiful day! As everyone arrived at Millerside, many were saying, "*We hate to go inside to eat, when it is so inviting outside*". It was great to see all 63 members. We're going strong.

President **Jimmy Richardson** went over the minutes from the April meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and we all remained standing in silent prayer for members who are suffering with health issues and could not be with us today, and for our deceased employees whom we may have known or worked with. Especially: **Paul Cazaglis** - EWRMM, **Eleanor Lewis** - LGAMM and **Aquino Mazzatenda** - JFKFF. We have already heard that the biggest airline in the world is now United Airlines as a result of the merger with Continental. United's ZED agreement with Jet Blue has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

We have a large list of birthdays this month. **Ed Vasta**, **Clara Wilsdort**, **Leonora Schuler**, **Yvonne Guella**, **Mary Lou Ellis**, **Lorraine McFadden**, **Vincent Arena**, **Gail Block**, **Bill Armstrong**, **Bob Piechnik**, **Fred Jones** and **Blanca Suarez**. Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy birthday.

Also we have a large list of anniversaries: **Justine & Frank Thompson**, **Rosemarie & Joe Totaro**, **Diane & Ed Pozzi**, **Mary & John Green**, **Stephanie & Don Teufel**, **Ona & Jason Weiner**, **Madeline & John Klos**, **Eileen & Stan Bloniarz**, **Blanca & Manny Suarez**, **Evelyn & Mike Schroeder**, **Lorraine & Jim McFadden**, **Marie & Tony Manfre**, **Madeline & Al Sudlich**

and **Helene & Jim Ammon**. Congratulations!

Jimmy & Lorraine McFadden will celebrate their 50th anniversary in Hawaii in July. Have a great time! Hawaii is absolutely beautiful.

It was so nice to see **Lenny Pascale, Rudy Wolf, Frank Thomson, Jason Weiner** and **Kenny Kleinhaut** at our luncheon. **Yvonne Guella** brought 2 guests, **Baker Carson** and **Nadine Cordes**. It's always a pleasure to meet new people. Again, a big Thank You to **Charles Kaczinski** and **Susan D'Agostino** for being escorts for those who cannot obtain rides to our luncheons. **Frank Thomson** had the opportunity to have 2 pictures taken with "Larry The Cable Guy" whom he met in Vermont recently.

Calendar:

June 2 – Noon - Milleridge Inn

July 7 – 11AM - Picnic at Bellmont Raceway

August 4 – 10AM - Picnic at Wantagh Park

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Our monthly luncheon on May 5th at Bucci's Restaurant was a "full house" with 84 of us attending. **Carol Seifried** and **Barb Vauls** hosted this event, and our thanks go out to them for their work and organization to fit us all in and keep us scheduled for next year, if possible. Food was excellent and our dessert was even better! Don't forget that space is limited for our June luncheon so try to get your payments in by approx. June 20th. Shortly before our meal was served, **Dave Placko** led us in prayer.

We have a number of members who are having health issues. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. Even a short phone call to ones you know is appreciated. **Anne Fielder, Ruth Squire, Ray Hacker, John Mullen** and father **Al** of Flight 93 Memorial. We also want to extend our sympathy to the family of **Ray Boodey** (DENCg), and **Joanne & Ken Buckman** on the death of her father.

New Members! We welcome you, and hope you enjoyed the day! New members are **Joe & Francis Sepesy, Jerry Zadar & Ann Kenda** and **Bonnie (Chapple) & Van Sims**. We were also pleased to welcome **Diane Johnston** (N.J.), a member of United's "Clipped Wings" as a guest of **Carol Siefried**.

Birthdays for the month of May are as follows: **John Taucher, Ed McCarthy, Ken Buckman, Lee**

Rack and Mary Lou Mack. Anniversaries being celebrated this month are **Jack & Kay Preston, Dave & Marie Placko, John & Dolly Taucher, Steve & Cathy Pytel** and although they were not able to attend this month **Ray & Carol Hacker**. And, although **Earl & Arlene Taylor** have an April anniversary, we caught up with it in May! Blessings and best wishes to everyone.

We have all heard about the merger of United and Continental. We know nothing more than the newspapers and TV, so rather than pass around rumors and maybe's, our president did not bring all of this up for discussion. She stated that as soon as we get true information and learn anything about how we may be affected, it will be passed on to the chapter.

Many of you may remember that next year will mark the 50th year since the merger of Capital Airlines and United Airlines. In order to find out if there is any interest in getting together, anyone that was with Capital at that time should contact **Dolly Taucher** so they can see what kind of interest is out there.

Fifty-fifty is always an event to forward to. This month our two winners were **Earl Taylor** and **Mary Lou Mack**. Congratulations!

The **RUAEA** convention will be held in Orlando, Florida. It looks like it will be a great convention with something to do for everyone. To those of you who are planning on attending – "Have a great time".

Rudy Pivik has checked into the price for a bus trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. This will be a one day trip, cost will be approx. \$30.00 per person, food is not included at this time. Rudy would like some feedback on this, so think about it and get back to him or contact Dolly.

Calendar:

June 2 - J-Bella, 12202 Pearl Road, Strongsville. Gather at 11:30 am – Luncheon at 12:30pm, Prepaid – Deadline is May 20th.

July 7 - Annual Picnic – W.J. Green Lodge – Metro Parks (Berea), Gather at 11:00 am – Luncheon at 12:30pm. **Please** send in your reservation by June 1st.

August 4 – Williams on the Lake – Medina, Prepaid – Deadline is July 20th

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It is always nice to have a speaker for our luncheons and in April it was Jan Marshall, Director of Shepherd's

Door. Our chapter has been committed to donating food each month to this organization that provides shelter to homeless women and children in the community.

The spring flower table decorations were donated by **Paul & Kathy Russell**. Kathy, as most of you know, has lived with Cystic Fibrosis for many years and has had a long bout with pneumonia. She was unable to attend the luncheon but Paul brought in the lovely flowers she put together.

The big winners this month were: Door prize - **Jan Ward**; Birthday - **Jeri Blodgett**; Anniversary - **Ed & Marilyn Micallef** and 50/50 - **John Carter**. As I remember, this wasn't the first time he has won this year.

It was brought to my attention that a former member of our chapter, **Russell McMillen**, passed away in Henderson, NV and his services were held in Portland. He was a ramp serviceman at PDX.

We lost a long time member, **Joan Brotherton**, in April. Joan wrote this column for many years. She loved to knit and was always busy knitting caps for charitable organizations and when PDX had Fantasy Flights, there was a cap for all the children. Our condolences go out to her family, husband **Eric**, daughter **Anita Uhl** (wife of **Ken** retired from PDX), son Tony of Scotland and his daughter Ruth from London who traveled to Portland during the volcanic ash crisis.

I am pleased to tell you **Rance Ishibashi** has rallied and is spending time both at home and the hospital. He is a fighter. **Mel Martin** and **Roger Tuckett** recently had surgery and both are recovering. I talked with **Bob Bauer** and he told me **Connie** is undergoing tests related to her heart.

Bob & Marilyn Woods spent 24 days in China which included a cruise from Hong Kong to Shanghai. The only downside of their trip was they both were ill when they returned home.

Picnic time is just around the corner, July 14th and for those who can't attend the meeting in June, you can send your check to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220. The cost is \$15 each and includes a delicious barbecue of ribs and chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and delicious desserts brought by members. The picnic will be held again this year at the Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Sunset Dr., Gresham, OR 97030. There will be directions to the park at the meeting or you can call **Bruce DeFord** at (360) 695-3070 for help.

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

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave.,

Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

June 9 - Social

July 14 - Annual Picnic

August 11 - Social

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By the time we read this publication, the 2010 Convention will have gone by and we look forward to another year. Bernie and I will have returned from Denver after attending our Grandson's wedding.

The Pit-Stoppers held their spring luncheon on Apr 30th at Peter's Place with 27 members in attendance. President **Ken Wolfe** introduced **Lorraine Keith** as our new secretary. Thanks again Lorraine for stepping up to the plate. Neither I or NE Director **Treatie Karwoski** were in attendance.

The next event will be our annual picnic to be held on Jul 16th. All you "outta towners", mark that date and come on down.

My sincere thanks to all for the many cards and visits to me and my family on the sudden and unexpected death of my niece Jana Marie Thomas Pompeani at age 48.

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We had 28 retirees turn out to enjoy our April 10th "Big Band meeting". The band consisted of 15 members, all seniors, and they played quite a variety of tunes. The band is called RSVB, which stands for Retired Senior Volunteer Band. The melodies ranged from Polkas, Cha-Chas, line dances (New York, New York) Mummers Strut (Oh, Them Golden Slippers), Waltzes, oldies (Margie, Whispering) and much, much more. Our President, **Joe Brad**, and his wife **Gail**, were our very own "Dancing with the Stars" couple. They were the only ones who ventured onto the dance floor. The

rest of us just listened and enjoyed.

Adam Anderson (Ramp Service), joined us as a new member this month. Welcome, Adam. It was good to see **Steve King** out as well as **Angelo Carrero**.

Sharlene Neelan won the 50/50 and made a beautiful hat for the Easter Bonnet contest. **Kathy & Al Edwards** also had 2 beautiful entries but the prize went to **Dee Burrs**, whose, "In Your Easter Bonnet with all the Eggs upon it" took the prize.

Shirley Pilgrim won the free lunch.

The band's final piece, God Bless America, brought everyone to their feet and was a very moving way to close our meeting. We look forward to having them play again for us next year.

Frank Egges is still accepting donations to the flight 93 Memorial Fund so 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 are on your check.

Calendar:

May 17 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards'

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Reported by Judy Anderson

On May 4, 25 chapter members met at Totem's restaurant on Redwood Rd. in SLC. The regular chapter correspondent could not attend the get-together due to a previous commitment. Therefore, **Judy Anderson** was kind enough to take over and supply the necessary report data.

In attendance were Chapter President **Clair Anderson** & wife **Judy** who welcomed **Fran Cantonwine**, **George Dalton**, **Bill Berg**, **Art Scott & Carol Finney**, **Richard & Elaine Papworth**, **Pete & Jackie Loyola**, **Art Hayes**, **George Nihipali**, **Doug Peterson**, **Bob & Judy Turgeon**, **Keith & Nancy Tronier**, **Hank & Mary Bons**, **Shirley Scown** and son **Mike**. Especially greeted was **Grey Lowry** who had been missed for many weeks due to a health issue.

Lila Maughan had earlier reported back problems and could not attend the meeting. A follow-up call to her home revealed that she is in doctor's care and expects good results from the treatments. **Lila** has been one of our faithful regulars and she appreciated our concern for her health.

Chapter VP **Kip Lufkin** & husband **George** are reportedly back from the sunshine state, but they could not come to the lunch. Snowbirds **Don & Pat Graves** had also returned to SLC from sunny AZ and enjoyed the luncheon. The Totem's restaurant was a longtime favorite eating & meeting place for our local UALers while they were still full-time airport employees. Therefore, **Bill Berg** suggested that we should consider having lunch there more often.

Under discussion was a special donation to the **Murray Heritage Center** - our "home away from home" for many years: The Center is planning a new entrance to the facility and our SLC group agreed to donate the amount of \$200.00 toward this building goal.

Treasurer **Frank Christenson** and wife **Susan** were unable to attend because their daughter's mother-in-law had passed away, with funeral services being held on this very day. For those who knew him and worked with him: SLCRS retiree **Herm Bender** passed away last week.

Calendar:

June 1 - Lunch 2PM, Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful;

July 6 - Brunch 10AM, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

August 3 - Catered Picnic 5pm - details TBA - in Sugar House Pk., 21 S. & 15 E., SLC.

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We met April 13th at Fairwood Golf & Country Club in Renton. There were 55 of us. **Mary & John Luke** hosted the luncheon. **Kurt Vogel** attended as a guest of **Mike & Mary Bratovich**, and a special guest of **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** who joined us was Retired Captain **Al Haynes**. We were especially pleased that Al was able to be with us. **Rita Reynolds** joined us for this meeting. It was her first time back since her hip injury.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** gave a report on our finances, which are in good shape, although our paid membership of 193 is down about 20 from last year. Helen also gave us an update on the medical/safety equipment exchange program within the chapter. We have had a good response from members making available equipment for others to use. If you have something

to loan or donate – a cane, crutches, a walker, etc., - call Helen at (206) 232 2449 and let her know so she can add it to her list. Also, if you need a particular piece of equipment, call Helen and let her know.

The annual retiree golf tournament is being held June 23rd at Allenmore Golf Course in Tacoma. Green fees are only \$29 for those age 62 and older. Cart rental is extra. Call **Bob Howard** and register by June 15th, or you can send in the form from the April Contrails, if you still have it.

The only birthday celebrant we have listed for June is **Judy Storey**. The wedding anniversaries occurring in June are **Herald & Phyllis Bowman (64th)**, **Bud & Virginia Dice (44th)** and **Ken & Judy Storey (27th)**. We offer our congratulations to all the celebrants.

President **John Haferbecker** discussed accessing the Employee 20 Discount on revenue tickets via Skynet. Even though you click on the 20% Discount page, you still need to check the box marked Employee Discount 20, in which you agree to the requirements. If you don't check the box, the tickets will be priced out at full fare. When you've progressed through to the end and review your itinerary before finalizing the purchase, look below each flight on the right side. You should see a gold star and the words: "Employee Discount." This tells you that each flight has been priced with the discount. John also mentioned that at United.com under Mileage Plus you can book trips using miles, and under the Mileage and Money program, you can book a round trip for 15,000 miles (rather than the normal 25,000) plus a cash price of about \$150. This is a good way to stretch your miles.

The door prize winners were **Rita Reynolds, Phil Andersen, Adelaide Haferbecker, Anita Malco, Bud Gudmundson, John Luke, Jim Small, Betty Paul and Ed Rouso**. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Ginger Phelan**. **Phyllis Bowman** and **Bob Brumfield** assisted with the drawings. Members donated many nice gifts for use as door prizes.

Two former SEARR employees sang in separate choral performances at the end of April and beginning of May. **Nancy Martin** and her group, the Seattle Peace Chorus, sang in concerts April 22nd at the Town Hall in Seattle and on April 25th in the Bastyr University Chapel. The theme of the performances was Peace to the Planet and they commemorated the 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day. **Wilma Bracken** belongs to the University Presbyterian Church chorus and they performed as part of a mass choir composed of several different choirs on May 1st at Royal Brougham Pavilion at Seattle Pacific University.

The Seattle Travel Desk receives calls from retirees throughout the U.S. seeking assistance with their travel plans, and occasionally calls come in from Europe and Asia. Travel Desk volunteer **Jan Kintner**, retired from

SEACS, recently received a call from a new far-off location – Turkey. Jan was able to provide the needed assistance while chalking up a new first for the Travel Desk. This incident also shows how interesting it can be to work the Travel Desk. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Seattle Travel Desk should contact **Rita Reynolds** at (206) 244-4897 or **Bob Brumfield** at (206) 682-4059. Rita and Bob will be happy to welcome you aboard and provide training.

Jan Wanink, formerly of SEARR, passed away recently as a result of pancreatic cancer. Jan's husband **John** and their two children, **Meredyth** and **Matt** will host a gathering June 5th to remember Jan. It will be held in the Wandering Creek clubhouse in Bothell, WA.

Also, retired SEAMM supervisor **Harold Griggs**, a member of our chapter, passed away recently. He lived in Gig Harbor, WA with his wife **Geneva** who survives him.

Calendar:

June – no meeting

July – no meeting

August 10 – Annual Picnic at the home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA

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Greetings from the Nations Capital! It's a beautiful time of year with azaleas, dogwoods, and camellias in full bloom. Also, some late blooming cherry trees are still in evidence!

Our monthly luncheons are still well supported with 70-90 members and guests in attendance at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA on the second Wednesday of each month, September thru May.

Convention 2010 in Orlando, Florida will soon be here and Chapter President **Linda Scriven** and this correspondent will be in attendance. A full report will come at a later date.

Those intrepid travelers **Donna Simpson** (DCAOS) and her husband **Richard** recently travelled to Buenos Aires, Argentina and enjoyed United's nonstop service from Dulles. The seasons are reversed in Argentina, so when the Simpsons were there in March, it was late summer and the days were warm but the evenings required a jacket or sweater. The Simpsons stayed at the Marriott Plaza Hotel which is centrally located and had an excellent staff that helped with tour planning.

There are many monuments to see and museums to visit. A one day bus tour is suggested and it will include a stop at the Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva Peron is buried. There is plenty of shopping to do and the major strip of shops on Florida Avenue offers leather shops, shoe shops, souvenir shops and many specialty shops.

No trip to Buenos Aires is complete without a visit to a Tango Show and an evening with dinner and transportation is well worth the expense! Allow extra time to get to the Airport as it is a good distance from town. Put Buenos Aires on your list of places to see!!

Calendar:

June 9 – Possible trip to Charlestown Races, WVA. Contact **Linda Scriven** (703) 729 8616.

July 14 – 12 Noon, Red Lobster Restaurant 7505 Broken Branch Lane, Manassas VA 20109. Corner of Sudley Rd. and Broken Branch Lane. (703) 335 2553

August 11 - 12 Noon, Red Lobster, location as above Please RSVP to Lucy (703) 893 9030 for Red Lobster dates.

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Happy 80th Anniversary to Stewardess Service!

The following is excerpted from the United Airlines website:

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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.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact Cheryl Mullins Jensen (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com. We will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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

Retiree – **Andrews, Robert M.**, on 4/11/2010, BDLSZ, father of Tom (& Jewel) Andrews, 9240 E. Sycamore Springs Trail, Vail, AZ 85641

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Retiree – **Errichson, Elmer (Eric) C.**, on 4/19/10, SFOMT, husband of Veronica (Ronnie), 1505 Chula Vista Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

Retiree - **Falk, Craig**, on 3/16/2010, DENSW, husband of Shelley, active FA/DENSW, 13553 Marion Drive, Thornton, CO 80241

Retiree – **Kundit, Jack M.**, on 8/21/2008, ORDPV, husband of Veronica, 9618 E. Irwin Ave. Mesa, AZ 85209

Retiree - **Morgan, Harris W.**, on 3/17/10, IADCS, husband of Norma, 1913 Del Norte Dr., The Villages, FL 32159

Retiree - **Morrison, Marilou McLean**, on 3/13/2010, SEASW, wife of William, SFOHL, 5215 Riverdale Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588

Retiree - **Pieper, Joseph R.**, on 3/15/2010, OPBVV, husband of Val, 929 East Carpenter Drive, Palatine, IL 60074

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Retiree - **Pospisil, Henry L.**, on 11/18/2009, DCAMM, husband of Iona, 7009 Ridge Dr. Alexandria VA 22306

Retiree – **Washow, Lawrence (Larry) E.**, on 3/31/10, WHQVA, husband of Sandra L., 5928 Cobblestone Terrace., McHenry, IL 60050

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February 2010 SkyNet Listing

Ackerman, Robert H., SFOFO 02/04/10

Altizer, Joseph C., SFOPI 02/06/10

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Bell, John T., ORDFF 02/06/10

Bilicki, David M., DENFF 02/03/10

Cazaglis, Paul J., EWRMM 02/24/10

Chmielewski, Anton J., ORDHM 02/15/10

Cortecero, Robert F., ORDCG 02/18/10

Cottle, Jesse R., SFOFV 02/22/10

Crisman, Arthur F., DENRR 02/22/10

Crowley, Kathleen A., DENSW 02/13/10

Dickinson, Howard L., SFOEA 02/24/10

Durgan, W. Dean, SFOFO 02/26/10

Elser, Beulah A., DTWHH 02/24/10

Frei, Thomas M., SFOHM 02/20/10

Glauda, Alfredo, CHIDD 02/01/10

Hall, Robert A., MSYOZ 02/26/10

Harper, William R., ORDPV 02/22/10

Henriksen, Stanley R., IADDD 02/19/10

Jacobson, Flora L., WHQKC 02/13/10

Kain, William I., SFOSJ 01/25/10

Klein, Richard E., DENMM 02/21/10

Kountz, Edward E., SFOFO 02/22/10

Ladd, John R., DCAFO 02/16/10

Lewis, Eleanor J., LGAMM 02/09/10

Lute, Walter L., SFOGQ 02/20/10

Mason, Richard A., ORDFO 02/20/10

Milton, Merle L., INDAF 02/20/10

Mitchell, Raymond D., LAXFO 02/16/10

Montero, Mario J., SFOOK 02/27/10

Nevins, Oren S., SFOMM 02/24/10

Niswander, Jackson W., SFOOV 02/11/10

Nonis, David M., SFORQ 02/24/10

Owens, Sibley R., SFOED 02/16/10

Reimann, Carol E., WHQAX 02/08/10

Van Wickler, John A., SFOJJ 02/12/10

Walls, Lewis D., SFOJL 02/03/10

White, Mary A., ORDMK 02/11/10

Wolanik, John B., ONTOZ 02/22/10

Zoller, William F., OMACG 02/25/10





LETTERS

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

Sylvia Allen, James Behan, Betty Bergbower, Barbara Chapman, Bob Colpitts, Gloria Cruz, Alice D'Souza, Lewis Dunning, Tony Eng, Verda England, Dolores Evenson, Cynthia Hader, Lois Hansen, John Hinkle, Ruth Howard, Barbara Isola, Treatie Karwoski, Katherine Larsen, Veulah Lorts, Kathryn Mazzola, Eoin Murphy, William Rankin, Jr., Sharon Record, Barbara Rieck, Herbert Roth, Dennis Saxon, Brandpn Taylor, Annette Teichner, Roberta Tidmore, Luis Vega, Vicki Wolfe, Paul Wydra, James Yarber.

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.)

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Sorry for the lateness.

El suffered a stroke on March 23rd. He is now in a rehab facility and is doing quite well. We both enjoy the newsletter very much. Take care.

Nancy Bessenbacher, 7460 Sausalito Ave., West Hills, CA 91307

I wish I could go to MCO. But family graduations require my presence.

I wish we could change the convention date, to not include Memorial Day weekend on either end! I think attendance would improve!

Douglas Cowan, 40 Creamer Dr., Sayreville, NJ 08872

I so much appreciate the work of the organization on the behalf of retirees, and also the news and memories contained in the newsletters.

My wife and I continue to be in good enough health to travel. We enjoyed a trip to Normandy and another to Paris, we took a couple of cruises and enjoyed spending the winter in Kauai, as we have for the last 16 years. With visits to our children and grand children added in, we continue to enjoy retirement and our travel privileges.

Donald Draheim, 2401 Number Ten Ln., Chesapeake, VA 23323

Greetings to all you newsletter workers. Many

thanks for all your good work in keeping us informed and up to date.

So it is April again and time to green grass, spring flowers, warmer weather, baseball, taxes and dues, among other things like aches and pains etc. that go along with the "Golden Years".

Anyhow, "Old Zeke" is still on the green side of the grass, and trying to keep up to date and motivated.

God bless you all and thanks!

Donald Hayden, 5700 Hayden Dr., East Jordan, MI 49727

My thanks to the Denver staff for the fine job they do in publishing the newsletter.

My thanks also to **Barbara Smith** of the Re-LAXers for the fine job she does in keeping up with all the members in her region and letting the rest of us know about their status. In my 30 years in the LAX area, both in the Communications office and the Apollo Net Control, I got to work with people from SFO to SEA and HNL to DEN. On many occasions, I see a lot of them mentioned in her column. Prior to LAX, I spent six years in MDW COMM as an air-ground radio operator and remember talking to Capt. **Cliff Chaney** on many occasions. I enjoyed reading his remembrances recently. This was before ARINC took over the radio operating procedure; how times have changed.

Arthur Jefferson, 1116 N. Old Canton Rd., Canton, MS 39046

How is everyone? We are well. We are able to do daily things. Now, it will soon be time for grass cutting and working in my garden.

We will not be able to make the convention. We are having our family reunion there in July.

With the Lord's blessing, I plan on being here for another year.

Jeanne Leo, 420 E. 55th St. Apt. 25, New York, NY 10022-5139

It is always a pleasure to send a check, plus postage for annual dues, and to thank all of you volunteers for gathering together a great newsletter each month.

My husband Phil and I just returned from our 2 month stint in Palm Desert, CA. We meet at the monthly luncheons with many airline retirees at "United Airlines Lunch Bunch" group and also the "Dusty Wings" which includes all airlines. It is such fun to meet so many wonderful friends who share our "Airline Bond".

David Saso, 1557 Rose Anna Drive, San Jose, CA 95118-2814

They say time goes by fast when you are having fun, and it surely is for me. It has been almost 6 years

since I retired. This is my second year as president of the SFO/SJC South Bay RUAEA Chapter, and I am having a ball!

What makes it so much fun is that the members are such great people. I could not ask for a better group of associates. These are the kind of people that make a company or any organization great! And we always enjoy having our great friends from other chapters join us at our functions. Our website (designed by my 12 year old grandson), www.unitedairlinesretirees-southbay.webs.com, has an event calendar that gives details of our functions, so other chapter members can see what we are doing and come on over to visit with us when they can.

Virginia Swenson, 26088 145th Street, New Richland, MN 56072

It seems that conventions and the busy spring time work go hand in hand. Because of the heavy snow this past winter, the ground was insulated and in two weeks, our snow was gone. The ground absorbed the water and the roads were free of frost ruts. What a miracle as we usually have mud for weeks.

The cardinals are back, rototilling goes on and we are preparing for the Farmers Market. This year we will give proceeds to KICY, a Christian radio station in Nome, Alaska. They are celebrating 50 years of serving remote areas by radio, even into Russia.

In 1959, I traveled with my uncle to see the beginnings of KICY. The town was just one street and a few homes. At that time the missionary had a thousand mile territory. Soon they started flying medicine, food, missionaries etc. to these areas. (The missionary was also a doctor at first). Operations now are just on a larger scale and shift with the tundra.

Mary Szabo, 651 Ambleside Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016

Since I am a Life Member, I haven't had to pay yearly membership dues; I have been living high off the hog! So, I am sending a little something to help with the mailing of my favorite newsletter!

Thanks for all your hard work and keep up the good work!

Lola Wallace, 9625 E Center Ave. #3A, Denver, CO 80247

You will never believe that I actually celebrate my birthday on April 7th. I sent for my birth certificate several years after Kenny and I were married and it indicated that I was born on March 7th. My mother had been gone for several years and my dad did not remember what month I was born. My mother always baked an angel food cake for me when she was alive and decorated it on April 7th.

I checked with social security and they advised me to change all of my legal papers to March 7th. They also advised me that I would get my social security check a month early! How is that for a story? I was working for the city of Aurora and had to change all official papers to March 7th, this also included United Airlines. I try to celebrate 2 birthdays but with little or no success. I just turned 88 on March 7th and am still hanging in there.

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

I have been fortunate enough to spend half of the winter in Florida and 3 weeks in Tucson. It sure helped, getting out of the Michigan cold and snow. My husband and I flew United Express to Charleston in October but all of our trips have been on Southwest again. You just can't beat SW. They have no luggage charges, friendly service always, and cheap (\$25) one way fare. We actually paid for a positive space ticket to Tampa for \$69 one way over Presidents week end. It is a real shame that we don't even try to get on a United flight. My friends who are still working hate to go to work.

Thanks for another year reading the newsletter.

William S. Hughes, 4529 Middleton Park Cir E., Jacksonville, FL 32224

Bill and Eleanor are still in good health and remain very active. Last year we went to Egypt to celebrate our 20 year anniversary and birthdays. It was a great trip!

May 22. I'm going to fly to DC with the Honor Air organization for a day to see the WWII Memorial in honor of the vets.

Not bad for 88!

Don Johnson, 305 Rockridge St., Kerrville, TX 78699

In talking to a friend some time ago, I was made aware of at least one rental he has. He experienced a renter that was seriously hurt due to an existing drug problem. Hearing the experience he had, I just wanted to provide some information that I thought would be useful to anyone with a rental.

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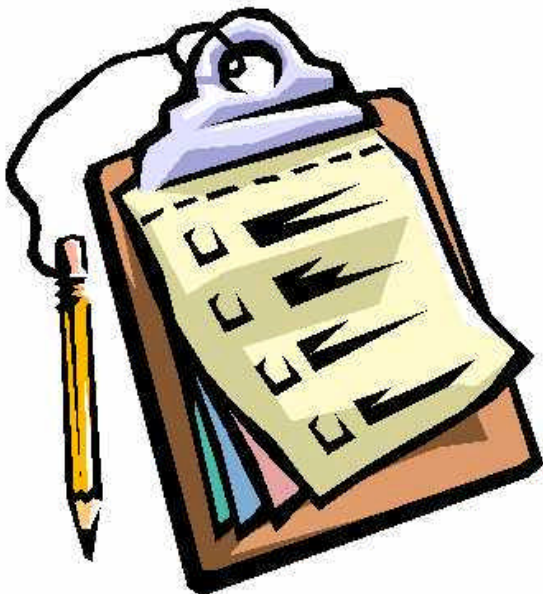
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Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

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(l-r) Passenger Agent Richard Bennett, Office Worker Virginia Barnett, Crew Chief M. E. Goodyear (father of Tom Goodyear, UAHF), Stewardess Rosalie Johnson and Captain P. R. Learned.

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Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel – by Frank J. Eggles

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel has as its theme: “*One Nation Under God*” and is a secular, nondenominational chapel, dedicated to honor the Sacred Memory of the Heroes of Flight 93 and the Memory of all who perished on September 11, 2001. The Chapel’s Founder and Director is Rev. Alphonse T. Mascherino, DD, now a Bishop. The Chapel was dedicated as a parish church in 1902. It was used as a religious building until 1969 after which, the building served as a seed distribution center. The Chapel was purchased privately and was settled January 9, 2002. The Chapel is open from March through December and observances are scheduled on September 10th and 11th each year and on National Holidays.

United Airlines Retirees and The Independents (A RUAEA Chapter in Philadelphia, PA) have been supporting this Memorial since 2005.

It wasn’t always easy, Bishop Mascherino had a serious operation and was in therapy for a while and is still under doctors care. In talking to him recently, he seems a lot better and his spirits are high. Please remember him in your prayers.

Bishop Mascherino worked very hard on the Chapel since 2001. He would like to enlarge the Chapel, a project we have supported for a long time. To make a donation, make a check out to the “**93 Memorial Chapel**” and mail it to **Frank Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

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