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All the months of planning and hard work by the convention committee are over. It's time for us to welcome everyone to Portland. We are doing our "sunshine dances" hoping that the weather will cooperate and give us some nice days for the convention.

By now you know that Portland sits astride the Willamette (pronounced will LAM et) River and is located in the state of Oregon (pronounced O ree gun. Forget the way your teachers told you to say it.) Portland has 10 bridges crossing the Willamette River and is called "Bridge City". It is a fitting setting for a convention that is "Building Bridges". We hope that everyone will join us in building bridges between the old United and the new.

The exhibits for the art raffle are coming in and looking good. I think you will have a hard time trying to decide for which ones you'll buy chances. Maybe you'll just take a chance on each of them. We also have some wonderful items for the special raffles. I think you will be pleased by the choices that are offered. As always, there are some terrific door prizes for the hospitality room and the Saturday meeting. Be sure to be there.

If you are receiving this after the convention, we are happy that so many people came and I think we all had a great time. Perhaps you were able to try some of the world-class wines from the vineyards of the Willamette Valley. Did you get a chance to look at the huge plane that flew only once – the Spruce Goose and United's first DC-3 at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum? Maybe you saw the sleeping giant – Mt. St. Helens or the majesty that is Mt. Hood. The splendor of the Columbia River Gorge makes me understand where we got the word – "gorgeous". The next time you see the "gorge" in an automobile commercial, you will be able to say, "I've been there!"

I hope that everyone had a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones on the tours, in the hospitality room and at the dinners. As we get older, we may lose contact with the friends of our youth. Attending a RUAEA convention is a great way to reconnect with some of those friends. What a wonderful reunion we can have.

We will have a full wrap-up of the convention in an upcoming issue.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



The internet and email are wonderful tools but can also be a detriment. It is an efficient way to communicate with others, but rumors and other misinformation can spread like wildfire. This has been quite evident with the newly announced Pass Travel Program. From the first inklings that a new “combined” program was in the works, opinions hit the cyber-airways. The infamous Travel Survey only fueled the fire. Finally, the outline of the new program was released and now there is more frustration than anything else moving about cyberspace.

In the meantime, RUAEA along with the other major retiree organizations, RUPA, ARECA and the Golden Eagles have sent a response to the company looking for improvements to the program to become effective in January 2012. There are many issues but we, at this time, focused on additional vacation passes, an option for retirees to choose either the Enrolled Friends or Buddy Passes, Date of Hire (seniority) for boarding, combining employees and retirees in group B and continued pass benefits to surviving spouses. The Retired AFA and Retired IAM are also supporting these improvements and have submitted their response.

There is a group calling themselves United Retiree for Action, they are asking for signatures on a petition to the company for changes to the announced program. The retiree organizations have not endorsed this action since we have already submitted our response to the company which is essentially what they are covering in their petition. It is believed that they have over 4,500 signatures so far.

Then we have Jeff Smisek at a recent employee meeting in San Francisco who stated, when asked about the new Pass Travel Program, that he has not had as much mail about the program as he expected and that it seems that most are satisfied with the new program. We have no way of knowing how much mail or email he has received or for that matter, any other executive of the company. He did say that change is always possible.

During the first week of May, the company has started posting answers to inquiries to questions submitted via mypasstravel@united.com. You will find this information on Skynet on the left side of the screen under Travel Tools and then Questions and Answers. The company has seen fit to post a Disclaimer which reads as follows: *“United’s pass travel policy is a privilege and is not a right of employment. The terms of the policy are subject to modification or termination, in whole or in part, by the Company at any time and for any reason.”*

Many folks are looking for an immediate response and action from the company on these issues. From the tone of the Disclaimer that is not likely to happen. In spite of Jeff Smisek’s claim that he hasn’t seen much reaction to the new program, many of his subordinates have seen reaction from the organized retiree groups: RUAEA, RUPA, RAFA, ARECA and the Golden Eagles, as well numerous individuals. And the unstated message by the new United management is be quiet and accept what has been announced. I don’t think this is going to happen and there still are six to seven months before the program becomes effective.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA

RUAEA - New Modernized Website Implemented

The newly completely designed RUAEA website www.ruaea.org was successfully implemented on Monday April 11th, 2011.

The modernized website design makes things simpler in making all content except the online newsletter available to all RUAEA members, and visitors. The only choice you have to make when you start or renew your membership is whether you want the newsletter in the mail, online or both, which is done at that time.

When accessing the online newsletter, you can use your e-mail address and a password.

One of the new features of the website allows you to be notified by e-mail when new important items have been added and are available for your viewing.

The Home page of the website is a **one stop shop** for most if not all of your retiree needs. The navigation items on that page will take you wherever you want to go by a single click of your mouse.

There are 16 main categories available to you from that page.

Features available from the Home Page include.

About RUAEA, Join RUAEA, Become a Member, E-Mail News Signup, Latest New, RUAEA Chapters, Board Member Information, 2011 Convention In Portland, Convention News, Get The Newsletter, Important Retiree Resource Links, Travel Information and Links, Special Interest Links, 2011 Election Ballot, Merger Information, Website Support, and Contact Information.

In addition, the Home Page currently contains all current important information. It currently contains The Presidents Letter to United regarding the New Travel Policy, and the documents recently released pertaining to the Travel Policy.

The website has three very important features that retirees will find extremely beneficial.

Important Retiree Resource Links:

There are 31 Retiree Resource Links available for your use.

Featured Links are for, Retiree Airline Employee Associations, Financial and Business Links, Government Agencies, Latest US and World News, Medical and Insurance Links,

United Airlines Corporation and United Benefits Links, Star Alliance.

Travel:

There are 16 Travel links available for your use.

In addition, there is Travel Information regarding, Retiree Travel Awareness, United Travel Policy, Travel Desk information regarding the three Retiree Travel Assistance desks to assist you with your retiree travel needs. United Airlines Pleasure Travel Regulations may be found here.

The 16 links available cover travel features such as Flight Tracking, Employee Leisure Travel, Discounted Airport Hotel Rooms, Travel and Cruise Packages, Vacation Rentals, Travel Guide Information, Great Vacation Deals etc.

Special Interest Links:

There are 7 categories of Special Interest Links with 14 individual links.

Categories include, Sports, National and Local Weather, Cooking & Recipes, Arts & Crafts, Home Improvements, Home and Garden, Gardening Designs & Tips, and Hollywood Celebrity News and Entertainment.

In closing, I encourage all members to fully utilize your RUAEA Website at www.ruaea.org and take full advantage of its many features.

Note: If you previously used the old website, please be sure to update any bookmarks you may have saved previously.

Remember utilizing the website will in no way interfere with the receipt of your monthly newsletter.

Jim Sommerfield – RUAEA Website Manager

B737-900ER with Boeing Sky Interior makes first revenue flight



United's first Next-Gen 737-900ER with the Boeing Sky Interior made its first revenue flight on May 3rd. Aircraft 445 departed Orlando (MCO) operating as Flight 687 at 3:04 p.m. and arrived in IAH at 4:30 p.m.

United is the first U.S. airline to operate both the B737-800 and B737-900ER aircraft featuring the new interior. All future deliveries of Next-Gen Boeing 737s will feature the Boeing Sky Interior. The Boeing Sky Interior is inspired by the 787, and features a quieter cabin with improved ventilation, touch-screen flight attendant panels and controls, energy-efficient LED lighting, and larger overhead bins that retract into the ceiling. That allows UAL to accommodate more bags than before, while the bins take up less space in the cabin.

The B737-900ER is the sixth aircraft delivered to United following the merger close. United currently has 33 of this type – the second-largest -900ER fleet in the world.

This airplane is suited to transcontinental markets because it has one of the lowest fuel burns per mile in United's narrowbody fleet.

UA launches United Cruises



UA recently launched United Cruises, a service that enables its customers to book cruise travel online and earn Mileage Plus miles. Customers may book travel on 19 different cruise lines to destinations worldwide, including the Caribbean, Bahamas, Alaska, Europe, Mexico and Bermuda. CO offers customers a similar service, continental.com Cruises, in which travelers may earn and redeem miles for cruise travel.

Through united.com and continental.com, customers can now book cruises along with air, car and hotel needs. In addition to driving traffic to its website, United Cruises further expands the way United's customers can earn miles, an additional revenue source for the company.

DOT expands long tarmac delay ban, announces other changes



On April 20, Secretary Ray LaHood said the Department of Transportation (DOT) will expand the ban on lengthy tarmac delays to include non-U.S. airlines and that a four-hour tarmac delay limit will apply to all international flights from U.S. airports.

In addition, the DOT announced airlines will have to reimburse passengers for bag fees if the bags are lost and to increase compensation to passengers involuntarily bumped from flights, doubling it in some cases. Airlines also will have to disclose via their websites all potential fees to customers - including fees for baggage, meals, canceling or changing reservations, advance seating, upgrades and any government taxes and fees.

The DOT also announced a number of changes to bookings. It will require airlines to allow customers to hold reservations at the quoted fare without payment, or cancel them without penalty, for at least 24 hours after a reservation is made, if the reservation is made at least one week prior to departure. The changes will go into effect this August.

Hedging and other strategies help United deal with high fuel prices



High fuel prices in the first quarter largely offset United's year-over-year revenue improvement. Excluding the impact of United's hedges, the consolidated fuel costs increased 34.5 percent, or \$725 million, year-over-year on a pro forma basis. Even when United includes the \$154 million benefit of its fuel hedges, the fuel costs in the quarter were still 28.4 percent higher than in the first quarter of 2010 on a pro forma basis.

Looking ahead, United has approximately 58 percent of its second-quarter fuel consumption hedged at an average jet fuel equivalent price of 114 dollars per barrel and approximately 36 percent of its fuel consumption in the second half of 2011 hedged at an average jet fuel equivalent price of 125 dollars per barrel.

United has a number of tools to use to combat high and volatile fuel prices. The new, combined network helps the company run its business successfully. It is global and globally diverse. United has broad presence in the Atlantic, Pacific and Latin markets, which allows the company to best fit the current and expected demand in each market. United also runs its business with the business traveler in mind, and its business travel mix provides more stable demand, even in times of rising fares. United also has some of the best partners in the business with its joint ventures across the Atlantic and Pacific and in the Star Alliance.

United is making changes in the operation, as well. When and where it can, it's using ground power rather than auxiliary power units (APU) to power the aircraft, and early results show the company can save about 200,000 gallons of jet fuel per month, or 7.5 million gallons per year when it fully implements its APU

initiatives. United also continues to invest in fleet-related fuel savings initiatives, placing winglets on additional aircraft, adding performance improvement packages on the UA Boeing 777s and taking delivery of new, more fuel-efficient aircraft. United expects to take delivery of its first 787 Dreamliner in the first half of next year, which will be substantially more fuel-efficient than the current-generation widebodies.

United Continental Holdings announces first-quarter results



United Continental Holdings, Inc. (UAL), the parent holding company of UA and CO, announced first-quarter 2011 financial results on April 21st. Prior to the merger on Oct. 1, 2010, UAL results included only the financial results of UA. Pro forma results that consolidate the financial results for CO for first-quarter 2010 are included for meaningful year-over-year comparisons.

UAL reported a first-quarter net loss of \$136 million, excluding \$77 million of special charges consisting primarily of integration-related costs. This was an improvement of \$47 million compared to the pro forma results year-over-year. On a GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) basis, UAL reported a first-quarter net loss of \$213 million.

UAL consolidated passenger revenue increased 11.5 percent in the first quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma results for the same period in 2010. First-quarter 2011 consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile increased 9.9 percent compared to the pro forma results year-over-year.

Rising fuel prices largely offset the improvement in revenue. United's first-quarter consolidated fuel expense, excluding the impact of hedges, increased 34.5 percent, or \$725 million, year-over-year on a pro forma basis.

Employees of the combined company earned cash incentive payments for operational performance totaling \$18 million during the first quarter of 2011.

United announces Pacific aircraft gauge optimization



United's global network provides opportunities to utilize its aircraft to support growth in its business. In the Micronesia market, United is adding new markets and putting larger aircraft on routes between Guam (GUM) and the mainline United States.

As part of its fall schedule, United plans to operate a UA Boeing 777 on daily service between Honolulu (HNL) and GUM, and between GUM and Tokyo Narita (NRT) in place of CO B767 service. This will provide additional capacity the market needs and more first class seats for its premium customers.

United also plans to begin new, four-times-a-week CO B737 service this fall between GUM and Okinawa (OKA), Japan, as well as daily CO B737 service between NRT and Hong Kong (HKG).

Below is a summary of the changes, pending government approval, which are effective on the dates shown:

- ➔ Effective September 28, GUM will add four-times-a-week roundtrip service in the GUM-OKA market operated with CO B737 equipment.
- ➔ Effective October 30, NRT will add daily roundtrip service in the NRT-HKG market operated with CO B737 equipment.
- ➔ Effective October 30, HKG will replace daily UA B747 service in the HKG-Ho Chi Minh City (SGN), Vietnam market with CO B737 equipment.
- ➔ Effective October 30, HKG will replace daily UA B747 service in the HKG-Singapore (SIN) market with CO B737 equipment

NMB ruling clears way for determination on stock clerk representation

The U.S. National Mediation Board (NMB) announced April 20th that United has created a single transportation system for the purposes of representation with stock clerks. This begins the process for the NMB to determine whether to conduct an election to resolve union representation.

Currently, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) represents subsidiary UA storekeepers, and the subsidiary CO stock clerks are not represented by a union.

Technical Operations tells its story at MRO conference



United Technical Operations debuted its new name and branding at the largest Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) convention in North America in April, in Miami.

Supply Chain and Sales Managing Director Paul Lochab said, *"The strength of our network, the location of our maintenance facilities and the expertise of our technicians and engineers make a great package that we can offer to third-party customers seeking line maintenance, global emergency maintenance and select other MRO services."*

Technical Operations SVP Jim Keenan spoke to the audience of suppliers, vendors, original equipment manufacturers and regulators about the future of aviation maintenance and the importance of good relationships with airlines.

"Because of the merger, United Technical Operations has become one of the world's largest commercial airline customers of maintenance supplies and services. This gives United an opportunity to share its vision and shape the conversation about how good partner relationships with good business models, governance and customer service will benefit all stakeholders, including the airlines, the suppliers and the flying public."

UA wins accolades for China services

Travel Trade Gazette China (TTG China) recently named UA "Best American Airline." Now in their fourth year, TTG China Awards recognize China's best travel and tourism organizations as determined by votes cast by 32,000 industry professionals.

In addition, Travel Trade Gazette Asia (TTG Asia) has named UA "Best North American Airline" in each of the past 11 years (2000-2010).

"We are honored to have been recognized again for our efforts to ensure an outstanding travel experience for our customers," said China and Korea Managing Director Wally Dias.

United has served China for 25 years and offers more non-stop flights to the U.S. than any other airline. United is adding daily non-stop service between LAX and Shanghai (PVG) starting May 20.

CO and UA Flight Operations co-locate at LAX

Starting May 3rd, Flight Operations combined the subsidiary UA and CO operations at LAX, as more than a dozen CO pilots begin flying from a newly established, co-located base at the airport. The move was facilitated by the Transition Agreement between the company and the Air Line Pilots Association.



CO previously announced the establishment of a Boeing 737 pilot base at LAX, and collaborative work between the two Flight Operations departments began immediately.

"We are excited for both groups and look forward to working with all LAX-based pilots and their respective flight management teams," CO System Chief Pilot Steve Arnold noted. Initially, CO pilots will operate two daily flights, including Flight 3 to Honolulu (HNL) and Flight 40 to EWR.

UA System Chief Pilot Curt Hughes and Steve were in LAX Tuesday for the start-up.

The current LAX UA Flight Management team will continue to provide support to UA pilots, and CO Flight Management staff are in place to support the newly assigned CO pilots. The LAX base will increase its CO pilot staffing to more than 60 by summer. Approximately 680 UA pilots are based at LAX.

Mileage Plus wins Best Elite-level Program



At the second annual Frequent Traveler Awards in New York in April, UA's Mileage Plus program took home top honors for best elite-level program in the Americas for the second year in a row. The Frequent Traveler Awards replaced the Freddie Awards last year as the leading industry award for airline and frequent flier programs.

Led by a group of volunteers from the FlyerTalk community, the Frequent Traveler Awards revived the Freddie's tradition of identifying the best frequent flyer and loyalty programs. This year, frequent flyers from around the world cast more than one million votes for their favorites.

United highlights new PVG-LAX service with media in Shanghai



United hosted a media roundtable in Shanghai, inviting 18 key Chinese journalists to a discussion about United's strong commitment to the China market, as exemplified by its new daily Shanghai (PVG)-LAX service. Currently, United operates three daily flights from PVG to SFO, ORD and EWR. This new LAX service will further strengthen its strong network from PVG to the United States.

With a population of more than 22 million, Shanghai is China's most populous city and a major financial and commercial center. Earlier this month, the Civil Aviation Administration of China announced that China will build 56 airports in the next five years to expand the country's capacity, investing \$230 billion to handle an estimated 450 million total passengers a year.

Retro Airbus continues system tour



With a stop in CLE on April 12th, United's "Friend Ship" retro Airbus 320 has now visited all eight U.S. hubs and 10 North American mainline stations, from Calgary, Alberta (YYC), Canada, to Orlando (MCO), Fla., since making its debut at ORD.

Co-workers, customers and aviation enthusiasts alike have been on hand at every stop to greet the 1970s paint job, which UA co-workers chose to mark the airline's 85th anniversary. United painted an A320 with the livery because it routes that fleet type to many different stations - and this plane is no exception.

At EWR April 11th, United handed out commemorative 85th anniversary posters and postcards to co-workers and customers who came to see the plane. An anniversary banner and balloons decorated the gate, and dozens of co-workers posed with the plane on the ramp.

"It was nice to recall our past and even better to be reminded of how we're going forward as one United," said Customer Service Managing Director Cathy Innocenti.

CLE hosted the Friend Ship at Gate C23 for about an hour, long enough for leaders to recognize co-workers celebrating milestone service anniversaries during gate-side festivities. United held similar events at other stops along the tour.

If you want to check the plane's schedule, the nose number is 4275.

Ask The Doctor - The Most Dangerous Drug of Abuse In the World Today (Part III)



Dr. Reid

Now that we know who can be an alcoholic, the huge question for consideration now is what to do to help him/her. What should we do to identify and more importantly, treat them so that they may return to a truly functional individual in society?

First of all, there will be **total** failure if we approach the alcoholic one on one. I have first hand experience in this approach. While at LAXMD, I was fortunate enough to assist in the identification, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of over 80 alcoholics. At one point during my 25 years, we intervened in as many as eight in one year. While

talking to a psychiatrist friend of mine, he shared that he identified **three** alcoholics in the previous five years. I am **not** a psychiatrist, yet I was more successful than a well qualified mental health expert! How did that happen?

It is vital to remember that a practicing alcoholic is an expert manipulator, and is incredibly adept at denial. He/she is superior at divide and conquer, he/she is a master planner of concealment, and he/she gets “on and off the wagon” on a whim. Given these traits, there will be no success in merely talking with them, reasoning with them, threatening them, pleading with them, etc. etc. So, what works?

The word for it is **intervention**. The process is effective but complicated, simple but intricate. It is the best way to confront the alcoholic (or any drug addict). It is the title of a popular television show on the A&E network. I strongly recommend viewing the show to see how effective the intervention process can be. Simply put, a skilled counselor assists the significant others of the alcoholic/addict in a confrontation that takes place as a total surprise to the alcoholic/addict. The significant others **may** include a spouse, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, religious contact, best friend(s), supervisor, physician, union representative, and/or EAP counselor. The only ones involved are those who have first hand information about the individual. The key words are **first hand** because second hand information is **not** useful in any way. The significant others present their first hand accounts in the form of a personally written letter. The information presented during the intervention is so powerful and emotional that an account presented from memory will fail and fail miserably. **All** the significant others have painful accounts of their own personal hell that the alcoholic/addict did which caused them emotional and sometimes physical pain.

The counselor meets with the significant others to discuss the behavior that requires the intervention in the first place. The counselor receives all the information and determines the most appropriate information to present, who will present it and in what order, and helps develop the plan for the surprise meeting. The counselor pre-arranges the treatment facility that will be used and the transportation to the facility. The counselor may also have to arrange for the safe accommodations for some of the significant others. The selection of the counselor is crucial to the success of the intervention.

The information presented at interventions must be given in a non-threatening loving manner that is factual, caring, but uncompromising in content. We call it tough love because the information comes from a loved one whom the alcoholic/addict has “injured” emotionally and/or physically. It is a very difficult situation for all concerned. None of the intervention group knows exactly how the alcoholic/addict will react. The information tells of gut-wrenching events that the addict did to the person presenting it. The story causes a huge outpouring of emotion in the presenter and the alcoholic/addict. Usually, the last presenter has the most devastating information and most always breaks the resistance of the addict. Specifically, the alcoholic/addict gets the message that their alcohol (drug) use has caused havoc in the lives of his/her loved ones in a way he/she had not realized. It is a hard truth, but the alcoholic/addict is the last to know how their behavior damaged their loved ones. Remember, I said denial and manipulation are the modus operandi of the alcoholic/addict. At the intervention, all of that behavior gets destroyed; and the real consequences of that behavior emerge.

The selection of a counselor to facilitate the intervention is critical. In the community, there are addiction treatment facilities in almost every metropolitan area that have such counselors. A few of the more famous ones include The Hazelton Center, the Kaiser Medical Programs, and the Betty Ford Center. Further, there are Alcoholics Anonymous chapters in numerous locations that can direct any one to such counselors. At United Airlines, there was a committee of a medical doctor, EAP representative, flight manager, and ALPA representative that collectively conducted the intervention on our pilots. In my experience at LAXMD, we successfully intervened with over 80 airline pilots and helped them on the way to a clean and sober life.

That is the way to identify the alcoholic/addict and get them on his/her way to recovery.

Till next time, stay well and fly safe.

93 Memorial Chapel Important Updates



The Flight 93 Memorial Commission is considering moving ceremonies from Sun, 9/11/2011 to Sat. 9/10/2011. **Frank Eggle**s will keep all informed as soon as he receives an update.

Bishop Mascherino hired an architect, who advised that the present location of the Chapel is too small to have the Chapel enlarged. The architect and bishop have located and have an option on a 20 acre site with intent to buy. Should this go through, the Chapel and memorials will be moved to the new location, about

one and a half miles from the 93 Memorial present location. The architect advised that he could have everything completed in time for the 93 Memorial Ceremonies.

March is the first month we haven't received a donation since 2002. April made up for it however as we received almost \$400.00. To date, we have received over \$17,000.00. Thank you and keep the donations coming.

If you wish to donate, make check out to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: **Frank J. Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Correction – In the May 2011 RUAEA newsletter, General News article, part of Frank Eggles' address was omitted. The address above is correct. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of each month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note**: *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 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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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met on April 26th in our usual place – The West Pac Room in the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 24 attendees. **Jim & Penny Alston** had Jim's brother, **Jack Alston**, visiting with them. We all enjoyed meeting and talking with him. We had four new members join us today. **Keeton & Aileen Barnes** live in Elberta, AL and **Keeton** retired from ORDFO. **Tommy & Sande Zander** live in New Orleans, LA but have a condo in Pensacola, FL and spend most of the summer here. They plan to attend when they are in our area. **Tommy** retired from ORDFO and **Sande** retired from ORDSW. We are so happy that they have become part of our group. We are continuing to grow in numbers and we are all having so much fun getting to know each other. We hope others will join us as they hear about our group.

President **Bob Schwartz** called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM after we all had enjoyed our lunch. He wished Happy Birthday to **Rick Herrick**. **Bob** then announced that the Brick Paver that our group donated to the Museum for the Plaza has been engraved and is now in place. The Paver is engraved "Gulf Coast Chapter of UAL Retirees – 2010". We are thrilled it is done! He encouraged all the members to go out by the Plaza and take a look at it as they left the meeting.

Discussion continues regarding the merger, pass policy and how all the changes might affect us. We know it will be some time before we realize all the changes that are in store for us. We can only hope and pray, none of them will be extremely bad for retirees.

Rich Hurst gave us more info on the National Flight Academy which is adjacent to the Museum. The dedication ceremony was on May 6th. He explained that students wishing to attend will have to qualify by testing and it will be very competitive. The cost to attend will be approximately \$1500.00/week and there will be some scholarships available. You may obtain more info about this by going to the Academy's website www.nationalflightacademy.com. We urge everyone to consider making a donation to the Academy.

No minutes were read as **Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary, had emailed them to everyone and **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, emailed the Treasurer's report to everyone. There were no questions or corrections on either report. All the members present felt this was a great idea to help cut down on waste. **Harold Stofko** won our raffle for the second month in a row! He turned his winnings back into the chapter. Thank you **Harold**!

After some discussion, it was decided to cancel our May meeting due to several conflicts and our June meeting on June 21st will be at **Park & Billie Learned**'s home in Foley, AL. (This meeting is one week earlier than our usual meeting date.) We will have a catered BBQ lunch and then will pick blueberries from the bushes at their home. We are all very excited about this.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. We always welcome anyone coming down to the Gulf Coast on vacation to give us a call and plan to meet with us. You will love the museum if you have not been to it previously.

Calendar:

May – No meeting

June 21 - 11:30 AM (Note Date Change). We usually meet the 4th Tuesday of each month in the West Pac Room in the Cubi Bar Café, National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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The April 2011 meeting of the "Sweet Home Alabama" chapter of RUAEA was held at Dale's Southern Grill in Birmingham. The following people were present: **Joe & Gloria Singleton, Jessie Arnold, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Herb Wilbanks, Joe Duncan, Gay & Hank Fowler, Travis & Zoe Glass, Bobby & Jean Cox**. "Hats off" to these members for braving the bad weather. A special thanks to **Zoe Glass** for taking the meeting minutes for our secretary, **Judy Slover**, who was unable to attend again because of the weather situation.

The members in attendance had a lengthy discussion about when and where we should hold our meetings. It was agreed that Tuesday may be a better day for most of us. This subject will be discussed again at the next meeting. After a discussion of a few other items of interest or concern, money was collected for our general fund and charities. The drawing was won by **Travis Glass**.

The weather has been a "huge" problem for our group meetings this winter and spring. First, we dealt with unusual snow and hail/sleet storms, and now we're dealing with devastating tornadoes and the havoc that they cause. Hopefully, the weather will "settle down" for those of us who make our homes in Alabama. At this moment, our state is still under a state of emergency. It is especially dreadful in the Tuscaloosa, Cullman and Birmingham areas. We have many United retirees and active employees that live in or around these cities and outlying areas. If you have any friends that live down here, please give them a call and let them know that you are thinking about them. I know that they will greatly appreciate knowing that you care.

May birthday: **Judy Slover** (5/22)

May anniversaries: **Hank & Linda Thompson** (5/23), **Bobby & Jean Cox** (5/17)

Calendar:

June - Meeting - TBA

ARIZONA



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Our Final luncheon for the 2010 – 2011 season was on April 9th at BJ's Restaurant. We had a smaller than usual turnout but we had good food and good conversation. It was time to say goodbye to our snowbirds, **Marge & Gene Hinner, Joe & Lisa Hopkins, Paul & Ricki Nordmeyer, and Pat & Lowell Neal**. We look forward to their return in the fall.

Happy April Anniversaries to **AD & Lynn Cline, Laura & Jim Ehas**

Happy May birthdays to **Susie Hughes** and **Jeanne Sellon**.

Happy June Birthday to **Sonny Carns**.

Happy June Anniversary to **Mel & Millie Hofer**, 68years!

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.

Next social outing will be our annual October Picnic at Beardsley Park. Look for more information to follow in the coming months. Enjoy summer in sunny Arizona.

I want to thank you all for the many comments and help I have had over the last 8 years or so. I am passing the torch over to our next Azure newsletter correspondent, **Carol Liltz**, who has also done this before and did a great job. Thanks to you all!

One must wait till evening to see how splendid the day has been!

Calendar:

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

May 24

June 7

June 21

July 5

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Now that summer has arrived, our Re-United's Chapter will only be meeting once a month for Breakfast. It's always the fourth Friday of the month at Crackers, located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). We start at 9:00 a.m. and would love having guests join us, so if you're in the area, let us know. We're open to anyone who has worked for either United or Continental Airlines and is of retirement age (55 or more). Please contact **Rita Zarek**, who is taking reservations at (480) 288-6685, or by e-mail at rzarek1@msn.com. She'll be happy to add you to the list.

During the year, we normally meet for lunch once a month at a specified restaurant picked out by the host or hostesses besides meeting for breakfasts, but we also try and set-up some fun outings too. Recently, we enjoyed the dinner and show at Barleen's Arizona Opry. It was a fun evening and everyone seemed to enjoy getting together at this event.

Our Breakfast on April 29 at Crackers had 30 people in attendance, which included another new couple who have joined us recently. They are **Joe & Sheila Ficek**, who worked at ORDCG, DENKR, EXOKR, and Covia-Galileo. We're glad to have them with our group. We discussed the **UA/CO** merger and how it may impact our

retirees. Hopefully, we'll learn more at the **RUAEA** Convention in Portland, Oregon. We will have 13 members from Re-United's attending the Convention.

Remember to continue collecting items for the Fantasy Flight over the summer while you're out and about. Some of the items needed are small individual blankets, socks, gloves, and bears for the children. There will also be a book sale at the airport in October, and we need any hardback or paperback books you would like to donate. Contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, if you have any questions. She also is the person who will take all your donations at any time.

The following members have Birthdays in June: **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). We wish you all a Happy Birthday!

Wedding Anniversaries in June are: **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Barb Paymaster** (6/6/89) and **Bill & Molly Norwood** (6/18/60). Congratulations to all the couples!

Calendar:

June 24 – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Ave), starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Rita Zarek**, our treasurer, by June 22, if you're planning on attending. Her number is (480) 288-6685, or e-mail at rzarek1@msn.com.

July 22 – Breakfast at Crackers

August 26 – Breakfast at Crackers

September 23 – Breakfast at Crackers



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter in beautiful Prescott, AZ!

Our April luncheon meeting was low in attendance due to some members' health issues, while others are traveling. We welcome them all back to our fold at our May meeting. We did, however, work out a summer schedule for our group. The June meeting will be on the 21st at 11:00am at the Lynx Lake south shore Ramada. The South Shore entrance is exactly three miles from Hwy. 69 on Walker Road. Bring your own brown bag for this one.

The months of July and August will be vacation time - no meetings, luncheons or newsletters.

The September meeting will be on the 20th at Love Field. We have been cordially invited by **Chuck & Lynn McCoy** to meet in their hangar where Chuck keeps his awesome L-39 Albatross jet. This is a very exciting venue and lunch will be served courtesy of Chuck & Lynn.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Well, summer is fast approaching and the snow birds have left their winter homes for the coolness of the North Country. Even though some of our members have left, we still had a good turn-out at the home of **Jim & Gail Rudolph** on April 21st. 26 Roadrunners were in attendance and enjoyed some fine food. The pulled pork went well with the Bloody Mary's. Thanks to **Jim & Gail** and their co-hosts, **Grieg & Marie Pederson** for a wonderful luncheon. The 50/50 drawing winners were **Erika Williams** and **Claire Byle**.

On a sad note, **Jim Mead** has passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Gisela** in her time of sorrow.

We are now looking forward to the convention being held in Portland, Oregon this year the week of the 22nd of May thru the 29th. Several of us are planning on driving and with the fuel prices as they are, we are hoping

for good MPG. Also there are some very good vineyards in that area so on our return trip; we will probably import a few bottles into the Southwest.

Our next luncheon will be held at the Thunder Canyon Brewery at the Foot Hills Mall, hosted by **Carolyn & Merrit McGlothlin**. The date will be June 15th. Doors open at 11:00 and lunch will be served about 12:00 noon.

Calendar:

June 15 - Thunder Canyon Brewery

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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Our April 13th meeting was held at Andersen's Pea Soup Restaurant in Solvang. We had a delicious lunch hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Joan & Peter Schaefer**. Our hosts provided treats that included a "scratch off" lottery ticket. There were 19 of us attending and with all those lottery tickets, only **Jean Foster** won \$5.

Mike Zoldak opened the meeting replacing President **Marcia Stanger** since she and **Bob** were in Arizona. Mike introduced **Barbara Chappell**, retired from the SFOMB turbine shop in engine records. I hope I have that correct. Since she and I traveled all over the MB, we seemed to remember seeing each other. She has had quite an airline career that I will find out more about at another time.

Mike Zoldak told us about the new pass policy including "vacation passes" which leaves a lot of questions and hopefully, some will be answered during the PDX convention.

Some of our members travel quite a distance to attend our meetings and **Mike Zoldak** is looking for a central location that we can use all the time. We've noticed that several Chapters meet at the same place and this is something we should be looking into.

Our treasurer, **Dana Noyes**, said that our bank account is in good shape and should remain so for the rest of the year.

I had some information I wanted to share with our members. If you noticed in the April Newsletter, on the back page, there was a map with picture of our Regional Directors and the areas they represent. I don't remember seeing this before, but it is worth saving. I'd like to thank those who put the Newsletter together for this informative map and their on going dedication to maintaining our Newsletter in such an excellent way.

I also received a note from **Wilma Sandy**. She still doesn't have a computer, so her type written note was very informative. One thing she said is that **Ted Wilson** had passed away on April 6th. Those of us who worked at SFOMB remembered him well. Wilma did say that Garver is confined to bed as his legs are now useless due to neuropathy. Wilma & Garver still think of their friends in the Central Coast and wanted me to give everyone their best.

A couple of months ago, I mentioned that the Central Coast was the happiest place to live, thanks to Oprah. I don't know if it was reported, but the Central Coast gasoline prices are the highest in the country. That is the sacrifice we pay for living in Paradise.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** on June 15th.

Calendar:

June 15 - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

August 17 - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 19 - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

December 14 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

BRAZEN RAISINS

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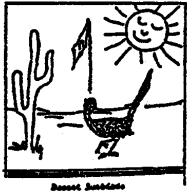
Susan Long ostensibly hosted the Brazen Raisins' April meeting, but, as she had just started on a new job, could not attend; she graciously furnished lots of decorations and raffle prizes, and President **Dick Hayes** acted as host.

Don Nessling reported that Sunshine Lady **Donna** is not doing well; since Donna is unable to act as Sunshine Lady, **Hazel Hayes** was elected to complete Donna's term.

We were honored with a visit by RUAEA Regional Director **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler**, a past president of RUAEA; Roger gave a few remarks about the disappointing new pass travel program. We were also honored with a visit by retiree **Sam Taylor** and wife **Helen**.

Disaster stories: **Dick Shryock** had a hug oak tree fall under the weight of 5 inches of snow, uprooting his incoming water line, bringing down his TV cable, the electricity went out and so did his back. **Peggy & John Oakshott** had been in San Mateo taking care of their 16 year old grandson when a sink became plugged, overflowing water and a rusted out water heater did likewise. All in all, this has not been a "very good year".

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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The Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon, hosted by **John & Maureen Schultz**, drew 37 members and guests to the beautiful La Quinta Resort at Santa Rosa Cove in La Quinta.

Lots of guests this month: **Robb Bohart** brought **Rod Burke** and **Kirk Storm**; **Siv Adams**, a recent guest herself, and newest member, brought **Sheila O'Brien**, **Lillemor Ekre** and **Peggy Heath**; **Dee Whately** invited **Carolyn Baumgartner** (LAXSW), **Mary Murray** (LAXCS), and **Gary & Sharon Bezanson** (LAXCS); all retired and living in the Las Vegas area. A real pleasure to see old friends again!

Apparently this month, we're making up for our lack of illness or accidents last time. **Jenny Pennington** called the morning of the luncheon to say she was "not feeling well"; **Maureen Williams** reported that she has shingles; **Sandy Sereno** has appendicitis. None have contacted me as of this writing, so I hope they are all recovering. And then there's **Ron Aggson** ~ while lifting the cat's litter box, he felt a "snap" in the lumbar region of his back. Off to the ER, and X-Ray showed a compression fracture. The doctor performed a "kyphoplasty" (don't ask me!), and trooper that he is, ignored the pain, came to the luncheon, and went about his "duties", greeting the arrivals at the reception desk, selling 50-50 tickets, and making the rounds of the tables, taking photographs for our Newsletter. Thanks Ron, and we all wish you a speedy recovery.

Carolyn Baumgartner, one of our guests, won the 50-50 drawing, and **Patti Sica** won the birthday lunch - by default! She was the only "April birthday" member present.

More Catholic Elementary School Kids:

- ☺ *Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.*
- ☺ *The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.*
- ☺ *The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.*
- ☺ *When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.*
- ☺ *The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.*

Calendar:

June 8 – Meeting hosted by **Marge Lenz & Ken Hawley**.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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The May meeting was called to order by President **Jon Somplack**. The luncheon was held at the Sierra Banquet Center in Camino and hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**. Thanks to Jon & Alice for hosting the event. The food was very good – as usual. The Banquet Center is a nice place in a nice setting. The weather was beautiful!

May anniversaries ~ **Jerry & Mary Juba** (54 yrs) and **Jon & Alice Somplack** (31 yrs).

Birthdays ~ **Tom Biro**.

Treasurers Report ~ \$858.00.

Old Business ~ None

New Business ~ Alice (& Jon) reported that we are unable to contact the person who volunteered to be our historian. A call for a volunteer was greeted by total silence. There followed some discussion about the actual need for a historian.

Guests/New Members ~ **Frank & Angie Dellinger**. Welcome Frank & Angie!

Ron Bertacini gave an update on RUAEA activities. RUAEA has objected to retirees being given “C” boarding priorities rather than “B”. This “new” airline is actually Continental Airlines with a UAL paint job.

Tom Biro suggested that we (RUAEA) hire an Attorney to sue to see if we can reclaim what was promised us thru the years.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle. Thanks to **Rosemary Heier, Mary Buschman, Angie Dellinger**, the **Fitzpatricks, Tom Kenny, Mary Lou Wagner** and the **Raynors** for their contributions of raffle fodder.

Calendar:

June 7 – Luncheon at **Ed Akin**’s ranch in Gold Hill.



REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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Our April luncheon was held on the 14th, at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. There were 46 members and guests attending. Our President **Joanne Huhn** and husband **Ron** along with **Judy De Ford** were our hosts. As always, the food was great and the decorations were very festive in Easter décor.

Joanne called for a moment of silence for the passing of **Vic Kristen**. Vic was a long time member of the Redwood Empire Retirees and one of the original starters. Joanne received a call from **Elaine & Vic**’s daughter. The Memorial was held the end of March. Vic did all the computer work for us. Whenever there was a need for a badge or change to the roster, Vic was always there. He will be missed.

Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced our guests. **Diane Mayon**, guest of **Corrine Geppert**. Diane is Corrine’s daughter. **Lee Trevelyan** and **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Clare & Barney Hagen**; **Michele Thurman, Joanne & Ron Huhn**’s daughter; **Jill Sherborn, Sheila & Lou Legnitto**’s sister; **Colleen O’Kelly** and **Amanda Donahue**, guests of **Zepha & Wayne O’Kelly**; **Judy Hodge**, guest of **Doug Saunders**.

Our Treasurer **Judy De Ford** gave us our “tally” for the month, reminding us not to forget the Charity Box.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced our birthdays for the month, **Gussie Madeiros** and **Elaine Kristin**. The only anniversary for the month of April was **Marge & Matty Matchinegg** at 47 years. Congratulations to all.

Judy De Ford has been in touch with **Norma Stilman**. **Matt** is in Intensive Care in Petaluma Valley Hospital. They are doing tests. Keep good thoughts for Matt.

There are a couple of changes to our new roster. **Les Carey** was inadvertently left off the list. It should read, **Les Carey**, 20 Bridger Mt. Rd. N., Clancy, MT 59634-9641. Telephone Number is (406) 422-4182. E-

mail is: unoelcheapo@aol.com. Also, **Patrick Cadden's** Apt # should read #112. Apologies to both Les and Patrick.

Our autobiography of the month is **Ernie Stukey**. Ernie signed on at United in June 1968. United was starting a Safety Program. They were constructing a lifting device to check the JT4 and 3D engines. That is where Ernie started, but he was furloughed in April 1971 and recalled in September of 1972. He was recalled to the Welding and Rework Shop. They started teams to go out and replace stud and bushings on the gear box of our aircraft. Ernie made Foreman in 1990. He worked Swing and Mids for most of his 30 years. He retired from United in June 1998.

We had a great raffle, with many bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates and a lot of little Easter Bunnies.

Calendar:

June 9 - Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

July 14 - Le Chalet Basque, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

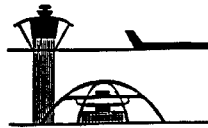
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Have you paid your 2011 dues? Most members have, but always a few forget. Please take a minute to look at your check register for checks written sometime in Nov. or Dec. to ReLAXers for \$8 (dues) or \$38 (lunch + dues) or \$68 (2 lunches + dues). If you wrote it, that means you're still on the "worth a stamp list" for the year. If not, pay up! You can't remember and can't find your records? It's allowed; we're seniors, so check it out with treasurer **Jo Ann Briggs** by sending a card. As of the info she emailed on 5/4 to correspondent helper, Jim, she said "*Hi there, I am back!*" from serious surgery. On 4/30, she had 1/3 of her cancer infected left lung plus 1 lymph node removed. She's going to have to put up with chemo and radiation, and reports that she's pretty weak. Why not ask for the record of your payment with a note in a get well card to her at 21303 Legend Av., Carson, CA 90745, (310) 830-8699.

Just when you think "enough already" upon hearing of illnesses of long-time friends, another comes your way, right? On 4/11, **Pete Criscione** sent a very detailed email to a few friends about **Shirley's** health problems. The highlights ~ Back in 2005, she had a stroke which kept her in the hospital for 3 days, then a regime of pills, plus in the same year, she had a kidney problem. But then she was stable until about late 2010 when she was feeling tired and finding it hard to walk and in quite a bit of pain. It was determined that the kidney is again the cause of pain and she ended up having a stent implanted on 1/23. She returned home on the 24th with her supply of O₂ which she must have 24/7 because of emphysema. After all that, she had a stroke on 2/10 and another on 3/2 leaving her with problems with speech and memory. Pete added "*I like to thank all the people of United Airlines who met Shirley T. Criscione! She loves United Airline people and friends and it's hard not to attend any luncheon ... God Bless ... Peter Criscione*"

Marie Nichols' daughter, Heide, has been keeping up with Jim F. about her mom. She emailed Jim: "*First thank everyone who called and sent cards, they honestly did wonders for mom's attitude and it was so great to see her smile when she got calls and visits*". Call Marie at (714) 871-9202, bed 15C or card her at 1631 W. Buena Vista Av., Anaheim, CA 92801-2101 or granmarienichols@hotmail.com.

Ray G. (as of late March) advises of the passing of **Norm Dugas** on 3/8 after a long painful illness. Send cards and notes to **Gertrude** at 3647 W. 144th Pl., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

John Hunter recently fell and ended up in the hospital, but is home and hopefully, nearly all well by now. With an excellent caregiver – **Frances**. I would guess so.

As for my own medical progress, I'm feeling stronger by the day, still on O₂ but only at night and when I feel like I need it during the day. Did you read Rich Surma's letter in the previous N/L? He put it so well about appreciating all the cards, etc. My feelings exactly!

And last but by no means least, from **Jim Ferrance** ~ Mark your calendars for the annual LAXRR Reunion to be held on Saturday 9/24 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo from 11AM to 3:30PM. The cost is \$34 with a no host bar. Jim will be sending out reservation flyers for everyone, but until then, contact him at resrat@aol.com for details about sending payments.

Now, do I have a deal for local folks planning a trip to Western Europe. In cleaning out a drawer recently, I found a travel wallet with 90 Euros in it! I think I'll sell them. Call and we'll negotiate - I charge no commission like banks and exchanges do! You'll have to come to my house as I'm not driving much as yet. Or, I'll be at the June ReLAXers luncheon (6/9) at the Proud Bird, (562) 430-4886.

And another deal ~ Those of you who were having me buy LAX Employee parking lot tags and who live far from here, too far to be able to make an advance run to buy your own tags, I have two other folks who are willing to help you out. Give me a call when you need one - allow plenty of time and I'll tell you where to send the money. As far as I know, price hasn't changed (\$30 per month, plus \$2 for S&H).

Calendar:

May 22 - 29 – Hope many of you can go to PDX.

June 9 – Delayed one week so anyone going on the post convention cruise won't miss out. Luncheon - Proud Bird.

August 4 - Famous, fabulous steak fry at El Segundo Park.

September 24 - LAXRR Reunion. Flyers follow.



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April has been a busy month for us. We had our breakfast which occurred after the last newsletter and our Spring Fling also which was on April 13th. There were 34 in attendance. The 50/50 Raffle at the breakfast was won by **Betty Tomaino**. We also solicited for ideas for fun things to do at future get-togethers. One of the suggestions was a summer picnic. We also had a suggestion to extend an invitation to the Continental retirees group to join us and I am in the process of making contact with them. Any suggestions are most welcome as we want to make this fun for everyone. Send me your ideas. All will be given consideration and voted upon.

We also learned that **Ed Ailshie's** wife, **Doris**, had cataract surgery and is doing well; she is waiting to have the other eye done. We missed her at the breakfast and lunch but understand she is doing well.

Greg Krok was able to join us after having his Aortic Bypass Surgery. He is doing well and it was good to see him at the breakfast and again at the luncheon.

Our Spring Fling lunch was at the 94th Aero Squadron and the food, atmosphere and turnout were good. We were pleased to have a good representation from North County. **Herb & Irene Cohan, Bill & Rosanna Krefft, Barbara & Wendell Johnson, Arlene & Lee Roberts**, and **Kit Fogelman** were those who braved the price of gas and made the trip from up North.

Howard Lackey, Southwest Regional Director, drove down from Los Angeles and talked to us about our evolving pass travel program. Many of our questions were answered and, of course, many issues are still to be determined. He did mention that our benefits stay as they are until January 2012 at the earliest.

The 50/50 raffle at the luncheon was won by **Wendell Johnson** and several door prizes were given out. A set of movie tickets, a Barnes & Noble card, Trader Joe's, and gift cards for See's Candies were given out.

Robert & Debbie Taylor are leaving shortly for Florida and will have their next breakfast with the SAND "DABS: in Daytona Beach.

Betty Tomaino will also be leaving for a fourteen day cruise to The Sea of Cortez. We wish them a safe and great vacation.

We have heard from **Sandy Cunningham** that **John** has undergone his Gastric bypass surgery and should be home recuperating as I write this letter.

Just a note on the May breakfast ~ We had twenty two in attendance: **Elliott & Jackie Schwartz, Herb & Irene Cohen**, and **Donald Voegle** from North Country joined out group. **John Cunningham** joined after his gastric bypass surgery, already fifty pounds lighter and feeling good. **Ralph Hernandez** was the winner of the 50/50 lottery

This brings us up to date and don't forget our next breakfast. I'll see you there.

Calendar:

June 2 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 10:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

GOLDEN GATERS

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We were privileged to be invited to the 101st birthday celebration on April 30, 2011 of RUAEA's honored member **Uel Soward** of Black Earth, Wisconsin. His first words on the invitation read as follows: *"Here I am again, inviting you to see what going without coffee, whiskey, tobacco and wild women will do. I can write in plain English and be well understood."* This alert and brilliant gentleman still has a working machine shop, makes bat houses, and the photographs of same are fabulous! What a wonderful image for the rest of us to live up to!

We also wish well the 90th birthdays of **Joe Wdowych** and long-time active member **Shirley Dickinson**. I don't know how they did it but you might ask them what their secrets are for 90 years of beautiful living.

The calendar's days seem to be flying by much too quickly ... Mother's Day was honored on May 8th ... God bless our servicemen and women on May 21st, Armed Forces Day ... remember to put your flags out on June 14th, Flag Day ... Father's Day is coming up on June 19th ... and we'll soon be wishing you "Happy Daze" when summer arrives on June 21st. It's not that we're getting older faster; it's just that we're getting "a little more developed in years"!



Our chapter, the Golden Gaters, pacified our sweet tooth due to our 49th year "in business". The cake, arranged by Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina**, was in keeping with UAL's old colors: red, white and blue.

Our super active International/Local Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has a *few* spaces left on two of her upcoming tours: "Norway Coastal Voyage" September 9 – 20, 2011 ... and, "Route 66" (cross-country USA) October 1 – 13, 2011. Contact her ASAP at (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com.

Our next General meeting will be one week ahead of time on a 3rd Monday, May 16. Entertainment will be by Personality-Plus "Beverly at the Piano". She plays music that you and I grew up with. And we will all be able to appreciate and reminisce with some of our favorite songs that actually have understandable lyrics and familiar tunes.

Instead of our usual hot-dog-all-American-lunch to celebrate our early "Fourth of July" event on Monday, June 24, we will be honoring our State of Hawaii with a teriyaki hamburger, all the fixings and a pineapple sundae! Tickets are \$5 and available at the next General meeting. If this doesn't suit you, you may of course bring your own sandwich or whatever. And we are definitely urging you to (men) wear Hawaiian shirts and (women) your pretty muumuus!

Unfortunately, only 5 of our members will be attending the Portland, Oregon RUAEA convention this year. But we'll be wearing big smiles anyway!

Have you all written your letters or emails to new CEO Jeff Smisek (Jeff.Smisek@coair.com), expressing your displeasure with the new travel pass policy effective January 1, 2012? Mr. Smisek evidently doesn't feel that enough of us retirees have expressed our opinions (really?). Support RUAEA: write your letter or email NOW, please.

Be aware: One of the latest scams coming to light is an unsolicited call from an "undistinguishable anyone" regarding a supposed request from a "grandchild" for money. These scam artists are smart and they have secured private information to convince you of their authenticity.

A Suggestion: The next time you see your dentist for X-rays, have him/her check for thyroid cancer. Also, make sure they put that lead apron around your neck. (Thanks, Ralph, our Pres.)

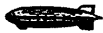
Please Note: Have you called the "Do Not Call List" and registered (takes less than a minute) both your cell and home telephone numbers? This is, of course, unless you enjoy getting unsolicited calls from various companies who want to sell you something ... anything. If this sounds familiar, remember you must do this every 5 years. The number to call: 1-888-382-1222.

Personally Speaking: When you go online for medical information, are you as confused as I am by pages and pages of websites whose contents may be dangerous and cannot necessarily be trusted? Type in “NIH” for National Institute of Health based in Bethesda, Maryland. This is one of the world’s foremost medical research centers and the heart of the federal government’s medical research in the United States. By typing “NIH” along with your medical question, you will be able to cut through piles of irrelevant, silly, dangerous and misleading information and go directly to the latest reliable research findings by qualified scientists. You will discover symptoms, treatments and research studies and be led to the latest reliable research findings by qualified scientists. You will also be referred to the National Library of Medicine which is the world’s largest medical library. This is free and available to the public and not enough of us know about it. For information on the National Library of Medicine, go to www.nlm.nih.gov.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting, promptly at 11:30 a.m. 4th Monday of each month (not in September or December or if a 4th Monday falls on a holiday). A slight change has been made to our May General meeting: It has been moved from the 4th Monday to the 3rd Monday which is May 16. We’ll see you at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL – SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SFO/SJC



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Pres. **Alex Klaus** greets
guest **Sam Cramb**

Marion Gaever and her committee of **Marion Swanson, LaDonna Eggert, Jean Jenkins, Vi Mattscheck** and **Cathy Elliott** hosted a successful Spring Lunch at Arya’s in Cupertino. The Easter bunny, aka President **Alex Klaus**, greeted the 82 guests upon their arrival. Easter treats and mechanical, musical rabbits on the tables, added to the Spring decorations. The “Daytimers”, a group of women from Sweet Adeline’s, entertained the group with a variety of show tunes. Special guests were RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** and **Barbara Bertacini**, No.CA/NV Director **John Zoboli** and Pastor Mark Brady. The afternoon concluded with a successful raffle led by **Tony Urso**.

The new travel policy has been of great interest to our members. Our newest member **Roger Casterline**, Western Region director, has been giving us recent updates. We hope to hear more at the convention in Portland.

We were happy to see visiting member **Lois Rodrigues** at a recent meeting. She now lives in Meridan, Idaho.

Our Vice President, **Sam Cramb**, brought us some important information on strokes. He had recently experienced a mild one and wanted to make us aware of three things we can do if we think someone is having a stroke:

- ✓ Ask the individual to smile.
- ✓ Ask him or her to raise both arms.
- ✓ Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.
- ✓ If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Wear your red, white and blue to our June 14th annual picnic at Lake Vasona Park in Los Gatos. **Tony & Sally Urso** will be hosting one of this group’s favorite events. The picnic begins at 10:45AM and includes an “all you can eat” barbecue and bingo game. The cost is \$21. RSVP with Tony & Sally at (408) 264-8580.

The Great Glenndini will appear at our next meeting, hopefully, so will all of us.

We meet every Friday morning at 8:00AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holders’ Country Inn in Cupertino, across from the Home-Depot on De Anza Blvd. Please come join us.

Calendar:

June 14 - Summer picnic at Lake Vasona, hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**

SAN JOAQUINERS

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The San Joaquiners Chapter met on April 14th for our monthly luncheon meeting. The luncheon was held at Lupita's Restaurant in Twain Harte and was hosted by **Larry & Lavina Brinsfield** and **Ace & Barbara Edkin**. There were 45 people in attendance.

President **Don Nesja** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A short meeting was held and a few jokes were shared, and then lunch was served. Don introduced **John Zoboli** as our guest speaker. We all enjoy hearing from John because he shares great information about the UAL and Continental merger.

Don read off the names of the people celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of April. Congratulations to everyone!

We also had a raffle of the Easter bunny centerpieces and a 50/50 raffle. **Guy Hoffman** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle and he won the big bucks.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the UAL Maintenance Reunion in Minden at the Carson Valley Inn on August 25, 26, and 27.

Our Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of every month in various locations. Please join us anytime you can. If you have any questions, please call our President, **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Our April meeting was held on the 11th with 19 members and guests in attendance. It was good to see the following folks returning: **Ken Price**, **Tracy Blanchard** and **Len Hales**.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the new Travel Policy. **Len Hales** won the 50/50 and **Jack Smith** won the Marie Callenders' pie. **Bill Boyle** won the Easter Candy.

Just a clarification from last month's information on the train from LAX. The correct name of the station is the Los Angeles Union Station. It is the 5th busiest Amtrak station in the U.S. It operates every ½ hour and the cost is \$7.00 pp.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all UA and CO retirees, 55 or older to attend and feel free to bring a guest. We have representation from many departments. We will be meeting the following dates and locations:

Calendar:

June 13 - Annual Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park - 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

July - no meeting

August 8 - Location to be announced

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The sun is finally shining in the North state and the Dogwoods are in bloom. Our hearts go out to our fellow retirees experiencing weather in the South and Southeast. We sure wish you all the best. Our March 31st meeting was held at a new venue, the Countryside Café in Red Bluff. 31 retirees had a great lunch and we will certainly make that one of our stops in the future.

President **Merritt Odor** introduced our Regional Director, **John Zoboli**, to the meeting. It is always nice to have John as he relays so much information for us.

Merritt asked for any birthdays or anniversaries. **Dick Hooning** had a March birthday and **Bill Simonton** celebrated his birthday in April. **John & Petrie Jewart** celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary, also in April.

John spoke and reviewed more convention highlights. Again he noted that the convention does not have a requirement to be a member of RUAEA. Members of all retiree groups both from United and Continental have been invited. John also highlighted the pass travel results. We had lots of discussion and I am sure the discussion will continue for the retirees. John also talked about the Sand Harbor picnic in Lake Tahoe which is set for Aug. 8th. April 6th was United's 85th birthday and an A320 was painted in retro colors to honor the date. Merritt also asked for any ideas for speakers at our meetings, talking about hobbies, interests or any trips members take.

Our member profile this month is **John & Linda Delaney** ~ John & Linda met when Linda took flight lessons in 1980. John was the flight instructor. They eventually attended Aviation Maintenance Training together and both received their A&P certificate in 1982. John worked in general aviation as a mechanic at Transamerica as an R&E Mechanic and Linda created an aircraft Technician School at Sierra Academy in Oakland. When applying for employment at United Airlines in 1984, they put both applications in the same envelope, which resulted in the same seniority date.

John hired into SFOWR and Linda took a job in the turbine shop, SFOPD. Within four months, John transferred to the docks as a general mechanic and Linda became the first female engine inspector in the Turbine Shop. In 1989, John went to Oakland California as an aircraft Inspector. One year later, Linda joined him in Oakland as a Cabin Mechanic. In the late 1990's, Linda was asked to develop a new training plan for Production after which she entered into management for a spell to run the Oakland Maintenance Training Program. Linda retired from OAKUM in December 2002 and John retired from OAKIQ in March, 2003.

After retirement, they decided to build a home in Northern California residential airport community. First, they built the airplane hangar which housed 2 airplanes and 2 gyrocopters and with that experience, they then built their steel framed house. Living in the Shasta Cascade Region provides them with all of their favorite hobbies; flying, boating, kayaking, hiking and snowboards. Life is good!

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **Linda Delaney** and the winner of the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate was **Merritt Odor**. The next meeting/luncheon will be held on Thursday May 19th and it was decided to have a picnic. Please R.S.V.P. Sharon through E-Mail or phone so we can get a good head count for the food.

Calendar:

May 19 - DeGarmo Park in Chico 11:00 A.M. See you there!

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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May 7 was a bright sunny day in Denver. The Mile Highers met for the monthly Breakfast at United's Flight training Center with 50 attending.

Our out of town guests were **Kathryn Anderson** from Houston and **Roy Martin** from Montana. We're glad that you were able to be with us and please join us again! It was also good to see **Jack Green** and **Rosie Melichier**.

Tom Goodyear reported that one of our recently delivered Boeing 737-800 was damaged in Greenville, Miss. when a concrete taxiway collapsed into a sink hole. The plane, just recently delivered was in Greenville for a pre-service paint job and scheduled to be ferried to IAH. The airplane received a lot of damage to the lower fuselage, main gear and engines. The current plan is to make the repairs in Greenville.

Co-workers and retirees may continue to submit questions about the new pass travel program, go to mypasstravel@united.com.

Thanks to **Marv Berryman** for bringing a DVD of United's 85th, the anniversary event in Denver.

Since Mother's Day was Sunday, all the ladies at the breakfast were given a lotto ticket. This was **Harriet Ahr**'s idea and a way to say thanks to all the moms. We will have to wait and see what the men get, if anything, next month for Father's Day.

A special thanks to **Keith Hipsher**, **Larry Rehfeld** and **Jim Spate** for returning their 50/50 winnings to the chapter. Keith won twice! Another take over by Aircraft Maintenance!

On April 27, we had our spring luncheon at the Palace Chinese Restaurant. There were 55 in attendance, a good number especially since this was our first time to this restaurant. There were plenty of door prizes which included three lovely plants donated by **Donna Miller**. Thanks, Donna! **Mickey & Gaby Manfre** from CAL were our special guests. Mickey is retired from CAL and is the President of their retiree association, ARECA. **Tom & Nancy Goodyear**'s guest was their daughter **Amy Bruchs**. **John Wade** brought **Christina Acosta** as his guest. And it was good to see **Ray & Sandra Colavita**.

The summer picnic is in the planning stages, so watch your next Newsletter for the details. Tom promises it will be a "bug" free event!

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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

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We had a regular lunch meeting on April 25. It was a short meeting with a few people. Discussion was mostly about the new pass policy. We felt it was not the best choices and had hoped for less complicated boarding priorities.

A new member attended today, **Eve King** of DENSU. We are growing!

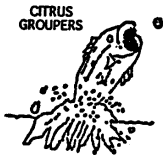
Our meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. **Please RSVP to Chuck.**

Calendar:

May 23 – Regular lunch meeting

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS



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The Citrus Groupers met on April 29 with 15 people in attendance. **Paul Brown**, Regional Director, conducted the meeting. A discussion of the 2012 travel policy was held. It seems there is a lot of confusion regarding the new policies. More information will be discussed in subsequent meetings.

The group was without a President for a few meetings and luckily, **Don Nellans** volunteered for which we are all very happy and grateful. He has some great ideas for the group in the coming months. In addition, **Claus Brinnitzer** will act as Vice-President.

A 50/50 chance drawing was won by **Ethel Solomon**.

Our meetings are held the last Thursday of the month and for the months of June and July, the luncheon meetings will be held at the Nancy Lopez Country Club in a private room. The address is at the end of this report.

March Birthdays: **Barbara Anderson, Jim Hurst, Charles Wirth, Frank Wood, Maxine Wood.**

March Anniversary: Mr. & Mrs. **Mandy Ocampo.**

April Birthdays: **Claus Brinnitzer, Jim Dickinson, Don Nellans, Jack Spalding, Lydia Wirth, Carol Bell, Jay Fernandes.**

Deceased: **Louis Brandonisio.**

Calendar:

The last Thursday of every month, 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., 753-1475

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The May meeting was called to order by Vice President **Steve Moddle**, with our usual pledge to the flag and a short opening prayer. There were 15 members present. It was good to see our Associate Members, **Robert & Deborah Taylor** from SAN who come to this area twice a year. Treasurer **Penny Logan** called at the last minute to say she was having car problems and would not make the meeting, but gave us the treasury balance.

Our birthday celebrants for May are **Frieda Coughlin, Robert Taylor, Bud Gammill, Lillian Moddle** and **Bill Lowry**. Company Anniversary is **Nelson Funkhouser**, 58 years. **Jim Meyer** let us know that former member **Jesse Jernigan** passed away in April of cancer. He was 83 years old, and was still active flying his airplane right up to the last. **Lillian Moddle** won the 50/50, so that was a nice birthday present for her.

VP Steve gave us an up-date on our President **Dick Coughlin** who is recovering from a serious cancer operation on his cheek and jaw bone. Dick will be going for radiation treatments for 5 days a week for the next 6 weeks at the Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando. **Lil & Steve Moddle** saw Dick recently and said he looks good, but the recovery will be long. The scar on Dick's face is hidden in the wrinkles of his neck, so wrinkles are good to have sometimes. Two cards went around for everyone to sign. We had a brief reading of selected verses from Psalm 103 and a healing prayer for Dick by Bobbie. We encourage Dick to keep up with his therapy exercises and we're looking forward to see him back with us possibly in August or September.

VP Steve had a few funny jokes for us. We enjoyed wonderful conversations together during lunch. Steve gave us some e-mail information regarding the company pass policy for retirees. There was some discussion

regarding that. The final policy apparently is still not firmed up yet. On that note, our meeting adjourned until we meet again in June.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Carefully pick your friends, but not to pieces.

Calendar:

June 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

July 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

August 4 - 1130 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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The Real McCoys enjoyed a nice lunch and President Rich opened the meeting at 2:30pm with a welcome to all 45 members and guests present. A number of returning members in the crowd included **John & Barb Wiseman** and **Bevan & Elaine Vice**! Great to see you! Hope Treasurer Char caught up with you for those annual dues – HO!

Our April 5th picnic was held instead of the normal meeting, so there were no minutes to be read - **and** the picnic had to be delayed 'til April 6th because of nasty weather. We had a wonderful turnout and good food and a super time was had by all! Those who missed out on this event should mark their calendars for our regularly scheduled October Picnic and plan to attend. I know I'm gonna do my best to be there!

Our Flag Bearer, **Ernie Vosges**, is in the hospital again. That big heart of his is giving him trouble. Extra prayers needed. Address: 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829 and email ocean2900@att.net.

Birthday Good Wishes to **Cathy Llewellyn** (5/15), **Bob McNeill** (5/29) and **Pat Hernandez** (5/30). A Big Congratulations to **Joe & Marie Buffomante**, celebrating 52 years on May 23rd! Our 50 Years in May Anniversary Loving Couples are **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** and **Paul & Helga Brown**! Wow! 52! 50! What's your secret?

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

June 7

July 5

August 2

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*Submitted by **Barbara M. Riecss***

The meeting of the Tampa Bay Chapter was called to order at 1100AM by President **Barbara Riecss** at the Anderson Park Pavilion for our semi-annual picnic. There were 31 members present and one new member, **Tom Theil** from EXO, Chicago.

There were two birthdays: **Carol Starr** and **Art Reveillac** (93, wow). There was one anniversary: **Pat & Jim Hottel**, 54 years.

We received a letter from RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** proclaiming the benefits of attending the RUAEA Convention to be held in Portland, OR, May 22-29. He described it as a Win-Win opportunity. **Terry Breslin** informed us that **John Quinn** had passed away on March 9, following the passing of his wife, **Pearl**, on January 9.

Jon Wilkinson updated the chapter on pass policies and other data. It was announced that our speaker for May will be Ms. Mary Barnwell, Senior Land Management Specialist. She will inform the chapter on the preservation of fields and forests.

2nd Report:

Barbara Riecse began the May 2 meeting at Paul's Seafood Restaurant with 21 members in attendance. The treasurer's report was given by **Jean Linehan**. Membership Chairperson **Mary Martin** advised the yearly dues of \$5.00 will be due in July.

Jean & Bill Linehan have been married 50 years on May 6.

Terri Breslin, our Sunshine Chairperson, reported **Bob Gaul** had contacted her concerning the death of his wife, **Maryanne** on April 17, after a serious illness. Memorial services was held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on May 14.

Jon Wilkinson gave current information concerning United and Continental, also information concerning passes for 2012. **Bob Lindstorm** added to this information, rules on passenger safety, and newspaper articles about the United and Continental merger.

Jim Hottel reported on the picnic to be held October 3, a sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting. **Jon Wilkinson** has secured the picnic area at Anderson Park.

Mary Barnwell was our guest speaker. She is a Senior Land Management Specialist. She gave information concerning prescribed fire burning for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Calendar:

June 6 - 11:00AM, IHOP, 10740 S.R. 54, New Port Richey, 727-376-8717



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Wow! Wow! Wow! We had a hefty 23 members and 2 new members at our luncheon meeting on May 3, the new members hailing from Lake Worth which is not a stones throw from Jensen Beach, I have you. We seem to be growing leaps and bounds and we are as pleased as can be.

Our newest members are none other than **Barbara Blauschild** and **Dick Knapp**. **Barbara, Diane Brodis, Sharon Kolibab** and myself all worked together in NYCRR before it closed and Barbara then worked with **Al Popek** in FLL and MIA. Dick worked in FLL, DEN, OMA and CHI, not necessarily in that order and they have just moved into a new home in Lake Worth. Barbara also worked with **Catherine Coate**.

As a matter of fact, **Catherine Coate** was instrumental in getting them to join us and what two very nice people are now included in our family tree. Welcome aboard Barbara & Dick and thank you, Catherine!

Diane & Paul Liebisch along with **Barbara Dodenhoff** took our friend and their friend Thomas to MCO to fly back home to Berlin since the flights on Wednesday did not look promising. They were not able to attend our meeting as planned but perhaps we shall see Thomas on his next trip to the U.S. I understand he got First Class to FRA, way to go!

Chris Taylor was in attendance and as usual, still offering her jokes, can't print them here! We missed **Mary Jane & Frank Wise**, along with **Bill Nehls**. Hope all is well and hope to see you in June, remember no meeting in July and August.

I have said it many times but it is worth repeating, if you are in the area, please drop in on us, you won't regret it, our group is lively and very comfortable speaking with everyone. They sure keep the place buzzing and the food and service are always terrific. Just look at where some of our members come from, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Fort Lauderdale; these are not just around the corner and we greatly appreciate their dedication.

You guessed it, there was plenty of conversation about the merger and travel policy. Al again struck his meat tenderizer on that small block of wood and got everyone's attention and laugh, and when the room was quiet, **Jim Morehead** said "*Will everyone please rise*", as he stood up, you must know the place roared with laughter. We have the greatest sense of humor and that is the key! Our waiter was in the process of getting

orders and he too, was laughing. Barbara, our newest member said to Al, "*Did you know that is a meat tenderizer?*" We do have our serious moments but we sure do laugh a lot, which is good for the soul.

Al took a vote around the room and each member voiced their opinion and vote on eligibles or companion passes and guess what, Eligibles won hands down. Al strongly recommends that anyone with personal opinions on the new pass policy, they should send an email to our new CEO Jeff Smisek. His personal email address is Jeff.Smisek@coair.com. Make sure you place the period after his name Jeff, and they are uppercase on his name and lower case on the rest of the email address. Our CEO said if something isn't right, he wants to know about it, he also stated that things are always changing and he will continue to look at things. You can't ask for more, so take the liberty of sending him an email. Maybe we should be on the deciding team for benefits, not a bad idea!

Sharon & Tom Kolibab are leaving FL for NJ and unfortunately, won't be back to see us until January, Tom retired from his high position with AT&T and started a Handyman Service in NJ, he is so busy he is unable to spend as much time in FL as he would like. When he returns, he will be putting a new kitchen in their FL home, he just finished putting in a patio on the side of the house. Sharon and I had lunch together before he returned and hopefully we will get to spend some time in January.

Diane Brodia won the 50/50 and since Ron wasn't with her, she had it all, **Vicky Snyder** won the progressive drawing which was a whopping \$3.00 and said jokingly, "*I will buy a round after the meeting!*" What a gal. Hi Ron, hope to see you in June.

Vicky just celebrated her Birthday on May 1, **Jack Boisseau** May 16, **Diane Mc Court** on May 13 whom I never see and **Barbara Blauschild** on May 25. Happy Birthday to all!

Well guys and gals, just a reminder, we have a meeting in June but not July and August since we take a much needed rest from the heat! Hope to see everyone on June 7 Meeting/Luncheon.

On the lighter side:

- ☺ *After any salary raise, you will have less money at the end of the month than you did before.*
- ☺ *You know you are no longer a kid when the end of your tie doesn't come anywhere near the top of your pants.*
- ☺ *A study published in the journal "Neurolog" says that people who snore are more prone to headaches. No reason given. My theory "It's because their spouses hit them on the head all night long trying to get them to stop snoring!"*
- ☺ *Yes I'm a Senior Citizen and:*
 - *I'm the life of the party ... even if it lasts until 8PM*
 - *I'm wondering, if your only as old as you feel, how could I have live to 150?*
 - *And, how can my kids be older than I feel sometime? (Sometimes I feel 30)*
 - *I'm not really grouchy; I just don't like traffic, waiting in long lines, crowds, lawyers, unduly kids, politicians and a few other things I can't remember right now.*
 - *Yes, I'm a senior citizen and I think I am having the time of my life!*

Remember, Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking!

Calendar:

June 7 – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

July – On vacation, no meeting

August – On vacation, no meeting

GEORGIA

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Twenty three Flyers and three guests were in attendance on May 4 at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Colleen Austin**, **Don & Mary Lou Sullivan's** daughter; and back after a brief absence were **Tina Meyers** and **Missy Lane**, **Lyle & Joanna Meyers'** daughters. We were glad to see them back

enjoying our luncheon. A good number of our regulars were absent this month, some on the road and some staying home with loved ones on the sick list. The weather has not been the greatest for good health lately, running hot and cold alternately. High pollen counts and bad storms, including tornados have gone through our area lately. So far we have no reports of any of our members injured or having really bad damage to their homes, other than loss of some trees. We can count ourselves very lucky because others have not been as fortunate.

Fred Cron led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, and **Don Shelley** in the blessing. **Fred Cron**, our 50/50 Director, assisted by **Bogie Wallace**, conducted the 50/50. Niki, our server, drew the winning ticket held by **Barney Knotts** who graciously donated his prize to The Promise Place shelter. We understand that Fred has Niki on staff now as the Official Drawer of the tickets, Niki recently became a local celebrity when she became Marilyn Monroe, greeting guests at the 2nd Anniversary celebration of the opening of the Broadway Diner. Way to go Niki!

Bill Elk held a brief business meeting and more information about the new pass policies were discussed. Various travelers who have flown recently shared stories of their experiences. **Bill Elk** went over some of the effects the high fuel costs have resulted in some of the ancillary costs charged by airlines, and discussed what the increased Medicare premium will be in the next couple of years.

Still on our sick list this month is **Irma (Wormie) Bowling**, wife of **Bill Bowling**. She is still undergoing testing and may have to have surgery later to correct her condition. **Don & Marge Shelley's** 11th Annual Picnic on April 16, 2011 was a big success. In the neighborhood of 70 people showed up to enjoy renewed acquaintances and friendships and great food. Some traveled great distances to attend. The weather co-operated nicely, with just a little wind present.

Calendar:

June 1 – Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:30PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828. Time - 2:30 (at request of restaurant until June)

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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We had a total of ten people attending the May 2 meeting at JB's Restaurant in Meridian: **Shirley & Charles Perkins, Ned Yundt, Marlene Croghan, Joe & Joan Varady, Denny Snyder, Dave Adams, and Shirley & Rick Dempsey.**

Rick stated we would be having another luncheon some time in May and when we knew the date, an email would be sent to members.

Dave Adams said he drove 4,300 miles in April to LAS, PIH, SFO, SEA, and two trips to LAX.

Charles Perkins announced his garden was in and he was praying for no more freezing night temperatures!

Since our meeting, the next May luncheon will be held on May 17, Noon, at the Lucky Palace Chinese Restaurant in Boise.

Calendar:

May 17 - Noon, Lucky Palace Chinese Restaurant

June 6 – Meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian, 1:30PM

July 4 - No Regular Meeting. We will have a special function in July, when these plans are complete, we will email the membership.

August 1 - Meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian, 1:30PM

September - We will have our Memorial Picnic the first week in September. Date, time and location will be emailed to membership when plans are complete.

ILLINOIS

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On April 13th, we finally had a day with no sleet, no snow, no rain, and no dark clouds, and the Northsiders packed Ritzzy's, just bubbling with talk.

One trip we heard about was **Ed Majewski** being delayed 2½ hours departing on Flight 881 CHI to NRT. Everyone has heard about the earthquake and tsunami hitting Japan and closing the Narita airport short of the projected arrival time. So, the flight was diverted to Anchorage, Alaska. UAL has only summer hours there, and Continental was unable to approve a ZED fare on Alaska Airways to Chicago. But it only took two days to get a standby seat on Continental back to Chicago. He's smiling now.

Ceil Gates maintains she will never go to MSY on a pass when there is a holiday.

Jim Sommerfield's son Jim and his family joined Jim and his wife Louise for a fun-filled weekend at their Wisconsin Lake house. After that, the Wisconsin Dells, Mt. Olympia Water Park and the Appleton Children's Museum. They topped all that off with a Greek feast at Apollo's Restaurant with Wisconsin friends.

Congratulations to **Marlene Anderson**, who was elected President of the 1487 Airline Retirees Club.

Darlene & Sal Marilia took a relaxing weekend to Miami Beach to check out the condos, the great weather, and ocean fun in the sun.

I have to remind everyone that I have lost my source for the over fifty-year wedding anniversaries. So, if you are celebrating one, please drop a line, an email, or phone call giving particulars. We have **Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal** with 43 years (youngsters) and **Vivian & Edward Bukar** with 55 years.

Last month, we advised that **Irene Miller** was transferred to Sunrise Living in Schaumburg. Sadly, she left us for a heavenly home on April 20th. Her wake was April 23rd at Glyceride's Funeral Home. I did not receive her son's address in Kentucky and Florida.

Barb Wesemann will be traveling to Northern California to join sister Beverly for a three-day bus tour to Carson City and Lake Tahoe with a side trip to Mount Shasta. She will be home for 8-9 days before traveling to Colorado Springs for her great nephew's graduation from high school. Barb was in a three-car accident on Good Friday which totaled her car and a second car. Fortunately, no injuries other than a few bruises and aches (from the seat belt).

The Southside crew was much smaller, but in no less a talky mood, 17 including **Virginia Hilkins**, who will be celebrating her 95th birthday on May 15th. She is now living at Sunrise Assisted Living, 12828 S. LaGrange Rd., Palos Hills, IL 60465, Room 215. Does that call for a special card or not?

LaVonne Halach won one raffle twice and **Sylvester Gant** only once. **Carmen Chavez** had her usual unusual treat called Oreejicas (Spanish mini elephant ears).

MDW Girls and Guys – **Jacque Sontheimer** and **Carol Faust** have been doing the Midway Girls luncheons the last few years. They will not be able to do it this year and are looking for someone to take over the job. The luncheon is on the 4th Wednesday of September at Manzo's Banquets in Des Plaines. It is not a hard job. If you are interested in taking over and keeping the luncheons going, contact Jacque at (630) 893-1829 or Carol at (847) 903-4521 as soon as possible.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**May 31 & June 28**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzzy's Café & Backereia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**June 8**)

July 18 - Picnic - Chandler's Country Club, 401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month



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As this is being written, the RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon has not yet taken place, so any news re: 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 20th.

Because Wacker Drive is under construction, following is an update on the bus transportation from the Ogilvie train station downtown to the Renaissance Hotel for the Loop Group Luncheons. The place to catch the #124 Navy Pier Bus is now on the NE corner of Madison and Clinton.

There is no change in the bus routes that return to the train stations going west on Madison which are #124, 157, 56, 20.

Calendar:

June – No Luncheon scheduled

July 20 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

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As home to the “Indy 500”, Indianapolis is buzzing with springtime activities. The month of May is generally filled with the sound of engines roaring around the Speedway track in trial events, parades and recently, 40,000 people participated in the “mini marathon” walk/run. The month is highlighted by the “Indy 500” race on May 29th.

Indy Racers are looking forward to our June picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN on Saturday, June 11th, beginning at 12:30 P.M. This year’s theme will be Hawaiian. The chapter donates the meat, pop and coffee. Members provide side dishes and desserts, always too delicious and, of course, calorie-less!

We have missed our leader, **Mike Matlak**, since he has rejoined the workforce as a teacher at a local aviation training facility. He hopes to be able to make the meeting this month since students depart early enough he can be to the IHOP to open our meeting session. **Eli Burnett** is going to have hand surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome on Tuesday. It will be outpatient surgery and she hopes to be recovered in time to travel with **Bud** to California to visit family. Unfortunately for us, they will miss our picnic.

Jack Conway has recovered from a mild stroke that he suffered last month. **Carol Conway** was battling a severe respiratory infection at the same time and has also recovered.

Tony Urbanovic gave a comprehensive report on the planned standby travel at our last meeting. He is retired from Continental and was familiar with their vacation travel pass. Another new face joined us in April, **Chuck Dowling**. **Mary Chandler** is off to Washington, D.C. for Mother’s Day weekend. **Cheri & Ron Innis** have left for Phoenix to celebrate their anniversary. Normally, they vacation in the Smokey Mountains for their anniversary but, Cheri has found a new retreat and is trying to convince Ron it is the “place” for winter. **Jim & Nancy Gibson** are in Illinois rehabbing her former house to place it on the market, not an easy task.

Happy anniversary to **Cheri & Ron Innis** and enjoy many, many more. Also, happy June birthdays to **Eli Barnett** and **Bob Duffy**.

A reminder, if you’re in the area, please join us for either the picnic or any of our regular meetings. For directions to Twin Bridges Lodges, call the above phone number.

Calendar:

June 11 – Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN, picnic starting at 12:30 P.M. (no regular Tuesday meeting in June)

July 12 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Hwy 36), Avon, IN. Room is available from 1:30 PM. The meeting begins at 3:00 PM. We welcome all United as well as Continental employees/retirees.

August 9 - IHOP Restaurant

MASSACHUSETTS



NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters April 26th luncheon meeting, held at Jeveli's, (oldest Italian restaurant in Boston), was quite a success. As a matter of fact, it brought out members whom we haven't seen in some time. Jeveli's is close to Logan Airport and most airport employees have enjoyed lunches here at one time or another.

Thirty nine members were in attendance. Only two who planned to attend, but didn't make it, **Josephine Pizzano** and **Peter Fusco**. Not seen in some time were **Dorothy Barry**, **John DeYoung**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Fran Mathew**, **Joe Moise**, **Fred Parks**, **Don Lewis**, **Patti Quinn**, **Dayle Vee** and **Horace Smith**. **Tim Snyder** was our first timer. Also, quite unexpected, **Bill Shailor**, right out of rehab. Our guests were **Maria** and **Gregoria**. Maria is **Bill & Helen Marios'** daughter and **George Mavreles'** niece. Gregoria is with George. Needless to say, George's family and friends are becoming regulars. Good food, good friends and excellent venue, a spot to be reconsidered. The 50/50s were won by **Bill Betters** and guest **Maria Marios**. Free lunches won by **Bob Lincoln** and **Carol Montalto**. This is the first meeting in many moons we didn't see **Don Latter** who advises he was under the weather, but dealing with it. The Nor'Easters has two new members: **Howie Fuller**, BOSMM and **Joan Twing**, BOSOZ. Welcome! We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Fred Parks advised me that I keep sending his mail addressed to **Fred Casey**. Now corrected, Fred! **Anthony Postale** and guest **Edwina Lundquist**, (always present and now considered a regular) advised Spring is in full bloom in central MA, with flowers everywhere. Not quite yet in NH! **Joe Moise** is working after retirement. He said home and work are both in Stoneham, MA, making life easy. **Bruce Casassa** residing in Seabrook, NH, which is within a mile of the nuclear power plant. The town is discussing an evacuation plan, in light of Japan's problem. Bruce said he's too close to worry! **Peter Fusco** just had his 89th birthday. He and **Bill Shailor**, the same age, are the Nor'Easters most senior members.

Judy Austin was hospitalized, had an operation, is now home and preparing for chemo treatments. She thanks the Nor'Easters for the flowers when hospitalized and the members for the many cards. They lifted her spirits when she needed it most. A while back, **Bill Shailor** fell and put out his left hand to break his fall, but did enough damage to have it swell up several times its normal size. He was hospitalized for six days, then three days in rehab. **Helmut Umbley** deserves special thanks, for taking care of Bill's dog Tula and visiting Bill with his pet during recovery. Helmut also drives Bill to meetings now that he doesn't drive. We do have several members who cannot drive or drive far. Please call or email me for help. We have members who are willing to help out, getting you to meetings. This is about fellow members helping each other. Please call if there's a need.

June's birthdays: **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Thomas Dagle**, **Marie Dwyer**, **Francis Mathews**, **Paul Newcomb**, **Anthony Postale Jr.**, **Charles Staula** and **Dick Vee**.

June's anniversaries: **Pat & Bob Austin** (37 years), **Bill & Norma Betters** (52), **John & Lois DeYoung** (44), **Joe & Albina Duda** (54), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (55), **Jayne & John Regan** (19), **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (45) and **Dick & Delores Woodworth** (51).

MICHIGAN

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Since our Escapees' May meeting has been delayed due to the Loonies coming to town and the May hosts Joan & Marie are hosting both events, we decided to combine them on May 11. We will be gathering at Station 885 in Plymouth for an evening event. Since United taught us well on changes, we had no problem doing so. Stay tuned.

Our love and prayers this month to **Pat Hoffman** @ 14221 Wellesley, Dearborn, MI 48126 and sister, **Nancy Madison Buell** @ P.O. Box 845, Woodruff, WI 54568, who lost their Mom Daisy at the young age of 93 on Apr 19.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail (except for May).

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With flagging spirits because of the prospect of yet another short blast of wintry conditions, 30 hardy souls showed up and cheered one another up by just seeing the smiling faces and having that opportunity to visit. This winter has been the fourth snowiest in the Twin Cities since records started being kept, with 89 inches. I realize that that's a sparse amount compared to some of the Snow Belt areas, but for us, 89 inches is a bunch!

A couple of people to put on your "get well quick" list are **Joe Balogh**, who underwent open heart surgery recently. A note or call from his friends will cheer him up, I know; 18501 Woolman Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345, (952) 474-5192; and **Marie Huemoeller**, ex-wife of one of our former Ramp Servicemen, who broke her knee in a golf cart accident recently. She's looking at about a 3-months' rehab. Her particulars ~ 29352 New Hampshire Way, Hayward, CA 94544, (510) 785-8154. **Joe Eyestone** had a short trip to the hospital recently, too, but he's healing nicely and doing fine.

Lee & Diane Storlie recently took a trip to New Orleans and were pleased that everything was on time, no mechanicals; they got to sit together both ways & even had snacks to eat. Boy, that doesn't happen very often! But then, they drove.

Lots of discussion took place about the proposed new travel policy. It has sparked much comments on the Internet & I had to 'fess up that I had put in my 2 cents' worth as well, causing my email "In" box to fill up rather quickly for several days. There are quite a few details which will have to still be worked out, but it appears that the final policy won't go into effect before 2012, & perhaps even further into that year.

Since no one from our chapter intended to go to PDX for the convention, a motion was made, seconded & passed to provide \$100 to **Lee Storlie** to represent us at the Presidents' breakfast.

Glenda Morton, widow of our old pal, "**Mort**", had his 40th anniversary service pin made into a ring which **Diane Storlie** gave **Lee** for his birthday a few months ago. The two guys were close buddies from the time they first worked together in DTW in the early days. What more meaningful gift could she have given him?

We'll be looking forward to seeing some of our snowbirds soon. Their absence is felt during the long winter months, so it will be good to once again have a chance to visit with them.

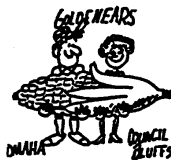
Bit of trivia ~ Did you know that 38 years ago, the first cellular phone call was made? Doesn't seem like it should be that long ago, does it?

Lunch at 11:15AM on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494.

NEBRASKA

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What a nice turnout at Gerda's. It was great, we had so many in attendance whom we haven't seen for a long time including **Louis Stankoski**; **Meredith Kubie** and his niece, **Kim Howard**; **Marva Dickinson**; **Hilde & Dick Schwan** and **Hilde's** son, **Corbin**; **Dorothy Glover**; **Stan Longmeyer** and **Elaine Boner-Carlson**. Thanks to our host, **Mel Harrison**.

Harry (Nick) Nekonchuk passed away March 23. There was no service; however, **Judy** had a celebration of Nick's life on April 2 at the Elmwood Tower. It indeed was a celebration with many in attendance and great stories told by his son, Scott (with Judy's help!). **Dave Christiansen** also spoke about the days when he started with United and told of stories about Nick on the job. Judy is directing memorials to Patriotic Productions, Inc. honoring war veterans. Our sympathy to Judy and her family.

Jim Beveridge, age 88, passed away April 1. Jim had been in ill health for several months. You could always count on a good story from Jim when they were able to come to our luncheons. He is survived by his wife, **Mary**, and several nieces and nephews. They were married 62 years. Jim served during WWII and participated in the Normandy Invasion. His funeral service was held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church on April 4. Our sincere sympathy to Mary and all of her nieces and nephews.

Word has been received that **Viola Mumaugh** passed away on February 7 in Sun City West, AZ where she and **John** resided after he retired from United/Omaha many years ago. There will be a funeral mass for Vi at Mary our Queen Catholic Church here in Omaha at 10 A.M. on Saturday, May 28th. Vi is preceded in death by John and is survived by seven children and many grandchildren.

Hilde Schwan was diagnosed with an illness that is like shingles that never came out – more or less inverted. This was about a year ago and finally after finding out what it was, they did put her on medication which she may have to take the rest of her life. Their doctor in this tiny town found out what it was and, even though he had never heard of this happening, Hilde said some people have. We are certainly glad she is feeling better and the medicine is working.

Calendar:

June 15 - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Toddy & Cary Manson**. Please note the date change.

July 5 – Piccolo's, Hosted by **Tony Sortino**

August 2 - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

NEVADA



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There were 21 members in attendance at our April meeting.

The Sand Harbor Picnic at Lake Tahoe is set for Monday, August 8. Invitations to the other NorCal/Nor Nevada chapters will go out on June 1st.

Southwest has a phone line for making N/R standby listings and will provide a listing PNR number. You should have the flight segments figured out before you call. The payment is cash when you check in at the airport. The number is 1-866-359-7967.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Elizabeth Brown**. **Maurine Williams** won the small gift graciously donated by **Larry & Donna Reid**.

An April birthday was celebrated by **Jim Meeks**.

Trips ~ The **Leusings** missed the meeting; they are on an extended trip in Europe.

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President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute and followed with a quiz. What year was the first 767 delivered to United. Answer ~ October 1, 1982, **Kenny Carlson** won the prize for the correct answer.

There was much discussion about the new policy on boarding. Many did not understand the Seniority, Retirees get boarded last except with Vacation Passes. Companion passes are now called Buddy Passes. Dick had copies of the policy that is appearing in the May issue of the RUAEA Newsletter for those who do not get them.

UAL is down to two gates in Terminal A at Newark and has a 777 from EWR to Zurich. Mechanics settled their contract; they are now with the Teamsters Union.

Joe De Carlo has asked if people will be attending the Golf Tournament on September 12th. He would like to know how many people would be interested. It will be held at the Winter Hills Golf Course.

Minutes and an e-mail from **Charlie Bogert**, who attend our last meeting, were read by **Marty Etler**.

John Murphy gave the treasurer's report and reminded everyone that the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse will be in June. He will have to know by the next meeting who is going and also pay for the show.

VP **John Deily** gave a report on the new menu at Snuffy's. They are offering us additional selections.

Calendar:

May 25 – Next meeting

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

A day of unpredictable rain only brought out 34 members and 2 guests to the luncheon. Don't know if it was the weather that kept attendance low or that some of our snowbirds have not flapped their wings and returned to the north. The pledge of Allegiance was led by **Jim Richardson**. We remembered in silence those who are ill or for some other reason that they could not make the luncheon.

Our special guest for today was **Treatie Karwoski**, RUAEA Northeast Regional Director. She reported on the subjects of the New Pass Policy going into effect in January 2012. She also touched on the subject of all the e-mails being sent to the New CEO, Jeff of Continental, concerning the seniors' unhappiness with the new proposed pass policy. It seems that he has not been getting them. She said when he was questioned about them at the employee meetings being held around the country, he claims that he never knew there were e-mails addressed to him on this subject. Hmmmm, where are all these e-mails going or who is re-directing them

somewhere else. Treatie said this is her last year in office. We all thanked her for her great work in office during the years.

It was reported that **Dave Curtin** was in the hospital recently, but is home now. Please keep him in your prayers, along with prayers for **Ron Weick** and **Elliot Olenick**.

We welcomed back **Iggy Blanda** and **Ann Maertz**. **Nadine Cordes**, was a guest and was seated at the table of **Julie** and **Rose Schneider**.

May was a very busy month. We had 13 members celebrating their birthdays and 14 couples celebrating their anniversaries. Those celebrating their birthdays this month are: **Clara Wilsdorf, Ed Vasta, Carol Piechnk, Leonora Schuler, Yvonne Guella, Mary Lou Ellis, Lorraine McFadden, Gail Block, Rex Zubris, William Armstrong, Fred Jones, Robert Piechnik, Blanca Suarez.** **Irene & Rex Zubris** were the leaders this month with 54 years of marriage.

July is only 2 months away and it's time to start planning our annual trek to Belmont Raceway for a day of picnicking and watching the horses run. Plan to bring your own lunch, but the chapter will supply the beverages. If someone wishes to contribute a dessert, it will be appreciated.

Calendar:

June 1 – Noon, Milleridge Inn

July 6 – 1100AM- Belmont Raceway

August 3 – 1000AM, picnic at Wantagh Park

NORTHWOODS

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By the time you read this, our 30th Loonies get-together would have come and gone and Joan and I are a little disappointed and sad as we have had several cancelations recently, due to illness and life's unplanned and unexpected changes. However, we are looking forward to meeting and greeting all who can make it. Oh yes, and good news; an Ice cream parlor is less than a mile away from our hotel and we know how we Loonies love ice cream.

Our love and prayers to **Charlene & John Roberts** @ P.O. Box 528, Three Lakes, WI 54562, as Charlene's sister passed in March and will be buried in May due to the frozen ground in the Northwood's country. They were the first ones to book for the Loonies and are very disappointed but know their grandchildren need them at this time. Also keep **Carol Buechin** @ 1492 Anthony Rd., Pentwater, MI 49449-9667, in your prayers due to shortness of breath and chest tightness that landed her in the hospital Apr 25. They found out it was not heart related so she was sent home. She is going through lots of tests trying to determine the cause to no luck as yet. Hopefully they will find an answer soon.

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Spring has come to Ohio according to the calendar, but our warm weather has not made a permanent appearance. Regardless of that minor detail, we still had a full house at our luncheon with 75 members present.

Our President, **Dolly Taucher**, asked for a few minutes before our meeting started and proceeded with the following statement. *"Regarding the Barbaric Raid of 9-11-2001. Today, for our President, those involved in*

the planning of the Seek & Destroy mission on Sunday, for our Elite Navy Seals in executing the plan assigned to them, for all of our Military whether in service, retired, or wounded since 911, and in remembrance of the 2,985 souls lost on that day and their loved ones.” She asked for a moment of silence for each of us to join together in private prayer or reflect in our own way.

Our luncheon continued with **Dave Placko** leading us in giving thanks. We also want to give a “Thank You” to **Carol Seifried** and **Barb Vauls** for hosting this months event and taking care of all the details that make things go so smoothly for all the rest of us. We hope to return to Bucci’s next year with them again taking care of “business”. This is one place where seating is limited, so most of us try to get our reservations in early!

We had two guests this month. **Diane Johnston**, from the National club “Clipped Wings”, and “GG” the darling granddaughter of **Sharon Gatesman**. Also good to see **Jerry Zadar & Ann Kenda** with us again!

Birthdays in May were celebrated and those in attendance were made to stand up and admit they were another year older. **Gene Craig, John Kercel, George Oncu, Tom LeMasters, and John Taucher** were more than happy to stand. A very Happy Birthday to all of you, and also those who were not here to join us and we hope to see you soon.

Anniversaries: **Jack & Kay Preston (52), Steve & Cathy Pytel (51), Dave & Marie Placko (50), and John & Dolly Taucher (48)**. Congratulations to each of you, and to those of you who were not with us, our thoughts and best wishes are with you also.

We have a number of members who are not here due to health issues or injuries. Some of those we are aware of are **Cathy Pytel**, strained her hamstring, **Anne Fiedler**, health issue, **Harry Gunther**, health issues, and **Earl Anderson**, living in San Diego, is not doing well. **Betty Neary** has moved to Illinois to live with her daughter and says she will miss everyone. We also received word that **Joe Fusco** (non member-CLERR) passed away 4/29/2011. Our sympathy to his family and loved ones.

RUAEA Convention – May 22-29, Portland, Oregon – see newsletter

Dolly spoke with RUAEA Secy. **Diane Greigo** in regard to the convention always being the end of May. There has been discussion of changing it. We will see what happens. It seems that May is always a busy time with graduations, holiday, etc. for many of us. The Memorial Day time period seems to bring out the best rate at hotels, which is one reason they have kept it in May. There is some consideration of September for the future.

Fifty-fifty winners for May are **Tom LeMaster** and **Pat Hendy**. Congratulations to both of you! With all the winnings, we should expect to see you at next month’s luncheon!

**Some minds are like concrete – all mixed up and permanently set!*

Calendar:

June 1 - Flair Restaurant & Café-North Royalton, Pre-paid Luncheon, gathering 12:00, serving 12:30

July 6 - Bianca’s Restaurant, Prepaid Luncheon, gathering 11:30, serving 12:30

August 3 - Annual Picnic at The Chalet/Millstream Run /Strongsville, gathering no earlier than 10:00AM, Pot Luck and Chicken, available approx. 12:00 NOON

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It is always lovely to have table decorations and we must thank **Nadine Holten** and **Kathy Russell** for supplying them for our April meeting along with table numbers by **Dee Boelter**. These women are committed to adorning the tables in the months ahead.

It was nice to see **Laquita Bloom**, President of the Spokane Chapter at our meeting. She is also a member of the Dew-er’s. We also welcomed back **Lorrie Hyde**.

There were several matters for discussion at the meeting. We still need a chair for the telephone committee and **Harvey Larkin** needs persuasion to chair the Christmas Party. There was discussion and balloting on the following two items: 1. Should we continue publishing Plane Talk? The vote was **no**. 2. Should there be a photographer at the monthly meetings? The vote was **no**.

The prizes for April were as follows: Door prize - **Margaret Borbely**, Male birthday - **Dennis Cline**, Female birthday - **Nancy Ink**, 50/50 - **John Carter** (lucky again). No anniversaries in April. They will all receive free lunches at their next meeting.

Get well cards were sent to **Laquita Bloom** on a successful shoulder surgery and **Gaylean Swanson** on foot surgery. **Lois Gruenberg** has pneumonia, she and Carl haven't returned from their winter vacation, but expect to soon be back in Portland.

The speaker for our June will be Tracy Madsen from the Red Cross. Expect to hear how the Red Cross helps others in our metropolitan area. It will surprise you to how many different ways they assist our community.

The picnic is scheduled for July 13th at Red Sunset Park in Gresham. The menu will basically stay the same as last year including barbecue ribs, chicken and all the fixings.

As always, remember to bring donations for Shepherd's Door.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 8 – Speaker from the Red Cross

July 13 - Annual Picnic

August 10 - Social



OUR CLUB

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Under cloudy skies threatening drizzle, 21 of us gathered for good eats and catch-ups on May 6 at Wild River Brewing & Pizza in Grants Pass. **Jim & Jane Frincke** hosted, and the food and company were well worth chancing a little off weather.

It was great to welcome **Robert & Judy Machado** home from travels in the Southwest. We missed **Ric & Gidget Walcha**. Gidget came through surgery to fuse vertebrae and is now facing an extended recuperation. All our well wishes are with her. We also missed **Alberta & Russ Randall** who were happily cruising the tropics. We're hoping they bring back some of that balmy, sunny weather.

Calendar:

June 3 - **Harry & Barbara Horne**, TBA

July 8 - **Laurie Jordan**, TBA

August 5 - **Bob & Miriam Lindberg**, TBA

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Greetings to all in this beautiful spring! Twenty seven members enjoyed a presentation of Sears' kit homes by the Chester County Historic Preservation Network on April 11. The food was much improved at the Ramada and it was a pleasure to eat. Come join us and maybe you can win a free lunch as **Ruth Adams** did or the 50-50 as **Frank Eggles** won. The best thing is the friendship and fellowship with people of like interests.

Cards and get well wishes are sent to **Leo Neelan, Barbara Fanto, Bill Carmen, Paul Lynne** and **Marcia Ems**.

The Independents are being represented by 7 people at the Convention in Portland.

Upcoming meetings are being held at the Airport Ramada Inn in Essington, June is the final meeting till September, so plan on meeting with us.

If you become aware of any one ill, please let a committee member know.

Have safe travels.

Calendar:

June 13 - 12:30 pm. Program TBA



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Twenty some Pit-Stoppers enjoyed a luncheon buffet on May 5th at the Rivers Casino. We finally enjoyed a day without rain - but boy is the grass green and growing. As of this writing, the RUAEA convention will have come and gone. Hopefully, I will be able to report on it in the July issue.

It was great to see our former President **Ken Wolfe** in attendance. Ken is still recouping from bypass surgery. Keep up the good work, Ken.

We also had a couple of "Pro's" in attendance - namely **Jim Weber, Rich Guida, Paul Musko** and our host **Cathy Matteson** - they all hold VIP Blue Cards while us peons held the original newcomer "Red Cards".

We were happy to see **Jane Black**, wife of former UAL Capt. Black, good to have you back Jane. Also in attendance were **Jack & Bettye Tinney, Mac Crampton**, special advisor **Barb Seaholm. Bill & Ruth Redfern** along with **Lorraine Keith** took advantage of the bus service. We also had a surprise visit from **John "Ya-Know" Knezevich**.

We missed regulars **Phyliss Smith** and treasurer **Olga Karmazyn** along with our NE Director **Treatie Karwoski** who was visiting the New York Metros chapter. Treatie is wrapping up her Director duties before her tenure is up, but not to worry as she will be taking over the correspondence duties for the Pit-Stoppers.

While in New York, Treatie met with an ole friend of mine, **Cassie Minalski**. Cassie and I worked at the New York Worlds Fair together, along with former PITTR and NYCTO employee **Mary Leah Svat**. Mary is the daughter of former PITMM **Ed Svat** and she was unfortunately working at the World Trade Center on 9/11. Mary suffered severe emotional stress and is currently residing at Someford Place, 2717 Riva Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401. Her sisters **Bobbi** and **Lois** along with brother **David**, visit her daily. I'm sure cards and good wishes and prayers would be appreciated. How fitting at this time that we learn of the timely death of Bin Laden.

Our prayers and best wishes also go out to **Ray & Marlene Mootsey**. Ray is in critical care at the Medical Center in Beaver. Ray underwent surgery recently. Cards can be sent to 3300 Harding Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001, (724) 375-3688.

Calendar:

July 7 - Annual picnic, hope to see you all there.

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THE SALT LAKERS

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On May 3, 14 chapter members gathered at the Totem restaurant on Salt Lake City's Redwood Rd. to enjoy each other's company and a good Mexican meal. We missed a lot of our regulars, but we did enjoy the old-timers who found their way to the meeting place.

Earlier in the week, former chapter president **Doug Peterson** advised that he learned from a WWII pilot reunion's participant, living in Morgan/UT, that **Norm Rasmussen** has been in a nursing home for the past two years. Norm was a Hill AFB volunteer for many years and, we were told, was held in high regard by the air base's personnel until his retirement from this position.

As might be remembered by our chapter members: A few years ago, **Norm Rasmussen** had worked with Ogden's Hill AFB to bring retired UAL's Capt. **Al Haynes** to Utah for a representation of his last flight in 1989 when he brought his disabled DC-10 into Sioux City/IA, where - as fate would have it - the Fire Dept. & related personnel were having a general emergency drill. Due to this fortunate timing, many of the DC-10 passengers, as well as the crew, were saved. As was later reported, Capt. Haynes was as well-received by the visiting Hill AFB crowd as he had been cheered on by the 1997 PHX RUAEA Conventioneers during a similar talk.

Bill Berg had lost weight during treatment for diabetes and, actually, looked very good. We trust he will feel better and enjoy the warmer Utah weather. **George Dalton**, though complaining of a bad heart condition, keeps himself busy with mowing & other home/yard duties. **Lila Maughan** had earlier called **Betty Davis** to offer her a ride to the meeting, but found her to be away from home with daughter Sheila. **Fran Cantonwine**; **Hank & Mary Bons**; **Clair & Judy Anderson**; **Bob & Judy Turgeon** were there - and so were the snowbirds **George & Kip Lufkin**, just back from sunny Arizona.

Calendar:

June 7 - Luncheon - 2PM, Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful/UT

July 5 - Brunch - 10 A.M., Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

August 2 - Picnic (catered) - 5pm (\$ TBA), Sugarhouse Pk, 2100 S. 1500 E., SLC.

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Fifty-nine Slickers met at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington, on the second Tuesday of April to enjoy fellowship and a delicious lunch, as well as to catch up on the latest news concerning United Airlines and the merger with Continental. Thanks again to **John & Mary Luke** for making arrangements for the meeting and to **Sidney Reed** and **Dolores Steger** for taking the reservations. We also want to acknowledge whatever Higher Power arranged for the sunshine! You may have heard that Seattle broke records for cold and rain during April.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** announced that our treasury was in good health and that we had 189 paid members with 39 who have not renewed for the current year. **Phyllis Bowman** and **Frank McAnulty** will follow up with those retirees to see if they might be persuaded to return to the fold.

Being new to the chapter and to the office of president, **Frank McAnulty** requested feedback and input from chapter members as to what they would like to see during our monthly meetings. An overwhelming majority prefers to maintain the status quo with friendly luncheon get-togethers. There is opportunity for future

change that might include speakers, change of location, or lunch at the Museum of Flight. If anyone has a great idea, please call **Frank** at (425) 228-8552 or email him at fpmca@comcast.net.

Many thanks to **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, who had loaned us their lovely back yard for our August picnic over the past several years. They have passed the torch, but with nobody else's picking it up and considering the amount of work required in planning and staging the event, the picnic has been canceled for 2011. **Phyllis Bowman, Frank McAnulty**, and **John Haferbecker** were appointed to look into alternatives. They recommended scrapping the picnic for this year.

Appreciation also is due our chapter *Contrails* editor, **Vicki Shumaker**, and to her crew of helpers, **Phyllis Bowman, Jo Ann Bernovich, Nancy Lagervall-Ference**, and **Betty Paul**. The well-done May issue is the last one until September.

Bob Brumfield took the microphone to bring us up to date on the pass policy for UAL retirees. The proposed new system will provide eight passes per year, good for five years and for multiple passengers. The latest policy, which would go into effect on January 1 of 2012, did not address foreign travel and other issues. The fate of the Travel Desk also has not been determined. The total pass policy is still under consideration. RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini**'s column in the May RUAEA national newsletter provided as much information as was available at the time.

Herald & Phyllis Bowman celebrate a very special 65th anniversary this month while **Bud & Virginia Dice** reach a significant 45 years and **Ken & Judy Storey** are catching up with 28. The Emerald City Slickers extend Happy Birthday wishes to our June honorees **Ted Parks** and **Judy Storey**. Their birthstone is the pearl; their special June flower is the rose.

Lucky winners of April door prizes included **Jo Ann Bernovich, Mike Bratovich, Don Hansen, Evalena Hatcher, Dave Jones, Ed Liesse, Gay Liesse, John Reed, Sidney Reed, Ken Storey, Norm Strange, Ken Wagner**, and **Otto Wieland**. All members extend their appreciation to those who donate door prizes each month. **Bob Brumfield** walked off with the 50/50 prize.

Early in May, the *Seattle Times* published an obituary for **Harry Mullikin**, retired CEO and Chairman of Westin Hotels and a former member of United Airlines' Board of Directors. His name is highly recognizable to many UAL retirees, as his career dates back to the time when we were all part of the same corporation. **Harry** was instrumental in the building of Westin's premier hotel in Los Angeles and was prominent in Seattle as chief executive of Westin, working in their world headquarters there.

Of local interest was the presentation of "For a Look or a Touch," a work by Jake Heggie, originally commissioned by Seattle's Music of Remembrance. A new, expanded version created a massive one-act opera that was premiered by the Seattle Men's Chorus in April. Our own **Bob Brumfield** sang with the group, whose performance received rave reviews and stunned the audience. The theme revolves around two main characters in a tribute to the 100,000 homosexual men interred and tortured during the Holocaust. As many as 15,000 of them, including the lead character who appears to his surviving, elderly partner as a ghost, were annihilated by the Nazis.

Retiree **Janet Vitcovich**, SEARR, has a new career. After an article appeared in the *Tacoma News Tribune*, **Janet**'s business of providing transportation from Gig Harbor, Washington, to SeaTac Airport, as well as delivering seniors to appointments locally is booming. **Janet** says she is not a cab, a taxi or a limo – she's licensed under "For Hire" and is qualified to offer emergency medical assistance, as well as company and compassion to her passengers. The company, "A Blessing to Serve" fills a need in the community and provides first class service to residents. For further information, check out www.ablessingtoserve.com.

Calendar:

No meetings in June, July, or August. See you all in September!

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

The cherry blossoms are gone but the dogwoods and azaleas are in full bloom, a beautiful time to visit Washington DC. This correspondent was visiting North Carolina and missed the April meeting, however, here is her report covering a visit to the “Wright Brothers” in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

I travelled with 30 other Wright Brothers enthusiasts on a 4 day bus tour to see the location of the first flight that took place on December 17, 1903. It was quite a thrill to see where it all started so long ago!

Orville and Wilbur Wright, a pair of bicycle mechanics from Dayton Ohio, launched a heavier than air machine 120ft across a windy stretch of sand and stayed aloft for 12 seconds. Both brothers completed a short flight as well as 3 men from the ocean rescue station located at Kitty Hawk.

A National Park Service representative gave us a 45 minute lecture in the Wright Brother Museum with a replica of the aircraft as the backdrop. (The original aircraft is in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington DC).

The barrier islands of North Carolina are windy, have few trees but many beautiful beaches. There were many interesting lighthouses to visit and another museum called “The Graveyard of the Atlantic” that is devoted to the more than 1000 ships that ran aground in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.

This definitely a “must see” trip for aircraft enthusiasts! Travel time by road from Northern Virginia (Vienna) was exactly 6 hours with a one hour break for lunch.

Part 2: Nepal ~ More details of **Sharon Burbank**’s (IADCS) trip to Nepal, February 2011: This was a “once in a lifetime” trip and Sharon has more interesting information to share.

The group took a side trip to Pokhara, which is a busy city that caters to tourists who are interested in trekking along the Annapura Range. The city sits along the beautiful Lake Phewa and offers boating and fishing. While the group was in Pokhara, we were able to shop and bargain for pashmina shawls, jewelry and souvenirs. Our plan was to bicycle around the lake and take in the sights along the way. We visited Devils Falls, which featured a cave that had a temple inside! The group rode their bicycles through the traffic of motorcycles, scooters and cars and then we started around the lake. It was beautiful and our guide had told us it was easy riding!

The ride was hilly, then rocky and then smooth pavement at last! We saw water buffalo lying in a muddy field and the sky was full of hang gliders of every color, what a sight!

The Nepalese farm small patches of land on the mountainsides and make good use of water buffalo for plowing and working the fields. The population is hard working and they seem to be content with their lives and enjoy the beauty that surrounds them.

The next morning the group left Pokhara and started the 6 hour drive to Kathmandu to begin their journey home and back to the “real world”.

As you can see, the Dulles Loungers travel near and far and we offer these suggestions for future travel.

Calendar:

June, July August - No events scheduled.

September 14 – 12 Noon, Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA 20109

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Clipped Wings® has donated \$29,000.00 for the Parents Grants, to help some of the families to travel and be with their athletes at the Special Olympics World Games in Greece, June 24 to July 4, 2011. There were 20 parents grants awarded at \$1,450.00 each. These gifts will enable families to travel to enjoy this experience of a lifetime with their children.

The next event that Clipped Wings® will attend is the 10th anniversary of the crash of UAl Flight 93 on September 11, 2011. Many of our 31 chapters in Clipped Wings® will have members attending this solemn event at the Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA. We hope we will see and meet some of you there, as well.

We welcome all former or current United Airline or Capitol Airline Stewardesses and Flight Attendants to join Clipped Wings®. Please check out our website www.clippedwings.com.

I will also be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Contact me at omachristl@aol.com.

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

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

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Retiree – **Jervis, Joan Denton**, on 3/28/11, SFOSW, stepmother of James E. Jervis, 495 Walsh Road. Atherton, CA 94027

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February 2011 SkyNet Listing

Beetler, Dale L., IADGQ 01/16/11

Beyer, Gerald P., LAXFO 02/27/11

Blackburn, Dean E., DENTK 02/06/11

Boyd, William L., IADGC 02/02/11

Bryels, Carl L., ORDJL 02/16/11

Camasta, Daniel, ORDCG 02/20/11

Carmosino, Joseph P., DENFF 02/21/11

Carroll, David B., YVROZ 02/15/11

Catrambone, George M., EWRPV 02/06/11

Cavaliere, Frank J., SFOIQ 02/19/11

Cleveland Jr., Edward W., SFOSH 01/13/11

Cole, Michiko, SFOSW 02/06/11

Conde, Michael C., LAXFO 02/22/11

Cottle, George, LAXMK 02/04/11

Dapp, Raymond W., SEAFO 02/12/11

Day, Druehl J., LAXFO 02/03/11

Dee, Barbara B. S., SFOPU 02/03/11

Digre, Kenneth S., SFOMM 02/09/11

Emerson, John F., SFOFO 02/06/11

Ferguson, Thomas M., DENJL 02/20/11

Fowley, Jean L., LAXSW 02/19/11

Furumizo, George T., HNLMM 02/18/11
Gatesman, William J., DENJL 01/29/11
Gramiak, Michael J., SFOFF 02/28/11
Grandmaison, Earl E., ORDMQ 02/10/11
Grimminger, Carl J., SFOEA 02/07/11
Gunning, Christina P., SFOSW 02/26/11
Haina, Jeri L., HNLSS 02/28/11
Hannah, James G., SEAFO 02/15/11
Hargis, Harry G., DENCg 02/26/11
Hawkins, Adron F., MCIMM 02/22/11
Hilliard, Jesse B., LAXCG 02/08/11
Hirt, Bernard O., ORDMM 02/24/11
Hostetter, Geraldine A., MCOOZ 02/15/11
Hurley, William T., JFKFO 01/27/11
Jarman Jr., Richard G., PHXOZ 02/27/11
Jolly, Lillian P., BOITO 02/10/11
Karlik, Evelyn M., WHQAD 02/22/11
Koziel, Stanley J., BOSGQ 02/27/11
Krist Jr., Joseph R., ORDMM 02/02/11
La Borde, Welse J., LAXOO 02/18/11
Lee, Adeline P., VLORR 01/24/11
Leininger, Gladys M., ORDHM 02/21/11
Levinson, Sandra J., WHQWS 02/04/11
Lewin, Eric M., LGACG 02/18/11
Lewis, John T., SFOEG 02/04/11
Loriaux, Frans W., SFOPI 02/14/11
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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

Patricia Bantz, Mary Benadum, Sondra Conner, Terence Davies, Tony Eng, Martin Etler, Darlene Foster, Marie Greenough, Barry Hooley, Robert Horn, Harlan Hughes, Kristen Ince, Nancy Johnson, Virgil Kilgroe, Park Learned, Jeanne Leo, Nancy Pater, Karel Rugebregt, David Shea, Doris Shilliday, Boris Spitz, Evelyn Terry, Jerry Watnemo, Micky Wehman, Lily Woehlk, Vicki Wolfe, Delano Wright, Judith Wright, Barbara Wullschleger, Brad Zittel.

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.)

Matt & Norma Stillman, 91 North Napa Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954, stiljam@sonic.net

Matt was 94 in January and is doing pretty well, considering. He is still active and driving and enjoying his family. As always, he insists he does not do letters, having been spoiled by a number of great secretaries.

However, as spouse, I wanted to tell our old friends that we recently celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary. Our son, Anthony (Tony), his wife Maryanne, and sons, James and John, gave us a wonderful surprise party with family and friends and all the fixings. It was indeed the highlight of the year, bless their hearts. Some people are surprised that we are still alive so I wanted them to know.

We do have an e-mail address and would love to hear from old friends who remember Matt from all the stations he traveled for Building Maintenance. He was stationed at SFO, DEN, EXO, LAX and SEA, where he retired in 1978. We are still living in Petaluma, CA. and hoping we do not have to move. It is always a pleasure to attend the Redwood Empire Retirees' affairs, where we are among the charter members.

Best wishes to the hardworking people of RUAEA.

Thomas Teets, 7734 Rosina Dr., Fairview, PA 16415-1018

I have been retired 28 years now and counting and going for 38. Some time ago, I think it was in the 70's, UAL had a suggestion plan. I submitted one suggesting a service charge for checked luggage. This would offset the cost of lost, damaged, and mishandled luggage, it was denied. The reason given was that a free baggage allowance historically was included in the ticket price. Apparently, history was re-written. Shouldn't I still receive an award?

Some time ago, I decided that I would not renew my dues if I did not recognize a name in 3 consecutive issues. It has not happened yet, thanks to some names that show up now and then. Zeke, Tom and Frank were the recent names I recall. Perhaps they will recall mine.

Speaking of history, I like to remember that United grew from BAT, NAT, PAT, and VAT. Now we can add CAP and CAL.

Keep up the good work on the newsletter. We really appreciate it.

Beulah Barber, 1364 Camellia Dr., East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Thanks for keeping me updated with all of the changes at UAL.

I have been retired since 1992, 20 years, the time sure flies. My children gave me and my husband a wedding anniversary party (60 years) in July 2010. They surprised me on April 2, 2011 for my 80th birthday. So I had to remember to send in my dues after everyone else remembered my birthday.

I worked for United for 35 years. I started in 1957 in the old flight kitchen at SFO Maintenance base. That was some fun. I had a lot of experience going into different departments. SFOPE (**John Russell**) Employment office, SFOMD (Medical), SFOPE (**Gus London**) as manager, SFOMH Personnel (**Lou Gusto, Zelma Kibler** and **Ray Harris**), Furloughed to Plant Maintenance, Radio Shop (**Irv Gregerson**), Retired from SFOEG.

I met a lot of good people through the years. I still miss them all.

Ken Breitschopf, 841 Madonna Way, Los Altos, CA 94024-4623

Things had been going quite well since my required retirement (age 60) as required by the FAA. Marian and I have enjoyed a lot of travel far and wide. As a matter of fact, about the only place we did not visit has been the Antarctica—and I was not keen about that, having been born and raised in Minnesota where I'd had enough cold weather. However, the wheels came off a bit over a year ago when Marian was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Since then, things have been somewhat hectic but should simmer down since I've had to put her into a "home" where she has very good care.

My very best wishes to those who may remember flying with me in the B-247 to the 747 days.

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This summer I will have been retired for twenty years from Denver Aircraft Maintenance. This has been an awesome life time experience and I'm immensely proud of the fact that I was allowed the privilege to work for the greatest Airline in the world, United Airlines for 36 years. I also worked for Continental Airlines previously and the US Navy.

The RUAEA group is one of the most unique retiree groups in the United States of America and probably one of the largest. It seems to me this group has been well organized and progressive for all these years and of course, by former United people. I belonged to the ReUniteds group in Mesa, AZ for several years and when I moved back to Greeley, CO, I joined the Mile High RUAEA in Denver.

It has been a few years ago since I helped collate, label and mail the out going RUAEA newsletters over at DENTK, which I believe are now being automated. The Denver group is to be commended for there dedication to keep this very important information flowing to retirees who otherwise would not have been able to receive it any other way.

Mechanics Breakfast at Gala Gardens ~ Over the weekend of April 9th, forty-five retired aircraft mechanics from DENMM attended the semiannual Gala Gardens breakfast in Commerce City, CO. I think the youngest person there was at least seventy-five. Now that has to be a record "of old guys". Every one is called on the grape vine and there is not any schedule, no MC's and no one in charge, just be there, have fun and do a lot of talking.

This group of mechanics used to work for **Jean Bennett**, the Manager of aircraft maintenance during the 60's. I hope to go to the convention in May. God Bless every one from the New United-Continental Airlines.

Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596

Well, well, the past year went faster than the previous year. I wonder why? I am thankful I can send greetings and hello to my fellow friends and retirees of UAL.

Time goes so fast. I can't remember what I did since last birthday other than I had a wonderful celebration for my 70th. We took a cruise out of Tampa (can't get on flights from Tampa) that included Key West, Porto Cortez, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Maya, Mexico and back to Tampa. That was really a treat because it was an experimental itinerary out of Tampa on Holland America. If I remember correctly, this year we are going to my husband's country of Nicaragua for a couple of weeks.

My family is fine, with my granddaughter deciding if she is a professional student, a junior at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Will she ever graduate? My grandson is playing football and la-cross for McEachern HS in Cobb County, GA. Those of you in SW remember when both of them were born. Time really flies.

I wish all my Los Angeles friends in SW, TZ, TO, SS, TR, RR, the very best and hope to see them one day. I especially wish good health to my friend, **Barbara Smith**. I'm happy she is improving.

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

I send my greetings to all. I just passed by my 89th birthday and am on to 90.

I went to Washington, DC on the Honors Program to WWII veterans. It was a wonderful trip. The average age of those that went was 85 years. We were able to see the WWII memorial.

James Leek, 79 Forest Cove, Bunnell, FL 32110

Add my thanks to all the others who appreciate all the work you do with keeping us informed about our favorite airline. It has gone through a rough patch, but now that United is UNITED once again, we are all hoping that the good times will roll again.

We have pretty much adjusted to the special aura that is Florida. When we moved from 3400 feet in the Sierras to 0 feet here, we knew things would be different. In the mountains, all we had to worry about was a little snow. Here we read about the anticipated bumper crop of "canes" and watch out for the alligators that creep out of the hazards that I often find myself in on the golf course. Of course, the racing fever is always with us since we live just 15 miles from the Daytona Beach race track. That would be OK if the ordinary drivers would keep at least a little less than 80 mph. Even that is OK except for Bike Week when 740,000 motorcycles are on the highways weaving in and out with the truckers who have no speed limit.

We cope, especially during spring break when 10,000 bikinis are everywhere.

It is really sad that I only recognized 2 names in the bulletin this month. At age 82, I guess I should be glad I could recognize those two. The best thing is our health remains as well as can be expected. Thanks again.

Jack Livesay, 8629 Swarthmore Dr., Raleigh, NC 27615

Seems like the red stamp caught up with me. I really enjoy the newsletter but I wish it was a little larger so more info could be included each month. I really enjoy the articles and find them very interesting.

It looks like the Continental take over of United is about complete. I thought that in a merger the surviving carrier was the one that set the rules, but looks like CO is setting the rules since most all of upper management is from CO. It seems like the only thing that survived was the name United. The planes are painted Continental colors with the United name. I thought the new United paint scheme was far superior to the drab CO paint. Our pass policy was far and away better than the one we now seem to have. NO more BP6B and no more boarding by hire date, (which I think is the fair way for every one). I guess retirees don't count very high as we no longer get buddy passes. We can bring in revenue the same as active employees do.

I just hope things work out with the merger.

Herb Roth, 8419 N Calle Tioga, Oro Valley, AZ 85704-6505

We pray that this note finds all enjoying good health; along with an optimistic "outlook" in spite of the upheavals surrounding us in the world today. We pray also that the merger of United and Continental shall be and become a blessing to all of us, including our customers.

We look fondly back to the years we used to receive the newsletter in the mail. We could easily relax with it in our hands in a comfortable chair for a while, between tasks, gradually enjoying it all and underlining things, over a period of a day or two.

Since our computer is anything except user friendly, especially now; since I lost the back of an old envelope where faithfully and carefully printed were all of our names and passwords, including RUAEA. It was safely hidden under our keyboard and I will have to search more diligently later; after I have finished going through our files to tally and prepare our tax return.

Sincere regards and fond memories.

The following article came from the National Chaplain, Dr. Charles W. Edwards, Jr.

Your Attitude is the Key to Your Success

I woke up early today excited about all the many things I would do before the clock strikes midnight.

I have many responsibilities to fulfill today. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money in my pocket or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or I can rejoice that I am still alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born. Today I can cry because roses have thorns or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today stretches ahead of me waiting to be shaped, and here I am the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today and 2011 will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day and year I will have.

I extend to all of you God's blessings for this another year, 2011.

"Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world." Daniel Webster 1787

Virginia Thompson, 485 Woodside Rd. Apt. 2222, Redwood City, CA 94061-3866

I received a letter from Mr. Casterline about the expiration of my membership. I received my newsletter on April 1st. I also noticed the expiration notice on my newsletter. I had thought I paid it a while back, but in checking it seems that it was local membership I paid. I am sorry to be late, but I do wish to remain a member as I am usually able to go to our monthly chapter meetings. It is a chance to see old friends and socialize with others.

I just celebrated my 91st birthday on March 21st. I try to keep in touch as much as possible.

I send best wishes to all of the newsletter crew for 2011.

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The "Friendly Skies" welcoming group included UAHF members and Flight Attendants in period uni-

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