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In this month's newsletter, you will receive the full Registration packet for the 2012 RUAEA convention in Washington, DC. This packet contains everything you will need to register for the convention, choose your tours and opt for the menu of your choice for the banquet.

There will be transportation information for each of the three airports (DCA, IAD and BWI), as well as options for travel within the area. Metro is only a block from the hotel and your destinations from there are numerous. Many discounts for transportation have been negotiated and will be listed with the registration paperwork.

There are so many places to visit and things to see that you may want to arrive a few days early. Our special hotel rates will be available before the convention; however, because of the demand, they will not be extended on the other end. Nearby destinations you may wish to consider include Leesburg, one of the oldest cities in Virginia and, for the shoppers among you, home to an outlet mall with over a hundred discount name brand stores. Continuing west, the Blue Ridge Mountains are a magnificent sight you won't want to miss. Or how about Baltimore, MD, home to the Orioles and the Ravens. The Inner Harbor is a place to shop as well as sightsee, and there is the Lexington Market, an experience in itself.

Now is also the time to consider contributing your artwork for the arts and crafts raffle. If you have something to donate, please let the committee know via our email address: 2012was@gmail.com. If you are not an artist but love art you will be happy to participate in the raffle.

Even though the registration packets were not available until now, the hotel has already received over 100 reservations. I have received several phone calls from friends from my past telling me how excited they are to be coming to Washington and bringing their adult children and grandchildren of all ages. This is sure to be one of the most fun conventions ever. Every department of the company will be represented, and Continental retirees are being encouraged to attend. It is time to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Don't miss this Monumental Event!

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CONVENTION ISSUE

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

Over the last 10 to 14 years, RUAEA and RUPA have supported three Travel Desks, SEA, PDX and CHI to assist pass travelers with listings. These volunteers had proved very helpful to those without computers and those en route and needing to making changes. With the change from Apollo to Shares in March, the company initially sent equipment and training was setup in SEA.

After awhile, equipment was sent to PDX and training was in the works. The Seattle Desk went online. The Chicago Desk was ignored as for getting equipment or training. Then around the 20th of April, the company decided to deny access to Shares for these locations citing that Corporate Security does not allow them to share codes. Consequently, the three Travel Desks were left with no tools to make listings for pass travelers. Without the necessary support from the company, we will be closing operations on May 31. During the month of May, they will still be assisting callers with directions on where to get answers and guidance to pass travelers on how to list themselves. We appreciate all the work these volunteers have done over the years. Their help for pass traveler retirees as well as active employees will be missed.

Recently, there has been some press about the American Airlines bankruptcy and that the retirees from that airline were forming committees to advocate for their benefits. Comments have circulated on the internet that the United retirees should have been that wise. The perception being that the retirees at United just let everything happen. Well they didn't just sit back and let whatever happen. I would like to cite a comment from one of our Past Presidents: *"The subject of an email that was forwarded to me was that AA's bankruptcy is doing it right and you said we will cry a little because we didn't have the smart members when we needed them. I take exception to that. The bankruptcy court that is handling the AA case is following the exact same order that was handed down to UAL and the retirees. The court said we must form a retiree committee to represent the different unions and a committee to represent the other retirees, and we did that. Our own Mort Wax was named to that committee and he is one of the smart-*

est men I have ever known. Mort served with several others on that committee and he did a super job of representing not only RUAEA members but all retirees. These dedicated committees were able to get the bankruptcy judge to make a ruling that UAL would continue to honor the benefits that we earned over the years. The judge said he would only approve of the bankruptcy if the benefits would continue, pensions, medical benefits, and yes travel.

He further said benefits would continue unless any one of 3 things would happen.

1. Liquidation
2. Enter bankruptcy a second time
3. That United was sold or merge with another airline and was not the surviving company.

Some will argue that we didn't have the best representation, but I know we had the best. We still have our pensions, medical, and travel.

So get over it folks, the bankruptcy is over, the merger is over and we still have our benefits. Life is good, and I say thank God for the retirees that negotiated for us.

This happened during the time when I was president of RUAEA 2002-2004. Jim Fauber"

Jim is right; we still have those three benefits. Granted, changes have been made so that our new travel policy is not as great as it used to be. The new management has taken an approach with new computer systems and benefit administrators that are making life difficult for many. There continues to be a perception by some that we and the retirees in general are just sitting on our hands and waiting to see what happens next. RUAEA along with the other retiree organizations have attempted to establish a dialogue with the company. There was a glimmer of hope to begin with but has dimmed for now. That will not deter us to keep trying. We continue to advocate in whatever way we can. Over the last several months there have been lawsuits, complaints to government agencies, petitions and so on. To date there has been no movement on any of these actions. RUAEA did inform our members of what was afoot and where to go for more information.

Lastly, we are thankful for the continued support of our members. Again, encourage your fellow retirees and active employees 55 and older to come join us. Numbers will make a difference. Continue to check our website www.ruaea.org and the Newsletter for accurate information.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA



Important Phone Numbers



The list of Important Phone Numbers is frequently changing. We include website and email addresses when we know them. The list is updated again in this issue. Please check the RUAEA website for additional/more current information.

UA pass riders no longer need employment verification letters for interline travel on WN, US and B6

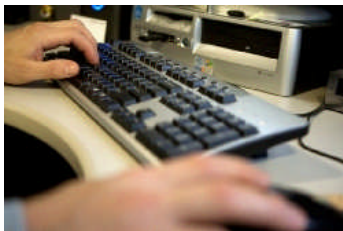


UNITED As part of the integrated pass travel program, UAL has simplified some of the steps for United subsidiary co-workers, retirees and their eligible pass riders to travel on Zonal Employee Discount (ZED)/Industry Discount (ID) tickets on Southwest Airlines (WN), US Airways (US) and JetBlue Airways (B6).

Eligible co-workers and retirees no longer need to present employment verification letters when buying WN, US and B6 interline tickets since the new ZED/ID Ticket Request Form provides these airlines with all verification information that they need. Co-workers and retirees also may request these interline tickets at UA's Employee Staff Travel Offices at CLE, EWR and IAH.

For more information, visit the Other Airline/Interline Travel page on Flying Together's Travel tab. If you can't find what you are looking for, please send an email to the Employee Travel Center at ETC@united.com.

Deadline to certify dependents for healthcare coverage is now July 27



UAL has extended the deadline for co-workers and retirees to confirm that their dependents meet eligibility requirements for healthcare coverage to July 27.

During annual certification, co-workers and retirees covered under U.S.-based healthcare plans must confirm that enrolled spouses, domestic partners, children or stepchildren meet eligibility requirements as defined by the company's plans. If you have not yet certified your dependents, go to All About Me and click on the "Dependents – Healthcare" link to start the confirmation process. If you do not confirm dependents, they will lose medical, dental and vision coverage through the company for 2012. For more information, visit the annual certification page under the Employee Services tab. Please email ESC@united.com with questions.

United announced first-quarter results



On April 26, United reported a first-quarter 2012 net loss of \$286 million or \$0.87 loss per share, excluding \$162 million of net special charges consisting primarily of integration-related costs.

Including special charges, United reported a first-quarter 2012 net loss of \$448 million or \$1.36 loss per share. The company's first-quarter consolidated passenger revenue increased 5.5 percent year-over-year. First-quarter consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) increased 5.2 percent compared to the same period in 2011.

First-quarter consolidated fuel expense increased 20.8 percent, or \$557 million, year-over-year.

New routes from IAD, SFO

On April 11, United announced new daily nonstop service between SFO and RDU (Raleigh-Durham, NC) to start August 14 and between IAD and FLL (Fort Lauderdale, FL) to begin November 4. The latter route will also have a second daily nonstop during peak Florida travel season, December - April.

Domestic Planning Managing Director Jim Ferea said SFO-RDU is the largest unserved domestic market from both airports. It will link the high-tech Silicon Valley on the west with the Research Triangle on the east. United's new flights will create single-carrier, one-stop connections to KIX (Osaka, Japan) and ICN (Seoul, South Korea) and offer numerous other easy connections to markets United serves nonstop from SFO.

United's IAD-FLL flights are timed to maximize international connections at IAD and during the peak winter season regional connections at FLL on United's codeshare partner Silver Airways (3M) to such destinations as EYW (Key West, FL) and NAS (Nassau), Eleuthera (ELH) and (MHH) Marsh Harbour in the Bahamas. When service begins, United will offer the only IAD-FLL nonstop flights.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

In April, a group of Independents attended The Candlelight Dinner Theatre in Delaware. Our group had first class front seating and our presence was announced to the audience. As a result of the announcement, a Mrs. Fangman came to our table. She advised us that her son Robert, was a flight attendant on United Flight 175, which went into the World Trade Center. I consid-



ered it an honor to discuss with her about Robert. I learned that her son worked in an electronics company but the only thing he liked about the job was the traveling. Thus, he quit and joined United as a flight attendant, taking a fifty percent pay cut. I advised Mrs. Fangman I would be in touch with her.

To date, United Retirees have donated over \$22,500 to the 93 Memorial Chapel. To make a contribution, make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

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.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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Happy
Father's
Day

LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST CHAPTER

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Our Florida/Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter met Thursday, April 19, in our favorite meeting place, the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 21 members present plus 1 guest who joined as a new member. We welcomed **Eddie Dinan** as a new member. He came as a guest of **Mary Renfro** but he is also a UAL retiree. We are thrilled he joined our chapter and we look forward to seeing him often. We also welcomed back **John Leroy**, as he had not attended in several months. We hope it won't be that long again before we see him again. We were also thrilled that **Jeanne Reinoehl's** husband, **Norm**, was able to attend this month. Members in attendance were: **Cheryl Cameron, Ann Delavan, Eddie Dinan, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, John LeRoy, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Mary Renfro, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko** and **Steve & Annie Wilkey**.

After lunch, **Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 12:50 PM. Bob introduced **Eddie Dinan** and asked him to tell us about himself. We are thrilled to add another member to our "family".

The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Reports were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, and **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President. The winners were **Rick & Carol Herrick**.

We all missed **Park & Billie Learned** this month as **Park** is having some medical tests. We hope they can attend in June. Our April birthdays were **Park Learned** on the 1st and **Rick Herrick** on April 29th. Our May Birthday person is **Sande Zander** on May 23rd.

After much discussion, it was decided that we will not meet in May due to many conflicts but will meet on June 14th instead.

Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey then gave a very in-depth program on all the ins and outs of listing for flights, updating your records and many other things. She answered all the questions we had and our meeting finally ended at 2:45 PM. She has offered to do it again

in the future. How lucky we are to have such a knowledgeable person in our group. Thanks a million, **Annie!**

Planning a trip to the Gulf Coast? We'd love for you to join us at one of our meetings. They are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

June 14

July 19

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our meeting for the month of April was held at another of our favorite restaurants – the Irondale Café in Irondale, Alabama. Another reminder for those of you who visit the Birmingham area, this is the Original Whistlestop Café featured in the movie “Fried Green Tomatoes”. Put it on your list for any visits to the Birmingham area. It's great!

Thanks again to **Carol Wilbanks** for taking the minutes for secretary, **Judy Slover**, who was unable to attend this month. Members attending were: **Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Bobby Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bill Preston, Joe Duncan, Donna Gooch, Charlotte Gibson** and **Gay Fowler**. **Charlotte Gibson** won the 50/50 drawing. We are pleased to announce that our chapter made a \$250.00 donation to the United Flight 93 Memorial this month.

After discussing info about the new pass travel policy, the attending members got down to the business of electing new officers. Progress was made at this meeting and the new officers are, President – **Bobby Cox** assisted by **Donna Gooch**, Vice President – **Charlotte Gibson**, Secretary – **Judy Slover** assisted by **Carol Wilbanks**, Treasurer – **Joe Singleton** assisted by **Ken Yeager**. We also have a new position of Social Secretary – **Gay Fowler**. Gay will be on the look out for new restaurants for meetings and will also do some event planning including day trips. We are looking forward to an interesting new year of events and gatherings. Also, all members have agreed to do “interest” articles for the national newsletter on a rotating basis. The “interest” articles will appear in future newsletters.

We are really excited about our next meeting on Monday, May 14th. **Ken & Beverly Yeager's** daughter, **Kimberly**, has graciously offered her home in Liberty Park for our meeting. The event will be catered so that we can all just have a great time socializing with each

other. We are looking forward to a great turnout of members for this meeting. Anyone wanting to attend should RSVP to **Judy Slover** before the event.

A special thanks to all of our “regular” retiree members, spouses and friends for continuing to make “Sweet Home Alabama” a great group of former colleagues and friends. If you live in Alabama, and you are not a part of our group, please consider joining us. Contact **Judy** at (334) 322-1161 or judyslover@mindspring.com.

May Birthdays: **Judy Slover** (5/22), **Joe Jones** (5/29). May Anniversaries: **Bobby & Jean Cox** (5/17), **Hank & Linda Thompson** (5/23)

Calendar:

June 11 - Meeting - TBA

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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The Azures' last luncheon of the season was held at the “new” Tivoli Gardens, 12535 West Bell Road in Sun City West with approximately 30 members in attendance. The room was lovely with the view overlooking the patio, pond and fountain. Our President, **Mike Richards**, gave an update on the pass travel system with hints on listing for flights. Our next luncheon/meeting will be our annual picnic on October 13 at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. Usually, the weather is pleasant and our member turnout is the best for the year. Then, on November 10, we will celebrate an early Thanksgiving at PebbleCreek Golf Resort in Goodyear.

Our Members ~

We are deeply saddened by the death of our past president and good friend, **Dave Barry**, on April 26, 2012 from a severe lung condition. Our prayers and thoughts are with **Rose** and their sons, **Robert, Mark** and **Michael** and their families. Cards to: **Rose Barry**, 3700 N. 156th Lane, Goodyear, AZ 85395. Dave, Rose and some neighbors were 3-time champions in the Pebblecreek Wii bowling tournament and friends paid tribute to Dave at a luncheon held after his memorial service on Monday, April 30. Memorials can be made in **Dave Barry's** name to your favorite charity. Note to Dave, our friend, we will miss you!

Ziggy Butkiewicz had emergency hernia surgery the middle of April and has been recuperating at home, at this writing he is doing well. Address: 4050 N. 155th Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395

Also, **Frank Callahan** advised that **Evie** was hav-

ing problems with loss of blood and was getting 2 units of blood every three days, so the doctor had to cauterize three places in her stomach. But, again, Evie rallied and is healing and not needing more blood. Keep Evie & Frank in your prayers. Cards to: 19833 N. Calypso Lane, Sun City, AZ 85373.

Mel Hofer has been having eye problems due to macular degeneration and having eye injections to repair some of his sight. All this started on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Their doctor had them meet him at his office on Saturday night at 9:00pm and they saw a specialist on Monday morning at 0845. But, that didn't stop Mel from flying on "The Honor Flight" on April 10 from Phoenix thru San Antonio to Baltimore with 29 other attendees (including another Azures member, **Don Sellon**) to be guests in honor of their military service in World War II. While there, the men received a package full of letters from volunteers thanking each one of them for their service to the United States. They toured the monuments and sites in DC for two days. Mel was on the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise in 1941 at the start of World War II. Don and Mel both had the pleasure of having their sons fly in from out of town and meet them in DC to share the honors with their Dads. When they arrived, 200 people were in the terminal clapping and cheering for "our boys". Congratulations to both Don and Mel, we are extremely honored to be in your company. And, please keep Mel & Millie in your thoughts and prayers for Mel's eye situation. Cards to: 13373 Plaza Del Rio Blvd. #7, Peoria, AZ 85381.

Don Bergstrom had a setback and had to be operated on again for an infection, the same as after his bowel surgery in March. He is in rehab now but will be going home soon. And, we will say prayers for Don & Ann, and wish Don a speedy recovery, he has been through so much. Cards to: 20003 N. 124th Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Marge Mullman is having knee surgery on May 4 and we wish her well. Cards to: 3488 N. Snead Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

Vic Liltz had a problem with vertigo and light-headedness and had a 3-day hospital stay. Once the IV was hooked up and doing its job, no more dizziness. "Me thinks" it was related to not drinking any water and he was dehydrated. Now that he is home and being "forced-to-drink" water, he is on the road to recovery.

That's all for now! Again, keep all our friends in your prayers. And, have a wonderful summer!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

June 5 – 0800 Breakfast

June 19 – 0800 Breakfast

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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We hope everyone is enjoying themselves this summer; maybe getting away on vacations to various places or getting together with family and friends, or just relaxing at home. If you're available, our chapter continues to get together for Breakfast each month during the summer. We meet on the fourth Friday of each month. We would love to have anyone that has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and is of retirement age of 55 or more, come check us out. You'll be happy you made the effort, as we are a friendly group, and welcome new members.

We are moving to a new Restaurant! Our next Breakfast will be held Thursday, June 21 starting at 9:00 a.m., at Mimi's Cafe, 1250 S. Alma School Rd. in Mesa (corner of Alma School and Southern Avenue, by the Fiesta Mall). Please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, if you plan on coming. She needs a head count by Tuesday, June 19th. Her telephone number is (480) 396-3317, and her e-mail is phomfeldt@cox.net. We hope many will be able to attend.

Our April 27th Breakfast had 23 of our members present. We discussed the items needed for the Fantasy Flight, which are listed below, plus space available travel and the challenges it brings. We also heard the sad news that **Eldon Miller** passed away the morning before. Funeral services were held on April 30th in Ahwatukee. Condolences can be sent to **Jane Miller**, 4255 E. Sacaton St., Phoenix, AZ 85044. Our deepest sympathy to Jane and the family.

John Tiefel is now at home recovering from his heart bypass surgery. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 8942 E. Fairway Blvd., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from you. Our long-time member, **Ed Dawes**, broke his hip and is in a Rehabilitation Center. Cards can be sent to him at Springdale Village, 7255 E. Broadway Rd, Room 7, Mesa, AZ 85206. We still have **Tony Ribeiro** and **Natasha Schmidt** also on our sick list, and hope they are getting better each day.

We have a new couple who just joined us; they are **John & JoAnn Griffin**. They winter in Mesa, AZ. JoAnn worked at ORDCS & OPDOP and John at ORDCG. Welcome, we're happy to have you with us! We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings.

Don't forget to pick up items for the Fantasy Flight such as Bears and other cute stuffed animals, Stadium size fleece blankets, socks and mittens/gloves to fit K-1st graders, plus travel size soaps, shampoos and lotions.

We also need hardback or paperback books for the sale at the airport in October. If you have any questions or have items that you wish to donate, contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Ted & Liz Tollefsen have recently returned from a trip to Germany and a cruise of the Netherlands. They used two vacation passes. One to get to Germany and another to get back to the USA. This was their first adventure using the new system.

Have you made plans to attend the 2012 RUAEA Convention, which will be held October 3 – 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA? All the details about the Convention will be found in this month's Newsletter. The price for the rooms is \$112 for single/double occupancy. Reservations are due no later than August 31, 2012. We hope to have many of our members attend. It's always a fun event as Washington D.C. and surrounding areas have so many interesting things to see. It's a great time to travel. Make your plans now!

We have the following June Birthdays: **Jay Har-tough** (6/5), **Agnes Warthen** (6/15), **John McFarland** (6/16), **Valerie Fosberg** (6/19), **Natasha Schmidt** (6/20), **Liz Tollefsen** (6/26), and **Joel Matteson** (6/29). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have two Wedding Anniversaries, **Molly & Bill Norwood** (6/18/60), and **Barb & Paul Paymaster** (6/6/89). Congratulations to both couples!

Calendar:

June 21 – Breakfast at Mimi's Cafe, 1250 S. Alma School Rd., in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by Tuesday, June 19, with your reservations at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

July 26 – Breakfast

August 23 – Breakfast

September 27 - Breakfast



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter! It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our dear member, **Idalee Stewart**. She may be missing from our midst, but not from our hearts. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to her husband, **Dave Stewart**, at 10800 N. Patina Rd. Prescott, AZ 86305-5553.

Twenty-three persons attended the luncheon meeting on Aril 17th at the Lone Spur Café. Our guest speaker was RUAEA Regional Director, **Mike Rich-**

ards, who filled us in on the retiree travel situation. We welcome back Sunbirds, **Tony & Susanne Gerachi**, who will be with us for the season. We also welcome brand-new members, **Jimmie & Sue Legg** (LASMN), and **Marilan "Dinny" Bartmess Henzy**, ex FA and a real Prescott native.

For the **Tomasics** and **Risdens**, flying on the airlines will never be the same. Through the generosity of one of **Ann Tomasic's** pet-sitting clients, they were afforded a flight from Prescott, Arizona to Sarasota, Florida on an Embrear Legacy 600, **private jet**. No security lines - Keep your shoes and clothes on – Just get on and go. All you want to eat and drink in luxurious comfort. Also, for six people total, a personal flight attendant, no less. What a way to fly!

Calendar:

June 12 – 11:00AM Luncheon/Meeting at the Lone Spur Café in downtown Prescott

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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A big thank you to **Jim & Gail Rudolph** for putting up with 30 Roadrunners at their home in Saddlebrook for our April 19th luncheon. The open bar and Jim's cooking of pulled pork and brisket of beef made for an exceptional day. **Marie & Grieg Pederson** were co hosts and did an excellent job of serving up cocktails and helping with the kitchen duties.

We now have two new members who joined our chapter at the luncheon, **Marcy & Ed Degan**. Marcy is an ex-flight-attendant and Ed worked at EXO. They had attended a Washington State dinner party in Sun City at Oro Valley hosted by **Mike Lude**, former athletic director at the University of Washington, when it was discovered that they were previous UAL employees. They had no idea that there was a retiree group in the area. Welcome aboard guys and we hope to see you at many more luncheons. We also welcomed back a past member, **Doris Clark**. We will look forward to seeing Doris and husband Larry at future luncheons. The 50/25/25 drawings were won by **Jim Hafterson** and **Claire Byle**.

Bill & Bonnie Royle have turned into snow birds as they left the AZ hot summer to be in the cooler climates of Reno, NV. They said that they will make periodic trips back to the Ole-Pueblo during the summer.

Gordon & Dora Starr are preparing to embark on a cruise through the Panama Canal. They will depart on the 21st of May and be at sea for 18 days with the trip terminating in Miami.

Our May 17th luncheon will be at the Harvest Moon Restaurant at the Park Place Mall in Oro Valley. It will start at 11:30 am and will be hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez**. They will need a head count by the 13th.

Calendar:

May 17 - Harvest Moon Restaurant, Oro Valley Market Place

June 21 - Brio Tucson Grill at the Tucson Mall

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Our Chapter met on April 18th at the Union Hotel dining room in Los Alamos, CA. The old part of town can't be more than 4 blocks long and it would remind you of the Old West movies. Next to the hotel was a closed gas station that had three gas pumps still standing and the price for a gallon was 37 cents. Can anyone remember what year that might have been? The hotel goes back to 1880 and it used to be a stop over for trains and the stage coach. It is now a bed and breakfast. I didn't check out the rooms, but it would be interesting to check out the bathroom facilities. There is a bar inside the hotel and it looks like it hadn't changed over the years. However it did have a big flat screen TV.

Our hosts, **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer** did a great job selecting the location and providing very nice table treats. There were 24 of us attending including **Howard Lackey**. We were very glad that he was able to represent the ReLAXer's for this very important occasion.

This was the last meeting that **Bill & Dana Noyes** could attend. They will be moving to a retirement community south of STL. Their sons will be packing them up and driving them the end of April. We will miss them very much and because they were one of the original members of our Chapter, several of us gave a short message of appreciation for the time they have spent with us. **Bob Wagner** did a recap on the beginning of our Chapter and he, along with **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**, are the remaining original ones that got us started. A committee got together and tried to come up with something for them to remember us by. We met at a trophy shop and decided on a wall clock with an engraved plaque. We decided that **Bob Wagner** was the logical choice to make the presentation and he did a wonderful job. When he closed, he told Bill & Dana,

that when they look at the clock, it will always remind them of the time they spent with us. Well put, Bob.

On a sadder note, **Bob Stanger's** mother Isabelle died on Wednesday, the day before our meeting. Bob was not at the meeting, but Marcia was and she told us that her mother-in-law had fallen and cracked some ribs that punctured her lungs. She never recovered but did reach 99 years of age. She was a regular attendee to our meetings when she wasn't flying off somewhere. She also will be missed.

I spent sometime with **Howard Lackey**, discussing the current pass policy and all the frustration that is going along with it. I've received most every email having to do with listings. The few questions I had, Howard cleared up and apparently there is still a lot of work to be done to get it all straightened out.

I don't know of any CO retirees living in our area that would like to attend our meetings. I was wondering if any other Chapter has been contacted by CO retirees that would like to join.

Once in awhile, I make mistakes and **Jack Cunningham** reminded me that he and **Eleanor** were married in 1941 and he reached the ripe young age of 92 in September. I hope you accept my apology, Jack, and if I still have it wrong, I know you will tell me. Jack and I go back to the old Midway Airport days when UAL had their headquarters across the street from the old terminal building. After checking the internet Map Quest, those two buildings have been missing for several years. Apparently, the City of Chicago decided to reroute Cicero Ave. and provide more parking and easier access to the new terminal. I told this to Jack and said that neither one of us would recognize the place.

Calendar:

June 20 – Meeting, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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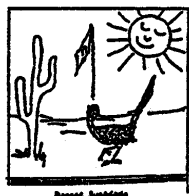
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Peggy & John Oakshott hosted the Brazen Raisins' April meeting. President **Elida Rivas** noted that the Brazen Raisins' July meeting would fall on July 4th and suggested that the date be changed to Thursday July 5; this was approved unanimously. Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** reported that she had sent anniversary cards to **Reuben & Elida Rivas** and **John & Peggy Oakshott**, she mentioned that she and Dick also had an anniversary in April; Hazel also sent a birthday card to **Sam Taylor**. Elida told that the annual Maintenance Get-Together would be coming up on the 22nd and 23rd in

Minden, NV. She said that according to ERISA, our health insurance is not secure. There was some discussion about boarding priority and Vacation Passes and how difficult it is to figure out the new listing site.

Dick Shryock recited a cute poem titled "The History Lesson". Jokes were provided by **Elida Rivas** and **Dick Hayes**. **Jim Van Patten** brought a couple of wooden model trucks he had made to show how he spent his spare time; he said he has over 100 models he has built on display in his home.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds gathered (41 strong) at the Rancho Las Palmas Country Club in Rancho Mirage for our monthly luncheon in April. Hosted by **Shirley Spitler Schiewe** and husband **Ben**, we feasted on Cobb Salad, Stuffed Avocado, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, Meat Loaf, or Chicken Club Sandwich. And Strawberry Short Cake for dessert. Certainly no one wanted to desert the dessert in the desert. (Sorry, the devil made me do it!) Parking was at a premium because the Country Club was hosting the "Easter Bowl" Tennis Tournament. The Tournament hosts the best players throughout the United States, ages 13 - 18. Though we had to park quite a distance from the restaurant, the Club was very accommodating, shuttling us back and forth. Guests this month ~ **Rod Burke** and **Kirk Storm** were guests of **Brad Zittel**, and I brought **Marji Gomez**.

Sick report ~ **Hal Klobe** (ReLAXers) advises us that **Dee Wright** is still in the Reche Rehab Center in Colton. He still has the breathing and feeding tubes, and is wearing mittens (look like small catcher's mitts) to prevent him from removing the tubes. Hang in there, Dee, we're all pulling for you. **Claire Staples** is at home recuperating with a new hip. **Shirley Spitler** was scheduled for a knee replacement in April. I haven't heard anything from her, so I assume that everything went OK. Lastly, **Maureen Williams**, who hardly ever misses a luncheon, was in attendance again, on the road to recovery, after having a pacemaker implanted.

We welcomed two new members into the Sunbirds, **Bill** (SFOQA) & **Lia Schultz**. The birthday lunch winner was **Lynda Davis**, and **Betty Rodgers** won \$60.00 in the 50/50.

Calendar:

June 13 – TBA, hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**

July 11 – TBA, hosted by **Melinda & Ron Lerg**

GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 25, 2012 at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville. This was hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. We had 60 in attendance including 56 Gold Diggers and 4 guests. Our guests include **Peggy Bonetti**, **Ileana Cano**, **Pat Razura & Carolyn Alva**, guests of **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. Our Chapter President, **Terry Greenacre**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Domaratius** for hosting. Our President introduced our new members, **Philip & Ann Frank**, attending with **Dorothy Stroud**.

Officer's Reports:

President **Terry Greenacre** continued his segment of "little known facts". These are facts about our members with United or outside United – Guess Who? Our member is "lucky to be here". He almost lost his career with United, **Ken Norton**.

VP **Orville Harshbarger** stated that we have every month covered for hosting except October. We will be going to the Sizzler in Auburn in May.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** mistakenly read the anniversaries for June. A member pointed out to her that this month was April. Then she read the correct month. Those 50 years and over: **Bob & Marge Fulkerson** (61 years); **Dale & Dorothy Volker** (55 years), **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud** (55 years); **Len & Laverne Haubl** (53 years). **Harold Esola** led us in the anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** told us that **Dick Sandstedt** had passed away on the morning of our last luncheon.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said she took more pictures today of some of our members.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** brought us our new rosters for this year.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** - Pass Travel – the new system has been active for over a month now and many problems still exist. Even Jeff Smisek admits that there are still glitches. not just for pass travelers but everyone. Many may have seen an email circulating that the company was going back to Apollo; this was an April fools hoax. We have information that one should not list for a round trip, the problem is that if one does not get on the out-going flight, the return listing is cancelled. Use caution.

The Travel Desks – for more than ten years RUAEA and RUPA have supported three travel desks – SEA,

PDX and CHI. By support we have paid the phone bills, United gave the space and the computer equipment. These desks have served pass travelers quite well. With the move to SHARES, we had gone to the company about keeping these desks open. Initially the company said no, then new equipment was installed in SEA and training began, subsequently, new equipment was installed in PDX and training was scheduled. Then last week the company took away all access to SHARES for SEA and PDX under the guise of corporate security. These desks will remain open until the end of May. Unfortunately, the only thing they will be able to do is guide people to the right place and possibly walk them through listing themselves in the new system.

Certifying dependents, here we go again. One source says the deadline is April 27th, another says July 27th. We are awaiting confirmation.

Ron went over to Southwest to verify if there was a new policy. They said yes that it was not necessary to have a letter anymore as long as they got a ZED fare from the company. So if one goes to Flying Together and then employeeRes and does a ZED fare booking for Southwest, they, that is Southwest, will take the ticket.

We concluded with our raffle.

Calendar:

May 30 - Sizzler in Auburn hosted by the **Harshbargers**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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April may not be the "month of the Irish", but the food at Kinnee O'Reilly's was wonderful! Thank You, **Tom & Andi Stuchell**, for arranging such a lovely place for us

to gather. Once the bangers, fish & chips, corned beef and Reuben sandwiches were devoured, our president, **Jon Somplack**, brought the meeting to order.

Jon said that he received half a dozen calls from members concerning the change in meeting days. Knowing that no schedule will be perfect for everyone all the time, it was decided to stick with the 2nd Monday of each month for awhile and see how well the meetings are attended. If it proves to be a problem day, we will look at the choice of meeting day again. However, since we have adopted the 2nd Monday, we now have two

months that we previously did not meet - July and September. If you would like to host the luncheon for either (or both?) months, please let us know. Hosting really isn't too much work, you get to choose the place and there is financial help with your expenses.

After taking a 10 day vacation to Ireland (to quote Tom, "*It was so green it hurt your eyes!*") with his wife, Suzanne, our treasurer, **Tom Kenny** continued his quest for our non-profit status. Prior to leaving, he sent each of you a draft copy of the proposed by-laws. Hopefully, you all read them and gave Tom feedback. There were a few changes suggested which he has addressed. One concern was calling our raffle the "Drawing of Opportunity". The IRS rules dictate that non-profit activities can be used for member approved use. Our chapter uses monies raised to offset expenses and we, traditionally, donate to charities each year. Our finances are audited each year for accuracy. Some organizations include the ability to automatically increase their dues by a certain percentage each year. While we do not feel that it is a policy we want to adopt at this time, having the wordage in place should we choose to enact it, may be a good idea. Tom is going to make the corrections/adjustments to the by-laws and you will be receiving a copy by email. Please review them and contact Tom either by email, tck46@flash.net or phone (530) 626-5660 with any corrections or changes. He will give us 2 weeks after they are sent out, if there's no changes then he will submit them to be reviewed and approved by the government. All approved this plan. As of today (April 9, 2012), our checking balance stands at \$810.25. Once again we ask that if you have not paid your annual \$10.00 membership dues yet that you do so now. Checks can be made out to **Tom Kenny** and sent to: 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

Everyone is hoping that the new reservation and boarding system for UAL is working efficiently. **Bill Gibson** was one who traveled on passes during March and he did not have any problems. As **Jim Raber** noted, like any change, it takes time to get the kinks worked out and once everyone is used to the new system, things will run smoothly once more.

Our meeting adjourned and the raffle began! **Joe & Lynda Lima** are doing a great job handling the raffle for us. This month our donors were: **Mary Buschman** (wine), **Joe & Lynda Lima** (basket), **Thom Biro** (smoked salmon and jelly basket), **Bill Gibson** (wall plaque), **Jack Fitzpatrick** (porta cool ice bucket), **Cindy Blazius** (wine), **Ann Czapkay** (huge container of cheese balls), **Jack Raynor** (wine), **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (candy from Ireland) and **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (fresh eggs). **Thom Biro** won the blue ticket.

Our luncheon in May will be hosted by **Jim Raber**. He has made arrangements for us to meet at the Meridians Restaurant in Lincoln. I'm putting the registration

form under the pictures so be sure to scroll down and make your selection and send it in to Jim.

Looking thru our roster, I see that four couples have anniversaries in April! Congratulations to: **Bill & Jane Gibson** (20th), **Bob & Pat Razura** (29th), **George & Connie Rivas** (12th), **Darryl & Dorothy Stroud** (21st).

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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Our April luncheon was held on April 12th at The Quail Inn in Oakmont. **Ron & Joanne Huhn** and **Judy DeFord** hosted 34 members and guests to a delicious buffet lunch. We had 30 members and 4 guests present.

At 1:00PM, President Barney welcomed everyone and asked everyone if they had ever been to the Jack London State Park. He said it might sound a bit morbid but he would like a grave site like Jack London has – surrounded by beautiful trees and landscaping – but he figures all he will get is a pile of dirt. And after that piece of news, Barney thanked our hosts. VP **George Schwind** introduced UAL retirees **George & Sue Hirsch** from Orlando, guests of **Valerie Hulsey**; **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; and **Stamatia Haritouds** was the guest of **Ruth Loy**. We still need hosts for June and October at The Quail Inn. All you have to do is select the menu. Contact the restaurant, send invitations (George volunteered to help any and all.) You need to advise the venue of the final count and on the day of the luncheon bring decorations (to be raffled later) and man the check in desk.

Treasurer Jan reported we still have money. Actually, the total balance as of 3/7/12 was \$525.43 of which \$266.22 is in the general account. We have \$259.21 in the Charity Fund.

Valerie subbed for Verda and apologized for not having a joke for everyone like Verda does. She reported none of the April Birthday honorees were present, so the money was put in the charity fund. **Matty & Marji Matchinegg** celebrated their 48th Anniversary this month.

Barney said he didn't have a joke prepared either but for those present who remember the Employee Stock Ownership Program – ESOP – that was a joke !

We had an open discussion about traveling under the new Continental system. No one present has had a positive experience so far. **George Schwind** reported he and **Lois** traveled to Seattle and on the return trip, the flight was oversold by 17. The next flight wasn't for 4 hours so they just sat in the boarding area but many

other standbys had left the gate area. Lois got a seat but George had to wait for the next flight. A word of caution; because George had printed boarding passes for Lois and himself – when Lois was boarded, the computer system dropped George from the PNR listing. Remember this if you have to split – the remaining passenger will be dropped. Barney mentioned there is an app you can purchase for your iPhone or iPad that will allow you to check your listing.

Visitor **George Hirsch** said although the Continental System is extremely slow and difficult to maneuver, it does show the availability of seats.

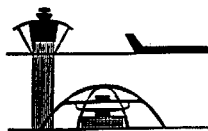
The Departure Management Card is now called a Standby Card. If you are going to check a bag – Do not print a standby card at home because then the Skycaps can not make changes. When you list, if you type in your email address, you will receive a confirmation email. Print this email as it has a record locator.

Barney spoke with **Pat Cadden** earlier this week. Pat is now at the Brookdale Place at Chanate which is an assisted living facility. He is in high spirits and is doing well with his prosthesis. Keep Pat in your prayers as he has to go back to Kaiser for an evaluation of his left foot. His address is: **Pat Cadden**, c/o Brookdale Place on Chanate, 3250 Chanate, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Of course, everyone enjoyed the raffle because lots of wine was given away.

Re-LAX-ers

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Our April luncheon brought more people to hear the latest changes and rules of travel. Again, given in great detail by **Sharon Record**. Many, many thanks for her excellent summation.

We were happy to have in attendance **Don & Marlis Popovich**. Don & Marlis are both retirees of CO; and Don added some explanations on the pass policy and travel. We are very happy to have his input in times like this.

Laly Savoy, President of Fantasy Flight - Los Angeles, put together a "Men's Gift basket to raffle off. She raised a lot of money due to the contents of the basket. The winner! **Harry Takaki**! Harry and his wife, **Ruth** have been long time supporters and volunteers each year of the Fantasy Flight. Congratulations Harry!

We would like to welcome a new member to the ReLAXers; **Gladys Crockett**, retired from LAXFF and attending for the first time. Welcome Gladys!

Frankie & Al Tschirhart were unable to attend the luncheon. Frankie was having eye surgery that prohibited her from driving. Upon checking with her later, she advised the surgery went well and now it's Al's turn for eye surgery. Good luck to both of you.

We had missed **John Daley** at the luncheon and phone messages were not being answered. We were getting concerned when a wonderful call came from John who advised that he was in the hospital again! He had fallen and had a great deal of difficulty getting up; so he called his son for assistance. The two of them decided it was time for a hospital visit and called 911! The Drs. final analysis; John had Stage 8 leukemia! Shocking! His stay continued to the end of April. But now he's home with some pre-arranged home care. We wish you the best in your recovery, John. For encouraging words, send cards to him at P.O. Box 4391, Palos Verdes Pen. CA 90274.

Calendar:

June 7 - Proud Bird restaurant, 11:00AM

August 2 - Steak Fry at El Segundo Park

Re-Sans

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We had a very exciting May breakfast with 25 members in attendance. Out of town visitors this month are **Bob & Carol Stoop**, visiting family here in San Diego, joined us for a great visit. **Peggy Van Sickle**, a SANCS retiree, made a first time visit and we were so glad to see her. She also joined the ReSans and became a new member of our chapter. Peggy works as a volunteer at Kaiser Permanente and she has promised to include our monthly breakfast into her busy schedule.

Liz Kamoo joined us after having had a serious heart attack and undergoing major heart surgery, we were so surprised and happy to see her and that she is looking so well.

Helen Soderberg was the winner of the 50/50 raffle for this month and went out the door with a big smile on her face.

For those who haven't heard, the Companion Pass, Buddy Passes have been extended through June 30th. This maybe your final opportunity to use them, so if you have any Companion travel in mind, now is the time.

Calendar:

June 7 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. (619) 226 0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Our April meeting produced two large cakes, one chocolate and one white, both with delicious fillings, to celebrate our 50th Anniversary! Currently, **Ralph Trullinger** is our 29th President. Our Chapter Historian **James Goodwine** is the handsome gentleman in the photograph accompanying this column. Please know that you will be warmly welcomed at our next General Meeting on the **third** Monday, May 21st. (Our usual 4th Monday meeting falls on Memorial Day this year.) And our extraordinarily entertaining speaker will be a return visit by the daring and humorous lady pilot Gail Bauer. Despite many complications, she had to fight to get her pilot's license because she was a woman. After that, she built her own airplane which she flew cross country. The tales that lady can tell! Amazing!

June 25th puts us back on schedule with a 4th Monday General Meeting. John Siracusa will entertain us with "The Classics." July 23rd brings us the dual talents of guitarist and vocalist Scott Holiday. Back by popular demand on August 27th will be our favorite classy lassie "Beverly At The Piano". Please do remember that September 24th will be our BBQ picnic (no General Meeting), held for the 2nd time at the William Walker Recreation Facility where we hold our monthly meetings. October 22nd will feature ladies' barbershop singers "The Jewel Tones". November 26th showcases one of our own, **Darryl Coe** with his beautiful German street organ (drehorgel). He performs frequently in and around the Bay Area, so you may already have seen Leierkastenmann Darryl in action. No December General Meeting.

Now that you have been informed of the entertainment scheduled for 2012, please invite any UAL or Continental retirees to come with you. Then you can play "Show and Tell" just like this: Show them what a good time we always have and, tell them they can get some of the very confusing UA/CO merger questions answered! We need **all** of you!

Popular member **Virginia Soult** has moved to a care facility. She is receiving therapy and shows improvement. I'm sure she would love to hear from y'all: Pacific Hills Manor, 370 Noble Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95037, telephone 1-408-778-8208 and it's best to call her in the morning. Cards and letters of encouragement will be welcomed.

Personally Speaking: Be extra careful when you buy a gift card. Before purchasing, if the package has wrinkled cardboard or glue on it, you may want to get a different one. Thieves have been stealing cards from store displays and switching the activation tabs!

Calendar:

SFO-Bay Area retiree meetings begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. on the 4th Monday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday). Meet us at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Telephone (650) 286-3380. Mail may be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Seventy two South Bay RUAEA members and guests enjoyed a magical Spring luncheon hosted by **Cheri & Ben Scales** and **Jean & Jack Jenkins**. We were happy to see **Garver & Wilma Sandy** join us, they were celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary. We were entertained by magician Doug Jones, who helped some of our members and guests read each others' minds. A cake auction and raffle added to the treasury of the chapter.

Our day trip to Moffett Field Historical Museum, the Computer Museum and lunch at Mario's Italiano Restaurant is just around the corner. **George Sousa** is our host, assisted by our Social Chairman, **Dave Saso**. We'll let you know in the next issue how our day turned out. We welcomed a new member **Don Nessling** who was a former Brazen Raisin. Don has moved to Sunnyvale to live with his daughter and son-in-law. He was a lead mechanic at United in the sheet metal shop, coming to SFO in 1966.

Our Sunshine Lady **LaDonna Eggert** is still under the weather; others that have been sidelined are **Duane & Anna Howze** and our President **Sam Cramb**. We hope they will be back soon.

Anniversaries are always extra special. Besides the **Sandys, Bill & Carol Copley** celebrated their 60th on April 19th.

Don't forget to make your reservations for our annual picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. **Tony & Sally Urso** promise that everyone will have a marvelous time. The date is Tuesday, June 12th. We'll have a delicious barbeque, an awesome Bingo game with fabulous prizes, and lots of time to relax and enjoy each others' company. Call Tony at (408) 264-8580.

We meet every Friday morning at 8 am for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino across from the Home Depot. Hope to see you there.

Calendar:

June 12 - Annual Picnic at Vasona in Los Gatos.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Hope you all are enjoying the lovely weather and the blooming trees and flowers. Hope you don't have allergies or this would not be a fun time of the year for you. Summer is just around the corner and I'm sure we will all be enjoying family and friends during the warm summer months. It's time to get busy doing yard work and planting flowers and gardens of vegetables.

We all had a fun time at our last luncheon meeting which was held at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson. There were 35 people in attendance and the luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Joy Blair**. Bob & Joy held a raffle, there were many happy and lucky winners of wine and plants in pretty colorful buckets. The winners were looking forward to winning one of Bob's beautiful hand-made birdhouses but he did not make them this time because he was recovering from hand surgery.

Don Nesja read the names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of April. Don said there is still a lot of confusion about the pass travel program. He had printed up many articles and put them in a binder for anyone to read them, especially members who do not have a computer. This was very helpful information but still a bit confusing.

A reminder to all that the Tenth Annual Maintenance Get-Together will be held again at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada. The dates are August 22 - 23 and this is a great time for all so mark your calendars and come to Minden for this fun event. More information will be in the National RUAEA Newsletter.

As always, our luncheons are held on the second Thursday of every month and we hope you will come and join us. Please contact our President, **Don Nesja** at

(209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672 if you'd like any information about our chapter and our luncheon meetings. We would be so happy to have you join us!

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our April meeting was held on the 9th with 31 members and guests. We welcomed **Bob Sample** and **Rodney Stone**. It was nice to see returnees **Ramsey Unhlap**, **Tracey Blanchard**, **Tom & Barbara Cunningham** and **Trudy Engledinger**.

We had a lively discussion regarding travel in these changing times and **Howard** shared his and **Jo's** recent trip to Koa with their daughter. Seamless travel!

One of our most senior members, **Ed Bingle**, is unable to attend meetings anymore, but sends his greeting. His birthday is May 15th and cards and notes would be most welcome.

We discussed giving to various charities and agreed (by consensus) to give to the Cancer Support Facility and UAHF.

RUAEA elections will be coming up so check your newsletter.

Vilma Patrick won the 50/50 and **Trudy Engledinger** won lunch for two at the Sizzler.

Once again, we thank **Carol Parks** for the wonderful Easter decorations. She brightens up our meetings.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200 then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many different departments represented.

Our annual picnic will be held at **Hoagie Harguth's** home in Pleasant Hill as our usual location at the Pleasant Hill Park is undergoing major construction. We will have details as to time, address, etc. at our May meeting. For catering purposes, we would appreciate your letting Howard or Diane know how many will be attending. As in the past years, we will be assigning appetizers and desserts by alphabet (A-G appetizers) and (H-Z desserts).

Calendar:

June 11

July - No meeting

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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The months of April and May have been very busy for the Mile Highers. In April, the Mile Highers had their spring luncheon at the Palace Chinese Restaurant in Denver. There were 36 Mile Highers and guests in attendance. **Barbara Dela Cruz** was a guest of **Laura Coats**, **Jean Thorne** was a guest of **Harvey Collin** and **Dottie Lynch** was a guest of **John Wade**. On May 5, the Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center cafeteria, with 44 in attendance. First Timers were **Bess Minor** and **Rosemary Brunson**. Come back and join us again next month.

We got word that **Cheryl Beeten** passed away on April 13. **Del Frey** passed away in March and his Memorial service was held on April 21. **Wayne Miller's** wife, **Nadine** passed away and her service was on May 10th. **Chuck Davis** passed away suddenly on May 2; his Memorial Celebration was on May 9.

Roy Rardin had his left hip replaced on April 30 and the surgery went well. Roy is in the Azura Rehab Center of Lakewood, 7395 W. Eastman Pl., Lakewood, CO 80227. He plans to be released by May 19. Roy's home address is 15461 E 33rd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011.

Don Le Furge, who retired from CAL, joined us. There were a lot of questions on the new pass policy; Don and **Tom Goodyear** answered as many of them as they could.

Gil Rohde and **Ed Eson** went on a WWII "Veterans Honor Flight" to Baltimore and Washington D.C. along with 120 veterans and 40 guardians. They were able to visit the WWII War Memorial and see many sites that memorialized WWII veterans and the nation during the war years.

Keep Saturday, August 25 open, if possible, for the Continental Retiree annual picnic at **Norm Meyer's**. United retirees have been invited. **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** attended last year and reported a good time was had by all. Bring your own picnic food, chairs, plates and etc. CAL will supply the soft drinks. Take highway 285 (Hampden Ave) west bound and when you pass E-470 keep going about 13 more miles. You will see a yellow two story farm house on the right; follow the signs to the picnic area which is in a beautiful valley.

Don Le Furge and **Gene Sibley** returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter.

The next Breakfast will be June 2 at the Flight Training Center's Cafeteria.



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 met at TVI on April 30th. We discussed my moving to Phoenix to join the Azures Chapter. Regional Director **Mike Richards** and member **Joe Hopkins** put me on an email list for the schedule of meetings and news. I already have lots of friends from around the system who have moved to PHX and belong to RUAEA.

My family flew COS-LAX roundtrip on Skywest, DEN-DTW roundtrip on Skywest and Shuttle America and DEN-BZN round trip on Skywest and GoJet Airlines. The best service was on GoJet and Shuttle America. No problems were encountered except the Skywest agent put us in economy and First class was empty, even though we listed in First. He said he did not fly much and did not know the rules yet but did move us to First. Do not hesitate to ask the agent about your status as it is a privilege granted to us! My next trip is to the OAKOZ reunion on June 1st in the Tower Lounge! I will leave on the last flight from OAK to DEN on June 3rd to return home.

We heard that about 100 agents have been recalled to DENCS and many offered full time too. Also heard that DEN will be a base for the new 737's, giving more jobs to CO pilots and F/A.

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

Calendar:

June 25

July 23

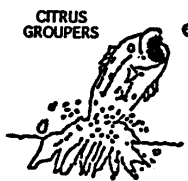
Happy Father's Day



FLORIDA

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The April meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance with 33 people in attendance. Our president **Don Nellans** introduced RUAEA Regional Director **Paul Brown**. He said he had visited with the other chapters in Florida regarding our Convention next February, 2013. The name of the convention can be referred to as United Retirees Uniting. All of the chapters in FL are welcomed. You can get all of the information regarding the convention from your chapter president. Everything has not been secured, so keep looking for updates.

We welcome new member **Ralph Brick** who retired from OPBOP in Chicago.

Winner of 50/50 drawing is **Shirley Kivlehan**.

Calendar:

May 31 - Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln. (352) 753-1475, just south of Hwy42, on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions or questions answered may contact our President **Don Nellans** at nellansdon@aol.com, (352) 861-4486.

SAND“DABS”

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After our pledge to the flag and a short prayer, Prez **Dick Coughlin** began the meeting. There were 22 members in attendance, a surprise, which required adding another table and chairs. It turned out to be a really great and vocal group.

News from **Nancy & Frank Thomas** wasn't so good. Frank is now in Hospice care. Nancy misses our group so much and hopes she'll be able to visit here in the near future. **Robert & Debbie Taylor**, Associate members, were in town again from CA. **Penny Logan's** friend **Amy Brant** was a guest with us again.

Larry & Janet Horton just returned from a three week trip in their motor home visiting OK, TX and many interesting sights in-between.

Irene & Al Warner will be off on a cruise to the Caribbean, and **Bud & Karen Gammill** will be leaving for their cottage in WI soon.

Birthday celebrants for May are **Frieda Coughlin**, **Bud Gammill**, **Lillian Moddle** & **Bill Lowry**. After our song tribute, Frieda blew the candle out. Dick & Frieda are celebrating their 54th Anniversary. Frieda is doing very well from her accident months ago and is expected to get the "all clear" this month. It was a long hard process for her but we are glad it's almost over.

Plans for the Florida chapters get-together in February 2013 in the Villages is coming together, and there will be some interesting things to see and do. Anyone interested in going to the activities, see Prez Dick for more details.

At joke time, we were reminded to turn our hearing aids up. Prez Dick had a funny one regarding a card game, even **Rick Johnson** laughed. Our 50/50 winner was **Jim Meyers**. The first extra drawing for Mother's Day was won by **Debbie Taylor**; the second gift was won by **Irene Warner**. We had a good Treasury report by **Penny Logan**. The money is building up.

From there, Prez Dick passed out lots and lots and lots of papers he thought were very important for us to know regarding the company and all the new procedures, and the whole nine yards to get through the retirement & travel information. He said he would give us a "test" later to see who read all of the stuff. He advised us to put it all in a binder to keep the papers together. Whew, it was information overload. However, there were some people in the group who have made a trip recently and didn't seem to have too many problems getting to their destination.

Keep a lot of love in your heart so there's no room for cholesterol. On that note, our meeting adjourned until next month.

Calendar:

June 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

July 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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President **Rich Llewellyn** welcomed the 42 members and guests who joined us for lunch and **Ernie Vosges** presented the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the meeting. A new roster listing our 54 current Real McCoy members was made available to everyone. I have extra hard copies or can send as an attachment if you contact me!

Seems everyone is still struggling with the new UA – checking in, obtaining passes on other carriers, just plain old getting answers 'cause no one seems to know

for sure. Hopefully, RUAEA will be able to shed more light as time goes on. Hint! Hint!

Jim & Nan Multeri shared the bitter-sweet news that they will be moving to Bloomington, Indiana in 2 weeks. Jim's work is taking them there and although they will be missed here, they will be closer to family in ORD. One day, Jim & Nan promise that "retirement" will bring them back as snowbirds!

We had a lot of Birthdays to celebrate for the month of May! **Cathy Llewellyn** (15), **Paul Brown** (24), **Bob McNeill** (29), and **Pat Hernandez** (30). Huge Congrats to our Wedding Anniversary Couples: **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, 51 years on May 5th, and **Paul & Helga Brown**, 52 years on May 27th!

Prayers for strength and speedy recovery wishes for **Orlin Taylor** and **Lou Gaydos**.

Calendar:

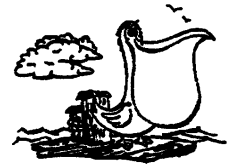
Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.
Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

June 5

July 3

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS

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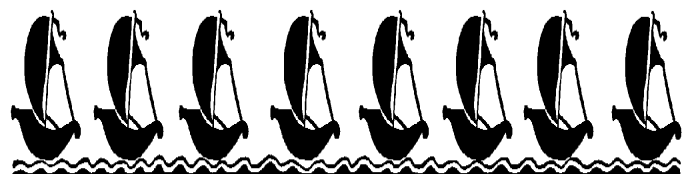


Urgent News ~ Please offer prayers for **Wanda Schmoyer's** daughter who lives in California. She has double pneumonia and is not responding to antibiotics. Wanda has gone to be there with her.

It's the annual "end of the season" picnic get-together at the picnic grove where **Mel & Linda Volz** live. We will report on this gathering in the next chapter report.

May Birthdays ~ **Ed Clarke** (5/5), **Marge Burg** (5/17).

Summer Schedule ~ Summer residents, put the first Friday of June - September on your calendar to have breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in North Ft. Myers at 9:00 am. Order what you want, separate checks. No one volunteered to be the "point person" for these get-togethers this summer. So call a friend and keep the tradition alive!





TAMPA BAY

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May 7th meeting was called to order at 10:45 by President **Barbara Riecss** with 16 members present. Minutes of the April meeting were read by President **Barbara Riecss**.

May anniversaries ~ **Bill & Jean Lineham** celebrated their 51st on May 6th. **Les & Peggy Manuel** celebrated their 56th on May 23rd. Birthdays ~ **Bob Lindstrom** and President **Barbara Riecss**.

The annually \$10.00 dues must be paid by June 30. Notice that inflation has reared its ugly head again. Bring your check to next meeting or mail it to **Mary Martin**. Pass Travel Program received a lot of discussion. If you don't have a computer, you are out of luck knowing any and all the changes taking place.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Calendar:

June 4 - IHop Restaurant, 10:30AM

TREASURE COAST

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What a picnic! Who said retirees can't have fun and enjoy the simple things of life? We all became years younger and had a terrific time socializing, playing a bean bag game and eating lots of good food. Everyone had a specific item to bring for the picnic and the hot dogs, hamburgers, with and without cheese and all the trimmings down to the scrumptious deserts were outrageously delicious.

Constintos brought the most outrageous fruit decorated cake, with strawberries the size of golf balls all around it and big enough for an army, it was so delicious that only a small piece was left and yours truly took it home. We had a sheet cake made and decorated with "United Airlines Retiree Picnic", on the next line, "Happy Birthday Vicky" since it was **Vicky Snyder's** birthday. The cake had enough candles to start a fire so we all sang Happy Birthday quickly. Poof out went the candles! This cake was donated by **Frank & Jane Wise**. Our outstanding chef was none other than **Frank Wise** and boy did he do a fantastic job! Thanks again, Frank, for your wonderful cooking on the grill.

There were 25 members and 2 guests brought by

Jim Morehead who ended up signing up as members, what a deal. **Bob Langevin** wanted to know if Al was giving them a reduced rate since they were joining in May, what a guy, always wheeling and dealing. The answer was no but as usual, Al told them we needed their credit card so we all could go out to lunch or dinner on them. On the other hand, we had to be careful since he is a lawyer; we never miss a chance to have a little fun. Let me introduce the wonderful couple, **Keith & Aline McCormick** from Vero Beach. Keith is a retired pilot and now a practicing attorney in Vero Beach. He retired from UAL from his base in SFO.

Diane Brodis won the 50/50 and the progressive was won by **David Lindgren** but since he was not in attendance, it goes back in for next month. **Arnold & Doris Lasko** won two prizes with the tickets that were drawn and **Chris Taylor** also won a prize. In the bean bag runoff, the first place prize was won by **Ed & Vicky Snyder**.

The three clowns, **Jim Morehead**, **Keith McCormick** and **Bob Langevin** got together and posed for a picture with the caption "Hear no Evil, See no Evil and Speak no Evil"! I only wish I could send a picture so you could see these guys, what a riot! Who said people don't have fun, you have to have a sense of humor and lots of fun was had by all. The beach was within a short walking distance from our pavilion, and some of the group walked on the beach, we had a magnificent day of weather, you couldn't have asked for a better day. Everyone said we must do it again. The picnic was held at Dubois Park in Jupiter and thanks to **Frank Wise** who arranged for the permit. If you have a chance to visit there, you will be delightfully surprised. The wooden posts were decorated with balloons and the plastic cloths on the table were secured with clips and multi colored, very festive indeed. **Al & Janice Popek** did a terrific job of getting the place in the festive spirit before anyone arrived and put a great deal of time and effort into help making this a wonderful day.

Tom Kolibab could not attend since the kitchen he is renovating in their home here in Sandpiper Bay was having a delivery of counter tops. Sharon did attend and had a great time being score keeper with **Janice Popek** for the bean bag toss.

We want to wish all the following a Happy Birthday ~ **Vicky Snyder** (5/1), **Gerry Zadar** (5/23), **Barbara Blauschild** (5/24), **David Lindgren** (5/25) and **Jack Boisseau** (5/26).;

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking!

On the Lighter Side:

- ☺ *Always remember life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.*
- ☺ *Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift.*

Calendar:

June 5 - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, Voting takes Place

July & August – On vacation

September 4 - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM – Mulligan's Jensen Beach

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BOISE GEMS

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Fourteen Boise Gems enjoyed time together on April 10 in a private meeting room at IHOP, our new location. Attending were **Gloria Hubbert, Ned Yundt, Louise Duvall, Denny Snyder, Sharon Kolins, Lois Rodriguez, Marlene Croghan, Roni Adams, Carole Bell, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, David & Carol Adams, and Marilyn Taylor.**

Dale Dixon from our Better Business Bureau had everyone's attention as he informed us of several scams being run at the present time in our area. (What will they think of next?) We really appreciated this valuable information.

On April 18th, nineteen hungry folks met at the Pad Thai House, a favorite of our group, to share delicious food and good fellowship.

On the move has been **Marilyn Taylor**, who visited her daughter in PDX, and **Roni Adams** flew to DEN to join her youngest brother and wife to drive to Las Vegas, NM, for the funeral of their brother.

The Boise Gems recently lost a member, **Al Burkhart**, who worked at SLC before coming to BOI.

Calendar:

June 12 - Meridian IHOP.

ILLINOIS

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Our correspondent, **Esther Broderson**, has decided to retire her PC and passed on her Word to me, **Jan Gawenda**. We thank her for many years of faithful service to the Skyliners and her wonderful, informative

Newsletters that she has written. We all wish her and Al our very best. We'll still see them at our luncheons, they're not going anywhere.

I hope I can do as good a job as Esther. This is an open invitation to all of you to call or write me with any news, travel, family, illness, etc. We want to keep in touch with all of you. So many CHI people live in various parts of the country, it's good to know how our old, not olde, friends are doing.

I've included our Skyliners' website address above. It has updates on various subjects and pictures from all of our past luncheons. Take a look if you're not familiar with the site.

Our next luncheon will be on June 25, at Chandler's Restaurant, on Roselle Road in Schaumburg. Invitations have been sent. Seating is limited to 300, so please send in your responses before June 15.

We have tickets for a Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates game on August 1. It will be a day game, starting at 1:20 p.m. Cost of the tickets are \$16.00 each, in the Lower Grandstand section. Tickets are still available. If interested, make your check payable to Chicago Skyliners and mail check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: **Helen Cauwels**, 909 E. Kenilworth, #421, Palatine, IL 60074-6834, phone is (847) 358-8634. Please write your file number in the note field of your check. If she has any tickets left, she will sell them at our Picnic on June 25. Transportation is on your own, but a Pace Wrigley Field Express Bus is available from Schaumburg or Lombard, \$4.00 each way, per person. A Pace Wrigley Field Express Bus flyer is available at your request.

At our last breakfast, our member, **Meera Mokshagundam** brought a new member, **Mahnaz Warner**, from Skokie. Our breakfasts at Ritzzy's, in Rolling Meadows, are always fun with many retirees, and filled with lively conversation. Hope to see more of you in the future.

Our Retiree Travel Desk is closed as of May 31. CO will not train us on their reservation system, SHARES. So the offices in CHI, PDX and SEA will be closed and we can no longer help the retirees. Everyone who worked there thanks you for always being so kind on the phone. Most of us worked in Reservations, and know how difficult some conversations can be.

You will have to depend on your own computer, the library computer, or ask a friend/grandchild over 5. The UAL Automated List number is 1 866 359-3727. It will ask you for a PIN number; it is your date of birth, i.e. mm/dd/yyyy. If you need to talk to a real person, you can call Res at 1 800 241-6522. Be prepared to give them a credit card number because it will cost you \$25 for info or to list. If you have less than 25 years with UAL, you will need to give them a credit card number also, since you will be charged for your trip. If you're

only looking for flight arrival/departure information, call the Res number.

About a dozen of our members will be attending the Loonies meeting in Petoskey, MI from May 8-11. We'll name names in the next issue. What happens in Petoskey, stays in Petoskey.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn (**May 29** and **June 26**).

Northsiders Breakfast - Ritzy's Café & Backereaia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**June 13**).

Food Depository - First Tuesday

Fall Luncheon – Monday, September 17, Diplomat West, Elmhurst, IL

Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 11, Avalon, Elk Grove, IL

RUAEA Convention – October 3-7, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, VA



LOOP GROUP

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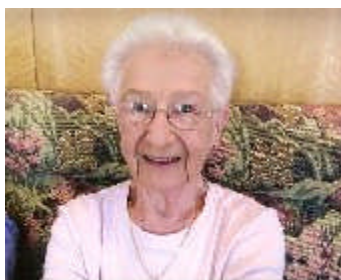
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There is no luncheon scheduled for June with the next one taking place on Wednesday, July 18th.

Frank Vlach, one of our long time luncheon members has been hospitalized. He has been taking a battery of tests and X-rays which will be leading to potential surgery. Get well wishes can be sent to **Frank** at: 404 S. Albert St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

I would like to use the excellent idea suggested by the Utah correspondent, **Loraine Darby**, to highlight different members of our chapter. So we can know each other better, I will highlight one of the original members and one of the oldest retirees of this chapter, **Mary Szabo**, age 84.



Mary was 5 foot, 91 pounds, bilingual and married but she did not qualify for a Stewardess/Flight Attendant job when she applied at UAL at Midway Airport in Chicago in 1951, because in those days, you could not be married. **Mary** retired in 1984 after 33 years of working in many different departments at Midway and EXO doing accounting type work in various administrative offices.

Mary flew on Pan Am to come to the USA from Antwerp, Belgium in 1947 at the age of 19 to marry **Jim Szabo**, a soldier she had met during the war. **Jim** was a great cook and a great guy; he worked for Sky Chef because cooking was his career. **Mary & Jim** were married 34 years until she lost **Jim** 30 years ago and had to learn how to cook.

While a member of RUAEA, **Mary** has been very active in all the local retiree chapters. She held offices and participated in all of their activities as well as doing volunteer work for the Food Depository. She has attended 85% of the RUAEA Conventions.

Mary loves to travel and has made 94 trips back to Belgium to see her family as well as visiting all the continents except for Antarctica. **Mary** speaks 4 languages, Flemish, French, German and English.

Mary is still 5 foot, now 98 pounds and is as active as she was when she began to work at UAL in 1951. While **Mary** never became a Flight Attendant, she modeled several of the late model uniforms at the Skyliner's Luncheon last year which honored the 80th Anniversary of Flight Attendants. **Mary** is a remarkable lady and someone you should know!

Calendar:

June – No Luncheon scheduled

July 18 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

INDIANA

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Indy Racers are enjoying warm Spring weather and recuperating from the month of May Indy 500 Race activities. We're also preparing for our Annual Picnic, Saturday, June 9th at the Twin Bridges Lodge near the Youth Park and Soccer Field in Danville, IN. The event starts at 2 pm. Our chapter provides meat and beverages while members and guests bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Members of the Picnic Planning Committee are **Gail Allen**, **Eli Barnett**, **Hannelore Brabo**, **Cheri Innis**, **Dimple Rihel** and **Charles Theiss**.

July 10th, we are looking forward to having **Helen Cauwels**, RUAEA Midwest Director; join us for our regular membership meeting. We're sure she'll have lots of questions to answer about all the changes associated with the merger. Congratulations to **Ed Loftus** who won our recent 50/50 drawing.



Welcome back to **Charles Theiss** who headed to Tennessee at the end of May to visit his son. Then he and his family traveled to NC for a visit with friends before going to Kansas for a family reunion. **Chris Johnston** recently participated in an orientation session in Kohler, WI where he will be a volunteer for the USGA Women's Tournament which will be held at the Black Wolf Golf Course July 5-8.

Indy Racers who had worked at the maintenance base in San Francisco were saddened to learn that **Ellsworth Hammond, Jr.**, 79, died April 28th in West Chester, PA. We send our sympathies to his wife **Ella**.

Happy Birthday to **Eli Barnett** (6/19), **Bob Duffy** (6/21), and **Chris Johnston** (6/25).

Congratulations to **Robert & Myntie Duty** who are celebrating an anniversary (6/20).

Calendar:

June 9 – Indy Racers' Annual Picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN, 2 p.m.

July 10 - (location TBA) Regular Meeting with RUAEA Midwest Director **Helen Cauwels**, 3pm

MASSACHUSETTS



NOR'EASTERS

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Our first meeting of the year took place on April 17 at Jeveli's Italian restaurant in East Boston. Jeveli's is close to Logan Airport and we've all eaten there at one time or another in our working years. 38 members enjoyed what seemed like Old Home Days. **Bart Casey**, once a member and **Loretta Coyle**, both recently returned to MA, both in attendance, have joined the Nor'Easters. That's 3 new members in 2 months, something that hasn't happened in several years, and most likely will not be repeated.

Of our regular attendees, our most senior member, **Will Shailor** at 90 years young, gets around better than most, and never misses a meeting. Thank you, **Helmut Umbley**, for insuring Bill's arrival. **Anthony Postale & Edwina** are working on an overnight venue with an event the following day. **Patti Mix** up from the cape, along with **Mervedes Hersom** and **Norman Hudon**, both down from NH, provided a triple treat. **Bill &**

Norma Betters made arrangements for the May luncheon at the Marblehead MA Yacht Club. **Andy Montalto** noted he didn't win anything this month. Andy & Carol are avid regulars. Looks like **Peter Fusco**, brought by his son-in-law, is becoming another regular. **Josephine Pizzano** and **Oscar Barule** were last minute with slight physical ailments, get better!

The 50/50's were won by **Helmut Umbley** and a first time attendee, **Paul O'Mara**. Beginners luck Paul, you should come more often. Free lunches were won by **Liliana Snyder** and **George Mavreles'** guest **Gregoria**. Liliana, a first time attendee with husband Tom, is also a UAL flight attendant. When asked how the customers were accepting the new UAL coffee, she advised, "that's a whole nuther story". **Bruce Eddy** attended in summer shorts, with a day hot enough to make us all envious. It's been an unseasonably hot and dry month. **John Ponte**, formerly BOSOO, now living in Ormond, FL asked to say Hi to all his fellow BOS friends. John would be a Nor'Easter if he lived up north.

June birthdays ~ **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Marie Dwyer**, **Frances Mathews**, **Paul Newcomb**, **Anthony Postale**, **Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**.

June anniversaries: ~ **Patricia & Bob Austin** (38 years), **Bill & Norma Betters** (53 years), **John & Lois DeYoung** (45 years), **Joe & Albina Duda** (55 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (56 years), **Jayne & John Regan** (20 years), **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (47 years) and **Dick & Delores Woodworth** (52 years).

Help! Our officers are seeking a suitable place to hold a summer picnic, be it public or private. The summer picnic was our second most attended venue. The governor of MA closed all the public picnic areas to save \$. Seems every time the politicians make a savings cut, it only affects the little guys, the real tax payers!

Sometimes I pretend to be normal! But it gets boring, so I go back to being me.

Calendar:

June 26 - Grassfields restaurant, Rte 114 Danvers, MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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15 Escapees gathered at the Waves in Grosse Pointe Shores May 3rd, hosted by **Dollie Sellers**. We welcomed our newest Escapee, **Carolyn McKeogh**, who just retired officially, May 1. **Carolyn** claims the mus-

cles in her face have not stopped aching since she left. Constant smiling does that, you know. I think most of us have experienced that feeling.

Along with Carolyn, we also welcomed for the first time ever, **Alma Seaborn**, all the way from Englewood, CA. It was great having her with us after all these years, thanks to **Nancy Woolen** for bringing her along. Also for the first time this year we welcomed **Herb Alexander**, **Barb Harry**, and **Suzie Hicks**. The food and our waitress were excellent, with the Hawaiian Salad seeming to be a favorite.

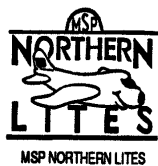
Marie Cook, **Joan Petry** and **Sharon Jacob** will be heading to Bayview, MI on May 8 for another Loonie affair, hosted by **Don & Hope Hayden**. This will be the 9th time **Don & Hope** have hosted their semi-annual meet and this will be the Loonies' 32nd meet. A **big** thanks to this special couple, I wonder if the Loonies' would still be around without them. If you have never been to a Loonies meet, you should try them for a great time. We always have excellent stories to tell, superb touring and we always seek out and find the best ice cream parlors.

I was sorry to hear from **Margaret Pallay** that **Ron's** mom, **Irene**, joined the angels on Valentine's Day, just 2 weeks shy of her 97th birthday. Ron is taking it very hard for he took care of her for over 40 years. Love and prayers to **Margaret & Ron** @ 211 Cranberry Trail, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067-2411.

Calendar:

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

MINNESOTA



NORTHERN LITES

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My pal, **Mary Brennan**, chapter secretary, took notes for me in my absence in April. Whatta gal! When I told her that we'll be at the Loonies' meeting in May & fishing in Canada in June, she told me that I'm going to get an onion letter in my file for these absences.

There wasn't a huge crowd meeting for lunch & visiting in April; 27 Lites made it, including snowbirds **Wayne & Karen Cole**, back from their winter in Alabama. Also, it was nice that **Dick Haag** didn't leave his bride, **Verna**, at home this time.

Various horror stories of attempts to get insurance & pass rider information into the Company website were told. Those without computers & the knowledge

thereof are having a difficult time of it. The names for one's eligibles must be recorded on the website as it reads on their driver's license or whatever ID they use when travelling. This applies to the insurance authorization as well.

Janet Meyer recently did some travelling to Amsterdam, but not on her own pass. She travelled with active employee **Pat Juberien** & her daughter, using one of Pat's Buddy Passes. They were fortunate to have been boarded in First Class ORD-AMS and Business Class on the return. All in all, a great trip.

Re ZED tickets for off-line travel: It's important to already have your itinerary & preferred flights listed in a Passenger Name Record so that the ticket agent can easily access it & issue the ticket. This must be accomplished on the Company website. ZED tickets on Southwest can also be done on the website, according to ETC@FlyingTogether.ual.com. Our president, **Lee Storlie**, had difficulty getting a letter of eligibility for SW, however.

We heard that **Jack Doke** has discontinued chemotherapy & will resume radiation treatments in his war on cancer. A note or phone call would be appreciated.

We've recently received word that, sadly, the Company powers-that-be have shown the disdain for retirees for which they're becoming famous. The all volunteer Travel Support Desks in SEA, PDX & CHI will no longer be allowed access to the Res system to help those without computers & those in the middle of a trip & needing to make changes. A corporate security issue, they said, is the reason.

An invitation to be our guests at the June meeting was sent to MSP General Manager David Brink & his wife. We feel it's important for him to know that he has a real active group of UA retirees around the area. It sure would be nice to have a good-sized crowd that day.

The annual summer picnic has been scheduled for August 8, 2012. No one has stepped up to the plate to host it yet. The suggestion was made that a paddleboat trip out of Stillwater might be fun for a change. A buffet lunch is included in the ticket price. If we did that, no one would be required to clean their house or garage in preparation for the onslaught of 40-50 Northern Lites!

The 50/50 raffle awards were all won by people sitting at the same table, even someone sitting in the usual chair occupied by **Sonja Gunderson**. She & **Lyle** were off enjoying a mystery bus trip & she's really gonna be ticked when she learns that her chair won & she wasn't sitting in it!

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. 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.



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We had a nice crowd of 35 at Piccolo's. Thanks to **Tony Sortino** for hosting. It was great to see **Hilde & Dick Schwan**. They don't get to Omaha very often so it is always a treat to have them join us. In fact, **Hilde's** birthday was April 14 and she was the lucky 50/50 recipient of \$34.50. Nice birthday present.

With our weather so nice, **Arnie Mahoney** was out on his farm trimming some trees and was standing on a low boy using a chain saw when a limb came down hitting the low boy and knocking **Arnie** to the ground. He ended up at ER where he was diagnosed with 8 broken ribs. That's a lot and has to be very painful. They wanted to keep him in the hospital but he talked the doctor out of that idea. He is now in the process of healing.

Carol Jensen was sporting a brace on her right arm and hand. She said her thumb was "dead". This is caused from arthritis and carpal tunnel. I didn't ask her if the feeling would come back, but surely hope so. **Carol**, hope your time living with that brace is short.

Our birthdays for May are: **Larry Nollette** (5/7), **Van VanHouten** (5/9), **Jackie Vassios** (5/21) and **Andy Vassios** (5/29). Congratulations to each of you.

After the newsletter went out this past month, we found a few more who had April birthdays and we want to recognize them. We are in the process of gathering birthdates of all of our members which should total around 130 when finished ~ **Ralph Bredow** (4/4), **Virginia Nollette** (4/18), **Dave Letts** (4/20).

Sena Jensen called **Keith** and told him **Don** was in the Brookstone Nursing Home in Elkhorn due to a fractured hip. No other information was given as to when he went or how long he will be there. We hope he is getting great rehab and will be home soon.

We had a nice note from **Louise Mitchell**. She turned 89 on January 17 and said she is in good health. She is fortunate to still have her twin sisters living so close to her, one in an apartment near **Louise** and the other still in her home. Good to hear from you, Louise.

Dorothy Glover wants to thank everyone who signed the card for **Bob** who celebrated his 90th birthday on April 13. She said he could recognize some names as she read them to him and would get a smile on his face. A wonderful time was had with his family and staff at the Veteran's Home.

Ralph Bredow's wife, **Ardith**, passed away April 15. Services were held in Seward, NE on April 19. **Ardith** had been in a nursing home for 13 years after suf-

fering several strokes. Our sympathy to **Ralph** and his family.

Calendar:

June 5 - Cooper Farm, Picnic, Hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

July 10 - Back 40, Macedonia, IA, Hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

August 7 - TBD

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Notes were taken by **Eleanor Vasko** ~ 33 members were present at the April 10th meeting. Baldor missed the luncheon. I think he forgot. **Winnie Stone** has recovered nicely from cataract surgery.

Happy Anniversary to **Bob & Ingeborg Levy** on April 23rd, and many more.

Next meeting will be June 12th which is also the 30th year since the Las Vegas chapter was formed. Here is hoping we have a super turnout to celebrate. Any UAL or CO retirees visiting or living in this area are welcome to join us, the more the merrier. This is a special occasion; all previous members are also welcome. For info call our sunshine lady, **Eleanor Vasko** at (702) 898-0561. Menu for June: Salad, London Broil, roasted potatoes, asparagus and apple pie a la mode.

LV Gamblers is also looking for a name change. Years ago, Silver Liners was mentioned. We are open to any and all suggestions.

Anyone interested in the Tuacahn Musicals? This year is Aladdin and Hairspray.

Calendar:

June 12 - 11:30AM meeting at Arizona Charlie's' Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV. (702) 258-5200.

August 14 - 11:30AM meeting

October 9 - 11:30AM meeting



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There were 20 people at our April meeting at Jack's. 2012 Dues once again remain the same - \$5.00 per person. They are now due and payable. Please make your check payable to Sierra Roundup and mail to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Please renew so you can continue to receive our newsletter. The date for our annual picnic has changed to Monday, August 20, 2012. The 50/50 was won by **Joe Robinson**. It was nice to see **John & Elizabeth Brown** at our meeting. Thank you to our resident baker **Bill Perkins** for the delectable Easter bunny cakelets. They were wonderful.

NEW YORK

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Hello once again from NY where 37 Metro regulars met on May 2nd. No outstanding news to report. I think we have chosen not to take up too much space with all the birthdays and anniversaries, but I'll say this; there were quite a few of each this May, all those spring weddings decades ago. Nice local news though, with the arrival of the Enterprise on top of the 747. What a treat for those who saw it in person as it flew up, then down the Hudson and around parts of Long Island, something to be proud of. Also of interest was the addition of the final tower of the One Trade Center, once again making it the tallest building in NY. Missing in action, we have **Frank Kittle, Jean Zito, Elliot & Ruth Olenick, Dot Smith** and **Pat Gilson**. Hope to see you soon. **Charlie Kaczinski** was off on his annual reunion with his Marine buddies (Quantico, Geraldo Rivera was doing radio broadcast there).

Murmurs throughout the room of displeasure with travel passes difficulty listings, etc. Folks paying (gasp!) full fare on other airlines. Isn't it sad? Let's hope that eventually something good will develop.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 6 (D-Day), a time to remember all of our veterans, especially those from WWII. I've been to Normandy Beach and it is a very moving experience.

Out picnic is still on for July 11th at Wantagh Park.

Calendar:

June 6 - 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

July 11 – Picnic at Wantagh Park

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April is here and just waiting to provide us with those showers. So far, our Spring has been a touch cooler than the end of our Winter, but no one is complaining. We would like thank **Nancy Carter** and **Mary Lou Mack** for hosting this month's luncheon and taking responsibility for taking care of the details to help have a smooth running event. "Thank You again!" We had a total of 62 members in attendance and two guests.

We did have a guest who asked to speak to our membership to let us know what is going on with the "new" United. He was granted time to come in and speak before our luncheon. Mr. **Tony Gibson** spoke about the upcoming IAM election and some of the concerns their people would like to bring to the fore front especially regarding retirees. Your officers are not endorsing any candidates, but will consider hearing those who request to speak on a subject in our interest. Our VP, **Arlene Taylor**, then led us in prayer before our lunch was served. Our meal was great and dessert followed which I don't think anyone turned down.

Happy Birthdays to: **Len Friedel, Bernie Kazimer**, and **Barbara Wachs**. Best wishes to all of our other members and friends who could not be with us this month. We also wish all of those unable to be with us who are also celebrating a very Happy Anniversary. It was great to have the following with us: **Arlene & Earl Taylor** (13), **Len & Marie Ann Friedel** (48), **Ken & Joanne Buchman** (51).

Sadly, we lost another member of the Buckeyes. **Joseph LaBanc** (CLECG) passed away on April 5th. Also **Sam Wake**, another UAL retiree passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families and friends.

We are happy to introduce some new members to the Buckeyes. **Nancy McLaughlin** is joining us, and **Larry & Dianna Beers** have joined us. Some may have known his dad, **Charlie Beers**. We welcome them and hope they enjoy being part of our group. Welcome! Welcome! Last, but not least, we have our fifty-fifty drawing! The winners were: **Helen Hockett & Paul Rodjom**. Lucky! Lucky! Lucky!

2nd Report: Here we are in the first week of May and we have a beautiful afternoon to take a little drive and have our luncheon at Bucci's, which has been a favorite for some time. We had a total of 75 guests at our meeting today. A big "thank you" to **Barb Vauls & Carol Siefried** for hosting this event. Pres. **Dolly Taucher** opened the meeting, turned it over to **Arlene Taylor**, our VP, and she led us in saying Grace. Our meals were great, "death by chocolate" for dessert, and pleasant servers make for a very pleasant afternoon.

Dolly addressed the group and let them know that the June, July and August Newsletter had been emailed or US mailed for those without computers. Let her know if you do not receive yours! RUAEA Elections are this summer: Midwest-Director is **Helen Cauwels**. RUAEA Convention is scheduled for October 3-7, 2012 in Washington, D.C. Also, we received Thank You for our donations in Memoriam of **Anne Fiedler** from **Pat Hendy** (Hawaiian floral arrangement for the church) and from the family of **Joe LaBanc**, (donation to "Stay-A-While" Cat Shelter).

Arlene Taylor offered to speak to the group concerning what is involved with getting yourself registered properly, etc. if anyone has any plans for traveling via United in the near future. She suggests we go thru the system and get your information in there so that when the time comes you will just have to be concerned with applying for passes. She went on to pass a lot of good information and we all appreciate the time and effort she put into this presentation.

We did have some guests and they are: **Diane Johnston**, from the National organization Clipped Wings and **Arlene Taylor's** sister, **Eleanor**. We welcome new member **Nancy McLaughlin** and it was good to see **Mary Ann Evanco** with us today. We really do enjoy having guests and on behalf of all our "Buckeyes", we welcome you with open arms and hope to see you all again soon.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to the following who were with us for lunch: **Ken Buchman**, **Gene Craig**, **John Kercel**, **Peggy King**, **George Oncu**, **John Taucher** and **Jerry Zadar**. For those of you who were unable to be with us today, we also wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary to one and all whether you were able to be with us or if you were unable to attend. Joining us today were: **Steve & Cathy Pytel** (52), **Dave & Marie Placko** (51), **John & Dolly Taucher** (49), **Jerry & Peggy King** (20). Isn't it great to see the number of years being celebrated?

Last, but not least is our Fifty-Fifty drawing. A thank you to **Dave & Marie Placko** for taking care of this for all of us. We are so glad to see that Dave is here with us today and doing great! The winners are **Helen Hockett** and **Judy Spooner**. Lucky! Lucky! Lucky!

Memories shared are blessings that keep on giving

Calendar:

June 6 – Rose Hill (was Flairs - New Location). See Newsletter, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

July 11 - Nautica – 2 hour "Oldies Cruise", hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

August 1 - Annual Picnic, The Chalet in Strongsville, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**.

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Twenty-two seems to be OUR Club's magic number. We again had 22 attending the May 4 luncheon which was held at The Vine Restaurant in Grants Pass, hosted by **Jim & Jane Frincke**.

Sonnia Appleton joined us for the luncheon and gave us an update on **Neal Appleton's** recovery from intensive surgery four weeks ago at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland. Neal wasn't quite up to attending the lunch but is improving steadily with a prognosis as positive as his attitude.

We were also happy to welcome back **Robert & Judy Machado** who had just returned to Southern Oregon from spending the winter in Arizona. **Jim & Jane Frincke** held the winning 50/50 ticket. Congratulations to **Bob & Ida Rogers** on recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Calendar:

June 1 - **Jim & Jane Frincke** - Evergreen Room, Taprock Northwest Grill

July 6 - **Linda Althouse** – River's Edge

August 3 - TBA

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Candy filled eggs decorated the tables at our April meeting with attendance at 81. Visitors at the meeting were **Claire McCool** who came with **Laquita Bloom**.

Claire is the assistant to the PDXOZ manager. **Mike Buroker**, a former employee at PDXCS who left UAL in 1974 was also present.

Welcome to **Paul Fatooh**, who retired from PDXCG, joined our chapter this month.

There were several members who have been ill in recent weeks. **Bill Petersen** has received the diagnosis of fibromyalgia rheumatic and **Helen Stinnett** was ill with the flu. **Jane Futrell** had knee replacement surgery. **Shirley Walker** was laid up with an inflamed vertebra. **Horst Pempeit** suffered a stroke which has affected one side of his body but should soon be sent to rehabilitation. I know our thoughts go out to all of them for a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing them at a meeting in the near future.

Please don't forget **Joe Mortensen** (stroke), **Merle Pitman** (congestive heart failure/other problems) and **Tommie Walker** (cancer) who are continuing to recover from their illnesses.

Two deaths were reported this month. **Willie Montgomery** who worked at ORD and PDX as a sky-cap died on April 14th. **Bill Bolt** advised us his wife **Bertha Bold** died on April 19th. There was no service. Our sympathies go out to both families.

A name from the past was brought up last week. I know a lot of you remember **Dorothy Retzlaff** (PDXRR also a trainer) has been living in a retirement center; however she recently fell and is now in a senior care home. Unfortunately since the fall she has developed dementia.

Our free lunch prizes were won by the following: Door prize - **Betty McBride**, Men's birthday - **Dennis Cline**, Women's birthday - **Jeri Blodgett**, no Anniversaries, 50/50 - **Marilyn Woods**.

Thank you to **Cliff Blare** for entertaining us with amusing stories during the meetings.

Our June meeting will have a speaker from Guide Dogs from the Blind and hopefully a dog will be able to accompany him. The July picnic is being planned by **Gene King** and will be held at Red Sunset Park in Gresham. (Same place as last year). At this time I have no details about menu and cost but information should come out at the May/June meetings. I'll be able to have this for you in the July issue.

Calendar:

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

June 13 - Speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind

July 11 - Annual Picnic

August 8 - Social



PENNSYLVANIA

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Our April 9th meeting had 18 attending at the Ramada Inn in Essington, PA. **Walter Sonderman** won the free lunch and **Jim Fanto** the 50/50. A card was signed by all for our dear friend **Kathy Edwards** who was hospitalized. She is home now and back to her old self, thank goodness.

Two boxes have been mailed to Camp Farah for the troops. Sixteen persons enjoyed the Arden Candlelight dinner theater on April 14th.

On May 14th, a special program was enjoyed at our regular meeting at the Ramada Inn, Essington. Dr. J. Edgette is a renowned speaker on the Titanic disaster. He is a professor at Widener University, in Chester, PA. Lives lost include some of the Widener family and others from the PA area.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 3-7 2012, the RUAEA convention at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA. This is within driving distance for the Independents. On October 15th, please come to help us prepare dinner for the Ronald McDonald House in Del.

Calendar:

June 11 – Last meeting until Fall. 12:30PM, program TBA.

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I just returned from Carol Stream, IL, visiting my dear friend **Sheila Arison**, wife of the late **Ron Arison** PITCS-ORDFF. **Sheila** worked as our secretary in PITCS for several years. She sends her regards to all her old friends that remember her. **Sheila's** son **Jeff**, 32 years old, is suffering from ALS disease, also known as Lou Gehrigs disease, attacking the muscles, gradually robbing their ability to walk, speak, eat and breathe. There are many other symptoms, some treatable, but, currently no cure.

Jeff's sisters and friends have formed a team to take part in the 11th annual ALS Walk4life on September 22, 2012 at Soldiers field in Chicago. For more information

visit the webpage <http://www.alswalk4life.org>. **Jeff's** team name is "Big Shoulders".

I received an email from **Dorothy Gorman**, a friend of **Ethel Ondrejko**. **Dorothy** advised me that **Ethel** is in an assisted facility and would like to say hello to all her old friends. She worked at PITRR-CLERR in a number of departments. **Ethel's** address: Batist Home, 489 Castle Shannon Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. She would be thrilled to hear from those who worked with her and remember her.

We lost another member of our United family. **John "Ken" Kundra** passed away May 5th, 2012. He leaves behind his wife **Mary Ann**, son Kenneth P., sister Geraldine, brother Gerald and loving grandson Jacob. **Ken** worked for United Airlines 43 years at PITCS. Our sympathy to **Ken's** family.

Our world travelers, **Else & Jerry Schiller** along with **Else's** cousin are flying to France and connecting to Jordan. We can't wait to hear about their trip. I'm sure they will have some great stories to tell. I can't think of any place in the world they haven't been. Knowing **Else** she will find more far away places to visit. **Mary Jane Stewart** spent the Easter holiday with her son Bryan and family in South Carolina. They decided to visit her grandson Dustin and wife Kristen in Fresno, CA. Dustin has been operating the Dusty Buns Bistro Bus around Fresno, serving up gourmet organic sandwiches on fresh baked Dusty Buns with soup, salad, pastries and more. He has now opened the Dusty Buns Bistro located at 608 E. Weldon Ave. in the heart of Fresno. Give it a try all you "Brazen Raisins", you just might like it. For more information go on line to: dusty-buns.com.

Jeri Juth's twin nephews, Brock and Brandon Pompeani, helped Robert Morris University golf team take the title at St. Mary's Spring Invitation. Brock was forced to withdraw in the first round due to illness, but bounced back to help the team by scoring a 75 in the second round. His final round tally of 69 ties his career low for the lowest round by a RMU player. This season, Brandon garnered his best finish of the year by tying for 5th place at a total of 6 over par. He opened play with a 72 before posting 75 in each of the events final two rounds. This was the sixth team title since Brock and Brandon joined the team. We can't forget about Brett, a sophomore in high school, who plays on the varsity golf team and is second highest on the team. **Jeri** certainly has every reason to be proud of her nephews. **Jeri & Bernie** are great-grandparents again. Zachary George Juth was born April 3, 2012, son of Zach & Stephanie Juth of Colorado, grandson of Bernie RSM in DEN.

Birthdays for the month of June ~ **Verna Alex** (6/7), **Bill Alex** (6/12), **Lois Varrenti** (6/18), **Jean Wolfe** (6/20), **Phyllis Smith** (6/22), **Jim Weber** (6/24),

happy birthday to all. Celebrating their anniversaries: **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (6/2), **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (6/18).

Just a little reminder to make your hotel reservations for the RUAEA 2012 convention, October 3-7, 2012. **Jeri Juth** is calling the Mega Bus Company to get a group rate for those attending. **Diane Weber**, who is a tour guide, is also checking for means of transportation.

We haven't heard from **Cathy Matteson** and are concerned. Cathy, give us a call and let us know if all is well.

Calendar:

July 20 - Luncheon J. W. Halls

September 14 - Picnic at Hopewell Park

October 3-7 - RUAEA convention in D.C.

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We had a small group for Breakfast at Shoney's on April 19th. **Barb Chapin** stopped by to update us on what's been going on in their family. Her husband **Mike** recently lost his mother and an aunt. Our condolences go out to them. She also brought us some information on programs that will be available this fall at the Knoxville Senior Center. We'll bring this information to our meeting in July for those who wish to participate in these events.

Our past president, **Al Barkmann** was unable to make breakfast as he was being honored for his work with seniors and other shut ins. The luncheon was given by the Knoxville police department. Everyone is looking forward to the play at the Cumberland Playhouse in May.

Calendar:

May 17 - Hosted by **Robbie & Joe Corbin**, (931) 456-2790. Lunch at 12:30 (Central Time) at Beef and Barrel in Crossville followed at 2:30 (Central Time) by the play The Moving of Lilla Barton at the Crossville Playhouse.

June 21 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I-40 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

July 18 - Note this is a change of date and is a Wednesday! Hosted by **Ginny Bartnicki** (865) 577-3094 and **Noreen Koan** (865) 458-8668. Time and place TBA.



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Hi! The Salt Lakers are back after our decision to write our report every other month now. On the off month, we will have our luncheons, and this will give me a chance to talk about that event along with what is coming next.

We had a great turnout at our April luncheon at the Golden Corral. There were 25 of us which included some faces that we hadn't seen for a while: **Dick & Joan Dahl; Tony Brown; Sharon & Reid Stevenson;** and **Martin Bollschweiler**. Also, there were our regulars: **Doug Peterson; Pete & Jackie Loyola; Art Scott & Carol Finney; Paul & Shirley Scoville; Ron & Shirley Jensen; Lila Maughan; Bill Berg; Bob & Judy Turgeon; Loralynn Brady & Mike McGuire; Laraine & Dave Darby;** and **Rich & Elaine Papworth**. It was enjoyable to have Rich & Elaine's grandson with us also. Rich welcomed everyone out, then turned some time over to me to explain our newsletters and invite members to join RUAEA. I had past monthly newsletters available for those who do not have email or who had missed certain ones.

As officers, we have each taken a page of our 4-page roster and have made personal calls to those we do not have email addresses for, so they can be included in our mail-out of our local newsletters. It has been very successful and we have added many email addresses, birthdays, and updated information. Many are thrilled that we care about them and we give a personal invitation for them to join all of us at our luncheons.

Word has reached me recently about the death of one of our members. **Marjorie Rowbotham**, wife of a long-time UAL employee **Ernest T. Rowbotham**, passed away on April 20, 2012. She had just turned 86 years old on April 10th. Ernie preceded her in death. They were married for 56 years. We conveyed our condolences to the family.

Early last month, we received word that **Frank A. Christenson**, one of our active members, suffered a heart attack. The last word is that he is home and doing well. My husband, **Dave Darby**, continues to improve after his triple bypass the end of February. We also learned that our member **Andy Gallegos**, in expressing his best wishes to Frank, has revealed that he is now going through chemotherapy for bladder cancer they have discovered in him. **Judy Turgeon** is also keeping close watch on her cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go

out to each of you and anyone else experiencing health problems at this time. Being retirees, I guess it's expected that many of the age-related illnesses may come into our lives. Let us know when we can help, and we hope you'll all be back with us soon.

One of the thrills of my job is to finally meet someone I've only known through phone calls. One such person is **Merry Card** who lives in Henderson, NV. I had called her while in Vegas because we didn't have her email. We had her down as **Mary Card**, and corrected it to **Merry**. She enjoys writing her name now as **Merry Christmas Card**! Now that she's in her 80's, I think it's great! Anyway, she recently came to visit her nephew in Highland, I told her I was just over the hill in Draper, so we spent a day at the tulip festival at Thanksgiving Point. What fun we had. I'm only in my 70's and wondered if she could keep up with me. Well, it was the other way around. The highlight of a particularly warm day was buying a delicious ice cream cone! In parting, she promised me a brief history of her life with UAL. Here it is:

*On March 16, 1955, in SLC, I was hired by **Tom Green**, manager of SLCRR. During 1956, I was chosen to be a Stewardess and went to Cheyenne for the training. We stayed at the Plains Hotel, and **Carl** was the piano-player. He was a fixture at the hotel! Carl loved all of the Stewardesses. Our graduation was at the Browns Hotel in Denver on June 8, 1956.*

*While in Stewardess training, we went to Central City where I visited with **Bob Bennion**, who was in training to become a Pilot for UAL. Bob and I worked together in SLCRR in 1956. After Stewardess training, I went back to SLC where I worked with **Gwen Hymas**. She was the Chief Stewardess at the SLC airport. During 1957 to 1967 I worked in SFORR for 10 years. I so enjoyed living in San Francisco. On November 22, 1963, I was in Rome, Italy, having dinner at the hotel when a man rushed into the room shouting, President Jack Kennedy has been killed! All of the businesses in Rome were shut down and the Masses began. (Needless to say, I will always have memories of that date in time)*

*In 1967, I transferred back to SLCRR, and each time I heard Tony Bennett sing "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" I cried! After 18 months in SLC, and heavy winters, I left for SANRR. In 1972, UAL started to close and consolidate the Reservation offices, SANRR was remoted into LAXRR, so during 1972 I started to work in SFOTR, where **Frank Murdock** was the manager. My final transfer was to SANTR; and I retired from SANCS in 1990.*

*During 1993, at the SLC airport, I was standing-by for a UAL flight to SFO and was boarded in First Class. As I was sitting down, I felt someone watching me. I then looked to my right and asked, "What is your name?" He said, "**Bob Bennion**, "How are you,*

Mary?" We sat together to SFO. Bob told me all about his late wife, Susan. We started to date, and then I moved to Menlo Park, CA, and we had 6 wonderful years together. Bob flew west on November 2, 1999... 'He was the man of my dreams!' I now live in Henderson, NV.

The next luncheon for the "Salt Lakers" will be: June 5th at the Joy Luck (Chinese) in Bountiful. Then, our annual picnic will be August 7th at Sugarhouse Park (more info to follow). Plan to attend these events and come meet some new friends. Call a member of the presidency if you need a ride.

Let's all remember~ *"Life is not about how to weather the storm, but how to dance in the rain"*

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Outgoing President **Frank McAnulty** (LAXOZ) welcomed 60 members to the April 10 luncheon meeting at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, WA, on a perfect spring day, which we can't say often enough in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. The April showers and warmer temperatures did, indeed, produce the flowers we enjoyed in May.

Frank thanked the officers who had served so capably during the year. Incoming President **David Jones** (SFOFO) was introduced in absentia, as he had been called to jury duty and was exercising his civic duty – and privilege. **Rita Reynolds** (SEAOZ) served as secretary to her former boss for the last time and turned her duties over to **Carol Soffel** (SEARR), who began her stint at the May meeting.

As she does every year, **Helen Stanger** presented her annual "state of the treasury" report, noting that we have 194 paid members with 13 who had not renewed in 2012. **Phyllis Bowman** will contact those folks one more time.

New members of the Emerald City Slickers include **Nadia Costabel** (SEAHH), **Tom** (DENTK) & **Sally Holford**, and **Jeanette** (SEAFW) & **Floyd Schlaue**. We look forward to getting to know our latest compatriots in the world of UAL Retirement.

Don't forget the annual UAL Retirees' Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 20, at Riverbend Golf Complex in Kent, WA, organized by **Bob Howard** (SEAPV). All retirees, employees, and their guests are welcome to join the fray. Entry fees are \$32 for seniors

over 62 and \$38 for those under 62. Cart rental is an additional \$10. Immediately following play, individual and team prizes will be awarded in the Club House Restaurant. For additional information, directions, and registration, please contact **Bob** at (253) 946-3462 or bobnhoward@gmail.com before the June 10 cutoff date. E-contact is recommended because of the short time between your reading this and the registration deadline.

Thanks again to the capable staff that produce and distribute *Contrails*, our chapter newsletter covering the months of January to May and September to November. **Vicki Shumaker** serves as our fantastic editor while **Phyllis Bowman** is in charge of the publication and mailing processes. If you have email but don't receive your local newsletter online, you're missing out on the colorful version, as well as receiving your copy ahead of the mailed black and white copy. In May, nine members switched from printed format to the email version, saving the chapter printing and mailing costs.

Phyllis Bowman honored May through August birthdays and anniversaries at the May luncheon. June birthday celebrants include **Ted Parks** (SEALP), **Ginger Phelan** (SEARR), and **Judy Storey**. Anniversary wishes are extended to June brides and grooms **Herald** (SEAGQ) & **Phyllis Bowman**, **Bud** (SEACG) & **Virginia Dice**, and **Ken** (SEAGQ) & **Judy Storey**.

Phyllis asked **Bob Brumfield** to assist in drawing door prize numbers for the following winners: **Phil Andersen** (SEACG), **Herald Bowman** (SEAGQ), **Warren Brown** (SEARR), **John Haferbecker** (SEARR), **Don Hanson** (SEAFF), **Sid Harris** (SEAMK), **Corky Ives** (SEACS), **Noreen Krawczyk** (SEARR), **Phyllis Lindblad** (SEARR), **Anita Malco**, **Katherine McKinnon** (SEARR), **Edna Paulson**, **Rita Reynolds** (SEAOZ), **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH), **Ken Walters** (SEAMM), and **Dona Westpfahl**.

Lucky **Herald Bowman** won the 50/50 drawing for the second month in a row. He generously donated his previous winnings to the chapter treasury but announced that his April winnings would be contributed to the Muckleshoot Casino!

Before bidding his last farewell at the end of the meeting, **Frank McAnulty** reiterated a brief outline of his career with United Airlines, beginning at PITPE, ending at LAXOZ, and passing through EXOPE, CLEPE, ORDPE, ORDSW, EXOSW, SLCOZ SEAOZ, and LHROZ. No grass grew under his feet! This must have been a challenge to **Frank's** wife, **Fran**, a flight attendant who was able to adjust her base assignments to ORD, SEA, LHR, and LAX.

Calendar:

No meetings over the summer

Next meeting **September 11**, Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

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Hi, sorry I didn't get you a report last month, but I was so busy, I forgot. The dinner was at the Golden Pearl and there were around 15 people. It had a lot of very good food. This month the dinner was at the Onion and only 7 showed up and about 8 forgot.

On April 12th, I went to Portland for a doctor appointment, but I stopped at the PDX luncheon and I took **Clara McCool** with me as a guest. She is the General Manager in Portland. She had done so much for me, when I needed letters to travel on Southwest to see the Doctor for my arm. She had a great time and everyone jumped up to talk to her. I'm so glad she went. I will do better this month!

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

Convention planning is in full swing and we await your company on October 3-7, 2012. We have selected tours for your enjoyment and you will soon be receiving the schedule of events. We suggest comfortable walking shoes and a light jacket when taking a tour.

Our Dulles Loungers events always bring in a good crowd of 60-70 members and guests. Come and join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant in historic Manassas. The 50/50 is a great fund raiser and the variety of door prizes continues to delight one and all!

This year, we have had beautiful weather on all the days of our monthly luncheons, no rain or snow.

We welcome **Clark Ball** (WASSQ) to the Dulles Loungers. At one time, his office was located in the same building as IADRR in Sterling, VA and many of the Res Retirees will recognize him. Clark recently traveled IAD/LAX to visit his brother and then went on to SEA via SFO to visit old friends. Clark is pleased to report that he was boarded on all the flights that he had mapped out for this trip! Well done!

Another traveling Lounger is **Nancy Pater** (IADTQ) and she traveled to SFO recently on a pleasure trip. Nancy reported that the weather was perfect and

she enjoyed seeing the sites again, Sausalito, Napa Valley and Bodega Bay, etc. Her flights from IAD/SFO/IAD were on time and very full!

Calendar:

June 13 – 11:30AM, informal luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

July 11 – Picnic, details TBA

August 8 – 11:30AM, luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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There are just a few more months until we gather in Seattle for our Convention. Plans are being completed by our Convention Co-Chairman **Louise (Vacca) Mennella** and **Norma (Artzer) Evered**. "The Best of the Northwest", the National Convention will be held September 19-22, 2012.

Our National Philanthropy is Special Olympics – the next International Special Olympics (World Games) will be held in South Korea, January 26 to February 6, 2013. Again, we will help send some well deserved parents to Korea to watch their athletes perform. This is due to our Philanthropy program "Parent Grants". The parents are chosen by Clipped Wing members from letters they submit requesting the grant. Each chosen family will receive \$1,500.00 to help defray the cost.

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Just a reminder that we still have some scarves available for purchase, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is still only \$20.00, plus 2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves will support Special Olympics.



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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.

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

Marjorie Bair, Pat Bantz, Mary Benadum, Rosemary Bischof, Terrence Davies, Sharon Deem, Julie Felix, Peter Fusco, Jeanne Garcia, Caroline Garibotti, Bruce Hanson, Beverly Hughes, Jeanne Leo, Anthony Lutz, Rosy McCaul, Arthur McNicholl, Cecile Myers, Kenneth Nako, Betty Paul, James Rosen, Karel Rugebregt, Barbara Seaholm, Ann Schaffer, Rick Sletten, Thomas Teets, Karen Wiercioch, Fred Wise, Dona Witt.

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.)

Donald Draheim, 2401 Number Ten Ln., Chesapeake, VA 13313-6337

Greetings, to all the newsletter workers and many thanks for all your work in sending us this letter from "Home".

Greetings also to all my friends from years past.

Old Zeke" is still hanging in there and doing fairly good for an old man. How old? Let's say 29 times 3 which equal ___old! As someone once said," If you live long enough, you will get old.

Since I don't drive my car anymore; I have moved from four wheels to two wheels and I am getting pretty good at it. The two wheels are on the front of a walker,

not very fast; but the mileage is good and it manages to get me there.

I am still living by myself, with my granddaughter doing my grocery shopping and looking after me, I'm doing okay. As long as the can opener, freezer and microwave work, things are good.

Bill Hamilton, 311 N. Pine Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6101

Passenger Service System (PSS) ~ This letter is describing my "First frustrating experience with PSS."

On March 3, 2012, UA/CO unceremoniously cut over to the new Passenger Service System (PSS). Consequently, it turned out to be "a real character-builder" for me to list two very good "enrolled friends" for space available (SA) travel one-way (BKK to SEA via NRT) on March 13, 2012. I emailed etc@united.com on March 5 for help, but ended up figuring things out myself "through the school of hard knocks".

Having Internet Access helped me, but as you say "many retirees will be left in the dark" without it. My biggest surprise was that we now need to "pay service charges up-front" with a credit card and are no longer billed for SA (Space Available) travel. How in the world do we get our money back if we (or our enrolled friends, buddies, etc.) do not get on a flight or we travel at a "lower class"? Bottom Line "is that we all need to be in the loop", and not just those with internet access.

Allow me to also echo **Phyllis Kordecki** (her January RUAEA letter) *"It's too bad that Companion Passes are taken away from Retirees. Why did CO choose to do this?"* Please let me know if you have questions or need more information.

I rely on the excellent monthly RUAEA Newsletter for credible information. We sure don't get it from the company! Thanks very much for all your hard work, it is truly appreciated. Bill_d_ham@yahoo.com

Bobby Loudon, 205 Gilderbrook Rd., Greenville, SC 29615-3955

I am very disappointed in the leadership of management in the UAL/CO merger. There is no loyalty to the retirees that worked so hard to build a great Airline.

I am also very disappointed in the Pass Policy.

James Lundy, 63 East Ave. Apt. 4, Cortland, NY 13045

Another year has gone. I read the newsletter from cover to cover. We don't travel much any more. We attended our grandson's wedding in April at a resort on Solomon Island, south of Annapolis, MD. It was a large affair but nasty weather.

On September 23 of last year Wilma fell at home and fractured her left hip. She was in the hospital until October 18th and then had recuperation at home. She is

better and walks with a cane and walker.

We celebrated our 68th Wedding Anniversary in December. I turned 88 in February this year.

Marjorie Segal, 301 e 48th St. Apt 10E, New York, NY 10017

A special thank you to all volunteers who help to keep RUAEA functioning.

Upon retiring 12 years ago, I joined the organization. Then I learned that there had never been a New York City chapter. So started one! We call ourselves "Guys and Dolls."

The RUAEA newsletter had been a wonderful vehicle in keeping us in touch with members across the system and providing information of the company's activities. Now that the merger with Continental has been finalized, we are finding all business is being conducted through computers. I am one of very many retirees who do not have computer access.

We need the Newsletter more than ever. We don't want to lose it; raise the dues, if necessary. Another thought might be to reduce the chapter reports by allowing uniform space for all chapters or producing a bi-monthly letter. What ever has to be done, keep it going. We need it!

Tom Sjolund, 13405 Saint Andrews Pl., Poway CA 92064

I can't fathom how the years pass so quickly. I retired on Valentine's Day, 2003 and it seems as though it was last month. I don't miss the business; but I do miss the many fine people that I worked with and came to know in my 36 years at United. I worked primarily in the sales and Apollo organizations, mostly in the West. Even though I began my career with United in New York City in 1960's, I worked my way West to include a short term assignment with Hawaii Sales, where I met my good friend, Jeff Sangster.

If any of you read this and would like to touch base, please feel free to do so.

Dolores Evenson, 530 Covey Ln., Tracy, CA 95376-4674

I still like getting the newsletter. I very seldom see a name I recognize any more but all of the news and info is interesting. I have not tried using a pass since I retired in '98 and I doubt I ever will. If I go any where I purchase a ticket, which makes it much less stressful that way. Thanks to all who work so tirelessly to keep us informed.

Ralph Fisher, 1055 E 900 S. Unit 14, Saint George, UT 84790-2081

Ralph moved to Saint George 3 years ago. In January he turned 80, and celebrated with an open house.

There were over 100 people that attended which was a great tribute to him.

He is suffering from Parkinson's disease and is legally deaf and see double. But he remains very independent. Shortly after moving to Saint George he met **Betty Yeater** who worked at the ticket counter in SFO. Her husband worked for Continental. He also ran into **Jeanine Snider** who worked in the kitchen at SLC. Another day, **Ron Bell** recognized him at the Golden Corral. It sure is a small world.

Don Hayden, 5700 Hayden Dr, East Jordan, MI 49727

My 83rd birthday will be on Cinco de Mayo. I have been retired for almost 25 years. If I had known I was going to live so long I would have signed up for lifetime membership. I still remember fondly all the people I worked with in CHI Communications, LAX Communications, LAX RR, LAX Apollo Services, SW Regional offices, especially **Betty Balash, Carol Mason, Gary Edson, Paul Sakamoto, Dick Chadwick, Buzz Penner, John Richy, Joann Briggs and Phyllis Easley**, and many others in all depts.

My last assignment was as an Apollo Network analyst located in the LAXRR building in El Segundo. I consider myself a non-paying honorary member of the ReLAXers. Greetingsto all and thanksto RUAEA for a finenewslatter.



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The first five of twenty-five C-54s (DC-4s) leased by United from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation were received in November 1945. They were converted to commercial operation by the Douglas Aircraft Company. Forty-four seats were installed, more than twice the number of seats in United's DC-3 Mainliners.

In 1946 new designations referring to the "cruise-speeds" were adopted for United's planes. The DC-4s

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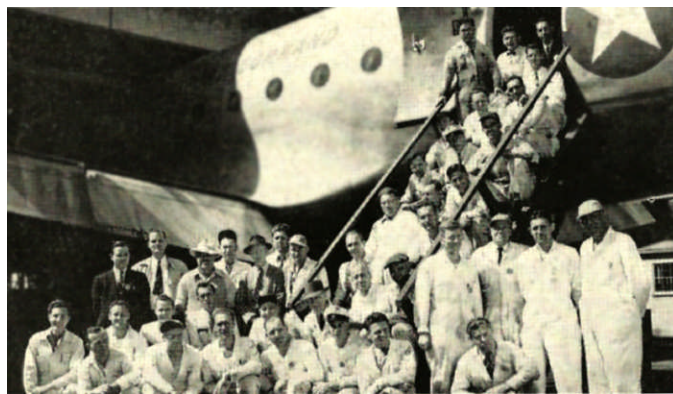
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Stewardesses **Laurel Morrison & Patricia Bowers** "take-a-shine" to the Mainliner 230 "Los Angeles". The 27-1/2 foot tall DC-4 rudder outmoded existing hangar facilities.



were named "Mainliner 230", the (on order) DC-6s were "Mainliner 300" and the DC-3s were renamed "Mainliner 180". In March 1946 the 4-Engine DC-4 brought new levels of speed, comfort and operating efficiency to United's "Main Line". Ads stated that the "230"s flew coast-to-coast (from SFO) in 13 hours, carrying 44 passengers and 5,000 lbs. of cargo. Flights from the Pacific Northwest to the Atlantic Coast took 16 hours. (Picture below) 1945 San Francisco - a C-54 and the first group of United Maintenance personnel to complete familiarization training on four-engined aircraft. Second from left front row is **Murl Goodyear** UAHF President **Tom Goodyear's** father.



Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - from 1946 "United Air Lines News" & the 1945 Annual Report.

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